

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall colors!

Susan Knight is my new Supervisor's Secretary at the Town Hall. Susan grew up in Honeoye Falls and now resides in Ionia with her husband Dave, daughter Jessie and son Michael. Please stop by and meet Sue!

The tentative budget for 2016 has been filed with the Town Clerk and is being reviewed by the Town Board. There are no concerns with the New York State 2% Property Tax Cap. The next step in the budget process is to produce the preliminary budget and schedule a public hearing in October.

In August I was invited to attend the Sixth Annual Legacy Luncheon at the Industry Residential Center. The President of the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School gave an incredibly inspiring speech about the second chance that the administration, staff, teachers, Board of Visitors and volunteers provide for the boys at the center and he encouraged the boys to take every advantage of this opportunity.

Later that month I participated in a tour of the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Campus during one of the Camp Haccamo weeks. I was very impressed with the new fully-accessible treehouse built for campers of all ages and abilities and the new Sensory Stimulation Building.

I am appreciative that both of these organizations that provide valuable services to youth and young adults are located in our town.

Please see the Town of Rush Website at www.townofrush.com for the Town Board agendas and meeting minutes.

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

Please contact me if you have any suggestions, concerns or questions about the town. I look forward to seeing you!



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

SCHOOL TAX BILLS and HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY

If you haven't received your tax bill, please contact my office. The following is a How To in obtaining a copy of your tax bill from the Internet. If you do not have access to a computer or have no success, please call us and we will be happy to provide a duplicate to you.

Go to www.monroecounty.gov

- Click View/Pay Property Taxes from side column
- Click ✓ Agree
- Fill in a blank area with information; less is more
- Click on Green tab Pay Property Tax
- Click on underlined Tax Bill information across the top margin
- Print

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3rd

All Rush Voting Districts will be voting at the Rush United Methodist Church, 6200 Rush-Lima Road, Rush, New York 14543. Polls will be open from 6 AM until 9 PM to accommodate your schedules.

If you are not going to be in town on Election Day and would like to cast your vote, please read carefully the following:

Absentee Ballot Applications: **October 28** is the last day to postmark a Ballot Applications or Letter of Application for the General Election. If you are delivering your Ballot Application personally, it must be delivered to the Board of Elections by November 2.

Ballot Itself: **November 3** – Last day to submit your Ballot personally to the Board of Elections by close of polls.

November 2 – Last day to postmark your Election Ballot. It must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than **November 10th**.

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 and appearances before the ZBA and PB.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

JULY 9, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2015-01Z by Robert and Cynthia Tinney requesting a rear setback variance for an in-ground pool. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 4 Boulder Creek Drive and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was withdrawn and meeting cancelled.](#)

AUGUST 13, 2015

WORKSHOP:

Application 2015-02Z by Charlie & Patricia Hunt requesting a front setback variance for a garage addition to the existing garage located at 20 Delia Trail. The proposed location does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located in an R-30 zoning district. [Applicants did not appear.](#)

Application 2015-03Z by Steven Tomanovich requesting two front setback variances and a side setback variance for a proposed garage. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 6101 East Henrietta Road and is zoned commercial. [Public Hearing scheduled for September 10, 2015.](#)

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2015-03Z by Steven Tomanovich requesting two front setback variances and a side setback variance for a proposed garage. The proposed location does not comply with 120-18 and 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 6101 East Henrietta Road and is zoned commercial.

WORKSHOP:

Application 2015-02Z by Charlie & Patricia Hunt requesting a front setback variance for a garage addition to the existing garage located at 20 Delia Trail. The proposed location does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town Code. Property is zoned Residential-30.

Application 2015-04Z by Karl Holtz requesting a side setback variance for a shed. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 6841 East River Road and is zoned Residential-30.

PLANNING BOARD

July 21, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2015-10P by Loel Turpin requesting a Special Permit to operate a dog boarding facility in an existing outbuilding. Property is located at 474 Works Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was denied.](#)

August 18, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2015-11P by David Matt of Schultz Associates, agent for Yoruk Development, LLC, requesting Subdivision and Site Plan approval to subdivide an existing 19.9 acre parcel into 5 lots. A single family dwelling is proposed for each lot. Property is located on Rush Henrietta Town Line Road, 2033 feet west of Middle Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was tabled.](#)

Application 2015-12P by Vanguard Engineering, agent for Stacy Phillips, requesting Subdivision and Site Plan approval to subdivide an existing 49 acre parcel into 2 lots. Proposed lot 1 is 44 acres and will contain an existing house and remaining lands. Proposed lot 2 will contain 5 acres with a proposed single family dwelling. Property is located at 349 Five Points Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

Application 2015-13P by Welch & O'Donoghue, agent for Bruce Howlett, requesting Subdivision approval to subdivide an existing 153 acre parcel into 3 lots. Proposed lot 1 is 2 acres and will contain the existing house and outbuildings. Proposed lot 2 is 19 acres and will contain the existing woods for recreational use. Proposed lot 3 will contain 132 acres of the remaining lands. There is no development planned. Property is located at 7174 East River Road and is zoned Residential-20. [The Public Hearing for Application 2015-13P was cancelled. It was processed as an administrative lot line adjustment.](#)

INFORMAL:

Nicola Montanaro, agent for Charles Heisig, to discuss a potential subdivision and a new single family home at property located at 1 Chapman Road.

Ben Sufirin of SunEdison to discuss SunEdison's pursuit of its solar installation initiative in the Town of Rush.

September 15, 2015

TABLED APPLICATION:

Application 2015-11P by David Matt of Schultz Associates, agent for Yoruk Development, LLC, requesting Subdivision and Site Plan approval to subdivide an existing 19.9 acre parcel into 5 lots. A single family dwelling is proposed for each lot. Property

is located on Rush Henrietta Town Line Road, 2033 feet west of Middle Road and is zoned Residential-30.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2015-14P by Glenn Thornton of Thornton Engineering, agent for Elizabeth Heisig, requesting Subdivision and Site Plan approval to subdivide 10.876 acres from parcels located at 1 and 4 Chapman Road for construction of a single family dwelling. Property is zoned Residential-30.

HOLIDAYS – TOWN HALL CLOSED

The Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day. We will also be closed on November 11th, Veteran's Day, and November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Assessor's Office
Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
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533-2330
Dan@townofrush.com
Laurene Hofmann, Assessor's Clerk
Mon.-Wed. 8:30AM-12:30PM
Thurs. 12:30-4:30PM
Laurene@townofrush.com
Phone: 533-2330

Note from the Assessor's Office:

All exemption paperwork for Agricultural Exemptions, Disability Exemptions, Non-Profit Exemptions and Enhanced Star Exemptions has been mailed. Please return these to our office by email, mail or by stopping by at your earliest convenience. These exemptions **MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY**. If you are 65 and over and think you may qualify for an Enhanced Star Exemption please stop by our office during office hours to inquire or call 533-2330 and ask for Laurene. All exemptions are due to our office by March 1st of 2016. You can check to see your exemption has been processed by reviewing the tentative roll in the spring.

As a Reminder, please refer to the above change in office hours.

Please make an appointment ahead of time if you need to speak with the Assessor and you are not just dropping off paperwork. Thank you!

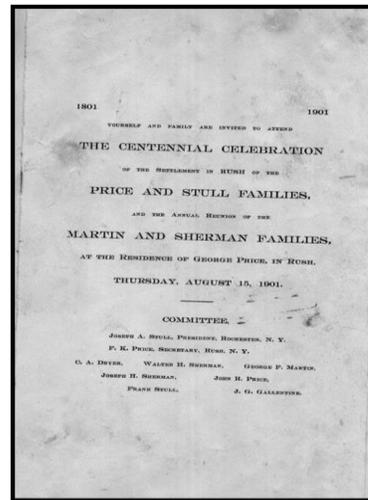
Historian's Office
Submitted by Susan Mee
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Phone: 533-1312
Sue@townofrush.com

It seems summer is often the season for reunions. Many of us have likely attended a family reunion or class

reunion in the past. There is a family reunion that takes place in Rush each year that has been an annual event since 1901. The Price, Stull, Martin and Sherman annual family reunion was September 27th this year. The year 2015 marked the 114th reunion for the descendants of these early Rush settlers. There was only one year, during World War II, when the reunion did not take place.

In July of 1900, approximately 75 family members gathered informally at the Price homestead on Rush-Scottsville Road and formed the *Price, Martin, Stull and Sherman Pioneer Association*. The purpose of the Association was to recognize their ancestor's arrival and heritage in Rush and to plan an annual reunion. The first reunion took place on August 15, 1901 and celebrated the centennial anniversary of their ancestors arrival in Rush.

Over the years, elected committee members have organized the annual reunion event consisting of a meal and planned activities. The numbers of attendees from each family are recorded and past traditions included the awarding of a loving cup to the family with the largest attendance. Histories of each of the families have been recorded and published in past years to help ensure that the information is passed along to future generations.



Invitation for the first annual Price, Stull, Martin and Sherman families, 1901.

Descendants have now spread out well beyond the Town of Rush and attendees now often come from near and far. Below is a family photo taken in the early 1920s and held at the Martin homestead at 5433 East Henrietta Road in Rush.



As summer comes to a close, many of us are harvesting the rewards of our summer gardens. The following items appeared in the September 25, 1880 issue of the Rush Echo.

"C.L. Hayes has a large force at work in his cucumbers. He keeps a man on the road, selling three thousand per day".
And, "The dried apple business seems to be flourishing. Charles Clapp and Jacob Green of North Rush are running a large drier, heated by a furnace, which dries seventy-five bushels per day".

Political Activism, 1880: One last find from the October 9, 1880 issue of the *Rush Echo* Newspaper, is a reference to the Greenback Labor political party. The Greenback party was active from 1874-84 and was primarily supported by farmers. The Greenback platform included expanding the currency and not retiring the greenbacks that were created to help fund the Union in the Civil War. The Greenback party wanted to keep the Greenback paper currency in circulation even though it was printed without the backing of gold reserves. Those in opposition felt this would lead to increased inflation. The Greenback party also supported women's suffrage and labor law reform.

"The Greenbackers of Rush are preparing for an extensive demonstration at the Village Hall on Wednesday evening next. The meeting will be addressed by James Wright of Elmira. A torch-light procession will form at 7 o'clock, and march through the village. Music will be furnished by the Lima cornet band".

The Rush barns project is continuing and I am making progress on photographing our barns. Jon Dickason, of East River Road, has generously offered to assist in taking photos. If you are contacted by Jon to photograph your barn, please know we are working on the same project!

Wishing everyone a great Fall season!
~Sue

Recreation Department

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

FALL FESTIVAL

This year's festival was held on September 19th and was very successful. We had a record number of vendors and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for supporting us by renting a space to sell their goods.

There were some amazing vendors with unique and creative items and others with edible, tasty treats. If you haven't come out to this annual event, try to come out next year. You can find some interesting gift items for all of the people on your holiday gift list. It pays to shop early and think ahead!!

COLORING CONTEST

One successful contest this year was the Coloring Contest which was open to all students at the Monica Leary Elementary School prior to the festival date. We received close to 150 entries this year and the judging of this Contest was very difficult. There are a huge number of gifted artists at Leary.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of the students who worked so hard on this coloring project. A special thank you to **Cindy Raymond**, a local artist, for creating the coloring sheet for the contest.

Please check our website for the winners of the Coloring Contest, Adult Bake Off, Youth Bake Off and Pie Eating Contest!
www.townofrush.com

These much anticipated contests were very exciting this year!

TOWN OF RUSH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2015 FALL 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.

8 Week Program

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30PM

October 7th-November 25th

\$150.00 Rush resident

\$155.00 non-Rush residents

All Classes will be held at the Rush Pavilion located behind the Rush Town hall.

2015 FALL-WINTER LIL NINJAS MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING

Beginner martial arts lessons for kids ages 4-6. Classes are taught by 5th degree Black Belt and Chief Instructor of New Era Martial Arts in Henrietta, Sensei Joe. He brings his 15+ years of teaching experience to deliver exciting and dynamic classes focusing on building up the kids major, and fine motor skills, along with balance, conditioning and group interaction while instilling the respect discipline and control for which martial arts is known.

7 Week Program

November 2nd-December 14th

Mondays 6:00-6:30PM

\$100.00 Rush resident

\$120.00 non-Rush residents

All Classes will be held at the Rush Pavilion located behind the Rush Town Hall.

2015 FALL-WINTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONS MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING

Beginner martial arts lessons for kids ages 7-teen. Classes are taught by 5th degree Black Belt and Chief Instructor of New Era Martial Arts in Henrietta Sensei Joe. He brings his 15+ years of teaching experience to deliver exciting and dynamic classes teaching martial arts fundamentals, blocks, kicks and punches while improving focus, discipline, and listening skills.

7 Week Program
November 2nd-December 14th
Mondays 6:45-7:30PM
\$100.00 Rush resident
\$120.00 non-Rush residents

All Classes will be held at the Rush Pavilion located behind the Rush Town hall.

WINTER AEROBICS 6 WEEK CLASSES WITH VICKIE MENZ

Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering a fall 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 4 lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome.

Tuesdays 6:15-7:15PM
11/3/15 - 12/15/15 (no class 11/24)
Thursdays 6:15-7:15PM
11/5/15-12/17/15 (no class 11/26)

Cost:
1 Day/Week:
\$20.00 Resident
\$24.00 Non-resident
2 days/Week:
\$33.00 Resident
\$37.00 Non-resident

SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 years and older will be starting on November 3RD 2015 through April 12TH 2016 (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.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

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

The camp will be on Thursdays January 7th 2016 –March 3rd 2016 from 6:00PM-7:30PM (No camp 2/18/16). The cost will be \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non- residents. Come and learn more about a great fun filled team sport!

You can download any of the applications from any of the Recreation Programs from our website at www.townofrush.com under the Recreation tab and send it into the Rush Town Clerks office. For further questions please call Patricia at 533-2340.

In future newsletters you will see, additional aerobics classes, exercise classes, toddler programs and the basketball program in the spring!

WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION

You can now book reservations into 2016 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 (Sept. – May)
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www.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

Congratulations to our Summer Readers! You were an enthusiastic crew who read over one thousand books in a month and logged them all for prizes- well done! (This means that you kids were more prepared to go back to school than the average student; keep up the good work!) Thanks go out to my staff and volunteers who step up every year to the challenge of a nearly 30% increase in patrons and circulation count during the summer months- your hard work is appreciated. And thanks again to our local businesses for supporting our readers with prizes.

Silent Auction: Our biggest fundraiser of the year begins **October 1st**, sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library. Come in and register for a bid number, then enjoy the excitement of bidding on a variety of goods, services, art and collectibles all month long. Great deals abound! **Winners will be announced Monday, November 2nd**, join us at the **Auction Wrap-Up Party starting at 6:30 PM**; have dessert and coffee after you pay for your winning bids. **The proceeds**

support our Reading Garden, our Summer Concert Series, plus additional projects and programs inside the Library but outside of our operating budget. Thanks for your support.

Community Survey: There is still time to take our survey! There is a link to the online version on the home page of our web site (RushLibrary.org) or stop at the Library or the Town Clerk's Office for a paper copy. Your feedback will help us plan for the future.

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**.

Are you an E-Bay Seller? The Friends of the Library are seeking a volunteer to help sell collectors' items online from time-to-time. If you have this type of experience and are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please stop by and ask for Kirsten.

Reading Garden: A special thank you goes out to our volunteers, **Kathy Lewis, Pat Kraus, Ann McMican, and Sean, Patrick & Jen Murray** for maintaining our lovely garden this summer!

Fall Closed Dates: We'll be **open** on **Columbus Day, October 12th**. We will be **closed** for **Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th**. Enjoy your family time!

Looking forward to seeing you... Kirsten

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

OCTOBER EVENTS:

Drop-In Story Time: for children ages 3-5 (with a caregiver) on **Thursdays, October 8th, 15th, and 29th from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Kids, make new friends while listening to fun stories with a different theme each week. No registration necessary.

Cook Book Club: Join us on **Thursday, October 8th at 6:30 PM** for a fun culinary experience! Choose a recipe from ***The Pioneer Woman Cooks***, by TV personality Ree Drummond, who "lives on a farm out in the middle of nowhere". Please bring in your dish (prepared at home) and share it along with your experience in creating it. Space is limited and registration is required. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Library Knit Chicks: Cooler weather means a return to warm fiber fun; we'll be meeting **Saturdays, October**

10th & 31st at 10:30 AM. Join us for coffee & crafting inspiration! New members are always welcome. No need to register.

View Finders: Our lively photography group will meet on **Monday, October 12th from 2:30-4:30 PM AND Wednesday, October 14th from 7-9:00 PM**. 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. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Please register in advance.

Downton Days: will continue with Season IV on **Tuesdays, October 13th, 20th and 27th from 1-3:00 PM**. Bring your lunch and catch up (or jump in) on one of the most popular PBS series in history. Please register for a seat.

Travelogue: Exploring British Columbia with Christine Simons on **Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 PM**. Tour the Pacific Northwest during the fall. You will travel up the coast of Washington to Olympic National Park, take the ferry to Victoria Island, board another ferry for the city of Vancouver, and on your last stop, enjoy the city of Seattle. Refreshments will be served. Please register in advance.

Teen Night: for ages 10 and up on **Friday, October 16th from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Join Erin and learn how to Doodle a light bulb to create a shadowy atmosphere in your room! Sharpies, light bulbs and cookies will be provided. A sample of this craft will be on display. Register in advance.

Happy Birthday Batman! Kids ages 6-10 are invited to join us on **Tuesday, October 20th from 3:45-4:30 PM** to celebrate with birthday cake, a short story, and a fun craft... just in time for Halloween. Please register in advance.

Alzheimer's Program: Being a Healthy Caregiver (second in a series) on **Tuesday October 20th at 7:00 PM**. Caring for a person with dementia can be rewarding, but also physically and emotionally demanding. Learn strategies to help keep yourself strong and well as you take on the challenges of caregiving. Please register in advance.

Family Finders: As you start your genealogy search, come meet others who share your hobby. Join Cathy Frank a week earlier this month on **Friday, October 16th, at 6:30 PM** for a little guidance, along with coffee and dessert. Please call to register in advance (we need at least 3 participants to hold this program, so bring a friend!)

Medicare Program for Boomers: Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 PM. This class will deal with the

complexities of Medicare and will address the usage 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 someone's assets and the various types of insurance available to protect them. This program will be presented by **Patrick Kelly**, Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor. Please register in advance.

Movie Matinee for Kids: Come watch Jim Henson's *Spookypalooza*. It's for kids ages 5 and up on **Tuesday, October 27th from 3:30-4:30 PM**. "It's the time of year when all the Doozers get together to spook each other! The Pod Squad makes the spookiest pumpkin ever made by stacking pumpkins together. When their new invention starts rolling around town, the Doozers have to find a way to reign in their creation." Please register in advance for a seat and a treat!

Aspiring Authors Group: This new program begins on **Wednesday, October 28th from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Whether you are a published author or a newbie just starting to hone your craft, this is a way to find support and advice from other writers and to stay motivated. Join published author, Jackie Battisti, and please bring five double-spaced pages of your craft (and a few copies to share) for feedback. All genres of writing are welcome. *Diversity* and *respect* are of utmost importance. Please register in advance, as space is limited.

Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection will be *Emma* by Jane Austen. "An English heiress busies herself with finding a suitable husband for her friend, setting off an entertaining sequence of comic mishaps and misunderstanding in this sparkling comedy of English-village romance. Beneath its considerable wit, the novel is also the story of a young woman's progress toward self-understanding." Join us on **Thursday, October 29th and Thursday, November 5th from 7-9:00 PM** for coffee and great discussion. Space is limited, please register in advance.

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Auction Wrap-up Party: **Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM** join us for coffee and dessert as we wrap up our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Drop-In Story Time: For children **ages 3-5** (with a caregiver) on **Thursdays, November 5th, 12th and 19th from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Introduce your child to the wonder of books by attending a Story Time created especially for them! No prior registration is required.

Make it & Take it Craft: For children ages 8-12 on **Saturday, November 7th from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**. Children will participate in a Native American bead project with **Carole West** from the History Center in Tompkins County. They'll learn about the history of the

Haudenosanee Native Americans and see authentic examples of beadwork from the History Center's collection. They will make a beaded pouch to keep or to give as a gift. *Children should already be able to use a needle and thread*. Space is limited, and you must register in advance. A sample of this craft will be on display.

View Finders: Our monthly photography group will meet on **Monday, November 9th from 2:30-4:30 PM AND Wednesday, November 11th from 7-9:00 PM**. 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. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Please register in advance.

Quality of Life in Retirement: On **Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM** this class will cover the complexities that new retirees face when transitioning into retirement. We'll discuss life style, money management, and the different options available to this group. Presented by **Patrick Kelly**, Merrill Lynch, Financial Advisor. Please register in advance.

Crafters Corner for Adults: Learn the art of *Needle Felting* on **Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 PM**. This class is for beginners or seasoned enthusiasts. Come craft a fall decoration, a pin to wear, or a holiday ornament. All materials will be provided. Please register in advance. A sampling of this craft will be on display.

Teen Night: For ages 10 and up, with Erin on **Friday, November 13th from 6:30-7:30**. Come and be crafty-create pins, earrings, or locker magnets with Sharpies, colored pencils and Shrinky Dink material. Cookies will be provided to sustain creative energy! Please register in advance.

Library Knit Chicks: are you hand-making holiday gifts? Come show us your talents this month on two **Saturdays: November 14th and 28th at 10:30 AM**. Join us for coffee & snacks. New members are always welcome. No need to register.

How Ordinary People Can Change the World! This program is for children ages 6-10 and will be held on **Tuesdays, November 17th and 24th from 3:45-4:30 PM**. On **November 17th** we will learn about aviator, *Amelia Earhart*, a girl who loved adventure and was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, proving that women can soar just as high as men! Children will also participate in a related craft activity. Please register in advance.

Alzheimer's Program: Caregiving at the Holidays (third in a series) on **Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 PM**. Caregiving and holidays can be a stressful combination. This class will explore strategies for making the most of these special occasions for families and their loved ones with Alzheimer's. Please register in advance.

Stampin-Up! Get ready for the holidays with **Karen Burke** on **Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM**. You will create ten hand-stamped, fancy Christmas tags using lots of embellishments including glitter, die cut shapes, and foil snowflakes, plus lace trim, twine, sequins, and more! All supplies and instruction are included; please register in advance. Note: There is \$5.00 materials fee for this class, payable the evening of the class.

Family Finders: will meet a week early this month on **Friday, November 20th at 6:30 PM**. Join Cathy Frank on a search for ancestors, get new leads if you are stumped, or share your success stories. Please register in advance.

How Ordinary People Can Change the World! For children ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, November 24th from 3:45-4:30 PM**. We'll look at the boyhood world of African American baseball legend, **Jackie Robinson**. Jackie always loved sports, but he wasn't allowed to play on the best teams because of his skin color. Learn how he made it onto a major-league team and how he helped pave the way to equality in all sports. Children will also participate in a related craft activity. Please register in advance.

Aspiring Authors Group: This is the night before Thanksgiving so we have the night off, but keep on writing because we'll meet again on **December 30th**.

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER:

Teen Night: Gingerbread Party! Friday, December 11th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Gingerbread House Workshop: Annual Event for Children on **Saturday, December 12th**.

Thank-You to the following Summer Reading Sponsors: Montesano's Pizzeria, Colby's Ice Cream, Rush 7-Eleven, Dipper Dan, Minnehan's Fun Center, Seneca Park Zoo Society, Strong Museum of Play, Rochester Museum and Science Center, Genesee Country Village Museum, Sea Breeze, Wendy's, Bruegger's, Taco Bell, Applebee's and Golden Corral.

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

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058, www.rushfd.org*

FIRE DISTRICT: There will be a Fire District Public Budget hearing at Fire Station #1 - 1971 Rush-Mendon Road, on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 PM. This hearing and date is set by NYS Law.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION: The Rush Fire District was the subject of an article in FIRE APPARATUS NEWS a national publication sent to every FD in the USA and Canada. They reported on our positive results of using a consultant on the purchase of our last pumper 584 specifically. How much money was saved and how much easier it was to communicate with the vendors. Several of the commissioners and vendors were quoted in the article.

ACCESS & HOUSE NUMBERS: We are still having serious problems with access into some properties and not being able to find homes in emergencies. **Not only is this against the state and local codes but it could cost you your life.** We are not going to damage our expensive equipment because you have not taken care of an access problem.

ANNUAL BUDGET: The purposed 2016 fire district budget will be approved at the September meeting. **The tax rate will remain at \$1.117 per thousand. Last Year it was \$1.118.** The estimated money collected from taxes for 2016 is \$341,000 We have kept this rate by reducing money into the capitol reserve accounts and cutting back in other areas where we could. We also are under the 2% cap requirement. This includes money into reserve funds for new large apparatus, radio system replacement, major repairs on the property and other major maintenance.

WHY THIS LOWER RATE? We have this lower rate because of the generous contributions made to the Rush Fire Department Inc. Fund Drive by the residents of Rush and Carnival profit. The amount per resident donated is not matched anywhere in Western NY. The ambulance, heavy duty rescue truck, 4WD Utility truck, boat/trailer and ATV are purchased with fund drive money. In 2010 a \$440,000 Rescue Truck was purchased by the Rush Fire Department Inc. Only \$35,000 of tax payer money went towards this truck. In 2012 a \$130,000 Ford ambulance was purchased by the Rush Fire Department Inc. A new ATV and trailer were purchased for \$15,000, tracks for \$7,000 and a new boat trailer. All this was then donated to the Rush Fire District. That saved the taxpayers \$570,000. These vehicles and equipment on them are worth over 1.5 million dollars!

DISTRICT OPERATION COST: Our insurance cost for apparatus, buildings and workman's compensation (VFBL) for 2016 will be \$75,000. We have been informed that our VFBL (Workman's Comp) has an 11% increase of \$3,600. Our utility bills, vehicle fuel costs are \$40,000. Maintenance on apparatus, oil, filter, lube, brake adjustments, pump test and service amount to \$22,000. Required testing of related systems and equipment (SCBA, hose, ladders, gas meters and "Hurst" tool) is \$10,000. Physicals and shots for our members is \$10,000.

The computer aided dispatch and alerting systems along with computer equipment is \$20,000. The state mandated audits and required financial advisors, attorney fees and contracted services cost us \$20,000. Cleaning of station one and two part time employees (Secretary & Treasurer) is \$8,500. We have to replace 12 Air Tanks at \$1,000 each. We have to replace outdated turnout gear and other related equipment that will cost \$40,000. \$15,000 will go into the building and truck reserve accounts.

PERSONNEL COSTS: Thanks to a 100% volunteer response force of the Rush Fire Department the personnel cost to protect you and respond to your emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week will remain the same - ZERO!

FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: Any resident can run for fire commissioner position. This is a volunteer position with a five year term. A petition is required with 25 Rush tax payers signatures. The election is held the first Tuesday in December at the main fire station.

PUMPER 583 AT WEST RUSH STATION: This unit was refurbished at Hawk Frame and Axle in August, the rear body was completely painted. We are up grading the flood lights, hose bed lights and warning lights. The deck gun is being replaced. \$8,500 of the cost came from 2015's budget. The rest will cost around \$5,000. This 1992 Pierce custom pumper tanker is in excellent shape. A replacement would cost more than \$450,000 and have all kinds of computers on the pump and EPA mandated stuff on the engine. This unit has none of that. Everyone reports many problems with these new units which are industry wide including us. Our newest pumper has 30 computers.

UTILITY TRUCK 587: The pump is being replaced with a more dependable unit. \$3,000 of the cost was from a grant we received with the help of Senator Rich Funke. The total cost was over \$5,000.

UPGRADES & PARKING LOTS: The apparatus apron was sealed in September. The rest of the parking lots will be done in 2016 including West Rush. The door heights at West Rush will be expanded to allow our large trucks to be parked in there if necessary. We are still looking on expanding station one to put all the water rescue equipment in one spot.

WEB SITE: www.RushFireDistrict.org

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:

FACEBOOK: If you are on Facebook, please "Like us" Rush Volunteer Fire Department. There are health and safety messages posted, breaking news on incidents,

congratulations to our members and much more. Check it out.

PARADES: Parade season is over. Rush won prizes at every parade we attended. Our color guard, explorer post marching unit, Ladies Auxiliary and Rush Fire Department Band won many awards.

FUND DRIVE: The second request will go out in within a few weeks. These reminders are for the 400 residents who did not respond to our May request. Over 900 of the 1,400 residents of Rush sent in a donation or selected their United Way donation to go to us. Including United Way donations this adds up to \$45,000 donated so far in 2015. **A SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED.**

FIRE PREVENTION: A full week schedule will be conducted at the Leary School and other locations during fire prevention week. We feel that these efforts do work and help control accidental fires and resulting injuries or death in Rush.

CARNIVAL: Next year's dates are: July 7, 8 & 9, 2016. Thank you to all who made the 2015 Carnival so successful. We had a lot of help from Fire Department members and their families, members of the community and our neighboring responders. A special thanks to **Montesano's, Colby's, Roger Tobey Septic, Rush Gravel, Kirkwood Fuels and Monroe Tractor.** The weather Friday and Saturday was perfect and we had a very successful year. The beer tent banner program brought in \$2,500 towards the raffle which allowed us to awarded three \$1,000 prizes. A list of participants are on our web site – click on carnival box.

CAN YOU BE SEEN? Many of you jog and/or walk along the road. It has come to our attention that many of you CANNOT be seen. Some wear dark clothing or ride some type of motorized chair/device with NO REFLECTIVE or LIGHT COLORS ON that could endanger your life. Also carry some type of ID and emergency notification information with you. **PLEASE wear something reflective. Lime-Yellow with reflective tape should work.**

WINTER IS COMING: The heating season will soon be here. If you have a wood stove **PLEASE** have your chimney cleaned. If you heat by gas or oil have the heating unit inspected. Over the years the Rush community has done a very good job in this area and with few exceptions, fires, death and injury has been minimal. We would like to see these incidents completely eliminated!

"IS THERE A FIRE IN YOU?" This state wide recruitment program has a goal of 15,000 new firefighters. In just 10 years the number of volunteer firefighters in NYS has dropped from 120,000 to 80,000.

www.RushFD.org Website has a link to the state program and information on our home page. There is also a box to click on for membership information.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rush Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit: We had a very successful 4th year! We placed 1st in four parades and 2nd in two parades! A special thank you to **The Sweet Sisters** for carrying our banner! As always, thank you to our fans that come out to support us at every parade!

Rush Fall Festival: A big thank you for those who came out and supported our not so normal pancake breakfast and food booth during the Rush Fall Festival. The proceeds help us to fund community activities, scholarship funds and needs of the fire department. **A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered.**

THE 2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Halloween Party on Friday October 23, 2015 from 7:00pm to 9:00PM! Rush Residents ages 0 to 12 years old are invited to attend the Spooky Masquerade of Fun, Crafts & Snacks! Please EVERYONE (including Parents) Come dressed in costume for the party! There will be prizes for age groups (1 Girl, 1 Boy) 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12! Looking forward to seeing you soooooon!!!

Election Day Ham Dinner: The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Election Day Ham Dinner and 50/50 Raffle at the Rush Fire House, 1971 Rush Mendon Road, on **Tuesday, November 3rd**. We will be serving from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. Dinner includes ham, potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors (over 60) and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Preschoolers are free. Take outs are also available. Proceeds help fund the scholarship given in memory of Betty Wilkins to a Rush student(s) entering college. Contact Carol Ann Stahl at 533-9241 for more information.

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

Thank You!

Deborah A David
Rush Ladies Auxiliary
President/Publicist



Rush Senior Citizens
Submitted by: *Chris Miller,*
Secretary

On August 13, the Seniors' picnic at the Fireman's Pavilion featured a special visit from the Bruster's Mobile Ice Cream Truck. Seniors were offered a wide selection of ice cream flavors and choice of cone or dish. We extend a loud "Thank You" for this special treat.

Our September meeting, held on September 10, brought us back to the Fire House. Entertainment was provided by the group called "Final Harvest".

The plans for our 50th Anniversary Celebration are in full swing now. The event will be at The Wild Wood Country Club on October 8, 2015. Sign up for members will take place in August and September. Be sure to sign up by September 18th.

TRAVEL AND EVENTS

On Tuesday August 25th, seniors traveled to Alexandria Bay. This trip included a boat tour, on the St. Lawrence River, to Singer Castle and lunch at the Riveredge Resort. Travelers rated this as a "9", overall another great trip. Our next day trip will be on October 13th going to Cazenovia, N.Y. Included is a guided tour of the "All Things Oz" Museum in Chittenango, N.Y.

This trip also includes stops at Beak and Skiff apple orchard and the Chocolate Pizza Company. Lunch will be at the Lincklaen House. 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 extended trip, from September 13 – 18, has 40 travelers going on "A Great Smoky Mountains Adventure". Travelers are visiting Biltmore Estates in Ashville, NC, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala Gorge Train excursion, four shows in Pigeon Forge, the Titanic Museum, shops in Pigeon Forge and the Forbidden Caverns.

The Rush Senior Citizens meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. We usually have a pot luck lunch, but October will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration (for current members). November will have us back at the Fire House. All Rush residents (or Rush Taxpayers) age 55 or older are welcome to join.

**Hope Everyone has a Spectacular Fall
and Happy Thanksgiving!**

Rush Town Hall General Information

Main #533-1312

Fax #533-9346

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

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Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 1 st
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 5 th , 19 th , 26 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 6 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 8 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Wildwood CC	Thursday – 8 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 20 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 20 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 14 th , 28 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Columbus Day	Town Hall and Court Closed	Monday – 12 th
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Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 9 th , 25 th

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Daylight Savings Ends		Sunday – 1 st
Election Day	Voting at Rush Methodist	Tuesday – 3 rd
Election Day Dinner	4:30-7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 3 rd
Veteran's Day	Town Hall and Court Closed	Wednesday – 11 th
Thanksgiving	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Thursday – 26 th & Friday – 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.