

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

This newsletter is filled with information regarding the many projects and current events going on in the Town of Rush. I hope you find the following informative.

RUSH FALL FESTIVAL 2009

The Rush Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, from 9:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m. Please see pages 3, 4 and 11 for all the details on the various contests and events.



HAZARDOUS WEED WARNING



In our August/September 2007 Newsletter, exactly two years ago, I wrote an article warning Rush

residents about a **GIANT HOGWEED** which was spotted in a few places in Rush. We have once again been informed that the giant weed is back in our Town.

The **GIANT HOGWEED** resembles a plant that you may know as "Queen Anne's Lace", but is much bigger and taller. The flowers are numerous, small and white in June and July, clustered into a flat topped umbel (umbrella shape) up to 2 ½ feet across. Stems are hollow, rigid, 2-4 inches in diameter, 8-14 feet tall, with purple blotches and coarse white hairs. The especially prominent hairs circle the stem at the base of the leaf stalks. Leaves are lobed, deeply incised and up to 5 feet across. The fruit is dry, flattened, oval and about 3/8 inches long and tan with brown lines.

The **GIANT HOGWEED** is Hazardous and has the potential to cause severe skin irritation. Plant sap produces painful, burning blisters within 24 to 48 hours after contact. Plant juices also can produce painless red blotches that later develop into purplish or brownish scars that may persist for several years.

GIANT HOGWEED is a Federal Noxious Weed, making it unlawful to propagate, sell or transport. If you see this weed, please report it by calling the **GIANT HOGWEED HOTLINE** at 1-845-256-3111/ e-mail Naja Kraus at nekraus@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Arrangements will be made to visit your property. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOW, CUT OR WEEDWACK.** Both the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the United States Department of Agriculture strongly encourage homeowners/landowners to call the hotline as the first step towards managing a suspected Giant Hogweed infestation.

Let's do our part here in the Town of Rush to help stop the spread of this dangerous weed.

TOWN PARK PROJECT

Construction of the soccer field and ball field is complete. The ball field backstop fencing will be installed by the end of August. We will also be

fencing the west end and the south end of our property at the same time. This should avoid any confusion as to the area that the Town owns.

The walking trail is complete with two bridge crossings over the drainage ditch (the drainage ditch empties into the Honeoye Creek). The length of this trail is approximately 0.4 miles.

Construction will begin shortly on the restroom portion of the Pavilion building. We are only able to fund this portion of the building at this time. This portion of the building will provide the needed services for those who use the recreational facilities.

FORMER RUSH MARKET PROPERTY

In the last newsletter, I informed you that a tentative closing date on the property was to take place on June 3rd. Unfortunately, this did not happen. However, it has been rescheduled for the last week in July. Hopefully, as you read this, the closing has taken place and we can expect much activity on that corner.

LEGION POST PROPERTY

In the February/March Newsletter, I informed you of the offer from the corporation that owns the Stevens-Connor Post to transfer ownership of the real property at 1611 Pinnacle Road to the Town of Rush. Since the offer was made, the Town Board studied many factors from the cost to upgrade to municipal standards, anticipated revenue from leasing, expense to operate and funds available that would have to be diverted from current plans. At the Town Board meeting on July 8, 2009, the Board voted not to accept this offer. We thank the Corporation that owns the Legion Post for their very generous offer.

Perhaps the most influential factor that led to our decision was that the acquisition of the property would require us to deviate from our Master Plan, established in 2002, to develop property adjacent to the Town Hall.

PRESERVATION OF LAND

We are planning on taking ownership of two large parcels of land on the west boundary of the Town of Rush at no cost to the Town. One parcel is 100 acres and is located between Railroad Museum on Rush-Scottsville and the Genesee River, north of

Rush Scottsville Road. This parcel extends to the north along the Genesee River. The other parcel is 216 acres of property currently owned by BOCES and is located on East River Road and formerly used for educational purposes. The New York State Transportation Museum has a current five year lease on a portion of the property, which expires June 30, 2014. Neither parcel of land is tax assessable currently, so there is no change in that status. We do not have any development plans for either parcel, except to preserve 316 acres of property, which helps maintain the rural character of our Town. There is currently approximately 370 acres of land in farmland preservation on the southern part of town.

2010 BUDGET

Budget preparation began in June with the distribution of budget forms to department heads. Department heads file detailed budget estimates with the Budget Officer by the end of July. Budget workshops are held in August, where department heads present their budgets to the Town Board for their review. This year, the workshops will be held on August 19th and 26th at 7:00 p.m. In mid-September, the Budget Officer informs the department heads of the Town Board's decision for the Tentative Budget. In late September, the Budget Officer files the Preliminary Town Budget with the Town Clerk. A Public Hearing is held on the Preliminary Town Budget in October and the Town Board has until November 20, 2009 to adopt the Preliminary Town Budget. The adoption of the Budget is usually done at the last scheduled Town Board meeting prior to November 20th, so that we can make any last minute adjustments.

Due to the economic conditions, we have already had a large decrease in our revenue accounts. The largest decrease has been in the Sales Tax revenue distributed by the County. Our projected revenue for this account for 2009 was \$250,000. Based upon receipts to date, our revised estimate is \$210,000. Although we expect the taxable assessed value of the Town to increase, it is doubtful that this increase will be enough to offset our increased operating costs and decreased revenue. I prefer to continue reducing operating costs and perhaps reduce services over raising taxes.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

KEVIN QUINLAN, who has been the Town Assessor since October 1, 2007, has resigned

effective July 2, 2009. Kevin had previously served as Town Assessor from 1995 to 2000. We thank Kevin for his many years of service to the Town of Rush and we wish him many years of happiness and good health. **Thank you, Kevin!**

The Town Board has appointed **THOMAS J. FESS** as Acting Assessor, effective July 16, 2009, for a period of three months. We have interviewed a number of candidates for this position. The newly appointed Assessor will fulfill the unexpired term of KEVIN QUINLAN, which is September 30, 2013. Residents may schedule a meeting with Mr. Fess by calling 533-2330.

We hope you are enjoying the long days of summer.

Sincerely, *William R. Udicious*

William R. Udicious

Town Clerk's Office
Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
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CONSERVATION LICENSES

The 2009-2010 Sporting License sales commence **Monday, August 17, 2009**. Please come prepared with your previous license or a hunter's safety certificate and a driver's license or other identification. Commencing August 17th:

- DMP applications will cost \$10.00
- Turkey Permit will cost \$10.00

Senior Hunters and Anglers, now is the time to consider the purchase of a lifetime license. Lifetime Sportsman Licenses purchased by **September 30, 2009** will cost \$50.00. The DMP application and turkey permit fees are included forever! The season will begin October 1, 2009. If you are 65-69 years of age, a Sportsman License for the 2009-2010 Season will now cost you \$47.00.

SCHOOL TAXES

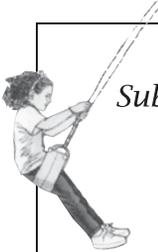
If you have paid off your mortgage during the last few months or will do so before the September school tax bill, please contact the town clerk's office. This will assure that the bill is sent directly to the homeowner and not the mortgage company.

Any delay in receiving your bill may result in penalties being levied. State law states that you are responsible for paying taxes even if you do not receive a bill and interest fees cannot be waived by the local collector.

For residents in the Rush Henrietta School District wishing to make partial school tax payments, only the FIRST installment is paid at the Town Hall and must be received by September 15th. SECOND AND THIRD INSTALLMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE MONROE COUNTY TREASURY. Full payments will be accepted at the Town Hall until the 31st of October and must include any applicable interest.

Tax bills for the 2009-2010 school taxes will be mailed the last business day of August and payment will be due during the month of September. **If you do NOT receive a bill, please call the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible and request a duplicate bill.**

Recreation Department
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TOWN OF RUSH FALL FESTIVAL

Will be held at the Rush Fireman's Field Rush Mendon Rd, Rush
September 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please see cut-out insert on page 11 of this newsletter for times of events. For rules on the contests, and to register to be a food, artisan or craft vendor, please see our website at townofrush.com and click on the Fall Festival Information icon on our home page.

Please send applications to:
Patricia Stephens, Rush Recreation Supervisor
5977 East Henrietta Rd.
Rush NY 14543
Please make checks payable to the Rush Town Clerk, and indicate on your check what the payment is for.

You can also access the Fall Festival flyer on our website.

Here are some of the events being planned for that day:

- Vintage Car Show
- Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast
- Farm Market vendors
- Children's games, Teen games
- Local Food Vendors
- Craft Vendors
- Bake off (Youth and Adult)
- Chili Cook off
- Pie Eating Contest
- Face Painting/Henna Painting
- Hay rides by Chase's Greenhouses
- Paws and Purrs animals
- Rush Fire Dept open house
- Rush Fire Dept. Band
- Monroe County Mounted Patrol
- Monroe County Canine presentation
- Coloring Contest winners from Monica Leary posted in the pavilion
- Twilight Contest

The Paws and Purrs not-for-profit organization brings kittens/cats, puppies/dogs available for adoption. You will not be able to adopt on site. If you are interested in one of the pets they have available you will need to fill out an application prior to adoption.

The Rush Library section of this Newsletter has more information on events such as the garage sale and Antique Appraiser.

Fall Festival Coloring Contest

The coloring contest sheets will be handed out the first week of school at the Monica Leary Elementary school for grades K-5th. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade for the coloring contest. **The deadline to submit the colored pictures for a prize will be September 17th.** All entries must be handed into the Leary Main office.



The Women's Auxiliary will be serving food and drinks all day. The Boy Scout Troop #334 will be serving BBQ chicken from 12PM-4PM.

The Recreation Department is also looking for a musician who would be willing to donate their time to play a Banjo or instrument on the hay rides

during the Festival. Anyone interested please call Patricia at 533-2340.

The Town of Rush and E.P.I.C. together will be offering the course: "**HOME ALONE, WHEN I AM IN CHARGE**" at the Monica Leary school library on Tuesday, October 6th from 6:00PM-8:00PM for children 7-14 years old. The cost is \$18.00 for a Rush resident and \$20.00 for Non-Rush resident. The course is designed to help children make the right choices when faced with various challenges which may arise when they are home alone. You can sign up at the Rush Town Clerk's Office, or send payment to: Town of Rush, Atten: Town Clerk's Office, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. Rush NY 14543. Please make checks payable to: Rush Town Clerk. Please include child's name, age, address, and phone number and indicate that the check is for; "Home Alone Course" All attendees must be pre-registered. No refunds will be given. Sign up begins August 1st.

Seniors Exercise Class

The Arthritis Foundation and the Rush Recreation Department will offer a fall, 8 week exercise class to be held at the Rush Methodist Church on Thursday's beginning September 10th and concluding October 29th. The times of the classes will be 10:30AM-11:30AM. Pat Rose, a Certified Arthritis Foundation instructor, will be teaching the class again this fall. The cost will be \$40.00 for Rush residents and \$45.00 for non-residents of Rush. You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30AM-4:30PM and Thursdays 8:30AM-6:30PM. Sign up begins August 1st.

2009-2010 Rush After School Program

The Rush after school program is held at the Monica Leary School cafeteria. The program is designed for children in 1st-5th grades. The program runs from 2:05PM-5:30PM during the school year in the school cafeteria. The program follows the same schedule as the school. In the after school program there is craft time, homework time, gym time (construction permitting), playground time, and snack time. The after school children also go on outings approximately once a month. There currently are still openings in the program. You can download an application from the; Townofrush.com website under documents/Recreation 2009-2010 after school application. You may make a \$20.00 deposit to hold a space and pay the remaining first

quarter payment before school begins in September. **The total amount due to be paid needs to be done in person. There is an after school handbook which goes with the application identifying the days off from school, the quarterly payment schedule, etc.** Please contact Pat at 533-2340 for any questions.

Greater Rochester Health Foundation Mini Grant Proposal

I recently applied for a mini grant for the Rush Recreation Department from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation. I was awarded the \$2,679.00 grant which gave me the ability to purchase Badminton and Volleyball equipment enough for use by 30 children. The grant is also allowing me to purchase "Healthy Fresh Fruits and Vegetables" for the Rush after school program. Along with the purchasing of equipment, the children in the Rush after school program will be instructed on how to play badminton by Rush resident and RIT Badminton instructor Mr. George Yu. I will be instructing the children in our after school program on how to play volleyball.



Due to renovations at the Monica Leary School gym area, some of the Fall Rush Recreation programs will be offered in late Fall/Winter.

Please check in the next newsletter for upcoming programs.

Library News



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Dear Neighbors,

I'm pleased to report that we have had one of our busiest summers ever thanks to our patrons who have made us a **"staycation destination"**... our programs have never been more popular, and we are planning on repeating some of the ones that were full the first time around. Summer Reading participation was at a record high, and we are thankful for the local business owners who supported us with prizes. Our new Gazebofest Concert Series has been very successful (helped by the lucky breaks in the weather and the generosity of the Friends Group) so we hope you

have time to attend the two remaining concerts in August.

The other side to all of this success is that, like you, we are focused on "doing more with less" right now... trimming our budget wherever we can to accommodate decreased NY state funding, increases in utilities and personnel costs, plus the rising prices of books and supplies; my goal this year is to submit a flat budget to the town, even in the face of increasing patron usage and expectations. My staff deserves hearty congratulations on a continued job well-done in their service to the community, and we owe a debt of gratitude to our library volunteers who save Rush taxpayers thousands of dollars each year! We are always looking for process improvements plus ideas on how to work more efficiently, and we welcome donations of books, DVDs, or gift funds to augment the collections that our patrons are enjoying. We encourage *you* to contact state legislators to advocate for libraries whenever possible. Thank you.

One service we offer that you may be unaware of is our **Homebound Delivery Service** for Rush residents who find themselves without transportation to the Library. Whether the need is temporary or permanent, a volunteer can deliver books and other materials to you at no charge. If you are interested in this service, please give me a call at the library during business hours.

Just a reminder about fines and fees... if you do happen to accrue a fine, please consider paying it here in Rush. *Fines on Rush materials paid at another library stay at the library where you pay them;* the money doesn't get sent here, and we lose out on revenue. (This is a particular hardship for us if you are paying for our lost or damaged items at another library. If we replace the item, but you paid for it someplace else, we'll end up buying that item twice!) And don't forget, you can sign up for email notification which gives you courtesy reminders 3 days before your items are due, and you could avoid fines altogether. Any staff member can help you sign up next time you're here.

The Friends of the Rush Library are beginning to plan their **6th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser** in February, 2010, and it's not too early to sign on as a **business sponsor** for this benefit. If you are a local business owner who is interested in supporting the Library, you are encouraged to contact Friends' chairperson, Heather Iannone

(359-9914) to discuss sponsorship options. This is a wonderful opportunity to inform the local community about your business in a warm and sociable environment.

The Rush Library will be participating once again in the **Rush Fall Festival** on **Saturday, September 19th**. This year we are having three programs, including the return of our **Certified Antiques Appraiser**, Jim Ross, in the Firemen's Pavilion, and our **Community Garage Sale** at the Town Hall. (Details for all programs follow below.) Scour your attic or basement for those "**hidden treasures**", and we'll see you at the Festival!

We will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day. Our Saturday hours will resume on Saturday, September 12th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you...

Kirsten

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

August 2009

Lego® Contest: Hey kids... build a **unique Lego® creation** (not from a kit) and bring it into the library where it will be on display for the month of August! The public will have a chance to vote on their favorite creation (in each age category) and winners will be chosen and awarded a prize. Show us how creative you can be! **This program is for ages 5-11. Please bring in your creation by Tuesday, August 11th.**

Annual Summer Photo Contest: A **call for creative work!** Please share your favorite summer photographs with the Rush community. The categories are: **A Day in the Life of Rush**, and **General**. There will be one grand prize and one runner-up for each category. You may submit as many pictures as you like. Please submit printed photos (not digital files or CDs) 4x6 or smaller. **The submission deadline is Monday, August 31st.** Judging will take place at the end of the summer,



and winners will be posted on our web site. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library.

Teddy Bear's Picnic: Due to the popularity of this event last month, we are repeating it!

This program is for children ages 3 and up and will be held on **Tuesday, August 4th from Noon-1:00pm.** Please bring your lunch and blanket and meet under the Gazebo behind the library; listen to stories while you eat. A plush Teddy Bear (courtesy of Kohl's Department Store) will be given out to each child participant. (If you attended the last one you may attend again, however your child will not receive another Teddy Bear.) Space is limited; please register in advance.



Wii for Kids! By request we are offering kids ages 8-11 an opportunity to play Wii on **Tuesday, August 4th from 2-4:00pm.** Have fun playing a variety of our Wii games including Mario, and enjoy a snack while watching your friends play. Space is limited, please register in advance.

Movie Matinee for Kids will be held on **Thursday, August 6th from 1-3:00pm.** Calling all Tweens and Teens: you'll have a front row seat to the "**Jonas Brothers Concert**" starring Nick, Kevin and Joe Jonas, with special guest stars, Demi Lovato and Taylor Swift. Space is limited and registration is required. Popcorn and sodas will be available. This movie is rated PG. Parents who wish to remain with their child in the movie must register for a seat.

Free Gazebo Fest Concert: **Friday, August 7th from 6-7:00 pm.** Come and join us for another great concert behind the Rush Library in our beautiful new Gazebo. Bring your lawn chairs & picnic dinner (but no alcohol, please) and listen to the sounds of local musicians **Tim Fressie and Friends**, playing lots of great cover songs—something for everyone! Kick off your weekend at the Rush Library!

Bagel Brunch- Rush children and families are invited to a breakfast of bagels, juice and coffee (courtesy of Bruegger's Bagels) on **Tuesday, August 11th from 11:30-12:30.** This event will be held in the Gazebo (weather permitting) or inside in the Library Meeting Room. Please register in advance so we know how many to expect. All you need to bring is your appetite. See you there!

Papier-Mache with Shella: **Repeated by popular demand!** Children ages 5 and up can come to learn how to use a new craft material to create a papier-mâché ladybug  on **Tuesday, August 11th from 2-4pm.** Come and learn this wonderful craft with local author and artist **Shella Shubuck**. Space is limited and registration is required.

Geocaching for Beginners: “Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment.” Learn about and try your hand at this new, fun hobby with local geochacher, Cathy Frank, on **Tuesday, August 11th, from 6:30-8:30pm.**

Teen Game Night: Can't get enough of Killer Bunnies? Stop in for more hilarious fun on **Wednesday, August 12th, from 6:30-8:00pm.** Snacks and soda included. For ages 12 +. Call a friend and register in advance to save seats!

Teen Extravaganza on **Friday, August 14th at 6:00pm.** You have two choices this night... **Guitar Hero World Tour** (show off your talent!) OR **Tarot Card History** (learn a little about Tarot history and readings.) These have separate sign-up lists for ages 12 and up; choose one or both, but sign up soon, as space is limited.

Tween Beading! Kids ages 8-11 can come in on **Tuesday, August 18th from 1-2:00pm** and learn beading basics and how to make a beaded ankle bracelet; a sample will be on display in the Library. Space is limited, please register in advance.

Teen Wii- Can there ever be too much Mario? Find out on **Wednesday, August 19th from 3-5:00pm.** We'll provide snacks and soda, you can bring a friend. Please register in advance as space is limited. For ages 12+.

Babysitter's Training presented by **E.P.I.C. Red Cross Trainings** will be held on **Thursday, August 20th from 11:30am-3:30pm.** This program is for children ages 11 and up and teaches the roles and responsibilities of the babysitter, including skills in accident prevention and emergency recognition. Students will receive their Certificate of Completion and their Red Cross Card at the end of the day. **The cost for each student is \$40.00.** Students are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch and refrigeration is available. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Reader's Book Club will be held on **Thursday, August 20th (one week early!) from 7-9:00pm.** This month's selection will be ***Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague*** by Pulitzer-winning author, Geraldine Brooks. “Exploring love, fear, fanaticism, and the struggle of science and religion to interpret the world, this gripping historical novel is based on the true story of Eyam, the ‘Plague Village,’ tucked in the rugged mountains of England.” Join us for dessert and stimulating

discussion! **Space is limited; please register in advance.**

Free Gazebo Fest Concert: **Friday, August 21st from 6-7pm. Open Mic Night!** Now is your chance to perform before a live audience. If you have a band and would like a chance to perform this evening, please contact Joan Celentano at icelenta@libraryweb.org for information. (Note: There will be a limited number of performances, first come first serve.) Audience... bring your chairs and a picnic dinner (but no alcohol, please) and kick off your weekend at the Rush Library!

Teen Beading! Teens- bring a friend along and make a beaded bracelet or anklet- all supplies will be provided, and a sample will be on display in the Library. For ages 12 +. **Join us on Tuesday, August 25th from 2:30-3:30pm.** Sign up early- space is limited!



Library Knit Chicks: is a monthly knitting/sewing circle at the library. No need to stop knitting just because its summer- our meeting room is air conditioned! Our meeting time will temporarily change to **Friday August 28th at 1:00 pm** since the library is closed on Saturdays until after Labor Day. We'll provide the coffee, tea, and conversation. Come to inspire or be inspired!

September 2009

Home Alone Safety presented by **E.P.I.C. Red Cross Trainings** will be held on **Thursday, September 3rd from 1-3:00pm.** This class is for children ages 7-14 and is designed to teach children who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly. Topics include first aid, strangers at the door, telephone tips, internet safety and a variety of emergencies. Knowing when to leave your child alone is a difficult decision, but preparation will make this transition easier for everyone. Space is limited and registration is required. The cost of this program is \$18.00 per student.

Toddler Story Time will be held on **Thursdays in September (beginning September 10th) from 11:30am-Noon.** This class is for children 2-3 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian. We will be listening to simple stories, learning songs and finger-plays. A fun introduction to the Library for the younger set! Space is limited and registration is required. **Families should try to commit to all sessions since there is usually a waiting list for this program.**

Saturday hours resume on September 12th, 10:00am-2:00pm.

First Ladies! A new program for children ages 6-10, beginning on **Tuesday, September 15th from 3:30-4:30pm** and continues **September 22nd and 29th**. If you have enjoyed American Girl Club, you should try exploring lives and times of our past President's wives. Learn what happened behind the scenes of the White House when Martha Washington, Mary Todd Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt resided there. Each week there will be a short history lesson, followed by a craft or activity related to the period. Space is limited and registration is required. **Families should try to commit to all 3 sessions since there is usually a waiting list for this type of program.**

(Note: "Martha Washington" will be joining us for a special guest visit on Saturday October 3rd. Check the dates and time in the October/November newsletter.)

Crafter's Corner for Adults will be held on **Tuesday, September 15th from 6-8pm**. Come and make a Clipboard Craft Book with Heather Iannone. A sample of this craft will be available in the beginning of September. There is a \$5.00 fee for this project; space is limited and registration is required.

Remembering Our Rush Heritage will take place on **Wednesday, September 2nd, from 7-8:30 pm**. This is the third in our series of local oral history programs designed to give Rush residents a chance to share stories about what life was like in our beautiful little town "way back when." It's a wonderful community-building event for history buffs of all ages. If you have been a long-time resident, we would love to hear your story, or else simply come to listen. **Space is limited; please call to reserve a seat.**

The Rush Fall Festival takes place on **Saturday, September 19th**. The following is a list of the three activities that are being sponsored by the Rush Library:

1. Community Garage Sale: Sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library, it will take place in the **Town Hall Parking Lot from 9am-2pm**. If you are interested in selling your items, come to the library to register for a spot; all details will be available in the Library in August.

2. Antique Appraisals & Gold and Coin buying on the spot under the Fireman's Pavilion from **10:00am-Noon** with antique appraisers Jim and Mary Ross from *The Antique Mall of Rochester*. There will be a \$3.00 appraisal fee for each item & no limit to the number of items you can bring. Start hunting for all of your treasures; you never know what they may be worth!

3. Henna Designs: Come learn about this wonderful form of temporary skin decoration practiced in South Asia for centuries. Beginning at **10:00am** we can apply a simple Mehndi design on your hands (made with henna dye) that will last for about a week and looks really beautiful. There will be a \$3.00 fee for each design. **For ages 10 and up.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library.

Friends of the Rush Library will meet on **Monday, September 21st at 6:30 pm**. We'll be planning our November Book Sale, the February Wine Tasting Event, and discussing other fundraising and advocacy for the library. New members are always welcome. Contact **Heather Iannone**, Chairperson, at 359-9914 for more information, or to be placed on the email list.

Whatchamacallits and Thingamajigs! A program for adults on **Tuesday, September 22nd from 6:30-8pm**. Meet Jane Oakes, accomplished actress and historian as she brings many odd and unusual antique items to the library; YOU have to figure out what they are and how they were used. A prize will be awarded to the person who can guess the most! Bring in your own Whatamacallit or Thingamajig and see if you can stump the crowd. Please register in advance for this program, which is sure to be lots of fun!



Rush Reader's Book Club will be held on **Thursday, September 24th from 7-9pm**.

This month's selection will be **A Separate Peace** by John Knowles. Gene Forrester's quiet life is changed forever in the summer of 1942 when he becomes friends with his new daredevil roommate, Finny. Each character is "seeking to establish, yet uncomfortable with, identity." Join us for lively conversation and great dessert! Space is limited and registration is required.

Library Knit Chicks: resumes meeting on the **last Saturday of each month at 10:30am**. We'll meet **September 26th**. Bring along your latest project 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!

SAT Anyone?? Teens- if you are taking the October SAT, here's another chance to practice. **On Saturday, September 26th, 11:30-1:30pm**, you'll choose the section to practice, and we'll give the test. You'll take home a graded test with detailed answers to study. Space is limited; please register in advance for a seat.

Thank you so much to all of you who faithfully brought your children to the library to participate in our "Be Creative @ Your Library" Summer Reading program. This has been one of our best years yet!

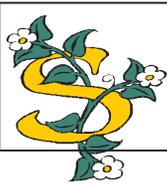
Your participation in these programs and workshops helps us to determine what types of activities and talks we will provide in the future.

Sincerely, Joan Celentano

THANK YOU

to ALL of our Summer Reading Sponsors:

Applebee's Restaurant, Bruegger's Bagels, Diamond's Limousine, Dipper Dan's Ice Cream, Genesee Country Museum, Kohl's Dept. Store, Minnehan's Fun Center, Montesano's Pizza, Sea Breeze Amusement Park, Seneca Park Zoo, Tom Wahl's Restaurant, Wildwood Country Club



Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Sue Miller, Secretary

The Rush seniors have had a busy summer, so far. The legion was kind enough to invite us to march in the Rush Memorial Day Parade. This was a first for us as an organization, and we proudly marched with our new banner and matching shirts. Many waved and cheered as we marched by. Some of us rode in cars or trucks (mostly the men)! But it was a beautiful day and the ceremony in the cemetery was wonderful, especially hearing taps played off in the distant trees. Then we marched back to the Veterans Park where a few more people spoke on the importance of this day.

On June 23rd we traveled to Seneca Allegheny Casino, near Salamanca. Some of us had a winning day, but one couple really came home with a winner's smile and a pocket full of green stuff. Congratulations to them. Our July meeting was a picnic in the Firemen's pavilion. What a variety of food to choose from! The fire department provided the hots, hamburgers and condiments, as they do each summer, for our two picnic meetings. A huge thank you to them.

We still have some openings on our trips for those who might like to join us. August 2nd a school bus will take us to a Red Wings game in Rochester, with an optional box lunch. Then on August 24th we go to Watkins Glen for a luncheon cruise aboard the Seneca Legacy on Seneca Lake. In addition to lunch, we'll be treated to a musical review of twentieth century tunes. On the way, we'll stop at an Amish country store and on the way home we'll visit Wagner Winery for a tasting. Both of these stops include time for shopping, (of course). Our

extended trip to Vermont takes place September 18-21 and includes three nights at the Horizon Inn, (all 28 rooms for us) three breakfasts, lunches and dinners and two nights of entertainment. We'll visit the Von Trapp Lodge, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, the longest covered bridge in Vermont, beautiful Friesians of Majesty Horses and a scenic ride on the Green Mountain Flyer Train along the Connecticut and Williams Rivers. And I'm thinking that there will probably be time for shopping at various times! On October 14th we go to Wellsboro, PA for a tour of Grand Canyon of PA, lunch and Tioga Central Railroad Excursion along Hammond Lake. For information on any of our trips, please call Mary Anne Brice at 533-1185.



Evelyn Chaffer, Melanie Kachala, Phyllis Schneider

Our biggest function to date was marching in the Rush Fireman's parade. We had a group of 34 participants including walkers who marched behind our new banner, carried by Evie Chaffer, Phyllis Schneider and Mel Kachala. They were followed by riders, some in a convertible and some in a truck, and then came our first float carrying our oldest member, 93 year old Helen Desens, surrounded by her court. Following them was our large float decked out in red, white and blue and carrying members dressed in 50's clothing, Poodle skirts etc. Our very talented Marlene Parsells sang while Marge Williams, Kitty Englert and Ed and Nancy Hise danced to those wonderful old rockin' 50's tunes. A stupendous hand to President Marge Williams for organizing and putting all of this together. My apologies to those whose names are not mentioned, there were so many of you, and you made this a very memorable and festive day! We won prizes for the best float and best senior group; though we were the ONLY senior group we stirred up the spectators and showed them what a good time we have together. ***On that note, if you are a Rush resident 55 years of age or older and would***

like join in the fun and become a member, our next meeting is a picnic on August 13th at the Rush Fireman's pavilion, 1971 Rush Mendon Rd. Bring a generous dish to pass, your own table service and beverage. We'll see you there at 11:30. Any questions, please call our 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: You are reminded that it is [your responsibility](#) to have access for emergency equipment onto your property. Recently our crews have had problems getting in with the ambulance due to low branches and bushes. This slows our response and could damage our vehicles. The lack of visible house numbering remains a problem! The fire district has received a matching grant for the purchase of several dry hydrant pipes and hook ups, to be located at ponds and other water sources in the district where there are no hydrants available. We will be contacting owners of the land where these could be installed. At the recent barn fire on Barber Road the water at Rt 15 near #6 Road was used to fill tankers and worked out very well. The AUGUST Fire District meeting will be held on **August 25, 2009** at 7:00 pm. **AAA Defensive Driving Class** at Rush Fire Station #1 - Saturday August 1, 2009 - 9 am to 4 pm - Contact Rush Town Hall for info 533-1312.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE: A special "thank you" to all of the residents that have contributed to our annual fund drive. Donations are at an all time high. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support that is unmatched per mailing anywhere in Western New York! We will be sending a second mailing fund drive request to the 500 residents who have not responded.

Rush responded with East Avon and Avon to a barn struck by lightning fire on Barber Road. A very large complex was fully involved when equipment arrived. The first in companies put water on the building not on fire yet, and then some on the main fire. They ran out of water as P582 arrived and hit the uninvolved very large barn with foam and water, putting out the roof and saving the barn. At the same time, the owner and fire personnel had approximately 30 dairy cows to be removed from one structure as it caught fire, all but one was saved. Rush responded with three units and the utility truck to go to the fill site and assist with filling

tankers – P585 from the West Rush Station was used to pump from the dry hydrant to fill tankers. The firefighters are providing the hots and hamburgers for the summer picnics that the senior citizen hold in the fire departments pavilion. **CARNIVAL 2009:** The Carnival was a huge success thanks to many people and firefighters who work every year to make this a safe and enjoyable event. We had bands and fireworks. Our cost for clams, beer and wine coolers went up. Our prices to the public stayed the same as last year. The Ladies added Cheeseburgers all three nights and Mac Salad to the menu. The weather was perfect for a carnival. The new 24 foot by 41 foot carport type structure got everyone under a roof. Carnival pictures are on our web site – rushfd.org – click on "Carnival". We had 20,000 hits on our web site in July.

SEPTEMBER FALL FESTIVAL: The FD and Auxiliary will have activities and food at the September 19, 2009 fall festival that will be held at our Firemen's field. Tours of the firehouse and equipment will be available.

LADIES AUXILIARY

We are pleased to announce this year's recipients of the **Betty Wilkins Scholarship Award** were **Shawn Connor** and **Racheal Bach**. Thank you to everyone who submitted an application.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who helped out and/or supported us at the Rush Fire Department Carnival. Our proceeds help us fund community activities such as the Kiddie Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Children's Christmas Party and our scholarships.

Our Kiddie Parade was held on Saturday, July 18th. The theme this year was "When I Grow Up". We saw many creative entries. It was very difficult to choose this year's winners. The Queen of the Parade this year was, **Shannon Platt** and the King was **Brady Griffin**. A huge thank you to everyone who participated. **WE NEED YOU:** *The Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. This is a great way to get involved, help your firemen, make new friends and truly feel good about being part of the community. We meet once a month and are responsible for many great events, including the Carnival, Kiddie Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival and the Children's Christmas Party, just to name a few. Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining should contact Joan Madigan at jnmadigan@aol.com or at 229-4168. You can find out more information or download an application at: <http://www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm>.*



Rush Fall Festival

Saturday, September 19th 2009

Firemen's Field - Rte 251

1971 Rush Mendon Road

SCHEDULE

8:00 – 11:00 AM Cub Scout Troop #134 will be providing an "All you Can eat Pancake Breakfast", (Adults - \$5.00, Children under 12 \$3.00 Rush Fire Dept.

9:00AM Craft, Artisans and Food vendors open

9:00-12:00PM Vintage Car show

9:00- 2:00PM Community Garage Sale (Town Hall Parking lot)

10:00AM-12:00PM Antique Appraiser, Gold and coin buyer
Chases Hay ride, Henna and face painting

11:00AM-1PM Teen games, Boy Scout Troop #334

11:30AM Youth Cookie Bake-Off (1 doz. Cookies, any Variety Delivered to Pavilion no later than 10:30AM

12:30 PM Adult Bake-Off (apple or pumpkin only)
Chili cook off- bring in crock pot- deliver to the Pavilion no later than 12:00PM.

2:00 PM Pie Eating Contest (sign up at the Pavilion)

2:30-3:30PM Monroe County Mounted Horse/Canine presentation

3:45PM Twilight Contest (Bella and Edward look alike)

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- Craft Vendors, Farm vendors, Food vendors, DARE car, Paws and Purrs (non-for profit animal adoption group).
- Hay maze, Children's games, Coloring contest winners displayed.
- Ladies Auxiliary – food and drinks throughout the entire day
- BBQ chicken, Boy Scout Troop #334
- Rush Fire Department open house, Rush Fire Department band

Please check the Town website www.townofrush.com for updates on events and more information on contests or to register as a craft/ food vendor. For further questions please contact the Recreation Supervisor Patricia Stephens at 533-2340

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August, 2009 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday - 6 th
Court	5 PM	Mondays - 3 rd , 17 th , 24 th and 31 st
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	No Meeting this Month
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday - 13 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday - 13 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday - 18 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday - 25 th (instead of 18 th)
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday - 12 th
Enjoy the rest of your summer!		

**Back to School
Drive Carefully !**



September, 2009 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday - 3 rd
Court	5 PM	Mondays - 14 th , 21 st and 18 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday - 1 st
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday - 10 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Firehouse	Thursday - 10 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday - 15 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday - 15 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays - 9 th and 23 rd
<u>Other Important Information and Dates:</u> Labor Day Rush Fall Festival	Town Hall, Courts & Library Closed Rush Firemen's Field	Monday, September 7 th Saturday, September 19 th

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