

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

The 2015 Operating Budget was approved at the October 22nd Town Board meeting.

The Budget calls for a 2015 tax rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$4.54- unchanged from 2014. See the tax rate graph which follows.

The 2015 Taxable Assessed Valuation at \$287,953,418 is up 1% from 2014 and has increased less than 3.5% in the last 5 years combined. The total levy of \$1,334,347 is well below the 1.56% limitation set by the NY Property Tax Cap legislation.

Below are some of the individual highlights from the Budget:

The cost of health insurance premiums is increasing 12.2% for 2015 making family coverage almost \$16,900. The Plan is an Affordable Care Act compliant plan (Platinum) while the employee contribution will remain at 10% for 2015. The Budget for healthcare totals \$213,421.

The Town contribution for NYS Retirement for 2015 will decrease slightly from 20.3% of covered payroll to 18.8%. The State Comptroller projects that the rate will continue to decline in coming years. Participation in this system is required by NYS law. The Budget for NYS Retirement totals \$166,000- a slight decrease from 2014.

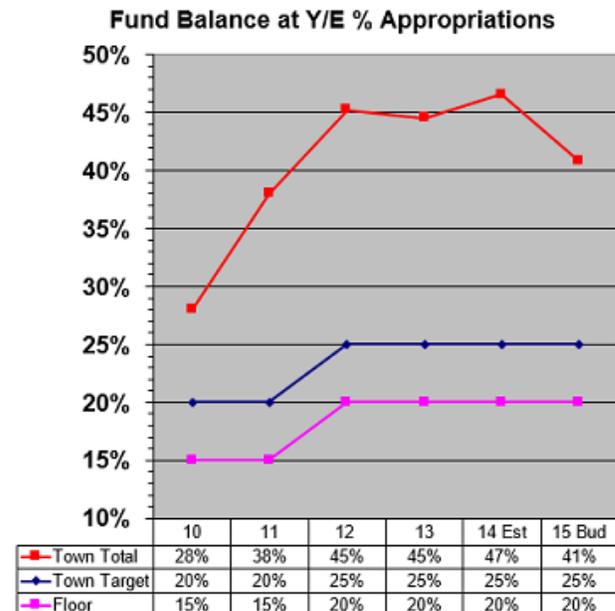
Town employees will receive a 2% wage increase for 2015. Wages of the Town Board and Supervisor will remain unchanged for the 3rd year. Sales Tax distributions from Monroe County have been strong and have more than recovered from the decline in 2009. We expect to receive \$310,000 for 2015.

Highway Capital outlays include \$90,000 for a roadside mowing tractor and equipment. No significant General Fund Capital outlays are planned for 2015.

Highway improvements include \$60,000 for prep work on Lyons Road, Golah Road, and smaller projects. Highway maintenance includes \$62,000 for repairs and maintenance for Stoneybrook, Phelps, and smaller projects

The Supervisor Contingency is increased to \$48,000 as the age of our "new" Town Hall building suggests increased risk for larger repair expenditures.

The Town will utilize \$110,000 of our unexpended fund balances to fund a portion of the 2015 Budget. This can be thought of as similar to using some of your savings to pay bills. Even so the Town is projected to have an unexpended balance at the end of 2015 equal to about 41% of annual expenditures. This is considered a sound fund balance position. See the fund balance graph which follows.



14,15 Estimated

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

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

Warmest Regards.

Richard E. Anderson
Rush Town Supervisor

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
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ZONING, PLANNING & CONSERVATION BOARDS

Openings on these Boards can occur at any given time. 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 at least 3 years.

LIONS CLUB – LOAN CLOSET

Our local Lions Club offers gently used medical apparatus, i.e., wheelchairs, canes, walkers, etc. to aid you in your time of need. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office for assistance.

PREVIOUS AND SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

Below is a recap of decisions made on 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 Sentinel or 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.

PLANNING BOARD

August – Meeting Adjourned, no quorum.

September – Application 2014-03P by James Glogowski, agent for Amy Schubach, for subdivision and site plan approval to subdivide 6.0 acres with an existing house from a parcel containing 14.4 acres. **Approved with conditions.**

ZONING BOARD

August, September, October – Meetings cancelled; no applications.

2015 MEETING DATES and APPLICATION DEADLINES

TOWN BOARD – 7 PM: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month; **PLANNING BOARD** – 7:30 PM: 3rd Tuesday of each month; **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** – 7 PM: 2nd Thursday of each month; **CONSERVATION BOARD** 7 :30 PM: 1st Thursday of each month

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – 4TH Tuesday of May; **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** - 7:15 PM: 1st Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and no meeting in August

These meetings are open to the public. Please feel welcome in attending.

Applications for hearings before the Planning Board must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by the 15th of the month for a public hearing the following month. The deadline for the Zoning Board of Appeals is the last business day of the month.

HOLIDAYS - OFFICE CLOSED

The Town Hall offices will be closed on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th and New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town Board will hold its 2015 Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 following the Town Board Meeting at 7 PM, at the offices of the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York.

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

2015 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, 2015.

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. Hoping you experience a memorable holiday season!

Assessor’s Office
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Colleen Statskey, Assessor’s Clerk
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Colleen@townofrush.com
Phone: 533-2330



Dan, The Star of Exemptions

Thank you to all who attended the class on 3 Steps to a Lower Property Tax Bill. I hope you found it informative.

Real Property Tax Law lets us celebrate your Birthday on the first of the year (one of the owners must be 65 years of age or older as of December 31 of the assessment roll year.) So if a member of the house hold turns 65 this year, Happy Birthday! And as a special gift the State will allow you to

apply for the Senior STAR Exemption! But you must apply before March 1, 2015.

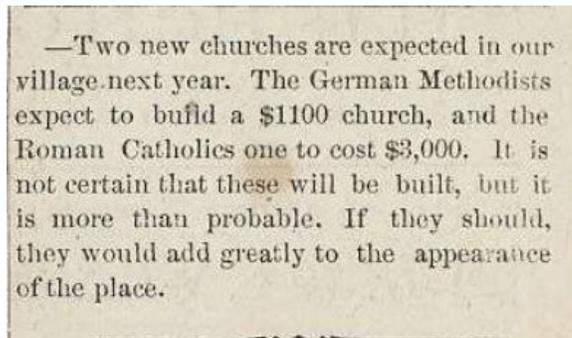
Enhanced, Limited Senior, and Agricultural Assessment Renewal Exemption Applications have been mailed out and are due by March 1, 2015. If you did not receive your application in the mail and you think you may be eligible, please contact the office.

Historian’s Office
Submitted by Susan Mee
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
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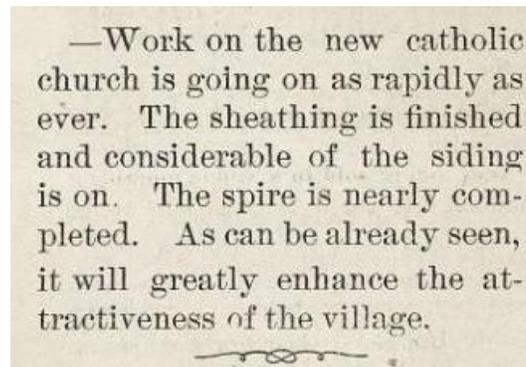
As many of you are aware, St. Joseph’s Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. St. Joseph’s has been a mainstay of our community these many years. You may also recall previous mentions of our town’s local newspaper, *The Rush Echo*. *The Echo* was published from 1879-1881 and is now available online through the *New York Historic Newspapers* website at: <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>.

Below are a few clippings from the *Rush Echo* reporting on the building of the new Catholic Church in 1881.

From the October 23, 1880 issue of the *Rush Echo*:



From the August 11, 1881 issue of the *Rush Echo*:



From the October 23, 1880 issue of the *Rush Echo*:

—The new Catholic Church in this village was opened last Tuesday evening with a grand variety ball fancy fair and bazaar.

There was a great attendance, and it was, of course, a grand success as far as profit and enjoyment were concerned, and did a considerable amount toward paying for the church. We did not learn particulars.

Please join us on Monday, December 8th at 7 pm in the William Udicious Pavilion for a presentation on the history of St. Joseph's Church in Rush.

Barns of Rush: Sadly, many of the historic barns that dotted our countryside have disappeared over time. We are continuing to lose additional barn structures each year. In many cases, the barns of yesterday no longer suit today's farming methods and equipment. I am working with Selden Chase to document some of the barns of our town. If you have photos or information on a Rush barn(s) that you would like to share, we would appreciate hearing from you! Photos of barns no longer standing are also most welcome. Photos can be scanned and the originals returned to you.

In an effort to become more familiar and learn about the programs and services offered by the **Landmark Society of Western New York**, I have had several recent conversations with Cynthia Howk. Cynthia is the Architectural Research Coordinator for the Landmark Society and is a tremendous resource. Program ideas are in the planning stages but please stay tuned for upcoming announcements!

Volunteer Opportunity: The Rush History office has several documents in its collection that are handwritten. These documents consist of letters, diaries, ledgers, etc. In order to better preserve them and to also digitize them and make them keyword searchable, I would be very appreciative if someone would be willing to work on transcribing them into typewritten form. This work could be done at home from a copy of the original document. Please contact me if interested – it could be a fun and educational way to pass some time during the snowy winter months ahead!

Many thanks and best wishes for a joyous holiday season! Sue

Recreation Department

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

SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 4th, 2014– April 14th, 2015 (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.

Dates: Tuesdays November 4th – April 14th

Location: Monica Leary Gym
5509 East Henrietta Rd Rush
6:00PM-7:30PM

SENIOR FALL EXERCISE CLASS

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

This program began on November 6th, but if you would like to participate we can prorate the classes so that you can join in! Call Pat @ 533-2340 if you are interested!

Dates: Tuesdays November 6th – January 15th
(No Classes November 27th,
December 25th, or January 1st)

Cost: Resident \$45.00
Non Resident \$50.00

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

TODDLER TUMBLING

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

Dates: Mondays January 5th – March 2nd
(No Class February 16th)
Cost: Resident \$60.00
Non Resident \$65.00
Location: William Udicious Pavilion
6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

LATE WINTER AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor since 1982, will be offering a late winter evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up. The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you'll enjoy. It also includes floor routines to target your stomach, legs and arms, as well as stretches to improve flexibility. A good exercise mat is essential; a pair of weights (3 or 4lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels welcome.

Dates: Tuesdays January 6th – February 24th
Thursdays January 8th – February 26th
Cost: Resident 1 Day per Week \$27.00
Resident 2 Days per Week \$45.00
Non-Resident 1 Day per Week \$32.00
Non-Resident 2 Days per Week \$49.00
Location: William Udicious Pavilion
6:15PM-7:15PM

2015 WINTER TUMBLING WITH JERRY

The children will work on skill development in tumbling. The class is designed for intermediate tumblers 8-14 years old. The focus will be on the development of cheerleading type tumbling.

Dates: Wednesdays 1/7/15-2/25/15
Cost: Resident \$150.00
Non-Resident \$155.00
Location: Town of Rush Pavilion
6:30PM-7:30PM

WINTER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Town of Rush Recreation Department will be offering a seven week volleyball camp at the Monica Leary School. The volleyball camp will be offered for children ages 8-12 years old. Come and learn more about a great fun filled team sport.

Dates: Thursdays January 8th – February 26th
(No Class February 19th)
Cost: Resident \$60.00
Non-Resident \$65.00
Location: William Udicious Pavilion
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

I am currently looking for 2 volleyball coaches for the volleyball program. Please call Pat @ 533-2340 if you are interested to coaching the program! Thank you

LADIES EQUALIZER AGES 12 AND UP

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

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

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

Dates: Sunday February 1st, 2015

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

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

SUMMER CAMP

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

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays
July 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th
August 3rd, 5th

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

APPLICATIONS

Program rules and applications can be downloaded at www.townofrush.com under the Recreation tab and sent into the Rush Town Clerk's office, or found in the Town Clerk's office at Rush Town Hall.

WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION

You can book reservations exactly a year from the date you want to rent the building. Permits to use the pavilion or park can be located at www.townofrush.com under recreation. Remember the fields are separate rentals so please fill out the field use permit as well if you plan on using them.

Please remember “no news is good news” if you do not hear from the Recreation Department, the programs go on as scheduled. For any questions, please call the Recreation Department at 533-2340.

Library News

Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,
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Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM (Sept. - May)
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www.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! As I write this a few weeks before Thanksgiving, I am reflecting back on this commemorative year for the library. We've had an outstanding response to our 100th Birthday celebrations, and I'm grateful to the many volunteers who generously helped with the countless details necessary to carry out our events. I am also grateful to this lovely community that genuinely values its library and yearns for another hundred years of service!

Budget News: Thank you to our Town Board for approving our library budget. It included additional funds to support the e-book collection, which is among the most expensive of formats that libraries purchase for their patrons. E-books are definitely becoming more popular in Rush, but we are also cognizant of the need to continue buying traditional books, and that's certainly our highest priority.

Library Board News: We are saying farewell to long-time Trustee, Jack Mould, who is retiring after more than 20 years of service to the library. Jack served on the Library Board with an overarching dedication to community, and with the possession of a signature gentle sense of humor. Board member, Kelly Pruden, will now assume the responsibility of Secretary. With Jack's retirement, we have an opening for a Rush resident who would like to support the library's vision and mission for a 5-year term. Meetings are monthly and you'll feel great volunteering in your community. Applications are available in the library.

Yarn-Storming- A Call For Work! You still have time to adopt a town tree or sign and knit or crochet a “cozy” for it in anticipation of our 4th annual fiber art installation in February. Help bring color and cheer to our dreary winter months. Beginner crafters are welcome! Come to the library for more details.

Technology & E-book Tutorials: Our Tech Tutor, Tim McCarthy volunteers to help you with computer & software questions on Monday & Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons; stop by and fill out our short help form to make an appointment with Tim. 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* from the library using Overdrive. Just call the library to schedule an appointment.

Community Seating Project: Our Board-funded seating update is under way! Our new electric fireplace has been installed, and it will provide a cozy spot to read on those cold winter days ahead. We have added two coffeehouse-style tables with access to outlets so you can plug in your laptop, study with a friend, and enjoy a delicious cup of coffee, tea or cocoa. Our beautiful fireplace surround, bookcases, and window tables were handcrafted by local fine woodworker, Keith Eggleston- come see his gorgeous handiwork.



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. 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:

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

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

Thursday, 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.** You can also check your account, renew some items online, and pay overdue fines by credit card at www.RushLibrary.org. Items placed in our book-drop before business hours are always backdated to the last day we were open.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten

Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for December and January

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

Note to our patrons: If you sign up for a program, but later realize that you cannot attend, please call the library to cancel your registration. Often there are patrons waiting for a space to open up so they can register for a "full" program. Thank you for your consideration. Please call or visit the library to register!

DECEMBER

Lecture Series: *A Walk with the Founding Fathers* continues on Tuesdays, December 2nd and 9th from 1-2:30 PM. Join us as we continue our series of fascinating non-partisan video lectures and discussions, led by Dick Knapp. Please register in advance for a seat. Bring your lunch—we'll provide coffee and dessert!

View Finders: Due to popular demand, our monthly photography group will now meet twice per month on **Monday December 8th from 2:30-4:30 PM** and **Wednesday, December 10th from 7:00-9:00 PM**; choose one session that works for you. December's theme is "How do I fix this photograph?" Receive advice from the group on how to fix photos that need a little help. Bring a total of three photographs on a flash drive or printed to share, and you'll receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. We'll provide the coffee and dessert. **Please register in advance as space is very limited.**

Rush Heritage Night: *The History of St. Joseph's Church in Rush.* Join us on Monday, **December 8th at 7:00 PM** in the *William Udicious Pavilion*. St. Joseph's Church became a part of the community in 1864 with the purchase of a house that was renovated into a church. Join Rush Historian, **Sue Mee** for an overview of this Rush landmark, celebrating its 150th anniversary. Please register in advance.

Afterschool Fun for Kids- Pinecone Projects! **Tuesday, December 9th from 3:45-4:30 PM.**

Children ages 6-10 will use natural pinecones to create glittery ornaments, animals, and a picture holder; these are fun to keep or give as gifts. Space is limited and registration is required. All materials will be provided.

Alzheimer's Program: *Managing Challenging Behaviors* (fifth in a series) on **Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM.** Changes in the brain also mean changes in behavior, such as repetitive actions, aggression, wandering, agitation and suspicious thoughts. Learn possible reasons for these behaviors and how to handle these situations. Please call to register in advance.

Knit Chicks: our fiber crafting club meets up on two Saturdays each month, **Dec. 13th & 27th at 10:30 AM.** We are still planning our Yarnstorming Event, and always enjoy crafting in each other's company. Come show off the handmade holiday gifts you're going to give! New members are welcome, coffee and snacks provided.

Family Finders: Our monthly genealogy club is taking a break for the holidays. We'll meet up again in January.

Drop-In Story Time for children ages 3-5, accompanied by a caregiver, on **Thursdays, December 11th and 18th from 11:30 AM-Noon.** Join us for fun, simple stories and make new friends! No prior registration is necessary.

Travelogue- An English Christmas: on **Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 PM.** Travel the English countryside with Christy Simons, and see lovely Christmas Markets, the decorations of Chatsworth Palace, the Medieval Manor, Haddon Hall and many other quaint destinations. Enjoy a sample of figgy pudding with rum butter. Registration is requested.

11th Annual Gingerbread House Workshop! Kids 5 and up, come decorate a gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 13th from 12:30-2:00 PM.** ***Please bring one bag of candy decorations to share with others.*** We will supply the rest of the building materials. This is a cute photo opportunity! Space is limited; please register in advance for this fun program.

Special Holiday Story Time: For children ages 4-8 on **Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM.** Listen to holiday stories from around the world and have a bedtime snack. Each child who is registered in advance will receive a FREE book, courtesy of Kohl's Department Store.

Holiday Dessert Demo: **Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM.** Professional pastry chef and Rush resident, Valerie Mertsoc will demonstrate how to make a ***Buche de Noël-*** the traditional yule log Christmas cake served near the holidays, especially in France. Stay after to enjoy a sample of this cake along with coffee and tea. Please register in advance for this fun event!

JANUARY

Drop-In Story Time for children ages 3-5 accompanied by a caregiver will resume on **Thursdays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th from 11:30 AM-Noon.** Children will have fun listening to stories and making new friends. No prior registration is necessary.

Library Knit Chicks: We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun and share ideas! Join us on **Saturdays, Jan. 10th and Jan. 31st at 10:30 am.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

View Finders: Due to popular demand, our photography group will meet twice per month, on

Monday, January 12th from 2:30-4:30 PM and Wednesday, January 14th from 7:00-9:00 PM. Choose one date that works for you. January's theme is "**Holiday Season.**" Show off your best holiday shots! Bring a total of three photographs on a flash drive or printed to share, and receive feedback in a friendly environment. We'll provide the coffee and dessert. **Please register in advance as space is very limited.**

AARP Smart Driver Program: Seniors, update your driving skills & stay safe on the road! This **6 hour class** is scheduled over two days: **Tuesday, January 13th from 1-4:00 PM and on Thursday, January 15th from 1-4:00 PM.** For completing this class, most insurance companies will give you a 10% discount, and NYS may reduce up to 4 points on your driving record. The cost is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members, payable to AARP on the day of the class. Please register in advance.

Alzheimer's Program: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease (6th in series) on **Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 PM.** Explore what distinguishes Alzheimer's disease from normal aging, how Alzheimer's disease is diagnosed, and what community resources are available. Please register in advance.

Crafter's Corner for Adults on **Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 PM.** Think you can't knit? Think again! No needles necessary for this **arm knitting** project with Glenna Lechner. You will leave with a thick, scrumptious infinity scarf to wear home! Please bring in two skeins of chunky yarn (Lion Brand *Wool-Ease Thick & Quick* (Super Bulky #6) works well; a slightly less thick yarn would also work). Please register in advance for this free class.

After School Story Time: Welcome, Winter for children ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, January 20th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Listen to fun stories about winter, make and decorate snowflakes, then warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and cookies! Children must be registered in advance.

All About Etsy: Have you ever wondered how to start selling your crafts online? Meet **Marissa Kalen**, a local jewelry artist and Etsy.com seller, on **Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM.** Marissa will present the basics of this website, and show you how you can jumpstart your own business. Her handmade jewelry will be available for sale at the close of the event. Please register in advance.



Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection will be *Under the Tuscan Sun- at Home in Italy* by Frances Mayes, widely-published poet, gourmet cook, and travel writer. Ms. Mayes opens the door to a wondrous new world when she buys and restores an abandoned villa in the spectacular Tuscan countryside. Included in the story are dozens of seasonal recipes from her simple garden. This biography is a celebration of life in Tuscany and a feast for all the senses. Join us on **Thursday, January 22nd or Thursday, January 29th from 7-9:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

Family Finders Genealogy Club: Friday, January 23rd from 6:30-7:45 PM. Cathy Frank just loves to help you uncover your family's story. Have a cup of coffee and dessert while you learn how to stay on the discovery trail. Please call to register in advance.

Knitting Class with Trisha: Know Your Yarn! What's the right gauge for a yarn? Which yarn is the right one to substitute in a pattern? Mystery yarns? Oh no- the tag is lost... what is this stuff? Come find out and become a better knitter on **Saturday, January 24th, 10:30-11:30 AM.**

Savvy Social Security: on **Tuesday, January 27th from 7-8:30 PM,** we welcome back **Patrick Kelly** from Merrill-Lynch. This course will cover what Baby Boomers need to know about Social Security and maximizing income. We will discuss how to enroll, survivor benefits, how payout is calculated, and what is required for each individual. Please register in advance for this popular program- the last one filled up quickly!

Looking Ahead to February:

Valentine's Day Crafts for Kids: February 10th, at 3:45 PM

Alzheimer's Program: Family Dynamics and Conflicts: (7th in a series) February 10th at 7:00 PM

Cookbook Club: February 12th at 7:00 PM

Retirement 101: February 17th at 7:00 PM

Learn to Knit Cables with Trisha: TBA

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

On September 11th our post-meeting entertainment was a wonderful presentation with live birds of prey from "Wild Wings" (visit www.wildwingsinc.org.) Located near the Nature Center in Mendon Ponds Park, this facility provides sanctuary for raptors (and a bobcat) that cannot be released back to the wild. At our October 9th meeting Rite Aid came and provided flu vaccinations.

Our costume contest was won by myself (cutest, ??), Sue Miller and Dick Parcels (scariest) and Peg Franklin (most original). Thanks for all that dressed up. At our November 13th meeting Witold Bujak will be showing photos of our Outer Banks trip and possibly other club events.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 11th (11:30 a.m.) in the Mendon Golf Club at 226 Mendon-Ionia Rd. Our entertainment will be the Barbershop Quartet Chorus of the Genesee). This is a member's only event. Be sure to meet the drop-dead due date (11/21) to buy your tickets from Jim Oliver.

TRAVEL & EVENTS

Our 2014 extended trip was with Bus America to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The five night trip took us to Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras, Ocracoke and Roanoke Islands. We had a ferry ride on a beautiful day, went on a bumpy beach drive to see wild ponies and generally had a wonderful (rated 9 out of 10) trip.

In October we went to northeastern Pennsylvania where we visited Paschke's Mum Farm, the Lake Shore Railway Museum, YB Normal Suri Alpaca farm and Peek 'n Peak Resort for lunch and a chair ride.

In early November we traveled to Tioga Downs Casino. We had several members come home with more money than they went with.

In early December we have added a new trip to Belhurst castle for lunch and the Ohmann Theater in Lyons for a "Country Gospel and Christmas Fun" show. Lulu (from "Hee Haw") is a featured entertainer.

For more information or to register for a trip, call Jim and Shirley Oliver at 585-533-1607. You do not have to be a Rush senior to attend our trips. For membership information please contact John Fragale at 585-533-9203 or any board member. If you cannot make meetings and want minutes emailed to you contact Barb Fragale at the same number. Our monthly meeting and trip dates are also posted in the Genesee Valley Pennysaver.

The Rush Senior Citizens meet the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. We traditionally have a one day trip every month and an extended trip every year. All Rush residents age 55 or older are welcome to join.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held on Tuesday, December 09, 2014 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 2015. This election is open to all registered voters in Rush.

FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Check Rush FD.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 & 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 wheel bases 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 Departments web site is rushfd.org

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Our budget is \$338,000 for 2015. 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. 30 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 & 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

1st ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

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

LADIES AUXILIARY ELECTION DAY DINNER

The Ladies would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make our Election Day dinner a success. We served 258 dinners and 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 Michele Hicks!
Congratulation Michele!

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 12th 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 either one or two residents of the Town of Rush depending upon the number of qualified candidates for 2015-2016 academic year. The amount of this award is \$1,000 for each resident selected.

Guidelines for applying for this scholarship are as follows:

- Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Rush.
- Applicant must provide evidence of satisfactory grades by including an official transcript.
- Applicant must have contributed to the community through religious affiliated activities, scouting, volunteer work, etc. Emphasis will be placed on the amount and diversity of public service.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or technical school at which he/she will earn a degree.

The final selection of the recipient will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. A "Certificate" will be presented to the recipient of the Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary Wilkins Scholarship Award at the Senior Awards Ceremony at the appropriate school. The check will be sent to the winner after the Scholarship Selection Committee receives verification that he/she is enrolled in a degree program.

Please return completed applications by Friday, March 27, 2015 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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2014 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 4 th
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 2 nd
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 11 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 11 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 16 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 16 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 10 th , Monday – 29 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Christmas Eve	Court and Library Closed	Wednesday – 24 th
Christmas Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Thursday – 25 th
Day After Christmas	Town Hall and Court Closed	Friday – 26 th
New Year's Eve	Court Closed, Library Closing at 5:00 PM	Wednesday – 31 st



2015 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 8 th
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 5 th , 12 th , 26 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 6 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 12 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 12 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 17 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 17 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 14 th , 28 th
Organizational Meeting	Following Town Board	Wednesday – 14 th

Other Important Information and Dates

New Year's Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Thursday – 1 st
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