

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. Mark David and the Highway Crew have already done town wide salt runs twice. Yikes!

A fond farewell to Historian Margie Kirch, who will be retiring at the end of December. She will be missed.

RESULTS OF THE 2013 ELECTION

Congratulations to Cathleen M. Frank, who was elected for 4 year term as a Town Board member following her one year appointment.

Welcome and **Congratulations** also to Rita McCarthy, who was elected to a 4 year term as Town Board member. Rita will be replacing Bill Riepe, who has served the Town since 2010 (as well as a term from 2002-2005), and will be retiring at the end of 2013. Thank you, Bill. You will be missed.

I was also re-elected and am greatly looking forward to serving the Town as Supervisor for the next 2 years.

OPERATING BUDGET

The 2014 Operating Budget was approved at the October 23rd Town Board meeting.

The Budget calls for a 2014 tax rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$4.54- unchanged from 2013. See the tax rate graph which follows.

The 2014 Taxable Assessed Valuation at \$284,971,022 is virtually unchanged from 2013 and has increased less than 2.4% in the last 4 years combined. The total levy of \$1,326,250 is well below the 1.66% limitation set by the NY Property Tax Cap legislation.

Below are some of the individual highlights from the Budget:

The cost of health insurance premiums is expected to increase 10% for 2014 making family coverage almost \$17,400. The Plan will change to a comparable Affordable Care Act compliant plan (Platinum) while the employee contribution will remain at 10% for 2014. The Budget for healthcare totals \$218,525 – an increase of \$17,308 over 2013.

The Town contribution for NYS Retirement for 2014 will decrease slightly from 21.0% of covered payroll to 20.3%. The State Comptroller projects that the rate will continue to decline in coming years. Participation in this system is required by NYS law. The Budget for NYS Retirement totals \$173,100- a slight increase over 2013 due to increased covered payroll.

Town employees will receive a 2% wage increase for 2014. Wages of the Town Board and Supervisor will remain unchanged for the 2nd year. Sales Tax distributions from Monroe County have been strong and have more than recovered from the decline in 2009. We expect to receive \$300,000 for 2014.

Highway Capital outlays include \$205,000 for a Tandem Axle Truck of which \$120,000 will come from a Highway Capital Reserve for that purpose. No significant General Fund Capital outlays are planned for 2014.

Highway improvements include \$62,000 for prep work on Stoneybrook, Phelps, and smaller projects. Highway maintenance includes \$57,000 for repairs and maintenance for Biondo Court, Delia Trail and Lyons Road.

The Supervisor Contingency is increased to \$48,000 as the age of our “new” Town Hall building suggests increased risk for larger repair expenditures.

The Town will utilize \$128,400 of our unexpended fund balances to fund a portion of the 2014 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 2014 equal to about 33% of annual expenditures.

This is considered a sound fund balance position. See the fund balance graph which follows.

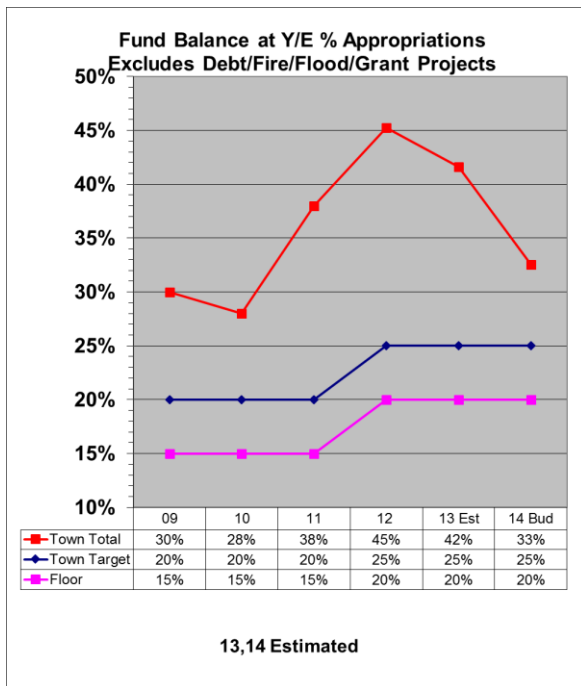
If you have any questions or concerns about Town matters, I encourage you to call me at 533-9058.

Warmest Regards,



Richard E. Anderson

FUND BALANCE AT Y/E % APPROPRIATIONS



OF TRUSTEES - 7:15 PM: 1st Tuesday of each month with the exceptions of July and November and no meeting in August. These meetings are public and all are welcome to attend.

Applications for hearings before the Planning Board must be submitted by the 15th of the month for a public hearing the next month. The deadline for the Zoning Board of Appeals is the last business day of the month.

LIONS CLUB – LOAN CLOSET

Our local Lions Club offers gently used medical apparatus, i.e., wheelchairs, canes, walkers, etc. to aid you in your time of need. Please contact the Town Clerk’s Office for contact information.

PREVIOUS AND SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS 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 offices, scan the Sentinel or Henrietta Post for notices 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

September 17, 2013

Application 2013-07P by David and Harold Manning requesting Re-Subdivision approval to convey approximately .473 acres from Lot 19E to Lot 19D of the Rush Hills Subdivision. Property is located at 2481 Pinnacle Road. Property is zoned residential 30. [Application approved with conditions.](#)

October 15, 2013

Application 2013-08P by Hankins Development Corporation acting as agent for Thomas and JoAnn Gust, requesting subdivision and site plan approval to subdivide approximately 17.98 acres into 3 lots. Proposed lot 1 is to contain the existing single family dwelling. Single family dwellings are proposed for lots 2 and 3. Property is located at 1658 Middle Road. Property is zoned R-30. [Application tabled.](#)

2014 MEETING DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

TOWN BOARD – 7 PM: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month; **PLANNING BOARD** – 7:30 PM: 3rd Tuesday of each month; **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** – 7 PM: 2nd Thursday of each month; **CONSERVATION BOARD** 7 :30 PM: 1st Thursday of each month; **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW** – 4th Tuesday of May; **LIBRARY BOARD**

November 19, 2013

Application 2013-09P by John Streeter requesting Re-Subdivision approval to convey approximately .07 acres from Lots 1-4 to Lot 10 of the Streeter Subdivision. Property is located at 2481 Pinnacle Road. Property is zoned Residential 30 (R-30). [Application not yet determined as of this news deadline.](#)

Application 2013-10P by Ralph Harding requesting Re-Subdivision of 2 existing parcels into 3 parcels. Proposed Lot R-1 is approximately 4.3 acres and will contain the existing house. Proposed Lot R-2a will be approximately 44 acres of land only and Lot R-2b is approximately 1.7 acres with future plans for a single family dwelling. Properties are located at 40 and 46 Scofield Road. Property is zoned Residential 30 (R-30). [Application not yet determined as of this news deadline.](#)

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ZONING BOARD

September 12, 2013

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application 2013-12Z by Douglas Dumbleton requesting a side setback variance for a picnic pavilion. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 801 Fishell Road and zoned R-30. [Application approved.](#)

Application 2013-013Z by Randall and Sharyl Lewis requesting a side setback variance for a shed. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 2461 Pinnacle Road and zoned R-30. [Application approved.](#)

WORKSHOP

Application 2013-14Z by Bradley and Kimberly Malcolm requesting a side setback variance for a shed. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 800 Phelps Road and zoned R-30.

October 10, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

Application 2013-14Z by Bradley and Kimberly Malcolm requesting a side setback variance for a shed. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 800 Phelps Road and zoned R-30. [Application denied.](#)

WORKSHOP

Application 2013-15Z by Selden and Marilyn Chase requesting a front setback variance for an addition to the single family residence located at 20 Gilbert Mills-Wilkinson Road. The proposed addition does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town code. Property is located in an R-30 zoning district.

November 14, 2013

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application 2013-15Z by Selden and Marilyn Chase requesting a front setback variance for an addition to the single family residence located at 20 Gilbert Mills-Wilkinson Road. The proposed addition does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town code. Property is located in an R-30 zoning district. [Application not yet determined as of this news deadline.](#)

Application 2013-16Z by Bradley and Kimberly Malcolm requesting a side setback variance for a shed. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 800 Phelps Road and zoned R-30. [Application not yet determined as of this news deadline.](#)

HOLIDAYS-OFFICE CLOSED

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town Board will hold its 2014 Organizational Meeting immediately before the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7 PM, at the offices of the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York.

2013 TOWN & COUNTY TAXES By Order of the Rush Town Board Pamela J. Bucci, Town Clerk

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".

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 through May 31st or the Monroe County Treasurer beginning June 1st 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 notice fee

Full Payments – due without interest by February 10th 2014.

Installment Payments - Total bill must exceed \$100 to use this option. The 1st installment **must be paid by February 10th**. If the 1st installment is **not** paid by February 10th, 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 1st and August 20th. 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".

Online 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 at the Monroe County Treasurer's Office, at 39 West Main Street, Room B-2, Rochester, New York 14614. The Monroe County Treasurer's Office can be reached at 753-1200.

As always, feel free to call my office with any questions or concerns. Hoping you have a memorable holiday season.

Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
Mon. & Thurs. 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY MARCH 3rd 2014

Real Property Tax Law lets us celebrate your Birthday on the first of the year (one of the owners must be 65 years of age or older as of December 31 of the assessment roll year.) So if a member of the house hold turns 65 this year, Happy Birthday! And as a special gift the State will allow you to apply for the Senior STAR Exemption! But you must apply before March 1st! **Please note the registration deadline for Basic Star is December 1st.**

This exemption if you qualify (there is an income limit) would save you roughly \$550 in School Tax... In recognition of your Birthday the Assessor's office will have cake and cookies available all day on March 3rd 2014, because March 1st is a Saturday.

Please stop in and we will get your exemption paper work done and serve some great cookies and cakes!!! Any questions please call or email me...dan@townofrush.com.

Happy Birthday!

Historian's Office

Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch
Mondays in December, 9:00 AM. - 2:00 PM
Phone: 533-1312
Margie@townofrush.com

BELL COLLECTION ON DISPLAY AT TOWN HALL

Ray Bock, owner of Bock's store, in the 1930's began collecting bells and displaying them in the store. Ray, who lived in the village of Rush all of his life, was a member of the American Bell Association. His collection began with a bell from a school in North Rush.

Ray's son Bob later became owner of the store and care keeper of the bells, which eventually numbered in the two thousands. They were displayed throughout the store, until Bob retired and closed the store in 1998.

There are bells that chimed under the step of a stagecoach, bells from Indian tribes that were used to summons their gods, an 1878 Swiss cow bell, and a three hundred year old bell from a Cathedral in Rome. According to Bob no two sound alike.

Bob has graciously loaned a few of the bells to be displayed, in the glass case in the Town Hall. Many of you will be seeing them for the first and for some they will be remembered from "the good ole days".

If you have any type of collection you would like to share with the community, contact the Historian's office and we would be glad to display them for a month or two and then return them to you.

A FOND FAREWELL

After careful and thoughtful consideration, I have decided to "retire" from my position as Town Historian, at the end of December. I have rewritten this part of my newsletter about a dozen times. I guess the reason is because I AM finding it difficult to say good bye.

It has been my good fortune to be the Rush Town Historian for the past three and half years. During that time, I have learned a great deal about the history of the Town of Rush; our early settlers, our ancestors, our business leaders, and some interesting local notables.

Assisting people in discovering information about their ancestors, making presentations regarding the history of Rush, and having the opportunity to meet so many Rush residents has been a rewarding experience.

I want to thank those of you who have provided me with information, volunteered your time, and assisted me with various tasks, always doing so with a smile. I will miss you all.

Warmest regards to you and yours during the coming New Year. – *Margie*

Recreation Department

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

LATE WINTER AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering a late winter evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up.



The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you'll enjoy. It also includes 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 4lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome.

Dates: Tuesdays 1/7/14-2/25/14
Thursdays 1/9/14-2/27/14

Cost: Resident 1 Day per Week \$27.00
Resident 2 Days per Week \$45.00
Non-Resident 1 Day per Week \$32.00
Non-Resident 2 Days per Week \$49.00

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

SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 5th 2013-April 8th 2014 (Tuesdays) at the Monica Leary Elementary School gym from 7:00PM-9:00PM. The program is free.

Please contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information on times and any other questions.

CHEER COMETS CAMP

The Town of Rush Recreation Department has teamed up with Jen Schwasman and Kate Jarvis RH Jr. Comet Cheer coaches to offer the new "Rush Comets" cheer camp children grades 2nd grade-10th grade. There will be a competition on April 13th that the children will compete in!



Dates: January 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th
Feb. 4th, 5th, 11th, 25th, 26th

March 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th

April 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th

Cheer competition on Saturday April 13th River side convention center

Cost: Resident \$150.00
Non-Resident \$155.00
(Includes cost of each participant for the cheer competition)

Location: Monica Leary Gym
5509 East Henrietta Rd Rush
6:00PM-7:30PM

2014 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.

Dates: Wednesdays 1/8/14-2/26/14

Cost: Resident \$150.00
Non-Resident \$155.00

Location: Town of Rush Pavilion
6:30PM-7:30PM

2014 WINTER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Town of Rush Recreation Department will be offering a seven week volleyball camp at the Monica Leary School. The winter volleyball camp will be offered for children ages 8-12 years old.



Dates: Thursdays 1/9/14-2/27/14
(No Camp 2/20/14)

Cost: Resident \$60.00
Non-Resident \$65.00

Location: Monica Leary School
6:00PM-7:30PM

Look for a Spring Basketball program in the next newsletter as well as more Vickie's Aerobics classes and Jerry's Tumbling classes.

APPLICATIONS

Program rules and 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.

WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION



You can now book reservations into 2014 exactly a year from the date you want to rent the building. 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.

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
Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546
www.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! This festive season finds us at the Library thankful for another year of enthusiastic community involvement and support for our services and programs. We don't take you for granted. We're appreciative of our friendly, passionate readers and voracious movie watchers, and we're always open to your feedback and ideas. 2014 is our Centennial Year, full of special birthday events and programs; I look forward to celebrating our 100th birthday with you!

Budget News: Thank you to our Town Board for approving our request for \$760 in additional funds so we can be open Saturdays during the summer. With more two-parent working families in our community, we are striving to meet the need for improved access to our services. It also gives my senior clerks more time to perform cataloguing duties, so our newest materials are available to the public sooner.

WELCOME

New Library Board Member: We welcome Rush resident, Kurt Ringo, to the Library Board of Trustees, as we say farewell to Christopher Giordano who is stepping down after serving the Library Board as Treasurer for six years. Thanks for your service, Chris!

Yarn-Storming- A Call For Work! You still have time to adopt a town tree or sign and knit or crochet a "cozy" for it in anticipation of our 3rd annual fiber art installation in February. Help bring color and cheer to our dreary winter months. Beginner crafters are welcome! Come to the library for more details.

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 Bessie Hallock memoir **Here on This Hilltop**.... It's a fascinating glimpse into times gone by; both would make memorable holiday gifts. And remember, our **Book Nook** is always open during library business hours, and it's stocked with quality used books, movies, and more items that make great gifts.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 24th & Wednesday, Dec. 25th closed for Christmas
Tuesday, Dec. 31st: closing early at 5:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 1st 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, renew some items online, and pay overdue fines by credit card at www.libraryweb.org. Items placed in our bookdrop 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
December 2013 and January 2014
Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and
Adult Services Coordinator**

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

Please call or visit the library to register!

10th Annual Gingerbread House Workshop!



Children ages 5 and up are invited to join us for gingerbread house decorating on **Saturday, December 7th from 10:30-11:30 AM OR Noon-1:00 PM. Please 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.

After School Fun for Kids: for ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 PM**; space is limited, please register in advance for the following:

1. **Kids in the Kitchen: Tuesday, December 10th.** We'll be making marshmallow suckers. No cooking experience is necessary.
2. **Kids in the Kitchen: Tuesday, December 17th.** We'll make a special holiday treat to keep or give as a gift- we'll be crafting candy cane reindeers. No cooking experience is necessary.

Alzheimer's Program: Caregiving at the Holidays (fourth in a series) Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 PM. Caregiving and holidays can be a stressful combination. This class will explore strategies for making the most of these special occasions for families and their loved ones with Dementia. Please register in advance.

Holiday Open House at the Library: Wednesday, December 11th from 3:00-8:00 PM. Bring a friend and lift your spirits by dropping in for punch, cookies and free live holiday music throughout the evening provided by local musicians.

View Finders: Our monthly photography group will meet on **Wednesday, December 11th from 7-9:00 PM** in the Library meeting room. Bring 3 photographs to share, and receive feedback in a friendly environment. Our December theme is **"Before and After."** Share your artistic vision by showing us the same photograph before and after editing it. All skill levels are welcome. (Bring your 3 digital photos on a flash drive or printed.) We'll provide the coffee and dessert. Please register in advance as space is limited.

Knit Chicks: our fiber crafting club meets up on two Saturdays each month, **Dec. 14th & 28th at 10:30 AM.** We are still planning our Yarnstorming Event, and always enjoy crafting in each other's company. New members are welcome, coffee and snacks provided.

Crafters Corner for Adults: Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM. Do you need a last minute gift, or just some time for yourself? Come and learn the art of needle felting and make a holiday ornament or a pin to wear. No prior experience is necessary; we will provide all instruction and materials. Space is limited and registration is required.

Holiday Story Time: Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. Children ages 4 and up are invited to come listen to multicultural holiday stories. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided and each child who registers in advance will receive a **FREE** copy of the book, ***The Night before Christmas***, courtesy of Kohl's Department Store. Space is limited; please call to register.

Family Finders: Our monthly genealogy club is taking a break for the holidays. We'll meet up again in January.

Seasons Greetings

JANUARY

Please call or visit the library to register!

Wellness Program: Tuesday, January 7th from 1-2:00 PM. Start your New Year off right with a visit from Rite-Aid Pharmacist, Mike Flannery. Bring your health and wellness questions, and learn how to maximize the efficiency of your medications. Complimentary coffee and dessert will be provided. Please register in advance.

After School Fun for Kids: for ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 PM**; space is limited, please register in advance for the following:

1. **Lego Fun: Tuesday, January 7th**
2. **Crafty Fun: Tuesday, January 14th. Let it Snow:** get crafty with snowflakes and have ice cream for a snack!
3. **Lego Fun: Tuesday, January 21st**
4. **Kids in the Kitchen: Tuesday, January 28th.** Make Malted Cocoa Mix, a chill-busting treat packaged in a jar, and craft a jolly snowman bag. No cooking experience is necessary

View Finders: Our monthly photography group will meet on **Wednesday, January 8th from 7-9:00 PM at the Library.** Bring 3 photographs to share, and receive feedback in a friendly environment. This month's theme is **"What Is It?"**

Bring some of your abstract photographs and challenge the group to guess what the subject is. All skill levels are welcome. (Bring your 3 digital photos on a flash drive or printed.) We'll provide the coffee and dessert. Please register in advance as space is limited.

Drop-In-Story Time: For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver on **Thursdays, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 11:30 AM-Noon.** Children will listen to stories & music, and learn finger-plays while interacting with their peers in a group setting. No registration necessary.



Library Knit Chicks: We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun! Join us on **Saturdays, Jan. 11th and Jan. 25th at 10:30 AM.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

Road Scholar Program: Is travel on your Bucket List? If so, come and learn about Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) on **Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 PM.** This non-profit organization is dedicated to enriching the lives of older adults; you'll hear about lifelong learning and educational travel opportunities. Please register in advance.

Friends of the Rush Library: We'll meet on **Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM** to discuss the 100th Anniversary parties, plus other fun events to benefit the library. New members are always welcome, and the time commitment is minimal.

Teen Crafting for ages 13 and up on **Saturday, January 18th from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM.** Learn the art of needle-felting and create a cute **WoolBuddies** owl, based on the new craft book. All supplies are provided. A sample will be on display in the library. Please register in advance due to space limitations.



Alzheimer's Program: The Basics (fifth in a series) Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 PM. Learn about aging, the diagnostic processes for Dementia & Alzheimer's Diseases, the latest research, and how to connect with community resources. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: To kick off our Library's centennial celebration year, this month's selection will be **Dubliners**, a classic book of short stories by James Joyce, published 100 years ago. "The stories peer into the homes, hearts, and minds of people whose lives connect and intermingle through the shared space and spirit of Dublin." Join us for discussion, coffee & dessert on **Thursday, January 23rd or January 30th from 7-9:00 PM.** Space is limited and registration is required.

Family Finders: our genealogy club meets on the **Fourth Friday of each month, January 24th, 6:30-7:45 PM.** We'll be sharing best practices, new finds, interesting stories, and how to overcome "dead ends". Cathy Frank leads this informal group, open to all skill levels. Space is limited and registration is required.



Family History

Home Health Services Program on **Tuesday, January 28th from 7-8:00 PM.** Paul LaDue of Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta will discuss housing options for senior citizens and their families who are looking for long term Adult Care Facilities, Enriched Housing, or Independent Living. Space is limited and registration is required.

Looking Ahead to February:

National Take Your Child to the Library Day: Saturday, February 1st from 11:00 AM-Noon.

Come to the Rush Library and listen to the delightful story of *Farfallina and Marcel* by Holly Keller, which reveals how two unlikely creatures became friends. Children will craft a bookmark for themselves and make another one to give to a friend. Please register your child in advance.

Thank you for your participation in our programs. Best wishes for your Holidays and have a wonderful New Year!

From the Rush Library Staff

NOTE

We try to make services and programs available to children of all abilities, including those with disabilities. Please let us know in advance any special needs you may require so that we can accommodate you and your child.



The October meeting of the Rush Seniors was a real shot in the arm; literally. Rite Aid Pharmacy attended and provided flu vaccinations for 21 members. Our thanks go to Rite Aid and the pharmacist that came in on his day off. We had a hefty 50/50 raffle at the end of our business meeting and it was won by the luckiest couple in our club (I won't say who but they're the only members whose last name starts with an A.!) The November meeting promises to be filled with good cheer, good food and a travelogue of the American West.

Our December 12th meeting will be our annual (members only) Christmas Party. This year the party will be held at the Avon Inn and reservations MUST be in to Jim or Shirley Oliver by Nov. 22nd (585-533-1607). Our first 2014 meeting will be January 9th at the Rush Fire Hall. Social time starts at 11 AM. Pass-a-dish lunch begins at noon and a business meeting follows.

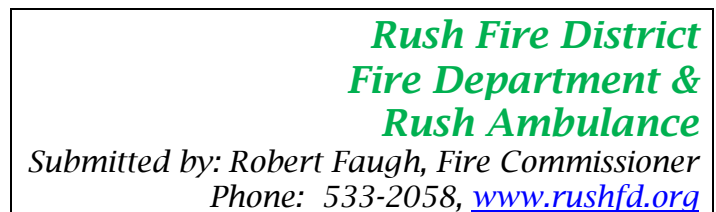
TRAVEL & EVENTS

Since our last article the club has been to Niagara-On -The Lake to attend a presentation of Lady Windermere's Fan, an Oscar Wilde play. In November we trekked to southwest NY to Sprague's Maple Farms Restaurant and Pancake House. Syrup making was in progress and you can watch this from the lobby of Sprague's. We then headed to the Seneca Allegany casino for a little risk taking and a great buffet. The last stop was the Cuba Cheese Shop where we proceeded to spend our winnings.

On December 4th we head to Syracuse for a Christmas Show at the Palace Theatre and a self-guided tour of the Erie Canal Museum. We'll be stopping at Destiny USA for shopping and lunch and having dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. The trip ends with a drive through the Lights on the Lake at Onondaga Lake Park.

Jim Oliver will have our 2014 trip schedule available at our Feb. 13th meeting. There will be two long trips to vote on at that time. For more information or to register for a trip, call Shirley Oliver at 585-533-1607. You do not have to be a Rush senior to attend our trips.

The Rush seniors meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. Social hour begins at about 11:00 AM. 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.



Fire Commissioners election is December 10th from 6 to 9 PM at Rush FD station #1. Larry Meston is running to continue as commissioner. Cathy Henry is also running for the 5 year term.

The final budget was approved after the public hearing held October 15th. The tax rate will be \$1.11 per thousand. This is a 1 cent increase over the last several years.

The total budget is \$335,000. This increase was due to us having to replace non-compliant turn out gear and also new gear for our newest members.

The NYS Comptrollers draft report was received by the Commissioners. They had two recommendations. They wanted all commissioners bonded for higher amount than we had. This has been done.

They also wanted receipts for every credit card purchase along with the submitted voucher. We did have the vouchers but in a few cases the receipt was not available. Every purchase is reviewed at our monthly meeting. This also will be done on every purchase using a district credit card.

They also stated they were happy with the job our treasurer Robert Kuhls has been doing and that all accounts were correct. The final report will be available on the Dept. of State web site within two months along with our reply.

The new pumper delivery has been delayed. They hit a deer on the way from Michigan to Pennsylvania. So it had to go back to Spartan Motors to be repaired.

The fire district held the annual inspection dinner at the Riverton Country Club. Every active member received a three season jacket. Mike Terzo Sr. was chairman for the event.

For more news please visit our web site at RushFD.org.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Ladies Auxiliary Election Day Dinner: The Ladies would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make our Election Day dinner a success. We served 245 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 that were able to dine with us that evening.

Santa Claus Is Coming! Get Ready Kids! Santa Claus will be at The Annual Kids Christmas party! Join us at the station on Friday December 13th at 7 PM for refreshments and festive entertainment.

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.

Please return completed applications by Friday, April 4th, 2014 to the Counseling Center.

New Members: Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com or website www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm

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DECEMBER 2013 Calendar

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

Other Important Information and Dates

Christmas Eve	Court and Library Closed	Tuesday – 24 th
Christmas Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Wednesday – 25 th



JANUARY 2014 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 2 nd
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 6 th , 13 th , 27 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 7 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 9 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 9 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 21 st
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 21 st
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 8 th , 22 nd

Other Important Information and Dates

New Year's Eve	Court Closed, Library Closing at 5:00 PM	Tuesday – 31 st
New Year's Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Wednesday – 1 st

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