

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

## Earth Day

The Town of Rush Earth Day Spring Clean-up will be held on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** and will begin at the Rush Town Hall at 9 AM and end at about 11:30 AM. This is one week after the Greater Rochester-wide Earth Day Clean-up, the reason being that many residents, especially families of our Boy Scouts, will be away for Spring Break the weekend of the planned clean-up (April 22<sup>nd</sup>). This event was very successful last year with more than 40 people participating. Hopefully the weather will be better this year and more "volunteers" will help. This year's event is being directed by a father-son team, Hans and Joseph Schmittenner. Residents are urged to bring a pair of gloves and wear a brightly colored top. Orange vests will be supplied to the children, all other needed supplied will be furnished. Friendly's is donating coupons for ice cream and Park Lane Pizza together with Boy Scout Troop 334 is donating pizza for lunch right after the event. We'd like to thank Hans and Joseph for directing this very worthwhile project. Any questions please call Hans at 533-2060 or e-mail [joeschmitt@rochester.rr.com](mailto:joeschmitt@rochester.rr.com).



## Bridge Closure

In my February/March newsletter I informed you of the planned closure of the Pinnacle Road Bridge over the New York State Thruway. This bridge is to be closed on June 12, 2006, and be re-opened

on September 4, 2006. It is our understanding that Monroe County will be contacting the appropriate emergency services, school districts, and other municipalities that utilize Pinnacle Road during the proposed work period. A map of the detour layout is available at the Town Clerk's office.

## Increasing of Veterans Exemption From Real Property Tax

At the Town Board meeting of February 8, 2006, the Town Board approved amending Town Code Chapter 103, Article IV Governing the Veterans Exemption from Real Property Tax. This will affect taxes collected in 2007. Details of the increased exemptions are available at the Assessor's Office.

## Bridge Purchase

The Town Board has purchased a pedestrian bridge that had been used at the recent Gardenscape Show at the Dome Arena. This bridge is 12 foot wide and 30 feet long and made of pressure treated wood. Our plan is to convert this bridge into 2 pedestrian bridges that will be used to cross the ditch which goes through our property to the Honeoye Creek.



## Emergency Generator

The 75KW Standby Generator has been installed, tested and is now operational. The Town Hall and Library will no longer be affected by power outages and will continue providing necessary services to all residents as well as providing a shelter

area during periods of extended power outages in the town.

## Thank You to Larry Holly

The Rush Town Board, Town Hall and Library employees express their appreciation to Larry Holly for his many years of dedicated service to the town. Larry has been the Town Hall/Library custodian and has certainly been our "jack of all trades". Larry's skills from previous employment were well utilized which resulted in cost savings to the town. We had the pleasure of working with a very devoted employee. Best wishes to Larry in his semi-retirement.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

### **Highway Department**

*Submitted by: Steve King  
Highway Superintendent*

*Phone: 533-1770*

*Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM*

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### **Brush Pick-up**

**The Town of Rush  
Highway Department**

**will be conducting its annual brush pick-up for our town residents commencing April 24, 2006, and running to April 28, 2006.** We will begin on East River Road and will be working eastward.



The roadside brush collection will be a one-week program consisting of the following:

Guidelines:

- 2 Truckloads (10 wheeler) per Household
- Residential pick-up only
- All brush shall be no longer than 10 feet in length
- All brush shall be placed 6 - 8 feet from the edge of the roadside
- Brush shall be placed parallel to the road
- Brush must be neatly piled
- Do not place brush under any overhead wires, if possible
- Do not place brush over any water or gas service shut-offs

Restrictions:

- No Stumps, Lumber, Trash, Leaves, or Manmade articles
- Brush and limb wood only
- Brush cut by residents only, NO CONTRACTORS

**ONCE A ROAD OR STREET IS COMPLETED  
THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TRIPS**

Please contact the Rush Highway Department with any questions or concerns @ 533-1770, between 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### **Stonybrook Road Transfer Station**

Hours of operation at the **Stonybrook Road Transfer Station** will be on **Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Opening April 15<sup>th</sup> and closing on November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Town residences wishing to use a private contractor may pick up a "Hauling/Usage Statement" at the Town Hall. While obtaining resident's permission, this form will identify the person or company hauling the material to the site, on your behalf. This form will be required at the site and is only good for that day. **New this year - due to the raising cost of grinding, Contractors will only be**

**allowed to haul two six-wheeler truck loads of brush per tax parcel.**

*If you have a special project planned and need to use the transfer station during the week, contact the Highway Dept. at 533-1770 at least one day in advance.*

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

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

**OPEN BURNING:** Spring is almost here. **IT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN ANYTHING WITHOUT THE FIRE MARSHAL'S PERMISSION!** If you burn you could get arrested and/or be liable for any others property that you damage.

Our insurance carrier has a two page "get ready for spring" guide with safety information, go to [www.vfis.com](http://www.vfis.com) to get this valuable information.

The district is purchasing forty new chairs and four tables for the meeting rooms.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:**

**FUND DRIVE:** In 2005 your volunteers responded to an emergency call every 22 hours. They donated over 7,000 hours to provide service, attend meetings, attended training and drills, raise funds and maintain buildings and equipment with only ONE goal, which is to provide the best service we can for you and your family. We are 100% volunteer, NO ONE GETS PAID! We have one of the last free ambulance services in the county and cover 99.5% of our calls!

You should receive the annual fund drive letter for the AMBULANCE and FIRE DEPARTMENT operation in the first week in April. We would appreciate your quick

response to this annual appeal. If you give via United Way and chose the Rush FD please let us know. If you do not select us, we do not receive any of your United Way donations! 90% of the Ambulance operation and 100% of the cost of new ambulances (7 since 1939) came from fund drive money.

Other vehicles such the three Rescue trucks, two brush/utility trucks, ATV, Boat and trailer were purchased with fund drive money, memorial donations and carnival profit. Other items such as several AEDs, "Jaws of Life", water rescue, portable radios, pagers, thermal imaging camera, airbag system and other expensive items were bought with money from these funds.

We also use fund drive money for our complete scouting, fire prevention programs, training and seminars. No fund drive money is used for our few social events. Very few Fire Depts. or Ambulance services can say that! We are very proud and thankful to the Rush residents who support us with donations. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!**

**PAST OFFICERS BANQUET:** The banquet was held at the RIT Inn & Conference Center - 98 members and guests attended. Holly Maynard of WHAM13 was the MC. Mike Terzo, Peter Henry and Jim McNeil were recognized for their past line officers duties. The "distinguished service award" was presented to Past Asst. Chief Peter Henry for his 20 years of service. Dick Wheeler and Bob Faugh were recognized for their 40 years of service. The RFD Ladies Auxiliary presented the department a check for \$3,000 for the firefighters on-going projects.

**EXPLORERS SCOUTS:** We are almost completely out of explorers - two recently joined the fire department and we are

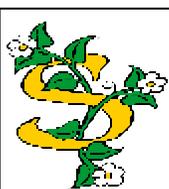
down to one active explorer. It is not all work and no play; they learn CPR and how to respond in emergency situations along with social events. If you know a boy or girl 14 or older who may be interested, call Royer Pfersick at 533-9123.

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Applications for the "Betty Wilkins Memorial Scholarship" to provide assistance for a Rush student are available at the R-H school guidance office or by contacting Paula Anderson at 533-2187.



Join the Easter Bunny for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Rush Fireman's Field at 1971 Rush-Mendon Road on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.** Rush Residents from 0-8 years of age are welcome to hunt for

Easter eggs in four different age categories (0-2 years), (3-4 years), (5-6 years), and (7-8 years). Perhaps you will be the lucky person to find the silver or gold egg and receive a special prize! There is also a prize for the winner of the jelly bean guessing contest.



### ***Rush Senior Citizens***

*Submitted by: Harriet Cook*

On March 21<sup>st</sup> the Seniors again enjoyed an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast at the Maple Tree Inn in Angelica, New York. We attended the production of "Cats" put on by the Rush Henrietta High School.

Upcoming Events include a trip to Lancaster, New York on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will tour the Toy Museum and enjoy a play, "Social Security" at the Lancaster Opera House and later dine at the D&R Depot in

LeRoy, New York. We've planned a fun-filled day to Jamestown, New York, home of the late Lucille Ball on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meetings will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon at the Rush Fire Station, 1971 Rush Mendon Road. Anyone 55 years or older is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

## ***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  
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### **From the Director:**

Spring is here, and with it some exciting "growth" at your library....

In our ongoing effort to be technologically current for the community, we have recently become a "**Wireless Hotspot**". This initiative was funded entirely by donations, and it means that patrons who own a laptop computer equipped with a wireless card can come in and access the Internet from any location inside the library with our wireless signal.

Thanks to our hi-tech staff member, **Collin Vanable**, we have also restructured and updated our website. This ongoing effort includes new links for memorial donations and the Adopt-an-Author program, current program information, online registration for programs, and more! Visit and bookmark our site at [www.libraryweb.org/rush](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush) and come back often for more news and updates.

You may have noticed some new faces behind the circulation desk! We have welcomed **Linda Repka** and **Beth Hoagland** to our team of dedicated

personnel, and they are eager to help you have a positive library experience.

The **survey results** are in... thank you for your thoughtful comments and ideas. Most of you expressed interest in a larger DVD collection, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Patrons are also interested in more programs and a reading garden, both of which are in the works. We will always continue to accept your suggestions for improved services; just drop us a line or give a call anytime.

Thank you to all of you who attended our second annual **Wine Tasting Fundraiser** event. Attendance was greater this year, and we raised over \$1,800 for special projects for the library. A debt of gratitude is owed to the Library Board of Trustees, Mike Sheedy & The Wildwood Country Club, Women for NYS Wines, and the Rush-Henrietta String Orchestra for creating such a refined and enjoyable evening. Next year's event promises to be better than ever!

Take good care.  
Kirsten



### ***Upcoming Events for April:***

#### **Celebrate National Library Week** **April 2<sup>nd</sup>-April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**NEW!** Register online for programs at our web address: [libraryweb.org/rush/](http://libraryweb.org/rush/)

**American Girl Club** will meet 3 **Tuesdays in April: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**. Choose **3:30-4:15 pm, or 7-7:45 pm**. Each session will be exactly the same, pick the one that fits your schedule. Enter the world of Kaya, a

Nez Perce Indian girl who grew up in her Native American homeland in 1764. This program consists of a short history lesson, listening to a story and an activity based on this era. Space is limited and registration is required. This program is for children ages' 6-10.

**Pre-School Story Time:** There are still a few openings for children ages 3-5, at our Thursday morning program. This session is from 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m., April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration is required.

#### **Curious George Pajama Story**

**Time** for children in grades K-3 on **Thursday evening, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45-7:30 p.m.** Come in your PJ's, bring your favorite monkey or stuffed animal, listen to stories, have a snack and get a Curious George tattoo! Registration is required.



**Teen Coffee House:** Join us again or for the first time on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Trish Vanable welcomes all teens to come and share some thoughts on the latest books and music. Bring a friend, a book or CD, refreshments are on us! Call or register online.

**Easter Crafts for Children** ages 6-12 on **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-7:45 p.m.** We will be making an Easter wreath and other crafts. Space is limited and registration is required.

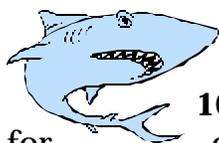
**Crafters Corner for Adults** on **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-8:00 pm** with **Heather Iannone**. "Come and join us fun evening of beautiful beading." You will leave with at least one pair of sparkly earrings and the knowledge to create simple pieces. There is a \$5.00 materials fee for this class. Please bring a pair of round needle nose pliers if you have them. Registration is required.

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** Our April selection is The Shipping News by Annie Proulx, winner of numerous literary awards for this work of fiction. **New this month...** due to the overwhelming popularity of our book club, and the desire to allow everyone a greater opportunity to share their thoughts, we are limiting registration to 11 people, but we will hold a **second evening of discussion.** Registration is first come, first served, **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m.** Please join us for lively discussion and dessert!

**Lawn Care for Beginners** presented by **Cornell Cooperative Extension** on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30AM - 11:30AM.** Come and learn the basics of a healthy lawn and landscape techniques with a Cornell Master Gardener. Find helpful hints for lawn care with fewer chemicals. Call or register online.

### **Upcoming Events for May:**

**Toddler Story Time for Children ages 2-3 on Thursday mornings, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30-11:50 a.m.** This session is geared for the younger set with simple stories and finger plays. Parents are required to remain with their child during story time. Space is limited and registrations required.



**Sharks: Past and Present: Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** A program for children presented by Associate Professor of Geology, **Richard D. Hamell.** Professor Hamell will give an illustrated history of sharks and the importance of keeping the seas healthy. Following the program, children will be able to “dig” for shark teeth and some fossils that are 2 million year-old! Space is limited and registration is required.

**Mental Aerobics** with local author **Barbara Bruce** on **Thursday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**from 7:00-8:00 PM.** Learn some of the 75 techniques to keep your brain fit! Registration is required for this program. Call or visit the Library for more details. (Don't forget to come!)

**Sirens and Stories at the Rush Firehouse** grounds, Route 251 in Rush **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.** This program begins with “firefighter stories” read by Joan Celentano from the Rush Library. Afterwards, children will have the chance to see and touch a real fire truck, try on emergency gear and “put out a fire”! Everyone is welcome to join the fun. No registration is required. This event is a great photo opportunity!

**Senior Program on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-5:00 PM.** Let musician, entertainer **Geoffrey Clough** take you on a trip down memory lane with the songs of the 1940's. “This program consists of history, trivia, music and most of all fun!” Songbooks will be provided. Tell all your friends and join us for a fun afternoon. Adults, children and grandchildren are all welcome. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Please call, visit or check our Website to register.

**Rush Readers' Book Club: Our May selection will be The Plot Against America** by Philip Roth. Sign up for discussions taking place on two Thursdays: **May 25<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>, 7-9 p.m.**

The Rush Library is a participant of the **Building Bridges Project: Librarians Reaching Youth with Disabilities.** This project aims to promote lifelong Library use, develop and modify programs to accommodate youth up to age 21, and to offer up-to-date information to all family members. To learn more go to [www.libraryweb.org](http://www.libraryweb.org).

You may register for any program in three different ways: in person, by phone, or on

our website. We're looking forward to seeing you!

## **Recreation Department**

*Submitted by: Patricia Stephens*

*Phone: 533-2340*

*Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9 AM - 3 PM and  
Thurs. 4 PM - 6 PM when appropriate*

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### **BOATING & SAFETY COURSE**

There will be a boating safety course offered by the United States Coast Guard at the Rush Town Hall on **Saturday, June 3rd<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-5 PM**. The class will be in the Rush Town Court Room. Registration for this class will begin April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Rush Town Clerk's office. The cost for this program is \$30.00 per person, for ages 10 and up. Upon registering you will need to pick up a book and CD and review them prior to class. **(Please notice the date of the class has changed from May 13th to June 3rd).**



### **SUMMER CAMP - PROJECT CARE**

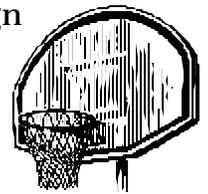
We are happy to announce the new Summer Camp director for the project CARE camp for 7-10 year olds. The new director's name is Christie Lundgren. Christie is a Rush resident and teaches for the Rush-Henrietta School District. Christie is very excited about this year's summer camp. The 7-10 year old camp is funded through a grant by the Town of Rush Recreation Department, and Monroe County Youth Bureau. The camp is free to Rush residents. The camp is held at the Monica Leary Elementary School. Dates for this year's camp will be July 12<sup>th</sup>-August 11<sup>th</sup>, on Wednesdays from 8:30AM-2:30PM and Fridays 8:30AM-2:45PM with parents picking up the children at Sperry High School after swimming. The children will do all types of activities such as crafts,

swimming and fostering positive relationships. The asset building initiatives are also a part of the camp, i.e.; decision-making skills, conflict resolution and developing positive interpersonal skills. The camp continues to be a great success every year.

The camp is limited to 25 children, ages 7-10 years old. **The sign up for this program begins April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Fourth quarter payments are due May 4th. When paying for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payment the present attendees may sign up for the 2006-2007 Rush After school program at that time by selecting days needed and making a \$20.00 deposit per child. Open registration for this program will begin May 19<sup>th</sup> on a first come first serve basis. I will be available from 4-6 PM on May 4<sup>th</sup> for any questions.



### **BASKETBALL CAMP**

Two Basketball Camps will begin in May. Marcus Robinson who is a very experienced basketball player along with an assistant will be teaching the classes. The camps will be for 6 weeks at the Monica Leary Elementary School. The sign up for this program will begin April 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40.00 resident, \$45.00 non-resident. The dates and times are as follows:

#### **Ages 6-8 years**

Tuesdays, May 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00PM - 7:30PM

Children will learn the basic fundamentals of basketball, dribbling, shooting the ball and basic team work.

#### **Ages 9-12 years**

Thursdays May 4<sup>th</sup> - June 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM - 7:30PM

Children will learn shooting skills, more team work and some very effective plays

when playing in teams.

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- April 2 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- April 16 - Easter
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 26 - Administrative Professional Day
- April 28 - Arbor Day



**April 2006 Meetings**

Conservation Board Court Library Board of Trustees Zoning Board of Appeals Seniors Lunch Planning Board Board of Fire Commissioners Town Board	7:30 PM 5 PM 7:15 PM 7:00 PM 12 noon @ Rush Firehouse 7:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thursday - 6 <sup>th</sup> Mondays - 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>t</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 13 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 18 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 18 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>
<u>Special dates:</u> Transfer Station Library Events Recreation Programs Ladies Aux. Easter Egg Hunt <b>Town Hall Closed</b> <b>Library Open</b>	Saturdays 9-5; Sundays 12-4 refer to the inside column refer to the inside column 1:00 PM@ Rush Firehouse Good Friday Good Friday	Open April 15 - November 5  Saturday - 8 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>

- May 4 - Mother's Day
- May 29 - Memorial Day Observed

**May 2006 Meetings**

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<u>Special dates:</u> <b>Town Hall &amp; Library Closed</b> Library Events Recreation Programs	Memorial Day refer to the inside column refer to the inside column	Monday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>

You may refer to The Henrietta Post, our website at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) or contact the Town Clerk's Office for legal notices and meeting agendas.