

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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## Hi Folks:

I hope you are staying warm and safe through our active winter weather. I seem to be getting alerts from The National Weather Service almost weekly. Many thanks to Mark David and his crew for the fine job they do cleaning our roads.

I have had a number of phone calls concerning the Town and County tax bills. The County announced no tax increases, and we at The Town maintain our tax rate, and yet the total tax bill (County and Town) increased approximately 6%. The culprit is a line item called "County Services to Towns" which increased this year by 100%.

This is the same item that caused a stir last year as it increased to cover a snow plowing charge back. See chart 2011-2014.

Levy Description	Tax Rate 2011	Tax Rate 2012	Tax Rate 2013	Tax Rate 2014
County Budget	7.584996	7.702911	7.656101	7.668032
<b>County Services To Towns</b>	<b>.647117</b>	<b>.658721</b>	<b>.805068</b>	<b>1.633828</b>
Rush Town Taxes	4.387565	4.388158	4.530007	4.536826
Rush Fire District	1.099417	1.103319	1.103566	1.120008
Town Wide Drain	1.047261	1.041326	1.040750	1.039873

I have been told by the County that this is a one year spike to make up undercharges last year. However, it probably will not return to the .805068 of 2013.

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

Warmest Regards,



Richard E. Anderson

## Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk  
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[Pam@townofrush.com](mailto:Pam@townofrush.com)

## 2014 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX PAYMENTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Town and County tax payments are now being collected. Payments can be made through May 31<sup>st</sup> in the following ways:

- In person at the Town Clerk/Collector's Office during regular business hours and between the hours of 4:30 PM and 8:00 PM by depositing your payment in the wall drop box located in the Town Clerk lobby
- By mail
- By internet through Monroe County (with a 3% charge)

If you have not received your bill, please contact my office at 533-1312.

## CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM

Forms for the 2014 Conservation Tree, Shrub & Plant Program are available in the Town Clerk's Office, or by visiting [www.monroecountyswcd.org](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org).

All orders and payment are due payable to the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tree pick-up is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, at the Monroe County ecopark, 10 Avion Drive, Rochester, NY 14624.

Maps or directions can be found at [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark). Forms and payment are to be returned to MCSWCD, by March 7, 2014.

## WHAT DO I DO WITH BRUSH, TREE LIMBS, ETC.?

Acceptable brush from your property can easily be dropped at the town's transfer station located on Stonybrook Road directly across from the town park.

## WHAT DO I DO WITH MISCELLANEOUS "DISPOSABLE ITEMS"?

Recent calls to my office have prompted directing residents to Monroe County's ecopark, which provides residents within the county a "one-stop drop-off" to dispose of many items that can be recycled, and some items that are hazardous to health. Call 753-7600, #3 or visit them at [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark) for specific information.

## 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](http://www.monroecounty.gov).

## NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

In wishing my previous Deputy Town Clerk Meribeth Palmer well and much success as she grows her career, I wish to welcome my newly appointed Deputy Town Clerk Shivaun Featherman. She will also serve as the Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

## 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](http://www.townofrush.com). Below is a brief synopsis of most recently heard applications before the PB and ZBA.

## PLANNING BOARD

### November

**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 330 Kavanaugh Road. Property is zoned residential 30 (R-30). [Application approved.](#)

**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 approved with conditions.](#)

### December

**Application 2013-11P** by Gary and Karen Quackenbush regarding a special permit for an in-law apartment. The single family dwelling with existing apartment is located at 2526 Rush Mendon Road and is zoned residential 30 (R-30). [Application was tabled.](#)

## ZONING BOARD

### November

**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 approved with conditions.](#)

### December

**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 approved with conditions.](#)

### January

**Application 2013-17Z** by Regina Lapp-Harmon requesting a front setback variance for a porch addition to the single family resident located at 7679 east river Road. The proposed addition does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town Code. Property is zoned R-20. [Application approved.](#)

## 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](mailto:Pat@townofrush.com)

### SPRING AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering a spring 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 3/4/14-4/22/14  
Thursdays 3/6/14-4/24/14

**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  
6:15 PM-7:15 PM

### 2014 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.

**Dates:** Wednesdays 3/5/14-4/23/14

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

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

### BASKETBALL CAMP



The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. has joined with Coach Crooks to offer evening Basketball camp for beginner player's ages 7-9 years old. The children will work on skill development and play simple games.

**Dates:** Thursday 4/10/14-6/5/14  
(No Camp 4/17/14)

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

**Location:** Monica Leary Gym  
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

### SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2013-April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 (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.

For late spring and summer there will be more seniors exercise classes, aerobics class, tumbling classes, summer camp, boys and girls soccer camps, and at the end of May you may sign your child up for the 2014-2015 Rush after school program. The town of Rush recreation department website page is updated almost daily and programs are often added in between the newsletters, so please check for updated programs offered!

### APPLICATIONS

Program rules and applications can be downloaded at [www.townofrush.com](http://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](http://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.**

### Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor

Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

[Dan@townofrush.com](mailto:Dan@townofrush.com)

Colleen Statskey, Assessor's Clerk

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Colleen@townofrush.com](mailto:Colleen@townofrush.com)

Phone: 533-2330

Back in October 2013, I gave a class, shortly after the School taxes were sent out, on **Three Steps to a Lower Property Tax Bill**. I will be giving the class again on **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM-7:00 PM**.

This Class will concentrate on the process that property owners can take to assure a fair property valuation. Please call or email me to register for the class ([dan@townofrush.com](mailto:dan@townofrush.com) or 533-2330). This will also be a good time to hand in your Senior (Enhance) STAR and Agricultural Exemptions for 2014. **Remember March 1<sup>st</sup> is the Dead Line.**

Also the Assessor's Office will be holding a **Birthday Party** on **March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM-3:00 PM** for anyone who turns 65 this year. Please stop in for treats and sign up for your Senior Exemption if you have not done so already.

Also the State has passed legislation that allows the School District to grant our Veterans a partial exemption from School taxes. I urge you to call your local school boards and ask that they pass this exemption for our Veterans.

## 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

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[www.RushLibrary.org](http://www.RushLibrary.org)

Dear Neighbors,

### Happy Birthday Rush Library!

On February 26<sup>th</sup> we'll be celebrating our Centennial Birthday, according to the date on our charter. In 1914 we were founded by the Rush Ingleside Club as the Rush Free Library, and have been proudly serving our community ever since. We are honored to continue our mission of providing free and open access to materials and technology, and to continue to be a community learning and gathering place.

Join us for cake, coffee and punch on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> all day long to commemorate our first one hundred years, and save the date of Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for our Birthday Gala at Wildwood Country Club, sponsored by The Friends of the Rush Library. (Watch for the next issue of the town newsletter for ticket details.)

**Capital Campaign:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Library Board's Capital Campaign in honor of our birthday. These funds will be used to support special events and educational opportunities beyond our town budget in the coming years.

**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. Most appointments take an hour or less.

**Smartphone App:** Monroe County Library System has a mobile app for smartphones, called **MCLS Mobile**; it's a **free download** from your app store and it improves the phone user experience of searching our catalogue and placing holds on materials. Download the app that looks like your library card and have fun!



**Tax Forms:** As of the writing of this newsletter, Federal tax forms have not yet arrived at the library, even though they were ordered last fall. I am not expecting any NYS forms this year, as they were not sent at all last year.

You can download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/> and Federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/> or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (We expect to have a limited amount of free forms, 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 February and March**  
**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.

## FEBRUARY

**Please call or visit the library to register!**

**National Take Your Child to the Library Day:** Celebrate with us on **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM-Noon**. Children ages 4 and up are invited to come and hear the story, ***Farfalina and Marcel*** by Holly Keller. This beautiful story about a caterpillar and a gosling shows that even as life takes different turns, friendship endures. We'll also have a craft project related to this story. Space is limited; please call to register in advance.



**View Finders:** Our monthly photography group will meet on **Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM**. Our February theme is **Storytelling**; share photographs that you feel engage the viewer's heart and mind. Bring up to 3 photographs either printed or on a flash drive to share with others, and receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. We'll provide the coffee and dessert. Please register in advance as space is very limited.

**Drop-In Story Time:** Children ages 2-5 with a caregiver may join us on **Thursdays, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon**. We will listen to stories and music and learn finger-plays while interacting with peers in a group setting. No prior registration is necessary.

**Knit Chicks:** Our fiber crafting club meets up on the **second and last Saturdays** of each month, **February 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM**. Share your patterns and experience and make new friends. New members are welcome, coffee and snacks provided.



**Crafter's Corner for Adults:** On **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** we welcome back Karen Burke from Stampin' Up! In this session we will be making Valentine-themed projects using special papers, rubber stamps and cutters. There will be a \$5.00 materials fee to cover all supplies needed to complete these projects. Space is limited and registration is required.



**After School Fun for Kids:** On **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM**, 6-10 year-olds will be making Valentine crafts and decorating a Valentine cookie. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Alzheimer's Program: Managing Challenging Behaviors (6<sup>th</sup> in a series)** on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM**. Changes in the brain also mean changes in behavior, such as repetitive actions, aggression, wandering, agitation and suspicious thoughts. Learn possible reasons for these behaviors and how to handle these situations. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Red Hot Chocolate!** Just in time for Valentine's Day...learn to make and take home **chocolate bark** and other delights for your sweetheart on **Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Our instructor is local award-winning chocolatier, Valerie Mertsock. There is a \$5.00 materials fee for this program. Please call to register.



**Seed Exchange:** Are you a gardener dreaming of spring? Wake up and start planning your garden now! Bring some of your collected seeds from last year to exchange with fellow gardeners on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** We'll supply coffee, snacks, and some envelopes & labels for your use. Please call to register in advance.



**Lego Club for Boys:** Legomaniacs unite! Meet up on **Tuesdays, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** All Lego building materials will be supplied; children need only to bring their imaginations. Space is limited and registration is required.



**Rush Library 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House!** Celebrate with us **all day Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-8:00 PM** and enjoy a slice of birthday cake. We would love to commemorate this special day with our Rush friends and neighbors!

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** Join us **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> or March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** This month we will be participating in "If All of Rochester Read the Same Book", sponsored by Writers and Books. This year's selection is *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ily. It's a folktale in which a child is brought to life from a figure made of snow...an exquisite tale of love and transformation set in the harsh beauty of 1920s Alaska. A very limited number of copies will be for sale at the library. The author will be in town in March to discuss her book. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Family Finders:** We'll meet at a **NEW TIME** on **Friday afternoon, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30 PM.** Cathy Frank leads this group of genealogical hobbyists on the fourth Friday of each month. Are you stumped in your research? Come get some new ideas! Please call to register in advance.

## MARCH

**Please call or visit the library to register!**

**Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration:** Celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr. Seuss on **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM-Noon.** Children ages 3 and up will listen to stories, participate in simple craft activities, and have a cupcake! Space is limited and registration is required.

**Drop-In Story Time:** Children ages 2-5 with a caregiver may join us on **Thursdays, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon.** We will listen to stories and music and learn finger-plays while interacting with peers in a group setting. No prior registration is necessary.

**Library Knit Chicks:** We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun! Join us on **Saturdays, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

**Crock Pot Night:** Back by popular demand, this event will be held on **Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Please bring in your favorite crock pot meal, be it either savory or sweet, plus copies of the recipe to share. We will provide beverages, rolls, tableware and a crackling fire. This is a wonderful community event- join your neighbors for dinner! Please register in advance so we know how many guests to expect.

**American Girl Club:** Children ages 6-10 are welcome to join us on **three Tuesdays, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Do you know what life was like 100 years ago? **Meet Rebecca**, whose ancestors came to America in 1914, along with millions of other Jewish immigrants to settle in New York City's Lower East Side. *We recommend that children attend all three sessions in order to get the most out of this program.* Space is limited please call to register.

**Alzheimer's Program: Personal Care (7<sup>th</sup> in a series)** will be held on **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM.** Learn how dementia, the environment, and communication affect the way a person responds to personal care. Topics include all aspects of grooming. Space is limited and registration is required.

**View Finders:** Our monthly photography group will meet on **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM.** This month's theme is **Photo-a-Day Challenge.** Exercise your photographic muscles by taking



a photograph every day using your camera, smart phone or home scanner. We will review one favorite photo from each of the four weeks of the month. Bring your four photographs printed or on a flash drive to share, and receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. We'll provide the coffee and dessert. Please register in advance as space is limited.

**Home Helpers of Rochester: Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Learn about this in-home companion care company for seniors, those recovering from surgery, new moms, or anyone needing a little extra support at home with housekeeping, meals, transportation and more. A question and answer period will follow this presentation. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Friends of the Rush Library:** We'll meet on **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** to discuss the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parties, plus other fun events to benefit the library. New members are always welcome, and the time commitment is minimal.



**Downton After Dark!** Are you a fan of the popular PBS show? We are too! Break out your jet beads, gloves, bow-ties, and tiaras; **dress up & join us Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM after the Library closes** for a "mocktail" party complete with trivia contest, costume contest and all kinds of glamorous fun. Tickets are \$5.00 each at the door. Please call to register in advance for this amusing night out; space is limited!

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** This month's selection will be *The Ice Queen* by Alice Hoffman. Be careful what you wish for.... A small town librarian lives an uneventful life; she mutters a wish and is struck by lightning, but instead of ending her life, this cataclysmic event sparks a new beginning. Join us on **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> or April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9:00 PM.** Space is limited and registration is required.



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**We welcome your ideas for programs and your feedback.** Call or email the library director anytime.

### 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 Rush Seniors concluded 2013 with a Christmas party at the Avon Inn. The 2013 slate of officers was reelected (Bev Rumsey, Linda Price, Barb Fragale and John Fragale), and our board of directors added George Aparicio and Alice Hoh.

Entertainment was provided by the Dady Brothers. Paper products were donated to RHAFT by club members.

The club provided Christmas treats or plants to 22 of our shut-in members. Many thanks to those that helped in this annual endeavor; especially Alice Hoh and Gail Mack.

At the January luncheon meeting we voted on our 2014 extended trip (see below). Entertainment was provided after the meeting by member George Aparicio. George played classical guitar for us. He claims he is self-taught; slowly learning each song by studying YouTube videos! He was amazing. We'd love to discover more talent so speak to Linda if you are interested in sharing.

Our next meetings are February 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will begin at noon with a meeting following.

**HEADS UP:** Something new is happening this year in July. The Rush Fireman's carnival conflicts with our normal meeting date so we are going to have an evening party at the Rush Town Pavilion the evening of Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

More details will follow but we are thinking good food, live music, and an opportunity for Rush seniors (that are still working) to come and check us out!

## TRAVEL & EVENTS

On December 4<sup>th</sup> we headed to Syracuse for a Christmas Show at the Palace Theatre and a self-guided tour of the Erie Canal Museum. We stopped at Destiny USA for shopping and lunch and had dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. The trip ended with a drive through the Lights on the Lake at Onondaga Lake Park. They were worth the trip.

Jim Oliver hopes to have our 2014 trip schedule available at our February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. This year we are headed to the Outer Banks in North Carolina September 14<sup>th</sup>-September 19<sup>th</sup> for our extended trip. Our visit to the Maple Tree Inn (via school bus) will be March 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register for a trip, call Shirley Oliver at 533-1607. You do not have to be a Rush senior to attend our trips.

The Rush Senior Citizens meet the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. We traditionally have a one day trip every month and an extended trip every year. All Rush residents age 55 or older are welcome to join.

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

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner  
Phone: 533-2058, [www.rushfd.org](http://www.rushfd.org)*

Rush Fire District organizational meeting was held January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Bob Faugh was selected as Chairman, Larry Meston Vice-Chairman. Karen Wandersleben was appointed Secretary, Robert Kuhls was appointed Treasurer.

The monthly public meeting will be held the third Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Rush Station 1, 1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, NY. Our bank remains to be M&T. The Henrietta Post will be the official newspaper. Peter Weishaar remain our attorney.

Fire Chief Jim Bucci gave a report on Fire Department activities for 2013. The FD has 47 active members. 14 are EMTs. Five members are taking the spring EMT class in Lima. The box map was completed and put into service. A new members training system was also completed for use starting in 2014.

In addition to their normal Monday night drills members and officers attended 24 extra classes in

emergency response, rescue and EMS during the year. The FD responded to 389 calls for service in 2013, 239 of them were either EMS or the ambulance responded to stand by on a call were fire apparatus responded. We transported 50% of the patients, ALS or another ambulance transported 14% of the patients. The remaining 36% of the calls were standbys, no patient found, or patient refused transport. The fire department responded to 180 fire/rescue type calls. 1/3 of these calls were automatic alarms.

Not one of these automatic alarms required any action by the fire department. We responded mutual assistance 25 times to our neighbors. We required assistance from them on one call. The Fire Commissioners thanked Chief Bucci and all the officers and members for their dedication and hard work.

The tax rate turned out to be \$1.12 per \$1,000 for 2014. This is a 2 cent increase in your taxes from 2013.

Mike Terzo Sr. reported on the new Pumper 584. Photos and Drawings are at [www.RushFD.org](http://www.RushFD.org).

The State Comptrollers Audit of the Rush Fire District was discussed. That can be reviewed at the Rush FD web site also.

We are looking for two Rush residents to sit on the newly formed Rush Fire Districts Ethics Committee. If interested in this volunteer position contact Robert Faugh at 533-1892

The Fire Department Chiefs nominations were approved at the December commissioners meeting. They are: James Bucci Chief, Vern Wandersleben Asst. Chief and Jake Vogt Asst. Chief.

The fire department has AEDs (Heart Start Units) on every piece of apparatus, the 3 Chiefs vehicles, the ambulance DOs car and one located in the meeting room at station one. We responded to 3 Cardiac arrest calls in 2013 and brought the patient back on one of these calls.

We continue to respond to serious motor vehicle crashes. At one of these crashes the car broke off a 7 inch diameter pine tree, the right front wheel was under the right side of the front seat and the motor was found 10 feet from the car. Seat belts and air bags saved the operator's life.

**PLEASE slow down in these bad weather situations, don't drink and drive, look 20 to 30 seconds ahead and wear your seat belt.**

The fire department social officers for 2014 are:

**President:** Beth Faugh  
**Vice President:** Brian Bischooping  
**Secretary:** Bev Smith  
**Assistant Secretary:** Andy Socola  
**Treasurer:** Robert Faugh  
**Line Officers:** Captain John Faugh  
Lieutenant Mike Terzo Senior  
Lieutenant Mike Terzo Junior  
Lieutenant Adam Hanel  
Lieutenant Joe Watlack  
Lieutenant Sean Brown  
Safety Officer Andrew Socola

### LADIES AUXILIARY

The Rush Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 2013 and invite you back to share in all our events in 2014!

We had our yearly Officers Election and would like to thank all of the past officers for the phenomenal job that they have done in 2013 and welcome in the Officers for 2014.

Officers for 2014 were elected and are as follows:

**President:** Deborah A David  
**Vice President:** Carol Ann Stahl  
**Secretary:** Michele Hicks  
**Treasurer:** Kathy Reissig  
**Executive Officer:** Bonnie Tobey

We would like to thank everyone who helped and attended our Children's Christmas Party held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success. Everyone truly enjoyed Santa and The Grinch!

We would also like to send a huge thank you to the Rush Firemen for putting on a Christmas Dinner for us on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We all enjoyed it very much.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to the Counseling Center.

### CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual Chicken and Biscuits Dinner on **Saturday**, March 15, 2014 from **3:00 PM until 7:00 PM**, at the Rush Fire House. The cost is \$8.50 for Adults, \$7.50 for Seniors and \$5.50 for Children 12 and under. Take outs are available. Proceeds from this dinner help fund the Wilkins Scholarship Fund.



**New Members:** Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at [JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com](mailto:JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com) or website [www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm](http://www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm)

# TOWN OF RUSH MEETING SCHEDULE – 2014

All meetings are held at the  
Rush Town Offices, 5977 East Henrietta Road

## **RUSH TOWN BOARD – 7 PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

## **RUSH PLANNING BOARD – 7:30 PM**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

## **RUSH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 7 PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

## **RUSH CONSERVATION BOARD 7:30 PM**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month

## **RUSH BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – 7 PM**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of May

## **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7:15 PM**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month with the exceptions of July (1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday), November (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)  
and no meeting in August

Applications for hearings before the Planning Board must be made by the **15<sup>th</sup> 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**.



## Rush Town Hall General Information

**Main #533-1312**

**Fax #533-9346**

Officials		Telephone	Office Hours
Assessor	Dan Stanford	533-2330	Monday and Thursday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (or by appointment)
Assessor's Clerk	Colleen Statskey	533-2330	Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Bldg. Inspector/ Code Enforcement	Gerald Kusse	533-9114	Mon. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Thurs. 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Field Hours: 24/7 Pager: 463-7099; Cell: 278-8130
Dog Control	Mike Czora	533-1312	After hours: 330-9100
Finance Director	Don Reynolds	533-9142	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Fire Marshal	Rick Tracy	533-1312	
Highway Superintendent	Mark David	533-1770	Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM November – March Dispatch 24/7
Library Director	Kirsten Flass	533-1370	Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Tues., Thurs., 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM Sat. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Recreation Supervisor	Patricia Stephens	533-2340	Mon., Tues., 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Wed., Thurs., 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Supervisor	Richard Anderson	533-9058	
Supervisor's Secretary	Valerie Mertsoc	533-9058	Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Town Clerk	Pamela Bucci	533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Deputy Town Clerk	Shivaun Featherman	533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Town Council	Cathleen Frank Rita McCarthy Kathryn Steiner Dan Woolaver	533-1312 533-1312 533-1312 533-1312	Town Board meetings are held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise specified in the <i>Henrietta Post</i> .
Town Court Justices	Henry Kirch Thomas Doupe	533-1130 533-1130	
Court Clerks	Sally Newell Stephanie Anderson	533-1130 533-1130	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM <b>Court Hearings: Mondays 5:00 PM</b>

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**FEBRUARY** 2014 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 6 <sup>th</sup>
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 13 <sup>th</sup>
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 13 <sup>th</sup>
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>

**Other Important Information and Dates**

Groundhog Day		Sunday – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Valentine’s Day		Friday – 14 <sup>th</sup>
President’s Day		Monday – 17 <sup>th</sup>
Three Steps to a Lower Property Tax Bill Class	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM @ Town Hall	Monday – 17 <sup>th</sup>



**MARCH** 2014 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 6 <sup>th</sup>
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 13 <sup>th</sup>
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**Other Important Information and Dates**

Assessor’s Birthday Party	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM @ Town Hall	Monday – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Daylight Savings		Sunday – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Saint Patrick’s Day		Monday – 17 <sup>th</sup>
First Day of Spring		Thursday – 20 <sup>th</sup>

For legal notices and meeting agendas, refer to The Henrietta Post, The Sentinel, and our website at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) or contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 533-1312.