

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer weather!

Councilman Dan Woolaver and I completed the annual audit of the Town Court's books and found no issues or recommendations. Thank you to Sally Newell for the time she spent with us for the audit.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) from Rush Associates, LLC for the re-zoning application for 7262 West Henrietta Road has been received and accepted by the Town Board. The next step in this process is to distribute copies of the FEIS to the interested agencies as well as make it available to the public for 10 days. Within 30 days of the acceptance of the FEIS as complete, the town board shall adopt a findings statement concluding the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. After the adoption of the findings statement, the town board can vote on the re-zoning.

The highway department is upgrading the 30-year-old lighting in the highway garage to LED lighting, which will reduce the consumption of electricity in that facility.

The Town Board decided to dissolve the Park District #1 of the Biondo Court Subdivision and the funds of \$3,500 have been transferred to the Parks and Recreation Reserve Fund.

The library roof has been replaced to prevent any further water damage to the library.

At the request of the town board, CHA performed an engineering review of the buildings at the Rush Riverside Refuge property. Based on their recommendations a small garage will be demolished.

The suggestions for zoning updates from the Zoning Citizens Committee have been reviewed by the town board and are with the town attorney for final documentation in preparation for a public hearing.

The Recreation and Agricultural Use Citizens Committee presented "Highlights of Final Report" to the town board on April 27th. Thank you to the committee for this comprehensive report. A copy of this presentation is on the town Website.

New HVAC maintenance agreements, with better rates, and better quality and service have been executed for both the town hall facility and the pavilion.

New shutters have been installed on the front of the town hall, replicating the original shutters on the building. We continue to maintain and upgrade town buildings and signage throughout the town. We are looking forward to our 200-year anniversary in 2018. Please see the historian's article for more information about the planning for the bi-centennial events.



Please see the Town of Rush website for the Town Board agendas and meeting minutes. And, as always, please contact me if you have any suggestions for or concerns or questions about the town. I look forward to seeing you!

Cathy

Cathleen M. Frank, Rush Town Supervisor



Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

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FREE FISHING DAYS – June 25th & 26th

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has scheduled an annual free fishing event on the weekend of Saturday and



Sunday, June 25 & 26. Anyone, whatever your age, may fish without a license anywhere in New York State. Fees for 2016 are:

Seniors (70+/Military/disability) - \$5; Annual season -

\$25; 7-day Fishing – \$12; 1-day fishing – Out of state licenses cost Seniors (70+/Military/disability)- \$5; Annual Season - \$50, 7-day Fishing - \$28, 1-day Fishing - \$10. All other regulations are still in force. For further information, please access their website at www.dec.ny.gov.

SOLICITORS/PEDDLERS IN RUSH

Now is the season when solicitors and peddlers visit households to sell their wares or provide their services. Keep in mind that the Rush Town Code prohibits solicitors and peddlers on private residential premises with a few exceptions. The Code does not apply to political organizations, charitable organizations, school classes in any school district which services Town of Rush residents or any other organization protected under applicable law. Other towns throughout the county do permit solicitors and peddlers on private property, however, they must first obtain a permit from the Town Clerk.

ZONING & PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

From time to time, residents inquire about outcomes of Planning Board (PB) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) *applications*. All of the meeting agendas, minutes, and applications and decisions are posted on the town website at www.townofrush.com, however, I realize not everyone has access to a home computer. I also realize that because the town newsletters are published bi-monthly, so the following information for ZBA and PB may be “old” news to some of you. All public hearing notices are published in the Henrietta Post.

Below is a brief synopsis of the most recently heard applications before the ZBA and PB.

Please keep in mind that as of this newsletter deadline, some of the meetings may not have occurred and, therefore, no decision is published here.

APRIL 19, 2016

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2016-01P by John Sciarabba of Land Tech, agent for Robert Tinney and Paul Stein, requesting Subdivision approval to increase the lot at 4 Boulder Creek owned by Robert Tinney by subdividing 0.5 acres from farmland owned by Paul Stein on Rush-Lima Road. No development is proposed. Property is zoned Residential-30. *Application was approved with conditions.*

MAY 17, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2016-02P by James Missell, agent for Linda Hellman, requesting Subdivision approval to subdivide a 63.67 acre parcel into two lots. Proposed lot AR-2A1 will contain 5.36 acres and a new home. Proposed lot AR-2A2 will contain 58.31 acres of remaining land. Property is located at 955 Rush-Scottsville Road and is zoned Residential-30. *As of this newsletter deadline, the meeting had not occurred.*

Application 2016-03P by James Missell, agent for Donald Sweet, requesting Subdivision approval to subdivide 1.4 acres from parcel at 231 Jeffords Road containing 6.07 acres and an existing home, and add it to an existing vacant land parcel containing 87.8 acres on Jeffords Road. No building is proposed. Property is zoned Residential-30.

APRIL 14, 2016

ZONING BOARD WORKSHOP:

Application 2016-01Z by Steven Tomanovich requesting two front setback variances and a side setback variance for a proposed garage. The proposed location does not comply with 120-18 and 120-19 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 6101 East Henrietta Road and is zoned Commercial. *Public Hearing scheduled for May 12, 2016.*

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NO FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN RUSH

The Monroe County Board of Elections has announced that although there may be federal primaries in other parts of Monroe County on June 28th, one will not be held in Rush.



OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Independence Day, the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Friday, July 1st and Monday, July 4th. Celebrate your American freedom!

Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor

Mon. & Thur. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Laura Hammond-Conner, Assessor's Clerk

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Laura@townofrush.com

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As I am sure most of you have read, State of New York has changed the STAR program. New home owners (residents who have purchased a new home after March 1st, 2015, as defined by the State of New York) will be receiving a STAR check. These home owners longer need to apply for an exemption by March 1st. However, the state will require you to register on line or by phone to get the check. I am sorry to say this is all the information I have as of this date. You will be receiving a letter from the Assessor's office with instructions on how to apply to receive your check as soon as we receive the information from the state.

I want to thank all those who attended the class on The Three Steps to a Fair and Equitable Assessment.

There were some great questions afterwards and my favorite part was the Montesano's Pizza !!!

Last newsletter's trivia winner was Elica Krasteva with correct answer of Mark Twain. She won a \$25 gift certificate to the Creekside Restaurant.

The new trivia question is "What body of water has increased property values well over fivefold beyond its shore line?" Please email me your answer. First correct answer wins !!!

Please remember you may reach me almost any time by my cell phone (315) 420-1467.

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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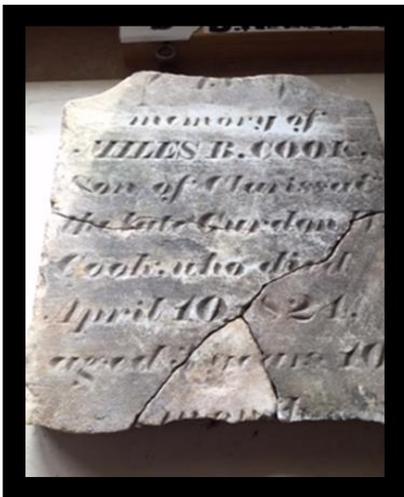
Planning meetings for the Rush Bicentennial are continuing to be held on a monthly basis. The June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13th, at 7 pm in the Town Hall board room. Many ideas for events and activities have been suggested and we are working to refine the list and determine what is most feasible and of the most interest. More volunteers are needed to help make our Bicentennial Celebration especially memorable. All are welcome so please consider attending an upcoming meeting!

In the last newsletter I also mentioned the possibility of forming a Rush Historical Society. I have heard from a couple of people but more interest is needed if we wish to move forward with creating a Rush Historical Society. Forming a Rush Historical Society could be particularly timely in consideration of our upcoming Bicentennial and also a fitting way to ensure that we retain a focus on our Town's history. Please contact me if interested!

For those of you who use Facebook, did you know there is a group called "You grew up in Rush, NY, if you remember...." The direct link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132352203524992/> If you are not already familiar with the group, take a look and reminisce about earlier times and possibly re-connect with old friends and neighbors.

I have also just recently formed a Facebook group for our Rush Bicentennial. Plans and updates will be posted there and also in this newsletter, the Penny Saver and the MHFL Sentinel. The Facebook group for the Rush Bicentennial is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/259888881016003/>. Please consider joining both groups!

In the April/May newsletter, I told you about my discovery of a gravestone in the History Office. The gravestone was that of Miles B. Cook, son of Clarissa and the late Gurdon W. Cook, who died April 10, 1824, aged 3 years, 10 months. I am very appreciative of Anne Dobbertin for taking the time to call. Anne solved part of the mystery by explaining that several years ago her daughter and some friends had found the headstone in a culvert near the Peanut Trail by Fishell and Rush West Rush Roads. When they realized the flat stone was actually a headstone, they made arrangements to bring it to the History Office. How the headstone came to be located in the culvert is not known but Doug Morgan, Lima Historian, has picked up the stone and made arrangements to return it to the Old Methodist Cemetery in Lima.



Last year I received a box of glass plate negatives from Tom Bartolini. Mr. Bartolini was delivering them on behalf of his friend, Jack Neubeck. Mr. Neubeck's uncle had worked at the State School at Industry for many years and the box had

been stored in his garage. Thanks to Andrew Davidhazy, the negatives have all been digitized. Andrew is a retired professor from RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences and his expertise has provided us with an amazing collection of digitized photos. Look for a future display of these images. Thank you, Andy for your work with the glass plates and thank you to Tom and Jack for donating the collection to our Rush History Office.

Enjoy the summer!
Sue

Building Department

Submitted by Phil D'Alessandro, Building Inspector

Hours: Mon. 4:00 PM-6:00 PM,

Wed. 9:00 AM-12 PM, Thurs. 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

Sat. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM by appointment

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Swimming season is almost upon us.

I received a call this week from a resident asking if they need a permit to replace an existing pool that had a permit and Certificate of Occupancy issued. The answer is you do not need a permit if replacing a pool in kind. You will however need the pool inspected to verify compliance with current swimming pool code requirements.

Here are some of the barrier requirements for outdoor residential swimming pools for your review:

1. An outdoor residential swimming pool must be provided with a barrier which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool. The barrier may consist of a fence, a wall, a building wall, or any combination thereof.
2. The barrier must be at least 4 feet (48 inches) high, and must satisfy certain specified requirements. Access gates must satisfy the requirements applicable to barriers, as well as certain additional requirements (which are discussed in more detail below). In addition, access gates must be securely locked with a key, combination or other child-proof lock sufficient to prevent access to the swimming pool through such gate when the swimming pool is not in use or supervised.

More information on safe swimming pool use can be found at:

www.dos.ny.gov/dcea/pdf/PoolsumUC0708.pdf

Your Building Inspector

Phil D'Alessandro

Highway Department

Submitted by: Mark David

Highway Superintendent

Phone: 533-1770

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

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The Highway Department contracts with Monroe County to perform road construction and general maintenance on county roads. These agreements bring revenue back to the Town helping to offset the budget.

The county roads to be worked on this year are as follows:

Phelps Road from Works Road to Route 15A and Five Points Road from Honeoye Falls #6 Road to Rush West Rush Road will be receiving surface treating.

East River Road from Rush West Rush Road to Rush – Henrietta Town Line Road, Telephone Road, from East River Road to Route 15 and Rush West Rush Rd. from East River Road to Route 15, will be receiving, asphalt prep for next year's surface treating, drainage, shoulder back up, driveway adjustments, ash tree removal and brush trimming.

Town road projects this summer will include surface treating on Lyons Road, Keyes Road, Scofield Road, Chapman Road, Golah Road, Lehigh Street, and Park Lane. Slurry sealing will be completed on Thunder Ridge and Birchstone Hill Road. Other town roads will also be receiving prep work and/or spot repairs, as well as drainage, crack filling and tree trimming or removal. A large portion of surface treatments will be done with C.H.I.P.S (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding.

*Office of the Fire Marshal/
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator/
Compliance Officer*

*Submitted by: Richard L. Tracy
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RECREATIONAL FIRES AND OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES

The Office of the Fire Marshal receives many requests for information related to open burning requirements. The most common request is for information concerning the requirements for having a recreational fire within the Town of Rush.

PURPOSE

The intent of this guideline is to provide the minimum standards necessary to meet the safety requirements when using outdoor barbecues and recreational fires such as pit barbecues, in addition to the requirements for open burning. The requirements are prescribed in 2010 Fire Code of New York State.

SCOPE

This guideline applies to open burning, recreational fires and commercial barbecue pits. Permits are required to conduct open burning. Open burning is also regulated by the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, §§ 9,19, 6 NYCRR Part 215 Open Fires.

FIRE CODE OF NEW YORK STATE DEFINITIONS

Open Burning shall be defined as the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of external gas are open. Bonfire shall be defined as an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

Recreation Fire shall be defined as an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purpose.

REQUIREMENTS

Section §307.1 General: A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

Section § 307.2 Authorization: Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local (Monroe County) air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

Section §F307.3 Prohibited open burning: Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

Section §307.4 Location: The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:

(1) Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure;

(2) The minimum required distance from the structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

Section §F307.4.1 Bonfires and Recreational Fires: A bonfire or recreational fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbeque pit.

Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Section §F307.4.2 Attendance: Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one (1) portable fire extinguisher with a 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

ADMINISTRATION

Recreational fires are a privilege and allowed for special occasions by the Fire Marshal. A recreational fire, which creates property damage, personal injury or is deemed a nuisance, may be cause for further legal actions to be taken by the Office of the Fire Marshal or the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

Requests for outdoor recreational fires have become a popular activity and concern within the Town of Rush, especially with recent marketing and sales of portable outdoor fireplaces, made of metal, ceramic and like materials.

The Office of the Fire Marshal has allowed burning for recreational purposes consistent with state, county and local codes and laws, using the following guidelines:

- **FIRE SAFETY** must always be followed.
- Recreational fires must be of the same size as in fireplaces (no larger than 3 feet in Diameter; no taller than 2 feet in Height), located 25 feet from combustible structures (houses, fences, sheds, garages, wooden decks, similar structures) and conducted on non-combustible surfaces.
- Materials for burning must be clean seasoned firewood (wet wood, fresh cut wood, painted or stained wood creates smoky conditions and is not allowed to be burned). Rubbish is never allowed to be burned.
- Competent adult supervision must be at site while fire is burning. Competent adult supervision is someone over 18 years of age, not impaired by drugs, alcohol or having a medical or mental condition which would impair their ability to take proper actions if required.
- A source of water must be available to control or extinguish any fire (charged garden hose hooked up to a water supply, multiple pans of water or a 4-A rating fire extinguisher).
- No new materials may be added to a fire after 10 PM, fire must be extinguished before abandoning.
- Fire cannot create a nuisance. Smoke and or odors may be considered a nuisance.
- Outdoor portable fireplaces made of metal, ceramic and like materials and contained within that approved appliance. The approved appliances must follow these same rules and not be placed on any combustible materials (decks, porches, tables, etc.) They may not be located less than 15 feet from a combustible structure and must be extinguished before abandoning.

The most common complaint from neighbors is when recreational fires are not conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations, or when the environmental conditions cause the smoke to migrate off of the property into the residence of neighboring property. Persons with chronic breathing problems can often be affected by these conditions.

Another issue that commonly comes up associated with recreational fires, is noise and disturbance of the neighborhood when these events extend late into the evening. This is a police matter and will be dealt with by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

If the Chief Fire Marshal orders you to extinguish your fire due to non-compliance with the rules and regulations, or the fire creates an offensive or objectionable condition, **you are bound by law to comply with the request. Failure to do so may result in you being charged with a violation of the open burning regulations.**

Bonfires must be approved by the Office of the Fire Marshal at least 30 days prior to the event. Bonfire permits normally are only issued for community type events such as ceremonial events, pep rallies and neighborhood association gatherings. Any fire causing the fire department or law enforcement to be called maybe considered by the responding official as a nuisance fire. **Nuisance fires must be extinguished.**

Do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Fire Marshal at (585) 533-1312, if you have any questions regarding this or any fire safety concerns.

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
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SUMMER TUMBLING WITH JERRY



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

Dates: Wednesdays June 22nd-August 10th
Cost: Resident \$150.00
Non-residents \$155.00
Location: William Udicious Pavilion
6:30 PM-7:30 PM

SUMMER AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ



The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering a summer evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up.

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

Dates: Thursdays only July 14th-August 18th
Cost: \$20.00 Resident
\$24.00 Non-resident
Location: William Udicious Pavilion
6:15PM-7:15PM

FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR RUSH CHILDREN



FREE ICE CREAM VISIT FROM BRUSTERS!

**FREE KARATE INSTRUCTION DAY!
FREE SWIMMING AT SPERRY ON FRIDAY!**

The Town of Rush and the Monroe County Youth Bureau will be offering a no-cost summer camp to Rush residents who are 7-10 years old. Activities will include crafts, games and outdoor fun. Even if you are registered for the Henrietta Summer Recreation program your children can still participate in our camp for that week!!

Dates: Monday-Friday, July 11th-July 15th
Location: Monica Leary school cafeteria
8:30 AM-2:30 PM

TOWN OF RUSH GIRLS SOCCER CAMP



Camp will focus on speed and agility training as well as tactical development and game situations. Individual and team concepts will be taught through a variety of activities and scrimmages with Terry Gurnett, former University of Rochester Women's Coach. Goalkeeper Coach Gabi Sankowski will be on site for targeted goalkeeper training.

This camp will prepare players interested in trying out for the modified, junior varsity and varsity levels. Michael Seidel, RH Varsity Soccer Coach and staff will be onsite consultant coach. Open to girls entering grades 7-12th in September 2016.

Bring: Size 5 soccer ball, shin guards and water.
Each player will receive a camp T-shirt when registered by FRIDAY JULY 22nd.

Dates: Monday-Friday, August 8th-August 12th
Cost: Resident \$120.00
 Non-Resident-\$125.00
Location: Rush Soccer Park behind Town Hall
 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

RUSH RECREATION DEPARTMENT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

We have rare openings in the Rush after school program for the school year 2016-2017! You can sign your child up now for the program with a \$20.00 deposit which is deducted from the 1st quarter payment due by August 19th. The payment schedule below is split up into 4 quarters throughout the school year. Applications and handbooks are located under the Recreation tab on the website at www.townofrush.com. Please call 533-2340 with any questions about the after school program.

Program Site: Monica Leary Elementary School Cafeterium

The goal of this program is to provide a safe, structured, supervised environment where your child can play and interact with friends. Program activities include arts & crafts, games, outings, and gym time. The program runs from school dismissal until 5:30 PM each full day of the school calendar.

The program fee is based on a Monday through Friday registration. Quarterly payments are as follows for residents, and non-residents of Rush. The due dates are located in the handbook. Please write them on your calendar. Thank you.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
5 days a week	\$474.00	\$570.00
4 days a week	\$380.00	\$456.00
3 days a week	\$285.00	\$342.00
2 days a week	\$190.00	\$228.00
1 day a week	\$95.00	\$114.00



SAVE THE DATE!!! RUSH FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT THE RUSH FIREMANS FIELD

Craft and food vendor applications are now available on our website at www.townofrush.com

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

A fencing class will be offered at the Fencing Club of Rochester on Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road beginning in November. The applications for this program will be located on the website this summer!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You can download any of the applications from any of the Recreation Programs from our website at www.townofrush.com under the Recreation tab and send it into the Rush Town Clerk's office. The Recreation page is updated frequently between newsletters. Please check for any additional new programs. For further questions please call 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 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 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
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Dear Neighbors,

Summer Reading: It's that time of year again! We are gearing up for our New York State Summer Reading Program that runs for the month of July; this year's theme is **On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!** We've planned lots of activities and fun around this theme in order to entice **everyone** to keep reading during summer vacation. This keeps children "ready to learn" when they return to school in the fall, and enforces great reading habits. **We have prizes for all age levels donated by local businesses and the Friends of the Library;** select the programs that interest you and your family from the list below, and call to register in advance because some programs fill up very quickly!

V.I.P. Museum Passes: We have partnered with several local museums for a program that allows you to check out a pass with your library card, and then receive a discounted admission rate when you arrive. We have passes for **Genesee Country Village, The George Eastman Museum, Rochester Museum & Science Center, Memorial Art Gallery, and (coming soon) The Susan B. Anthony House.** So if you have company coming for a visit, come check out a pass (first come- first served, one week loan) before heading out to these museum and enjoy it at a discount, courtesy of your library.

Text Messaging Feature: We now have the ability to send you text notifications for **your 3-Day Courtesy Reminders and Hold Alerts.** Call us or stop by the circulation desk to sign up for this new feature. (If you pay for your texts, normal rates will apply.)

Adopt-an-Author: A nice way to support us financially is to "adopt" your favorite author. Register your selection from our list, and when *your* author publishes their next book you'll be the first to read it with your \$15 donation. (You will bypass any other patron holds!) This donation is tax-deductible, and we'll create a book plate in your honor.

It is also a great gift idea for the person who has everything.

Library Board of Trustees Opening: Kurt Ringo is retiring from the Library Board of Trustees after several years of enthusiastic and progressive service to us. We are seeking a new member to replace him; Board members serve a five-year term, and help set the course for the library, its policies, and its budget. If you are interested in serving your community in this way, please fill out an application at the circulation desk.

Holiday Closings: We will be closed on

- **Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 28- Monday, May 30th**
- **Independence Day, Monday July 4th and**
- **Closing early at 5:00 PM on Friday, July 8th in honor of the Firemen's Parade.**

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

Looking forward to seeing you...
Kirsten

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE RUSH LIBRARY FOR JUNE AND JULY 2016

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

Tiny Tots Story Time: For children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursday mornings, June 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th, 11:30 AM-Noon.** You'll be surprised at how children will pick up on new words just by listening to a story once, and then want to "read" that story back to you! Books are chosen especially for this age group. No registration required.

View Finders: Our fun photography group meets on **Monday, June 6th from 2:30-4:30 PM** and on **Wednesday, June 8th 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.

Tuesday Matinee for Adults: Will be held on **Tuesdays, June 7th, 21st and 28th from 1-3:00 PM.** Movie title will be announced in the beginning of June. Please register in advance.

Social Security Class for Baby Boomers: will be held on **Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 PM.** You'll learn 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.

Gazebo Fest!

Come see three **FREE** outdoor concerts, **sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library.** All concerts run from **6:30-8:00 PM.** Bring your snacks and lawn chairs. **Please, no alcohol on Town Property.**

- **Some Ska Band** on **Friday, June 10th.** Prepare to get up and boogie to this local fun and funky ska/reggae band.
- **The Paulsen & Baker Band** will perform on **Friday, June 17th.** Their music has been described as Country/Folk/Rock. Come hear fabulous harmonies *and* humor at this performance; they've been a Rochester favorite since 1974.
- **The Honey Badgers** will perform on **Friday, July 15th.** The band has an amazing song list that encompasses a wide range of timeless rock selections by Eric Clapton, Mark Knopfler, George Harrison, Fleetwood Mac, Allman Brothers, Bob Dylan and many more.

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 **June 11th & 25th,** and also on **July 9th & 30th from 10:30 AM-NOON.** Coffee & snacks are provided, there's no need to register.

Alzheimer's Program: This month's topic will be ***Depression and Dementia*** on **Tuesday, June 14th from 7-8:30 PM.** Learn about the signs, symptoms and treatment of depression and how depression can affect a person with dementia. Please register in advance, as space is limited.

Gardening Series:

- **Blueberries for Sal Story Time:** For children ages 4-10 on **Tuesday, June 7th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Come listen to this wonderful story by Robert McCloskey; it won the Caldecott Honor for illustrations in

1949. Meet Sal and her mother, who travel to Blueberry Hill to pick berries for canning. What happens when they meet a mother bear and her cub? Come find out! Children will also enjoy a blueberry snack and a small art project. Space is limited and children must be registered in advance.

- **Man's Most Valuable Plants:** presented by plant expert **Jack Kowiak** on **Tuesday, June 14th at 2:00 PM.** We often take for granted the role that plants play in our lives; their contribution goes far beyond what is on our dinner plate. This presentation will look at some of the most important plants in the world and how they contribute to our well-being and survival. Join us for this informative social event. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.
- **Let's Grow! Gardening Program for Kids** ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, June 21st from 3:45-4:30 PM** in the Gazebo behind the Library (weather permitting.) Children will plant small flower and vegetable seedlings in their very own pots and take them home, care for them, and watch them grow. Please register your child in advance.
- **Terrarium Workshop for Adults:** **Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 PM.** Bring nature indoors by crafting a whimsical yet practical terrarium; it's easy to make and even easier to maintain. All supplies will be provided to make one, and there is a \$5.00 materials fee, payable that night. Please register in advance, as space is limited.

Rush Readers' Book Club: **June's selection is *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin.** It's described as... "an enthralling story of identity and social justice told through the eyes of two indomitable women, one a slave and the other a modern-day attorney, determined to define themselves on their own terms." Join us for discussion and dessert on **June 23rd and 30th, from 7-9:00 PM.** Space is limited; please register in advance.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Event: *On Your Mark, Get Set... Read! With the Checkers Show* on **Monday, June 27th at 7:00 PM** in the **William Udicious Pavilion.** Join us for amazing magic tricks geared toward families plus hilarious age-appropriate comedy.

Enjoy juggling, HUGE magic wands, a giant balloon stunt, and lots of audience participation. Charlie's show centers on the importance of a healthy lifestyle that includes nutritious eating, exercise, and daily reading! **Fun fact:** Charlie and Checkers have performed for the past three years at the annual **White House Easter Egg Roll**.

Aspiring Authors Group: Meets on **Wednesday, June 29th 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 help you 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.

Family Finders is on vacation until the fall

July Events:

View Finders: Our fun photography group meets on **Monday, July 11th from 2:30-4:30 PM** and on **Wednesday, July 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.

Aspiring Authors Group: Meets on **Wednesday, July 20th from 6:00-7:30 PM**. ***Note the one-time date change.** 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.

Summer Reading: Our annual **New York State Summer Reading Program** runs from **Monday, June 27th through Friday, July 29th**. Our programs fill up fast; please register in advance, **and give us a courtesy call us if you cannot make a program you registered for-many times patrons are waiting to join a "full" program. Thanks.**

Summer Reading Themes by Age:

- **On Your Mark, Get Set....Read!** Is the theme for **Children in grades K-5**. Avoid falling behind in school by **reading for fun** during vacation. You can win prizes for every 5 books you read, and we have **grand prizes** for participants who read 20 books in July!
- **Get in the Game-Read** is the theme for **Teens in grades 6-12**. Check out and read any **Rush Library** books (including your school assignments) then enter your name to become eligible for a prize. Two prize winners will be chosen at random each week; enter as many times as you wish. The more you read, the better your chances!
- **Exercise Your Mind-Read-Read!** Is the theme for **Adults**. Enter your name and book title in a drawing to win a prize. Two prize winners will be chosen at random each week; enter as many times as you wish.

Sports Activity of the Week:

1. **Let's Jump!** For children ages 5-10 on **Tuesday July 5th at 2:00 PM**. Test your skills with a jump rope....it's a fun way to add some exercise to your day! Each child who registers in advance will receive a **FREE jump rope** to take home. We will supply music and Popsicle treats! Please register in advance
2. **Genesee Country Village & Museum** presents **19th Century Games** on **Tuesday, July 12th at 2:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion**. Who doesn't love playing with simple toys from the past? Children are encouraged to try jackstraws, cup-and-ball, whimmy-diddle, buzz saw and much more! Those who like a challenge can try and identify strategies involved in each game. This program also provides topics for discussion about resource use, the purpose of play and comparisons between past and present life. Come and join us for an afternoon of plain old fun!
3. **Take me out to the Ball Game!** For children ages 5-10 on **Tuesday, July 19th at 2:00 PM**. Create your own baseball pennant to hang in your room. (We will supply the pre-printed pennant.) And make a baseball cuff using duct tape and string. Parents are encouraged to stay with their child as they may need help with this duct tape craft. Please register in advance.
4. **Let's Hike!** For children ages 6-10 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Tuesday, July 26th at 2:00 PM**. Let's take a hike around town and see what there is to see...historic

homes, the Rush Creek, maybe some ducks behind the church, the post office, and just the enjoyment of taking a stroll through our lovely little town. Each child will receive a **FREE pedometer** to track how far they walked! Space is limited and you must register in advance.

Sports Movie of the Week for Kids: In July we will be featuring movies that focus on a different sport for **children ages 5-12**. Parents are encouraged to stay with their child and register for a seat. Snacks and drinks will be provided for all movies. All are **Rated G**.

1. **Air Bud (Basketball) Thursday, July 7th from 1-3:30 PM.** A young boy and a talented stray dog with amazing basketball skills become instant friends!
2. **Everyone's Hero (Baseball) Thursday, July 14th from 1-3:30 PM.** Ten-year-old baseball fanatic Yankee Irving is always the last one picked for the sandlot baseball game, but when Babe Ruth's prized bat is stolen during the 1932 World Series, Yankee steps up to the plate to help retrieve it. Will he become a hero or play it safe?
3. **Switching Goals (Soccer) Thursday, July 21st from 1-3:30 PM.** Soccer-playing twin sisters come up with a scheme to switch places so each can play on the team they prefer.

Ice Cream Daze! Join us in the **William Udicious Pavilion** on **Thursday, July 28th from 1-2:00 PM.** You earned it...now come and make your very own ice-cream sundae! All families who participated in our Summer Reading Program are invited to join us for a cool summer treat. Please register in advance so we will be able to accommodate everyone.

Thank you to all children, families and sponsors who participated in our Summer Reading Program!

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

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

FIRE DISTRICT

YOUR TAX RATE: It is time for us to start to prepare a 2017 budget. It is our goal to keep the rate the same as last year.

At this time you pay \$1.12 per thousand. Our costs continue to go up and we try to save money any place we can. We have two major reserve funds, one for building and grounds and the other for apparatus and major equipment such as the radio system replacement, additions to the fire station and new vehicles.

VIDEO CAMERAS: Cameras will be going in soon around Station One.

UTILITY VEHICLE: The 2004 Ford F-350 Utility/Grass Fire truck has been updated with a new fire pump and other modifications. Thank you Dale Sweet, Wayne Burdett and Peewee Terzo for this project that saved the taxpayers hundreds of dollars.

AMBULANCE RESPONSE: Honeoye Falls – Mendon Ambulance has agreed that they will be the first Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Mutual Aid Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance into the south and west parts of Rush. This is about a third of the Town of Rush. This should get an ambulance on scene several minutes sooner than our system that is currently in place. If they are not available, Henrietta will be dispatched. In 2015 this would have involved 13 calls for ALS and 3 calls where there was not a crew available. We had a total of 215 calls for EMS in 2015.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:

RECRUIT NY OPEN HOUSE: The open house was held April 24 from 1 to 4 PM. The Ladies Auxiliary provided charbroiled hots, strawberry shortcake and drinks. The kids were given rides on "Engine 9". The turn out was disappointing but those few who showed up enjoyed the power-point show, equipment displays and fire truck rides. Many departments around NYS report no one showing up at their open house.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: All residents should have received a fund drive request for **Ambulance and Fire Department** operations. We still operate the only free BLS ambulance service in the county. A special "thank you" to all of the residents that contributed to our annual fund drive. We realize that the economy is having an adverse effect on many. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support that is unmatched per mailing anywhere in western New York!

FUND DRIVE MONEY: Your fund drive donations have purchased 1.8 million dollars of ambulances, rescue trucks, grass fire trucks, boats with trailers and off road vehicles as well as other major equipment like the "Jaws of Life", air bags system, Heart Start machines, updated radios/pagers and other related equipment too numerous to list. No fund drive money is used for our few social events. We use Carnival profits and 2% insurance money to fund those activities.

CARNIVAL JULY 7, 8 and 9. Thursday night reduced prices on clams and beer. Legal gambling every night. The Kiddie & Firemen's Parade will be Friday night 7 pm sharp! The band "REPORTER" will play 8:00 PM to midnight Saturday night. "FREE ADMISSION NO COVER" **ONE PRICE RIDE SPECIALS:** Thursday night 6 to 10 PM & Saturday 1 to 5 PM. **KIDDIE PARADE: Scout Troop 134 CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE:** is 1 PM until sold out on Saturday. **FIREWORKS:** 10:15 PM Saturday night.

CANIVAL RAFFLE: Due to popular demand 50/50 raffle tickets are available now. THREE prizes of \$1,000 each are possible if we sell out, drawing 11 PM Saturday night. **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** Two Rush businesses are sponsoring the 50/50 raffle by paying for the ticket printing cost as a donation to the Fire Department and providing coupons for their products. **A BIG "THANK YOU" to COLBY'S BBQ & ICE CREAM and MONTESANO's PIZZA.**

PARADES: The Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers, Band and Apparatus will be attending area parades. For a complete list go to www.RushFD.org and click on "Parades".

RUSH SENIORS PICNIC: The Rush firefighters will provide the hots, hamburgers and rolls for the July & August picnics held in the fire department pavilion for Rush senior citizens.

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE: www.Rushfd.org – Check out news, photos, history, recruitment information, membership lists, officers, apparatus, classic photos and links to other related sites. We are also now on Facebook under Rush Volunteer Fire Department.

LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER
We would like to thank everyone that attended and helped at our Annual Chicken & Biscuits Dinner on

March 12th, 2016. Your participation in this event helps fund the Betty Wilkins Scholarship Fund! You helped make is another very successful year!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our 2016 Easter Egg Hunt weather was just perfect this year! We'd like to thank all of the children and parents that came out to see the Easter Bunny! We had our egg hunts, face painting movies, prizes and more. Our surprise baskets were won by the following age groups: 0–2 years: Rose Schumacher & Roman Dodd, 3-4 years: Emily Wisnowski & Zachary Harrington, 5- 6 years: Rileyne Faugh & Brandon Thompson, 7-8 years: Sarina Furman & Tyler Harrington! **CONGRATULATIONS** to all that won a prize! A special thank you to **Lori VanVooris** and **Michele Hicks** for the great job you do organizing this very special event! Thank you all for another successful year!

PAST OFFICERS BANQUET 2016:

On Sunday April 10th the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their annual Past Officers Banquet at Wild Wood Country Club. The Club did an outstanding job! The food was phenomena! We would like to thank all who attended and all of the hard work and dedication each of our members provide every year! This year at the banquet the Ladies Auxiliary celebrated Ellen Mack for all she has done for the Ladies Auxiliary for the past 53 years. She was an outstanding member of our auxiliary and will be remembered for many years to come. The Rush Fire Department presented the Ladies a check for \$1,000 for the Betty Wilkins Scholarship Fund. We would like to thank the fire department for all they do to not only support the community but for supporting the Ladies Auxiliary too! Thank you so much for all you do each and every one of you!

Officers for 2016:

President: Deborah A David, **Vice President:** Carol Ann Stahl, **Secretary:** Michele Hicks, **Treasurer:** Kathryn Reissig, **Executive Officer:** Bonnie Tobey

Hey Kids It's Parade Time! ON A NEW DAY!!!

This year's theme is **YOUR FAVORITE STAR WARS IDOL!** The 2016 Kid's Parade will be held on **Friday July 8th at 7:00 PM**



Contestants are asked to arrive **PROMPTLY at 6:00 PM in front of the post office for sign up.** Prizes are awarded for costumes, children 0 - 10 years of age be sure to dress up! A Prince and Princess will be selected and Best Float will appear in the Fireman's Parade that night. All contestants will walk in the parade! Parents that have children that can walk in a group with the Ladies Auxiliary are asked to line the streets with the rest of the parade fans. Please park where you normally would park for the carnival. You will NOT be able to park at the post office.

Speaking of parades, our Ladies Auxiliary marches in the parades with the firemen! If you are interested in marching and would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary we would love to have you! Our schedule whether you would like to join or just come and watch is as follows:

Mendon

Saturday, June 4th, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Spencerport

Thursday, June 09th, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Rush

Friday, July 8th, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Hilton

Thursday, July 14th, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

East Rochester

Saturday, July 30th, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Clifton

Friday, August 5th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

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.

NEW If you do not meet the requirements listed above please contact Joan Madigan to set up to attend a meeting so we may get to know you and help you enter the auxiliary.



Our May meeting, on May 12th features "Tom & Peg", a local group, entertaining us with vocal and instrumental music from past decades.

At our June 9th meeting, we will have our annual chicken and biscuit dinner, put on by the Lions Club. We will have a 50/50 raffle.

Our July meeting, July 14th, will be a picnic at the Firehouse's pavilion. The firemen will supply hots and hamburgers. Bring your place setting, a dish to pass, drink and table cloth (if you want to cover the picnic table). Lunch will be at noon. Please plan on attending.

TRAVEL & EVENTS

The April 27th trip to Niagara Falls, Canada and the May 18th trip to Erie, PA had to be cancelled due to low sign-up. We need more interest from our community to prevent this from happening.

The June 15th trip to Seneca Niagara Casino is also in danger of cancellation. Those interested can still go, if they sign on with the bus company (Covered Wagon) that also has a bus going. The Casino trip includes a \$20 slot bonus & free lunch buffet. There will be a matinee performance of "Four By Four" – a tribute to the legendry music of the Beach Boys, The Beatles, The Bee Gees and Motown, all in one show.

The trip planned for July is on July 19th. This trip to Lewiston, NY, will include a scenic luncheon cruise aboard the Niagara Belle on the Niagara River. The trip will also include a stop at the Niagara Power Plant Vista and Kelly's Country Store.

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 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 TOWN HALL
 5977 EAST HENRIETTA ROAD
 RUSH, NEW YORK 14543



2016 Calendar

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Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 21 st
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 9 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 9 th
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 21 st
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 21 st
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 8 th , 22 nd

Other Important Information and Dates

Flag Day		Tuesday – 14 th
Father's Day		Sunday – 19 th
First Day of Summer		Monday – 20 th



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Day Before Independence Day	Town Hall and Court Closed	Friday – 1 st
Independence Day	Town Hall and Court Closed	Monday – 4 th
Rush Firemen's Carnival	Firemen's Field	Thursday – 7 th , Friday – 8 th , Saturday – 9 th
Rush Firemen's Parade	7:00 PM	Friday – 8 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.