

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

We hope you enjoyed your holidays and we are looking forward to the New Year.

## PROPOSED TRANSFER OF LEGION POST PROPERTY

The corporation that owns the Stevens-Connor Post has proposed the transfer of ownership of the real property at 2611 Pinnacle Road, Rush, to the Town of Rush in consideration of the Post's continued use of a portion of the space and other conditions. The proposal requires further study by the Town Board and the Attorney for the Town.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Monroe County's Home Improvement Program (HIP) provides grants and loans to income-eligible homeowners for home repairs and improvements in the suburban towns and villages.

Eligible repairs include structural (roof, foundation, windows, exterior paint or siding), major systems (plumbing, heating or electrical) and accessibility accommodations (ramps, lifts, doorways, bathrooms). Routine maintenance, remodeling or cosmetic improvements are generally not eligible repairs.

The following program guidelines are used to determine eligibility:

- Household income within program limits (see income limits chart)
- Owner-occupied one or two-family home
- One complete year of ownership

- Prior HIP grant recipients may apply for one repeat grant 10 years after completion of the first project (mobile homes not eligible for repeat grant)

- Prior first-time homebuyer grant recipients are not eligible to apply until the five year affordability period has expired

- Mortgage paid current

- Property taxes paid

- Less than \$20,000 cash or liquid assets

- Proof of homeowner's insurance

- Property value within maximum FHA mortgage limits

### Income Limits (Effective 02/13/08)

Family Size	Family & Senior Grants	Accessibility Grants & Grant/Loan Option
1	\$26,940	\$35,900
2	\$30,780	\$41,050
3	\$34,620	\$46,150
4	\$38,460	\$51,300
5	\$41,520	\$55,400
6	\$44,640	\$59,500
7	\$47,700	\$63,600
8	\$50,760	\$67,700

Depending upon the cost of needed repairs and household income, you may qualify for a grant up to \$7,500. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the Community Development Office at 753-2000 for additional information.

## HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

There is help through Monroe County for first-time home buyers, which is being handled by Providence Housing Development Corporation. For more information, go to the following website: [www.providencehousing.org](http://www.providencehousing.org), click on Housing, then click on Home Ownership Application.

## EPA TO OVERSEE REMOVAL ACTIVITIES AT THE ROLLING PLAINS DEVELOPMENT SITE

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As you may know, the RPDS (Rolling Plains Development Site) is a residential development site in the Town of Mendon on the eastern boundary of the Town of Rush. The site is approximately 500 feet long and approximately 800 feet north of the Plains Road - Route 15A intersection. To remind you of the information I provided in the 2005 June/July Newsletter, I am repeating this article for your review.

### Rolling Plains Development - Drum Removal (Town of Mendon)

On May 3, 2005, heavy equipment operators of Kalden Construction uncovered approximately eight (8) abandoned 55-gallon drums while constructing a roadway for an expansion of the Rolling Plains subdivision. Subsequently, the developer – Kalden Properties of Honeoye Falls, contacted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to report the discovery of the drums. Kalden Properties retained Leader Professional Services, Inc., to conduct the removal of the drums and to begin an investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination.

From a preliminary investigation, it appears that the drums were placed in the ground prior to 1977 when the area in question was operated as a gravel pit. Specific details regarding the drums and their placement are still under investigation. As of May 11, 2005,

AAA Environmental, under the direction of Leader Professional Services, Inc., has removed one hundred three (103) 55-gallon drums and it appears that there may be more yet to be unearthed. From inspection of the drums and the initial laboratory analytical results, the drums appear to contain waste paint and rags contaminated with solvents. The solvents detected include: acetone, trichloroethylene, trichloroethane, 4-methyl-2-pentanone, styrene, ethylbenzene, xylene and toluene. These solvents are typically used in painting operations and degreasers and thinners. High concentrations of lead have also been detected in the paint wastes.

A public informational meeting was held in the Honeoye Falls High School Auditorium on May 18<sup>th</sup> and attended by approximately 110 people including Rush residents living in proximity to the site and Rush Town Officials.

A geophysical survey was completed during the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. No additional drums have been discovered.

A second round of potable water well sampling took place Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> for Rush residents to the north (down gradient) of this property.

Kalden, the Developer, will pay for the offsite approved disposal of the drums in the roll-offs and may also remove and properly dispose of grossly contaminated soil around where the drums were buried. Once the drums are disposed of off site, the project will move to the Hazardous Waste Remediation program to fully characterize the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination.

DEC investigators continue follow up on leads.

In December of 2008, I was informed that Hanson Aggregates New York, Inc., the prior owner/operator of the former gravel pit, consented in an order to conduct the removal activities in September, 2008. They submitted a work plan, sampling plan, and health and safety plan in October to EPA which was approved in November. In December, the

Unisys Corporation under an Administrative Order, chose to coordinate and cooperate with the removal to be performed by Hanson.

EPA was to begin oversight activities at the Site the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will begin site mobilization, excavation, and off-site disposal of the approximately 200 cubic yards of lead contaminated soil, sampling and analysis, backfilling with clean soil, construction and operation of a soil vapor extraction treatment system, which includes the installation of 10 extraction wells and 4 observation wells. The soil excavation portion of the cleanup will take approximately two weeks. The remaining activities are expected to be completed in approximately 12 to 15 months. Air monitoring will be conducted during the soil excavation to protect workers and the public. EPA will oversee all site related activities.

We will continue to keep you updated on current town news.

Sincerely, *William R. Udicious*

William R. Udicious



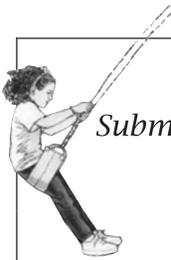
**Town Clerk's Office**

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

**2009 CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM**



Forms for the 2009 Conservation Tree, Shrub & Plant Program are available in the Town Clerk's Office or by visiting [www.monroecountyswcd.org](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org). All orders and payment are due and payable to the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tree pick-up is scheduled for April 23-24, 9AM – 6 PM, behind Building A at the MCWSCD, 1200A Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624.



**Recreation Department**

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor  
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Thursdays 8:30 AM-3:30 PM  
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pat@townofrush.com



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

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

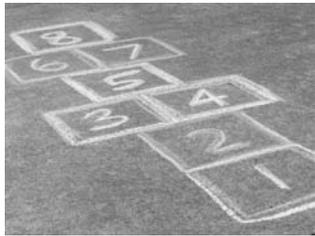


Spring time is just around the corner, and so are the **Spring Flag Football** classes. Marcus Robinson will be coaching. We have added an additional day during the week so the participants can play games. The program will run for 6 weeks. The days and dates are Mondays April 27<sup>th</sup>-June 8<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesdays April 29<sup>th</sup>-June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM-7:30PM at the Monica Leary gym and fields. Due to the Memorial Day holiday there will be no camp the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$70.00 for Rush residents and \$75.00 for non-Rush

residents. The participants need to be 8-12 years old. The 8 year old children need to have prior experience with football. The participants will be working on fundamentals and skills on Mondays and playing the game of football on Wednesdays. The sign up for this program begins March 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends on April 17<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up at the Rush Town Clerk's Office.



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



In the next newsletter, there will be more information on Summer Recreation programs!

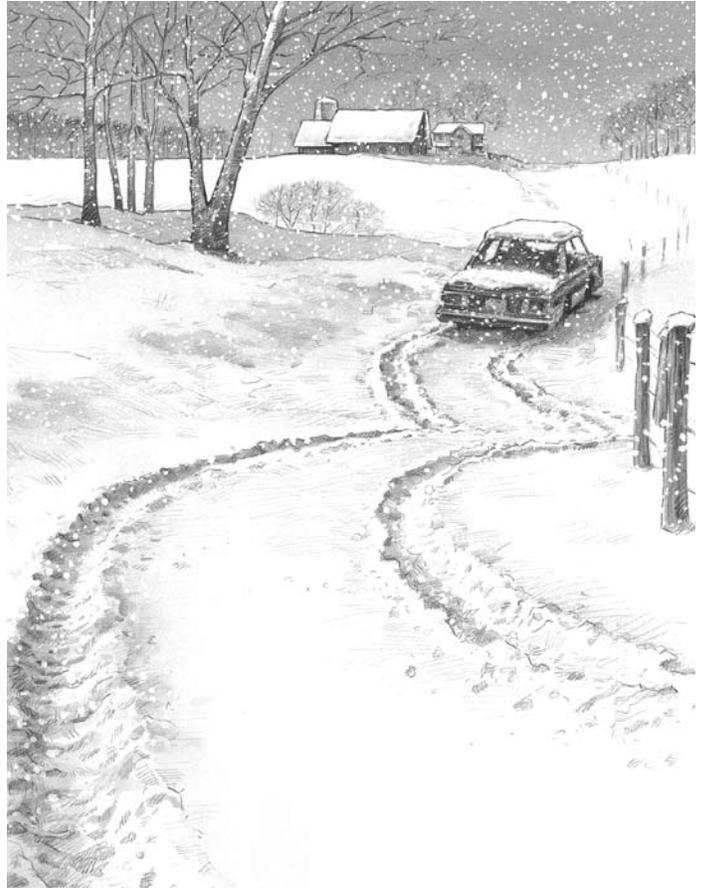
**Assessor's Office**



Submitted by: Kevin Quinlan, Assessor  
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 Deb Curran, Clerk  
 Mon. - Thurs. 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM  
[deb@townofrush.com](mailto:deb@townofrush.com)

Work is progressing on the town-wide re-valuation project. We are still accepting renewals on exemptions. Please remember that the due date is **March 1, 2009**. If you

have any questions regarding exemptions, please call our office.



**Highway Department**

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

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
[www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com)

**An Open Letter to the Residents of Monroe County from your Highway Superintendent's Association**

For your safety and well being during inclement weather, you should reduce your speed and drive according to the highway conditions. Winter driving conditions with icy and snow covered roads require more driving care. If your vehicle becomes stranded, contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Department at #911 and they will notify the appropriate Highway Department.

## Snow Removal

The law regarding the depositing of snow on highways, shoulders or ditches is as follows:

“Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of the Highway Law of New York State specifically prohibit the placing or leaving of snow, ice or other substance upon any highway (which includes pavement, shoulders and ditches). As a result, should these practices occur, police agencies will be notified of such occurrence(s) with the intent that a Summons will be issued to the responsible person or persons. Any vehicles left on the side of the road will be towed at the owner’s expense because it hampers snow removal. Pushing snow across highways is illegal and violators will be prosecuted.”

## Mailboxes

Mailboxes damaged during snow removal:

During and after significant snow storms, Highway Agencies, in the course of plowing, receive phone calls regarding damage to mailboxes, either from snow plows directly or from the force of snow being thrown by the plows. If such damage is indeed caused by snow removal, it is not done intentionally but is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal.

As far as the particular agencies replacing damaged mailboxes, it must be pointed out that there is no statutory or legal authority which grants a property owner or resident along a public highway any right to place a mailbox in a highway right-of-way. That the mailbox is on town or county right-of-way is a courtesy to the postal service.

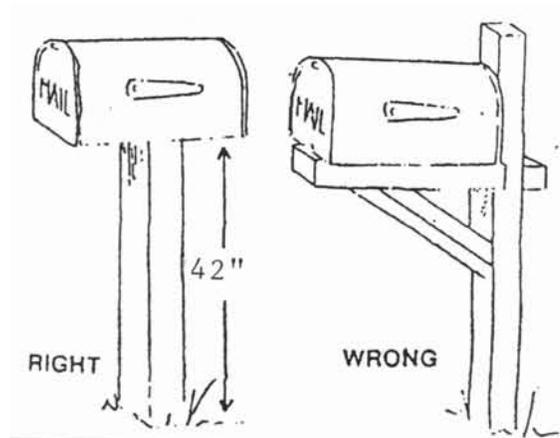
Thus, when the necessity of keeping the highway open conflicts with the individuals reception of the mail, the latter must stand aside. The owner might even be compelled to remove the box under Highway Law #319.

From past experience, we have found that plastic mailboxes do not withstand the abuse of

snow from the plows hitting them and are not recommended.

As a courtesy, the Highway Department will place a temporary box so that a resident can receive mail if their box is damaged by the plow, but we will not replace any fancy mailbox or post.

Mailbox posts with fancy supports are not recommended as they stick down under the box and give the wing plow something to get hold of. A box mounted directly on top of a treated 4x4 is the best. Please note illustrations below.



For further information, contact your Highway Superintendent.

<b>Library News</b> 	<i>Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director</i> <i>Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,</i> <i>Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM</i> <i>Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM (Sept. - May)</i> <i>Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546</i> <b><a href="http://www.libraryweb.org/rush">www.libraryweb.org/rush</a></b>
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Dear Neighbors:

**Wine-Tasting Benefit:** As of the writing of this newsletter, tickets are still available for the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Benefit** sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library. It will be held on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 7-9:30 pm** at the Rabbit Room in Honeoye Falls. Join us for our elegant evening of savoring wines from Italy in an atmosphere of fine art and camaraderie in the historic Mill Gallery. Tickets

are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple (cash or check only) and are on sale in the library. In addition to tasting wines, we will continue our tradition of offering hors d'oeuvres, a chocolate-tasting table, coffee and dessert, as well as the silent auction table. For information about donating items to the silent auction please contact Friends' chairperson, Heather Iannone (359-9914.) *Thank you to our wonderful Friends Group and sponsors... and especially The Rabbit Room and staff, Vern Vallance Septic Service, Tri-Delta Resources, Hedding Homes, Marketplace Mall, SPS Medical, West Rush Productions, Dinner's On Me, M Eclectables, and everyone who donated items for our Silent Auction.* A complete list of our sponsors will be in the next newsletter! Proceeds from this benefit will support our Reading Garden and additional projects inside the library. **We'd love to see you there!**

**Reading Garden Update:** The Rush Public Library has been approved for a grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation for the Reading Garden/Gazebo project in the amount of \$3,374. This will help support landscaping costs and create a more beautiful public space for the whole community to enjoy. And thank you to Maryann Prezzano and Ray & Peg Warrick for spreading the mulch around the gazebo plantings this fall. The Friends of the Library will be creating a Garden Committee to maintain the Reading Garden landscape, and if you are interested in joining it, feel free to stop in and see me, or attend an upcoming Friends' meeting. Our dedication ceremony details will be in the next newsletter!

**Tax Forms:** Federal and New York State tax forms are available in limited supply on our tax table inside the library. You can also download and print NYS forms at <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/> and federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/> or stop in and our library staff members will be happy to help you.



**The Mitten & Scarf Project:** The Rush Library is pleased to be collaborating for the third time with the **Monroe County Fair Association** on a community service project. This year the project is the creation of either mittens or a scarf (knitted, crocheted, or sewn) intended for the Rochester City School District's neediest students. **You can drop off completed mittens and scarves at the library and they will be on display until June 20<sup>th</sup>**; then they'll be delivered to the Fair & Expo Center in time to be exhibited at the Monroe County Fair in July. Last year more than 800 lap blankets were donated to local nursing home residents and dialysis patients in the county through this partnership, and we'd love your help!



**Job Search Help:** In these uncertain times you can turn to your local library for assistance. Here in Rush I have been ordering new job search guides, and we have many resources on resume-writing, cover letter-writing, and career counseling. As well, the Central Library Business Division in Rochester has a wealth of information, including a weekly blog (<http://bussoclibrarian.wordpress.com/>) and a small business resource center. These downtown librarians have additional comprehensive training in delivering the information you need for a fresh start. We are also bringing in RochesterWorks for several programs (see below for details) to help you achieve your goals.

**School Break Ideas:** If you are looking for something inexpensive and interesting to do with your family during school breaks, or on winter weekends, you might be interested in our **Memorial Art Gallery Family Pass**. This pass can be checked out for one week, and entitles your *whole family* to visit MAG for only \$5.00. This is a considerable savings over regular admission. And we always have an assortment of books available to help your children work on **science fair projects** or to

learn **cooking** or **crafting** skills or to learn new **games**. In addition, we are offering a wide range of **free programs** to the community and hope you'll find something of interest to you and your family. If you have an idea for a program you'd like to present or an activity to try, we welcome your feedback.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Kirsten

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

### **February Events:**

**A Vegan Valentine on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from Noon-1:30pm.** Enjoy a basic level vegan cooking demonstration and tasting, where you'll have the opportunity to learn how to make tasty finger foods without using meat or dairy. Sponsored by the Rush Public Library, with Wendy Gilmore of the Rochester Area Vegetarian Society. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Tax Talk on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-6:00pm.** Got questions? We've got the answers! Representatives from H & R Block will be here to sit and chat with you and set your mind at ease when it comes to preparing and filing your taxes. This program is being offered free of charge, and will be free from any sales pitch.

**American Girl Club** resumes on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30** and also on **February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. In this session we will discover the world of **Julie (1974)** "a girl full of energy and new ideas, trying to find her place in times of change" along with her trendy teenage sister and her best friend Ivy. This program is for children ages 6-10 and consists of a brief history of the period, listening to a story, and a craft project that pertains to this era. Space is limited and registration is

required. **Families should try to commit to all 3 sessions since there is usually a waiting list for this program.**

**Pre-School Story Time** will begin on **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-12:15pm.** This 10-week program is for children ages 3-5, and consists of a different story theme each week, simple games and crafts. Children should be able to sit by themselves in a group setting with their peers. Parents are required to remain in the Library during Story Time. Space is limited and registration is required. **Families should try to commit to all of the sessions since there is usually a waiting list for this program.**

**Valentine's Day Craft Party on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-Noon.** This program is for children ages 6-10. Come and make a Valentine mailbox, bracelet and other crafts. Valentine treats for all. Space is limited and registration is required.



**First Aid Basics for Kids** presented by **E.P.I.C. Trainings** will be held on **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1:30pm.** This course teaches **kids ages 11-16** the skills and techniques necessary to prevent, recognize and respond to first aid related emergencies. The fee for this class is **\$30.00** (payable on that date) and meets Girl and Boy Scout Badge Requirements including the Readyman's Badge (not included.) A certification is issued upon successful completion of the course. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Home Alone Safety: When I'm in Charge** presented by **E.P.I.C. Trainings** on **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00pm.** This course is designed to teach children **ages 7-14** who are home by themselves the importance of behaving responsibly, and how to handle themselves when confronted with the challenges of being home alone. The fee for this course is \$15.00 (payable on that date) and includes a student workbook and a Child

Print ID Worksheet (stores fingerprints, photo, and medical/dental info, DNA and more.) Space is limited and registration is required.

**Friends of the Rush Library** will meet on **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** We'll be wrapping up the Wine-Tasting Benefit and discussing the Garden committee, plus other fundraising and advocacy efforts. We'd love *your* help!

**Flower City Rug Hookers** demonstration will be presented on **Tuesday evening, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.** For decades Monroe County Hooked Rug Guild members have been creating rugs, wall hangings, pillows etc. by using a hand hook to pull fabric strips or yarn through a backing. Hooked rugs are beautiful and functional works of art. Learn the historic background as well as the newest trends and techniques. Space is limited and registration is required.

#### **School Break activities:**

**Wii for Kids** will be on **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30pm.** Ban your boredom! **Kids ages 7-12** are invited to try their hand at this fun activity! You must register for this program in advance.

**Teen DDR: Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:00 pm:** Come to the library for a Dance Dance Revolution! Have fun and get fit. **Ages 13+.** Please register in advance.

**Teen Night: Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:15-7:30 pm. Wii Mania-** bring your games (**rated T or lower**) and bring your extra controllers for fun with your friends and neighbors. **Ages 13+. Space is limited;** please sign up at the library. Snacks will be provided.

**Babysitter's Training** is being offered by **E.P.I.C. Trainings** on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am - 4:30pm.** This course is designed to teach children ages 11 and up the roles and responsibilities of being a babysitter, including skills in accident prevention and



emergency care. A \$40.00 fee per student (payable on that date) includes all supplies, and a certificate of completion is included. Students are advised to bring a bag lunch and refrigeration is available. Space is limited and registration is required.

**American Girl Movie** for children ages **9 and up** on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.** Come see the newest movie, "**Chrissa Stands Strong**". Meet Chrissa Maxwell... she and her family have just moved, and now it's up to Chrissa to find a way to make new friends and stand up to stop the bullying she experiences as the new kid. This is a great movie about a timely topic! **Space is limited and registration is required.** Parents who wish to watch the movie with their child must register for a seat. Popcorn and sodas will be available.



**Snow Day Story Time!** on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-**

**12:15pm.** Young children and their families are invited to come and meet local author and illustrator, **Barbara Mugnolo-Williams** as she spins her original tale of "Suzie the Snobby Snowflake" and other entertaining and interactive stories. This program is free and open to the public.

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** will meet on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:00 pm.** We'll be reading Consumption by Kevin Patterson. *Publisher's Weekly* says "...he delivers a searingly visceral message about love, loss and dislocation." 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.

**Library Knit Chicks:** is a monthly knitting circle at the library, meeting on the **last Saturday of each month at 10:30am. We'll meet February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.** 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!

## March Events:

**Intro to RochesterWorks!** Rochester's best-kept secret, RochesterWorks, is Monroe County's largest employment and training initiative, and is dedicated to helping Monroe County develop a strong workforce. This is the first in a series of programs on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.** Find out how RochesterWorks can help you hone your job search skills. Their services include individualized career advisement and exploration, skills assessment and development, training grants to start new careers, on-site employer recruitment events, and over 100 career development workshops monthly. All services are free to job seekers. **RochesterWorks requires at least 10 participants in order to present this program, so sign up with a friend or neighbor!** Space is limited and registration is required.

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day** a wee bit early with us on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-Noon.** Irish entertainment, crafts and snacks will be provided. Join us for this fun event! Please register ahead of time so that we know how many children to expect.



**Rush Library Boy's Club** will resume on **Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30** and also on **March 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.** This program is for boys **ages 6-10.** Join us for games, stories and an afterschool snack. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Crafter's Corner for Adults** will be on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.** This is another wonderful jewelry project with Heather Iannone. Come and create a matching copper wire beaded ring and bracelet set. The cost of materials is \$7.00 for everything you need to create modern, one-of-a-kind jewelry. A

sample will be on display in the Library. Space is limited and registration is required. Bring a friend for a fun evening!

**RochesterWorks! Presents: "Where the Jobs Are and What Employers Are Looking For Today."** This program will be held on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.** You will learn what businesses are looking for in an employee, as well as techniques that enable you to understand how to market yourself to them. You will also get the latest information regarding the fastest growing industry sectors in Monroe County and the occupations with the highest demand. **We are required to have at least 10 participants in order to present this program.** Space is limited and registration is required.

**Rush Readers' Book Club** is meeting on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9:00 pm.** We will be participating once more in "If All of Rochester Read the Same Book" sponsored by Writers and Books. This year the selection is **Jim the Boy**, by Tony Early, "...a luminous portrait of a ten-year-old boy growing up in the Depression-era town of Aliceville, North Carolina. At once delightful and wise, it brilliantly captures the pleasures and fears of youth at a time when America itself was young." Due to the popularity of this program, participants are encouraged to purchase a copy of this novel, as library copies may be in short supply and may have long waiting lists. Author Tony Earley will be in Rochester March 25-27, and many events will be held throughout the county for readers. We'll have readers' guides and a schedule of community events in March. To participate in *our* discussion, please register in advance, as space is limited.

**Teen Murder-Mystery: Friday, March 27th, 6:00-8:00 pm.** This popular event for teens will be staged as a bunch of teen rockers (the idol, the guitarist, the manager, etc.) trying to unravel the crime. **Ages 13+. Advance sign-**

up is necessary in order to get a role in the game! Space is limited, so register early!



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

Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner  
Phone: 533-2058, [www.rushfd.org](http://www.rushfd.org)



**Rush Senior Citizens**

Submitted by: Sue Miller, Secretary

Rush seniors had a very eventful 2008 and we are looking forward to good friends, good food and fun traveling in 2009.

Stepping down as Secretary, Alice Hoh. A huge thank you, for your expertise in that position, as well as all of the other thoughtful, caring extras you do. Now, relax and enjoy the socializing. Also stepping down after many years as trip director - Charlie Gruschow. Thank you so much for the many hours of work and planning you did that made for the wonderful times we all had on those trips. Now you too, can sit back and enjoy.

On Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Mendon to see Msgr. Schnacky's Mendon Players, This year's play is entitled "Trapped in a Villains Web", or, "Weave me alone". This is always a fun night. Then on March 19<sup>th</sup>, we're off to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn in Angelica for their delicious buckwheat pancakes.

Preliminary plans for our monthly trips were discussed and an extended trip to Vermont in September was voted for. Anyone is cordially invited to join us on any of our trips.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you are a Rush resident 55 years of age or older, please consider joining us at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to pass that will serve 10-12 people, and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. See you at the Rush Firehouse. Any questions, please call President, Marge Williams at 533-2101.



**FIRE DISTRICT:** The Organizational Meeting was held on January 2, 2009. **Bob Faugh** was elected as Chairman and **Larry Meston** was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners. **Robert Kuhls** was appointed as Treasurer and **Karen Wandersleben** was appointed to the Secretary position. The Fire Commissioners meetings will be held the third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m., at Station One. All of our meetings are open to the public.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE:** The line officers for the Department were approved by the Board of Directors at the January meeting. All are listed on the web site. The active and social officers are also listed. **James J. Bucci Jr.** is the new Fire Chief. **Dale Sweet** completed 9 years of service as Chief and our hats are off for his dedication and hard work over these past years. Dale was just elected to the position of President of the Monroe County Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association.

**ANNUAL REPORT:**

**Total of 378 Fire & EMS Calls for 2008 -** a call every 23 hours. We had an average of 18 Firefighters respond to all serious calls. We had one serious property loss fire; had no injuries or deaths involved in any of the fires. We still report many false alarms. PLEASE, if your security system goes off, call 9-1-1 and tell them what is going on. DO NOT RELY on little boy that cried wolf syndrome is not a myth.)

**Calls 226 Total Ambulance.** (Average 7 f/f's responded - MVA's not included.) We responded to 50 MVA's. We only had to use our heavy extrication equipment on 5 calls. We transported 113 patients with another 26 being transported by an ALS/BLS ambulance. We transported 60 of the 113 with ALS in our

ambulance. 80 Total ALS Transports. Henrietta Ambulance provided 95% of our ALS for 2008.

Our average response time to get a properly equipped "first responder" EMT on scene was 5 minutes 90% of the time. This response time is exceptional and beat almost everyone in Monroe County, most of which are paid services. We have two "first responder" officer's cars equipped with automatic defibrillators and several others with basic life support equipment that respond to the scene.

3,000 man/woman hours were expended on these calls. All these hours were donated by your relatives, friends and neighbors. Another 3,500 hours were donated for training, seminars, drills, carnival, maintenance on equipment/ buildings and local, regional and state meetings.

**FUND DRIVE:** We have received over \$54,000 from the 2008 annual fund drive. **Thank you very much!** The per resident donation is unmatched ANYWHERE in Western New York State. The money goes for general operations such as Fire Prevention, Girl/Boy Scouts and Explorer sponsorships, training/seminars, fire and EMS equipment, office costs and the balance into Rescue Truck and Ambulance replacement funds. No fund drive money is ever used for our few social functions.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Keep up the good work, watch those candles and wood stoves. **Keep the hydrant near your home clear of snow.** Let's continue to have a safe winter!

**RUSH FD WEB SITE:** We update the NEWS section of our web site with pictures and information every few days. [www.RushFD.org](http://www.RushFD.org)

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** The Officers for the **Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary** for **2009** are:

- President:** Donna Eggleston
- Vice President:** Carol Ann Stahl
- Treasurer:** Kathy Reissig
- Secretary:** Michele Hicks
- Executive Officer:** Bonnie Tobey

**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 [jmadigan@aol.com](mailto:jmadigan@aol.com) . You can find out more information or download an application at <http://www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm>.

### **RUSH FIREMEN'S LADIES AUXILIARY WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary Wilkins Scholarship Award was created in memory of Grace "Betty" Wilkins for her contributions to the Rush community through her generous volunteer efforts. This award will be given to either one or two residents of the Town of Rush depending upon the number of qualified candidates. The amount of this award is \$1,000 for each resident selected. Guidelines for applying for this scholarship are as follows:

***Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Rush. Applicant must provide evidence of satisfactory grades. Applicant must have contributed to the community through religious affiliated activities, scouting, volunteer work, etc. Emphasis will be placed on the amount and diversity of public service. Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or technical school at which he/she will earn a degree.***

Applications can be obtained at the Rush-Henrietta Senior High School guidance office. The final selection of the recipient will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. A "Certificate" will be presented to the recipient of the Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary Wilkins Scholarship Award at the Senior Awards Ceremony at the appropriate school. The check will be sent to the winner after the Scholarship Selection Committee receives verification that he/she is enrolled in a degree program. Please return completed applications by **Monday, April 13, 2009** to the:

Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary  
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee  
1971 Rush-Mendon Road  
Rush, NY 14543

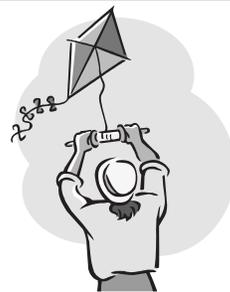
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**February, 2009 Calendar**

<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 @ Rush Firehouse 7:30 PM 7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse 7:00 PM	<i>Thursday - 5<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Mondays - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup></i> <i>Tuesday - 3<sup>rd</sup></i> <i>Thursday - 12<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Thursday - 12<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Tuesday - 17<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Tuesday - 17<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Wednesdays - 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup></i>
<u>Other Important Information and Dates: President's Day</u>	Court Closed	<i>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup></i>



**March 2009 Calendar**

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<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day !</i>		<i>March 17<sup>th</sup></i>

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