

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

The final budget for 2016 was approved by the Town Board at the November 9th Town Board meeting. The tax rate has been reduced by 1% for 2016. Overall the 2015 expenses were lower than budgeted in the fall of 2014. Utility expense was one area that was lower than expected and also the retirement rate was reduced for the second year in a row. Additional income from the Time Warner Cable franchise audit and the cell tower contract renewal bonus were utilized for some maintenance on the town hall building instead of using budgeted contingency funds.

Thanks to Don Reynolds, our Finance Director and Budget Officer, for producing some high-level financials and pie charts for the town general fund revenues and appropriations. Please see the next two pages of this newsletter for the information.

After 16 years of service to the Town of Rush, Gerry Kusse is retiring from his position as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer at the end of the year. I would like to thank Gerry for his dedication to the town and to congratulate him on his new role as a town board member where he will have the opportunity to continue to offer his experience and knowledge to benefit the town.

After serving 11 years, Judge Henry Kirch is retiring on December 31st. I appreciate his dedication to the position. Judge Kirch has consistently dealt with each individual who appeared before him in a fair and impartial manner, and made every effort to put people at ease in a situation that to some can be very stressful. Respect for the law, and for those he served are the hallmarks of his tenure, and he will be missed by those who worked with him in the administration of justice.

Shana Barber is our new Assessor's Clerk at the Town Hall. Shana resides in West Henrietta with her husband Michael, daughter Lorelei, son Ares

and their two dogs. Please stop by and meet Shana.

Please see the Town of Rush Website for the Town Board agendas and meeting minutes.

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

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

Carlton M. Frank



Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

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

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POSITION OPENINGS

ZONING, PLANNING & CONSERVATION BOARDS

Openings can occur on the Zoning, Planning and Conservation Boards at any given time. Meetings are scheduled as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals – every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM; Planning Board – every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM; and Conservation Board – every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in serving on any of the above Boards, please send a letter of interest to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk. Your submissions will be kept on file and distributed to the Town Board for consideration when appropriate. All letters of interest are kept for consideration for at least three years.

Your Town Budget for 2016

General Fund Revenues		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Sales Tax	\$ 310,000	24.72%
Property Rental	\$ 88,370	7.05%
Mortgage Tax	\$ 80,000	6.38%
Park and Rec.Fees	\$ 78,928	6.29%
Court Fines	\$ 32,000	2.55%
Franchises	\$ 22,000	1.75%
Interest Earnings	\$ 19,125	1.52%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 15,190	1.21%
State Aid	\$ 14,833	1.18%
Clerk Fees&Other	\$ 5,852	0.47%
Zoning & Planning Fees	\$ 3,400	0.27%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>584,556</u>	<u>46.61%</u>
Total	\$ 1,254,254	100.00%

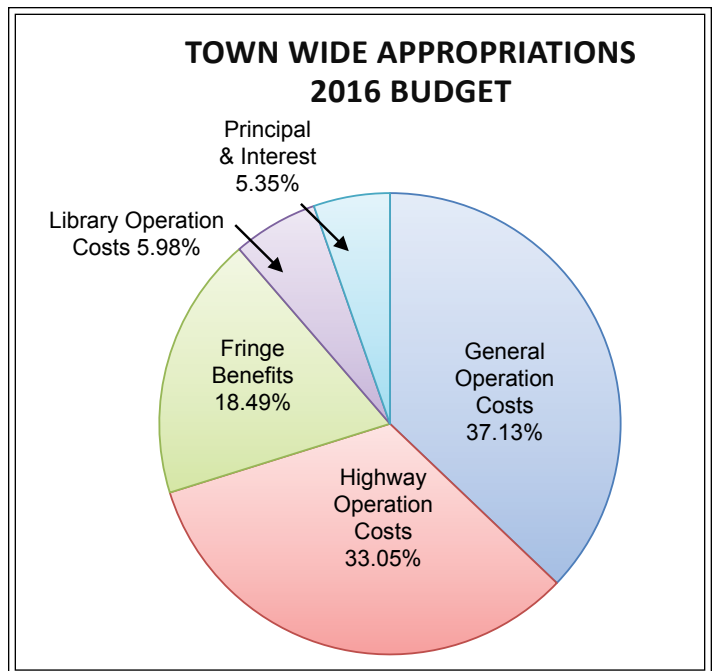
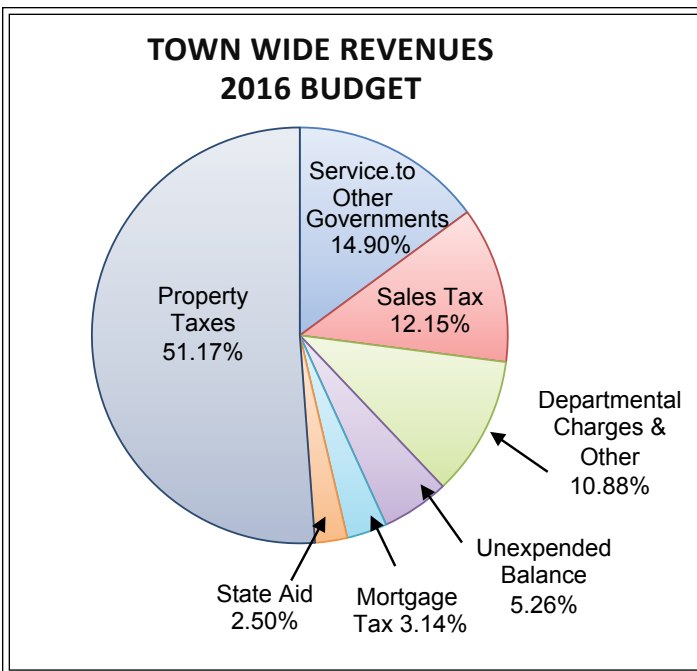
General Fund Appropriations		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
General Government Support	\$ 616,860	49.18%
Bond Principal & Int.	\$ 136,406	10.88%
Public Transportation	\$ 129,341	10.31%
Culture & Recreation	\$ 123,108	9.82%
Public Safety	\$ 48,659	3.88%
Home & Community Economic Assistance	\$ 20,996	1.67%
and Opportunity	\$ 8,271	0.66%
Fringe Benefits	\$ <u>170,613</u>	<u>13.60%</u>
Total	\$ 1,254,254	100.00%

Highway Fund Revenues		
Services to Other Govts.	\$ 380,000	34.37%
State Aid	\$ 48,970	4.43%
Sale of Scrap & Other	\$ 5,150	0.47%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 134,200	12.14%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>537,202</u>	<u>48.59%</u>
Total	\$ 1,105,522	100.00%

Highway Fund Appropriations		
Machinery	\$ 243,608	22.04%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 192,181	17.38%
Road Repair & Const.	\$ 184,946	16.73%
Misc./Brush & Weeds	\$ 102,986	9.32%
Town Snow Removal	\$ 64,130	5.80%
Transfer to Reserve	\$ 55,000	4.98%
Fringe Benefits	\$ <u>262,671</u>	<u>23.75%</u>
Total	\$ 1,105,522	100.00%

Library Fund Revenues		
Library Fines	\$ 5,427	2.85%
Minor Sales & Other	\$ 1,951	1.02%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>183,261</u>	<u>96.13%</u>
Total	\$ 190,639	100.00%

Library Fund Appropriations		
Library	\$ 152,463	79.97%
Fringe Benefits	\$ <u>38,176</u>	<u>20.03%</u>
Total	\$ 190,639	100.00%



General Fund - Appropriations by Department

	Dollar Amount	Percent of Budget
Buildings	\$ 127,252	10.15%
Town Clerk	\$ 103,639	8.26%
Court	\$ 63,572	5.07%
Legal	\$ 50,000	3.99%
Supervisor and Secretary	\$ 48,897	3.90%
Finance	\$ 40,995	3.27%
Assessor and Clerk	\$ 34,431	2.75%
Insurance	\$ 31,400	2.50%
Town Board	\$ 30,992	2.47%
Mailing & Printing	\$ 17,888	1.43%
Engineer	\$ 12,000	0.96%
Storeroom	\$ 8,166	0.65%
Elections	\$ 4,565	0.36%
Budget	\$ 4,563	0.36%
Payment to Reduce Taxes	\$ 1,500	0.12%
Association Dues	\$ 1,000	0.08%
Contingency	\$ 36,000	2.86%
Total General Gov. Support	\$ 616,860	49.18%

Total Employee Benefits	\$ 170,613	13.60%
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Total Bond Principal & Int.	\$ 136,406	10.88%
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Highway Administration	\$ 87,431	6.97%
Garage	\$ 28,300	2.26%
Street Lighting	\$ 13,100	1.04%
Sidewalks	\$ 510	0.04%
Total Transportation	\$ 129,341	10.31%

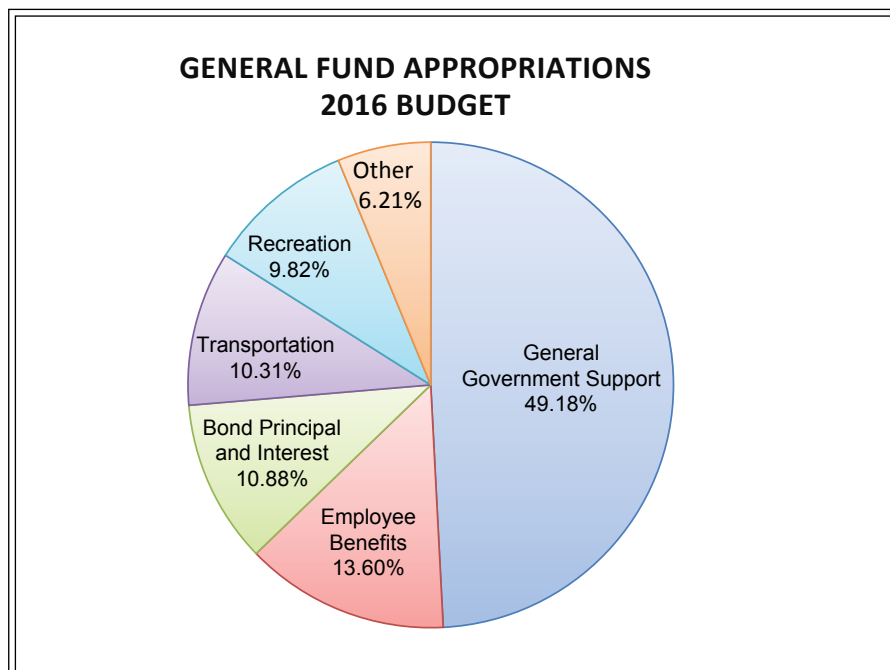
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Budget
Recreation	\$ 85,920	6.86%
Parks & Pavilion	\$ 30,978	2.47%
Historian	\$ 6,210	0.50%
Total Cultural & Rec.	\$ 123,108	9.82%

Safety Inspection	\$ 33,460	2.67%
Fire Marshall	\$ 8,137	0.65%
Dog Control	\$ 5,881	0.47%
Civil Defense	\$ 1,181	0.09%
Total Public Safety	\$ 48,659	3.88%

Planning	\$ 8,148	0.65%
Landfill Chipping	\$ 5,000	0.40%
Zoning	\$ 3,364	0.27%
Environment Conservation	\$ 3,164	0.25%
Community Beautification	\$ 1,320	0.10%
Total Home & Community	\$ 20,996	1.67%

Programs for Aging	\$ 7,771	0.62%
Veterans' Services	\$ 500	0.04%
Total Economic Assistance & Opportunity	\$ 8,271	0.66%

TOTAL BUDGET **\$ 1,254,254** **100.00%**



PART-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR, approximately 20 hours/week

Applicant must be certified by New York State Codes Division. Must have the ability to read and interpret construction plans and the ability to understand site plans and have basic knowledge of building trades, concepts of structural engineering is helpful. Person must be in good physical condition to navigate varied conditions on construction sites and have the ability to attend evening sessions of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Basic math skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a diverse customer base are a must. Qualifications include a high school diploma, must be computer literate and have the ability to maintain records and prepare reports. Applicant must have a NYS driver's license which must be maintained at all times during employment. All applicants are to respond to Pamela J. Bucci, Town Clerk, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE

We are seeking a motivated individual to perform custodial duties in the Town Hall. Person is to be skilled in areas of plumbing, carpentry, electrical, painting and knowledge of mechanical operations. Approximately 16-20 hours per week. All applicants are to respond to Pamela J. Bucci, Town Clerk, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

Below is a summary of decisions made by both the Planning and Zoning Boards since the last printing of the town newsletter. If you are looking for upcoming meeting agenda items, please call our offices, scan the Henrietta Post or Sentinel for notices or visit the town website. Minutes are posted regularly on the town website and as always, available in the Town Clerk's Office.

PLANNING BOARD 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. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

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. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

OCTOBER 20, 2015

No Meeting – No Applications

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

No Meeting – No Applications

DECEMBER 15, 2015

As of this newsletter deadline, no applications were received.

ZONING BOARD

OCTOBER 8, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING:

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. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

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. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

WORKSHOP:

Application 2015-05Z by Warren & Mary Thomas requesting a side setback variance for a pole barn. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 6700 East River Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Public Hearing scheduled for November 12, 2015.](#)

November 12, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2015-05Z by Warren & Mary Thomas requesting a side setback variance for a pole barn. The proposed location does not comply with 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 6700 East River Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Decision was not available as of this newsletter deadline.](#)

WORKSHOP:

Application 2015-06Z by Dan Garigen requesting a front setback variance for a garage. The proposed location does not comply with 120-18 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 294 Phelps Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Decision was not available as of this newsletter deadline.](#)

OFFICE CLOSED

Training: The Town Clerk’s Office will be closed for required Tax Training Seminar on Friday, December 11th.

Holidays: The Town Hall offices will be closed on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th, and New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1st.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town Board will hold its 2016 Organizational Meeting on **Wednesday, January 6, 2016** at 7:15 PM, at the offices of the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. A swearing in ceremony of newly elected officials will take place prior to the meeting. All are invited.

By Order of the Rush Town Board
Pamela J. Bucci, Town Clerk

2016 TOWN & COUNTY TAXES

Town and County tax bills will be mailed the 1st week of January. If you have not received a tax bill by January 15th, and do not have an escrow account, please call my office for a duplicate bill. You may also access your bill on the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov. Select “view taxes online”.

Taxpayers have the following payment options in order to satisfy their property tax obligations. Tax Payments are payable to Pamela J. Bucci, Collector, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta

Road, Rush, New York 14543 through May 31st or the Monroe County Treasurer beginning June 1st in the following manner:

Jan. 1-Feb 10	No interest due
Feb. 11-28	1.5%
Mar. 1-31	3%
April 1-30	4.5%
May 1-10	6%
May 11-31	6% interest, plus notice fee

Full Payments – due without interest by February 10, 2016.

Installment Payments - Total bill must exceed \$100 to use this option. The 1st installment must be paid by February 10. If the 1st installment is *not* paid by February 10, the total bill plus interest is due.

Payments by Credit Card – A fee for this service will be charged. You may pay either at the Town Hall or on-line at www.monroecounty.gov. Select “view taxes on line”.


On-line Bank Payments – Because banks cannot guarantee your payment will be delivered by the due date, **utilizing this method is at your own risk.**

Payments made after May 31st are payable to Monroe County Treasurer and can be mailed to: PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614, or in person at the Monroe County Treasurer’s Office, West Main Street, Room B-2, Rochester, New York 14614. The Monroe County Treasurer’s Office can be reached at 753-1200.

As always, feel free to call my office with any questions or concerns.



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



Note from the Assessor's Office:

There are two tax bills issued by the Town of Rush that apply to your property assessment and below are the exemptions that will apply. Please note, the value of these exemptions are based on your property assessment from the final tax roll published July 1st, 2015.


Your September SCHOOL TAX bill includes, basic star, enhanced star and low income exemptions. It would also include exemptions for low income disability, agricultural and non-profit.

The January PROPERTY TAX bill will include agricultural, low income, low income disability, non-profit AND Veteran's exemptions.

All exemptions forms were mailed in August. If you believe you should have received one and DID NOT please contact our office. If a household member is turning 65 this year you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star program please call or stop by our office for more information.

**ALL EXEMPTION PAPERWORK IS DUE TO OUR OFFICE
 NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST, 2016.**

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



I am grateful to have been invited by the Rush Seniors to attend their 50th Anniversary celebration at Wildwood Country Club on October 8th. The event was well attended and the luncheon was fabulous. We are fortunate to have an active Seniors Club in our town with so many wonderful

members. The members in the photograph below are those who are 90 years young and older.



From left to right: Hal Manning, Marcelle Barker, Jane Faugh-Faber, Betty Brandes, Walt Banker and Walt Kozimor

Have you noticed the new paint job on the historical markers in our town? I would like to thank Mark David for responding to my request to repaint the markers. Rush resident, Ed Conklin, did the paint work and generously donated the cost of one marker. Thank you, Ed! We currently have four markers in Rush. Two are New York State Department of Education markers; one is a Monroe County marker and we also have one City of Rochester marker from the Rochester sesquicentennial. The marker locations are: East River Road at the Monroe/Livingston County line; West Rush by the Fire Department; 941 Rush West Rush Road; and Rush Lima Road at the corner of Scofield Road. Please take a look when driving by these areas or view the newly painted markers online at: <http://rushhistorian.com/historical-markers-in-rush/>

New York State no longer sponsors a historical marker program but the William G. Pomeroy Foundation initiated a Historic Roadside Marker Program in Onondaga County in 2006. In 2010, the program was expanded to the counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, and Oswego. Erie and Genesee Counties were added in 2011. In April 2012, the program was further expanded to include all municipalities and 501©(3) organizations as eligible grant recipients. I am planning to apply for additional markers for Rush. If you have specific suggestions for additional markers, please contact me at sue@townofrush.com or by phone at 624-7822.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Ian Bankes, Boy Scout Troop 350, for his community service work in documenting the headstones in the German Cemetery located on East Henrietta Road near Chases' Greenhouses. Ian photographed, transcribed and documented the GPS location for the headstones. Having the GPS data along with the transcriptions will be very beneficial going forward. As the headstones continue to age and become less legible, we will have documentation telling us exactly where the headstone is located within the cemetery along with the inscribed text. Thank you, Ian!

I would also like to acknowledge Kiran Rajamani. Kiran is a recent graduate of Haverford College in Pennsylvania. Kiran is volunteering with the Rush History Office and has created the display in the lobby of the Town Hall. The display is about past elections and political parties in Rush. Please stop by and take a look when you are in the Town Hall. I think you will find the political parties of the past interesting as well as who in our town's history ran for various positions. Kiran will also be helping me with recording oral history interviews so he may be contacting you to request an interview!

Part of our Memorial Day 2014 remembrances included a graveside service and headstone dedication to Civil War Veteran Lt. Jacob Stull Galentine. Dave Sluberski, West Rush Productions, generously recorded and produced a video of the ceremony. It is available on line at: <http://tinyurl.com/jsgalentine>. Thank you, Dave! An email earlier this fall has led to an interesting discovery. I was contacted by Paul Whitacre in Alexandria, VA who is researching Julia Wilbur. Julia and her Quaker family lived on Hartwell Road in the mid-1800s. Julia met abolitionist Harriet Jacobs in 1845 in Rochester at the reading room of the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society. In October, 1862, the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society undertook an important mission and sent Julia Wilbur, former corresponding secretary, to Alexandria, Va., to work with freedmen's education and relief programs. She and Harriet Jacobs worked closely for the next several years. Julia was a dedicated diarist and her diaries are now part of the *Quaker and Special Collections* at the Haverford College Library. Paula Whitacre and a group of volunteers have transcribed many of the diaries for the Alexandria Archaeology Museum and the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology. The


Civil War era diaries are available online at: <http://tinyurl.com/jwilbur>. The diaries contain many references to Rush and Avon, along with friends and Wilbur family members.

We are fortunate to have a presentation about James A. Hard scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 18th. James Hard was the last living Union combat veteran of the Civil War. He died in Rochester at the age of 111 in 1953. I am hopeful you will receive this newsletter prior to the 18th and that you will consider attending the presentation to learn more about the life of Hard and view some of his personal artifacts. The presentation is scheduled for 7:00 PM in the pavilion. Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season!

~Sue~

Code Enforcement Office
*Submitted by Gerald Kusse, Code Enforcement/
Building Inspector*

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Gerry@townofrush.com
Phone: 533-9114/278-8130



I am sitting here thinking about a timely newsletter article to write and my first thought is about the safe operation and performance of your solid fuel burning appliance. But then it occurred to me that this is the last newsletter article I will write after serving this community for the past sixteen years as your Building Inspector. I take many treasured memories with me as I retire and worry about the emptiness that will occur when I am no longer here to serve, advise and consult with you. It has been a tremendous and rewarding experience and I thank all of you for that.

Now, about that solid fuel appliance. Please make sure you have the appropriate number of working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors located as required in your home. Be sure your chimney has been inspected and is operating safely. Check to make sure your appliance has the proper setbacks and shielding that will make operation safe for your home and your family. Burn only well seasoned fuel. Please dispose of ashes in a safe manner that will not enable a fire to start outside the appliance. Become very familiar with the operation of your appliance and if you ever have a question do not

hesitate to call your local building official or a reputable appliance seller.

Thank you again and again!

~Gerry Kusse~

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



SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 3RD 2015-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



Pat Rose Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department presents a late fall session "Seniors exercise class". The 8 week program will be on Thursdays

November 12th, 19th December 3rd, 10th, 17th,

January 7th, 14th 21st.

10:00AM-11:00AM

Cost: \$45.00 Resident

\$50.00 Non-resident

The classes will be held at the Rush park pavilion. The classes will be taught by Pat Rose a Certified

instructor. The cost of this program maybe reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup! Sign up begins now at the Rush Town Hall clerk's office. Please call Pat Stephens at 533-2340 if you have any questions. Costs can be prorated if starting after the program has begun. Please call for a revised cost.



2016

WINTER AEROBICS 8 WEEK CLASSES WITH VICKIE MENZ

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and 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 4lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome. Dates and costs located below. Classes take place in the William Udicious Pavilion.

Tuesdays

1/5/16-2/23/16

6:15PM-7:15PM

Thursdays

1/7/16-2/25/16

6:15PM-7:15PM

1 Day/Week

Cost: \$27.00 Resident

\$32.00 Non-resident

2 Days/Week

\$45.00 Resident

\$49.00 Non-resident



The Town of Rush Recreation Department will be offering an eight week volleyball camp with RH Coach Keil again 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.



**TOWN OF RUSH RECREATION DEPARTMENT
WINTER TUMBLING WITH JERRY
RUSH PAVILION**

The children will work on skill development in tumbling. The class is designed for intermediate tumblers 5-14 years old. The focus will be on the development of cheerleading type tumbling.

8 Week Program
Wednesdays January 6th-February 24th 2016
6:30PM-7:30PM
\$150.00 Rush resident
\$155.00 non-Rush residents

All classes will be held at the Rush pavilion located behind the Rush Town hall.

Important Information

You can download any of the applications from any of the Recreation Programs from the Town of

Rush.com website under the Recreation tab and send it into the Rush Town Clerk’s office. The Recreation website is updated frequently between newsletters. Please check for any additional new programs. For further questions please call 533-2340.

In the next newsletter the Basketball program will expand to offer a Boys and Girls Basketball program. Coach Alan Regan will be returning again!

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
<p><i>Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director</i> <i>Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,</i> <i>Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM</i> <i>Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM (Sept. - May)</i> <i>Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546</i> www.RushLibrary.org</p>	

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! Here’s hoping that you’ll have a joyous, peaceful season with your loved ones, **and that you give yourself the gift of time with a good book!** If enjoying holiday movies is your passion, know that we have plenty of choices for all ages, and we also have seasonal music for all tastes.

Budget News: Thank you to our Town Board for approving our 2016 Library budget. I submitted a flat budget this year, and I am working with our Library Board and Friends of the Library group to utilize donations and fundraiser proceeds to continue to offer the quality programs and materials that you have come to expect from the library. We

are proud of our mission and of all the ways we serve you while keeping costs down.

Auction News: Our first in-house silent auction was a great success! Thank you to our patron donors and the following local businesses for your donations: **Papa's Auto Center, Exit 11 Auto, Inc., Colby's Ice Cream, Joelle's Salon, Rush Gravel, Avon & Pink Zebra Products- Debbie David, Illienne Martin Reiki, Advocate Home Inspections, Pharaoh's Hairum, Historian Sue Mee, Rabbit Room Restaurant, Weider's Hardware, Deer Run Winery, Adventure Calls Outfitters, Hedonist Chocolates, Barbara Schlierf- Yoga Instructor, Tantalo Photography, Talulah's Fancy, Colonial Wine & Liquor, Artists: Jean Stephens & Joan Potenza, Images by Vincenzo, M-Essentials, Memorial Art Gallery, and all our local crafters... thank you to the Friends of the Library for organizing this event. Proceeds support educational programs at the library!**

Technology & E-book Tutorials: Our Tech Tutor, Tim McCarthy volunteers to help you with computer & software questions **for free** on Monday & Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons; just stop by and fill out our short help form to make an appointment. And remember, if you receive a tablet or e-reader device as a holiday gift this year, I'm happy to offer one-on-one training so you can download *free e-books, audiobooks, and magazines* from the library using Overdrive. Just call the library to schedule a 1-hour appointment.

Books for Sale: Looking for a great holiday gift? We are selling *Images of Rush* by our Town Historian, **Susan Mee**. It's full of great, vintage local photographs and will make a treasured gift. *Sue will be here for a book-signing event in December; see below.* And we continue to support our beloved **Rush Seniors** by selling their local cookbook; it delivers favorite recipes provided by local residents. And remember, our **Book Nook** is always open during library business hours, and it's stocked with quality used books, movies, and more items that make great gifts.

Tax Forms: Federal and New York State tax forms will no longer be mailed to your home, but may be available in limited supply at most public libraries beginning in January. You can download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/> and federal

forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/>, or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (The normal forms provided by the government are free, but printing out unusual forms at the library will cost you 15¢ per page.)

Holiday Hours: Changes to our operating hours for the holidays are as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 25: closed for Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 31st: closing early at 5:00 pm

Friday, Jan. 1 closed for New Year Year's Day

Just a reminder... materials owned by the Rush library are never due on days that we are closed, but if you have borrowed an item from another library branch, it could be due on a day that we are closed if they are open. **Please refer to your check-out receipt to confirm when your items are due.** Items placed in our book-drop before business hours are always backdated to the last day we were open. You can also check your account, renew some items online, and pay overdue fines by credit card at www.RushLibrary.org.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten

Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for December 2015 and January 2016

Submitted by Joan Celentano, Children's and Adult Services Coordinator

December Events:

Tuesdays Matinee: December 1st, 8th and 22nd, and 29th from 1:00-3:00 PM, adults may join us for the 4-part BBC series, *Lark Rise to Candleford*, adapted from Flora Thompson's memoir of her Oxfordshire childhood. Set in the countryside at the end of the 19th century, this rich, funny, emotional series follows the lives of farm-workers, craftsmen and gentry in two contrasting communities. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please register in advance.

Movie Matinee for Kids: Kids ages 5 and up may join us on **Tuesdays, December 1st and 8th from 3:30-4:30 PM.** December 1st: *Merry Christmas Thomas!* December 8th: *Prep and Landing.* Both

movies are Rated G. Snacks will be provided. Please register in advance for a seat.

Drop-In Story Time: for children ages 3-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursdays, December 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st from 11:30 AM-Noon.** Parents *and* their children can make new friends while listening to stories that were chosen specifically for this age group. Listening to stories will help to develop your child's attention span!

Medical Imaging and You: Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 PM. Dr. Peter Rosella, a diagnostic radiologist at University Medical Imaging and Assistant Professor of Imaging Sciences at the University of Rochester Medical Center will discuss how various imaging technologies work, and how medical imaging impacts you. Please register in advance for a seat.

View Finders: Our photography group will meet on **Monday, December 7th from 2:30-4:30 PM** and on **Wednesday, December 9th from 7-9:00 PM.** Bring in a total of three photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Please register in advance.

Bedtime Story Time: for children ages 3 and up on **Tuesday, December 8th at 6:45 PM.** Children will hear holiday stories from around the world including the loveable bear, *Corduroy*. Come in your PJs, bring your favorite snuggly, and enjoy a bedtime snack and hot cocoa! Please register in advance so we know how many to expect.

Book-Signing, Sue Mee's *Images of America: RUSH*: Meet Rush Town Historian, Susan Bittner Mee on **Thursday, December 10th from 5:30-7:30 PM.** She used a compilation of photographs from the historian's office and records from the personal collections of local residents to write a book that reflects the history of our lovely little town. Books will be available for purchase, and Sue will be happy to sign a copy for you or someone special in your life. An autographed copy makes a terrific holiday gift!

Knit Chicks: Our fiber crafting club meets up on two Saturdays each month, **Dec. 12th & 26th at 10:30 AM.** We always enjoy crafting in each other's company. Come show off the handmade holiday

gifts you're going to give. New members are always welcome, coffee and snacks provided.

12th Annual Gingerbread House Workshop! Kids ages 5-10 may join us on **Saturday, December 12th from 12:30-1:30 PM.** **Please bring 1 bag of edible decorations to share with the group.** This is a great photo opportunity! Please register in advance for this fun program.

Alzheimer's Program: *Managing Guilt and Grief* (4th in a series) on **Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM.** Explore why individuals feel guilty and share communication tips for handling it. The session will also cover the causes and responses of grief for those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease. Please register in advance.

January Events:

College Education Seminar: This is an informational meeting that educates parents about the college planning process and how College Assistance Plus® can assist families with this huge financial decision. This class will be held on **Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM.** Space is limited; please register in advance.

Windows 10 Training: Have you been wondering about upgrading to Windows 10? Join our Tech Tutor, Tim McCarthy, on **Wednesday, January 6th and Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM.** The first class will be a 1-hour overview of Windows 10, no computers necessary. Bring your tablet or laptop to the second class, and Tim will cover how to make Windows 10 work better for you and answer any specific questions you may have. Space is limited and you must be registered for a seat.

Knitting Classes, back by popular demand.

- ***Going Around and Around*** with Trish Vanable on **Tuesday, January 5th or Thursday, January 7th from 6:30-8:00 PM.** To knit small circular projects like baby hats, toys, mittens, or socks, you can use two circular needles with any length cable. Really! In this class we'll ditch the double points and we'll also learn the Turkish Cast On. This makes a circle that is closed at the top, so there's no sewing up hat tops, finger tips, or toes! **Get the list of materials needed when you sign up.** Please register in advance, as space is very limited.

- **Learn to Knit Socks From the Toe Up in 3 Classes:** This method is as straight forward as it gets: there are no wraps, heel flaps, picking up stitches, or sewing up at the end. Scheduled for busy people, we'll meet to knit the toe together, then there's plenty of "time off" to knit your sock to the heel, then we'll meet to turn our heels, and again to finish up. If you are already "sock proficient", feel free to take any class stand-alone.

1. TOES: Saturday, January 23rd 10:30 – 12:30 AM. Materials needed: yarn that knits up at 6 – 7 stitches to the inch, 2 circular needles of the size that gives you that gauge (cable can be any length). **Prerequisite:** Please take the "Going Around and Around" class above, unless you are already proficient at Turkish Cast On and knitting in the round on 2 circular needles.

2. The FLEEGLE Heel: Tuesday, February 2nd, 6:30 – 8:00 PM or Saturday, February 6th, 10:30 – 12:30 AM. Learn to knit a beautiful heel with NO wrapping, no picking up stitches, no holes, no tears. Bring to class a toe-up sock that is ready for a heel.

3. Finish that toe-up sock! Saturday February 20th or Thursday February 25th. When you knit from the toe up, you need to cast off your sock in a stretchy elastic way. Bring to class a sock that is ready for finishing, and learn 2 ways to create pretty and elastic cast offs.

Library Knit Chicks: We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun and share ideas! Join us on **Saturdays, Jan. 9th and Jan. 30th at 10:30 AM.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

View Finders: We'll meet on **Monday, January 11th from 2:30-4:30 PM and Wednesday, January 13th from 7-9:00 PM.** Bring in 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.

Lego Club: For boys and girls ages 6-10 will resume after school on **Tuesdays, January 12th, 19th, and 26th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Come and meet

some new Lego enthusiasts and create a masterpiece from your imagination! All Legos will be provided. Please register in advance.

Drop-In Story Time: for children ages 3-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) will resume on **Thursdays, January 14th, 21st and 28th from 11:30 AM-Noon.** Come hear new stories each week with fun themes and new friends! No registration required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection will be ***A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*** by Anthony Marra. (It was at the top of twenty must-read lists in 2012!) "An authentic, heartbreaking tale of intertwining relationships during wartime.... As he shifts in time through the years of the two Chechen wars, Marra confidently weaves those plots together, and several more besides, giving each character a rich backstory that intersects, often years down the line, with the others." Join us on **Thursday, January 28th or Thursday, February 4th from 7-9:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

Family Finders: Our Genealogy Group will meet on **Friday, January 22nd at 6:30 PM.** Join Cathy Frank on a search for ancestors, meet new people who share your interest in genealogy, or learn about some new sources for tracking leads. Please register in advance.

Aspiring Authors: Will meet on **Wednesday, January 27th from 6:00-7:30 PM.** Whether you are a new or published author, this program is for you. Local author Jackie Battisti will show you how to find support and advice from other authors to help you motivate your muse. Please bring 5 pages, double-spaced of your craft for feedback. **Note:** This group is *very* diverse and *respect* is of the utmost importance. Please register in advance.

Thank you for your participation in our programs, and best wishes for your holidays!
From the Rush Library Staff





Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Chris Miller,
Secretary

On October 8th, we celebrated our 50th anniversary with a lunch at Wildwood Country Club. Over 80 members joined in the celebration. We started the event by honoring our members over 90 years young.

The whole group tried for a group photo (below).



The group has really grown from its 13 members back in 1965 to 122 now in 2015. Our November meeting was back at the Firehouse. The project for this month was to bring paper products for the local food cupboard (RAFT).

TRAVEL & EVENTS

Our trip, planned for October 13th, to Cazenovia had to be cancelled because of low sign-up. Please remember that you do not have to be a club member to go on the trips. The next trip is planned for December 3rd. This trip features a visit to the New York State Country Music Hall of Fame and Opry Barn at Cortland Country Music Park. A guided tour, lunch and show are included, also a visit to "Lights on the Lake". Contact Jim or Shirley Oliver (585-533-1607) for further information. On December 10th, we will have our members only Christmas Party at Wildwood Country Club. Be sure to sign up by November 20th.

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 pace 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

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

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held on Tuesday, December 8th from 6 to 9 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. The election is for a five year term. Mike Terzo Sr. is completing his term as Commissioner and is on the ballot for 2016. This election is open to all registered voters in Rush.

FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Check rushfd.org home page for time and date. It will be posted on the new LED sign in front of station one also.

ACCESS: The town and state codes require every home owner have emergency equipment (fire and EMS) access to their homes. Some residents in Rush have failed to provide this. When we are aware of this we are notifying the town code enforcement officer. Our fire apparatus are big, have long wheelbases and weigh over 40,000 pounds. They are very costly to repair and have to be taken out of service for extended amounts of time to be repaired.

We take pride in the manner that the Rush firefighters keep our equipment parade ready. We don't need it all scratched and banged up.

NEW SIGN: Has been installed and the computer program is up and running. Our electrician had an accident and the 110 volt wiring will be delayed. We hope by the time you read this Larry Kaplan is back in service. He is an honorary RFD member and donates a lot of time and talent to our operation.

FIRE DISTRICT WEB SITE: It is still under construction and hopefully will be up and running soon. Rushfiredistrict.org – The Fire Department's web site is rushfd.org

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Our budget is \$338,000 for 2016. Your tax rate remains \$1.12

per thousand. We also were under the state mandated 2% cap on any tax increases. All taxpayers will receive a check from the state because of this. We have to replace 10 air tanks at \$1,000 each and replace 10 sets of worn out turn out gear at \$2,300 each in 2015.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: It was held at the Riverton golf facility. thirty members attended. This dinner is authorized by state law for the active firefighters of the fire district. Commissioner Mike (Pee wee) Terzo coordinated the affair.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT: A ceiling mounted LCD projector and audio speaker system has been installed in the main meeting room at station one. A wireless mic, blueray/dvd player and lap top computer hook up has also been installed.

HYDRANT MARKERS: It's time to put those plastic hydrant markers back. They could save your life and property!

CAN YOU BE SEEN? It is dark along our roads – please wear some reflective clothing when jogging or walking and also carry some ID.

BLACK ICE: It is the time of year for “Black Ice” and we have many bridges and areas in town where there are several crashes every year. On days where we could have this ice problem leave early, wear your seat belt and slow down.

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: The annual fund drive second request went out in the first part of November. We sent out over 500 letters to people who our records show did not respond in May. We realize the some give through the United Way but we have not been notified of all their names yet.

We also understand that the economy is still not good for many of our residents and they have to watch every penny.

BOAT TRAILER: We are in the process of obtaining a trailer that can haul both boats and some water rescue equipment. Fund Drive and Carnival profit money will be used for this purchase.

FACEBOOK: The Rush Volunteer Fire Department has a Facebook page. Fire prevention, safety and health hint will be posted along with other information about what is going on at the fire

department. Become a friend on our Facebook page.

LADIES AUXILIARY: ANNUAL ELECTION DAY DINNER was a success. Thank you to all who supported the auxiliary. They are looking for new members go to RushFD.org and click on auxiliary for information.

LADIES AUXILIARY

2nd ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

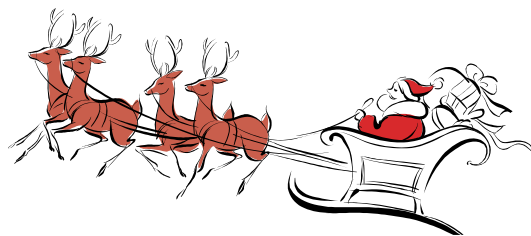
The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all the families with their little ghouls and goblins that came out for some Halloween fun! It was a very spooktacular event! Much fun was had looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

LADIES AUXILIARY ELECTION DAY 50/50

The Ladies would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make our Election Day dinner a success. We served 268 dinners 10 more than last year! We couldn't have done it without all the assistance of the members of the Fire Department the Ladies Auxiliary and especially all those that were able to dine with us that evening. Our 50/50 winner this year was Bob Symonds! Congratulation Bob!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING GET READY KIDS!

Santa Claus will be at The Annual Kids Christmas party! Join us at the station on Friday December 11th at 7:00 PM for refreshments and festive entertainment.



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 up to three residents of the town of Rush, depending on the number of qualified candidates who apply. A minimum of \$1000 to a maximum of \$3000 will be awarded, depending on the number of individuals 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 25th** to the Counseling Center.

NEW MEMBERS- Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com or website www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm

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2015 Calendar

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

Other Important Information and Dates

Christmas Eve	Court and Library Closed	Thursday – 24 th
Christmas Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Friday – 25 th
New Year's Eve	Court Closed, Library Closing at 5:00 PM	Thursday – 31 st



2016 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 7 th
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New Year's Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Friday – 1 st
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