

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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## Dear Residents:

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. Be glad that we don't live in Buffalo.

Last year I had a number of phone calls concerning the Town and County tax bills. The County announced no tax increases, and we at the Town maintained 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". This year the county has reduced their total tax bill by 2.5%, which is good news for tax payers. See chart 2012-2015.

Levy Description	Tax Rate 2012	Tax Rate 2013	Tax Rate 2014	Tax Rate 2015
County Budget	7.702911	7.656101	7.668032	7.886026
<b>County Services To Towns</b>	<b>.658721</b>	<b>.805068</b>	<b>1.633828</b>	<b>1.181674</b>
Rush Town Taxes	4.388158	4.530007	4.536826	4.536848
Rush Fire District	1.103319	1.103566	1.120008	1.118364
Town Wide Drain	1.041326	1.040750	1.039873	1.037681

This year (2015) the Town of Rush once again maintained its tax rate. Therefore the reduction in the county rate will be passed directly to the taxpayers.

A Rush Town Board member will be available to town residents from 6:00-7:00 PM in the board room before each board meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

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

Warmest Regards.



Richard E. Anderson  
Rush Town Supervisor

## Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

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## DOG LICENSING, OWNERSHIP and YOUR DOG'S BUSINESS

**Dogs four months and older** in the Town must be licensed. Licenses are renewable annually with proof of a current rabies vaccination. The original license is easiest to apply for in person at the Town Clerk's office. Current dog license fees are: **\$9.00 for neutered/spayed and \$18.00 for unneutered/unsprayed.**

All dogs must be on a leash and controlled by the owner at any time that they are more than 8 feet away from the owner and their property. Any destruction or damage caused by a dog is the responsibility of the dog's owner.

It is unlawful for any owner of any dog to permit or allow a dog to commit a nuisance in a public street, public building, public park or on any private property except with the consent of the owner of such property. **Please keep the public sidewalks and town recreation fields unpolluted of your dog's business.**

For dogs at large, or dogs creating a nuisance, please contact Michael Czora, Dog Control Officer at 330-9100.

## 2015 CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM

Forms for the 2015 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 10th.**

Tree pick-up is scheduled for **April 23-24, 9AM - 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 10, 2015.

**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).

**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**

**October**

No Public hearings scheduled.

**November**

Application 2014-04P by Larry Heining, agent for Navaratnam Wijayaharan of the Sri Vidya Temple requesting subdivision and Site Plan approval to construct a proposed 15,100 square foot temple building on the south side of the existing temple complex. Properties are located at 6970 and 6980 East River Road and are zoned Residential-30. [Application was postponed until March 17, 2015.](#)

**December**

Application 2014-5P by Ronald Pearl requesting Subdivision and Site Plan approval to subdivide existing lot into 2 lots. Proposed lot 1 will contain the exiting barn and proposed lot 2 will contain the existing house. Property is located at 500 Woodruff Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

Application 20-14-06P by Larry Heining, agent for Navaratnam Wijayaharan of the Sri Vidya Temple requesting a Special Permit for religious use in a Residential-30 zoning district. [Application was postponed until March 17, 2015.](#)

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**October**

No applications were submitted – Meeting cancelled.

**November**

Application 2014-08Z by Richard Updaw requesting a use variance to screen topsoil for retail sale. Property is located at 7445 West Henrietta Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Public hearing scheduled for December 11, 2014.](#)

**December**

Application 2014-08Z by Richard Updaw requesting a use variance to screen topsoil for retail sale. Property is located at 7445 West Henrietta Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application denied.](#)

**January**

No applications were submitted – Meeting cancelled.

**Historian's Office**

*Submitted by Susan Mee*  
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Thank you to those who have responded with interest to have their old barns included in our upcoming project to document some of the old barns of Rush. Please contact me if you would like to have your barn included. I would like to include photos and information of barns still standing and also those that are no longer here if you have any photos or information on those.

I am continuing to look for old photos and documents on buildings, businesses, people and events of Rush. If you are cleaning out or going through old photo boxes/albums over the cold winter months, and find anything that relates to past Rush, please let me know. The items can be scanned and you can keep your originals. Or, if you would like to donate the item, that would be very welcome, too. These items are incredibly important to helping preserving the history of our town.

**Remembering Bessie Hallock:**

Bessie Hallock was the first historian for the Town of Rush and served from 1944-1969. Bessie was born in 1883 and died in 1986, shortly before her

103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. She did a tremendous job of documenting our town's past. I would like to put together some reminiscences of those who remember Bessie. If you knew Bessie and recall any conversations or have any memories of her that you would like to share, please contact me. You can write your information in a brief story format and send to me or tell me in person.

Bessie has done so much for helping to document and preserve our past, I would like to honor her memory by collecting your thoughts. Any and all information will be appreciated!

Our frigid winter days have made me think about and appreciate, once again, the work our ancestors did in the days prior to electricity. In those days, ice was harvested from the creek and stored in ice houses. It was hard work, performed in cold weather, and dangerous. Workers used special tools to both chop and move the blocks of ice. Once harvested, the ice was then used to help preserve food and meat. The image below shows ice being harvested from the Honeoye Creek Mill Pond and is from the collection of Eleanor Mason DeFreze.



The following excerpts from the Rush Echo Newspaper (<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>) illustrate the importance to the community of harvesting ice in the 1880s.

**Feb 10, 1880**

—The ice on the creek has reached a thickness of twenty-two inches. J. S. Congdon has sawed nearly 200 loads this season and is not done yet.

**Feb 26, 1880**

George Provost drew in about thirty tons of ice, Tuesday afternoon. It was then about five inches thick. This was a happy move, as there is little prospect of any more this season.

**Dec 18, 1880**

—James S. Congdon has been steadily plying the ice-saw on the pond for the past month, cutting out clear solid ice a foot thick, supplying this town and Honeietta. G. W. Provost has built an ice-house in the rear of his meat market. J. S. Congdon has his partly filled.

Thank you – and stay warm!  
Sue

### Assessor's Office

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Some important dates that affect your property taxes:

First is March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; it is called Taxable Status Date. An example as to how this affects your property tax is if vacant land is improved (built on) after this date, it is still considered vacant land for that assessment roll.

Also, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the date that Exemptions are placed on the property.

An example: vacant land has no Agricultural Exemption as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, starts being used for Agricultural purposes, and an Agricultural Exemption is applied for after March 1<sup>st</sup>. No Exemption will be seen on the tax bill until March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Sales Date plays into your Tax bill as well!

Example:

1. Sale Date of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015
2. Seller of the property has no exemptions on file.
3. New owner files for STAR and Veteran's Exemption.

4. New home owner will receive a school bill in 2015 with no STAR Exemption applied. The Exemptions were not filed as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. New home owner will get a Town and County Bill in 2016 (goes out in December 2015, due in 2016) with no Veteran Exemption applied.

**The Tax Bill**

The first Tax bill you get is a **School Bill**, this normally is mailed out in August.

The following Exemptions should be printed on the bill if you applied on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of that year and you qualify for the exemption.

1. STAR Exemption (Adjusted income less than \$500,000.00 for those younger than 65).
2. Enhanced STAR Exemption (Age 65 and adjusted income less than \$83,300.00)
3. Low Income Senior Exemption (Age 65 and **ALL** income of less than limit set by school.)
4. Disability Exemption
5. Agricultural Exemptions.

The next bill you will get is **Town and County** combined. This is normally mailed out in December and due without penalty in February.

The following Exemptions should be printed on the bill if you applied on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of that year and qualify for the exemption.

1. Low Income Senior Exemption (Age 65 and **ALL** income of less than limit set by school.)
2. Agricultural Exemptions.
3. Disability Exemptions.
4. Veteran Exemptions.

**Recreation Department**  
*Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor*  
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*Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 PM*  
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**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.**

**SENIOR MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Town of Rush Men’s Seniors Basketball program for 55 years and older is on 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.

**Dates:** Tuesdays November 4<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Monica Leary Gym  
 5509 East Henrietta Rd Rush  
 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

**LATE WINTERS SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS**

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

This program began on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, but if you would like to participate we can prorate the classes so that you can join in! Call Pat @ 533-2340 if you are interested!

**Dates:** Thursdays January 22<sup>nd</sup>- February 26<sup>th</sup>

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

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

**SPRING AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ**

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor 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 welcome.

**Dates:** Tuesdays March 3<sup>rd</sup>-April 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursdays March 5<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** Resident 1 Day per Week \$30.00  
 Resident 2 Days per Week \$50.00  
 Non-Resident 1 Day per Week \$35.00  
 Non-Resident 2 Days per Week \$55.00

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

## LADIES EQUALIZER AGES 12 AND UP

Designed for women who want to even the odds against an attacker. The Rochester Personal Defense EQUALIZER series class will teach you how to not only avoid a serious situation such as a sexual assault, but how to fight and win. There is no second place. There are no ties. There is only you and the predator and you are the one that should win.

This is not your basic level class. This is a class that will get you to think and react faster and better. The skills taught here will greatly increase your chances against an attacker. Scenario role playing and physical contact with a padded assailant will be worked in throughout the day, leaving you tired, maybe a little sore, but **ENERGIZED** and ready to **EQUALIZE!**

Wear comfortable clothing, no high heels, sandals or hard sole boots, bring lunch and a snack

**Dates:** Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Cost:** Resident \$75.00  
Non-Resident \$80.00

**Location:** William Udicious Pavilion  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## SPRING TUMBLING WITH JERRY

Intermediate and advanced cheerleading tumbling classes being offered for ages 8-16 by Rush resident/Gymnastic World owner Jerry Watskin.

**Dates:** Wednesdays March 4<sup>th</sup>-April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

**Location:** William Udicious Pavilion  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM

## ALLERGY PRESENTATION/ALLERGY ADOCCACY ASSOCIATION

Free informational session that will provide you will evidence based approach to identifying, diagnosing, assessing, and managing anaphylaxis in order to prevent death and severe reactions. Throughout the presentation they will allow time to answer all questions.

**Date:** Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>

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

## TODDLER TUMBLING

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

**Dates:** Mondays April 27<sup>th</sup>- June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
(No class May 25)

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

**Location:** William Udicious Pavilion  
6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

## SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is for Rush children only ages 7-10 years old. The kids will go swimming at Sperry on Mondays from 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM. They will do crafts, fun group activities and outdoor activities. No cost to Rush residents. **Sign up will begin April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Parents have to come into the Town Hall to pick up a packet, complete it, and return it to the Town Hall. Cheryl Rouleau and Becky MacIntyre are the Counselors for the camp.

**Dates:** Mondays and Wednesdays  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Monica Leary School  
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

## 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

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. I am taking reservations for the William Udicious pavilion for 2015. Remember that you can rent the pavilion in 2016 from the exact date in 2015! Thanks.

**Please remember that I update the Recreation website almost weekly and I often add programs that may not be advertised in the bi-monthly newsletter.**

## Library News

Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director  
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Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year!

**Community Seating Project:** Our lovely new seating area is complete, and we came in under budget; this project was fully-financed by donations and fundraisers via our Library Board and our Friends Group, not your tax dollars. We upgraded with an electric fireplace and custom oak surround, added new comfortable chairs and a leather loveseat, and moved our coffee station over too. We invite you to sit by the fire and read the newspapers or socialize with your neighbors; we'll be your home-away-from-home!



**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. The IRS just informed me by email that they **will not be including instruction books at all this year due to budget cuts.** I am not expecting any NYS forms this year, as they were not sent for the last two years. You can download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/> and Federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/> and see the instruction books online, or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (We expect to have a very limited amount of free common forms; printing out unusual forms at the library will cost you 15¢ per page.)

**Support Your Rush Library While Shopping:** A new way to support us with financial gifts throughout the year is through the new **AmazonSmile Program:** <http://smile.amazon.com/> It's a simple and automatic way for you to support us every time you shop, **at no cost to you.** When

you start your shopping at the web site, [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) (instead of Amazon.com) you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, **with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Rush Library** after you've selected us as your favorite charitable organization. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You'll use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. (You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com site to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.) Thanks for your support!

**New Staff:** During your recent visits to the library you may have been greeted by new faces; Erin, Nell, Jackie, and Kelly are our newest staff members, working hard to learn the many procedures necessary to serve you well. Bear with us as we transition our new team members. We've said cheerful farewells to Sue, Elena, Carol, and Lindsay as they have moved on to new adventures in their lives!

Looking forward to seeing you,  
Kirsten Flass

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

### FEBRUARY

**Drop-In-Story Time** for children ages 3-5 accompanied by a caregiver, resumes on **Thursdays, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – Noon.** Children will have fun listening to stories and interacting with their peers. No prior registration is necessary.

**Teen Night Pizza and Brainstorming!** Calling all teens 12-17, help us design the Teen Night experience you want! Join us on **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM** with your thoughts and ideas. Please register in advance so we have enough pizza for everyone. All ideas are welcome!

**Take Your Child to the Library Day** will be on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM-Noon**. Children ages 5 and up are invited to come and sign up for their **very own** library card (when accompanied by a parent or guardian with ID.) We'll share in a fun story time about libraries, which will be read at 10:30 AM and then repeated at 11:00 AM; participants will take home a free "Reading Buddy". Make library visits a habit, and raise a great reader! Please register in advance so that we know how many children to expect.

**View Finders with Elena** Our monthly photography group meets twice per month on **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM** and **Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 PM**; choose a session that works for you. February's theme is **Winter Scenes** and we'll review photographs that depict winter's splendor. Bring three photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and you'll receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. Please register in advance as space is very limited

**Valentine Crafts for Kids** ages 6-10 will take place after school on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM**. Children will be making an **Owl Valentine Holder, a Monster Valentine Ornament, or an I Love You Key Chain**. Children will also decorate a special Valentine cookie to eat. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Alzheimer's Program Family Dynamics and Conflicts** (7<sup>th</sup> in a series) will be held on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Dementia changes family dynamics and can lead to conflict. Explore the importance of family support and involvement, as well as options for intervention. Please register in advance as space is limited.

**Cookbook Club** (along with its culinary delights) returns by popular request on **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 PM**. This month's selection is **The Heart of the Plate** by beloved author and illustrator, Molly Katzen, who helped usher vegetarian cuisine into the mainstream. This cookbook unveils a collection of beautiful, healthy and unfussy dishes. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the circulation desk; you'll choose one recipe from the book, prepare it at home, and bring it to the Library to share with the group. Please register in advance.

**Knit Chicks** Our drop-in fiber crafting club meets up on **the second and last Saturdays** of each month, **February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**. Share

your patterns and experience and make new friends. New members are welcome, coffee and snacks provided.

**Tuesday Matinee** *New for 2015!* Join us for the screening of a movie you may have missed at the theatre. This month's feature is **Hyde Park on Hudson** on **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 PM**. "Bill Murray and Laura Linney star in a historical tale that uniquely explores the all-too-human side of one of history's iconic leaders, blending literate wit and drama. In June 1939, FDR readies to host the King and Queen of England for a weekend at his home in Upstate New York, as Britain faces war with Germany." Bring your lunch if you wish, we will provide popcorn and beverages. Register in advance for a seat.

**Retirement 101 Class** is on **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. With tax season here, this course will cover common mistakes people make regarding their accounts and taxes. You'll learn the basics of retirement accounts, estate planning and what everyone needs to know about taxes. It's taught by **Patrick Kelly**, Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor, and **Dan Matteo**, CPA from Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. Please register in advance.

**Friends of the Rush Library** We'll meet on **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** (note the new time!) to discuss the upcoming community party, GazeboFest, plus other fun events to benefit the library. New members are always welcome, and the time commitment is minimal.

**Knit Along with Trisha** Make a **Cable Neck Warmer** in three sessions: **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-7:45, Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:45 and Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM-Noon**. Whether you know how to cable already, or would like to learn, this pretty neck warmer is a lovely project. Cables add lots of texture and interest without too much work. Before this class, you should already know how to knit, purl, and cast on. You will need 50 yards of yarn with a gauge of 4 to 5 stitches per inch. Please register in advance.

**Lego™ Club** for children ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM**. Come drop by and play with our great collection of Lego! No registration is necessary.

**Crafter's Corner for Adults Make New Mittens from Old Sweaters** on **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 PM**. In this recycling workshop, Mary Ann Clark will show you how to cut and sew

mittens from an old wool sweater. To felt your sweater, *you will need to wash and dry a 100% wool sweater twice on high heat.* Pattern, needles and yarn will be provided. Please bring your felted sweater *and* sharp scissors to complete this great project! Register in advance.

**Rush Readers' Book Club** Celebrate with us as we read our **100<sup>th</sup> Book Club Book!** This month we will be participating in **"If All of Rochester Read the Same Book."** This year's selection is ***The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker***. (The author will be in town in March to discuss her book at several locations.) "On an ordinary Saturday, Julia awakes to discover that something has happened to the rotation of the earth. Days and nights are changed, gravity is affected, and birds, tides and human behavior are thrown into disarray. With the magic of a storyteller, Ms. Walker gives us a breathtaking portrait of people finding ways to go on in an ever-evolving world." **Note:** A limited number of copies are available for sale at the circulation desk. Join us on either **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 PM. Space is limited; please register for a seat in advance.**

**Family Finders** Have you been bitten by the genealogy bug? Join **Cathy Frank** on a search for ancestors, get new leads if you are stumped, or share your success stories! We'll meet on **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please register in advance.

## MARCH

**Teen Night Cooking Class** on **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM** for ages 12-17. Learn how to create delicious Strawberry Chocolate Crepes, and then take home an easy recipe to dazzle your friends and family with a special treat! Please register in advance.

**View Finders with Elena** Our monthly photography group meets on **Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM** and **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 PM**; choose a session that works for you. March's theme is ***Animals in Motion***; use the best shutter speed and/or panning to convey that your subject is moving. Bring three photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and you'll 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.**

**Alzheimer's Program Driving and Dementia** (8<sup>th</sup> in a series) will be held **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at**

**7:00 PM.** Explore how this disease can affect a person's ability to drive, their senses, and reaction times. Learn about local resources for driver evaluations plus strategies for talking about when to stop driving. Please register in advance.

**Drop-in Story Time** continues for our little friends ages 3-5 plus a caregiver, on **Thursdays, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM-Noon.** Stop by and listen to fun stories with a different theme each week. No registration is necessary.

**Open Mic Night** on **Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-10:00 PM.** Looking for affordable amusement on a Friday night? Join us for a fun evening showcasing acoustic local talent for ages 16 and up. Please call the library to sign up for a performance time slot; audience members do not need to register. We'll welcome musicians, comics, and poets, young and old! Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available.

**Library Knit Chicks** We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun! Join us on **Saturdays, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

**Fill Your Glass with the Music of Ireland! TIN DIPPER** (formerly Trivium) will entertain us on **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the ***William Udicious Pavilion***. Gather your friends and neighbors, and join us for the songs, melodies, and poems of Ireland past and present. Josh Greg, Jon Griffin, Marta Driscoll, and Mary Lester perform on fiddle, guitar, concertina, and Irish Harp. Wear your dancing shoes! Refreshments will be served.

**After School Fun St. Patrick's Day Crafts** for kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Children will be able to make a ***Shamrock Wreath*** or a ***Charm Bracelet***, either to keep or give as gifts if they wish! Please register in advance.

**College Assistance Plus** This event on **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** strives to educate you about the college planning process, which should begin soon after your student enters high school. Topics include the complexities of financial aid, ideas to maximize your student's successes, and the importance of college debt minimization. With real life examples, helpful recommendations, and practical search advice, this is a college event not to be missed! Please register in advance.

**Crafters' Corner for Adults** We welcome back **Karen Burke from Stampin' Up!** on **Tuesday,**



**March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** You will create three springtime-themed notecards using rubber stamps. You'll also learn how to heat emboss, dry emboss, use punches with coordinating stamps, create die cuts, and use embellishments. All materials will be provided. **There is a \$5.00 materials fee for this class.** Space is limited, so please register in advance.

**Rush Readers' Book Club** This month's selection will be ***Orphan Train: A Novel*** by Christina Baker Kline. "Between 1854 and 1920, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck." Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, this is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience. Join us for dessert & discussion on either **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

**Family Finders** Our genealogy club will meet again on **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Come and learn more about this fascinating hobby with **Cathy Frank!**

**Medicare Planning for Boomers** On **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM,** **Patrick Kelly** from Merrill Lynch will give an overview on the complexities of Medicare. He will address the use of private insurance to cover medical expenses not covered by Medicare (also known as Medigap coverage.) Learn about the challenges that long-term care expenses can have on one's assets, and the various types of long-term care insurance available to protect them. Please register in advance.

**Looking Ahead to April:**

**Book Talk** Learn about ***The Rose and the Thorn,*** a new book by local resident **Jean Yawman** on **Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion. In this book Ms. Yawman traces the ancient beliefs of mankind.

**Alzheimer's Program Role Changes and Transitions** (8<sup>th</sup> in a series) **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

**CSA Harvest Share Program** on **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** An informational program about Community-Supported Agriculture programs available locally.

**We welcome your ideas for programs and your feedback.** Call or email the library director anytime: [kflass@libraryweb.org](mailto:kflass@libraryweb.org)

We celebrated the holiday season, on December 11<sup>th</sup>, with a buffet lunch at the Mendon Golf Club, 226 Mendon-Ionia Rd. Our entertainment featured a barbershop quartet named "Ra-cha-cha" from the Chorus of the Genesee. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas carols and got to sing along with a few.

Besides partying, we elected our officers for 2015.

**President**

Linda Price

**Vice President**

Bev Rumsey

**Treasurer**

Alice Hoh

**Secretary**

Chris Miller

**We all wish them a great new year!**

On January 8<sup>th</sup> we had our first meeting for 2015. We voted for the extended trip we wanted to take this year. The Smoky Mountains Adventure took the most votes! This trip includes Biltmore, Asheville, Pigeon Forge, & Smoky Mountains National Park. The trip is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Contact Jim Oliver at 585-533-1607 for more details.

Our February meeting will be on February 12<sup>th</sup>. One of our talented members, George Aparicio, will entertain us with his rendition of "Name That Tune". Please plan on attending.

At our March meeting, on March 12<sup>th</sup>, we are scheduled to again feature the Sperry Singers. We look forward to hosting these talented young performers.

**TRAVEL & EVENTS**

On December 4<sup>th</sup> we participated in "Country Gospel and Christmas Fun". This trip included lunch at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, NY and then on to the historic Ohmann Theatre in Lyons, NY. Featured were Gospel renditions by Lulu Roman and The Western New York All-Stars with favorites from the 60's & 70's.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, the Rush Seniors will visit the Mendon Players for their production entitled "Grins Tunes & Hookworms Rooms". Held at the Father Snackey Center, this is always a lively and entertaining event.

Each year Rush Seniors plan monthly day trips and one extended trip. The schedule will be available soon. Contact Jim or Shirley Oliver (585-533-1607) for further information. You don't have to belong to Rush Seniors to go on these trips. They are open to all depending on available spaces.

The Rush Senior Citizens meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. We usually, have a pot luck lunch. Bring your own place setting and a dish to pass. All Rush residents (or Rush Taxpayers) age 55 or older are welcome to join.

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

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**RUSH FIRE DISTRICT**

Rush Fire District organizational meeting was held January 2nd, 2015. Officers are:

**Chairman**

Bob Faugh

**Vice Chairman**

Larry Meston

**Secretary**

Colleen Statskey

**Treasurer**

Robert Kuhls

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 remains our attorney.

The Fire Department Chiefs nominations were approved at the December commissioners meeting. They are: Chief James Bucci, Asst. Chief Jacke Vogt, and Asst. Chief Jim McNeil.

Fire Chief Jim Bucci gave a report on Fire Department activities for 2014. We responded to 387 calls, 237 were for EMS or MVA's. (Detailed report in March newsletter) The FD has 47 active members. 14 are EMTs.

We had no serious fires in the district for 2014 and we credit this to the residents of the Rush Fire District, keep up the good work.

The fire district 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 continue to have problems with automatic fire alarms, if yours goes off **CALL 911** and tell them what is going on. Lack of house numbers and access to some homes is also a problem and will slow our response to your emergency.

The new LED message sign in front of Station 1 is working out fine.

**RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**PLEASE slowdown 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 2015 are:

**President**

Beth Faugh

**Vice President**

Brian Bischooping

**Secretary**

Andy Socola

**Assistant Secretary**

Adam Hahnel

**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

The firefighters held the annual Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party at station one in December. This is to thank them for all their hard work during the year, 24 auxiliary members attended.

**Congratulations** to Rush Firefighter Patrick Frediani for graduating from Henrietta FD Firefighter 1 class and receiving the Achievement Award for this session. This award is given by the instructors for the recruit who displays the highest level of dedication and commitment to the educational requirement and skill sets in the class).

Wayne Burdett has moved from active membership to social status. Wayne has been a very active firefighter, served on too many committees to list and always was there when any work needed to be done. He is real asset to the department. In 2000 he received the department "distinguished service" award.

### LADIES AUXILIARY

The Rush Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 2014 and invite you back to share in all our events in 2015!

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 2014 and welcome in the Officers for 2015.

Officers for 2015 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 12<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 8<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, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to **YOUR** Schools Counseling Center.

**CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER:** The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual Chicken and Biscuits Dinner on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 2:00 pm until 6:00 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.

**Join the Easter Bunny!!** For an Easter Egg Hunt at the Rush Fireman's Field on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 starting at 1:00 pm. Rush Residents ages 0 to 8 are welcomed to come and hunt for eggs! Perhaps you will be the lucky person who finds the silver or gold coin and receive a special prize! Treats for all the Kids! Snacks and fun for everyone that attends!

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining the Rush Ladies Auxiliary should 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)

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**FEBRUARY** 2015 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 12 <sup>th</sup>
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 12 <sup>th</sup>
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 17 <sup>th</sup>
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 17 <sup>th</sup>
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>

*Other Important Information and Dates*

Groundhog Day		Monday – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Valentine’s Day		Saturday – 14 <sup>th</sup>
President’s Day		Monday – 16 <sup>th</sup>



**MARCH** 2015 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>
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*Other Important Information and Dates*

Daylight Savings		Sunday – 8 <sup>th</sup>
Saint Patrick’s Day		Tuesday – 17 <sup>th</sup>
First Day of Spring		Friday – 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.