

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Hi Folks:

Welcome to Spring! I know that it is hard to believe, but we are on daylight savings time and meteorologically Spring arrives on March 20th, 2014. It will be nice to trade the snow shovel for the lawnmower.

The Town has been investigating a solar project to provide for our electric needs in the future. The concept is called Remote Net Metering, which enables us to generate power at a single location and create a credit thru a power deposit to the grid.

The power using locations (Town Hall, Library, Highway Garage, Etc.) will continue to draw power from the grid thru National Grid as we do today. We will simply use up our credits. There are no upfront costs to the Town for construction or maintenance. There are a number of state and federal grants, incentive tax credits, and depreciation benefits that accrue to the solar service provider (developer).

For right now, we will be seeking a number of proposals from developers for this project. We have no obligations until all proposals are evaluated.

COMMUNITY HIKE

Please join us for a community hike, sponsored by the Rush Conservation Board. It will be a great opportunity to see the BOCES property in nature's spring finery! The hike will be on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 AM, (rain date Saturday, May 10th at 10 AM) at 6565 East River Road, Rush, and will be led by Philip Daggar. All Rush residents are welcome.

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

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

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Pam@townofrush.com

TOWN OF RUSH GARDENER

Part-time seasonal position of approximately 5-7 hours/week includes flowerbed planting, weeding, trimming flowers and shrubs and decorating inside and outside 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 13th.

GETTING MARRIED?

Couples wishing to obtain a marriage license may do so up to 60 days in advance of their wedding date. Couples must obtain it at least 24 hours before the wedding occurs. Both parties are required to establish proof of age and identity. Acceptable documents include: Birth Certificate with raised seal, Passport, Driver's License and any Divorce Decrees or Death Certificates (if applicable). The process in obtaining a license take about 20 minutes and the cost is \$40.00. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

GOING FISHING?

In New York State, anyone 16 years or older is required to have a fishing license. For New York State residents, licenses cost \$25, ages 16-69 and \$5 ages 70+. If you prefer to get a 1 day license, the cost is \$5 for residents, \$10 for non-residents and a 7 day license costs \$13 for residents, \$31 for non-residents. Annual fishing licenses are valid for a full year. With the change in licensing system, an exception to this rule applies. If you purchased your license between October 1, 2013 and January 31, 2014, your license will remain valid through September 30, 2014.

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 21st, 2014

Application 2013-011P by Gary and Karen Quackenbush requesting 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 R-30. **Approved with conditions.**

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. **Approved with conditions.**

February 18th, 2014

Application 2014-01P by Jim Kolb, agent for Duane and Debbie Stevens, seeking a change of use from Antique Barn to Event Pavilion, and a change of use from Retail Space to Restaurant. Property is located at 7272 West Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543 and is zoned commercial. **Tabled.**

March 18th, 2014

As of this submission, meeting has not yet taken place.

ZONING BOARD

January 9th, 2014

Application 2013-17Z by Regina Lapp-Harmon requesting a front setback variance for a porch addition to the single family residence located at 7679 East River Road. The proposed addition does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located in an R-20 zoning district. **Approved.**

February 13th, 2014

Application 2014-01Z by Mark and Kelli Eberle requesting a front setback variance for a porch addition to the single family residence located at 332 Keyes Road. The proposed addition does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located in an R-30 zoning district. **Approved.**

March 13th, 2014

As of this submission, meeting has not yet taken place.



OFFICES CLOSED

The Town Offices will be closed on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday and Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.



*Wishing all Moms a Very Treasured
Mother's Day!*



Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Dan@townofrush.com
Colleen Statsky, Assessor's Clerk
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Colleen@townofrush.com
Phone: 533-2330

It is official! We should have a public computer with the assessor's information and data in the Rush Library by May 1st, 2014.

I will be giving a class on preparing for Grievance Day and will show how to use the Public Computer. The class will be held April 28th, 2014 from 4 to 6 PM. Please call or email our office to RSVP.

Highway Department

Submitted by: Mark David
Highway Superintendent
Phone: 533-1770
Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
www.townofrush.com

TOWN WIDE BRUSH PICK UP

The Highway Department will be conducting its annual brush pick up along all roads in Rush commencing April 21st, 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 21st.

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.

POTHOLE PREPORTING & PATCHING

For potholes on State Roads (Routes 15A, 15, 251 & 390) call 1-800-pothole (1-800-768-4653) or NYSDOT- East Rochester dispatcher @ 586-4514. **All other Town and County Roads call the Rush Highway Department @ 533-1770.**

LAWN DAMAGE REPAIRS

Spring weather will have the Highway crew out repairing lawn damage from plowing. If we overlooked any areas, please call and let us know. Highway Superintendents from across the state met with many state lawmakers again this year, to voice our concerns and gather their support for increased Federal and State funding of local roads. I would especially like to thank our local Senator's Ted O'Brien 55 District, Senator Robach (newly appointed senate transportation chairman) and Assemblyman Bill Nojay 133 District for supporting our local highway funding.

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

I think many people would be surprised with the number of completed projects showing up occasionally that were never permitted as required at the time they were constructed.

Most often this discovery happens after a property has been put up for sale and a purchase offer has been accepted. Now the house has been sold and a closing has been scheduled. The buyers' attorney has asked for all historical construction documents.

At this point we may discover that something was added to the property sometime in the past and it was not permitted. Now we have to deal with that deck, or shed, or porch that should have been permitted but was not. Dealing with these situations can be both time consuming and challenging. Real estate closings have also been delayed.

My very strong advice is this; if you are going to add an improvement to your property, make sure you obtain a permit for the work. Adding something now without the required permit can be very burdensome and frustrating in the future.

If you are unsure, please call. We will be glad to help you with your permit purchase if your project requires one. And if you do not require a permit we will also tell you that.

Enjoy this building season!

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 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 4/29/14-6/17/14
Thursdays 5/1/14-6/19/14

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

LATE 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 4/30/14-5/28/14

Cost: Resident \$90.00
Non-Resident \$95.00

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

2014-2015 RUSH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Town of Rush recreation department has an after school program that runs daily during the school year from 2:05 PM-5:30 PM daily. We offer outings, healthy snacks, crafts, gym time and outdoor recreation. The present participants have until May 23rd to sign up for the 2014-2015 program. After that date the program is open to public registration residents and non-residents grades 1st-5th are allowed to sign up.

Applications for this program will be available on May 1st. If you have any questions regarding this Recreation program please call 533-2340.

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 23rd-August 8th on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM at the Monica Leary school cafeteria. The children will do all types of activities such as crafts, games, outdoor activities and swimming at the Sperry High school pool on Fridays. I will have the applications available in the Rush Town Clerks office beginning May 27th.

SOCCER CAMP

The Town of Rush recreation department is planning on offering a girls and boys soccer camp this summer again. At this point I only have the dates available for the boys soccer program which will take place on the Rush soccer field from August 5th-August 9th. More information regarding both camps will be in the next town newsletter. Applications will be available on the townofrush.com website under Recreation as soon as the coaches confirm the dates. Keep an eye out!



SAVE THE DATE!

The 14th Rush Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 20th from 9 AM-4 PM.

All the wonderful activities we have had last year, we are planning again this year. If there is an activity you would like to do or are willing to volunteer please call 533-2340.

The arts/craft and food vendor applications are located under the Recreation tab on the townofrush.com website. If anyone wishes to sell food we will need a copy of your food permit to sell to the public. In the next newsletter we will have a detailed list of events!

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
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www.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

Library Capital Campaign: Thank you to all of our patrons who supported the Library Board's Capital Campaign in honor of our 100th Birthday. To date, the campaign has raised over \$6,500 to support programs, special events and improvements for the library. There is still time to contribute if you wish. Check donations can be made out to Rush Public Library, and mailed to the Library Board of Trustees, 5977 E. Henrietta Rd., Rush, NY 14543. Your support is greatly appreciated.

100th Birthday Gala: Save the date! **Our Centennial Gala will be Saturday, June 7th from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Wildwood Country Club in Rush.** Tickets will be \$10.00 each, and on sale beginning **May 1st**. Join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres with wine and beer pairings, birthday cake, a cash bar, a special 1914-inspired cocktail, plus dancing and live music provided by Special Blend. This party is sponsored by The Library Board of Trustees, The Friends of the Rush Library, West Rush Productions, Exit 11 Auto, Four Corners Optical, and Gro-Moore Farms. **Come celebrate our historic Library!**

Children's 100th Birthday Party: Save the date! **Our Kids' 100th Birthday Celebration will be Saturday, June 21st from 9:00-11:00 AM.** Come meet Clifford the Big Red Dog, play games, enjoy face painting, crafts, cake, a bouncy house, clown magic, balloon animals and more! Details will follow in the next newsletter, and on our web site.

Tech Tutor: Volunteer, Tim McCarthy, has generously offered to help our patrons with training and questions about computer hardware, software, digital imaging, email, or the internet. **He's available by appointment Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00-Noon.** If you'd like his help as a tutor, stop in and fill out an appointment form at the circulation desk.

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 blue recycle bins at home. **And please bring in donations during our open hours.** Thank you for your understanding!

Friends' Group Vera Bradley Raffle: Back by popular demand, Heather is organizing her annual raffle of Vera Bradley purse packages **beginning April 16th.** 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 forms are still available in the library **until April 15th.** 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 us 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 15th.** All of the details are available at the Rush Library, and essays may be submitted there as well.

Assessor's Office Collaboration: The Library will be working in partnership with our Town Assessor, Dan Stanford, to provide a computer work station for residents to use if the assessor's office is closed. Beginning March 18th and continuing through May 24th, residents may come to the Library and utilize the *Office of Real Property Services* software to view the assessor's data for determining their property's value, in anticipation of Grievance Day on May 24th.

We always welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten

**Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for
April and May
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.*

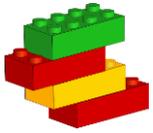
APRIL

Please call or visit the library to register!

Drop-In Story Time for children ages 2-5 and a caregiver will be held on Thursdays, April 3rd, 10th and 24th 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.

Home Buyer's Seminar: Saturday, April 5th from 10:30 AM-Noon. When is the best time to buy, how much can I afford, what are the different types of mortgages, what does an attorney do, why do I need a realtor? Licensed Realtor, Nancy Bellimer will answer these questions and more. (Note: This is an educational seminar only, and you are not required to use any of the services of the presenter.) Space is limited please call the library to register in advance.

Lego™ Club for Boys will be held on Tuesdays, April 8th, and 22nd and 29th from 3:45-4:30 PM.



We'll provide the Legos; children need only bring their imaginations. Space is limited; please register in advance so that "everything is awesome!"

Travelogue: About two hours north of Paris, lays a city with a story...Rennes, the capital of the French region of Brittany. Join us on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM as we explore this city's unique medieval-style architecture and its "Sister City" bond with Rochester beginning in 1958. Please register in advance. Refreshments will be served.

View Finders: Our monthly photography group will meet on Wednesday, April 9th from 7-9:00 PM at the Library. April's theme is Patterns and Textures; it's all about patterns, colors and depth, where every single detail plays a role in the overall perception of the photograph. Bring your 3 photographs on a flash drive or printed, 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

Knit Chicks will continue to meet on the second and last Saturdays of the month to share patterns and camaraderie. Whether you knit, crochet, quilt, or felt, we'll gather to stitch up fun on April 12th & 26th, and also on May 10th and 31st from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM.



Bingo! Kids ages 6-10 may join us on Tuesday, April 15th from 3:45-4:30 PM during school break week to play Bingo and win prizes. Space is limited; please call the library to register for a spot.

Alzheimer's Program: Meaningful Activities (8th in a series) will be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 PM. Gain insight into the experiences of a person with dementia, and learn the challenges that personal care (such as dressing a bathing) can present. Please register in advance.

Crafter's Corner for Adults: Just in time for spring... learn how to create a Terrarium on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 PM. Instructor Karen Tabor will provide you with the necessary elements to create a mini garden under glass! There will be a \$5.00 materials fee, payable that night. A sample of this project is on display in the library. Space is limited and advance registration is required.

Clear the Clutter! Professional Organizer, Robin Bastian will teach us the causes of clutter and what makes us susceptible to it on Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM. We'll take a fun and useful "clutter quiz" and learn how to begin to change old habits while we acquire room-by-room tips and techniques for clearing the chaos. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: In April we'll be discussing **Remarkable Creatures** by Tracy Chevalier, "...an historical novel in which the author turns the spotlight on a friendship cemented by shared obsession and mutual respect." Join us for discussion & dessert on two Thursdays, April 24th or May 1st at 7:00 PM. Space is limited; please register in advance.

Family Finders: Our genealogical hobby group meets on Friday, April 25th from 6:30-7:45 PM. Cathy Frank leads this group on the fourth Friday of each month. All are welcome, no matter where you are in your search for your ancestors. Please call to register for a seat.

MAY

Please call or visit the library to register!

Flower Fairies: Children ages 10-16 may join us on **Saturday, May 3rd from 10:30 AM-Noon** to create a whimsical pocket-sized spring flower fairy out of pipe cleaners, silk flowers, embroidery floss and festive embellishments. All materials will be provided. A sample of this craft will be on display in the library. Please register in advance, as space is very limited.



Drop-In Story Time for children ages 3-5 when accompanied by a caregiver on **Thursdays, May 8th, 22nd and 29th from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Children will listen to stories and music, and learn finger-plays while interacting with their peers in a group setting. No prior registration is necessary.

Crafters Corner for Adults: Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 PM. Create a **Fascinator** to wear for our Annual Tea Party! Fascinators are decorative headbands embellished with flowers and/or feathers, worn by proper English ladies for high tea and other important functions. A sample of this craft is available in the Library. All instruction and materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

Friends' High Tea Party: Saturday, May 10th from 3-5:00 PM. You're invited to our 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 beginning **April 10th**.) *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.**



After School Fun for Kids ages 6-10 will be on **Tuesdays, May 13th and 20th**. We will be playing some great board games and having an afternoon snack. Bring your friends and have some fun! Space is limited and registration is required.

Alzheimer's Program: Role Changes and Transitions (9th in a series) on **Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM**. Navigating the changes in your relationship with a person who has dementia can be a challenge. Explore the transformations that may occur and find some strategies to help you prepare. Space is limited and registration is required

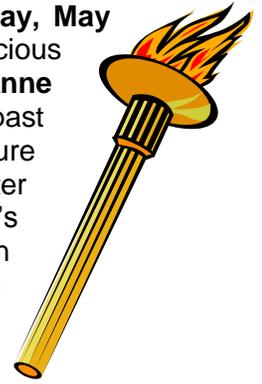
View Finders: Our monthly photography group will meet on **Wednesday, May 14th from 7-9:00 PM at the Library**. Our theme is **Spring Colors**; share photographs that you feel best represent the splendor of spring. Bring up to 3 photographs on a flash drive or printed, and receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. We'll provide the coffee and dessert. Please register in advance as space is limited.



Travelogue: Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 PM. Take a photographic journey with Christy Simons to the charming hilltop region of **Tuscany**, known for its landscapes, traditions, history, artistic legacy and its influence on high culture.

Admire beautiful Tuscan cathedrals, sculpture, and villages; experience the historic city of Florence in all its grandeur. Space is limited and registration is required.

Tales from Sochi! Join us **Monday, May 19th at 7:00 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion. Our own Rush neighbor **Anne Cammett** travelled to Russia this past February to judge the Pairs Figure Skating event at the XXII Winter Olympics. Come hear about Anne's experiences...how she became an Olympic judge and how the scoring system works. Please register in advance for a seat.



Friends of the Rush Library Meeting: Join us on **May 21st at 6:30 PM** for final preparations of the Birthday Gala and Children's Party, plus the upcoming book sale and more. New members are always welcome, and your time commitment is small.

Rush Readers' Book Club will meet on **Thursdays, May 22nd & May 29th**. This month's selection will be **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce. "Recently retired Harold lives in a small English village where little differentiates one day from another until a letter arrives for him from a woman he hasn't heard from in 20 years.

Harold is determined to walk 600 miles to her hospice to say good-bye, and along the way he meets one fascinating character after another in this charming and humorous tale." Space is limited and registration is required.

Family Finders: will meet on **Friday, May 23rd from 6:30-7:45 PM**. Cathy Frank leads this group of genealogical hobbyists on the fourth Friday of each month. Are you stymied in your research? Come get some new ideas! Please call to register in advance.



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.



Rush Senior Citizens

*Submitted by: Barbara Fragale,
Secretary*

In February the Rush Seniors were treated to a briefing by Dan Sanford and Colleen Statskey from the Town Tax Assessors Office. Dan reviewed the Enhanced STAR (School Tax Assessment Relief) program along with an overview of the Low Income Senior, Veterans, and Agricultural exemptions. The deadline for these exemptions was March 1st – but there is always next year. Dan and Colleen kept us laughing thru the presentation; no small feat when talking taxes. Their review really was a treat; not to mention a money saver for some of us. Show up with cookies and Dan and Colleen will be happy to help you with property tax assessment information.

Jim Oliver presented our 2014 Travel Schedule at the Feb. meeting. Caught in the gap between submission and publication is our trip to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn. This is always a delicious trip. We also have a trip to Batavia and LeRoy on April 8th.

Our March 13th Meeting (also caught in the publishing gap) is going to feature the Rush Henrietta Mixed and Senior Chorus as entertainment.

Upcoming meeting information follows:

Thursday April 10th: Rush Fire House. Pass-a-Dish at noon, business meeting, Bingo

Thursday, May 8th: Rush Fire House. Pass-a-Dish at noon, business meeting, entertainment will be "Denny and Her Escorts", a musical program.

Thursday, June 12th: Rush Fire House, lunch, business meeting, euchre tournament and raffle

TRAVEL AND EVENTS

The club will travel to Varysburg and Warsaw on Wednesday May 14th. We will visit the Hidden Valley Animal Adventure for a safari ride to view over 30 species of exotic animals that roam over 63 acres. There will be a buffet lunch at Breezy Hill Party House and an afternoon performance of "Love and Marriage". On June 25th we will be headed to Canandaigua for a tour of the Antique Wireless Electronic Communication Museum, the Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum and a cruise

aboard the renovated "Canandaigua Lady". Lunch will be at the Holloway House in Bloomfield with a stop of ice cream.

In July (22nd) we head southwest to Olean for Batavia Downs, a comedy show at the Old Library and a stop at Domes Country Market. 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. If you would like a copy of the entire year's schedule contact Shirley or Secretary Barb Fragale at 585-533-9203.

The Rush Senior Citizens meet the second Thursday of each month (with the exception of July this year) 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

FIRE DISTRICT

NEW PUMPER: The five truck committee members went to the factory in Meyersdale, PA on March 7th to inspect the truck before it is painted. We should have it by the end of April or first part of May. Photos at RushFD.org.

MESSAGE SIGN: We are moving ahead on 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.

ETHICS COMMITTEE: We have two, non-fire department members of the community who have volunteered to be part of this new ethics committee they are Lee Hetrick from Farmcrest Drive and Ken Lally of Phelps Road.

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE: The fire district has contracted with a provider for an employee assistance program for the fire department members and their family. They also provided a six hour NYS DMV Defensive Driving class for all active members in February and March. 31 members took advantage of this course.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

ACTIVITY: We have responded to 69 calls for service as of March 11th, 2014. At the present time we have 48 active members.

NEW MEMBERS: Jesse Strader of 5076 East Henrietta Road and Patrick Frediani from High Manor Drive in Henrietta were voted in at the March meeting.

SAFETY OFFICER: Our safety officer Andrew Socola attended the National Fire Academy Safety Officer School in Maryland in March.

EMT TRAINING: Firefighters Witold Bujak, Abbey O'Neill and Vern Wanderselben are taking the 180 hour full class. Mike Terzo Jr, Bob Faugh and Dale Sweet are taking the refresher class at Lima.

FASNY STATEWIDE OPEN HOUSE: Rush FD will have an open house April 27th from 1:00 – 4:00 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 an annual statewide effort to recruit more volunteers and make the community aware of how your volunteer FD and ambulance services operate.

2014 FUND DRIVE: In 2013 your volunteers responded to 389 emergency calls, that's 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 240 calls in 2013. 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 6.0 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 replacement of the ambulance, utility vehicle, ATV & trailer. The other is for new large equipment such as “Jaws of Life” up grades, AEDs, and other heavy rescue equipment. No fund drive money is used for our few social events. Very few Fire Depts. or Ambulance services can say that!

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. You can select us to receive your donation at the United Way. 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: 2014 Awards & Past Officer banquet was held at RIT Inn. Nikki Rudd from TV10 was the MC. Steve Winner, 19 year member, received the “Distinguished Service” award. Steve served in the Air National Guard and retired as a Fire Chief. His accomplishments are too numerous to list. He has served as a line officers, asst. secretary, secretary, director, safety committee and new vehicle committee member. Steve also was recognized by the NYS Senate for this award. He present served as the department's quartermaster.

Service awards went to Adam Hahnel & Beth Faugh for five years. Tim Lincort for ten years. Paul Bischooping & Jim McNeil for 15 years, Jim also had 14 years with Henrietta FD. Present secretary Bev Smith for 25 years & life member gold card. Dale Sweet for thirty years, his family also presented him with a gift. Wayne Burdett for thirty five years of service.

Dan Monaghan, Mike Terzo Jr. and Jake Vogt were recognized for reviving a heart attack victim with CPR and an AED at Rt 15 and Rt 251 in 2013.

Fire Commissioner Robert Faugh and Rush Town Supervisor Rich Anderson thanked the Firefighters, EMTs, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers and Social members for their dedication and hard work every day providing service to the residents of Rush.

Entertainment was provided by a DJ and Upstate gambling. Henrietta Ambulance stood by for EMS calls and Henrietta Co#1 had a pumper and crew in Rush. They had a gas leak call and a car fire while filling in.

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

WEST WEBSTER FD: Presented the Rush FD with a plaque to recognize the assistance they received last year when four of their firefighters were shot, two of which were killed. Rush provided standbys on two occasions during that time.

LADIES AUXILIARY

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.

CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER

Thank you to all who came out and supported our 7th annual Chicken and Biscuits Dinner held on Saturday, March 15, 2014. All proceeds will help fund the Betty Wilkins Scholarship awarded annually to Rush Students. A very special thank you to Ronnie Wheeler for doing an excellent job chairing and cooking for the event.

JOIN THE EASTER BUNNY!

For an Easter Egg Hunt at the Rush Firemen's Field at 1971 Rush-Mendon Rd on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 1:00 PM. Rush residents from 0-8 years of age are welcome to hunt for Easter Eggs in four different categories (0-2 years), (3-4 years), (5-6 years), (7-8 years). Perhaps you will be the lucky person who finds the silver or gold coin and receives a special prize. Treats for all the kids. Snacks for everyone.

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember to mark your calendars for the Annual Town of Rush Memorial Day Parade, Service and Picnic May 26th, 2014. Rush Ladies Auxiliary will be marching!

WE NEED YOU!

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. Just come to one meeting and you will see what we're all about. The feeling you'll get from participating in community events is wonderful. You will meet new people and establish lifelong friendships and you'll be helping support your community Fire Department. Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining should 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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2014 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 3 rd
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 1 st
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 10 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 10 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 15 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 15 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 9 th , 23 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Good Friday	Town Hall and Court Closed	Friday – 18 th
Earth Day		Tuesday – 22 nd
Assessor's Class	4:00 PM Town Hall Meeting Room	Monday – 28 th



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Community Hike	10:00 AM @ 6565 E. River Rd	May – 3 rd (10 th - Rain Date)
Mother's Day		Sunday – 11 th
Grievance's Due		Tuesday – 20 th
Memorial Day	Town Hall, Library, and Court Closed	Monday – 26 th
Grievance Day		Tuesday – 27 th

For legal notices and meeting agendas, refer to The Henrietta Post, The Sentinel, and our website at www.townofrush.com or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 533-1312.