

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

Operating Budget

The 2009 Operating Budget was approved at the Town Board meeting of November 12th. The total tax rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessed Valuation (TAV) will be \$4.40 per \$1,000 of TAV. Our current total tax rate is \$4.25 per \$1,000 of TAV. The total tax rate is made up of the Operating Budget, which will be \$3.87, and the Revitalization and Building Debt Service of \$0.53. Comparing 2008, the Operating Budget is increasing from \$3.70 to \$3.87 per \$1,000 of TAV, while the Revitalization and Building Debt Service is decreasing from \$0.55 to \$0.53 per \$1000 of TAV. The total TAV is increasing very slightly from \$265,904,069 to \$266,001,508, an increase of 0.04%.

Some of our major costs for operation, such as energy and health care, continue to increase. We continually look for ways to reduce our consumption of energy without sacrificing services we provide. A wage adjustment of 3% is planned for Town employees in 2009. For details of our 2009 Operating Budget, please see pages 9, 10 and 11.

Over the past 8 years, the Operating Budget has gone from \$3.20 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation in 2001 to \$3.87 in 2009. This is an increase of \$0.67 per \$1,000 of TAV, which averages to \$.08 per year.

Since 2001, we have gradually reduced our fund balances so as to maintain a relatively stable tax rate. With our current tax base, we will be unable to continue this practice. If we maintain our current growth rate, we will not be able to provide the services we are now providing unless we increase our tax rate substantially more than we have averaged over the past 8 years.



RUSH DAM REPAIR

The downstream apron of the dam has been grouted to eliminate leakage under the structure. The crews are now working to core drill and grout the vertical structure of the dam. Additionally, the north abutment of the dam will be refaced with a concrete reinforced wall which will be tied to the existing structure. Weather permitting, this phase of reconstruction should be completed by Friday, December 15, 2008.

TOWN PARK PROJECT

The work on the soccer field and ball field had been progressing well until weather conditions prevented us from completing the project. The soccer field and ball field grading was completed, followed by the installation of drainage pipe and adding the necessary base material. This base material consists of filter fabric and 4 inches of stone drainage layer. The addition of 6 inches of top soil began on the soccer field and was more than half complete when we were unable to obtain any more top soil. All areas where the soil was disturbed, and areas where top soil was added, need to be seeded and protected by covering of straw mulch. It is important that these disturbed areas are treated to protect the creek from silt and to protect the Town's investment in top soil from being

washed into the creek. We will complete the work on both fields in the spring of 2009.



The photo shows the soccer field area after 4 inches of stone drainage was applied. The ball field is to the left of the soccer field and has since had the stone drainage added.

My sincere wishes to all of you for a wonderful holiday and healthy and Happy New Year !

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious



Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
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LOAN CUPBOARD RELOCATION

Beginning January 1, all items in our loan cupboard are being transferred to the Rush Lions Club. Although I'm sad to see this service go, getting the loan items: wheelchairs, walkers and crutches, will be more accessible through the Lions Club. Previously, anyone in need of an item had to visit the Town Hall. The Lions Club will honor your request by delivery and pick-up to and from your home. You may contact Steve Hoh at 533-1720 to schedule your delivery.

RUSH DIRECTORY - UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED

Many residents have asked for an updated Rush Business and Information Directory. Because it is a valuable tool, and we provide the Rush Business

Association many updates, they have requested our help in gathering additional information such as telephone numbers. Any updated information should be forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office.

BOARD POSITIONS

The Town Board is asking that any resident who would be interested in serving on one of the town Boards; Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or Conservation Board, submit a letter of interest to the Rush Town Clerk. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RUSH

The Organizational Meeting for 2009 will be held on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 7 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room. All residents are welcome to attend board meetings throughout the year.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

The Town offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25th, Christmas and Tuesday, January 1st, New Year's Day.

TOWN & COUNTY TAXES

Bills for Town and County taxes will be mailed the week of December 29th. If you have not received a tax bill by January 14th, and do not have an escrow account, please call the town clerk's office for a duplicate bill. As in years past, the first installment must be made by February 10th in order to use the installment payment option.



**Office of the Fire Marshal/
Emergency Preparedness Administrator**

Submitted by: Richard L. Tracy
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Recently, the Rush Fire Department responded to an incident in our community that could have had tragic consequences. It involved a defective heating appliance that was no longer functioning properly and was producing elevated levels of carbon monoxide, which made the occupants of the home ill. Fortunately, everyone involved in this incident is okay; however I thought this was a good time to discuss **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning** with you.

Carbon monoxide is often referred to as the silent killer. That is because it is invisible. It is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas. It is created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, or methane burn incompletely. Any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a possible source of Carbon Monoxide. In the home, sources of carbon monoxide include oil, wood or gas furnaces, gas ranges, fireplaces, gas or oil hot water heaters, room heaters, charcoal grills, or vehicles and generators being run inside the garage. When appliances and their vents are in good working order, there is little danger from carbon monoxide. When they do not operate properly, fatal carbon monoxide concentrations can be produced. Carbon monoxide displaces the body's essential oxygen and enters the body through breathing. Carbon monoxide is sometimes confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light-headedness, headaches, vomiting, loss of consciousness, brain damage and eventually death. Unborn babies, infants, senior citizens and people with heart or breathing problems (asthma, emphysema) are especially at risk and can be affected by lower concentrations of carbon monoxide than healthy adults would be. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of carbon monoxide over a long period of time **or** by a large amount of carbon monoxide over a shorter period of time. High levels of carbon monoxide poisoning can be fatal, causing death within minutes.



Now that you know what carbon monoxide is, how it is produced, and what health affects it can have, let's discuss what you can do to prevent it. First, make sure that you have properly operating carbon monoxide detectors in your home to

provide early warning. They should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home. Also install a detector outside of the furnace room. When purchasing a carbon monoxide detector, be sure to purchase one that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height. Test the detectors at least once per month and replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions. When you are installing fuel-burning appliances, make sure you follow the

manufacturer's instructions. Have fuel burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before the cold weather sets in. Inspect chimneys and vents regularly for improper connections, rust or stains. Be aware of any indication that an appliance is not operating properly. When using your fireplace, be sure the flue is open for adequate ventilation. During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build up. If your carbon monoxide detector activates, evacuate your home immediately and call 911 from a safe location. And here are some things you should absolutely **never** do. Never use your oven to heat your home. Never leave your vehicle running in your garage, even if the garage door is open. Never use your barbecue grill in your garage. If you need to use a generator, never run it in your garage. Generators should always be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors and away from windows, doors, and vent openings. Never operate unvented fuel burning appliances in a closed room. Remember that carbon monoxide detectors **are not** substitutes for smoke alarms.

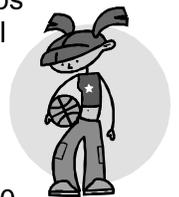
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Tracy, the Fire Marshal / Emergency Preparedness Administrator by calling 585.533.1312. You can also e-mail him at rick@townofrush.com.



Recreation Department
Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
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BASKETBALL

The Fall/Winter Basketball Camp is back by popular demand!! Marcus will again be teaching basic skills/ teamwork to advanced skills, and game playing. There will be two camps offered this fall/winter. The camps will be held at the Monica Leary School gym on Tuesdays for 7-9 year olds, and Thursdays for 9-12 year olds. The camps will be 8 weeks. Cost is \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-Rush residents.



Dates are as follows:

Tuesdays, 12/2/08- 2/3/09

Thursdays, 12/4/08-2/5/09

(No camps will be held the week of 12/23/08-1/1/09)

You can sign up at the Rush Town Clerk's Office or send the payment to; Town of Rush, Attention: Town Clerk, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. Rush, NY 14543. Please make checks payable to the "Rush Town Clerk", and send along with the check the child's name, age, address, phone number, and that the check is for the "Basketball Camp". Sign up has begun and camp starts on December 2nd and 4th!!! Sign up soon! It's never too late to join. Call Pat Stephens at 533-2340 with any questions.



Remember all the fun you had playing basketball as a kid? Well, you can relive those days again. 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.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS



The Town of Rush Recreation Department and the Rochester Arthritis Foundation will be offering Rush Seniors a free, eight week exercise class. The classes will be held at the Rush Methodist Church on Thursdays beginning January 15th 2009 and concluding on March 5th 2009, from 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., in the big room off the main entrance. Because the classes are from a grant driven program, there will be a pre-test and post test on how the classes have impacted the participants.

The Rush Recreation Department is in the process of planning the Spring/Summer 2009 Recreation

programs. There will be more information on dates and times of programs in the next newsletter.

Assessor's Office



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Work is progressing on the town-wide re-valuation project. We are currently accepting renewals on Enhanced STAR, Disability, Agricultural and Non-Profit Organization exemptions. If you fall into this category, you should have already received your renewal form. If you are currently receiving the basic STAR exemption and turn 65 years old any time during the year 2009, you may qualify for an extra exemption. If you are a Veteran of any time-frame and are not receiving a Veteran's exemption, you may qualify for an exemption as well. In either case, please call our office prior to March 1, 2009.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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)

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www.libraryweb.org/rush

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are all enjoying this holiday season with friends and family!

Gazebo update: We are in the final stages of the project, and it is a thrill for me to walk up the sidewalk to work every day and see our beautiful gazebo in place, funded entirely by donations and built by volunteers! Thank you to the following volunteers and Rotary Club members who helped us to landscape the gazebo in October: Ray Warrick, Linda Henry, Cathy Frank, Ian and Mark Bankes, Terry Shearn, Jody Robinson, Alex Fischette and Steve Synesael. Thanks also to the Highway Department personnel who helped us repair & move our concrete benches, and to the Rush Town Council members who gave us the original approval to do this project. More landscaping and an official ribbon-cutting ceremony

will take place in the spring. Future fundraisers will help maintain the gazebo and gardens, and provide funds for concerts and other events for the community. Keep an eye out for details in upcoming town newsletters!



Volunteers placing the finishing touches around the library gazebo

Wine-Tasting Benefit: *Save the Date!* **The Friends of the Rush Library** are having their **5th Annual Wine Tasting Benefit** on **Saturday, February 7th, 2009, from 7-9:30 pm** at the Rabbit Room in Honeoye Falls. "That's Amore" will be the theme for our elegant evening of savoring wines from Italy in an atmosphere of fine art and camaraderie in the historic Mill Gallery. Tickets will be \$30 per person, \$50 per couple (cash or check only) and will go **on sale at the library on Monday, December 1st**. (Tickets to this event make a terrific holiday gift!) In addition to the wines, we expect to continue our tradition of offering hors d'oeuvres, a chocolate-tasting table, coffee and dessert, as well as the silent auction table. For more information about donating items to the silent auction please contact Friends' chairperson, Heather Iannone (359-9914.) **Last year's superb event sold out quickly, and we'd love to see you there!**

Estate Planning: If you have ever considered the idea of including a gift to the Rush Public Library in your will, a member of the Library's Board of Trustees, James W. Richards, attorney-at-law, would be pleased to discuss such a bequest; you may contact him at 533-2241 at your convenience. Gifts such as these are used to supplement the Library Board's endowment, and to fund special projects, materials, and programs that are not included in our regular operating budget.

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

Dec. 24: closing early at 5:00 pm

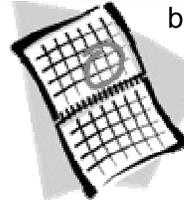
Dec. 25: closed

Dec. 31: closing early at 5:00 pm

Jan. 1: closed

Books for Sale: We have some gift ideas for the book lover in your life... you can purchase several **local history books about Rush** here at the library or in the Town Clerk's office. Prices range from \$3.00-\$15.00. We also offer economical gift-quality used hardcover and paperback books in our Book Nook, which is open during our regular library hours.

Due Date Reminder: Items collected from our book-drop when we open for the day are always "back dated" to the previous day we were open, and materials are never due on days that we are scheduled to be closed. **Please keep your charge**



slips to check your due dates. Once an item has exceeded its renewal limit, it must be returned to the shelves of the owning library. **You can check your library account anytime online (www.libraryweb.org)** or you can call us if you have questions regarding your account, your due dates, or to renew items. **We are always happy to help!**

Tax Forms: Federal and New York State tax forms will be available in limited supply at most public libraries beginning in January. Our understanding is that NYS is not sending any tax forms to homes this year. But you can download state forms from <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.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Kirsten

*Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library
for Dec., 2008 and Jan., 2009
Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and
Adult Services and by
Trish Venable, Teen Services*

December 2008



Stories with Shella on **Tuesday, December 2nd from 7-8:00pm.** A special story time will be presented by local author, illustrator and sculptor,

Shella Shubuck. She will be reading her picture books I Love You All Year Long and Christmas for Isaiah. Come and see Shella's beautiful papier-mâché figurines featured in her book which will be on display. Cookies and punch will be served following the readings. This story time is free and open to all families. Following the program there will be a drawing for each of these books signed by the author.

5th Annual Gingerbread House Party for children ages 5 and up **on Saturday, December 6th from 11am-12pm or from *12:30pm-1:30pm. (*Note the date change from previous newsletter.)** Kids, come and create your very own Gingerbread masterpiece! Mom, leave the clean-up to us! We will provide the basic building materials, but *we ask that each child brings in one bag of candy to share with others.* This is a fun event that always fills up quickly, so please call to register. Houses may be kept in the library after the program (if you wish) and winners will be judged by ballot. The winners will be notified by December 18th.

Gingerbread House Contest for Adults! *Show us how creative you can be...bring in your own gingerbread house or building (made at home) and we will display them in the library. All entries must be submitted by **Wednesday, December 10th**. Houses will be on display until December 19th, and will be judged by library patrons.* The winner will be notified by December 23rd.

Teen Night: Wednesday, December 10th, 6:00-7:30 pm: Name That Tune!! With prizes! In this game show-style game, we'll give you lyrics and you try to name the song and/or the artist. (Know this one? "This time I'm mistaken, for handin' you a heart worth breaking"...) **Ages 13+.** Please register in advance. Snacks will be provided.

Kids' Movie Matinee- "Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas" on **Thursday, December 11th from 11:30am-12:45pm.** Rated G. Children under 6 must be accompanied by a parent. Find out who's been naughty and who's been nice this spectacular Christmas celebration. Space is limited, and parents who wish to remain with their child in the movie must register for a seat. Bring a bag lunch if you wish! Popcorn and sodas will be available.



FREE "Tax Talk" Program- 10 Common Filing Mistakes presented by tax professional Pamm Dodge from H&R Block on **Tuesday, December 16th from 6-8:00pm.** If you have specific tax or financial questions, she will answer them and also give out tax tips that will benefit you or your

organization. Space is limited and registration is required. ***This program will be free from any sales pitch.***

Holiday Movie- "Thomas Kinkade's Christmas Cottage" on **Thursday, December 18th from 6:30-8pm.** Based on the artist's life story... "Inspired by his mentor, Thom accepts a job painting a mural of his idyllic hometown. With Glen's help Thom discovers his calling as the **Painter of Light®** but also helps the town rediscover the true meaning of Christmas." This movie is rated **PG.** Space is limited and registration is required. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided.

Teen Game Day: Monday, December 29th, 3:00-5:00 pm. Wii Mario Super Smash Brothers. Come knock your friends off the edge of the world! **Ages 13+.** Space is limited; please sign up at the library. Snacks will be provided.

Wii for Kids age 8-12 on Tuesday, December 30th from Noon-1:30pm. Now is the chance for the younger set to come and play super Mario Smash Brothers! Space is limited and **registration is required.**

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl Movie: will be shown on **Tuesday, December 30th at 2pm.** "The Great Depression hits home for nine-year old Kit Kittredge when her dad loses his business and leaves home to find work." Oscar nominee Abigail Breslin stars as Kit, leading a splendid cast in this **G rated** film. 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.

January 2009

Teen Game Day: Friday, January 2nd, 3:00-5:00 pm. Fantasy Role Playing Murder Mystery. Come chow down on pizza and "knock off" your friends! **Ages 13+. Please call to sign up in advance to get a role in the game!**

Knitting for Adults: Knitting From the Top: Trish says there are lots of great reasons to knit a sweater from the top! You do all the hard knitting at the start. You can knit until you run out of yarn. You don't need a pattern. It's all knit in the round (no purling!) Let her show you how! In this class, bring the yarn of your choice to knit a pullover. (You must already know how to knit). **Four Saturdays from 10:00 am-noon: January 3, 17, 31, and February 7.** Coffee & tea provided. Please sign up in advance.



Toddler Story hour- Calling all little ones ages 2-3, it is your turn for stories and fun! This program will begin on **Thursdays in January, beginning January 8th from 11:30am-11:50pm.** Parents or guardians must remain with their child during story time. Space is limited and registration is required.

Boys' Club: Pictureka! A fun game for boys ages 6-10 on **Tuesday afternoons from 3:45-4:30 beginning on Tuesday January 13th.** In this new board game it's "finders keepers": you get the card if you find the object(s) fast enough; be the first to collect the most cards to become the Pictureka champ! The Hasbro Company donated this game to us and believes that "games in our public libraries provide great value to America's families. Both games and libraries bring people together, help us to grow, educate us and make us laugh." We will also be playing Top Trumps. Space is limited and registration is required.

Crafter's Corner for Adults on Tuesday, January 13th from 7-8:00 pm. Show your love by hand-crafting some old-fashioned (or modern-day) Valentine cards. (No experience in card making is necessary.) We'll supply all materials, and a sample will be on display in the library. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Bring a friend for a lovely evening, but please register in advance.

CPR/AED Training for Adults will be on **Saturday, January 17th from 10:30am-1:30pm.** **E.P.I.C. Trainings** will teach you how to provide single-rescuer CPR, how to respond to a choking victim, perform rescue breathing, and recognize and prevent heart attacks and strokes as well as how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). A certification card is issued upon successful completion of the course. The fee for this class is \$38.00. Space is limited and registration is required. ***Even if you can't imagine giving CPR to a stranger, think about your loved ones who may someday need this lifesaving skill.***

Friends of the Rush Library will meet on **Monday, January 19th at 6:30 pm.** We'll be discussing the Wine-Tasting Benefit and other fundraising and advocacy efforts. New members are always welcome!

Book Buddies Week beginning **Monday, January 19th through Friday, January 23rd.** Kohl's Department Store has been very generous to the library by donating a wonderful assortment of plush toys. When you come in to check out any book during this week you will receive a stuffed animal (book buddy) of your choice. ***Limit of one per patron while supplies last.***

Rush Readers' Book Club: will meet on **Thursday, January 22nd, 7-9:00 pm.** We'll be reading The Diary of Mattie Spenser by Sandra Dallas. This novel is "a wonderfully vivid portrait of frontier life." Join us for coffee, dessert, and a great discussion! Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk while supplies last. Please register in advance. New members are always welcome.

Library Knit Chicks: We will be restarting our monthly knitting circle at the library, meeting on the **last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am.** Our first gathering will be **January 31st.** 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!



Snowmen on Parade: Saturday January 31st from 10:00 am-2:00pm. All children and families are encouraged to come and decorate our landscape with some fun-loving snowmen. We will (hopefully) provide the snow, and *you* will bring all of the snowman accessories (hat, scarf, eyes, nose etc.) Be as creative as you wish! We'll serve hot cocoa to warm you under the gazebo and read a story or two. Fun for everyone! (If there is no snow that day, we will reschedule this event in February. Check the next newsletter for details.)

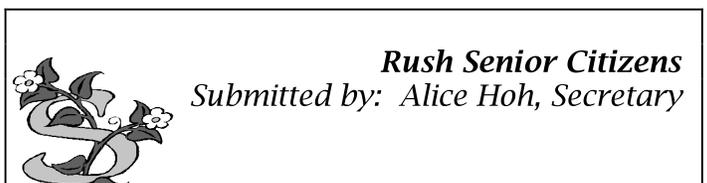
Calling all Artists! If you are a painter, sculptor or have some other wonderful talent, we would love to display your artwork in the Rush Library for all of our patrons to enjoy. Please call or stop by to make arrangements.

Thank you all for your participation in so many of our programs throughout the year. We are looking forward to another year of fun activities for the whole family!

Best wishes for the New Year.
~Joan & Trisha

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The Rush Seniors Annual Christmas party will be held at the Norton Grille in Honeoye Falls on

December 11th at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. This is for MEMBERS ONLY.

All those who went to Niagara Casino on November 10th had a great time.

Our 2009 meeting will take place on January 8th at the Rush Fire Hall with a pot luck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Rush residents 55 or older are welcome to join us. Bring a dish to pass that will serve 11-12 people and your own table service.

Our new Officers for 2009 are:

Marge Williams, President
Tom Jackling, Vice President
Sue Miller, Secretary
Shirley Oliver, Treasurer

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Holiday Season.

Any questions regarding the Rush Seniors, please contact Marge Williams, President, at 533-2101.



*Rush Fire District
Fire Department &
Rush Ambulance*

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
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COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held on December 9th from 6 to 9 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. Larry Meston is completing his term as Commissioner and is on the ballot for 2008. This election is open to all registered voters in Rush.

FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING: will be held Friday, January 2nd, 2009 at Rush Fire Station # 1 at 5:30 pm.

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Not one person showed up for this mandated hearing in Rush. Our budget is \$308,000 for 2009. Your tax rate dropped to \$1.10 per thousand. If you want to see what other districts charge and what the rates are – go to RushFD.org and click on NEWS.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: The commissioners authorized the Fire Chief to purchase reflective vests for each member and put extras on the apparatus.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: It was held at the Riverton golf facility. 32 members attended. This dinner is authorized by state law for the active firefighters of the fire district. Commissioner Mike (Pee Wee) Terzo coordinated the affair.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: In November, our apparatus had their annual maintenance, oil, lubes and filters. Annual pumping tests were also conducted. The automatic transmission on one truck uses a case of ATF. Each apparatus requires 6 gallons of engine oil. One large air filter for the one engine is \$100. The average cost for the annual maintenance and pump tests per apparatus is \$1,200. We buy all the filters wholesale and have a 55 gallon drum of engine oil for the person doing the service. This saves the taxpayer some money. Most of the minor maintenance is conducted by the officers and members of the fire department. Even though fire apparatus are exempt, we have NYS Heavy Duty State Truck inspections conducted on our equipment every year.

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

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE:

FD ACTIVITY: As of November 18, we have responded to 335 calls for service, fire and EMS. Several members have donated numerous hours on fire prevention programs and doing maintenance on the apparatus and work around the stations. The radio room at West Rush was painted and a new counter installed.

LADIES AUXILIARY: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Rush Fire Department held their annual Election Day Ham Dinner on Tuesday, November 4th. Thank you so much to all who attended. Proceeds help to fund the scholarship given to a Rush student entering college.



SANTA IS COMING TO RUSH for a Children's Christmas Party on Friday, December 12th at 6:45 p.m., at the Rush Firehouse, 1971 Rush-Mendon Road. Come and enjoy magic, gifts and refreshments !!

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>.

Your Town Budget for 2009

General Revenues		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Sales Tax	\$ 250,000	22.03%
Mortgage Tax	\$ 67,000	5.90%
Franchises	\$ 19,000	1.67%
Clerk Fees	\$ 300	0.03%
Park and Rec.Fees	\$ 31,177	2.75%
Zoning & Planning Fees	\$ 1,800	0.16%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 10,160	0.90%
Interest Earnings	\$ 26,070	2.30%
Property Rental	\$ 47,386	4.18%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 11,080	0.98%
Court Fines	\$ 33,600	2.96%
Other State Aid	\$ 27,366	2.41%
Sale of Property& Other	\$ 550	0.05%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 75,000	6.61%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>534,441</u>	<u>47.07%</u>
Total	\$ 1,134,930	100.00%

General Appropriations		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
General Government		
Support	\$ 580,138	51.11%
Public Safety	\$ 43,775	3.86%
Public Transportation	\$ 134,684	11.87%
Economic Assistance		
and Opportunity	\$ 7,771	0.68%
Culture & Recreation	\$ 73,645	6.49%
Home & Community	\$ 27,652	2.44%
Benefits	\$ 115,265	10.16%
Bond Principal & Int.	\$ <u>152,000</u>	<u>13.39%</u>
Total	\$ 1,134,930	100.00%

Highway Revenues		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 186,000	20.32%
Interest Earnings	\$ 4,000	0.44%
Equipment Rental	\$ 205,000	22.39%
Sale Excess Material	\$ 5,620	0.61%
State Aid	\$ 38,000	4.15%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>476,915</u>	<u>52.09%</u>
Total	\$ 915,535	100.00%

Highway Appropriations		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Road Repair &		
Construction	\$ 96,649	10.56%
Machinery	\$ 203,383	22.21%
Transfer to Capital Res.	\$ 60,000	6.55%
Misc./Brush & Weeds	\$ 96,226	10.51%
Town Snow Removal	\$ 58,665	6.41%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 211,776	23.13%
Benefits	\$ <u>188,836</u>	<u>20.63%</u>
Total	\$ 915,535	100.00%

Library Revenues		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Library Charges	\$ 6,050	3.58%
Interest Earnings	\$ 1,800	1.06%
Minor Sales	\$ 1,200	0.71%
State Aid	\$ 1,800	1.06%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>158,227</u>	<u>93.59%</u>
Total	\$ 169,077	100.00%

Library Appropriations		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Library	\$ 145,075	85.80%
Employee Benefits	\$ <u>24,002</u>	<u>14.20%</u>
Total	\$ 169,077	100.00%

General Fund - Appropriations by Department

	dollar amount	percent of budget
Town Board	\$ 34,268	3.02%
Court	\$ 60,808	5.36%
Supervisor and Secretary	\$ 49,529	4.36%
Finance	\$ 35,738	3.15%
Auditor	\$ 10,000	0.88%
Budget	\$ 4,013	0.35%
Assessor and Clerk	\$ 34,493	3.04%
Town Clerk and Deputy	\$ 85,080	7.50%
Attorney	\$ 50,000	4.41%
Engineer	\$ 25,000	2.20%
Elections	\$ 4,450	0.39%
Records Management	\$ 500	0.04%
Buildings	\$ 93,940	8.28%
Storeroom	\$ 1,400	0.12%
Mailing & Printing	\$ 19,719	1.74%
Insurance	\$ 32,700	2.88%
Association Dues	\$ 900	0.08%
Payment to Reduce Taxes	\$ 1,600	0.14%
Contingency	\$ 36,000	3.17%
Total General Gov. Support	\$ 580,138	51.11%

Fire Marshall	\$ 7,716	0.68%
Dog Control	\$ 5,135	0.45%
Safety Inspection	\$ 29,885	2.63%
Civil Defense	\$ 1,039	0.10%
Total Public Safety	\$ 43,775	3.86%

	dollar amount	percent of budget
Highway Administration	\$ 81,301	7.17%
Garage	\$ 40,500	3.57%
Street Lighting	\$ 12,500	1.10%
Sidewalks	\$ 383	0.03%
Total Transportation	\$ 134,684	11.87%

Veterans' Services	\$ 400	0.04%
Programs for Aging	\$ 7,371	0.64%
Total Economic Assistance & Opportunity	\$ 7,771	0.68%

Recreation	\$ 50,331	4.44%
Parks	\$ 19,119	1.68%
Historian	\$ 3,495	0.31%
Celebrations	\$ 700	0.06%
Total Cultural & Rec.	\$ 73,645	6.49%

Zoning	\$ 3,184	0.28%
Planning	\$ 5,209	0.46%
Environment Conservation	\$ 2,784	0.25%
Refuse	\$ 14,000	1.24%
Community Beautification	\$ 2,475	0.21%
Total Home & Community	\$ 27,652	2.44%

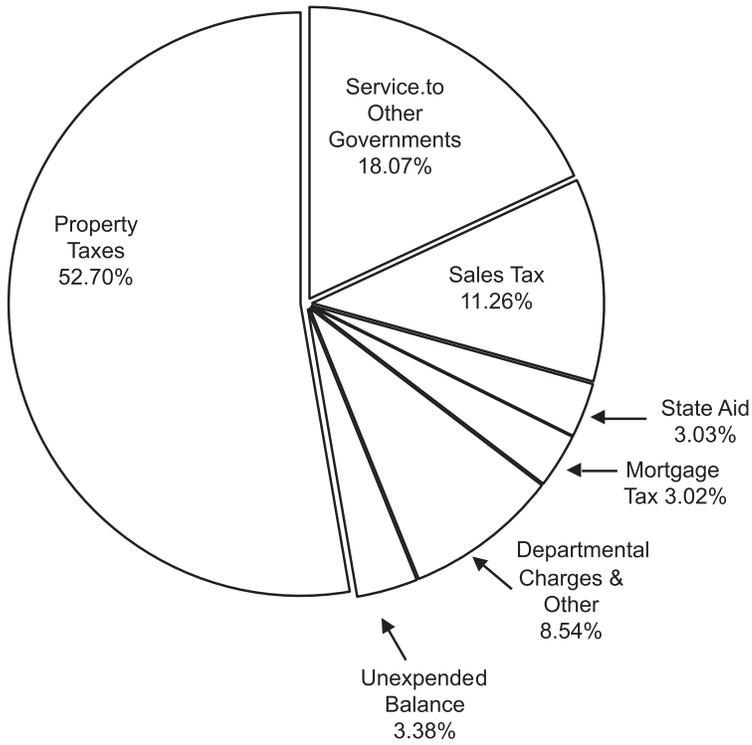
Total Employee Benefits	\$ 115,265	10.16%
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Total Bond Principal & Int.	\$ 152,000	13.39%
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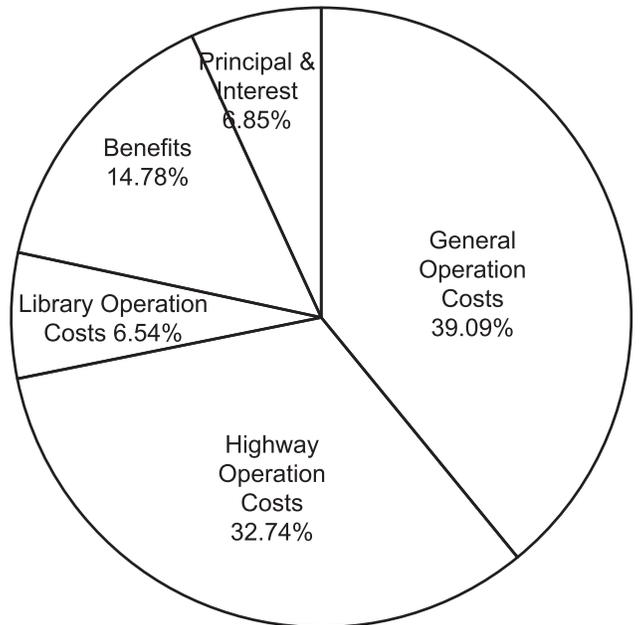
TOTAL BUDGET **\$ 1,134,930** **100.00%**



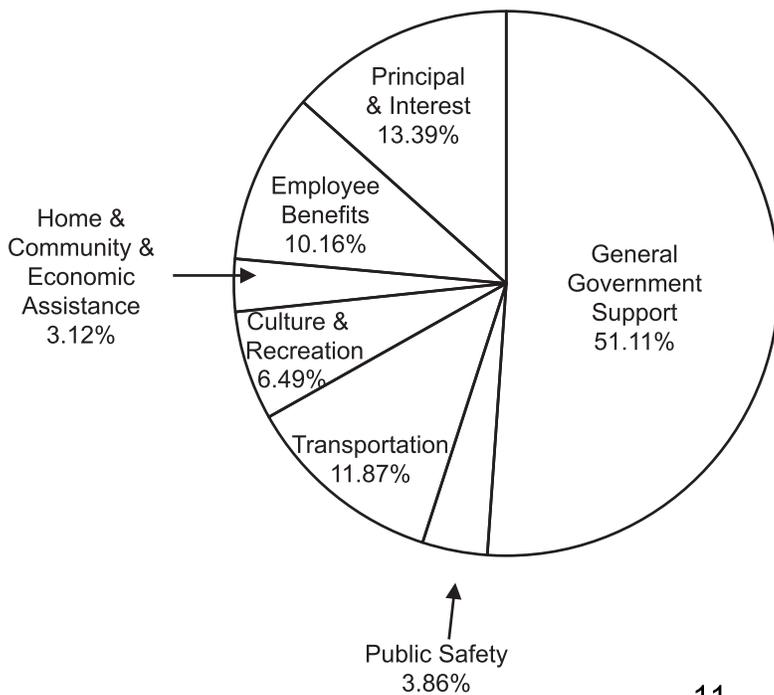
TOWN WIDE REVENUES



TOWN WIDE APPROPRIATIONS



GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS



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Happy Holidays!

December, 2008

<i>Conservation Board Court Library Board of Trustees Zoning Board of Appeals Seniors Lunch Planning Board Board of Fire Commissioners Town Board</i>	<i>7:30 PM 5 PM 7:15 PM 7:00 PM 12 noon @ Rush Firehouse 7:30 PM 7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse 7:00 PM</i>	<i>Thursday - 4th Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd Tuesday - 2nd Thursday - 11th Thursday - 11th Tuesday - 16th Tuesday - 16th Wednesday - 10th</i>
<u>Other Important Information and Dates:</u> Christmas Day	<i>Town Hall, Courts, Library Closed</i>	<i>Thursday, 25th</i>



January 2009 Meetings

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<u>Other Important Info and Dates:</u> New Year's Day	<i>Town Hall, Courts, Library Closed</i>	<i>Thursday - 1st</i>

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