

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Hello Rush Residents,

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Our budget process began in August. During the workshops, suggestions and amendments were made to the budget and line items were reviewed with department heads. A public hearing was held on October 26th for the 2017 Preliminary Budget. The final budget for 2017 was approved by the Town Board at the November 9th Town Board meeting. The tax rate has been reduced by 2% for 2017. The 2017 budget is flat compared to the 2016 budget.



Overall the 2016 expenses were lower than budgeted in the fall of 2015. Some of the reasons include lower than expected utility expenses, the highway department not replacing a full time employee, sales tax revenue was greater than expected and the heating

and air conditioning (HVAC) maintenance contract price was reduced by almost 50% by changing to a new vendor.

Thanks to Don Reynolds, our Finance Director and Budget Officer, for producing some high-level financials and pie charts for the town general fund revenues and appropriations. Please see the next two pages of the newsletter for this information.

I would like to thank the Zoning Citizens Committee that included Carol Barnett, Jim Bucci, Selden Chase, John David, Chuck Wolcott and Dan Woolaver, Town Board Liaison, for their evaluation of the Town Zoning Code and the resulting recommendations for updates to the code. The Town Board will continue its review of the proposed changes in joint meetings with the Planning, Zoning and Conservation boards as well as comments from the August 24th public hearing.



Although we are sad to announce that Don Reynolds is retiring after twelve years of service to the town, we know that he is looking forward to spending more time with family and traveling.

Thank you for your dedication to the Town of Rush and best wishes to you, Don!

I would like to welcome John Frew as our new maintenance person for the Town Hall building. John is an all around handyman and is keeping the facility up to date and welcoming to the public. You will notice that our entry doors are now painted red. Thanks, John!



A dog enumeration has not been conducted in the Town of Rush for many years. Many of you have probably met Tanya Bertram, our dog enumerator, as she canvases the town. We appreciate your continued efforts in licensing your dogs.



We are starting to work on the planning for a design charrette for the Town of Rush, facilitated by Rochester Regional Community Design Center (www.cdcochester.org) in the early spring of 2017. The Executive Director of the Design Center spoke about their design process at the June 22, 2016 Town Board meeting. "A charrette is an intensive, participatory planning process that brings together a variety of community stakeholders to observe and share ideas about their community. It is an interactive and dynamic exercise in brainstorming to create community consensus on a vision for the future."

Your Town Budget for 2017

General Fund Revenues

	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Sales Tax	\$ 335,000	24.98%
Property Rental	\$ 88,983	6.64%
Mortgage Tax	\$ 75,000	5.59%
Park and Rec.Fees	\$ 81,360	6.07%
Court Fines	\$ 48,000	3.58%
Franchises	\$ 22,500	1.68%
Interest Earnings	\$ 16,250	1.21%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 17,290	1.29%
State Aid	\$ 14,833	1.11%
Clerk Fees&Other	\$ 4,695	0.35%
Zoning & Planning Fees	\$ 3,600	0.27%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>633,385</u>	<u>47.23%</u>
Total	\$ 1,340,896	100.00%

General Fund Appropriations

	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
General Government Support	\$ 624,052	46.54%
Bond Principal & Int.	\$ 130,782	9.75%
Public Transportation	\$ 158,440	11.82%
Culture & Recreation	\$ 165,599	12.35%
Public Safety	\$ 51,144	3.81%
Home & Community Economic Assistance	\$ 24,214	1.81%
and Opportunity	\$ 8,271	0.62%
Fringe Benefits	\$ <u>178,394</u>	<u>13.30%</u>
Total	\$ 1,340,896	100.00%

Highway Fund Revenues

Services to Other Govts.	\$ 384,000	35.85%
State Aid	\$ 60,070	5.61%
Sale of Scrap & Other	\$ 5,150	0.48%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 160,000	14.94%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>461,965</u>	<u>43.13%</u>
Total	\$ 1,071,185	100.01%

Highway Fund Appropriations

Machinery	\$ 202,444	18.90%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 180,142	16.82%
Road Repair & Const.	\$ 195,131	18.22%
Misc./Brush & Weeds	\$ 94,777	8.85%
Town Snow Removal	\$ 62,234	5.81%
Transfer to Reserve	\$ 85,000	7.94%
Fringe Benefits	\$ <u>251,457</u>	<u>23.46%</u>
Total	\$ 1,071,185	100.00%

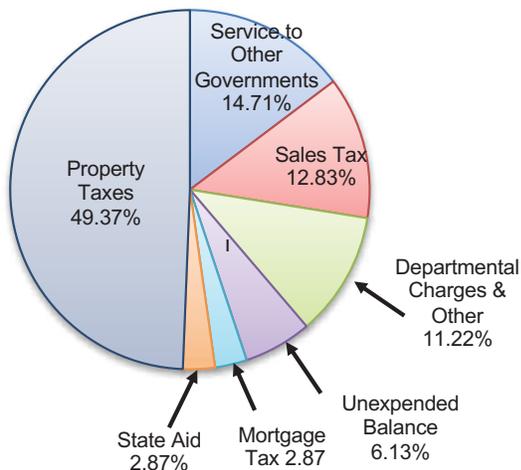
Library Fund Revenues

Library Fines	\$ 3,450	1.68%
Minor Sales & Other	\$ 1,662	0.81%
State Aid	\$ 6,000	2.93%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>193,984</u>	<u>97.51%</u>
Total	\$ 205,096	102.93%

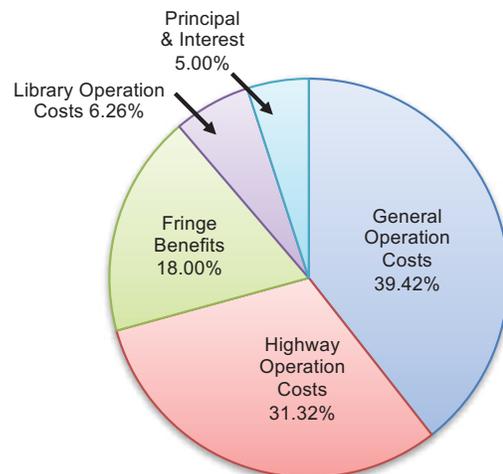
Library Fund Appropriations

Library	\$ 163,847	79.89%
Fringe Benefits	\$ <u>41,249</u>	<u>20.11%</u>
Total	\$ 205,096	100.00%

TOWN WIDE REVENUES 2017 BUDGET



TOWN WIDE APPROPRIATIONS 2017 BUDGET



General Fund - Appropriations by Department

	Dollar Amount	Percent of Budget	
Buildings	\$ 113,812	8.49%	x
Town Clerk	\$ 105,353	7.86%	x
Court	\$ 69,265	5.17%	x
Legal	\$ 50,000	3.73%	x
Supervisor and Secretary	\$ 51,101	3.81%	x
Finance	\$ 41,535	3.10%	x
Assessor and Clerk	\$ 37,219	2.78%	x
Insurance	\$ 33,700	2.51%	x
Town Board	\$ 31,582	2.36%	x
Mailing & Printing	\$ 18,191	1.36%	x
Engineer	\$ 18,000	1.34%	x
Records Management	\$ 4,740	0.35%	
Storeroom	\$ 3,700	0.28%	x
Elections	\$ 2,600	0.19%	x
Budget	\$ 4,654	0.35%	x
Payment to Reduce Taxes	\$ 1,600	0.12%	x
Association Dues	\$ 1,000	0.07%	x
Contingency	\$ 36,000	2.67%	x
Total General Gov. Support	\$ 624,052	46.54%	

Total Employee Benefits	\$ 178,394	13.30%
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Total Bond Principal & Int.	\$ 130,782	9.75%
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Highway Administration	\$ 123,330	9.20%
Garage	\$ 23,800	1.77%
Street Lighting	\$ 10,800	0.81%
Sidewalks	\$ 510	0.04%
Total Transportation	\$ 158,440	11.82%

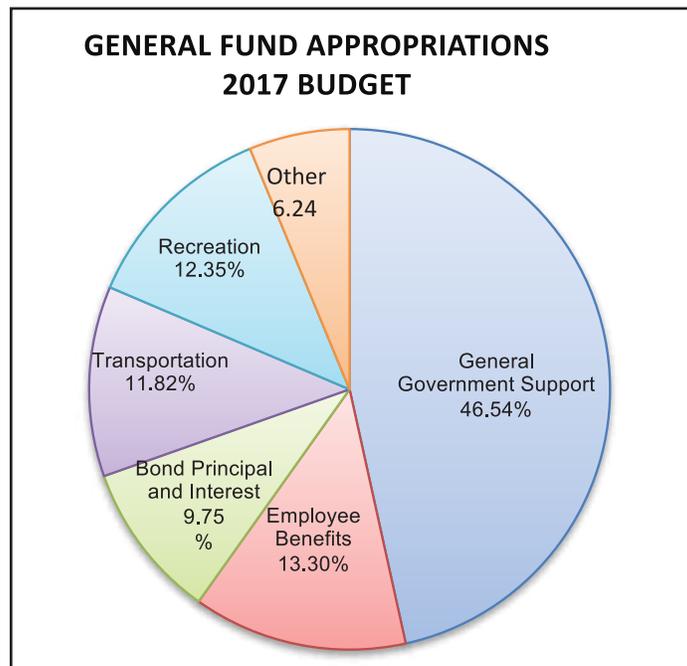
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Budget
Recreation	\$ 91,199	6.81%
Parks, Pavilion, BOCES	\$ 58,416	4.36%
Historian	\$ 15,984	1.19%
Total Cultural & Rec.	\$ 165,599	12.35%

Safety Inspection, Code Enf.	\$ 24,183	1.80%
Code Enforcement	\$ 12,391	0.92%
Fire Marshall	\$ 8,390	0.63%
Dog Control	\$ 4,975	0.37%
Civil Defense	\$ 1,205	0.09%
Total Public Safety	\$ 51,144	3.81%

Landfill Chipping	\$ 8,000	0.60%
Planning	\$ 7,723	0.58%
Zoning	\$ 3,628	0.27%
Environment Conservation	\$ 3,228	0.24%
Community Beautification	\$ 1,635	0.12%
Total Home & Community	\$ 24,214	1.81%

Programs for Aging	\$ 7,771	0.58%
Veterans' Services	\$ 500	0.04%
Total Economic Assistance & Opportunity	\$ 8,271	0.62%

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 1,340,896 100.00%



The areas that we are interested in discussing are the hamlet, a potential community center and the Rush Riverside Refuge property. More details will be in the next newsletter!

The town hall parking lot lights have been upgraded to LED lighting to provide better light and reduce energy consumption. We are now looking at improving the energy efficiency of the town hall.

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 official 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



Town Clerk's Office
Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Phone: 533-1312
Pam@townofrush.com

OPEN POSITION

TOWN OF RUSH

FINANCE DIRECTOR / BUDGET OFFICER

Town of Rush is seeking an individual to perform accounting/finance, payroll, management of employee benefits and insurance, and budget duties for the Town. The position is part time, approximately 20 hours per week.

Applications are available on the website at townofrush.com. They are also available and will be accepted in person or by mail at:

Rush Town Hall
5977 East Henrietta Rd.
Rush, New York 14543
533-1312



ZONING, PLANNING & CONSERVATION BOARDS

Openings can occur on the Zoning, Planning and Conservation Boards at any given time. Meetings are scheduled as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals – every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM; Planning Board – every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM; and Conservation Board – every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in serving on any of the above Boards, please send a letter of interest to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk. Your submissions will be kept on file and distributed to the Town Board for consideration when appropriate. All letters of interest are kept for consideration for at least three years.

2016 TOWN & COUNTY TAXES

Town and County tax bills will be mailed the 1st week of January. If you have not received a tax bill by January 14th, and do not have an escrow account, please call my office for a duplicate bill. You may also access your bill on the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov. Select “view taxes online”.

Taxpayers have the following payment options in order to satisfy their property tax obligations. Tax Payments are payable to Pamela J. Bucci, Collector, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543 through May 31st or the Monroe County Treasurer beginning June 1st in the following manner:

Jan. 1-Feb 10	No interest due
Feb. 11-28	1.5%
Mar. 1-31	3%
April 1-30	4.5%
May 1-10	6%
May 11-31	6% interest, plus notice fee

Full Payments – due without interest by February 10, 2017.

Installment Payments - Total bill must exceed \$100 to use this option. The 1st installment must be paid by February 10. If the 1st installment is *not* paid by February 10, the total bill plus interest is due.

Payments by Credit Card – A fee for this service will be charged. You may access your bill on-line at www.monroecounty.gov. Select “view taxes on line” and follow the prompts.

On-line Bank Payments – Because banks cannot guarantee your payment will be delivered by the due date, **utilizing this method is at your own risk.**

Payments made after May 31st are payable to Monroe County Treasurer and can be mailed to: PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614, or in person at the Monroe County Treasurer's Office, 39 West Main Street, Room B-2, Rochester, New York 14614. The Monroe County Treasurer's Office can be reached at 753-1200.

As always, feel free to call my office with any questions or concerns.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

PREVIOUSLY HEARD AND UPCOMING APPLICATIONS

Below is a summary of decisions made and upcoming applications before the Planning and Zoning Boards since the last printing of the town newsletter. If you are looking for upcoming meeting agenda items, please call our offices, scan the Henrietta Post or visit the town website. Minutes are posted regularly on the town website and are always available in the Town Clerk's Office.

All applications for Planning Board hearings must be received by the 10th of each month in order to be heard the following month. Applications submitted for Zoning Board of Appeals review must be received by the last business day of each month for appearance the following month.

PLANNING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

NO MEETING – NO APPLICATIONS

OCTOBER 18, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2016-07P by Kristopher Stasiw and Amy Clark-Stasiw requesting Site Plan approval to renovate an existing garage and bonus room into a 3-car garage with an in-law apartment. Property is located at 290 Stonybrook Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was tabled.](#)

Application 2016-08P by Nicola Montanaro, agent for Kenneth Donaldson, requesting Subdivision approval to subdivide an existing 62.96 acre lot into two lots. Proposed Lot 1 will contain 7.0 acres with existing home and proposed Lot 2 will contain 55.96 acres of remaining land. There is no building proposed. Property is located at 350 Five Points Road and is

zoned Residential-30. [Application was approved with conditions.](#)

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

NO MEETING – NO APPLICATIONS

DECEMBER 20, 2016

TABLED APPLICATION:

Application 2016-07P by Kristopher Stasiw and Amy Clark-Stasiw requesting Site Plan approval to renovate an existing garage and bonus room into a 3-car garage with an in-law apartment. Property is located at 290 Stonybrook Road and is zoned Residential-30.

ZONING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application 2016-05Z by David Capps requesting a front setback variance. The foundation does not meet Rush Town Code §120-18 state road setback of 110 feet from the centerline. Property is located at 7935 West Henrietta Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was denied.](#)

Application 2016-06Z by Kristopher Stasiw and Amy Clark-Stasiw. The proposed construction of a garage with an in-law apartment does not comply with Rush Town Code §120-61 C (2). Property is located at 290 Stonybrook Road and is zoned Residential-30. [Application was denied.](#)

LEGAL NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town Board will hold its 2017 Organizational Meeting on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** following the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting at 7:00 PM, at the offices of the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. A swearing in ceremony of newly elected officials will take place prior to the meeting. All are invited.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday and Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's holiday.





Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Dan@townofrush.com

Phone: 533-2330

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

Note from the Assessor's Office:

Reminder renewal forms for Enhanced Star, Limited Income Senior and Agricultural Exemptions were mailed out recently. You have until March 1, 2017 to return this paperwork to the Assessor's Office. If you have any questions please call or stop by the office during our normal business hours.



Historian's Office

Submitted by Susan Mee
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Phone: 533-1312
Sue@townofrush.com

It seems that a lot has happened since the last newsletter!

The formation of the *Rush Historical Society* is becoming closer to reality. The Provisional Charter application, along with a Mission Statement, Code of Ethics and Collection Development Policy have been drafted and, if all goes according to plan, will have been submitted by the mailing of this newsletter. The primary purpose of the *Rush Historical Society* will be to sponsor programming events and help preserve our local history. Once the *Rush Historical Society* is official, I hope many of you will consider becoming members. Organizing a historical society seems fitting in honor of our upcoming Bicentennial.

If you visited Pine Hill Cemetery over the spring or summer, you may have noticed a number of older headstones marked with caution tape. Those monuments were identified as potentially hazardous and in need of repair. The Pine Hill Cemetery Board applied for funding from the NYS Division of Cemeteries and received \$18,000 to have over 40 monuments repaired. The work was completed in October by Wolcott Lawn and Cemetery Services in Warsaw, New York. The monuments are now in good repair, most with new foundations in place, and should last for many years to come.

Two second hand lateral fire proof file cabinets have been purchased for the History collection and now safely house our primary documents. I appreciate the support of the Town Board in acquiring these cabinets.

RIT student, Mev McMahon, has created a walking tour of the Rush hamlet using Atavist. Audio will be added in the future, but the app is usable and available at: <https://rush.atavist.com/>. When viewing this mobile app, be sure to scroll down as well as horizontally to view all the information.

I wish to once again thank Andrew Davidhazy for digitizing another collection in the Rush History Office. We have a large binder holding many 4" x 5" negatives. Andy very generously digitized each of these images for our collection. The collection of negatives were taken from photos shared by Rush families many years ago. Thank you, Andy! Below is just one sample from this collection of photos. The building on the far right was the Price Hotel and the current site of the Rush Creekside Inn. In the center is the former Bock's Grocery and at the far left, is the building more recently known as an apartment building but previously served as a town hall on the second floor and many lectures and musical performances were also held there. It was also a grocery store and housed several other



businesses over the years. If you look closely, you can see a horse standing on the left and a wagon parked in front of the building on the left.



2018 TOWN BICENTENNIAL

Plans are steadily progressing for our Town Bicentennial in 2018. Henrietta will be celebrating their Bicentennial the same year, so we have tentative plans for two joint events. One is a baseball game between the Rush and Henrietta Fire Departments, followed by a picnic. The second event is a tour of the one room school houses in both Rush and Henrietta prior to the centralization of Rush and Henrietta Schools. A similar tour also took place for the 175th anniversary.

Tentative plans for Rush include a re-enactment of the 1818 proclamation forming the Town of Rush; re-enactment of the arrival of early settlers; Gala event at Wild Wood; Community Fall Foliage ride on the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad, and house/church/cemetery tours. If anyone is interested in opening their historic home (or barn) for a tour, please let me or one of our Committee members know.

And, it's not too late to get involved! If you are interested and would like to join the Committee, we would welcome your involvement. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 7:30 pm. Meeting dates and minutes are posted on the Historian's site at: <https://rushhistorian.com/> Please feel free to contact me at 624-7822 if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe 2017!

~Sue~



Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor

Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM -3:30PM

Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 PM

Phone: 533-2340

Pat@townofrush.com



SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

Pat Rose, Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department present a seniors exercise class.

This is an eight week program.



Dates: Thursdays Nov. 10th-Jan. 12th 2017

(No classes 11/24 or 12/29)

Cost: \$45.00 Rush resident

\$50.00 Non-residents

Location: William Udicious Pavilion

10:00AM-11:00AM

The cost of this program may be reimbursable through your health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup. Sign up begins now at the Rush Town Hall clerk's office. This class can be prorated. Please call 533-2340 if you have questions.



AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

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

Dates: Tuesdays January 3rd-February 21st

Thursdays January 5th-February 23rd

Cost: 1 Day/week \$27.00 Resident

\$32.00 Non-resident

2 Days/week \$45.00 Resident

\$49.00 Non-resident

Location: William Udicious Pavilion

6:15-7:15 PM



TOWN OF RUSH MEN'S SENIORS BASKETBALL

This program is for men 55 years and older. Please contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information on times and any other questions. This is a free program.

**Dates: Tuesdays November 11th - April 11th,
Location: Monica Leary Elementary School
7:00-9:00 PM**

IRISH DANCE CLASS



The Town of Rush Recreation Department has joined forces with Jamieson Irish Dance & Creative Arts to offer two four week sessions (session A and B) which are designed to provide a solid foundation of Irish dance basics. Dancers will learn and apply technique, timing and posture to the popular Irish dances, Reel and Jig. Irish dance is very upbeat and cheerful, allowing participants to have fun in an energetic setting, individually and as a group!

Athletic clothing is encouraged, shorts and t-shirt. Footwear options include Irish dance ghillies, jazz shoes, ballet shoes, or sneakers are all acceptable! Please bring a water bottle and get ready for some fun! In addition to learning the skills associated with Irish dance, participants will build character, confidence and strength while receiving certified instruction from Katie Jamieson. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings.

Session A- 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

Session B- 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

Times- Ages 5+ 6:00PM-6:45PM

Ages 10+ 6:45PM-7:30PM

Cost: \$45.00 Rush resident

\$50.00 Non- residents

For both sessions \$80.00 Rush resident

Location: William Udicious Pavilion

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You can download the applications for any of the recreation programs from our website at www.townofrush.com under the Recreation tab and send it to 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 the Recreation Department at 533-2340.



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.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! During this festive season I am so grateful for another year of community support for our library services.



We love seeing all our kind, friendly patrons who make the library a lovely place to work. Wishing you peace and happy reading for the holidays!

Hold Fees Eliminated: We ended our 75¢ hold fees last month, through 2017! This came about due to slight increases in State Aid revenue over the years, a slight reduction in our membership fees to Monroe County Library System, plus budget approval by the Town Board which helps us provide better service. As a small-town library we cannot afford the cost (and we don't have the space) for a circulating collection that's larger than we currently own, and we know we don't have every book you want. Eliminating the financial barrier to obtaining books, music, and movies for all of our patrons will support our mission and as well as our community.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair Fundraiser! Join the **Friends of the Rush Library** at the **Pittsford** bookstore location on **Wednesday, December 7th from 3-8:00 PM**. With a special coupon from us, a percentage of your purchases that night will go to

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Rush Fall Festival

2016

Coloring Contest Winners

GRADE	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
KINDERGARTEN	Jade Combie	Cameron McRue	Janvi Parikh
1 ST	Mia Manning	Will Kolmetz	Wyatt Flannery
2 ND	Emma DeWald	Constantine Valle	Owen Teitsworth
3 RD	Phoebe Smith	Jillian Williams	Molly Condello
4 TH	Taylee Bernarduci	Danielle Raymona	Anna Leathersich
5 TH	Olivia Clark	Morgan Sizer	Ashley Pitt

Adult Bake-Off Winner
Richelle Ritz -
Chocolate Muffins

Youth Bake-Off Winner
Danielle Meddayl -
S'mores Crisps

Pie Eating Contest Winner
Daniel Ribbing



***Congratulations to all the winners
 and thanks to all who participated!***

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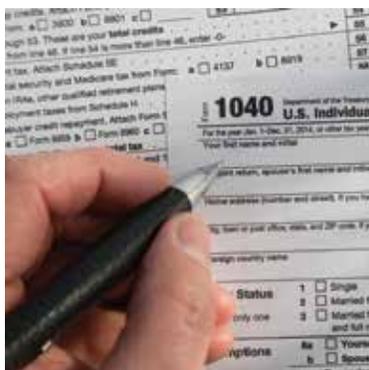
the Friends' group, at no cost to you- just present the coupon at checkout. Proceeds will benefit our After-School Programs. We will have a special Story Time with Mrs. C. from 4-5:00 PM and live music. Call the library or stop by for more details.

New Library Board Members: In the fall we said farewell to our Treasurer, Kurt Ringo, who did a great job enabling the Board to modernize the Friends' fundraising efforts. Letty Laskowski resigned as a voting member of the Board, but will take the oath as Treasurer; and we welcomed two new members, Cindy Raymond and Becky Herman, to the Board to make a total of seven voting members. The Library Board of Trustees charts vision, sets policy, secures funding, hires & supervises the director, and advocates for quality library service to Rush residents. Its members serve for five-year terms, meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Books for Sale: Looking for a great holiday gift? We are selling autographed copies of *Images of Rush* by our Town Historian, **Susan Mee**. It's full of great, vintage local photographs and will make a treasured gift. And we continue to support our beloved **Rush Seniors** by selling their local cookbook; it delivers favorite recipes provided by local residents. And remember, our **Book Nook** is always open during library business hours, and it's stocked with quality used books, movies, and more items that make great gifts.



Tax Forms: Federal and New York State tax forms will no longer be mailed to your home, but may be available in limited supply at most public libraries beginning in January. You can download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/> and federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/>, or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (The normal forms provided by the government are free, but printing out unusual forms at the library will cost you 15¢ per page.)



Holiday Hours: Changes to our operating hours for the holidays are as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 24th through Monday, Dec. 26th: closed for Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 31st: closing as usual at 2:00 pm

Just a reminder... materials owned by the Rush library are never due on days that we are closed, but if you have borrowed an item from another library branch, it could be due on a day that we are closed if they are open. **Please refer to your check-out receipt to confirm when your items are due.** Items placed in our book-drop before business hours are always backdated to the last day we were open. You can also check your account, renew some items online, and pay overdue fines by credit card at www.RushLibrary.org.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Kirsten

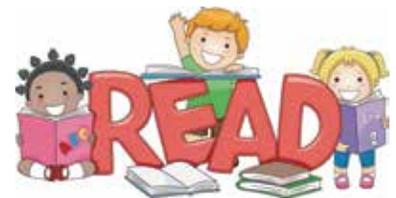
UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE RUSH LIBRARY FOR DECEMBER 2016 AND JANUARY 2017

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

December Events:

Tiny Tots Story Time!

For children ages 3-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursday mornings, December 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th from 11:30 AM-Noon.** Join us for fun stories that celebrate the coming of winter. No registration is required.



Crafter's Corner for Adults:

will be on **Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 PM.** Just in time for the holidays, create a beautiful



Silhouette Candle; embellish a jar with a town scape and "snow" that gives off a lovely glow when lit. A sample of this craft will be available in November. There will be a \$5.00 materials fee for this project; please register in advance. Holiday refreshments will be served.

Family Finders: meets on **Friday, December 2nd from 1-2:30 PM.** If you're catching up with relatives during the holidays, take notes for your family tree! Our guru, Cathy Frank, can help you navigate genealogy sites. Coffee, tea, and a snack will be available; please call to register in advance.



12th Annual Gingerbread House Workshop! Kids ages 5-10 may come and decorate a gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 3rd from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM.** *Please bring one bag of candy for decorations and to share with others.* We'll supply the rest of the building materials. This is a cute photo opportunity! Space is limited; please register in advance for this fun program.

View Finders: Will hold one meeting on **Monday, December 5th, from 12:30-4:00 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion (behind the library). We will celebrate a year of photographs with friends and family. Each participant may bring up to 12 of their favorite photographs on a flash drive to share with the group. This is a lunch meeting so please bring a dish to share as well as your spouse or friend. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please register in advance

Lego Club: for children ages 6-10 will resume on **Tuesdays, December 6th and 13th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Come and build with some of our new Lego kits! Please register in advance. All Legos will be provided.

Holiday Story Time: for children ages 6-10, on **Tuesday, December 6th from 6:45-7:30 PM.** Children will listen to holiday stories from around the world, and then enjoy a snack of cookies and hot cocoa. Registration is required for this event. Each child who registers in advance will receive a special surprise courtesy of Kohl's Department Store.



Barnes and Noble Book Fair! Wednesday, December 7th from 3-8:00 PM. (Another reminder for your calendar- see the listing at the beginning of this newsletter.) More details and your coupons will be at the library.

Knit Chicks: Our fiber crafting club meets up on two Saturdays each month, **Dec. 10th & 31st at 10:30 AM.** Join our fun community of crafters and make new friends; new members are always welcome, coffee and snacks provided.

The Origins of Christmas Customs: Tuesday, December 13th at 2:00 PM. Get in the holiday mood with this fun presentation by Jack Kowiak. The decorations, food, music and just about every other aspect of Christmas are parts of cherished traditions and have fascinating histories! Coffee, tea and holiday treats will be served. Please register in advance.



Aspiring Authors Group will meet on **Wednesday, December 14th from 6:00-7:30 PM.** Guest speaker, **James Martin**, will presents the workshop, **Winter is Coming.** Learn about writing Political Intrigue, Trickery, Science Fiction, Humor, Thriller and more. Please register in advance, as space is very limited.

Movie Matinee for Kids ages 6-12 on **Tuesday, December 27th from 1:00-3:00 PM,** during school break week. The movie title will be announced in the beginning of December. Please register in advance.



January Events:

View Finders: This popular photography group will meet on **Monday, January 9th from 2:30-4:30 PM** and again on **Wednesday, January 11th from 7-9:00 PM.** Bring three photographs on a flash-drive or printed to share. You will receive feedback in a friendly environment. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

College Assistance Plus: Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM. Cracking the Financial Code. This is an informational meeting that educates parents and students in 9th-12th grades about the college planning process and how College Assistance Plus® can assist families with this huge financial decision. Space is limited; please register in advance.

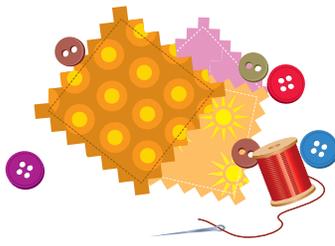
Drop-In Story Time: for children ages 2-5 will resume on **Thursdays, January 12th, 19th and 26th from 11:30 AM-Noon.** Children will engage with their peers as they enjoy stories and finger-plays geared especially to this age group. No prior registration is required.

Crafter's Corner: Needle Felting

Thursday,

January 12th at 7:00 PM.

Come and learn a "new old" craft. Many archaeologists believe that felted wool was the first textile made by human beings, dating back to 6300 BC! If you already know how to felt you may want to decorate a wool purse. If you're a newbie, you'll create a simple pin. We will supply all of the wool roving and supplies necessary for this craft. Space is very limited and you must register in advance. *Note: If you wish to decorate a purse, there is a \$5.00 materials fee. Otherwise, the class is free.



Library Knit Chicks: We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun and share ideas! Join us on **Saturdays, Jan. 14th and Jan. 28th at 10:30 am.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

Social Security Class for Baby Boomers: will be held on **Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 PM** by popular demand. 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.

Princess Party! **Saturday, January 21st from 11:00 AM-Noon,** for your little princess, ages 4-7. Children will listen to princess-themed stories, and make themselves a crown and a special edible magic wand. All children who are registered in advance will receive a FREE plush Frog (*maybe he's a prince in disguise!*) courtesy of Kohl's department store. Space is limited, so princesses always register in advance.



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Art Classes for Kids! A new program for children ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays, January 24th and 31st from 3:35-4:45 PM** in the **William Udicious Pavilion** behind the library.

Come and have an out-of-this-world time by creating a **Sci-Fi Spacescape**. Children will create planets and stars using a fun modern spray technique with washable spray paints,



taught by **Jennifer Martin** from Cobblestone Art Lessons. This is a **two-week** project, and children must sign up for both weeks in order to complete their picture. (Note: Hairdryers will be used to speed along the drying process, so please bring earmuffs/earplugs if your child has sensitivity to noise.) Please register in advance. A sample of this project will be on display.

Rush Readers' Book Club: January's selection is ***O Pioneers!*** by Willa Cather. "This novel tells the story of the Bergsons, a family of Swedish pioneers that settles for life in the American prairie. While Alexandra, the family matriarch, is able to turn the family farm into a financial success, her brother Emil must grapple with the tragedy of solace and forbidden love. A novel surprisingly ahead of its time, it touches upon a wide range of themes, including love, marriage, temptation, and isolation." Join us for dessert and discussion **Thursday January 26th and Thursday, February 2nd, 7-9:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

Family Finders: meets on **Friday, January 27th from 1-2:30 PM.** Looking for a new hobby? Join our genealogy sleuth, Cathy Frank, for ideas on how to get started. Coffee, tea, and a snack will be available; please call to register in advance.



Mourning and Milestones: A new class for adults on **Tuesday, January 31st and Tuesday, February 7th from 7- 8:00 PM.** Meet author and group-bereavement facilitator, **Kathleen Fraser MBA and PhD**, who writes from her grieving widow's heart. Kathleen will present a two-part interactive program on creating personalized strategies for meeting the challenges of holidays, anniversaries and special occasions after a loss. Please register in advance.

Thank you to our loyal patrons who continue to participate in our Library program offerings. As always, we welcome your comments and feedback to help us to serve you better in the future.





Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: *Chris Miller,*
Secretary

Our December meeting, on December 8th, is our annual Christmas party. It will be held at Wild Wood Country Club and is a members' only event with sign up in October and November at the regular meetings.



At our January 12th meeting the new officers will take over. There will be discussions about future travel plans. The 2017 dues need to be paid by the end of January.

Please plan on attending our pot luck meetings.

TRAVEL & EVENTS

The extended trip for 2016 was to Mackinac Island, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Frankenuth & Henry Ford Museums. Beautiful photos below were taken by Witold Bujak.

Our last trip for 2016, on November 29th is to Rome, NY. The Beeches Dinner Theater is offering a buffet luncheon and matinee performance of "Christmas in the Fifties". On the way home, we will stop at Destiny USA for time to shop.



Castle Farms at Charlevoix



Tahquamen Falls Michigan



Rush Seniors group picture from Michigan trip



Soo Locks Boat Tour

Exciting new changes are coming to the Rush Senior Citizens Travel Program. The details are still being worked out. Watch your next town newsletter to see how it will work.

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 individuals age 55 or older are welcome to join. Come at 11:30 AM to visit with other Rush Seniors.



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

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

FIRE DISTRICT

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. Commissioner Robert Faugh is running for another five year term. Any Rush resident can run for Fire Commissioner. You will need a petition with 25 voters to get on the ballot. If interested please contact Colleen Statskey the Fire District secretary. cstatskey@netscape.net

FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING: Will be held after January 1, 2017. It will be posted on the sign in front of the fire station, reported in the Henrietta Post and on both the Fire District and Fire Department web sites.

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Our budget is \$342,585 for 2017. Your tax rate remains \$1.12 per thousand. We also were under the state mandated 2% cap on any tax increases. All taxpayers will receive a check from the state because of this.

NASHVILLE EXPO: Commissioners Faugh & Terzo along with Captain Mike Terzo Jr. and Lieutenant. Joe Watlack attended the Firehouse Magazine Expo in Nashville, Tennessee in October. This four day event had 140 training seminars and large new equipment display. They all attended different classes and are expected to present what they learned to the members of the department during the next year. On Friday, October 21st, Robert Faugh presented a program that he developed on dealing with large vehicle incidents and what you should have in place before it happens. There were 14 classes being presented in that time period and 97 people showed up for his 90 minute class which was exceptional according to the Firehouse magazine people.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: Was held at the Wildwood Country Club. Thirty members attended. This dinner is authorized by state law for the active firefighters of the fire district. All active fire fighters received two polo work shirts to wear while on Fire District business or work details. Commissioner Mike (Pee wee) Terzo coordinated the affair.

RESCUE 588: Two 20,000 lumen (equal to 1000 watt bulbs) 12 volt spot/flood lights were installed on the cab of Rescue 588. They can be used without the main generator running.

HYDRANT MARKERS: *It's time to put those plastic hydrant markers back. They could save your life and property!*



RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE

ANNUAL MEETING: A dinner meeting will be held the first Monday in December. The social officers and directors election will be held. All active and social members can attend.

NEW MEMBERS: Duane Fanning and Rick Tetrault have returned from social to active firefighter. Bruce Hall, Past Chief of West Brighton has joined Rush.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: The annual fund drive second request will go out in November. We realize the some give through the United Way but we have not been notified of all their names yet. We also understand that the economy is still not good for many of our residents and they have to watch every penny. This money goes for equipment, training and many other items to run the fire department. None of it is used for our few social events.

FACEBOOK: The Rush Volunteer Fire Department has a Facebook page. Fire prevention, safety and health hints will be posted along, with other information about what is going on at the fire department. Become a friend on our Facebook page.



LADIES PARTY:

The Rush firefighters and explorers will put on the annual Christmas party for the Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. They ladies will have a choice of Prime Rib, Salmon or Chicken. Also garden salad, shrimp cocktail, mixed vegetables, open bar, assorted cheese cake.

LADIES AUXILIARY

3RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY!

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

Santa Claus IS Coming, Get Ready Kids!

Santa Claus will be at the Annual Kids Christmas party! Join us at the station on Friday December 9th at 7:00PM for refreshments and festive entertainment.



RUSH FIREMEN'S LADIES AUXILIARY WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary Wilkins Scholarship Award was created in memory of Grace "Betty" Wilkins for her contributions to the Rush community through her generous volunteer efforts. This award will be awarded to up to three residents of the Town of Rush depending upon the number of qualified candidates for 2016-2017 academic year. The amount of this award is \$1,000 for each resident selected.

Guidelines for applying for this scholarship are as follows:

Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Rush.

Applicant must provide evidence of satisfactory grades by including an official transcript.

Applicant must have contributed to the community through religious affiliated activities, scouting, volunteer work, etc. Emphasis will be placed on the amount and diversity of public service.

Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or technical school at which he/she will earn a degree.

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

Please return completed applications by Friday March 31, 2017 to the Counseling Center.

NEW MEMBERS- Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168, email JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com or www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm

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Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 1 st
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 5 th , 12 th , 19 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 20 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 8 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Wild Wood Country Club	Thursday – 8 th
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 20 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 20 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 14 th , 28 th



January
 2017 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 5 th
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 9 th , 23 rd , 30 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 17 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 12 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 12 th
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 17 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 17 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 11 th , 25 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.