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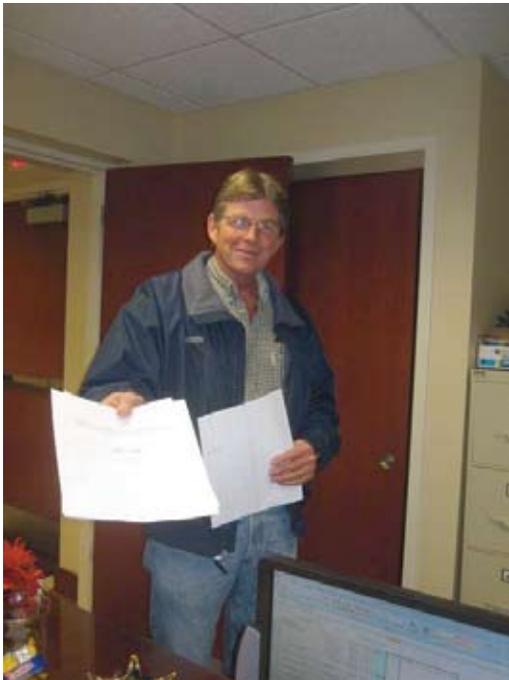
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Dear Residents:

This issue of the Newsletter contains many informative articles that I hope you find interesting and useful.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, STEVEN KING, RETIRES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steven King, our Highway Superintendent, for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Rush. Steve has worked for the Town for over 36 ½ years, the last eleven as Highway Superintendent. As you may know, Steve retired from his position on October 29, 2010. We all wish Steve a long and happy retirement.



Retiring Highway Superintendent, Steven King, submits his final highway payroll documents to the Town's Finance Office

TOWN OF RUSH WELCOMES NEW HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to welcome Mark David as our new Highway Superintendent. Mark has served as Deputy Highway Superintendent for the past five years, and has worked for the Town in the Highway Department since November, 1983. At the Town Board meeting of October 27, 2010, the Board unanimously approved Mark's appointment. We are confident that he will do a great job and we congratulate him on his new position.

OPERATING BUDGET

The 2011 Operating Budget was approved at the Town Board meeting of November 10, 2010. The total tax rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessed Valuation (TAV) will be \$4.39. Our current total tax rate is \$4.39 per \$1,000 of TAV. The total TAV is increasing from \$278,394,441 to \$280,702,824, an increase of 0.0083%.

Two of our major costs for operation, Health Care and Retirement System, continue to increase in double digits. Health Care is increasing by 12%, \$21,669 per year, and Retirement System is increasing 47.8%, \$41,766 per year. We do control health care costs in regard to the plan we offer and have made 2 major changes in the past 5 or 6 years which have resulted in cost avoidance of \$111,000. A number of towns in Monroe County, those with more than 50 full time employees, have formed a consortium in an effort to increase the group size with the expectation of reducing the individual towns' cost. We may be able to join the group even though we have only 12 full time employees and, with the help of our broker, we continue to look at other options. No wage increases were given to Town employees for 2010. Employees will receive a 3% wage increase for 2011. For details of our 2011 Operating Budget, please see pages 15, 16, 17 and 18 of this Newsletter. This year, I have added a summary sheet of Budget Comparisons for the past 10 years.

Over the past 10 years, the Operating Budget has gone from \$3.20 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation in 2001 to \$3.91 in 2011. This is an increase of \$0.71 per \$1,000 of TAV, which averages to \$.07 per year. Since 2001, we have gradually reduced the amount of fund balances carried from year to year, which has allowed us to maintain a relatively stable tax rate. We currently carry 22% of appropriations from year to year and consider this to be adequate to pay our bills on time and to cover unforeseen expenses while taxes are collected for the next year.

As you know, the residential growth rate in the Town continues to be very small. We believe most residents prefer the rural character of Rush and are aware that the lack of a sewer system will keep growth at a small rate. For your information, I am including a summary of the parcel county by Category.

**2009 Annual Assessment Rolls
2009 Parcel Counts by Broad Use Category**

<u>Broad Use Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Parcel Count</u>
100	Agricultural Properties	118
200	Residential Properties	1,297
300	Vacant Land	231
400	Commercial Properties	32
500	Recreation and Entertainment Properties	8
600	Community Service Properties	33
700	Industrial Properties	19
800	Public Service Properties	46
900	Public Parks, Wild, Forested and Conservation Properties	5
Total Properties In All Broad Use Categories		1,789

In 2010, 6 new homes received a Certificate of Occupancy. This growth is less than ½ of 1% (6 ÷ 1,297). The net growth of businesses is zero. We continue to manage the Town in a fiscally conservative manner. We welcome the opportunity to discuss suggestions you may have to improve the cost of operation.

UPDATE ON SERVICE BUILDING



Service Building Nearing Completion

Work on the new Service Building is progressing quickly, as you can see in the above photo. Electric and doors will be in by Thanksgiving. We are waiting for the siding to be delivered and that should be installed by the end of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns about Town matters, I encourage you to call me at 533-9058.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely, *William R. Udicious*

William R. Udicious



Town Clerk's Office
Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
Mon.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Thurs. until 6 PM
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TOWN JUSTICE POSITION OPENING

All interested parties may apply at the Town Clerk's Office, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. Deadline for applications is December 7, 2010.

LEGAL NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING and ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town Board will hold its last meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at 7 PM, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York followed by the Organizational Meeting for 2011. Residents are welcome to attend all public meetings throughout the year.

By Order of the Rush Town Board
Pamela J. Bucci, Town Clerk

2011 TOWN & COUNTY TAXES

Town and County tax bills will be mailed the week of December 27th. If you have not received a tax bill by January 15th, and do not have an escrow account, please call the town clerk's office for a duplicate bill.

Beginning January 1, 2011, taxpayers have three 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 until May 31st or the Monroe County Treasurer after May 31st 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 \$1.00 notice fee

Full Payments – due without interest by February 10, 2011.

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.

Partial Payments - An **initial payment** of at least 25% of the taxes due plus any accrued interest can be made at any time between January 1 and August 20. Any payment paid on or before February 10th is interest-free. An interest charge will be calculated and deducted from any payment made after February 10th.

Payments made after May 31st are payable to Monroe County Treasurer and can be mailed to: PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614. They may be contacted at 753-1200. Payments can be made in person at: 39 West Main Street, Room B-2, Rochester, New York.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Town offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th and New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st, 2011.



The following is a submission by **Jeff Adair, Monroe County Legislature President**. I have



enjoyed representing the Town of Rush for six years now and for the past ten months I have also served as the Monroe County Legislature President. In my time at the County Legislature I have had the pleasure of voting six times to approve a budget that offers real relief to the taxpayers of Monroe County.

This year, County Executive Maggie Brooks submitted a budget that continues to keep the property tax rate stable at \$8.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This budget also keeps discretionary spending below the rate of inflation and responsibly funds quality of life services. The most important thing that is included in this budget is providing the best possible service at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayers. I am proud that for the seventh consecutive year, I will be voting in favor of a responsible budget that protects every taxpayer in Monroe County.

This year, Monroe County was only able to control 18% of the budget due to the burdensome New York State mandates that account for 82% of the budget. Despite these mandates, the 2011 Monroe County Budget works for the taxpayer by reducing the size of government by eliminating 114.5 positions which will save an estimated \$6.7 million. The Monroe County Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 5:30 pm and the budget will be voted on at the December 14

meeting of the full legislature. If you would like to speak or hear about the budget please feel free to attend, the hearing and the meeting are at the County Office Building, 39 West Main Street on the fourth floor in the Legislative Chambers. These meetings are always open to the public.

As always, I continue to hold community office hours at the Rush Town Hall discuss issues which matter to this community. Please feel free to stop by the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, on January 10, 2011 from 6-8 pm when I'll be available to talk about issues important to you.

If you are not able to attend during the times above, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 753-1922, or by e-mail at monroe12@monroecounty.gov.

Town Court

Submitted by Town Court Justice Paula Anderson
Phone: 533-1130



Fax: 533-6521
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

On December 31, 2010, I will be resigning my position as a Rush Town Justice. I will definitely miss working with the great Court Staff.

Over the years, I have appreciated the support of the Rush residents and it has been a privilege to serve you for over fifteen years.

Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
Mon. & Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Dan@townofrush.com
Colleen Statskey, Assessor's Clerk
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM
Colleen@townofrush.com

Once again, I would like to give everyone some great websites that should help with understanding the assessment process. First, the State of New York's website has many links from its' Office of Real Property Services. The website is www.orps.state.ny.us. Here you can find exemption forms and help with the assessment cycle. The next web site, which has a lot of great help, is the American Homeowner's Association website. They have a download called Property Tax Reduction Kit and it is free at the present time. The website address is <https://www.ahahome.com>.

REMINDER: Please remember that if you are receiving an exemption for Agricultural Land, Star Enhanced or Low Income Senior...**YOU MUST** renew them before March 1st 2011. The assessor's office sends out a renewal form; however it is your responsibility to make sure the exemption is renewed.

Should you have any questions or concerns with assessments, please call me.



Historian's Office

Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch
Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone: 533-1312

Margie@townofrush.com

In the last Town Newsletter, I encouraged those interested to contact me to share their Rush history and stories with me. I would then archive that information, in my office, for the benefit of future generations. I want to thank those residents who have invited me into their homes, and shared their stories.

To provide a basic outline for others interested in sharing your history and stories with me you may find the following useful;

1. Name of Parents and siblings
2. Name of spouse and children (if applicable)
3. Country of origin
4. Location of Homestead
5. Church attended
6. Your occupation and that of those mentioned in 1 and 2 above.
7. Unusual/outstanding or interesting events during your life in Rush
8. School attended
9. Family traditions
10. Family records
11. Hobbies
12. Photos
13. Person or persons who influenced your life the most – and how
14. Identify other individuals you feel might be interested in being interviewed
15. Any items (document copies or originals) you would like to donate to the Rush History office or Museum Room as a record of your family's life

The interviews may be conducted at your convenience either at your home, my home or office. I would record the interview, to be transcribed by me at a later date. For those who

don't feel they would be comfortable doing a recorded interview, but would like to share information with me, you could prepare your own written history, using the above as a guideline.

DONATED ITEMS: Many individuals have donated items relevant to Rush history, such as: Table made by boys at industry in the 1940's, artifacts from local businesses, very old eye glasses and case found in a Rush residence built in the 1800's.

I maintain an inventory of all items donated, along with donor information, and written relevance to its significance to Rush. *If you have an item you wish to donate and I am not in the office, you may call me at home (533-9104) and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.*

THANK YOU - To those of you who have offered to volunteer your services and share your knowledge of Rush history with me.

In 2018, as Rush celebrates its 200 birthday, by working together and sharing our talents and knowledge we can honor and celebrate the foresight, integrity and hard work our forefathers provided to build and maintain this rural community.

Best wishes to you and yours throughout the New Year.

Respectfully, Margie Kirch

Code Enforcement Office

Submitted by Gerald Kusse, Code Enforcement/
Building Inspector

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

Gerry@townofrush.com

Phone: 533-9114/278-8130



Most property owners are unaware of the many changes that have taken place over the past three years that can affect the process of buying and selling property and renewing the insurance policy on that property. It has become very common for lenders, attorneys, insurance companies, etc., to ask for any and all documents such as permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Certificates of Compliance for every structure and/or improvement starting when the initial home was built, and any other improvements made right up to the scheduled closing date. If we are unable to provide the requested documents the following can happen:

- you will have to schedule and pay for an "after the fact" inspection and permit;
- the closing date can be postponed;
- the policy may not be written as you requested;
- the "improvement" may have to be removed.

If the "problem" is substantial in nature the expected transaction could be lost and you will have to start over. I continue to be surprised by the number of these problems that surface almost monthly in our town. It is advised strongly that you have the required documentation for all improvements on your property to ensure your plans are not held up. Please call me if you would like to discuss your property specific questions on this matter.



Highway Department

Submitted by: Mark David
Highway Superintendent
Phone: 533-1770
Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
www.townofrush.com

First off, I would like to wish **Steven King** a long and happy retirement, well deserved after serving the Town residents for nearly 37 years. Those years equate to a lot of long hours and missed family events. Enjoy it Steve.

As we all know, winter is right around the corner and the Highway Department has been busy preparing. The equipment has been serviced, salt spreaders have been installed and calibrated and snowplows are at the ready. Delineators have been installed to mark obstacles and help cut down on lawn damage. Snow fence is also being installed along open areas where drifting snow accumulates and should be completed soon.

Mid November is also the start of 24/7 dispatching coverage. Weather and road conditions are monitored continuously by a staff of seasonal and full time workers. Please, call our dispatch if you observe any dangerous conditions. Some things you can do to help:

1. Observe Parking Regulations.

Town Code § 110-2. Overnight parking restricted. No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall park the same unattended on any Town or county street or highway within the Town of Rush between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 15 of each year.

2. Do not deposit snow in the roadway. You could potentially be held liable if it causes an accident.
3. Slow down and allow plenty of room for braking. Snowplows make frequent stops and turns.
4. Keep trash containers and recycle bins back from the roadway.
5. Deposit snow at the end of your driveway on the "down-stream" side. This will help to minimize the amount of snow pushed into your driveway.

Mailbox and paper tubes placed within the right of way are allowed there merely as a convenience to homeowners and delivery persons. Mailboxes struck by snowplows and deemed in satisfactory condition beforehand, will be repaired or replaced with a standard black aluminum mailbox mounted on a 4"x 4" pressure treated post. Paper tubes will be put back up if possible but not replaced.

Wishing you a safe winter driving season.

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor

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

Thursdays 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Phone: 533-2340

Pat@townofrush.com



Senior Basketball

The Men's Seniors Basketball program (55 and older) meets at the Monica Leary School gym on Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Please call Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information.

Town of Rush Volleyball Camps Town of Rush Beginner/ Intermediate Volleyball Camp

The Rush Recreation Department is joining with the Rush Henrietta School District Volleyball Coach Lindsey Williams to once again offer volleyball camps for younger children ages 7-12 years old at the Monica Leary School on Wednesdays from 6:00PM-7:30PM. The 6 week camp will be 1/5/11, 1/12/11, 2/2/11, 2/9/11, 2/16/11, and 3/9/11. The cost of the camp is \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-Rush residents. You can download an application at townofrush.com under Recreation.

Town of Rush Girls Modified Volleyball Camp

The Rush Recreation Department and Melissa Kulp, the RH Modified Volleyball coach, will be offering a 6 week Girls (12-15) Modified Volleyball camp on Fridays beginning 1/7/11 to 2/18/11 from 6:00PM-7:30M at the Monica Leary School gym. There will be advanced training in the sport of volleyball with game playing. Proper attire will be required i.e.; knee pads. The cost will be \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-Rush residents. You can sign up at the Rush town hall or download the application at townofrush.com.

Winter 2011 Seniors Exercise Class

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and the Rochester Arthritis Foundation once again is offering an 8 week seniors exercise class at the new pavilion on Thursdays beginning January 13th-March 3rd. The class will be 10:00AM-11:00AM. The cost for this program is \$45.00 for Rush residents and \$50.00 for non-Rush residents. Please sign up for this program at the Rush Town Hall.

Adult Beginner Yoga Classes



The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vanessa Brown, a professional Yoga instructor from Honeoye Falls, will be offering Adult Beginner Yoga classes for ages 16 and up. The classes will include detailed instruction on Yoga postures. You will also be learning awareness of breath and breathing exercises, including some meditation and relaxation techniques. Yoga can help calm the thought processes and relieve the stresses of everyday life. The cost of this six-week program is \$75.00 for Rush residents and \$80.00 for non-Rush residents. Participants are required to bring a yoga mat, block and strap.

There will be two classes offered:

- Tuesdays January 4th- February 8th 2011 from 9:30AM-10:30AM
- Thursdays January 6th- February 10th 2011 from 8:30AM-9:30AM

Both programs will be held in the new Rush pavilion.

You can sign up for this program at the Rush Town Hall or send a check payable to the Rush Town Clerk, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. Rush NY 14543. Please indicate what the check is for, along with the participant's name, address, phone number.

This class may be reimbursable through your health insurance plan. The Town of Rush can provide receipts to be submitted to your health insurance company as a "Wellness Class".

Town of Rush Pavilion

The Town of Rush park pavilion is available for Rentals. There have been reservations made well into next year, so if there is a date you are looking to rent the pavilion, please call 533-2340 ASAP for information and availability.

REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM

Improve your personal safety strategies with The NRA's Refuse To Be A Victim® Program.

Experts agree that the single most important step toward ensuring your personal safety is making the decision to refuse to be a victim. That means that you must have an overall personal safety strategy in place before you need it.

Through a four-hour seminar called Refuse To Be A Victim®, you can learn the personal safety tips and techniques you need to avoid dangerous situations and avoid becoming a victim. Hundreds of federal, state and local law enforcement officials across the country have implemented Refuse To Be A Victim® into their crime prevention and community policing initiatives.

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Rochester Personal Defense, LLC, will be offering the above mentioned class in the new Rush Park Pavilion on Saturday, January 8th from 9AM-1PM. Registration is \$8.00 per person, bring your own lunch. This class is for ages 8 and up. You can register at the Rush Town Hall or send in a check payable to; Rush Town Clerk, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. Rush NY 14543.

Please identify names, addresses and phone numbers of participants, and indicate that the check is for the Recreation "NRA Refuse to Be a Victim" class. Registration begins December 1st. Questions? Call 533-2340.

Rush after School Program: There is always availability in the Rush after school program. If you would like more information please call 533-2340.

Looking Ahead to spring: In April 2011, there will be Flag Football and Basketball camps offered. I am currently looking for coaches for both of these programs. If you are interested please come to the Rush Town Hall to fill out an application or call Pat at 533-2340.

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.libraryweb.org/rush

Dear Neighbors,

Writing this newsletter in November always finds me taking a moment to express my thankfulness for all of our patrons, staff, volunteers, and board members who make our little library an essential and engaging part of the town of Rush. Thanks to all of you we have been able to sustain our normal services in a year when several local libraries have reduced staff, book buying, and operating hours, so I am especially grateful for your ongoing support. Due to state and county budget cuts we know that changes are coming to the Monroe County Library System (possibly in the form of consolidated services, increasing fees & fines, reductions of book deliveries, or in some other ways not yet discerned.) We understand that 2011 will be a year of further belt-tightening; however, you can be certain that thoughtful and creative people are determined to keep MCLS thriving. We look forward to continuing to meet your learning and information needs in 2011!



Wine-Tasting Fundraiser: Friends of the Rush Library are planning their 7th Annual benefit. Join us on **Saturday, February 5th, 2011** for a "Friends' Night Out" sponsored by **Erie Station Fine Wines & Liquor.**

This year's event will be held at **Magnolia's at Wildwood Country Club** in Rush, and will feature live music. Tickets are \$30 each and are on sale **Dec. 1st** at the library and at Erie Station Fine Wines; they would make a terrific holiday gift. Proceeds benefit the library's book & program budgets, our Summer Reading Program, summer concerts, and more. Business sponsorships are still available and we are also soliciting products and services to be donated for the Silent Auction (a very popular event of the evening!) We hope you can join us for a truly wonderful night with your friends and neighbors.

Magazine Collection: If you are looking for another way to cut your household budget during tough economic times, consider borrowing *our* magazines instead of subscribing on your own. Linda Repka, our industrious magazine clerk, keeps our collection current, and she is always shopping for the best deals on renewals plus new subscriptions that our patrons might enjoy. You may be interested in some of our newest titles: *Edible Finger Lakes*, *Veranda*, *Food Network Magazine*, *Digital Photo Pro*, or *Motor Trend*. Stop in and check them out!

Policy Change: Beginning in January, patrons wishing to log on to our public PCs to use the Internet must have an *unexpired* library card. If it is time to update your card, please bring in a current I.D. with proof of a Monroe County address, and a staff member can help you at the circulation desk. Any fines or fees on the account must be paid in full at that time as well. Out-of-County residents can purchase a Monroe County library card with full borrowing privileges for an annual fee of \$45; applications are available at the library.

Holiday Collections: I encourage you to stop in during December to see the lovely nativity scenes on loan from local resident Peg Franklin and a Santa Claus collection loaned by Louise Harris. In addition, a local couple is loaning us their collection of Feather Christmas Trees for you to enjoy this holiday season. These displays come from all around the world and represent many years of devoted collecting.

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

Fri., Dec. 24: closed

Sat., Dec. 25: closed

Fri., Dec. 31: closing early at 5:00 pm

Sat., Jan. 1: closed

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 charge receipt to confirm when your items are due. You can also check your account and renew some items online at www.libraryweb.org.

Tax Forms: Federal and New York State tax forms will no longer be mailed to your home, but *will* be available in limited supply at most public libraries beginning in January. Or 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.)

Looking forward to seeing you,

Kirsten

*Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library
for December 2010 and January 2011
Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and
Adult Services*

DECEMBER EVENTS

Rush Readers' Book Club will be meeting on two **Thursdays, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 9th from 7-9:00 pm** to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. *Booklist* magazine calls it "an exemplary work of scholarship and an ecstasy of imagining." Please join us for coffee, dessert and interesting conversation. Space is limited and registration is required.



Gingerbread House Workshop:

Children ages 6 and up are invited to join us for our 7th annual gingerbread house-decorating program which will be held **twice** on **Saturday, December 4th**, at **10:30-11:30 am or Noon-1:00 pm**. Choose the session that works best for your family. Children are asked to please bring in **one bag of candy decorations** to share with others. We will supply the rest of the building materials. Space is limited and children must register in advance for this program.

Library Knit Chicks is our knitting & crocheting circle at the library; it's a friendly and supportive group. Due to the holidays in December, we will

only meet once, on **Sat., Dec. 11th at 10:30 am.** Join us for coffee, tea, and crafting inspiration.

Bedtime Story Time: Welcome, Snow! Children ages 3 and up are invited on **Tuesday, Dec. 14th at 7:00pm** to listen to ***You Can Do It Sam*** by Amy Hest (plus other stories) while enjoying a bedtime snack. Each child who registers in advance for this program will receive a FREE copy of this book, courtesy of Kohl's Department Store. Space is limited and registration is required. If you are unable to attend on this date, your child will be able to receive a copy of this book (while supplies last) from **December 15th–18th when they check out a Rush Library book.**

JANUARY EVENTS

Lego™ in the Library! Create ***an original Lego™***



scene and bring it into the library for display beginning **January 3rd.** Lego structures will be on display for the entire month of January for everyone to admire. Each child who brings in a display will receive a special award from the library. Please register if you are

planning to participate, so that we will be sure to have enough space.

Amerks' Reading Power Play - **Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30pm.** Meet up with a Rochester Americans Hockey Team player as he reads to visitors and gives a hockey demonstration. This appearance also features a raffle for Amerks' memorabilia plus an autograph session by the visiting player *and* the Moose mascot! Child participants will each receive a ticket voucher good for one complimentary ticket for any future Amerks home game. Using a "Hat Trick" as a thematic vehicle, kids in Grades K-12 will also fill out a form for every three books they read from **December 1st through January 25th,** which then qualifies them for an entry into a grand prize drawing. All details and registration forms will be available at the library.

Library Knit Chicks will resume meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun! Join us on two **Saturdays, Jan. 8th and 29th at 10:30 am.** Coffee, tea, and crafty fun are in store when you attend.

Second Week, Second Chance Mini Book Sale: During the week of **Jan. 10-15th,** volunteers will set up a table or two of gently-read hardcover fiction for you to peruse during business hours. Proceeds benefit the library's book budget.

Game Days! For kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays, January 11th and 18th from 3:30-4:30pm.** Come

and play our *new* Pictureka and Monopoly games and have an after-school snack. These games are fast and fun and easy to learn. Space is limited and registration is required. Tell your friends!

Keep your New Year Resolution to simplify your life with our ***two-part series*** presented by **Joani Hardy, Professional Organizer & Clutter Coach...**

The Psychology of Stuff- "Where Less is More": **Tuesday, January 11th from 7-8:00 pm.** Understand how possessions come into our lives and then somehow take over. Joani will help you learn where you can apply organizing skills to take back control. Space is limited and registration is required.

Time Management: **Tuesday, January 18th from 7-8:00 pm.** Learn tips, tricks, and tools you can use to more effectively manage our most valuable commodity- *time.* Space is limited and registration is required.

Tiny Tots Story Time: for children ages **2-3 years** old. This program will be held on **Thursday mornings at 11:30 am-Noon on January 13th, 20th, and 27th.** This program includes simple stories, music and finger-plays. Parents will stay with their child during Story Time and are encouraged to participate in activities. Younger siblings are welcome too. Please register in advance for this program as space is limited.

Tail Waggin' Tutors is *Therapy Dog International's* reading program for reluctant readers, being held on **Saturday, January 15th from 11:00 am-12:30 pm.** What do you get when you bring children, dogs and books together? You get happy, confident children who love to read! Children and dogs bond together as the child reads a story to the dog. **TDI** is a volunteer organization dedicated to training therapy dogs. **Sue Rawleigh** and her dog **Kohdie** will offer this program to children in first through third grade on a limited basis. Children must register in advance and all information regarding this program will be available in the library.

Family Bingo Night will take place on Monday, January 17th from 7-8:00 pm. Families are invited to come and play Bingo in the new Rush Town Park Pavilion. Admission is free and snacks and sodas will be available. Prizes will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Please register in advance.

Friends of the Rush Library will meet on **Wed., January 19th at 6:30 pm.** We'll be finalizing the Wine Tasting jobs plus planning other fun events to benefit the library. New members are always welcome.

Star Wars Saturday on January 22nd from 11:00 am-1:00 pm presented by The 501st Legion's Garrison Excelsior. Children and parents will be able to meet Star Wars characters who will pose for pictures and sign autographs. Children are encouraged to come in costume and there will be a Star Wars related craft area for activities. Please register in advance for this exciting program. Bring your camera!

Rush Reader's Book Club: January's choice is **A Yellow Raft in Blue Water** by Michael Dorris, and we'll discuss it on **Thursday, January 27th or Thursday, Feb. 3rd from 7-9:00 pm.** This is a cross-generational story of three Native American women in Montana who must come to grips with the past. "The bitter rifts and inevitable bonds between generations are highlighted as the story unravels and spills out a long-kept family secret." Join us for coffee, dessert and stimulating conversation. Space is limited and registration is required.

Home Alone Safety: When I'm in Charge presented by E.P.I.C. Trainings from **1:00-3:00 pm on Friday, Jan. 28th** (no school for R-H students in K-8.). This program for ages 7-14 is designed to teach children who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly. Topics include first aid, stranger danger, telephone & internet safety and more. The fee for this class is **\$18.00**. Space is limited and registration is required.

First Aid Basics for Kids presented by E.P.I.C. Trainings from **3:30-5:00 pm on Friday, Jan. 28th** (no school for R-H students in K-8.) This course for ages 11-16 teaches the skills and techniques necessary to prevent, recognize and respond to first aid related emergencies. The fee for this class is **\$12.00** and includes a certificate of completion. Space is limited and registration is required.



LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY: Meet "Susan B. Anthony" on **February 26th at 11:00 am.**

Best wishes for your Holidays and a wonderful New Year! ~ Rush Library Staff



**Office of the Fire Marshal/
Emergency Preparedness
Administrator**
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Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

While the danger from winter weather varies across the country, nearly all Americans, regardless of where they live, are likely to face some type of severe winter weather at some point in their lives. That could mean snow or subfreezing temperatures, as well as strong winds or even ice or heavy rain storms. One of the primary concerns is the [winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services](#) to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as the "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Instead, people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes.

Step 1: Get a Kit

- Get an [Emergency Supply Kit](#) which includes items like non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries.
- Thoroughly check and update your family's [Emergency Supply Kit](#) before winter approaches and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:
 - **Rock salt** to melt ice on walkways
 - **Sand** to improve traction
 - **Snow shovels** and other snow removal equipment.
 - **blankets** to keep you warm.

Step 2: Make a Plan

Prepare Your Family

- Make a [Family Emergency Plan](#). Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.

- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.
- Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class from your local [Citizen Corps chapter](#). Keep your training current.
- Thermostat - ensure it works properly.
- Tires - make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.
- Windshield wiper equipment - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.

Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify winter weather

Freezing Rain creates a coating of ice on roads and walkways.

Step 3: Be Informed

Prepare Your Home

- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and windowsills to keep the warm air inside.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Hire a contractor to check the structural stability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.
- If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to leave. In addition, check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:
 - Antifreeze levels - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
 - Battery and ignition system - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
 - Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels.
 - Exhaust system - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary.
 - **Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.**
 - Fuel and air filters - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas.
 - Heater and defroster - ensure they work properly.
 - Lights and flashing hazard lights - check for serviceability.
 - Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- **Sleet** is rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes roads to freeze and become slippery.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** means cold, ice and snow are expected.
- **Winter Storm Watch** means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.
- **Winter Storm Warning** means severe winter conditions have begun or will begin very soon.
- **Blizzard Warning** means heavy snow and strong winds will produce a blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts and life-threatening wind chill.
- **Frost/Freeze Warning** means below freezing temperatures are expected.
- When a **Winter Storm WATCH** is issued
 - Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, and television stations, or cable television such as The Weather Channel for further updates.
 - Be alert to changing weather conditions.
 - Avoid unnecessary travel
- When a **Winter Storm WARNING** is issued
 - Stay indoors during the storm.
 - If you must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.
 - Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
 - If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
 - Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep

them at least three feet from flammable objects.

- Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must...
- Carry an Emergency Supply Kit in the trunk.
- Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- Eat regularly and drink ample fluids, but avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.



describe the butter dripping from chins and elbows, what a sight, especially Fran, who added a drink to those dripping things. After dinner, some retired, others played Euchre (the usual trip card game.) Harry and Marlene had a pretty good night at the card table!

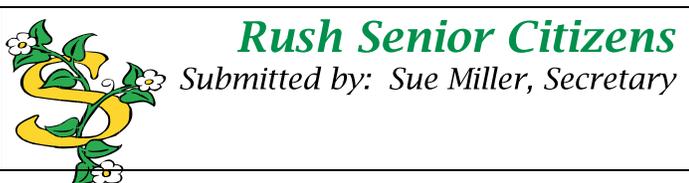
Then on to Portland, past the Bush compound where we were told George Bush Senior salutes the flag every morning. On the way we picked up a step-on guide who gave a wonderful, informative tour of that city with its lovely Victorian buildings. We got some shopping in at L. L. Bean and then it was off to Boothbay Harbor, a quaint New England town and old fishing village. We did more shopping, getting some off-season bargains. We stayed at the Booth Bay Harbor Inn where we were greeted with punch and cookies. After some down time, we gathered for cocktails at the restaurant and then were treated to a delicious dinner and entertainment.

We traveled to Owls Head the next day to see the lighthouse and the Transportation Museum, with exhibits of cars, trucks and airplanes from invention to modern times. A must see. Then on to Northeast Harbor where we spent two nights. The next morning we boarded a bus for Arcadia National Park. What a beautiful place. We visited Thunder Mountain, Otter Cliffs and Cadillac Mountain which rises up out of the ocean fifteen hundred and thirty two feet. Looking down you can see the cruise ships docked there, and the waves crashing against the rocks. Then we headed down the mountain to Bar Harbor for lunch and, of course, shopping. Several of us ate at a restaurant there where the President and his wife ate when they were in Maine. Then back to Northeast Harbor and a cruise on Frenchmen's Bay where we saw seal, bald eagle, loons and ospreys. We returned to the Inn for dinner and a relaxing evening –we thought-but with Rush senior's "golden girls" Carol (Blanch), Betty (Rose), and Joanne (Dorothy), who got locked out of their room, there was no shortage of frivolity that night.

We traveled back through Portland on our way to Ogunquit to The Anchorage by the Sea Motel. We think they saved the best for last. What a luxurious motel, right on the ocean, great for an after dinner stroll on the beach, temperature in the eighties with a lovely ocean breeze. After breakfast the next morning, overlooking the ocean, we walked and shopped in Ogunquit's quaint shops. By this time

Listen to Local Officials

Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your [state and local government](#). In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials. For further information on how to plan and prepare for winter storms as well as what to do during and after a winter storm, visit: [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), [NOAA Watch](#), or [American Red Cross](#).



The Christmas season is upon us once again and what a beautiful, magical season it is, celebrating our Lord's Birthday and looking forward to Santa's journey from the North Pole. We know that soon the white stuff will be piling up, and we're all getting prepared (hopefully) with our snow brushes, shovels, boots and mittens; though some of us actually think the snow is delightful and exciting!

And now, as promised, a few stories of our jaunt to Maine in September. Unfortunately I was unable to go, but I asked a couple of "reporters" (Alice and Marlene), to take notes to bring back to me, (therefore, I'll tell this story in the first person). To start the trip off on a happy note, Chris supplied the whole bus of 41 with a breakfast treat of homemade muffins. Think she must have been up half the night, baking!

At our first stop in Kennebunkport we were treated to a lobster bake where we had to de-claw and de-tail a whole lobster. Messy doesn't begin to

the overheads in the bus were very full and everyone happily tired, so time to head for home. My "reporters" said it was a wonderful trip and I'm so sorry to have missed this time with my "senior" friends.

As you can see from this and previous newsletters, we take some superb trips and have really great times together, so if you would like to become a member of Rush seniors and are a Rush resident 55 years of age or older consider joining us at the Rush Firehouse the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:30 for luncheon at noon. For more information please contact our President Carol Coombe at 486-4495. Of course you don't have to be a member to travel with us, but we would be pleased to meet and "break bread" with you at our monthly gatherings. Our first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday, January 13th, so put in on your calendar and think about joining us.

In October we traveled to Olean, New York for Oktoberfest where Rita (shoeless) and Roger showed us how they do the polka! We then toured Allegany State Park. It was a beautiful fall day for leaf peeping too.

By the time this newsletter comes out, we will have enjoyed our last trip of the year, to Rome, New York to "The Beeches" for an all-you-can eat buffet luncheon followed by an afternoon of entertainment celebrating "Christmas all over this land". We'll take a tour of the Onondaga Christmas lights on the way home.



Our annual Christmas party will be Thursday December 9th at the Wishing Well Restaurant on Chili Ave., We held last year's party there as well, and the food and decorations were wonderful. This is a members' only event so if you haven't already signed up but want to attend, please call Mary Anne at 533-1185. Transportation by school bus will be available. Hope to see you all there!

This will be my last newsletter, as a new secretary will be ensconced in January. I've had such fun the last two years writing these stories and I hope you've enjoyed reading them as well. In closing I'd like to wish all of you and your loved ones a warm, wonderful, merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.



**Rush Fire District
Fire Department &
Rush Ambulance**
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COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held on December 14, 2010 from 6 to 9 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. Al Sweet is completing his term as Commissioner and is on the ballot for 2010. This election is open to all registered voters in Rush.

FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: The Organizational Meeting will be held at the Rush FD Station One at 6 pm on January 3rd, 2011.

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Not one person showed up for this mandated hearing that we are required by law to hold every year. Our budget is \$322,000 for 2011. Your tax rate remains \$1.10 per thousand. By NYS Law, our taxing limit for 2011 was \$440,000. Our budget was prepared 28%, or \$118,000 below this amount. Major projects for 2010 came from reserve funds. They were new overhead lights at Station 2 and new epoxy floors in both fire stations truck rooms. In 2011 we hope to install new energy efficient doors in the truck room at Station One and put in a new phone system at Station One.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: It was held at the Riverton golf facility. 30 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.

PAST COMMISSIONER DON DURBIN: Past Rush Firefighter, Fire Police and Commissioner Donald C. Durbin passed away on August 7, 2010 at age 86. Don was a US Army Veteran of WW II and a retiree from Rochester Gas & Electric, after 35 years of service. Don was a very active member of the Rush FD and served as President, a fire police member and was a Fire District Commissioner for several years. Those who wish may make contributions to the Rush Volunteer Fire Dept., in his memory.

HYDRANT MARKERS: It is time to put those plastic hydrant markers back. They could save your life and property! It is dark along our roads –

please wear some reflective clothing when jogging or walking and also carry some ID.

MONROE COUNTY JOINT FIRE SERVICE

AWARDS: On October 7th the Rush FD received a unit commendation for the firefighters who were involved in a vehicle extrication in October 2009. The Rush Fire Department was dispatched to 736 Rush-Scottsville Road for a motor vehicle accident. This MVA was between a car and a tractor trailer. The car had driven right underneath the trailer just ahead of the first axle of the trailer. The driver, an 82 year old woman, was alive but severely trapped. The patient was extricated in less than 15 minutes. The quick and efficient team work that was displayed throughout this incident resulted in this woman making a complete recovery from her injuries. Because of their quick response, efficient size up and detailed and rapid extrication, the firefighters from Rush were awarded this **Unit Commendation Award**. (Photo of the incident at RushFD.org home page)

FD ACTIVITY: As of November 15, we have responded to 347 calls for fire, rescue and ambulance service.

EMTs IN TRAINING: Firefighters Dan Gress, Sharon Gress, Mike Terzo Jr, Adam Hahnel and Andrew Socola are all taking the 160 hour NYS EMT class at MCC. We are required to have an EMT with every patient we transport in the ambulance.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: The annual fund drive second request went out last month. We sent out over 500 letters to people who our records show did not respond in May. 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. 50% of this year's fund drive will go in the new ambulance account.

It is the time of year for "Black Ice" and we have many bridges and areas in town where there are several crashes every year. On days where we could have this ice problem, leave early and slow down.

PLEASE: When you see flashing emergency lights on vehicles up ahead slow down and watch for directions from the fire police, sheriffs or troopers. (NEW LAW) After JANUARY 1st YOU MUST

change to the left lane of a two or more lane in one direction highway and slow down when you approach any emergency vehicle with flashing lights on.

THANK YOU: The Rush Fire Commissioners and Fire Department members wish to thank the Rush FD **Ladies Auxiliary** for taking care of the flowers in front of Station One and for the beautiful Pat Meese Memorial Garden on the west side of Station One.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Rush Fire Department held their Annual Election Day Ham Dinner on Tuesday, November 2nd. Thank you to all who attended and who helped make this dinner a success. Proceeds help to fund the Scholarship given to a Rush student entering college.



SANTA IS COMING TO RUSH

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 10th at 6:45 pm at the Rush Firehouse, 1971 Rush-Mendon Rd. Come and enjoy refreshments, gifts and a special visit from Santa. This year we will also have live animals.

WE NEED YOU

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. Just come to one meeting and you will see what we're all about. The feeling you'll get from participating in community events is wonderful. You will meet new people and establish lifelong friendships and you'll be helping support your local Fire Department. Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining should contact Joan Madigan at:

229-4168

jmadigan@aol.com

www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm

Your Town Budget for 2011

General Revenues

	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Sales Tax	\$ 210,000	17.62%
Mortgage Tax	\$ 70,000	5.87%
Franchises	\$ 22,300	1.87%
Clerk Fees&Other	\$ 5,428	0.46%
Park and Rec.Fees	\$ 59,851	5.02%
Zoning & Planning Fees	\$ 2,000	0.17%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 15,000	1.26%
Interest Earnings	\$ 21,000	1.76%
Property Rental	\$ 49,000	4.11%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 12,680	1.06%
Court Fines	\$ 30,000	2.52%
Other State Aid	\$ 16,563	1.39%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 40,000	3.36%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>637,938</u>	<u>53.53%</u>
Total	\$ 1,191,760	100.00%

General Appropriations

	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
General Government Support	\$ 586,970	49.25%
Public Safety	\$ 44,395	3.73%
Public Transportation	\$ 133,389	11.19%
Economic Assistance and Opportunity	\$ 7,771	0.65%
Culture & Recreation	\$ 104,952	8.81%
Home & Community Benefits	\$ 15,757	1.32%
Bond Principal & Int.	\$ <u>165,276</u>	<u>13.87%</u>
	\$ <u>133,250</u>	<u>11.18%</u>
Total	\$ 1,191,760	100.00%

Highway Revenues

Service to Other Gov.	\$ 191,808	20.92%
Interest Earnings	\$ 1,200	0.13%
Equipment Rental	\$ 207,792	22.66%
State Aid	\$ 38,262	4.17%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 20,000	2.18%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>457,908</u>	<u>49.94%</u>
Total	\$ 916,970	100.00%

Highway Appropriations

Road Repair & Const.	\$ 102,575	11.19%
Machinery	\$ 166,640	18.17%
Misc./Brush & Weeds	\$ 93,843	10.23%
Town Snow Removal	\$ 59,577	6.50%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 216,291	23.59%
Transfer to Reserve	\$ 61,000	6.65%
Benefits	\$ <u>217,044</u>	<u>23.67%</u>
Total	\$ 916,970	100.00%

Library Revenues

Library Charges	\$ 6,190	3.86%
Interest Earnings	\$ 400	0.25%
Minor Sales & Gifts	\$ 1,305	0.81%
State Aid	\$ 1,000	0.62%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 15,000	1.64%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>136,276</u>	<u>92.82%</u>
Total	\$ 160,171	100.00%

Library Appropriations

Library	\$ 141,536	88.37%
Employee Benefits	\$ <u>18,635</u>	<u>11.63%</u>
Total	\$ 160,171	100.00%

General Fund - Appropriations by Department

	dollar amount	percent of budget
Town Board	\$ 33,910	2.85%
Court	\$ 61,923	5.20%
Supervisor and Secretary	\$ 48,408	4.06%
Finance	\$ 34,700	2.91%
Auditor	\$ 10,000	0.84%
Budget	\$ 4,133	0.35%
Assessor and Clerk	\$ 41,523	3.48%
Town Clerk	\$ 94,383	7.92%
Attorney	\$ 47,500	3.99%
Engineer	\$ 25,000	2.10%
Elections	\$ 3,500	0.29%
Buildings	\$ 89,340	7.50%
Storeroom	\$ 2,850	0.24%
Mailing & Printing	\$ 19,200	1.61%
Insurance	\$ 28,000	2.35%
Association Dues	\$ 1,000	0.08%
Payment to Reduce Taxes	\$ 1,800	0.15%
Contingency	\$ 39,800	3.33%
Total General Gov. Support	\$ 586,970	49.25%

Fire Marshall	\$ 7,417	0.62%
Dog Control	\$ 4,461	0.37%
Safety Inspection	\$ 31,447	2.64%
Civil Defense	\$ 1,070	0.10%
Total Public Safety	\$ 44,395	3.73%

	dollar amount	percent of budget
Highway Administration	\$ 84,172	7.06%
Garage	\$ 37,160	3.12%
Street Lighting	\$ 11,500	0.96%
Sidewalks	\$ 557	0.05%
Total Transportation	\$ 133,389	11.19%

Veterans' Services	\$ 400	0.03%
Programs for Aging	\$ 7,371	0.62%
Total Economic Assistance & Opportunity	\$ 7,771	0.65%

Recreation	\$ 71,911	6.04%
Parks	\$ 25,547	2.14%
Historian	\$ 6,794	0.57%
Celebrations	\$ 700	0.06%
Total Cultural & Rec.	\$ 104,952	8.81%

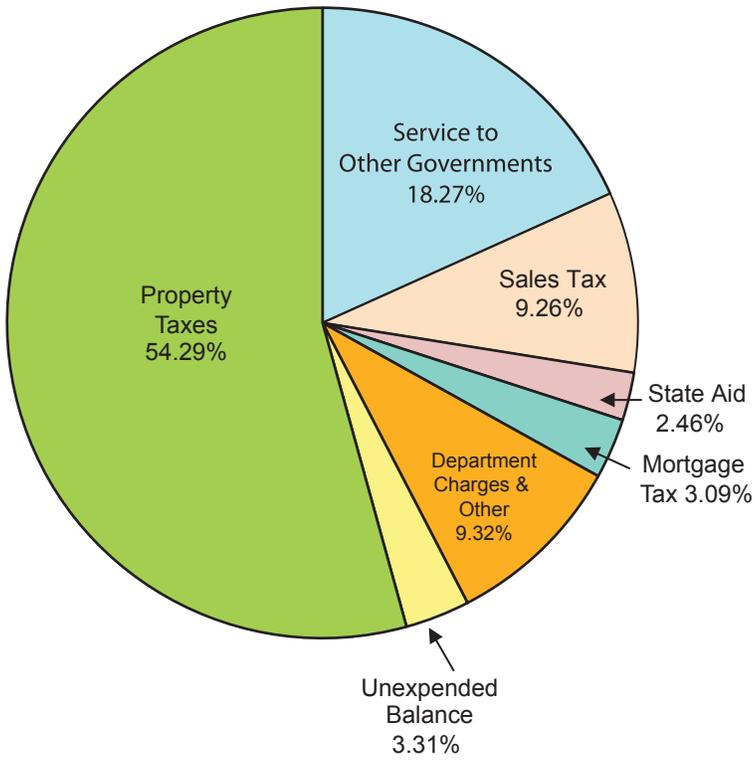
Zoning	\$ 3,266	0.27%
Planning	\$ 7,305	0.61%
Environment Conservation	\$ 2,866	0.24%
Refuse	\$ 500	0.05%
Community Beautification	\$ 1,820	0.15%
Total Home & Community	\$ 15,757	1.32%

Total Employee Benefits	\$ 165,276	13.87%
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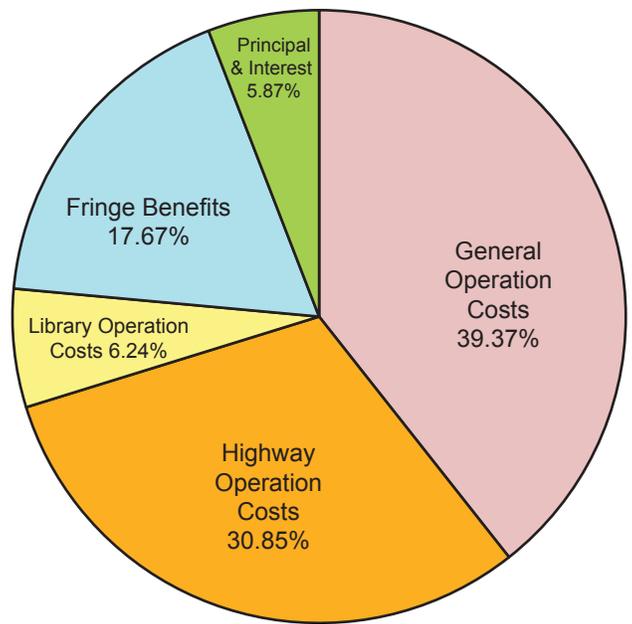
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,191,760	100.00%
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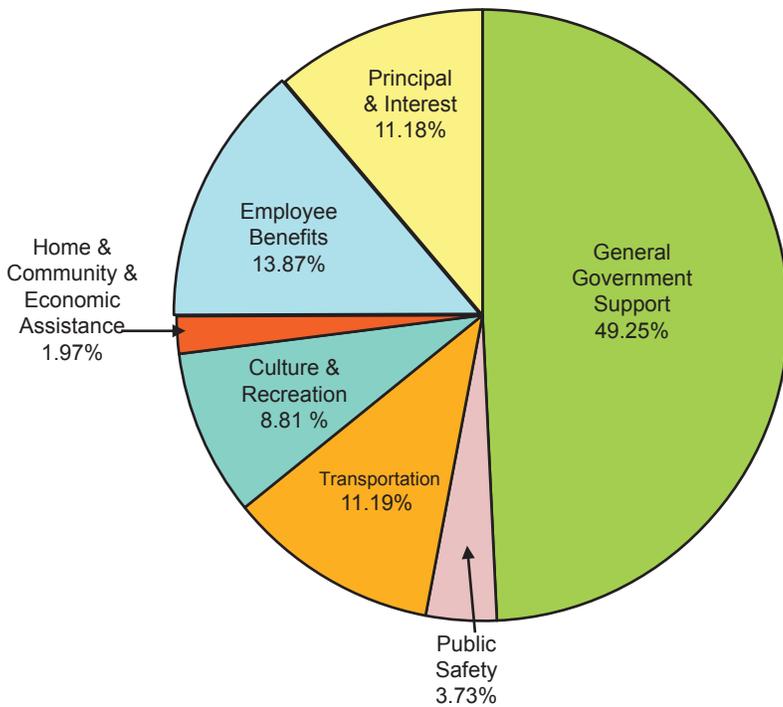
TOWN WIDE REVENUES



TOWN WIDE APPROPRIATIONS



GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS



Budget Comparisons - 10 Years

TOTAL TAXIBLE ASSESSED YEAR VALUATION	Pct Chg	TOTAL TAX RATE	Pct Chg	TOTAL TOWN APPROPR	Pct Chg	ADOPTED BUDGETED REVENUES	Pct Chg	APPROP FUND BALANCE	Pct Chg	RAISED BY TAXES	Pct Chg
2002 209,336,600	1.35%	3.198	-0.1%	1,800,634	4.7%	780,000	3.22%	351,074	16.2%	669,560	1.2%
2003 217,390,312	3.85%	3.889	21.6%	1,786,600	-0.8%	646,696	-17.09%	294,085	-16.2%	845,819	26.3%
	OPERATION	3.205		1,637,600				294,085		696,819	
	R&B	0.684		149,000						149,000	
2004 221,839,521	2.05%	4.140	6.5%	1,907,349	6.8%	735,021	13.66%	253,985	-13.6%	918,343	8.6%
	OPERATION	3.392	5.8%	1,741,411				253,985		752,405	
	R&B	0.748		165,938						165,938	
2005 234,923,832	5.90%	4.110	-0.7%	2,035,499	6.7%	795,273	8.20%	274,689	8.2%	965,537	5.1%
	OPERATION	3.442	1.5%	1,878,499				274,689		808,537	
	R&B	0.668		157,000						157,000	
2006 238,860,422	1.68%	4.255	3.5%	1,982,995	-2.6%	801,588	0.79%	165,000	-39.9%	1,016,407	5.3%
	OPERATION	3.614	5.0%	1,829,745				165,000		863,157	
	R&B	0.642		153,250						153,250	
2007 259,362,456	8.58%	4.254	0.0%	2,128,717	7.3%	925,166	15.42%	100,000	-39.4%	1,103,328	8.6%
	OPERATION	3.679	1.8%	1,979,467				100,000		954,078	
	R&B	0.575		149,250						149,250	
2008 265,904,069	2.52%	4.245	-0.2%	2,407,720	13.1%	1,169,920	26.46%	127,000	27.0%	1,128,823	2.3%
	OPERATION	3.699	0.5%	2,262,470				127,000		983,573	
	R&B	0.546		145,250						145,250	
2009 266,001,508	0.04%	4.395	3.5%	2,219,153	-7.8%	974,959	-16.66%	75,000	-40.9%	1,169,583	3.6%
	OPERATION	3.864	4.5%	2,077,903				75,000		1,027,944	
	R&B	0.531		141,250						141,250	
2010 278,394,441	4.66%	4.388	-0.2%	2,322,434	4.7%	1,034,565	6.11%	65,000	-13.3%	1,222,869	4.6%
	OPERATION	3.895	0.8%	2,185,184				65,000		1,085,619	
	R&B	0.493		137,250						137,250	
2011 280,702,824	0.83%	4.389	0.0%	2,268,900	-2.3%	961,779	-7.04%	75,000	15.4%	1,232,121	0.8%
	OPERATION	3.915	0.5%	2,135,650				75,000		1,098,871	
	R&B	0.475		133,250						133,250	

Rush Town Hall General Information

Main #533-1312		Telephone	Fax #533-9346
Officials			Office Hours
Assessor:	Dan Stanford	533-2330	Monday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)
Assessor's Clerk:	Colleen Statskey	533-2330	Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bldg. Inspector/ Code Enforcement:	Gerald Kusse	533-9114	Mon. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Thurs. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pager: 463-7099; Cell: 278-8130
Finance Director:	Don Reynolds	533-9142	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fire Marshal:	Rick Tracy	533-1312	
Historian:	Margie Kirch	533-1312	Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Highway Superintendent:	Mark David	533-1770	Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Library Director:	Kirsten Flass	533-1370	Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Tues., Thurs., 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Recreation Supervisor:	Patricia Stephens	533-2340	Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Supervisor:	Bill Udicious	533-9058	Monday – Friday
Supervisor's Secretary:	Dawn Marie Annunziata	533-9058	Mon. – Thurs. 8:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Town Clerk:	Pamela Bucci	533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Deputy Town Clerk:	Meribeth Palmer	533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Town Council:	Richard Anderson Thomas Doupe Lisa Sluberski Bill Riepe	533-1312 533-1312 533-1312 533-1312	Town Board meetings are held on the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified in the <i>Henrietta Post</i> .
Town Court Justices:	Paula Anderson Henry Kirch	533-1130 533-1130	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Court Clerks:	Kathie Schneider Sally Newell	533-1130 533-1130	Court Hearings: Mondays 5:00 p.m.

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<u>Other Important Information and Dates:</u> <i>Christmas Eve and Day</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Town Hall, Courts and Library Closed</i> <i>Town Hall and Courts Closed</i> <i>Library Closing at 5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Friday, Saturday - 24th and 25th</i> <i>Friday - 31st</i>



January, 2011 Calendar

<i>Conservation Board</i> <i>Court</i> <i>Library Board of Trustees</i> <i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i> <i>Seniors Lunch</i> <i>Planning Board</i> <i>Board of Fire Commissioners</i> <i>Town Board</i>	7:30 PM 5 PM 7:15 PM 7:00 PM 12 noon @ Firehouse 7:30 PM 7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse 7:00 PM	<i>Thursday - 6th</i> <i>Mondays - 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st</i> <i>Tuesday - 4th</i> <i>Thursday - 13th</i> <i>Thursday - 13th</i> <i>Tuesday - 18th</i> <i>Tuesday - 18th</i> <i>Wednesdays - 12th and 16th</i>
<u>Other Important Information and Dates:</u> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Library Closed</i>	<i>January 1st</i>

For legal notices and meeting agendas, refer to *The Rush-Henrietta Post*, *The Sentinel*, and our website at www.townofrush.com or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 533-1312.