

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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## Supervisor's Office

Bill Udicious

Monday - Friday 533-9058

Dear Residents:

### Extension of Sidewalk on Rush-Lima Road

Additional sidewalk will be added this summer on the Rush-Lima Road. New sidewalk that was added in 2003 from Park Lane just past 6170 Rush Lima Road was part of the large sidewalk project. \$9,190 of State funds remain from a total grant of \$125,000 and if not used, we will lose these funds. Total cost for this extension is estimated at \$15,000 with approximately \$6,000 coming from our General Fund. This new sidewalk will terminate at the entrance to the Rush Methodist Church parking lot.

### Playground



Specifications have been developed and we have requested proposals for the furnishing and installing of playground equipment near the rear parking lot. Bid opening will take place on June 6, 2005. Our Highway Department will do the necessary grading on the site. We expect completion of the playground in August. Funding for this project comes from a Community Development Block Grant of \$40,000 and a donation from Mr. and Mrs. James Volpe of \$10,000. If any additional funding is necessary, it will come from the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund.

### Reconstruction of the Intersection of Honeoye Falls No. 6 Road at Works Road

Project completion is scheduled for mid-June. Works Road is open to northbound and southbound traffic. Traffic within ½ mile west of the intersection on Honeoye Falls No. 6 Road is currently restricted to **LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY** as of this date (May 25<sup>th</sup>), however, this restriction should be lifted by early June. **ONLY LOCAL TRAFFIC** is allowed east of the intersection on Honeoye Falls No. 6 Road until mid-June.

### 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.

### Spring Clean-up of Rush

Thank you to Joe Schmitthener of Boy Scout Troop 224 who coordinated the Clean-up effort and all the 65 volunteers who participated in the Spring Clean-up on April 23, 2005, despite the inclement weather. Over 100 bags of litter were picked up from along roads and parking lots in and outside of the hamlet. Also, a special thanks to the businesses that donated supplies and also food for the volunteers. They were: Gander Mountain, Dick's, Home Depot, Chase-Pitkin, Target, Wegmans, Krispy Kreme, Park Lane Pizza and Rush Market & Deli.



Congratulations to all our graduates.

Hope you all have an enjoyable Independence Day.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

**Assessor's Office**  
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### UPDATE

The Assessor's Office has just concluded the annual grievance process and we are already preparing for the 2006 assessment roll. As you probably know, the Town of Rush participates in the NYS Annual Reassessment Program and the preliminary statistics from NYS indicated that our current assessed values are falling outside the required parameters. This is determined by measuring sale price relative to assessed value over time and over a number of transactions. For example, a random sample of late 2004 and 2005 property sale prices/assessments include:

\$269,900/\$252,000	(93%)
\$94,000/\$86,800	(92%)
\$94,000/\$89,300	(95%)
\$150,400/\$150,000	(100%)
\$117,800/\$116,500	(99%)
\$133,500/\$138,000	(1.03%)
\$190,000/\$165,600	(87%)
\$179,000/\$170,000	(95%)
\$235,000/\$249,500	(1.06%)
\$179,000/\$156,700	(88%)
\$229,000/\$185,000	(81%)

As you can see, the assessed values typically lag selling prices due to the continued increasing prices/values of homes. This certainly is good news.

Due to the requirements of the Annual Reassessment Program, I expect we will be required to review and update the major

component of the 2006 Assessment Roll, that being the residential component.

## **Town Clerk's Office**

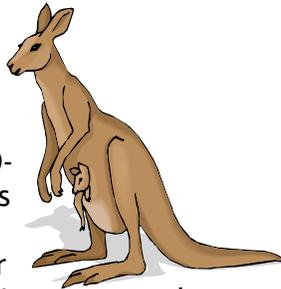
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Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM,  
Thurs. until 6 PM*

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

On Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Town Clerk's Office will be closed to allow the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to attend the Tax Collector's Annual Educational Conference. Other town offices will be open for their regularly scheduled hours. The office will be open for regular hours on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Town Hall and Library will be closed for the Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **WILD ANIMALS KEPT AS PETS**

General Municipal Law Sec. 209-cc of New York State requires the annual reporting of the owning, possessing or harboring of wild animals within the town to the Town Clerk's Office. This information will be shared with the emergency services (Fire Department, Ambulance, etc.) in case they must respond to the home. Any resident who has an exotic animal is asked to contact the Town Clerk's office to obtain the necessary reporting form and a list of the animals that necessitate their registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.



### **SAFE RETURN**

The Alzheimer's Association has made available in the Town Clerk's office information on their program SAFE RETURN, which is aimed at the care givers to individuals that may be suffering from the effects of dementia or Alzheimer's. There are two brochures available that address wandering and the Safe Return program. If you have any need for this information, please stop in the town offices to pick up the brochures.



## **Rush Senior Citizens**

*Submitted by: Virginia Bock*

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Sperry National Honor Society provided a wonderful dinner and special entertainment at Sperry High School. We traveled on our "mystery" trip to Stow, New York to visit an Amish Community in "The Simpler Times". The Amish gave us a tour and prepared a lunch which duplicated an Amish Wedding Feast. We were given an opportunity for a horse and buggy ride, went through an 1800 school house and visited their gift shop and bakery. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Planned trips include: a cruise and lunch on the Grand Lady on June 21<sup>st</sup> and a trip to Fort Erie is planned for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rush Creekside Inn. This will be hosted by the Rush Lions Club at 12 noon. This particular meeting is for members only.

Anyone 55 years or older is welcome to join our group. You are invited to our July 14<sup>th</sup> picnic which will be held at the Rush Fire Department pavilion. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

### **Library News**

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**From the Director:** The Library will be applying itself to a new challenge in the coming weeks and our success will depend on you. We have been working behind the scenes for several months to plan for the creation of a Book Nook at the Library to provide an ongoing reliable revenue stream to continue to fund the purchase of our audio book collection. A confluence of circumstances have made it increasingly difficult to hold large

scale book sales at the Library. The revenue previously generated by these semi-annual sales provided the additional \$2,500 per year required to supplement our audio book collection budget. In order to continue that funding stream, the Library will reconfigure a portion of its existing space to create a Book Nook to sell used books on an on-going basis. Our hope is to create a reputation as a viable outlet for the public to purchase used books in good condition. We have the volunteers, staff and procedures in place to launch this effort beginning in July. All we need to be viable are sufficient good quality donations from you and your friends and relatives! We will welcome your donations of good quality used books beginning in June. No textbooks, Readers Digest Condensed Books or magazines, please. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Brownstone Book Fund** - The Library has recently been awarded a Brownstone Book Fund grant. The grant will enable the Library to select 100 children’s hardcover books from a specially prepared list of titles ranging from pre-school to early readers. These books are a donation from a private foundation in New York City interested in fostering early reading and a love of books. The



Library will celebrate the arrival of these books with a *Brownstone Book Bash!* Watch for details in the Library.

**Volunteers Welcome** - The Library is looking for a few committed volunteers. We have two short term and two long term projects that could be accelerated by adult volunteers. Monthly circulation at the Library has increased by over 60% in the past four years. Staff are finding it increasingly difficult to find time for the many extra projects that we often try to undertake to make our Library a truly special place. If you have as little as one hour per week or two hours bi-monthly and would like to make a commitment to help us out, we might have a spot for you. Possible long term activities include: watering our ever-growing collection of house plants (one hour per week) or mending our worn books (two or three hours bi-monthly); or a “short” term

project could include helping us re-label our adult fiction collection of about 5,000 volumes. Joan Celentano would also welcome a few dedicated individuals who might want to volunteer 2-3 hours per week for the month of July to help us with our Summer Reading Program. If you have the background to assist the 80 - 100 children who participate in this program play the reading game, choose their books, and record their efforts, we would love to hear from you. Please call the Library and ask for Joan or Jenny.

**Rush Readers’ Adult Book Club** will meet again on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9:30 PM. Our book selection is *The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton* by Jane Smiley. Copies of this book have been reserved and are available at the Library for you to check out. Please contact Kirsten Flass or Joan Celentano at 533-1370 for more information. Advanced registration is requested.

**Summer Hours & Closed Dates** - The Library will close on Saturdays for the summer beginning June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will re-open on Saturdays beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Library will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day and will also close early at 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of the parade and Fire Department carnival.

**TUNE IN @ YOUR LIBRARY** - Children’s Summer Reading Program Activities:



The Rush Public Library will once again participate in the New York State Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is “Tune in @ Your Library.” Our program will run from Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Children ages 5 - 12 may register and begin the Summer Reading Program on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> during regular Library hours or anytime thereafter. Join us as we jump-start our Reading and Music fest on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM for Cookie Songwriting with Jeff Clough. Children will be able to “compose” their own special song on the keyboard with the help of Jeff and some cookies! Also, make your own ice cream sundaes!

Music In the Movies! Hey kids, take a break from the summer heat and come to the Library on Thursdays in July from 11:30AM-1:30 PM for a special movie musical each week. Popcorn and sodas will be available. Look for dates and movie titles in our Summer Reading Brochure.

"Tune in @ Your Library" Magic Show on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Join us for this mid-summer reinforcing activity to reward our readers for all of their hard work. Bill Gormont (Empire Magic) presents a unique and entertaining radio-style performance that blends magic and music with a reading message for children, teens and adults.

End of Summer Reading Program on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30PM. All children and their families who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to Kid's Karaoke with Stosh. Children will be able to showcase their singing talents with this all-ages fun-filled activity!

We will also participate in the Rochester Red Wings/Oviatt Gilman LLP Summer Reading Program, which enables readers to win prizes. Check out our "Tune in @ Your Library" Summer Reading Brochure for dates and times of all weekly activities. (Brochures will be available at the Library on June 15<sup>th</sup>.)

Teen Summer Reading Program - The Library will again reward teens who choose to read for enjoyment over the summer. Teens may enter our weekly prize program give-away to win gift certificates. Your chances to win increase proportionately to the number of Rush Library books read. This program is open to teens ages 13-18. Details will be available at the Library beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Check It Out! Two popular areas of our collection were updated in May. The Travel Collection has over 20 new titles just in time for summer vacation planning. Whether you are going to Alaska, Las Vegas or Hawaii or exploring the Finger Lakes there could be a book of interest for you. The children's series collection also benefited from some attention in May. Two of our more popular series, the *Secrets of Droon* and *Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo* were purchased in hardcover and twenty new

titles from the Cam Jansen series were also added to the series collection. Additionally, the often requested Little House Chapter Books are now available in the Juvenile Fiction collection. *Come Check Them Out!*

**Recreation Department**

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### **RUSH SUMMER CAMP**

The Rush Summer Camp for 7-10 year olds will be Wednesdays and Fridays from July 13<sup>th</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>. This years camp Director will be Wendy Molyneux. Mrs. Molyneux is a Certified Teacher. She has her Masters in Elementary Alternate Program from Brockport State. Wendy also substitutes for the Rush Henrietta School District.

The sign up for the Rush Summer Camp will begin on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This camp is free to Rush residents. The camp is provided by the Monroe County Youth Bureau/Office of Children and Family Services, and the Rush Recreation Dept.

### **Rush After School Program**



The Rush after school program would like to send a "Thank You" to Chase's Greenhouse for donating flowers to the after school program for their Mother's Day project.

### **Golfing**

The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. and Mary Lou Coleman of Southern Meadows Golf Course in Rush will be offering a Golf Clinic from August 8<sup>th</sup>-August 11<sup>th</sup> for ages 10 years-16 years old. The course will run from 6:30PM-7:30PM. The cost will be \$75.00.

Mary Lou will address the following areas

Basic Set-up	Swing
Short Game	Course Etiquette
Course Management	Use of all Clubs

All participants must have their own set of clubs. The sign up for this clinic will begin on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about

the clinic you can call the Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340.

## Horseback Riding Camp

Back by popular demand, Park Place Farms in Honeoye Falls will be offering a Horseback Riding Camp. This camp is for beginners and intermediate riders. The beginner class is for children 7-12 years old who have never ridden a horse before. The intermediate class is for children who have ridden a horse before. At the camps the children will learn horsemanship skills such as: grooming, tacking up and riding.

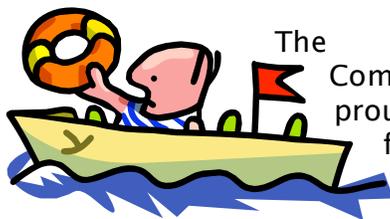
The camps will run from July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 AM - 3:00 PM. On the last day of the camp, parents, families and friends are invited to join us for a horse show. You can sign your child up at the Rush Town Hall. Checks need to be directed to: *Park Place Farms, 35 Bulls Sawmill Road, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472 Attention: Shelly Mercer.*

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

*Submitted by:  
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## RUSH FIRE DISTRICT:

### **FOUR RUSH FIREFIGHTERS TO RECEIVE NEW YORK STATE'S HIGHEST LIFESAVING AWARD FROM THE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (FASNY)**



The Rush Fire Commissioners are proud to announce that four members of the Rush Fire Department will

received the FASNY (Firemen's Assoc. of the State of New York) Life-Saving Award for 2004. In May of 2004 four members of the water rescue team saved a victim who was about to drown below the Rush dam. During the rescue the boat over turned and these members, due to their training and skill, saved themselves and the victim. The boat was also recovered.

Asst. Chiefs Jim Bucci, Peter Henry, Lt. Mike (PeeWee) Terzo and Firefighter/EMT Joe Cirincione and their families are invited to Lake Placid to the FASNY statewide August convention to received this award. The FASNY awards committee received a letter from Rush Fire Chief Dale Sweet that described the events of that May evening. They also were sent the video from WHAM ABC Channel 13 to review. The entire write-up is on our web site in the "news" area. In over 100 years only two other Monroe County FD members have received this FASNY award. FASNY has over 27,000 member firefighters in New York State.

*The west parking lot will be resurfaced and the apparatus apron will be sealed this summer. We put money in the budget for this project and also the painting of the truck room. That will be done before the fall also.*

The Fire Commissioners have accepted the resignation of Asst. Fire Chief Peter Henry. He has moved into the Clifton Fire District. The commissioners thanked Peter for his many years as a member and officer in the fire department. He will be missed by all of us, good luck to Peter in his new home.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:**

A special "thank you" to all of the residents that contributed to our annual fund drive. Donations are at an all time high. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support that is unmatched per mailing anywhere in western New York!

## **GARDEN/SMALL TRACTOR PULL & CHICKEN BARBEQUE:**

Saturday - June 4<sup>th</sup>, Tractor Pull from 11 am to 5 pm - Boy Scouts Chicken Barbeque afternoon till they run out.



**FIRE PREVENTION:** Stories & Siren had a great turn out, the children and their families had fun and also learned some fire safety tips.

The Otetiana Council Boy Scouting 2004 Annual Report has just been issued. Rush Fire Chief Dale Sweet was recognized in this publication "Portraits of Leadership" due to

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his involvement with the fire department that started with Explorer scouting. Only six other Monroe County residents were asked to participate in this annual report. Dale started as a Firematic Explorer at age 14. Dale outlined how this set the stage for his career as a firefighter in Mendon and his volunteer efforts in Rush. The entire write-up will be on our web site under the "news" area.

**CARNIVAL 2005:** Save these dates - July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Parade will be Friday night - 7 pm sharp! One price ride specials will be on Thursday night from 6 to 10 pm and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm. The Boy Scouts Chicken Barbeque will open at 1 pm until they run out. Fireworks are at 10 pm Saturday night, Raffle drawing 11 pm Saturday night. Check the web site under carnival for much more information.



**LADIES AUXILIARY:** The Rush Firemen's Auxiliary will again sponsor the Kiddie Parade on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is "Once Upon A Time" fairytale characters. Dress up as your favorite storybook character. Registration will begin at 6 PM in the Town Hall parking lot. *The parade will start at 7 PM.* RUSH children only up to 10 years old.

**LADIES AUXILIARY "WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP" WINNERS:** The winners have been selected and will be reported in the next newsletter and on the web site in June.

The "Pat Meese Memorial Garden" is in full bloom - it is located by the west-rear main entrance at Station 1 on Rush-Mendon Road. Stop by, view the garden and take a few moments to remember Pat.

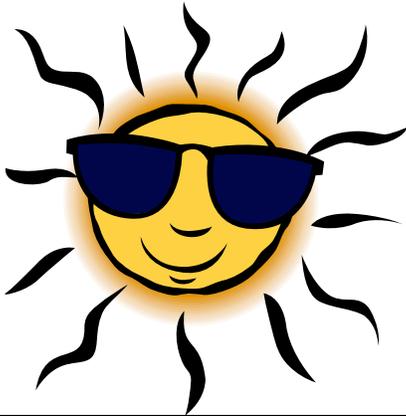
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