

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Happy New Year, Rush Neighbors!

I would like to thank the Zoning Citizens Committee; Carol Barnett, Jim Bucci, Selden Chase, John David and Chuck Wolcott, for the year-long effort they have provided in reviewing the town's zoning code. The town board held a workshop with the committee to review their recommendations. These recommendations are currently being reviewed by the town attorney. When the legal review is complete, a public hearing will be scheduled to obtain public comments.

Please welcome Wayne O'Neill our new maintenance person for the town hall building. Wayne is from Leixlip, Ireland, is a Bishop Kearney graduate and a U.S. Navy veteran. He lives in Henrietta with his wife Johanna and children Caine, Cayden, John and Shannon. Dick Schneider will continue to maintain the library and pavilion buildings.

Welcome also to Phil D'Alessandro who is our new Building Inspector. Phil lives in Penfield with his wife Connie and his children Neil, Eva and Joelle. Phil earned a Building Inspector Certification in 2007 and has completed an additional 150 hours of in-service training.

Rick Tracy, who is currently our Fire Marshal and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, has accepted the responsibility for Property Maintenance (town code violations) for the town.

Also new at the Town Hall is our winter sidewalk maintenance person, Richard Smith. Richard lives in Rush. Please say hello to him if you see him out and about.

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

A Rush Town Board member will no longer be available before the town board meetings, as no one has taken advantage of this opportunity in the past year. Town board members are always available to you by appointment.

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

*Cathleen M. Frank*

## Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

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### LOVE ME? LICENSE ME!

A license is a lost dog's ticket home.



**(1) IT'S THE LAW**  
New York State Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 7, requires that dogs in New York State be licensed and wear their dog license tag.

#### **(2) EASY IDENTIFICATION**

When wearing a license tag, dogs are easier to identify, enabling them to be reunited with their owner faster.

#### **(3) HEALTH/SAFETY**

By requiring that a dog have valid rabies vaccination prior to licensing, a dog license helps to control and prevent the spread of rabies.

#### **(4) DOG PARK**

All Monroe County Dog Parks require a valid dog license and rabies vaccination. For more information, call the Monroe County Department of Parks Administrative Office at 585-753-7275.

#### **What dogs must be licensed?**

Every dog owned or harbored in New York State for longer than 30 days must be licensed. The ONLY license exceptions are: (1) Dogs under 4 months of age not running at large; (2) If a non-resident brings a dog into New York state for less than 30 days and the dog is licensed according to the resident state's licensing laws; and (3) Dogs confined to the premises of any public or private hospital, research institution or a Class A Dealer with a certificate of exemption.

### How to license your dog:

Apply for a dog license at your local Town Clerk's Office by bringing in the proper paperwork from your dog's veterinarian and the appropriate fee. If a dog is spayed/neutered, present a certificate from a licensed veterinarian along with a certificate of rabies vaccination. Rush's current license fees are \$9.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$18.00 for an unsprayed/unneutered dog. Fees are set by each municipality and are non-refundable.

**Registration Renewals must be done annually to remain compliant.**

**How does it apply to the Rush Code:** Being courteous and lawful means all dogs must be on a leash and controlled by the owner at any time that they are more than 8 feet away from the owner and their property. Any destruction or damage caused by a dog is the responsibility of the dog's owner.

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

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

### **MONROE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2016 CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM**

Forms for the 2016 Conservation Tree, Shrub & Plant Program are available in the Town Clerk's Office or by visiting [www.monroecountyswcd.org](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org). All orders and payment are due payable to the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Tree pick-up is scheduled for April 21-22, 9AM – 5:30 PM, at the Monroe County ecopark, 10 Avion Drive, Rochester, NY 14624. Maps or directions can be found at [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark). Forms and payment are to be returned to MCSWCD, 145 Paul Road, Bldg. 5, Rochester, New York 14624.

### **MUNICIPALITY HIP (Home Improvement Program)**

If you are in need of home repairs and are income-eligible, Monroe County Community Development is providing assistance. Please stop in the office to pick up an application or visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov).

### **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 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.

**2016 PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS TIME CHANGE** – All 2016 meetings, unless otherwise scheduled, will be held at 7 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

#### **Planning Board:**

December 15, 2015:

No applications; action items to approve Meeting Minutes.

January 19, 2016:

No applications, meeting cancelled.

February 16, 2016:

As of this posting, applications have not yet been received.

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals:**

December 10, 2015:

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

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.

**Application was approved with conditions.**

January 14, 2016:

No applications; meeting cancelled.

February 11, 2016:

As of this posting, applications have not yet been received.

## 2016 COMBINED TOWN & COUNTY TAX BILL

If your taxes are not escrowed and you have not received a tax bill, please call my office to obtain a duplicate bill or you may also access your bill on the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). Select "view/pay taxes online". Your past school and combined town and county tax bills are also available on this site.

If you choose to send your tax payment in with on-line banking, you do so at the risk of being late. Your payment will not contain an official US postal postmark and may not be considered timely, thus incurring a penalty.

Instructions for payments are located on the back of your bill or at the Monroe County website.

As a reminder, all tax payments can be sent to my office through May 31<sup>st</sup>. The April installment date ends on a weekend. Payment is accepted on the first business day after the weekend.

For your convenience, a drop box is available inside the Town Clerk Office lobby and is additionally accessible whenever the Library is open. Access it through the interior building doors.

If you have additional questions, we will be happy to assist you.

### *Historian's Office*

*Submitted by Susan Mee*  
*Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.*  
*Thursdays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.*  
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[Sue@townofrush.com](mailto:Sue@townofrush.com)

Happy New Year!

Now that the year 2016 has arrived, it is time to start thinking about our town's bicentennial. Rush will celebrate its 200th birthday in 2018. As many of you know, Rush was originally part of the Town of Hartford, which is now Avon. The northern portion of Hartford divided and became the Town of Rush in 1818. Rush officially became its own town on March 13, 1818. At that time, Rush was a part of Ontario County since Monroe County had not yet been established. Monroe County, named for President James Monroe, came into existence February 23, 1821 and was formed from portions of Ontario and Genesee Counties. Rush then became part of Monroe County.

Long time town residents will remember the celebrations recognizing the town's sesquicentennial in 1968 and its quartoseptennial (175 years) in 1993. Our 200th anniversary presents a wonderful opportunity for our residents and organizations to come together to celebrate our town's past and, at the same time, look to our future.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning, please come to a brainstorming session on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7PM at the Rush Town Hall. Since this is our Town's anniversary, I would like input and representation from as many as wish to be involved.

Below are photos from the Rush Bicentennial, courtesy of Bill Darron.



Our festive Town Hall is shown below.



Let's make our bicentennial a year to remember with events and memories for all ages!  
-Sue

## Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor  
Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
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Phone: 533-2330

Please check our web site and other notifications for our upcoming class *Three Steps to a Fair and Equitable Assessment*.

Also a reminder if you turn 65 this year please file for your Enhanced STAR exemption by March 1, 2016. You do not need to wait until your actual birth date to file.

Now for some fun!!!

I am going to ask an assessment question of my readers in each Rush Town News publication. The first person to give the correct answer wins the prize. Please call my office or email your answers to [dan@townofrush.com](mailto:dan@townofrush.com). FYI, the prize given out at the last *Three Steps to a Fair and Equitable Assessment* class was a free oil change from PAPA's Auto in Rush. You do not need to attend the class to win! So here you go...What colony established the first property tax in 1654?

## Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor  
Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM -3:30PM  
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 PM  
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[Pat@townofrush.com](mailto: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 3<sup>RD</sup> 2015-April 12<sup>TH</sup> 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

### SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

Pat Rose, Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department present a winter session

8 week program  
Thursdays, January 28<sup>th</sup>-March 17<sup>th</sup>  
10:00-11:00AM.



The classes will be held at the William Udicious Pavilion. The classes will be taught by Pat Rose a certified instructor. The cost per person will be \$45.00 for Rush residents and \$50.00 for non-Rush residents. The cost of this program may be reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup! 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.

### SPRING AEROBICS 9 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 spring evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up.

The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you'll enjoy. It also includes floor routines to target your stomach, legs and arms, as well as stretches to improve flexibility. A good exercise mat is essential; a pair of weights (3 or 4lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome.



Cost: 1 day/week, \$30.00 resident, \$35.00 non-resident

2 days/week, \$50.00 resident, \$55.00 non-resident

Classes take place in the William Udicious Pavilion.

Tuesdays, March 1<sup>st</sup>- April 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:15-7:15 PM

Thursdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup>- April 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:15-7:15 PM

### **BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP**



The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. and basketball coach Elizabeth Grillo will be offering an 8 week Boys Basketball Camp at the Monica Leary gym for beginner players 7-9 years old. The children will work on skill

development and play simple games. The cost is \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-residents. You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall or download an application at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) under Recreation.

Tuesdays, April 12<sup>th</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup>  
6:00-7:30 PM

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP**

The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. and RH Varsity Basketball Coach Alan Regan along with Roberts Wesleyan College player Emily Nestler will be offering an 8 week Girls Basketball Camp at the Monica Leary gym. for beginner player's ages 7-9. The children will work on skill development and play simple games. The cost is \$60.00 for a Rush resident and \$65.00 for non-residents. You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall or download an application at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) under Recreation.



Thursdays, April 14<sup>th</sup>- June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30-8:00 PM

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

You can download any of the applications for the recreation programs from [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) under the "Recreation" tab and send it into the Rush Town Clerks office. The Recreation website is updated frequently between newsletters. Please check for any additional new programs. For further questions please call Pat Stevens at 533-2340.

### **WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION**

You can now book reservations into 2017 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](http://www.townofrush.com) under Recreation. Remember the fields are separate rentals so

please fill out the field use permit as well if you plan on using them.

***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.***

### **Building Inspector**

Submitted by Phil D'Alessandro  
Building Inspector

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[Phil@townofrush.com](mailto:Phil@townofrush.com)

Phone: 533-9114 or Cell: 533-7695

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Phil D'Alessandro and I have recently been appointed as the new Town of Rush Building Inspector, 20 hours per week.

What do I bring to the table? I have 15 years of experience as a general and mason contractor, plus 8 years of construction inspection and code enforcement experience. I also currently work for the Town of Penfield as a part time Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Most of all what I would like to bring to the community though is the concept that the building inspector is here to help you safely use your property, tempered with the importance and necessity of following all the ordinances and standards set forth in the State building codes and Rush town code. By doing so, we can ensure a quality of life that will benefit all who call Rush home.

I consider it an honor and privilege to serve the community in this capacity and look forward to meeting all your building permit/inspection needs. Please contact me with any questions regarding any building projects you wish to undertake at your residential or commercial property. You can also find many answers to questions you might have at [townofrush.com](http://townofrush.com) if you click on "About Rush" and then select "Town Code".

Thank You,  
Phil D'Alessandro

## Library News

Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director  
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,  
Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM  
Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM  
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[www.RushLibrary.org](http://www.RushLibrary.org)

Dear Neighbors, Happy New Year!

**Hot Book and Movie Collections:** In our ongoing effort to serve our community better, we have created several "HOT" collections throughout the library. So far we have HOT books, movies and audiobooks like the larger libraries offer; these are our very newest materials that we know you are browsing for, and are usually found on the *New York Times* bestseller lists. These materials will continue to stay in Rush, instead of filling holds around the county, while they're "hot". Remember, if you have a favorite author, you could "adopt" him or her for only \$15 per book; you'll be *the very first patron* to read it! Just ask about our **Adopt-an-Author program** during your next visit.

**Tax Forms:** As of the writing of this newsletter, Federal tax forms have not yet arrived at the library, even though they were ordered last fall. I am not expecting any NYS forms this year, as they were not sent for the last three years. You can download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/> and Federal forms at <https://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs> and see the instruction books online, or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (We expect to have a very limited amount of free common forms; printing out unusual forms at the library will cost you 15¢ per page.)

### **Support Your Rush Library While Shopping:**

Another way to support us with financial gifts throughout the year is through the **AmazonSmile Program:** <http://smile.amazon.com/>

It's a simple and automatic way for you to support us every time you shop, **at no cost to you**. When you start your shopping at the web site, [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) (instead of Amazon.com) you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, **with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Rush Library** after you've selected us as your favorite charitable organization. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Your

shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings will be the same. (You may also want to add a bookmark to that site to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.) Thanks for your support!

**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 me.

**Looking forward to seeing you,  
Kirsten Flass**

### **Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for February and March 2016**

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

#### **February Events:**

**After School Fun for Kids:** For kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM**. Learn to make **Star Wars Thumb Doodles**. The epic saga is at your fingertips as you transform your fingerprints into characters and scenes from a galaxy far, far away! All materials provided. Please register in advance.

**Tiny Tots Story Time:** For children ages 3-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursdays, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Drop in at the library and share with your child the joys that books can bring! Studies show that children who listen to stories at an early age have better attention spans in later life. No prior registration required.

**Take Your Child to the Library Day: Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:45-1:45 PM**. Kids ages 3 and up are invited to a special Story Time and Valentine Craft activity. Please register in advance.

**View Finders:** Our photography group meets on **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM** and on **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 PM**. Bring 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 served. Please register in advance.

**Movie Matinee for Kids: Sweet Valentine – Best Friends Forever** for ages 4 and up on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 PM**. Share some sweet stories about love and friendship with Angelina Ballerina and her friends. There will be Valentine's Day treats for you to enjoy as you watch the movie. Please register in advance.

**Alzheimer's Program: Driving and Dementia** (5<sup>th</sup> in a series) on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM**. Explore how the disease can affect a person's ability to drive, their senses, and reaction times. Learn about local resources for driver evaluations and strategies for talking about when to stop driving. Please call us to register in advance.

**Bedtime Story Time:** for kids ages 3 and up on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-7:30 PM**. Children are invited to come in their PJs and listen to some new bedtime stories and have a snack. Please register in advance.

**Knit Chicks:** Our drop-in fiber crafting club meets up on **the second and last Saturdays** of each month, **February 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**. Share your patterns and experience, and make new friends. New members are welcome, coffee and snacks provided.

**Bingo!** For kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:45 PM**. This is a FREE event, but *you must be registered in advance to have a seat at the game table*. Everyone will go home with a prize.

**Social Security Class for Baby Boomers:** will be held on **Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. This course will discuss what Social Security is, how to enroll, what a survivor benefit is, how payout is calculated, and how to determine what is right for each individual. This educational program will be facilitated by **Patrick Kelly**, Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. Please register in advance.

**Movie Matinee for Kids:** Come watch *Inside Out*, a fantasy/drama for kids ages 6-12 on **Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 PM**. "Riley is a happy, hockey-loving 11-year-old Midwestern girl, but her world is turned upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco. Riley's emotions guide her through this difficult, life changing event." Parents are welcome to stay for the movie, but must be registered for a seat along with their child.

Refreshments will be served. This movie is Rated PG.

**Fire Safety Class for Kids:** for kids ages 4-8 on **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM**. Children will learn about fire safety as they participate in a Sesame Street color and learn book provided by FEMA. "Learning fire safety messages at an early age can help your child develop safe habits that can last a lifetime." Please register in advance.

**Crafter's Corner for Adults: Needle Felting** on **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM**. *If you have already taken our introductory class on needle-felting*, we will now show you how to adorn a cute wool clutch purse with colorful roving. Space is very limited and you must register in advance. There will be a \$5.00 materials fee for this class.

**Aspiring Authors Group:** Meets on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Whether you're a published author or a newbie, this is a way to find support and advice from other writers and to stay motivated. Join author, Jackie Battisti, and bring five double-spaced pages of your craft and a few copies to share for feedback. All genres of writing are welcome, and honoring diversity and respect are of utmost importance. Please register in advance, as space is limited.

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** For February we'll be participating in *If All of Rochester Reads the Same Book* in conjunction with Writers and Books. This year's choice is *Queen of the Fall; A Memoir of Girls and Goddesses* by Sonja Livingston. "Whether pulled from the folds of memory, or channeled through the icons of Greek mythology and Roman Catholicism, or filtered through the lens of pop-culture, this novel considers the lives of women with imagined vignettes in the late 1980s and early 1990s America. Join us on **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9:00 PM** for dessert and coffee. Please register in advance. **A limited number of copies of this book will be available for sale at \$13.00 each.** The author will be visiting various locations throughout the county in March for readings and events.

**Family Finders:** We'll meet on **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM** (Note: this is a new meeting time!) Cathy Frank leads this group of genealogical hobbyists on the fourth Friday of

each month. Are you at an impasse in your research? Come get some new ideas! Please call to register in advance. Coffee and snacks provided.

**March Events:**

**Family Finders:** is on vacation in March. Check back in April for our next meeting. **In the meantime did you know that we subscribe to *Family Tree* magazine? Come in and check it out!**

**Medicare Program for Baby Boomers: Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Learn about the complexities of Medicare and the use of private insurance to cover medical expenses not covered by Medicare- also known as Medigap Coverage. You'll understand 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.

**Tiny Tots Story Time:** Children ages 3-5 and caregivers can drop in and see our lovely children's room, filled with creative playthings and thousands of books, and then listen to stories on **Thursday mornings, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon.** No prior registration is required.

**View Finders:** Come see your photos on our big screen TV! We'll meet on **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM & Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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. New members are always welcome. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Please register in advance.

**Alzheimer's Program: *Role Changes and Transitions*** (6th in a series) on **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM.** Navigating the changes in your relationship with a person who has dementia can be a challenge. Explore the changes that may occur and find some strategies that help you prepare. Please call us to register in advance.

**March of the Stuffed Animals!** This is a new program for preschoolers from ***Bedtime Math***- a nonprofit that makes it easy to add a little math to the family routine. Join us on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:00 PM.** Your child can wear their PJs and bring their favorite stuffed animal so we can count them in our Crazy Creature Census. Listen to "Snack Time for Fluffy" and other related stories.

Kids will receive fun stickers, an animal puzzle, and information on Bedtime Math. Please register your child in advance.

**Library Knit Chicks:** We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun! Join us on **Saturdays, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

**Live Music in the Pavilion!** Gather your friends and neighbors, and join us on **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion for ***Nothin' But Treble- Women's Voice Ensemble.*** Their repertoire spans decades and includes jazz, popular standards, Broadway, Irish Tunes, audience sing-alongs, and more. This is a fun group that loves to engage their audience! This is a FREE event, welcoming adults and families; no registration is necessary.

**After School Fun for Kids:** ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays, March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Join us for St. Patrick's Day and Easter craft activities and an afternoon snack.

**Stampin-Up!** Get ready for spring with **Karen Burke** on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.** You will create hand-stamped Easter Cards and fancy Easter treat boxes using lots of embellishments including high quality papers, glitter, die-cut shapes, trims, twine, sequins, and more! All supplies and instructions are included; please register in advance. **Note:** There is \$5.00 materials fee for this class, payable that evening.

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** This month's selection will be ***The Time Keeper*** by Mitch Albom. In this exceptional work of fiction, the inventor of the first clock is banished by God to a cave for trying to measure time and is forced to listen to the voices of all who desire more days and years. Finally, Father Time is granted his freedom and returns to the world and begins a journey with two unlikely partners, one who has given up on life, another who wants to live forever. To save himself, he must save them both- a tale that will inspire readers to reconsider their own notions of time. Join us either, **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-9:00 PM.** Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

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**Aspiring Authors:** will meet on **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM.** Whether you are a new or published author, this program is for you. Local author Jackie Battisti will help you find support and motivate your muse. Please bring 5 double-spaced pages of your craft for feedback, plus copies to share. **Note:** This group is very diverse and *respect* is of the utmost importance. Please register in advance.

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



On December 10<sup>th</sup>, we had our Christmas Party at "Wildwood Country Club". Over 70 members attended with entertainment provided by "Denny and Her Escorts". This group furnished music and entertaining stories that were enjoyed by all.

Besides partying, we elected our officers for 2016.

**President-** Linda Price  
**Vice President-** Bev Rumsey  
**Treasurer-** Alice Hoh  
**Secretary-** Chris Miller

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

On January 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our first meeting for 2016. We will vote for the extended trip we want to take this year. The full schedule of trips for 2016 will be available by the end of February. You can get a copy at the Town Hall or call Jim Oliver at 533-1607 for more details.

Our February meeting will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have one of our members entertain. We will also have a special Valentine's Day raffle. Please plan on attending.

At our March meeting, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to again feature the Sperry Singers. We

look forward to hosting these talented young performers.

### Travel & Events

The trip planned for December 3<sup>rd</sup> was a huge success. This trip featured 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 533-1607 for further information on any Rush Travel events.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> the seniors will attend the Mendon Players performance entitled "*Memories, Music & Mayhem!*". The doors open at 7 PM and the play starts at 7:30 at the Monsignor Schnacky Center in Mendon. This is always a lively event, so plan on attending.

The Rush Senior Citizens meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. We usually have a pot luck lunch at noon. Bring your own place setting and a dish to pass. All Rush residents (or Rush Taxpayers) age 55 or older are welcome to join. Come at 11:30 AM to visit with other Rush Seniors.

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

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner*  
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### RUSH FIRE DISTRICT

Rush Fire District organizational meeting was held January 2nd, 2016. Bob Faugh was elected as Chairman, Scott Goodman Vice-Chairman, Colleen Statskey was appointed Secretary and Robert Kuhls was appointed Treasurer. Dale Sweet was sworn in by the town of Rush as a new Commissioner. His father, Al served the Rush Fire District as a Commissioner for 40 years. He was Chairman of the Board for many years. We thanked Al for his 40 years of service to the Rush Fire District and his 60 years in the Rush Fire Department. Al is still an active member of the fire district.

The monthly public meeting will be held the third Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Rush Station 1, 1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, NY. Our bank remains M&T. The Henrietta Post will be the official newspaper. Peter Weishaar remains our attorney.

The Fire Department Chiefs nominations were approved at the December commissioners meeting. They are: James Bucci Chief, Jim McNeil Assistant Chief and Jake Vogt Assistant Chief. The line officers have also been approved. Many residents have no idea how much time and effort these people donate for no pay to the area residents. They have only one goal and that is to save lives, property and provide help in any way they can.

Fire Chief Jim Bucci gave a report on Fire Department activities for 2015. We responded to 369 calls, 211 were for EMS or MVA's. (Detailed report in April/May newsletter) The fire district has 48 active members, 10 of which are EMTs.

We are happy to report we had no serious fires in the district for 2015 and we credit this to the residents of the Rush Fire District and their children. Keep up the good work!

**REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL CON HEARING:** The Monroe Livingston EMS Council held a public hearing December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rush Town Hall, acting on a request from the Henrietta Ambulance to expand their Certificate of Need (CON) authority into the Town of Rush. This was also approved and promoted by the Rush Fire District and Rush Fire Department members so Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance could legally bill Medicare for service to our patients on that system. If not approved, these patients will be billed directly and will not be able to use their benefits from Medicare. We expect this CON to be approved.

We have no plans at the present time to alter what we have been doing with our ambulance service and with the response procedures with Henrietta Ambulance that we have been doing for over 5 years. They send a full ALS/BLS ambulance between 6AM and 6PM for ALS calls which are 70% to 80% of the day calls. They send a full ALS/BLS ambulance to crashes on I-390 because that is the 911 protocol for a 65 MPH highway. We are looking into having the 911 run cards updated so Honeoye Falls-Mendon Ambulance would be dispatched on ALS calls and mutual aid BLS calls in the south eastern part of our fire district because they are closer than Henrietta in some cases. Honeoye Falls-Mendon Ambulance is on board with this new procedure.

As has been reported before, we have a very hard time getting a full crew for the ambulance between

6AM and 6PM during the day and we cannot tie up our few people that are in town in case of a fire, rescue or another EMS call. Ten years ago the average time on an ambulance call was one hour, today it is over 2 hours plus a nine page report on every call. We have a properly equipped First Responder respond to almost every call in our district, even when we can't crew the ambulance and they render aid until our mutual aid ambulance arrives. We are one of the last Basic Life Support transport (BLS) ambulance services that provide FREE ambulance service in Monroe County. If Advanced Life Support transport (ALS) is required, there are NO FREE ALS providers anywhere. We have been providing FREE BLS service since 1939.

**MEMORIALS AND EMS DONATION:** The Board of Directors has changed our policy on notifications of money received as memorial donations. A list will be sent EVERY MONTH on these gifts to the family starting now. We thank those who have chosen to have donations sent to us. All this money goes into the Ambulance & EMS operation. This past year \$1,170 was received.

**AUTOMATIC ALARMS:** First, we wish to thank those who have had these alarms and quickly called 911 to report what was really going on. We still respond with an officer and in some cases a pumper to confirm the information. There is an automatic alarm every 12 seconds in the USA and 99.95% are false. We continue to have problems with these automatic fire alarms, if yours goes off CALL 9-1-1 and tell them what is going on. Lack of house numbers and access to some homes is also still a problem and will slow our response to your emergency.

**UPGRADE ON UTILITY TRUCK 587:** Dale Sweet and Wayne Burdett are upgrading this unit with a new fire pump that we got with a matching grant from Senator Rich Funke. The new pump and other upgrades should be done in a month or so. It is hard to believe but this unit is 11 years old already and still is in great shape and looks brand new.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE:** The firefighters held the annual Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party at station one in December. They had a choice of Prime Rib, Chicken French or Baked Salmon. Also available were shrimp cocktail, cheese & crackers, rice, vegetable and assorted cheesecake desserts. This is to thank them for all

their hard work during the year. Thirty auxiliary members attended.

**AEDs IN SHERIFF CARS:** Henrietta Ambulance has donated 21 AED's (Heart Start devices) to the Zone B Monroe County Sheriff's station. Now every MCSO patrol car that is driving around Rush has an AED on board. Every New York State Police vehicle also has an AED on board. Many times they can be on the scene with an AED minutes before any of our first responders or officers. In these heart attack situations seconds count. **YOU KNOWING CPR MAY ALSO MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILED NEWS:** Go to [www.RushFD.org](http://www.RushFD.org), [www.RUSHFIREDISTRICT.org](http://www.RUSHFIREDISTRICT.org) or Rush Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

### THE RUSH LADIES AUXILIARY

We would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 2015 and invite you back to share in all our events in 2016!

We had our yearly Officers Election and would like to thank all of the past officers for the phenomenal job that they have done in 2015 and welcome in the officers for 2016. Officers for 2016 were elected and are as follows:

**President-** Deborah A David  
**Vice President-** Carol Ann Stahl  
**Secretary-** Michele Hicks  
**Treasurer-** Kathy Reissig  
**Executive Officer-** Bonnie Tobey

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY** would like to thank everyone who attended and helped at our Children's Christmas Party held on December 11th. It was a huge success. Everyone truly enjoyed Santa, Elsa, Olaf & Sven!

**The Ladies Auxiliary** would like to send a huge thank you to the Rush Firemen & Firewomen for putting on a Christmas Dinner for us on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We all enjoyed it very much. We are thankful for all you do for us throughout the year!

### RUSH FIREMAN'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. Applicant must follow these guidelines when applying for this scholarship:

1. *Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Rush.*
2. *Applicant must provide evidence of satisfactory grades by including an official transcript.*
3. *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.*
4. *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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016** to the Counseling Center.

**CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER:** The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual Chicken and Biscuits Dinner on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM, at the Rush Fire House. The cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and \$5.50 for children 12 and under. Take outs are available. Proceeds from this dinner help fund the Wilkins Scholarship Fund.

**Join the Easter Bunny!!** For an Easter Egg Hunt at the Rush Fireman's Field on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 starting at 1:00 PM. Rush Residents ages 0 to 8 are welcomed to come and hunt for eggs! Treats for all the Kids! Snacks and fun for everyone that attends!

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining the Rush Ladies Auxiliary should contact: Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at [JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com](mailto:JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com) or website [www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm](http://www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm)

Deborah A David  
Rush Ladies Auxiliary  
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**FEBRUARY** 2016 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 16 <sup>th</sup>
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 11 <sup>th</sup>
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 11 <sup>th</sup>
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 16 <sup>th</sup>
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 16 <sup>th</sup>
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>

*Other Important Information and Dates*

Groundhog Day		Monday – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Valentine’s Day		Sunday – 14 <sup>th</sup>
President’s Day		Monday – 15 <sup>th</sup>



**MARCH** 2016 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 15 <sup>th</sup>
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Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>

*Other Important Information and Dates*

Daylight Savings		Sunday – 13 <sup>th</sup>
Saint Patrick’s Day		Thursday – 17 <sup>th</sup>
First Day of Spring		Friday – 20 <sup>th</sup>

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