

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Hi Folks:

I hope that you are taking advantage of beautiful summer weather. We have waited a long time for this, so enjoy.

The Firemen's' Carnival was a great success aided by excellent weather conditions. I mentioned at the parade that the active members of our fire department represent less than 2% of the population of Rush, yet manage to protect the remaining 98% of us. We owe a great debt of gratitude to this organization.

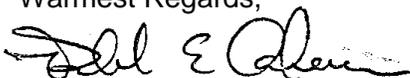
The Town Board is in the process of preparing the Town Budget for 2015. We are looking to reduce our expenses in every possible way. Telephone, garbage, electric (possibly solar), rental policy, and all miscellaneous entities are being evaluated. We have received notice from Excellus (our health care provider) that they have requested a 16.7% increase for 2015. We also know our property tax cap for 2025 will be 2% or less. So, we have our challenges.

I would like to thank Mark David and our highway department for their excellent work on our ADA compliant basketball court. The court still needs some finishing touches, but the kids of Rush are currently using it every day. The funding came from a community development block grant with a match coming from the town.

I have been working with Mr. Robert Franklin, the Monroe County Director of Finance on our snow and ice removal surcharges for 2014, which resulted in a 4% increase on your county tax bill. The surcharge will be eliminated for 2015. If all things remain equal, our county tax rate should be reduced approximately 2% for 2015.

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

Phone: 533-1312

Pam@townofrush.com

SOLICITORS/PEDDLERS IN RUSH

Excerpts from Town Code Chapter 86 include the following: "In general, it shall be unlawful for any licensed commercial peddler or solicitor subject to this chapter to stand or permit any vehicle used by him/her to stand in any place for any period of time, except in direct response to a customer's request to purchase, and then only for such period of time as it is necessary to effect the sale and purchase.

Private residential premises. No one shall enter onto private residential premises for the purpose of selling or offering to sell any goods, wares, merchandise or other things or services nor solicit information for the purpose of selling or making offers to sell in the future of such aforesaid goods, wares, merchandise or other things or services, to persons or adults residing therein, without the prior consent of the owner or person in possession of the said private residential premises.

Nothing in this chapter shall be held to apply to any solicitation or peddling associated with a political organization, charitable organization, school class in any school district which services Town of Rush residents or any other organization protected under applicable law. This chapter shall also not apply so as unlawfully to interfere with interstate commerce."

NEW YORK STATE D.E.C. LICENSES

Annual Licenses: Annual hunting licenses and privileges are valid from September 1st through August 31st each year. *If you purchased your license between October 1st, 2013-January 31st, 2014, your license will remain valid through September 30th, 2014.* The Harvest Information Program and Federal Duck Stamp is valid July 1st through June 30th annually.

Free/Reduced Fee Licenses (For military, Native Americans, and students who meet specific qualifications): Most annual hunting licenses/privileges are available for free or a reduced fee to select groups meeting specific qualifications. Please review qualifications and how to get your license by visiting the NYS DEC website.



Who Needs a Hunting License: Anyone 12 years or older, with the proper training courses taken, can use a firearm or bow to hunt or take wild game. Persons under age 12 cannot hunt.

Junior Hunting Program (12-15): review regulations and information for junior hunters, ages 12-15. Additional privileges/permits may be needed depending on the season and species you are hunting. Details can be found on the **Hunting Licenses/Privileges Needed** page of the NYS DEC website.

Nuisance Species: Landowner using a bow or firearm to take the following species when damaging property: snowshoe hare, porcupine, red squirrel, woodchuck/groundhog, English sparrow, or pigeon. Visit the **Remove of "Take" Nuisance Animals Legally** page of the NYS DEC website for more details.

ZONING & PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

From time to time, residents inquire about outcomes of Planning Board (PB) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) applications.

All of the meeting agendas, minutes, and applications and decisions are posted on the town website at www.townofrush.com, however, I realize not everyone has access to a home computer. I also realize that because the town newsletters are published bi-monthly, the following information for ZBA and PB may be "old" news to some of you.

All public hearing notices are published in the Sentinel and/or the Henrietta Post. Below is a brief synopsis of most recently heard applications before the ZBA and PB.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

June 12, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING: Application 2014-07Z by Joshua and Amy Nau requesting a side setback variance for a proposed pole barn. The proposed location does not comply with section 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 1226 Rush-Scottsville Road in a (R-30) residential zoning district. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

WORKSHOP: Application 2014-05Z by John Kearney requesting a use variance to display an outside tire rack during business hours. The proposed location does not comply with section 120-12 E (3) of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 5970 East Henrietta Road in a (C) commercial zoning district. [Public Hearing set for July 10, 2014.](#)

July 10, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING: Application 2014-05Z by John Kearney requesting an Area Variance to display an outside tire rack during business hours. The proposed location does not comply with section 120-12 E (3) of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 5970 East Henrietta Road in a (C) commercial zoning district. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

PLANNING BOARD

June 17, 2014

No Meeting – No Applications

July 15, 2014

No Meeting – No Applications

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TAX BILLS

Full tax payments may be received in my office during normal business hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday until October 31st.

[For your convenience, a secured tax payment drop box has been installed at my lobby's counter at times when both my deputy and I must be away from the office. It is also accessible after hours through the Library door entrance Monday through Friday till 8 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM – 2 PM.](#)

Anyone already on the installment plan must send their October and November installments to Monroe County Treasurer, PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614. Payment instructions are listed on the back of your bills.

I urge anyone who has recently: (1) purchased a parcel in Rush, (2) paid off their mortgage, (3) changed mortgage companies or has relocated out of the area and wish to have your tax bills sent to another address to please contact the Town Clerk's office. **We will update your records so that your request can be processed and you do not incur penalties.**

School tax bills will be mailed out in late August. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

FAMILY HIKE

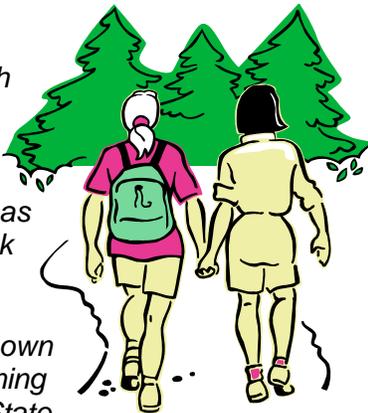
Please join the Rush Conservation Board for a family friendly September hike! The Conservation Board will host a guided hike at the 228-acre Rush Oak Openings Area on **Saturday, September 6, 2014**. Enjoy the special topography, flora and fauna of this unique Rush treasure!

Meet near #300 Honeoye Falls Five Points Rd., just west of 5 Points Rd., at the small parking area near DEC sign. The hike will start at **10 am** and last around 2 hours. The terrain is easy. Long pants and appropriate shoes (hiking boots not necessary, but no flip-flops) are advisable. The hike will proceed rain or shine.

From DEC site....*Rush Oak Openings contains a globally rare plant community commonly referred to as an "oak opening" or "oak savannah."*

This site is the only known intact oak opening remaining in New York State.

Oak openings were very common in the Midwest (where the prairie met eastern forests) prior to European settlement. Rush Oak Openings is the easternmost remaining oak opening.



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

A Rush resident recently shared an article with me from the publication Fire Engineering. After reading, I knew it was necessary to include two very important lessons learned in a newsletter

The first is a reminder of the danger of using outdoor grill fires to close to a dwelling. A hot grill too close to siding can be disastrous. The radiant heat and the flames from a grill fire can easily ignite vinyl siding or cedar siding. Once ignition takes place the rapid spread of flames is very difficult to stop. Grills should never be used close enough to a building to cause the siding to feel warm to the touch.

The second reminder is to avoid sub-standard construction of additions. When adding a porch, sunroom, etc. you should have the construction designed by a professional (architect/ PE) and then built to those design specifications. Your building inspector is responsible to ensure you or your contractor follows those specs.

The article in Fire Engineering is about a grill igniting the siding on a house with the fire spreading rapidly and causing a roof collapse in a sub-standard room addition that may not have been permitted. A firefighter was injured at the scene. No one wants that to happen.

Historian's Office

Submitted by Susan Mee

Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Phone: 533-1312

Sue@townofrush.com

It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance at this year's American Legion parade and ceremony at Pine Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day. The graveside ceremony honoring Civil War veteran, Lt. Jacob Stull Galentine, was also well attended and the Sons of the Union Veterans along with Re-enactors from the 136th NY Infantry and Cushing's 4th US Battery provided a very memorable service.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN TOUR IN PINE HILL CEMETERY

As our nation continues to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, it also seems appropriate to remember some of our Rush men who served our country during the Civil War. Approximately 100 men from Rush served in the Civil War and 29 are known to be buried in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Others are also buried in some of the smaller cemeteries around town. If interested in learning a little about some of these men, please join us on **September 20th, from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**, in the Rush Pine Hill Cemetery, for a tour of some of the grave sites of our Civil War veterans.

If you are a descendant or have information about any of Pine Hill's Civil War veterans, please let me know so that your information can also be included. The tour will be approximately one hour. **Please register in advance at the Rush Public Library.**

Old news wanted! In 2013, the Rush Library diligently scanned each page of *The Rush Echo*, our bi-weekly newspaper published right here in Rush from December 19, 1879 – November 3, 1881.

That publication is now part of the New York State Historical Newspaper Collection and fully searchable online at: <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>.

These newspapers and information about our Rush ancestors are now permanently preserved and accessible across the world. This was made possible because Mrs. Janice Darron had the original newspapers and generously loaned those to us to scan and the originals were then returned to her.

The Mendon Library is making plans to digitize the *Honeoye Falls Times*. Individual Rush residents served as correspondents to the *Honeoye Falls Times* to ensure that our local news was sufficiently reported.

Adding this local paper to the NYS Historical Newspaper Collection will be a great benefit to Rush families and those researching their ancestors from any location.

Rush also published other newspapers over the years. **I am looking for copies of publications of the *Rush Herald*, *Rush-Henrietta Herald*, and the *Rush Union*.** The *Rush Herald* (1912 - ?) was published by William O'Brien's Sons every Thursday in connection with the *Honeoye Falls Times*. The *Rush-Henrietta Herald* began publication in 1938 and its byline was "Not a mere newspaper – a community service."

The *Rush Union*, first published in 1910, was a quarterly publication by the Churches of Rush. The objective of the *Rush Union* was "To write all good citizens for a better town."

Perhaps there are other news publications covering Rush, too. Does anyone have copies of these old newspapers? Maybe they have been saved in someone's attic all these long years. If so, I would truly appreciate the opportunity to scan them and add them to the historic newspaper collection.

Doing so, preserves them for future generations and allows easy access to the information. Old local newspapers provide a wealth of information and treasure to genealogy researchers. And, by scanning your copies, you will be able to keep your originals.



Please contact me if you have copies of any old Rush newspapers!

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

TEMPORARY HOURS

Between August 18th, 2014 and September 2nd, 2014 my hours will be as follows:

Monday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

SOCCKER CAMPS

The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. and Rush Henrietta boys soccer coach Mike Zale will be offering Soccer camps for 4th-8th graders, and 9-12th graders on the Rush soccer field beginning Monday, August 11th- Friday, August 15th.



9th-12th Graders:
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
4th-8th Graders:
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Cost: Resident \$80.00
Non-Resident \$85.00
Location: Rush Soccer Field

TODDLER TUMBLE AND CHEER

The 3-5 year old toddlers will work on learning basic cheer motions, jumps stunts and tumbling with cheer coaches Amy Hughes and Kim Spuck the RH Jr. Varsity cheerleading coach. The last day at the end of class the participants will perform a routine they learned for their parents/guardians.

Dates: Mondays 8/18/14-10/13/14
(There will be **NO CLASS** on 9/1/14)

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

Location: William Udicious Pavilion
6:15 PM-7:00 PM

TOWN OF RUSH RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND EPIC TRAININGS CLASSES

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and EPIC Trainings have joined together to offer several classes this fall.

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

This class will be at the **William Udicious Pavilion** on **Saturday, August 17th 12:00 PM-5:00PM**. The cost is \$50.00 for Rush residents and \$55.00 for non-Rush residents.

Home Alone: This class is designed to teach children ages 7-12, who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly.

Topics include but are not limited to: basic first aid tips, what to do when a stranger comes to the door, answering the telephone, internet safety and how to react during a variety of miscellaneous emergencies such as power outages and fires.

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

This class will be at **the Monica Leary school library** on **September 23rd from 2:15 PM-4:15 PM**. The cost will be \$25.00 for Rush residents and \$30.00 for non-Rush residents.

FALL 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 9/9/14 – 10/28/14
Thursdays 9/11/14 – 10/30/14

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: William Udicious Pavilion
6:15 PM-7:15 PM

SENIOR FALL EXERCISE CLASS

Pat Rose Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department presents a fall session "Seniors exercise class". The cost of this program maybe reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup!

Dates: Tuesdays 9/11/14 – 10/30/14

Cost: Resident \$45.00, Non Resident \$50.00

Location: William Udicious Pavilion
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL



Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 4th 2014-April 14th 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.

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



at www.townofrush.com You can now book reservations into 2015 exactly a year from the date you want to rent the building. Permits to use the pavilion or park can be located 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,

I hope you're enjoying this gorgeous summer! We have had so much fun with our 100th Birthday celebrations. Thanks again to this special community for all your support.

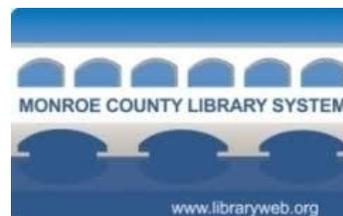
Summer Hours & Closed Dates: We will be closed for Labor Day Weekend Saturday, August 30th - Monday, September 1st.

The Capital Campaign is winding down. Many generous patrons supported this fundraising effort; to date the committee has raised \$7,200 for special programs and events outside of our normal operating budget. Thank you!

Toy Library: Have you got little ones visiting this summer? Maybe you need a trip to the Toy Library at the Lincoln Branch Library in Rochester! You could borrow a wide variety of toys and games to make their stay enjoyable. The collection is primarily aimed at children ages newborn to 8 years old.

Every item in the collection has been specially selected for quality and safety and they support all the developmental needs of children. Toys for children with special needs are also available. Check them out!

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 user experience of searching our catalogue and placing holds on materials. Download the app that looks like your library card and have fun!



Summer Reading: Thank you to our local families who participated this year. We made new friends and helped the littlest ones to challenge themselves with some new choices from the children's room.

We're grateful to our local business sponsors, **Colby's, Montesano's, Dipper Dan's, Rush 7-Eleven, Minnehan's, McDonalds, Bruegger's, Wendy's, & Burger King, Diamond's Limousine, plus our Friends Group** for providing prizes. Keep up the great reading, everyone!

Digital Device Training: Need help with a new e-reader or smartphone device? Call me to make an appointment for individualized training on how to download **free e-books** or **audiobooks** from the library via Overdrive.

Community Seating Upgrade: Thanks to fundraising efforts of the Library Friends, The Library Board of Trustees is updating our seating area and relocating our coffee station. We can look forward to an electric fireplace this fall and new spaces for local tutors.

Library Board Opening: We still have an opening for a new member of the Board. The Board governs the Library. It charts vision, sets policy, secures funding, supervises the director and advocates for quality library service to Rush residents. Its members serve for five-year terms. If you're interested in serving in this capacity, please fill out an application at the circulation desk.

Coming Soon- Laptops for loan while you're at the library!

Looking forward to seeing you... Kirsten

Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for August and September
Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and Adult Services Coordinator

****Please note: if you have registered for a program but find out later that you cannot attend, please offer the courtesy of a phone call to the library to cancel your reserved seat.**

There are times when other patrons are waiting for a space to open up in a full program. Thank you for your consideration.

AUGUST

Please call or visit the library to register!

Gazebo Fest! This is the final concert of the season. Join us on **Friday, August 1st at 6:30 PM** with the band **Inside Out**. This is Rochester's classic vinyl and British Invasion cover band, featuring songs of the Beatles. Friends of the Library invite you to bring your own chair and picnic dinner; start your weekend early at the Rush Library! Note: Alcohol is not allowed.

Bingo for Kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, August 5th from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. Join us for a fun afternoon and win prizes! This is a **FREE** event, but you must be registered in advance in order to participate.



Alzheimer's Program: By popular demand, we're repeating our Alzheimer's series, starting with **Know the 10 Signs** on **Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM** with Joann Bengston. Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging, and it is important to understand what changes could signal a problem. Please call to register in advance.

New Rush History Book! Congratulations to our Town Historian, Sue Mee, on the publication of her new book, Images of Rush. This fascinating compilation of photographs from the town historian's office, along with historical details and personal recollections of town residents document the history of our lovely town. Come and meet Sue, a librarian and lifelong Rush resident, for an author-signing event on **Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 PM** in the **Rush Town Hall Meeting Room**. Space is limited and registration is required. Books will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Culinary Herbs 101: by Chef Rosita Cridi-Miller, on **Thursday, August 7th from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. Journey through the world of aromatic herbs that you'll see, touch, smell, and taste. Chef Rosita will discuss buying and growing herbs, as well as the proper ways to store them and how to make quick versatile fresh pesto. Please register in advance.



Library Knit Chicks: We have a great group of ladies who crochet and knit all sorts of beautiful creations; we'll be meeting **Saturdays, August 9th & 30th at 10:30 AM**. Join us for coffee & crafting inspiration! New members are always welcome. No need to register.

View Finders: Our photography group will meet on **Wednesday, August 13th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**. August's theme is "Summer Carnivals and Festivals." Bring a total of three photographs on a flash drive or printed 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.

The History of Gardening: The home garden has become an essential part of American life. Join us as we welcome **Jack Kowiak** on **Tuesday, August 19th at 2:00 PM**. We'll examine how gardens have changed throughout history, interesting garden innovations and their inventors, and the worldwide exploration of popular garden plants. Space is limited and registration is required.

Story Time with Miss New York's Outstanding Teen, Cady Ruth Stoeber, Teen Winner for the *Miss American Organization* on **Thursday, August 21st at 2:00 PM**. Cady Ruth, a literacy volunteer and Rush resident, is excited to share a *Fancy Nancy Story Time* with books written by Jane O'Connor. Following the stories, children will be able to decorate their very own crown and hear about Cady Ruth's pageant experiences! Space is limited and registration is required.



Coupon Seminar: Do you want to learn how to save 50% or more on your grocery budget? **Maura White** from *Happy Deal, Happy Day*, will show you how on **Thursday, August 21st at 7:00 PM**. Find the best coupons and store deals without looking in the Sunday flier, and come home with **FREE** items from local stores. Please register in advance for this fun and informative program!

Family Finders: will meet on **Friday, August 22nd at 6:30 PM**. Join Cathy Frank on a search for ancestors on the fourth Friday of each month. Come and get some new leads! Please call to register in advance.

Rush Juggling and Unicycle Club: will meet on **Monday, August 25th from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** outside in the William Udicious Pavilion. This club is for kids ages 10-18. Amaze your friends when you go back to school with this fun hobby, taught by Life Member of the International Juggling Association, **Jack Mould**. Use a different part of your brain for a change! Snacks will be provided. Please register for a spot.



Teddy Bears' Picnic: **Tuesday, August 26th from Noon-1:00 PM**. Children ages 3 and up are invited to bring their favorite bear or cuddly friend plus their lunch and enjoy a teddy bear story time. This program will be held outside in the Gazebo (or inside, in case of rain.) Please register in advance.

Cell Phone Safety Class: for kids ages 7-12 on **Thursday, August 28th from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. Kids, you can learn how to be safe with your cell phone without losing all the enjoyment. Protect yourself by getting all the facts on what to watch out for... only *you* have the power to keep technology useful, safe and fun. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: August's selection is *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty. With her shiny black bob and milky skin, Louise Brooks epitomized silent-film glamour. But in this novel, Brooks is just a precocious and bratty 15-year-old, and our protagonist, 36-year-old Cora Carlisle, has the uneasy mission of keeping the teenager virtuous while on a trip from their native Kansas to New York City.

After a battle of wills, there's a sudden change of destiny for both women, with surprising and poignant results. Join us for discussion & dessert on **Thursdays, August 28th or September 4th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. Space is limited; please call to register.



SEPTEMBER

American Girl Club: resumes on **Tuesday, September 9th from 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM** (and again on **September 16th and 23rd**) for children ages 6-10. In this session we will be reading about **Felicity** from Colonial Williamsburg in 1774. We will also be participating in activities related to the era. This popular program fills quickly; please register in advance. *Note: It is beneficial to sign up for all three sessions to get the most out of the program.*

Alzheimer's Program: Grief and Guilt (2nd in a series) will be held on **Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM**. Explore the stages, causes, and responses to grief for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's disease. Tips for handling guilt are also discussed. Space is limited and registration is required.

View Finders: Our photography group will meet on **Wednesday, September 10th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**. September's theme is "Reflections." Discover the powerful images created from reflected light in water, mirrors, glass or any other reflective surfaces.

Bring a total of three photographs on a flash drive or printed 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.

Drop-In Story Time: will resume on **Thursdays, September 11th 18th and 25th from 11:30 AM – Noon** for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. Join us for fun stories, music, and finger-plays while making new friends! No registration is necessary.

Library Knit Chicks: get a jump start on autumn crafting! We'll meet **Saturdays, September 13th & 27th at 10:30 AM**. Join us for coffee & snacks. New members are always welcome. No need to register.



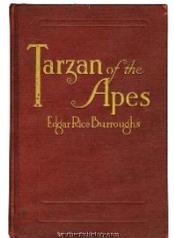
The History of Dreaming: on **Tuesday, September 16th from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**, **Jack Kowiak** will offer us a fun presentation that looks at modern and ancient beliefs on the nature of dreaming, and examines various ideas that still puzzle scientists to this day. Please register in advance. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Social Security Class: Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM. This course will cover what Baby Boomers need to know about Social Security and maximizing income. We will discuss what SS is, how to enroll, survivor benefits, how payout is calculated, and how to determine what is required for each individual. Financial Advisor, **Patrick A. Kelly** will provide a solid overview in an educational setting. Space is limited and registration is required.

Fall Festival Civil War Event: The Library is pleased to collaborate with the Rush Town Historian's Office for a special **Civil War Veteran's Tour at Pine Hill Cemetery on September 20th, from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM, at the close of the Fall Festival.**

Approximately 100 men from Rush served in the Civil War, and 29 are known to be buried in Pine Hill Cemetery. Others are buried in some of the smaller cemeteries around town. This walking tour will visit about a dozen gravesites, some of which are in the old part of the cemetery; please wear sturdy shoes. Space is limited; please call the Library in advance to reserve a spot on the tour!

Rush Readers' Book Club: **Thursday, September 25th and Thursday, October 2nd from 7-9:00 PM.** In honor of the Library's centennial year, this month's selection will be the 1914 classic, **Tarzan of the Apes**, by Edgar Rice Burroughs.



A ship's mutiny forces a young noble English couple onto the African coast where their child is born in the wild. When they both die a short time later, the child is adopted by an ape and raised as her own.

Tarzan has all the features of a hero, but he is an arrogant loner. This novel explores the primal drives that enable our survival. A limited number of free copies will be available with registration. Join us for coffee, dessert and lively conversation.

Family Finders: will meet on **Friday, September 26th at 6:30 PM**. Cathy Frank leads this group of genealogical hobbyists on the fourth Friday of each month. Are you at a road-block in your research? Come and get some new ideas! Please call to register in advance.

18th Century Windsor Chair Presentation:
Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 AM-Noon in the William Udicious Pavilion. We welcome Rush resident and furniture maker, **Dick Knapp**, for a discussion on how this form of furniture was made and its impact on Early America. See several examples of Windsor chairs, including one that is over 200 years old! Marvel at the hand tools used to create these chairs and witness a first-hand demonstration of the original techniques used. Please register in advance. Cider and donuts will be served.



Lecture Series: A Walk with the Founding Fathers: Starting **Tuesday, September 30th from 1-2:30 PM (continuing on October 7th, 14th 21st and 28th.)** Did you ever wonder how the Founding Fathers got their ideas and inspiration? Bring your lunch and join us for a series of fascinating non-partisan video lectures and discussions, led by **Dick Knapp**, on the Founder's Principles of Liberty and the meaning of the Constitution.

Class size is limited and registration is required. A workbook to enhance your experience will be available for purchase, if desired. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.

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 many require so that we can accommodate you and your child.



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

At our June meeting the Lions Club treated us to a chicken and biscuits lunch at the Fire Hall. Ever delicious, this meal was enjoyed by all. A little excitement occurred when the beepers and Fire sirens went off (on cue!) just as Bob Faugh was talking to us about the many false alarms the department receives and advising us to call 911 if having a true emergency.

Conversely, if a false alarm is triggered, call 911 to notify them assistance is NOT needed. Fortunately (?), Bob's point was proven as this call was triggered by dust in an automatic system!



(Rush Seniors Having a Blast at the Rush Firemen's Carnival Parade)

Our July 17th and August 14th meetings will be at the Rush Firemen's Pavilion. The department is providing hotdogs and hamburgers for us.

Brewsters' Ice Cream truck will be coming to the August event. A side dish-to-pass and your own table settings and beverages are requested for these meetings.

On September 11th we will hold our meeting at the Firehouse (social at 11 am, pass-a dish meal at noon, meeting to follow). Our entertainment will be a presentation with live birds from "Wild Wings" (visit www.wildwingsinc.org)

TRAVEL AND EVENTS

In June we 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". The rain dampened the cruise a bit but we were still able to enjoy an upper deck tour. Lunch at the Halloway House was delicious as was a trip to Shark's Ice Cream.

Our July trip was cancelled as we did not meet the minimum number of attendees.

On Thursday August 28th the club will travel to Skaneateles NY for a Mailboat cruise on the lake aboard the "Barbara S. Wiles". Lunch will be at the Sherwood Inn and there will be free time in the village to shop and browse. A wine tasting at the Montezuma Winery rounds out this trip. This trip is very popular and currently full.

Our 2014 extended trip runs 9/14 to 9/19. We are travelling with Bus America to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The trip will take us to Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras, Ocracoke and Roanoke Islands. Possibly full, Shirley will take names for a wait list.

Our October 14th "mystery" trip will not be a mystery after the July meeting. Jim Oliver will disclose our destination and begin sign ups then.

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. For membership information please contact John at 585-533-9203 or any board member.

If you cannot make meetings and want minutes emailed to you contact Barb. Our monthly meeting and trip dates are also posted in the Genesee Valley Pennysaver.

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

FIRE DISTRICT

You are reminded that it is **your responsibility** to have access for emergency equipment onto your property. Our crews have had problems getting in with the ambulance and other equipment due to low branches and bushes, this slows our response and has damaged our vehicles. The lack of visible house numbering also remains a problem, and is violating building codes.

2014 BUDGET: We are in the process of doing next year's budget. It is our goal to keep your tax rate at \$1.12 per thousand.

LED SIGN: We have received three bids for an LED lit sign in front of station one on Rush-Mendon Road. It will be used to inform the town residents of events and in an emergency can give directions and information to town residents. It will be hooked up to the house one emergency generator system. The district has \$15,000 in the 2014 Budget and the Rush Fire Department will donate \$8,000 for this project.

STATION ONE LIGHTS: Larry Kaplan has completed the installation of three 7,000 lumens LED flood lights to light the area in front of the apparatus doors at station one. They have a life of 50,000 hours. This upgrade cost \$ 1,100.

FLOOD LIGHTS: We were so impressed with the 12 volt, 20,000 lumens flood lights on the new pumper 584 that we are adding these brow lights to the front cabs of P582 and P583. Rescue 588 has them already. This will cost around \$3,200.

NEW 584: The truck was put in service and 12 hours later was put to the test pumping over 6,000 gal. of water at a structure fire on Rt 15. Most of the water was for overhaul and keeping dust down as the building was torn down. The truck has a 40 gal. foam cell. The foam we use cost \$40.00 per gallon. Pumper 582 has a 25 gal foam cell. We use 3 gal of universal foam for every 1,000 gal. of water we put on a fire.

NEW BOAT: The fire district purchased a Defender 430 Rigid Hull 14 ft. boat with Evinrude 30 HP motor. The money for this comes from the Fire Chief's new equipment budget.

TRAINING SYSTEM: We have received quotes to install an LCD projector with a sound system in the main meeting room at station one to be used for training and other functions. Rowe Electronics has been given the contract at a cost of \$4,500.

NEW EMT's: Congratulation to Witold Bujak, Vern Wandersleben and Abby O'Neill for completing the NYS 180 hour EMT course. Bob Faugh, Mike Terzo Jr. and Dale Sweet also refreshed their certifications.



NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY: We had two people that shown an interest in this position. We have selected a new secretary and will report on that on the web site www.RushFD.org soon.

Karen Wandersleben will leave us in August and she will be missed. She did a fantastic job for you the residents of Rush. We are sad to report the passing of former District Secretary Ginger Hassett in June.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

NEW MEMBER: Explorer Post member Mike Butler was voted in as a member, pending back ground checks.

ACTIVITY: Your fire department and ambulance has responded to 220 calls as of July 15th.

The Town Supervisor made a comment at the 2014 parade that 1.2% of the town residents volunteer in the fire department and ambulance service are on call to take care of the other 98.8% of the residents.

FUND DRIVE: A special "thank you" to all of the residents that have contributed to our annual fund drive. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support from the 600 that have responded.

We will be sending a second mailing fund drive request in the fall to the 700 residents who have not responded.

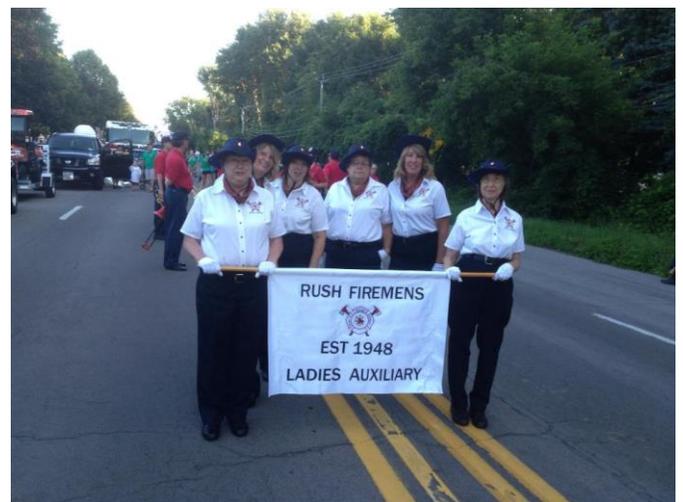
CARNIVAL

The annual Carnival & Parade was held July 10th, 11th and 12th. Both the Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department report it was the most successful carnival they have ever had. The weather was great as was the help we received to put it on.



(2014 Rush Firemen's Carnival)

PARADES: The Rush FD, Ladies Auxiliary, Band and Explorers have attended two Parades (not counting our own) so far this year. They have won numerous prizes at these events. Go the www.RushFD.org and click on Parades on Left side of home page for the complete list.



(Rush Ladies Auxiliary Marching)



RUSH SENIORS PICNICS

The Rush firefighters are providing the hots, hamburgs and rolls for the summer picnics that the senior citizen hold in the fire department's pavilion every summer.

SEPTEMBER FALL FESTIVAL: The FD and Auxiliary will have activities and food at the September 20, 2014 fall festival that will be held at our Firemen's field. Tours of the firehouse and equipment will be available.

CAN YOU BE SEEN? We must remind the joggers and bike riders to **please wear lime-yellow or bright orange.** It is hard to see many of them in black or real dark clothing, you are putting yourselves at an unnecessary risk.



LADIES AUXILIARY

Scholarship Award Winners: The Betty Wilkins' Scholarship Award was created in memory of Grace "Betty" Wilkins for her contributions to the Rush community through her generous volunteer efforts. Awards in the amount of \$1,000 are given each year to one or two high school seniors who are residents of Rush.

The 2014 Wilkins Scholarship Awards recipients are.....

Joshua Cymbal

And

Emmett Spencer

Congratulations to Joshua & Emmett for their hard work! Thank you to our Scholarship Committee for all you do, Joan Madigan, Linda Henry and Deborah David.

KIDDIE PARADE

The 2014 Kiddie Parade was held on Thursday July 10th. This years' theme was "Cowboys, Cowgirls & Indians" The parade was lead with drumming and the children with their kazoo's! Our Judges chose **Princess Lucy Mills** and **Prince Tristan Tallo.**

Thank you to Jim Bucci for directing traffic and to all who helped and attended the parade. It is always a fun sight to see! A special thank you to Lori VanVooris our parade coordinator for such a great job and for the awesome goodie bags that every marcher received!

CARNIVAL

A **HUGE** thank you to all the efforts and help from everyone that pitched in and made the 2014 Carnival a great success. Each year is even better than the last and, without the volunteers; it wouldn't be possible to have such a great event!

SEPTEMBER FALL FESTIVAL

Auxiliary will have their not so normal pancake breakfast and more food at the September 20th, 2014 Fall Festival that will be held at our Firemen's field. Tours of the firehouse and equipment will be available!

WE NEED YOU!!! Ladies Auxiliary will have forms for ladies 18 years of age or older to sign up for the Ladies Auxiliary!

New Members: Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com



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2014 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 7 th
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	No Meeting
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 14 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 14 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 19 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 19 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 13 th , 27 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Town Board Budget Workshops	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 13 th , 20 th
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Other Important Information and Dates

Labor Day	Town Hall, Library, and Court Closed	Monday – 1 st
Fall Festival	Firemen’s Field	Saturday – 20 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.