

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

We would like to bring you up to date on a few of the projects that we have been working on.

CELL TOWER LEASE

We have agreed to a Lease Amendment with STC Five, LLC, the Tenant, which modifies the ground space under the Lease in exchange for a \$4,800 annual rent increase. Verizon Wireless wishes to co-locate on the existing tower. In exchange for our consent to the Verizon co-location and the co-location of one (1) additional commercial user, we will receive 20% of the Gross Revenue Payments received from Verizon Wireless and the additional commercial user. The current annual rent for the cell tower is \$14,778. With this lease amendment, we anticipate the annual rent to be approximately \$25,000.

STEVENS-CONNOR LEGION POST PROPERTY

The Legion Post has been notified that the Town Board will respond by May 1, 2009, to their offer to transfer ownership of the real property at 2611 Pinnacle Road to the Town of Rush in consideration of the Post's continued use of a portion of the space and other conditions. This should give us sufficient time to complete any necessary studies of the property, including, but not necessarily limited to, the completion of engineering, architectural and environmental concerns.

QUALITY COMMUNITIES GRANT

Have you noticed improvements to parks along the Honeoye Creek in the Towns of Rush and

Mendon and the Village of Honeoye Falls? If a plan prepared for this area by local governments and community groups is adopted, it will set priorities for additional improvements, enhance economic development, protect and manage sensitive environmental features, and coordinate public and private activities within this corridor. Two community meetings were held in the afternoon and evening of Monday, March 23rd to provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the plan.

Originally funded by the Town of Rush with a Quality Communities Grant from the New York Department of State, the purpose is to prepare a consensus plan that governments and user groups can refer to, and eventually implement. The draft plan incorporates recommendations from a community workshop held in November 2007, New York State initiatives, related local planning studies, interviews, questionnaires, and special studies prepared by consultants. The plan addresses land use, recreation, economic development and tourism, historic and cultural resources, sustainable development, environmental protection, transportation and circulation, infrastructure, education and interpretation, and inter-governmental coordination. For further information, please contact Richard Anderson, Rush Town Board Liaison at 533-1312 or 533-2187.

ANNUAL RE-ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

I have had calls from residents recently after they received their re-assessment notices, as they assumed that the Town Board has responsibility for the assessment of property. In order to clarify this misconception, I offer the following:

Assessments (responsibility of Assessor) .
Real Property Tax Law § 102(3), 514, 572:

1. Subdivision 3 of Section 102 of the Real Property Tax Law defines an assessor as %an elected or appointed officer or body of officers charged by law with the duty of assessing real property for the purposes of taxation or special ad valorem levies . . . %o

2. The Assessor must determine the market value of taxable properties and assess them at a uniform percentage of full value. It is also the assessor who selects the percentage of full value at which the property shall be assessed for tax purposes.

3. The employment of experts to appraise the value of real property is %or the assistance of the assessors in the assessment of real property+(Real Property tax Law, Section 572). But it is the assessor who evaluates the figures of the experts, makes his independent determinations, and verifies that he has estimated the value of the property in Section 514 of the Real Property Tax Law.

4. The assessor of a jurisdiction has the sole right to determine the level of assessment within his assessing unit. The Town Board may not substitute its judgment for that of the assessor.

ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION STUDY

The County of Monroe has accepted a grant of \$50,000 from the State to conduct a study to find ways to improve assessment administration. The goal is to improve the efficiency, transparency and equity to the taxpayers. We are participating in this study and have furnished all costs associated with the assessment administration process.

FORMER RUSH MARKET PROPERTY

I was hoping, at this time, to be able to provide some information about the property at the intersection of 251 and Route 15A, however, I will be able to do so in the very near future.

ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

We are participating in a program sponsored by the New York Power Authority (NYPA), which could result in the overall reduction in energy use and therefore a reduction in energy cost. NYPA will supervise all phases of an energy conservation project, beginning with an audit to identify opportunities to save energy and reduce costs and continuing through installation of such features as efficient lighting, motors, boilers, lighting occupancy sensors and computerized energy management systems. There are no out-of-pocket expenses on our part. All of our municipal buildings (Town Hall, Town Garage, Library) will be included in this study.

RUSH-HENRIETTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET REVIEW

On Tuesday, March 24, 2008, representatives of the Rush Town Board attended a meeting of the Rush-Henrietta Board of Education. Dr. Graham, Superintendent of Schools, presented his proposal for the 2009-2010 School Budget. The Proposed Budget can be viewed at rhnet.org or by contacting the School District.

EARTH DAY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Hans Schmitthenner has volunteered, once again, to lead the spring clean up program and has submitted the following:

%ou are invited to the Fifth Annual Town-Wide Earth Day Spring Clean Upq



We will meet at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 25th at the Rush Town Hall parking lot where we will receive instructions and supplies. We will clean up until about 12:00, after which we will join back together for pizza, donated by Montesanoc\$, and soft drinks. Once again we urge residents to meet us, return to clean up the litter in their own neighborhood, then rejoin us for pizza.

This is part of the Greater Rochester-Wide Earth Day Neighborhood Clean-up sponsored by Friendly's and Delta Laboratories, Inc. Residents are urged to bring a pair of gloves and wear an orange or other brightly colored top. We will supply orange vests for children. We will have supplies like pokers, garbage and recycling bags for all. Friendly's is donating ice-cream coupons for all participants.

It makes a huge difference to have the roads in our town gleaming! We will be joined by various boy scout and girl scout troops in town as well. Please e-mail Hans Schmittner at zschmitt@rochester.rr.com if you can join us, or call him at 533-2060. Thanks to all who participate.

We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and hope that you have a pleasant Spring.

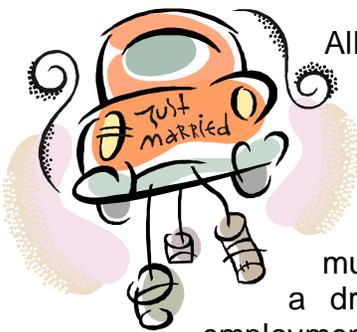
Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
 Mon.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Thurs. until 6 PM
 Phone: 533-1312
Pam@townofrush.com

GETTING MARRIED IN NEW YORK STATE?



All couples must apply in person for a marriage license. Both the bride and groom must be present and proper current proof of identity must be presented, such as a driver's license, passport, employment picture ID. Also needed is proof of birth/age in the form of an original birth certificate or raised seal copy, baptismal certificate or elementary school transcript. If either party has been married before, final divorce decree(s) must be

presented. If your former spouse is deceased, a death certificate is also required.

A person's last name (**surname**) **does not automatically change upon marriage** and neither party of the marriage is required to change his or her last name. If you are changing your surname, it should be indicated on your license. If you wish to change your surname after marriage, you have the right to adopt a different name through usage at some future date.

After a marriage license is issued, it may be used after 24 hours and is valid for 60 days. The fee is \$40.00. The Town accepts cash or check only.

The Rush Town Clerk's office is an issuing agent for New York State.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of Good Friday, and Memorial Day, the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Friday, **April 10th** and Monday **May 25th** respectively.

The Town Clerk's office will also be **closed between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM on Friday, April 17th through Wednesday, April 29th** to allow for banking and lunch breaks while the Clerk is out and attending the New York State Town Clerk and Tax Collectors conference.

Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Kevin Quinlan, Assessor
 Mon. & Wed. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Kevin@townofrush.com or
 Deb Curran, Clerk
 Mon. - Thurs. 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM
Deb@townofrush.com

Assessments are in the news at this time. In 2007, the Town entered into an Agreement with the New York State Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) to attempt to maintain assessments at an equalization rate of 100%. An Equalization Rate is the ratio at which a property is assessed compared to what it sells for as a bona fide sale. The Town and State review these sales each year

and, as long as that rate does not drop below 95%, we are allowed to claim a rate of 100%. When that rate drops below 95%, we need to revalue all of the properties in the Town and adjust assessments back to a suspected full market value.

During the month of March, our office met with many residents regarding the revaluation project. During April, determinations will be made with regard to those meetings and new notices will be mailed in early May.

Grievance Day is scheduled for June 2, 2009. Grievance forms are available online at http://www.orps.state.ny.us/ref/forms/pdf_fillin/rp524_fillin.pdf and also available in our office. For those who decide to go to Grievance, we are requesting those forms to be returned to our office by May 26, 2009, for copying purposes in preparation for Grievance Day.

As always, any questions, please call our office.



Code Enforcement Office

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

*Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

Gerry@townofrush.com

278-8130

With the onset of spring and the nicer weather it brings, we know we will see an increase in the number of inquiries about the need for a **building permit**. If the nice weather entices you to consider a building project, you should be aware of when a **building permit** is required. **Building permits** are required for most projects that a homeowner may consider. Some examples are: new roof, sheds, fences, pools, wood stoves, new windows/doors, garages, additions, porches, waste (septic) field repair/replacement, interior remodeling projects that change plumbing and/or electrical systems. Most every structure and/or alteration that you add to your property will require a **building permit**. If you are unsure, the best thing to do is call us to confirm the need for a

permit before you start your project. When you are ready to purchase a permit, you will need a site foot-print showing the location of the structure with setbacks and a set of construction prints, if applicable. Permit applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor

Mon., Wed. 8:30 AM -3:30PM

Thursdays 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Phone: 533-2340

Pat@townofrush.com

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and E.P.I.C. Trainings will be having another **"Home Alone When I am in Charge"** class. The classes have been such a great success that we are offering one again this spring. This class will be held after school at Leary. The class will be Tuesday, May 5th from 2:05PM-4:00PM in the school library. The cost will be \$18.00 for Rush residents and \$20.00 for non-Rush residents. The class is for ages 7-14 years old. Snacks will be provided at the class. Sign up begins March 16th and ends May 4th. Space is limited. All participants must pay in advance. No refunds will be given unless the class is cancelled.

Men's 55 and older **Senior Basketball** program sponsored by the Rush Recreation Department has begun at the Monica Leary Elementary School in Rush on Thursday evenings. For more information on times and a schedule, contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202.

Spring time is just around the corner, and so are the **Spring Flag Football** classes. Marcus Robinson will be coaching. We have added an additional day during the week so the participants can play games. The program will run for 6 weeks. The days and dates are Mondays April 27th-June 8th, and Wednesdays April 29th-June 10th from 6:00PM-



7:30PM at the Monica Leary gym and fields. Due to the Memorial Day holiday there will be no camp the week of May 25th. The cost will be **\$50.00** for Rush residents and **\$55.00** for non-Rush residents. (We have reduced the rates to help the community.) The participants need to be 8-12 years old. The 8 year old children need to have prior experience with football. The participants will be working on fundamentals and skills on Mondays and playing the game of football on Wednesdays.

The Rush after school program at the Monica Leary Elementary School has openings in the program on Mondays and Fridays. The program is held in the cafetorium daily from 2:05PM-5:30PM. The program follows the school calendar. The children do daily crafts, have homework time, daily exercise in the gym and take trips on a regular basis. For more information and prices please call Patricia at 533-2340.

There will be more information about the **Rush Summer Camp** program in the next newsletter.

The **Rush Seniors'** winter exercise class was a great success! The participants in the current program have asked for another session so I will be offering another class again this Spring. Pat Rose, a certified Arthritis Foundation instructor, will be offering an 8 week **Seniors exercise class** on Thursdays, beginning April 16th and concluding June 4th, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The program will take place at the Rush Methodist Church. The cost will be \$40.00 for Rush residents and \$45.00 for non-Rush residents. This exercise program may be covered through your health insurance plan! Please be sure to bring 2 two-pound weights to class, or two cans of soup. Sign up at the Rush Town Hall. Please call Pat at 533-2340 if you have any questions.



The **Town of Rush 4th Annual Fishing "Catch and Release" Derby** will happen again this year! The date will be Saturday,

June 27th from 9:00AM-2:00PM. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd largest fish. You can fish behind the Rush Town Hall or at Veterans Park. The Lions Club will be at the Veterans Park area to weigh and measure fish. The cost will be \$5.00 for Rush resident families and \$10.00 for non-Rush families. Anyone can fish, but you need to register before you fish to win a prize! You can sign up behind the Rush Town Hall Saturday, June 27th at 8:30AM. Prizes will be awarded at 2:15PM in the Rush Town Park. Please call 533-2340 for any questions. (The DEC Free Fishing Days in New York State continues through June 28th.)



We are planning to have the Pumpkin and Sunflower contest again this year at the Fall Festival so start your planting soon! There will be more information about the Rush Fall Festival in the next newsletter! If you would like to volunteer please call Patricia at 533-2340.

Highway Department

*Submitted by: Steve King
Highway Superintendent
Phone: 533-1770*

*Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
www.townofrush.com*

Town of Rush Residential Brush Pickup

The Town of Rush Highway Department will be conducting its annual brush pick-up for our town residents commencing April 20, 2009 and running to April 24, 2009.

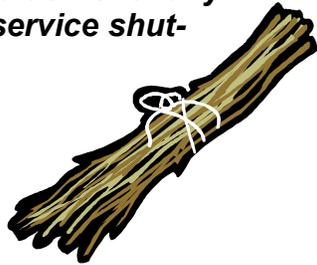
The roadside brush collection will be a one-week program and all brush should be out and ready for collection by April 19th.

We will begin on East River Rd. and will be working eastward.

Guidelines:

- 2 Truckloads (10 wheeler) per household

- Residential pickup only
- All brush shall be no longer than 10 ft. in length
- All brush shall be placed 6 . 8 feet from edge of roadside
- Brush shall be placed parallel to the road.
- Brush must be neatly piled
- **Do not place brush under any overhead wires, if possible.**
- **Do not place brush over any water or gas service shut-offs.**



Restrictions:

- No Stumps, Lumber, Trash, Leaves, or Manmade articles.
- Brush and limb wood only
- Brush cut by residents only,
- **NO CONTRACTORS**

**ONCE A ROAD OR STREET IS COMPLETED,
THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TRIPS**

Please contact the Rush Highway Dept. with any questions or concerns @ 533-1770, between 7:00am - 3:30pm Monday-Friday

Stonybrook Road Transfer Station

Hours of operation at the Stoneybrook Road Transfer Station will be on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. . 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. . 4:00 p.m. Opening April 20th and closing on November 6th.

Town residences wishing to use a **private contractor** may pick up a **Hauling/Usage Statement** at the Town Hall. While obtaining residents' permission, this form will identify the person or company hauling the material to the site on your behalf. This form will be required at the site and is only good for that day.

If you have a special project planned and need to use the transfer station during the week, contact the Highway Department at 533-1770 at least one day in advance.

LAWN DAMAGE

Due to this past winter, the highway department will be repairing all lawns damaged by our plowing operations. Residents who have used stakes or markers during the winter months at the edge of their properties should have them removed by April 11th.

When these stakes are used next season, please put them at least 3-4 feet off the edge of pavement so the plow operators will have room to clear the streets.

If there are any questions or special needs, please contact the highway department at 533-1770.

*Office of the Fire Marshal/
Emergency Preparedness Administrator*
Submitted by: Richard L. Tracy
Phone: 533-1312
Rick@townofrush.com

This month I would like to briefly review some home fire safety items that I feel are important to keep your family safe.

As the nice weather arrives, many of you will begin working on the landscaping around your property. Each year, hundreds of mulch fires are reported in every state. They can burn structures and injure people. Most mulch fires are caused by human error and can be prevented. If you or someone in your family smokes, be sure that you do not discard your smoking materials in the mulch. Provide proper receptacles in which smoking materials can be discarded. Provide at least eighteen inches of clearance between landscaping beds and combustible building material. Consider the use of decorative stone instead. Keep proper clearance to electrical devices such as

outdoor lighting. Keep mulch beds moist as much as possible.

If you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, please make sure that it is kept unobstructed at all times. Do not plant trees, shrubs or flowers around it. Do not paint or alter the appearance of the hydrant. Do not put up fences or anything else that would impede the fire department's ability to utilize the fire hydrant. If you have any concerns about the condition of the fire hydrant in front of your property, contact the water authority.



The spring and summer are excellent times to make sure that you have house numbers that are visible from the roadway and that they are affixed to your house. In the event of an emergency, emergency services can locate your house quickly. Make sure your driveway and sidewalks around your home are clear of obstruction.

If you have central air conditioning or an emergency generator, be sure that they are in good working order in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, not only for efficiency, but for safety purposes as well.

If you use a propane gas grill for cooking, please take some time to make sure that it is clean and in good condition prior to use. If it

has been stored for the winter, clean the fuel jets and burners. Often times insects will nest inside, obstructing the flow of the propane to the burner. When cooking outdoors, keep the grill at least ten feet away from your home, patio, deck or other structures.



As always, if you have any questions about fire or life safety items, please feel free to contact me by calling the Rush Town Hall at 533-1312 or via e-mail, Rick@townofrush.com.

Library News

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

Dear Neighbors,

I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout for our 5th annual **Wine-Tasting Benefit** that took place in February! In spite of the economic recession, many of our patrons enjoyed another wonderful evening, and the Friends Group benefited by ticket sales and proceeds from the silent auction. Our profit from the event will help to support ongoing landscape maintenance of the Reading Garden, and other projects and programs for the library that are not sustained by our regular budget. **Friends Groups are now an integral part of a thriving library**; they offer fundraising and advocacy efforts that go beyond what the library staff alone can do, particularly in the face of state and local budget cuts. We in Rush are very fortunate to have Heather Iannone as our chairperson; her enthusiasm and creativity are boundless! We owe a debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who helped Heather that night, and we are very appreciative of our local businesses that sponsored our benefit. **a complete list of sponsors follows our newsletter.** Hopefully we'll see you at next year's Wine Tasting Benefit!

Our **Reading Garden** is nearly complete. Donated benches are forthcoming, as well as a dedication ceremony. We want to thank the following organizations and businesses for their extremely generous donations of both time and money: **The Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club, Kaplan-Schmidt Electric, Inc., Broccolo Tree and Lawncare, Weckesser Brick Co., The Rochester Area Community Foundation**, and, last but not least, all of the **numerous volunteers** who donated their time and energy. We couldn't have done this without you!



I hope you get a chance to stop in to see two wonderful **art exhibits** currently on display inside the library. **Jean Stephens** is a Rush resident, and a Rochester native, and received a BFA and Masters in Art Education from RIT. She has studied with Thomas Buechner and Thomas Insalaco, and her paintings have been selected for national juried exhibitions. On display are her plein air+ (painted on site) landscapes, views of the land on Works Road and Kavanaugh Road close to her home in Rush. Maybe you'll recognize the sites! **Kevin Yost** is a local resident who began to seriously study painting in 2002 after drawing for a number of years. He uses acrylics and colored pencils to create portraits of famous people and athletes, and his work shows continuously around the county, including at the Rochester Contemporary Art Gallery and the High Falls Art Gallery. We have thoroughly enjoyed exhibiting their works!

Book Donations: Spring cleaning has begun! We have noticed an increase in the number of books being donated to the library for our Book Nook and our bi-annual book sales as residents clean house. We are always thankful for donations, 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 cannot accept encyclopedias 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; 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!



Our **Summer Book Sale** will be held **Monday, June 8th through Friday June 12th during library open hours.** We'll have a great selection of hardcover and paperback bestsellers, and loads of non-

fiction books too! There will be a \$2.00 bag sale on Friday of that week (Wegmans/Tops plastic shopping bags only.)

Budget Cuts to the Monroe County Library System by the state have meant, among other things, the end of subscriptions to many of the databases on the MCLS web site, and the following databases have been or will be dropped: **Dear Reader (online book club), Novelist, Webfeat, Opposing Viewpoints, Biography Resource and Heritagequest, InfoTrac OneFile, General Reference Center, Learning Express, AP Images and Business Reference.** Some of the larger libraries in the county may be subscribing to these databases on their own; check with the individual libraries for more information.

A limited number of **tax forms** are still available in the library **until April 16th**. 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. Or you can visit the following links:

<http://www.irs.gov> & <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/>

Looking forward to seeing you!

Kirsten

*Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library
for April and May, 2009
Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and
Adult Services and by
Trish Venable, Teen Services*

April

After School Crafts for Kids ages 6 and up on **Tuesday, April 7th from 3:30-4:30pm.** Make an Easter wreath, decorate a bag or make an Easter charm bracelet. Space is limited and registration is required.

Teen Night: Wednesday, April 8th 6:00-8pm. Come out and try our **new Wii games**-including *Kawasaki Quad Bike Racing* and *Tony Hawk's Downhill Jam*. Snacks and soda

provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

Spring Book Buddies will be given out beginning on **Thursday, April 9th through Saturday, April 11th**. Each child who checks out any **book** will receive a free plush rabbit family. These wonderful ~~pets~~ were donated to us by Kohl's Department Store. Limit of 1 plush toy per child while supplies last.

Crafter's Corner for Adults on **Tuesday, April 14th from 6:30-8pm**. Bring a little spring into your home with the scent of **lavender!** Create a lavender wreath or lavender bath scrub mitt (knowledge of hand sewing is required for bath mitt project.) There will be a \$3.00 materials fee for each project. Space is limited and registration is required.

Field Trip for Adults! Join us on **Thursday, April 16th from 7-8pm** at **Lavender Moon Herb Gardens**, 7 Boughton Hill Rd. in Honeoye Falls. Meet owner/herbalist, Angela Tiberio, and learn about the healing benefits of herbs and the products she creates from her gardens. This program will focus on some new ideas about skin care, how you can manage stress with certain aromas, and why certain herbs may reduce cholesterol or high blood pressure. Samples of herbal tea, herbal snacks and door prizes make for a fun and educational evening. **We would like at least 10 participants in order to provide this program, and we will meet at Lavender Moon.** Register at the library in person, call us at 533-1370 or register online at www.libraryweb.org/rush. Directions to Lavender Moon will be available in the library when you sign up.



Container Gardening for Adults on **Saturday, April 18th from 11am-12:30pm**. Learn the techniques and what flowers or herbs to plant in containers for a beautiful show all season long. This program is being presented by Master Gardener, Linda Groves from **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County**. A question and answer period will follow the

demonstration. Space is limited and registration is required.

The Friends' Garden Club will have a meeting on **Monday, April 20th at 7:00pm** in the library to discuss plans for maintenance and expansion of the Reading Garden. For more information call the library director.

School Break programs:

Babysitter's Training is being offered by **E.P.I.C. Trainings** on **Tuesday, April 21st from 11:30am-4:30pm (school break week)**. This course is designed to teach children, ages 11 and older, the roles and responsibilities of being a babysitter, including accident prevention and emergency recognition. A **\$40.00 fee** per student (payable this date) includes all supplies, and a Certificate of Completion is included. Students



are advised to bring a bag lunch; refrigeration is available. Space is limited and registration is required. **We require at least 3 participants in order to host this event, so invite your friends to sign up with you!**

Wii Night for the Middle School Crowd on **Tuesday, April 21st from 6:30-8pm** for **ages 10-13**. It's your turn to try our newest games. Bring a friend for exciting Wii action! Snacks and soda provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

American Girl Movie for children ages 9 and up on **Wednesday, April 22nd from 1-3pm**. Come see the newest movie, "**Chrissa Stands Strong**". Meet Chrissa Maxwell she and her family have just moved, and now it's up to Chrissa to find a way to make new friends and stand up to stop the bullying she experiences as the new kid. This is a great movie about a timely topic! **Space is limited and registration is required.** Parents who wish to watch the movie with their child must register for a seat. Popcorn and sodas will be available.

Teen Night: Wednesday, April 22nd 6:00-8pm. Come out and try our **new Wii games**-including *WiiPlay* and *Tony Hawk's Downhill Jam*. Snacks and soda provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

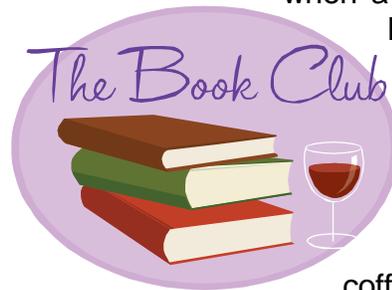
Thursday Matinee for Kids: "The Tale of Despereaux" for children ages 7 and up on **Thursday, April 23rd from 1-3pm.** This is the story of a brave mouse with oversized ears and dreams of becoming a knight.+ Based on the Newbery Medal-winning book by Kate DiCamillo, this film is rated G. Space is limited and registration is required. Parents who wish to remain with their children must register for a seat. Popcorn and sodas will be available.

Library Knit Chicks: is a monthly knitting circle at the library, meeting on the **last Saturday of each month at 10:30am. We'll meet April 25th and May 30th.** Bring along your latest project(s) to work on & share (and it can really be any type of needlework.) We'll provide the coffee, tea, cocoa and conversation. Come to inspire or be inspired!

CPR for Adults on Tuesday, April 28th from 6-8pm, presented by **E.P.I.C. Red Cross Trainings.** Learn how to provide single-rescuer CPR training, how to respond to a choking victim, perform rescue breathing, and recognize and prevent heart attacks and strokes. The cost for this program is \$40.00 per person. **We require at least 3 participants** in order to sponsor this event. Space is limited and registration is required.

First Aid Training on Thursday, April 30th from 6-8pm, presented by **E.P.I.C. Red Cross Trainings.** This is a program designed to teach anyone the skills of basic First Aid and accident prevention. Learn to respond to injuries, & sudden illness, how to control bleeding, and care for muscle, bone and joint injuries, and how to treat burns. The cost for this program is \$35.00 per person. **We require at least 3 participants** in order to sponsor this event. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers Book Club: It's our **5th Anniversary,** and we will be reading and discussing *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris, a novel that describes the transformations that overtake the residents of a small French village



when a mysterious stranger and her daughter arrive and open a chocolate shop during Lent. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk while supplies last. Join us for coffee and dessert on

Thursday, April 30th from 7-9pm (note: this is a week later than usual.) **Participants are asked to bring a chocolate confection to share!**

May

Teen Wii Night: On Wednesday, May 6th, from 6-8:00pm. Drop in and play Wii with your friends! Snacks and soda will be provided. Please register in advance, as space is limited.

Friends' Garden Club will be having a "weeding party" on **Saturday morning, May 9th at 9:00am at the library gazebo.** No experience is necessary, but please bring gloves and weeding tools if you have them.

Rush Ladies Tea Party is back by popular demand and better than ever! Join the Friends of the Rush Library on **Saturday, May 9th from 1-3pm** as they collaborate with the beautiful **Legacy at Erie Station** in Henrietta (the senior living complex.) The staff at the Legacy will be offering High Tea+ in their gorgeous formal dining room, including fresh brewed tea with all the accouterments, sweet and savory offerings, music, and a chance to chat with your neighbors or make some new friends. Bring your favorite china tea cup if you wish, and wear your fancy hat! The cost for this lovely afternoon is **\$15.00 per person, and tickets must be purchased in the Library.** Proceeds benefit our Summer Reading Program.



Friends of the Rush Library will meet on **Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm**. We will be planning our June Book Sale, organizing the Gazebofest, and discussing other fundraising and advocacy for the library. New members are always welcome, and there are no dues! Contact Heather Iannone at 359-9914 for more information, or to be placed on the email list.

Celebrate National Children's Book Week!

There will be **2 special Story Times for children ages 2-5** when accompanied by a parent or guardian. We will meet on **Tuesday, May 12th** and on **Thursday, May 14th from 11:30 am-12:15pm**. This is a chance for all the families who cannot commit to our usual 10-week program. However, space is limited and registration is required.



Crafter's Corner for Adults with Heather Iannone will be held on **Tuesday, May 12th from 6:30-8pm**. Come and create a **whimsical birdhouse** along with a fine feathered friend—a folksy addition to your spring décor. A sample of this craft will be on display in the beginning of May. There will be a \$7.00 materials fee for this craft. Space is limited and registration is required.

Non-Fiction Salon: a new program for adults on **Tuesday, May 26th from Noon-1pm**. This is a chance to share your views about any **non-fiction** book that you have recently read and want others to know about. **Bring your lunch** and we will provide the beverages. This is a program for those of you who do not want to venture out after dark, or for the stay-at-home-parents who need some adult conversation! Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers Book Club: will be held on **Thursday, May 28th from 7-9pm**. This month's selection is **The Sun Also Rises** by Ernest Hemingway, a novel set in Paris and Spain in the 1920s. It depicts the lives of a group of young American and English expatriates living in the aftermath of World War I. It is considered

to be one of the top 100 books that you must read in your lifetime. Join us for stimulating conversation, coffee and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk while supplies last.

Save the Date for...

GAZEBO FEST! Celebrate the **“Grand Opening”** of our lovely Gazebo behind the Library—thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Rush Public Library. This event will be held on **Friday, June 26th from 6-8pm**. **Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic supper**, and prepare to be entertained by some fine local musicians! Look for more details in the Library in the beginning of June.

Thank you to the following **business sponsors** for their support of our Wine-Tasting Benefit!

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Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Sue Miller, Secretary



The Rush Seniors started our social and travel year with a trip to Angelica to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn for buckwheat pancakes and sausages,

as much as you can eat. Yum!

That was on March 19th. On March 18th we were invited to Sperry High School to see the play *Beauty and the Beast*. I was unable to attend but my sources tell me that it was superb. Students of all ages participated and their voices rivaled those of Broadway. The costumes and sets appeared professionally done. Perhaps we have some celebrities in the making.

On April 21st, we go to Olean for a chocolate extravaganza. We'll make our own chocolates to bring home. There is also a buffet luncheon to enjoy and then on the way home, we stop at Cuba Cheese to shop. We understand they have doubled their size and have every imaginable cheese, also jams, jellies, salad dressings and kitchen gadgets. We do love to shop.

Our favorite trip seems to be the Mystery trip, which will be on May 19th. Seniors love surprises and the sign up sheet fills up very fast. So be quick to write down your name. On June 23rd we go to Seneca Allegheny Casino in Salamanca, So start saving your pennies. We will have more information on that in a future newsletter.



If you look forward to baseball season, we have a bus going to a Red Wings game on August 17th. It's an afternoon game in Rochester. For more details, you can call Mary Anne Brice at 533-1185.

Please remember that anyone is invited to join us on our trips, on a space available basis.

We said good bye to one of our long time members in March. Louise Brege passed away after a short illness. She was a petite lady with a beautiful smile, a willing hand, and a friend to everyone. We will deeply miss her.

Our meetings take place the second Thursday of each month at the Rush firehouse. If you are a Rush resident 55 years of age or older, consider joining us at 11:30 for a pot-luck luncheon, meeting and entertainment. Just bring a dish to pass that will serve 10-12 people and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. See you there!

Any questions, please call President, Marge Williams at 533-2101.

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

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

FIRE DISTRICT

FEDERAL GRANT: The fire district will receive a \$20,500 Federal Grant for safety ropes and a thermal imaging camera. Past Chief Dale Sweet applied for the grant last year.

HOUSE NUMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION: Our crews are still having problems finding the correct locations because of either no house number or it being hard to see from the road. We recently had a serious EMS call at 6:00 am where the jogger was struck had no ID. She was in no condition to tell us or the sheriff anything. It took until late afternoon to notify her family. Please have some ID on your person. You should wear a reflective vest when you take a stroll, walk your dog or jog near the roadway.

"In Case of Emergency" (ICE) campaign: We all carry our mobile phone with names and numbers stored in its memory, but no one, other than ourselves, knows which of these

numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored, but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? The concept of ICE is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE."

This is a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as ICE. For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc.

RADIO UPGRADES: The main fire station had two new antennas and wires installed to correct a problem with feed back. The main antenna was put up in 1971 and was completely shot from the 38 years of weather. This upgrade cost was \$3,000.

FIRE SIREN: The 68 year old fire siren at station one is shut down for the time being. This siren was on a tower by the town hall from 1941 to 1971 when it was relocated to the new fire station. A weld was broke on the mounting bracket and some wires were exposed due to years of wind and rain. We are looking into our options as to weather to get it fixed or leave it shut off. The sirens at both stations are on timers and do not sound after 9 pm and come back on at 7 am. If you have any input in this matter call Bob Faugh at 533-1892.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

RUSH FD RESCUE USED IN EDUCATIONAL BOOK IN CALIFORNIA

Doneoye Creek Rescue+ is one of the many stories found in the Anthology series of books for the California Gateways program. This

program is aimed at Middle School students who are struggling to read at an Elementary School level. The program is designed to boost their reading skills so that they are reading the same books as their on-level peers within two years.

The unit in which Doneoye Creek Rescue+ appears is centered around the theme: What makes a person admirable? Throughout the unit's reading, students get to explore different ways of answering this question. This story makes an excellent addition to the student's discussion. Something that makes a person admirable is bravery in the face of danger, self-sacrifice, and the other heroic traits embodied in the volunteer firemen who rescued Scott from grave danger.

In August of 2008, by a vote of 8-0, California Gateways was unanimously approved for adoption by the California State Board of Education. The program could ultimately place the Anthology series in the hands of 1 to 2 million California Middle School students, all of whom will get to enjoy the story of Rush New York Volunteer Fire Department.

Each Rush Firefighter in the boat that night received a copy at the Past Officers Banquet held March 7th. A copy of the book will be given to the Rush Library . Its name is **California Gateways**.



FUND DRIVE: In 2008 your volunteers responded to 378 emergency calls, that's one every 23 hours. They donated over 7,000 hours to provide emergency service, attend meetings, attended training and drills, raise funds and maintain buildings and equipment with 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!** We have one of the last free ambulance services in the county and cover 99.5% of our calls! You should receive the annual fund drive letter and postage paid envelope for the AMBULANCE and FIRE DEPARTMENT operation in April.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

We use fund drive money for our scouting, fire prevention programs, training and seminars. No fund drive money is used for our few social events. Very few Fire Departments or Ambulance services can say that! We are very proud and thankful to the Rush residents who support us with donations.

NEW RESCUE TRUCK: This year's fund drive will assist in the purchasing of a new heavy rescue vehicle. We have saved every year for the past 18 years for a new truck. We have \$390,000 in the replacement fund. Our present truck is 18 years old and will be sold because it is still worth something. The fund drive and other department fund raising activities have bought the 1957, 1974 and 1991 Rescue trucks. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!**

PAST OFFICERS BANQUET: The Rush Fire Department's Banquet was held at the RIT Inn . over 100 members and guests attended. Past Chief Dale Sweet was given a plaque and gift for his nine years as Chief. In his time as Chief, he assisted and/or applied for and received \$116,000 of State and Federal grants for equipment. Dan Monaghan was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his 20 years of dedicated service. Other past officers given recognition were Vern Wanderslaben, Jacob Vogt, Kevin Kinnally, Steve Winner and Heidi Sweet. Bev Smith received her 20 Year pin. The Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary presented a check for \$2,000 to the firefighters.



EXPLORERS SCOUTS: We are looking for new explorers. It is not all work and no play, they learn CPR and how to respond in emergency situations along with social events. They recently toured the burn center at Strong Hospital. If you have a boy or girl 14 or older who maybe interested call Royer Pfersick at 533-9123.

Thank you to all who supported our 2nd annual Chicken and Biscuits dinner held on Sunday March 15, 2009. All proceeds will help fund the Betty Wilkins Scholarship awarded annually to Rush Students. Thank you to Ronnie Wheeler for doing an excellent job chairing and cooking for the event.



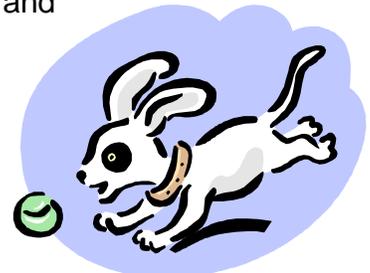
Join the Easter Bunny for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Rush Fireman's Field at 1971 Rush-Mendon Road on **Saturday, April 4th at 1 PM.** Rush residents from 0-8 years of age are welcome to hunt for Easter eggs in four different age categories (0-2 years), (3-4 years), (5-6 years), and (7-8 years). Perhaps you will be the lucky person to find the silver or gold egg and receive a special prize! Treats for all the kids. Snacks for everyone.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME: The Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining should contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or jnmadigan@aol.com . You can find out more information or download an application at <http://www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm>. This is a great opportunity to support your Fire Department, meet new people, help your community, and enjoy many laughs and good times.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

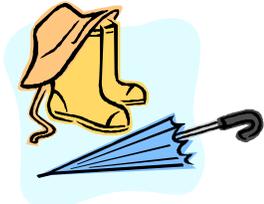
Please remember, when walking your dogs, to clean up after them, especially in the parks and on the trails. We should all be respectful of our friends and neighbors. This will help keep our town clean and beautiful.

Thank you.



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<u><i>Other Important Information and Dates:</i></u> <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Happy Easter !</i>	<i>Town Hall and, Courts Closed</i>	<i>Friday - April 10th</i> <i>Sunday, - 12th</i>



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