

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Happy Spring Everyone!

Congratulations to Ryan Van Wormer of Boy Scout Troop 134 for earning his Eagle Award! For his Eagle Project, Ryan built a shelter for the miniature golf course at the Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush. He will be celebrating his achievement at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Rush Fire Hall in April.

We have looked into having an electronics recycling day in the town of Rush this spring, but unfortunately it is cost prohibitive at this time. Please take your electronics, hazardous wastes, etc. to the Monroe County's EcoPark, www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. We will look at a local option again in the future.

The comments from the public have been sent to Rush Associates, LLC for the re-zoning application for 7262 West Henrietta Road. The next step in this process is the documentation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) by Rush Associates, LLC and the receipt of that document by the Town Board.

The Town Board has appointed Don Knab to the open Town Justice position and he will be filling the term through the end of the year.

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

On page 13 of this newsletter you will find the list of Sunday River Walks at the Rush Riverside Refuge. They are scheduled once a month from May through September.

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

~Cathy~

Photo by Emily Daggar 2016
Taken adjacent to
Rush Riverside Refuge



Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

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

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LOST AND FOUND

If you have lost your wedding band, an earring, a kid's bike or a small cell phone, give us a call.

DOG SEIZURE and LICENSING

Nice weather is almost here and dogs are eager to get out in that fresh air and do investigating on their own. Please be courteous and lawful. Remember that your dog must be controlled by you, the owner, on a leash when they are more than eight feet away from their own property. A seized dog means that they will not be recovered by you without incurring a seizure fee of \$20.00 for the 1st offense, \$30 for the 2nd offense and \$50 for the 3rd offense.

New York State Agricultural and Markets Law, Article 7 §111 requires dogs to wear their license tag at all times. In order to obtain a license and a tag, proof of rabies vaccination is required. For dogs that have been neutered or spayed, documentation must be presented for verification. The licensing fee in Rush for a neutered or spayed dog is \$9.00. The fee for an unneutered or unsprayed dog is \$18.00. If your dog happens to break free, is wearing a license tag and is picked up by the Dog Control Officer, you will be contacted. All stray dogs will be housed at Suburban Animal Shelter for up to three days at your cost. Please keep your dog safe.

DOG CENSUS information will be coming to you soon.

GETTING MARRIED?

DON'T FORGET YOUR LICENSE

Stop in and get your marriage license. Couples wishing to obtain a marriage license may do so up to 60 days in advance of their wedding date. With small exception, couples must wait at least 24 hours before their wedding occurs. Both parties are required to establish *proof of age and identity*.

Acceptable documents include: Birth Certificate with raised seal, Passport, Driver's License and any Divorce Decrees or Death Certificates (if applicable). The process in obtaining a license takes about 20 minutes and the cost is \$40.00.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS

You are invited! We encourage all of you to attend open public meetings. They offer up-to-date information on the actions being taken and discussed on town business as well as announcing events that are being planned in the community. The Town Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM with few exceptions; the Planning Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM; the Zoning Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM and the Conservation Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month. Please refer to the Town website agendas for all cancelled meetings.

PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATIONS

Both the Planning and Zoning Board Meetings for the past four months have been canceled. There have been no applications submitted.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Minutes for regular meetings will be available to you within two weeks of the meeting date. If you are curious about what happened prior to the details being published, feel free to contact my office. I will be happy to fill you in. Obtaining the facts from the source is always the best practice.

TOWN AND COUNTY TAXES

My office will be collecting taxes through the end of May. If you are uncertain about a payment, you may contact my office or obtain information from the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov under pay/view taxes.

TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED:

Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th to commemorate Memorial Day.

Wishing all Moms Loads of Special Memories on
Mother's Day—May 8th!



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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A brainstorming meeting was held on March 2nd to begin thinking about and begin planning for the town's bicentennial celebration in 2018. It may seem like a long way off at this point, but it's important to begin thinking about how we want to celebrate and recognize this important milestone in our town's history. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th, at 7 pm, in the Town Hall boardroom. Please consider joining us as I would really like our bicentennial events to represent the interests of as many people as possible. Attending a planning meeting does not have to mean a two year time commitment either! You are welcome to participate at whatever level fits your interest and schedule.

Did you know that Rush had its own historical society back in the 1930s and 1940's? I am not exactly sure how and when it disbanded, but Mattie Hayes was the president of the organization and I suspect it may have fallen by the wayside upon her death in 1949. Members of the Rush Ingleside Club met in 1938 to form the Rush Historical Society. I would like to resurrect a Rush Historical Society. Is there interest? I think we have a rich past and would like to begin a new Rush Historical Society that will help preserve our past and provide resources and educational opportunities for our present day Rush residents. If you are interested, please let me know. If there is interest, I will move forward with forming a Rush Historical Society. My contact information is at the top of this column. I hope to hear from YOU!



Pictured left to right, are: Zaida Mattern, Mary (Mattie) Hayes, Etta Diver and Minnie Greene
Honeoye Falls Times, March 1938

If you have been in the Town Hall recently, you may have noticed the new framed artifact on the wall opposite the Town Clerk's counter. Luther Keyes donated a flour sack from the Rush Roller Mills that had been tucked away in his father's office in their family home. The Rush Roller Mills was in operation in the 1890s and, considering the age of the sack, it is in remarkably good condition. It is a colorful bag and illustrates a bit of our Rush Mill History. Within the frame, I have included some newspaper notices and advertisements from the Mill at that time period. Please stop and take a look. Thank you, Luther!



**Rush Roller Mill flour bag
Donated by Luther Keyes**

On another note, I have made an interesting discovery in the History Room when moving some boxes and books. Beneath the books was a broken gravestone. It was a rather surprising find! The name on the marker is Miles B. Cook and the inscription reads: In memory of Miles B. Cook, Son of Clarissa and the late Gurdon W. Cook, who died April 10, 1824, aged 3 years, 10 months. The Find-A-Grave website revealed that this headstone belongs in the Old Methodist Cemetery in Lima and I am in the process of returning the headstone to the Lima Historical Society for proper placement. I am, however, very curious as to how the marker ended up in the Rush Town Hall. Does anyone have any information? Perhaps it was removed from the cemetery many years ago and somehow ended up on a Rush property.

If anyone has any info, it could be most helpful in solving this mystery. Thanks!

Wishing everyone a happy and sunny Spring!
Sue

Highway Department

*Submitted by: Mark David
Highway Superintendent*

Phone: 533-1770

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM

www.townofrush.com

TOWN WIDE BRUSH PICK UP:

The Highway Department will be conducting its annual brush pick up along all roads in Rush commencing April 25th, weather permitting. We eagerly encourage residents to utilize this service. Once a road is completed, there will be no return trips. Since we are unable to inform you of the exact day that we will be working on your street, it is suggested that you have your brush piles ready for pick up by April 25th.

GUIDELINES:

- Residential pick up only.
- Brush shall be no longer than 15 feet in length.
- Brush shall be placed parallel to the roadway, and neatly stacked.
- Brush piles shall be placed 6-10 feet from shoulder of roadway.
- Do not place brush directly under low overhead wires.
- Do not place brush over utility shutoffs.
- Condensed larger piles are easier for us than multiple small piles.

WHAT WE DON'T ACCEPT:

Any manmade construction materials including dimensional lumber, landscape ties, metal or other trash. Stumps should be clean of rocks and soil.

The transfer station located on Stonybrook Road, opposite the Town Park is open and maintained 24/7. Town residents may drop off acceptable materials generated within the Town at their convenience.

POTHOLE PREPORTING & PATCHING:

For potholes on State Roads (Routes 15A, 15, 251 & 390) call 1-800-pothole (1-800-768-4653) or NYSDOT- East Rochester dispatcher at 586-4514. All other Town and County Roads call the Rush Highway Department at 533-1770.

LAWN DAMAGE REPAIRS:

Spring weather will have the Highway crew out repairing lawn damage and clean up of excess road and shoulder stone from plowing. If we overlooked any areas, please call and let us know.

Highway Superintendents from across the state met both locally and in Albany with state lawmakers, to voice our concerns and gather their support for increased State funding of local roads. I would like to thank our local Senator Richard Funke and Assemblyman Bill Nojay once again for their continued support.

Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
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Laura Hammond-Conner, Assessor's Clerk
Mon., Tues., Thurs, Fri. 8:30AM-1:45PM
Laura@townofrush.com
Phone: 533-2330

Hello all from the Assessor's Office!

Congratulations to our trivia contest winner Diana Krastev of Rush. Diana received a \$25 gift certificate to Montesano's Pizzeria.

Here is the next trivia question; what famous New York State resident made the statement; "The difference between the taxman and taxidermist is the taxidermist only takes your skin!?" Remember to submit your answer to the Assessor's Office. The first correct answer wins.

Also help me welcome our new Assessor Clerk Laura Hammond-Conner. Laura lives in Rochester with her husband, Terry, son Troy, daughter Shannon and their chocolate lab Ranger. In her spare time, Laura enjoys photography.

The Assessor's office will be holding a presentation on **Three Steps to a Fair and Equitable Assessment** on Friday, April 15th 2016 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. Seats are limited and registration is required. Please contact the Assessor's office by email or phone to register.

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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Boys Basketball program

The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. will offering an eight week Tuesday evening Boys Basketball camp at the Monica Leary gym on April 12th through May 31st for beginner player's ages 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-Rush residents. The camp runs from 6:00PM-7:30PM. You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall or download an application on www.townofrush.com under Recreation.

Girls Basketball program

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Rush Henrietta Varsity Basketball Coach Alan Regan along with Roberts Wesleyan College player Emily Nestler will offering an eight week Girls Basketball Camp at the Monica Leary gym. Camp will meet Thursdays April 14th through June 2nd.for beginner players ages 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-Rush residents. The camp runs from 6:30-8:00PM. You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall or download an application at www.townofrush.com under Recreation.



Rush Seniors Exercise Classes

Pat Rose Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department presents a spring session "Seniors exercise class". The eight week program will be on Thursday's, March 24th-May 12th from 10:00AM-11:00AM. The classes will be held at the William Udicious Pavilion and 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 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.

Vickie's Aerobics late spring classes 8 weeks

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering a late 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.

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM Tuesdays May 3rd- June 21st
6:15 PM-7:15 PM Thursdays May 5th- June 23rd

One class per week:
Resident- \$27.00, Non-resident- \$32.00
Two classes per week:
Resident- \$45.00, Non-resident- \$49.00

You can sign up for this class at the Rush Town Clerks office or applications to join this program can be found on town website at www.townofrush.com.

FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR RUSH CHILDREN!!!!



The Town of Rush and the Monroe County Youth Bureau will be offering a fun filled, no-cost summer camp to Rush residents who are 7-10 years old. The camp will run July 11th-July15th from 8:30AM-2:30PM, Monday-Friday at the Monica Leary school cafeteria, gym and outdoors through the week!

The children will do all types of activities including crafts, games, and outdoor activities. This year we have Bruster's Ice Cream coming as a special treat! Applications are now available in the Rush Town Clerks office. The children will have a blast and will remember the summer camp for many years to come! The Rush after school staff will be running the summer camp. We currently are trying to make accommodations for the children to swim at the

Rush Henrietta high school pool during that week as well. We will have more information for you the first day of camp!

Important Information

You can download any of the applications from any of the Recreation Programs from www.townofrush.com 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. The summer camp, and when registering your child for the after school program are the only time you will be required to come into the Town Clerk's office.

Next newsletter information

In the next town newsletter there will be information on girls soccer camps being offered by Rush Henrietta soccer coach Mike Seidel at the Rush park, Rush after school sign up information for 2016-2017, Rush Fall festival events, and other upcoming programs.

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 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

Phone: 533-9114 or Cell: 533-7695

Spring is just around the corner and projects that we didn't get around to last year may have a new place on the horizon. Patio, deck, outdoor wood fired pizza oven, shed, swimming pool, garage, addition, pole barn or even a new home on an

approved lot, whatever it may be, I am happy to be here to help you safely get the most out of your project.

I will soon be available on Saturdays and even Sundays as needed, for weekend projects that need inspections or even just code consultation.

This issue's E-code reference is chapters 83-3 to 83-6 of the Rush Town Code "Park facilities of the Town of Rush can only be used successfully if subject to reasonable controls to insure safety of the public therein. In order to promote good order and encourage use of the facilities". To find out more, type the following link into your web browser: <http://ecode360.com/11860689?highlight=safety#11860689>.

Happy Planning! Your Building Inspector, Phil



Library News

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Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM – 8 PM,
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Dear Neighbors,

Library Advocacy: Each year our town library relies on local taxes for most of its funding, as well as donations to the Friends' group, plus a small amount (less than 1% of our total budget) from New York State. Our Town Board has been generous in its support of the library budget for a very long time! However, state funding has been cut in the last decade for us at the local level, and for the Monroe County Library System as well, leading to staff reductions at MCLS and some of the System costs (like delivery) being shifted to town libraries as a result. Recently our local legislators, **Assemblyman Bill Nojay and Senator Rich Funke** have been working hard to restore funding

to libraries in the state budget with some success to show for their efforts.

This year we also received a grant from Senator Funke that will allow us to have some technology and facility upgrades that were long overdue. **So if you happen to see them at local functions or have a chance to contact them (<http://assembly.state.ny.us/> and <https://www.nysenate.gov/>) please remember to thank them (and our Town Board members) for their ongoing library support.**

Book Donations: Spring cleaning is underway! If you are interested in donating items to the Friends' Book Sale we are always grateful, and can issue you a receipt for your taxes, but **we'd like to remind residents that we have limitations on what we can accept.**

- **We will accept up to four boxes per family per week, due to space limitations.**
- **We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, VHS Tapes, or textbooks** because they do not sell and create a burden for volunteers and staff with respect to storage and disposal.
- **We also won't accept dirty or musty/moldy books due to health hazards** for the book sorters; but **you can recycle any unreadable book in your recycle bins at home.**
- **And please bring in donations during our open hours.** Thank you for your understanding!

Tax Forms: A limited number of federal forms and instruction booklets are still available in the library **until April 18th**. If you require an uncommon form, or we have run out of the form you need, our clerks can download it from the federal or state government web sites. Printing costs 15¢ per page. Or you can visit the following links: <http://www.irs.gov> or <https://www.tax.ny.gov/>.

Puzzles for Loan: Looking for a way to pass the time while waiting for better weather? We have many **jigsaw puzzles** available for you to bring home. Take as long as you like to finish them - there's no due date. Did you know that studies confirm that puzzles and games, such as Sudoku or crossword puzzles, can exercise the part of the brain, the frontal lobe, which controls your ability to reason, make judgments, and figure out complex situations?

They may help improve visual processing and slow down memory loss; so grab a puzzle and keep your brain sharp!

Loan Periods: Just a reminder... items 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. **In addition, a book or DVD from another library may have a shorter loan period than we have. We do not control which library will fill your hold. Please refer to your checkout 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.

Yarn-Bombing: Thank you to our Knit Chicks for the return of the fun fiber-art display this winter; it cheered us up on those long, cold, gray winter days.

Remember to LIKE us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for a fun addition to your Newsfeed!

Looking forward to seeing you...
Kirsten

Upcoming Events at the Rush Library for April and May

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

APRIL 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, April 5th at 7:00 PM**. Space is limited; please register in advance.

Lego Club: Will resume on **Tuesdays, April 5th, 12th and 19th from 3:45-4:30 PM** for children ages 6-10. Be one of the first to build with some of our **new Lego kits!** Please register in advance. All Legos will be provided.

Tuesday Matinee for Adults: **Tuesdays, April 5th, 12th and 26th from 1-3:00 PM**. The featured series will be announced in the beginning of April.

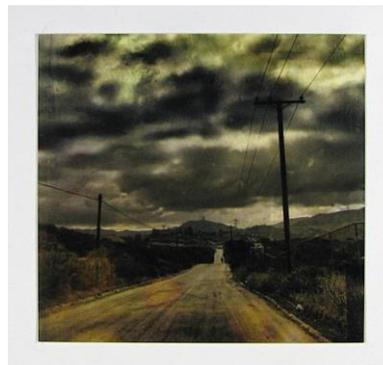
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Dress a Girl Around the World: Wednesday, April 6th from 1:30-3:30 PM. Learn about the **Angels of Mercy**, a group that has created and sent more than 130,000 dresses to girls across the globe. In many Third World countries, sex trafficking of young girls is a major industry. The new, colorful dresses tell traffickers that the girls are cared for, making them less of a target. Come and meet Karen Savino, who will explain more about this program and demonstrate how to sew these dresses out of pillowcases. (Dresses made by a Rush resident have already been on display at the library). Please register in advance.



Tiny Tots Story Time: For children ages 3-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursday mornings, April 7th, 14th and 21st from 11:30 AM-Noon**. You'll be surprised at how children will pick up on new words just by listening to a story, and then want to "read" that story back to you! Books are chosen especially for this age group. No registration required.

6 x 6 Art-Making Party: Join us in support of **Rochester Contemporary Art Gallery (RoCo)** by creating an original piece of art on **Thursday April 7th at 7:00 PM**. Keep your work or enter it in their competition; **they must be postmarked by April 16th**. All entries will be accepted, exhibited in the gallery & online, and offered for sale to the public for \$20 each **as a fundraiser to benefit RoCo Gallery**. Artist names will be revealed to the buyer upon purchase and all artworks remain on display through July 17, 2016. **At the Rush Library we love the arts and want to support local creativity by participating in this event.** We'll supply the canvases and a selection of paints, brushes, pencils, paper, glue, entry forms, and other supplies, plus you're welcome to clean out your own craft stockpiles to bring along and share.



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More details at:
http://www.roco6x6.org/6x6x2016_intro.php.
Unleash your creativity!

Knit Chicks: will continue to meet on the **second and last Saturdays** of the month to share patterns and camaraderie. Whether you knit, crochet, quilt, or felt, we'll gather to stitch up fun on **April 9th & 30th**, and also on **May 14th and 28th from 10:30 AM-NOON**. Coffee & snacks are provided, there's no need to register.

View Finders: Our fun photography group meets on **Monday, April 11th from 2:30-4:30 PM** and on **Wednesday, April 13th from 7-9:00 PM**. Bring **three** photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and you'll receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

Alzheimer's Program: Conversations: Family Dynamics (8th in a series) on **Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM**. Dementia changes family dynamics and can lead to conflict. Explore the importance of family support and involvement, as well as options for intervention. Please register in advance.

Medicare Program for Baby Boomers: (Rescheduled from March) **Thursday, April 14th 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.

Cookies & Coloring! Adults can join in on the coloring-book craze on **Thursday April 21st at 2:00 PM and again at 7:00 PM**. Coloring can relax you, relieve stress, and invigorate your right brain so you can be more creative! We'll supply coloring pages, relaxing music and munchies so you can relax, unwind, and summon your inner-child for a little while. Please register for each session in advance.

Family Finders: Our Genealogy Group will meet on **Friday, April 22nd from 1-2:30 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 Group: Meets on **Wednesday, April 27th from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Whether you're a published author or a newbie, you'll find support and advice from other writers 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 very limited.

Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection is ***Where'd You Go, Bernadette?*** by Maria Semple. "There's a lot to like in Semple's charming family dramedy, including vivacious humor and a compassionate look at family dysfunction, the paralysis of genius, and good old-fashioned parental love... cleverly constructed and brilliantly executed." Join us for discussion & dessert on either of **two Thursdays, April 28th or May 5th from 7-9:00 PM**. Space is limited; advance registration is required.

MAY Events:

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo! A fun event for preschoolers and homeschoolers on **Thursday, May 5th from 11:30-Noon**. Mexican-Americans have a celebration each year on May 5th to show pride in their ethnicity. Children will listen to stories, make a craft & listen to Mexican folk music. Please register your child in advance.

Friends' High Tea Party: Saturday, May 7th from 3-5:00 PM.

Friends of the Rush Library invite you to their annual High Tea Fundraiser to be held at the Library. Wear your fancy



hat or fascinator, and bring your favorite china teacup if you wish; enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors for this charming afternoon social. High Tea includes sweet and savory delights and English tea. (Bringing your favorite cookies or dessert to share is also an optional, lovely tradition at our Tea.) Tickets are \$15.00 per person (On sale at the library **April 1st**.) **Proceeds benefit our Summer Reading Program.**

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Bingo for Kids! Tuesday, May 10th from 3:45-4:30 PM. Register for a seat and win prizes! Parents may accompany children who need assistance. Everyone will go home with a prize.

Alzheimer's Program: Effective Communication (9th in a series) will be held on Tuesday, May 10th from 7:00-8:30 PM. Explore how dementia can affect a person's ability to express themselves. We'll learn about strategies for communicating with someone who has memory loss and who may no longer be able to understand complex concepts. Please register in advance.

Estate Planning: Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 PM. This course will cover the basics of estate planning, roles and responsibilities of the executor, and the estate administration process. We will cover terms such as probate, letters testamentary and gross taxable estate. This course will show ways to simplify your estate and minimize potential taxation, plus explain living trusts and their characteristics. This event will be hosted by **Patrick Kelly**, Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor and Attorney **George Gray** of Gray and Feldman LLP. Please register in advance.

Story Time: For preschool children and homeschoolers (accompanied by an adult) on Thursdays, May 12th, 19th and 26th from 11:30 AM-Noon. Children will be able to interact with their peers and listen to fun stories chosen especially for this age group. No prior registration required.

Travelogue: Discovering Deutschland on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 PM. Discover Germany by visiting the wonderful city of Hamburg, small medieval towns and villages, historic Rothenburg aub de Tauber, and the bustling city of Berlin, presented by Christine Simons.

Refreshments will be served. Please register in advance.

Life Options: An interactive workshop with author & life coach, **Jackie McCullough**, on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. Find out how you can enjoy more wellness by changing your beliefs- learn how to choose happiness over fear, let go of judgements, be comfortable in any situation, empower yourself and those around you, and more. Please register in advance for this life-changing class. Space is limited.

Flint Knapping: Saturday, May 21st at 11:00 AM. Join **Ken Wallace** in the Gazebo (outside, behind the library) as he demonstrates the age-old art of making arrowheads and other edged stone tools. Hunter-gatherers relied on this skill to create important tools and hunting implements. At its most basic level, flint knapping consists of breaking open a piece of parent material, called a core, striking flakes off that core, and then shaping the flakes into the intended tool. Children and adults will enjoy watching Ken as he creates arrowheads! No registration is necessary.



Aspiring Authors Group: Meets on Wednesday, May 25th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Hone your craft! Join author, Jackie Battisti, and bring five double-spaced pages of your writing and a few copies to share for feedback. All genres are welcome, and honoring diversity and respect are of utmost importance. Please register in advance, as space is limited.

Family Finders: We'll meet on Friday, May 27th from 1-2:30 PM. Cathy Frank leads this group of intrepid Internet explorers, searching for ancestors! Please register in advance. Coffee and snacks provided.

Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection will be *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton. "In 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of an illustrious merchant trader. Her new home is splendid, but not welcoming. Her life changes when her husband presents her with an extraordinary gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. Jessie enlists the services of a miniaturist to furnish her gift, but

the tiny creations mirror their real life-counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways.” Join us either **Thursday, May 26th or Thursday, June 2nd from 7-9:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

Looking Ahead to June:

Social Security for Baby Boomers:

Tuesday, June 7th at 7PM

Gazebo Fest begins:

- *Some Ska Band:* Friday June 10th at 6:30 PM
- *Paulsen, Baker Band:* Friday, June 17th at 6:30 PM

We always welcome your requests for new programs- let us know what you'd like to learn!



On March 10th, we hosted The Sperry Singers. We particularly enjoy having the singers because many of the members are our grandchildren, close friends and neighbors, besides the fact that they have beautiful voices that we love to hear.

At our April 14th meeting, we plan to have a slide show presented by one of our members, Witold Bujak. Witold is an experienced photographer and can often be found behind the lens on our senior trips. Come and see what beauty Wiltold has captured.

Our May meeting will be on May 12th. We will have “Tom & Peg”, a local group, entertain us with vocal and instrumental music from past decades. Please plan on attending.

Travel & Events

In January the seniors voted for the extended trip in 2016. This trip will be to Mackinac Island, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and will include Frankenmuth and the Henry Ford Museum. The trip will run from September 11th-16th (6 days/5 nights). This is a Bus America tour. Individuals may sign up any time now. We will host 46 travelers. Those who sign up by May 12th will receive free travel insurance (\$45 value). Passport or enhanced driver's license is required.

Day trip for March was to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn in Angelica on March 17. This annual event is anticipated by members, who enjoy the pancakes and fresh maple syrup.

On April 27, the seniors will travel to Niagara Falls, Canada. They will have a buffet lunch and view a performance of “Wild Magic” with Greg Frewin at the Greg Frewin Theatre. The travelers will also discover exotic birds and animals in the tropical rainforest at Bird Kingdom. On the return, the bus stops at the Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls for shopping and dinner. Passport or enhanced driver license is required.

On May 18, the seniors will travel to Erie, PA. for a family-style luncheon and matinee performance of “Nana's Naughty Knickers” (a rollicking comedy) at Eire Station Dinner Theatre. Included is a stop at Pulakos Chocolates for a guided tour and time to shop.

Those interested in travel should contact Jim Oliver at 533-1607. The entire 2016 schedule is available at the Rush Town Hall. You do not have to be a member of Rush Seniors to travel with the group. All are welcome.

The Rush Senior Citizens meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. We usually have a potluck 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.



FIRE DISTRICT

HENRIETTA AMBULANCE: The Henrietta Ambulance has been given authority to extend their CON (Certificate of Need) into the Town of Rush. This allows them to bill Medicare & Medicaid for transports of patients from Rush. For the past six years they have provided a full ambulance into Rush for calls from 6 AM to 6 PM. Of the patients transported, 70% required ALS (Advance Life Support) service that the Rush Ambulance does not provide.

Out of 215 calls, Henrietta Ambulance had to cover 20 calls that were Basic Life Support because Rush Ambulance could not get a crew to respond.

FIRST RESPONDERS: When we have a call all members are notified by voice pager and phone text. For a serious call those who live close can go to the scene. On 90% of the calls we respond with a "First Responder" who has proper equipment to take care of a patient until a transport ambulance arrives. We are one of a very few departments that have a system like this in place. Henrietta Ambulance or Honeoye Falls/Mendon usually show up within four or five minutes after our First Responder is on scene. If it is a serious issue, the patient would probably go into the Henrietta Ambulance ALS or Honeoye Falls-Mendon ALS ambulance.

AMBULANCE COVERAGE: The Fire Commissioners and Fire Department are still working on the problem regarding lack of crews for the Fire Department operated ambulance. This service is not required by NYS law and is optional for fire district to provide any type EMS or ambulance service. Since 1939 the Fire District has allowed the Fire Department to operate an ambulance service. Getting a crew and ambulance on the road is more difficult than it has ever been. We only have a handful of Emergency Medical Technicians that can ride the ambulance. Five years ago we had 15 and today we only have six that are willing to take calls. We have very few people around during the day that can give up the time required for an ambulance transport and associated paperwork. An ambulance call takes 2.5 hours or more to complete.

DUTY OFFICER: From 10PM to 5AM every night we have a duty officer that responds to every call.

On fire type calls we have a system in place where the closest neighboring fire departments are dispatched the same time as Rush Fire District, so responding to these calls are not as serious a problem. Most fire/rescue type calls take less than one hour. The automatic alarms take about 15 minutes and we had 53 of them in 2015.

VIDEO CAMERAS: Due to problems taking place around the main fire station including deer parts in our dumpster, construction materials in our dumpster, and lawn and building damage, we are installing surveillance cameras around the building.

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT WEB SITE: www.rushfiredistrict.org/ is still being worked on and is moving along.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

2016 PAST OFFICERS BANQUET: One hundred members and guests attended the event which was held at the Locust Hill Country Club. Stacey Pensgen from Channel 8 was the MC. Past officers Adam Hahnel, Brian Bischooping, Mike Terzo Jr., Sean Brown, Jim McNeil and Jake Vogt received plaques for their service. Al Sweet received a plaque and recognition for his 40 years as a Fire Commissioner. Richard Wheeler & Robert Faugh received their 50 year active duty pins. These three members also received recognition and certificates from Senator Richard Funke and Assemblyman Bill Nojay. Others receiving service awards were: Mike Terzo Jr. 5 Years, Kevin Klnally, Chris Hahn & Sean Brown – 10 years, Joe Cirincione 15 years, Cathy Henry, Doug Watson & Steve Winner 20 years. Robert Faugh & Richard Wheeler 50 years. The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$2,000 for replacement chairs for their meeting room. Entertainment was provided by Upstate Vegas Gambling. East Avon Fire Department and Henrietta Ambulance filled in at Rush during the party.

RESPONSES IN 2015: Total responses 369, 215 for EMS or the ambulance, 16 MVAs with injuries and 6 with no injuries. Rush responded 21 times to our neighbors for stand-bys or to the scene with an average of 10 firefighters responding. We had 46 automatic alarms that did not require the fire department to respond. We had 56 "Good Intent" calls where someone thought they needed the fire department. The automatic alarms remain a serious problem. That being said, we still had an average of 10 members respond to those type calls. **There is a false automatic alarm in this country every 12 seconds.**

FASNY STATEWIDE OPEN HOUSE: Rush Fire District will have an open house April 24th from 1PM to 4PM. Stop in and see the equipment, talk to the volunteers and ask questions about your fire department and ambulance service. A "Rush Fire Department History" power point presentation will be showing all day in the meeting room. There will be refreshments.

This is an annual statewide effort to recruit more volunteers and make the community aware of how your volunteer fire department and ambulance services operate.

PEOPLE ARE NOT KNOCKING DOWN THE DOORS TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. WHY? WE OFFER NO PAY AND VERY FEW BENEFITS, HOURS ARE HORRIBLE AND YOU CAN GET INJURED OR KILLED EVERY TIME THE PAGER GOES OFF! HOWEVER, IN RETURN, YOU CAN BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THEN YOU, HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR IN THEIR GREATEST TIME OF NEED AND EXPERIENCE THAT ADRENALINE RUSH GOING TO AN ALARM. THAT IS THE MANTRA OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

2016 FUND DRIVE: In 2015 your volunteers responded to 369 calls for service, They donated over 6,000 hours to provide emergency service, attend meetings (local, regional and state), attended training and drills, raising funds and maintaining buildings and equipment. We have only ONE goal and that is to provide the best service we can for you and your family.

We are 100% volunteer, NO ONE GETS PAID! The EMS responded to 215 calls in 2015. We responded to 154 fire/rescue calls in 2015. We have a First Responder on scene of priority calls within 6.0 minutes of dispatch 95% of the time!

You should receive the annual fund drive letter and postage paid envelope for the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE and FIRE DEPARTMENT operation in May.

We use fund drive money for our scouting, fire prevention programs, training, seminars and two replacement funds. One fund is for the replacement of EMS vehicles, utility vehicle/brush trucks, ATVs, boats & trailers. The other is for new large equipment such as "Jaws of Life" upgrades and other heavy rescue equipment. No fund drive money is used for our few social events. Very few fire departments or ambulance services can say that! A major purchase in 2015 was a new fire pump and bed liner for Utility truck 587.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS: We are a tax-exempt 501(C)3 organization. This allows anyone who

donates to us to claim the donation on their income tax and for us to be tax exempt ourselves. We also are listed as a charitable organization by NYS Attorney Generals web site. You can select us to receive your donation at the United Way. We are very proud and thankful to the Rush residents who support us with donations.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

LADIES AUXILIARY

Memorial Day

Remember to mark your calendars for the Annual Town of Rush Memorial Day Parade, Service and Picnic on Monday May 30th, 2016. Rush Ladies Auxiliary will be marching!

Attention Kids & Parents!

Here is a sneak peek into the future!!

The Carnival and Kiddie Parade will be here before you know it! **WE ARE CHANGING THE DATE OF**

THE KIDDIE PARADE TO THE NIGHT OF THE BIG RUSH FIREMAN'S PARADE!

The selections for Prince, Princess and Float will be held 1/2 hour before the Fireman's Parade starts. All that attend will be able to

walk in the parade! Our theme this year is STAR WARS! Come as your favorite Star Wars Character! This year's parade will be held on Friday July 8th, 2016!



WE NEED YOU!

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members! Just come to a meeting which are held the last Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Rush Fire House and see what we're all about. Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining should contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com or website www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm

***Please watch for updated information in this section coming soon! ***

SUNDAY RIVER WALKS

Join us for guided hikes on **Rush Riverside Refuge** trail system. You'll become familiar with the beautiful landscape while walking rolling trails through wetlands, woods and along a mile of the Genesee River. Bring your camera and some friends.

MAY 15

JUNE 12

JULY 10

AUGUST 14

SEPTEMBER 18

OCTOBER 9

1-3 PM

(Weather permitting)

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Rush Town Hall General Information

Main #533-1312

Fax #533-9346

Officials	Telephone	Office Hours
Assessor	Dan Stanford 533-2330	Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. (or by appointment)
Assessor's Clerk	Laura Hammond- Conner 533-2330	Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Bldg. Inspector	Phil D'Alessandro W: 533-9114 C: 533-7695	Mon. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Thurs. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Or by appointment
Bldg. Maintenance	Wayne O'Neill C: 533-7696	
Dog Control	Mike Czora 533-1312	After hours: 330-9100
Finance Director	Don Reynolds 533-9142	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fire Marshal Emergency Preparedness/Code Compliance Officer	Rick Tracy 533-1312	
Highway Superintendent	Mark David 533-1770	Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. November – March Dispatch 24/7
Historian	Sue Mee 533-1312	Mon. 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thurs. 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Library Director	Kirsten Flass 533-1370	Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tues., Thurs., 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sept-May
Recreation Supervisor	Patricia Stephens 533-2340	Mon., Tues., 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Wed., Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Supervisor	Cathleen Frank 533-9058	
Supervisor's Secretary	Susan Knight 533-9058	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	Pamela Bucci 533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Deputy Town Clerk	Shivaun Featherman 533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Town Council	Rita McCarthy Gerry Kusse Jillian Coffey Dan Woolaver 533-1312 533-1312 533-1312 533-1312	Town Board meetings are held on the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified in the <i>Henrietta Post</i> .
Town Court Justices	Donald Knab Thomas Doupe 533-1130 533-1130	
Court Clerk	Sally Newell Pam Rychlicki 533-1130 533-1130	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Court Hearings: Mondays 5:00 p.m.



2016 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 7 th
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 19 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 14 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon at the Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 14 th
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 19 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM at the Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 19 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 13 th , 27 th



2016 Calendar

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Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 17 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 12 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon at the Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 12 th
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Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 11 th , 25 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Mother's Day		Sunday – 8 th
Memorial Day	Town Hall and Court Closed	Monday- 30 th

For legal notices and meeting agendas, refer to The Henrietta Post, The Sentinel, and our website at www.townofrush.com or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 533-1312.

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