

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY (COMIDA)
UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL AGENCY (AGENCY) WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2008, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M., AT THE EBENEZER WATTS CONFERENCE CENTER, 49 SOUTH FITZHUGH STREET, ROCHESTER, MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK 14614. THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS RENEWING AND/OR AMENDING THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPT POLICIES AND, ADDITIONALLY, TO SPECIFICALLY CONSIDER A NEW PROGRAM TO ASSIST LARGE EDUCATIONAL AND HOSPITAL INSTITUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL OFFICES AND/OR CENTERS AND RELATED FACILITIES. THESE POLICIES PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE CLAIMING OF REAL PROPERTY, MORTGAGE RECORDING AND SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS.

2007 ANNUAL AID CERTIFICATION

We have been notified by the State Office of Real Property Services that we have successfully completed the annual reassessment of our 2007 Assessment Roll. As a result of this, we will be receiving State Aid of \$5.00 per parcel x 1716 parcels = \$8,580.00. This is the 6th year that we have received aid under the State program. The goal of this program is to maintain equitable assessments that reflect current market value. The 2007 reassessment for which this payment is being provided is part of a 6 year plan that we had submitted. The 6 year plan includes maintaining assessments at 100 percent of market value on a yearly basis. In order to continue receiving state aid, we must continue to comply with the standards for annual reassessments.

GREENWAY PROJECT
REPORT ON COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

On January 7th, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., approximately 30 members of the Steering and Citizens' Committees met at the Rush Town Hall. The purpose was to state the findings of the November 7th meeting and review progress on the Greenway Project.

Actions/Activities Since Last Meeting:

a. Larsen engineers has received a copy of the geotechnical engineer's report on the Rush Dam and is evaluating short and long term repair options.

b. Review (past planning studies) to determine relevancy to Greenway Project.

c. Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning (GFLRP) has completed inventory maps of natural features, regulated environmental areas, land cover, and public land. They will continue with maps from real property records. The maps will be posted on the web site.

d. The Mendon Foundation has installed mile markers along the length of the Lehigh Valley Trail and the GPS locations of these markers has been added to the Monroe County Emergency Base for 911 purposes.

PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

It was decided that subcommittees would be appointed to review individual report chapters, rather than each person reviewing the whole document.

It was decided that each committee member would complete the questionnaire that is downloadable from the public website, and on it also add their comments or additional recommendations on the Rochester Regional Community Design Center Workshop (RRCDC) report.

It was decided that more representation on the citizen advisory committee would be beneficial. Rush Town Councilman Richard Anderson volunteered to coordinate this task. All committee members are encouraged to suggest groups or persons to him. Rich can be reached at rich@townofrush.com.

It was decided that the workshop summary report should go on the public website, but must be accompanied by an explanation of its purpose and how it fits into the planning process.

Everyone in attendance favored the password protected website as a good way to communicate. We would also like the opinion of those who did not attend.

NEXT STEPS

1. Review summaries of past documents that will be on the password protected website the week of February 13th.

2. GFLRPC to complete the mapping and put the maps on the public website.

3. A target date of mid February was set for completion of special reports from contract organizations.

4. Complete individual questionnaires that can be found on the public website. Add your comments on the Workshop summary report.

5. The Consultant will begin to prepare report chapters.

6. The Consultant will prepare the introduction to the workshop summary.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

Library News

*Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director
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Dear Neighbors,

One that loveth a book will never want for a faithful friend, a wholesome counselor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter. — Isaac Barrow (mathematician, 1630-1677.)

Suffering from the writers' strike blues? Come on in to choose a stack of interesting books and magazines, and check out our film and documentary collection on DVD and VHS. The Rush Library is stocked with your favorites, and our staff can make recommendations as well. A great resource for book lovers to try is called **Novelist**, a readers' advisory database that helps you find that perfect next book to read. It is accessible on the Monroe County Library System web site (www.libraryweb.org); from the home page click on **Magazines & Databases**, then scroll down the alphabetical list until you find **Novelist**. Anyone could spend hours perusing this site, finding unexpected recommendations!

Don't forget that our 4th Annual **Wine-Tasting Benefit, "A Vintage Year-2008"**, will be held this **Saturday, February 2nd, from 7:00-9:00 pm**. You can still purchase tickets at the door for \$30 per person/\$50 per couple; the proceeds will supplement our campaign for a Reading Garden outside the library and other projects. We'll be enjoying wines from around the globe, fine art, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and live classical music at the **Rabbit Room/Mill Gallery on Main Street in Honeoye Falls**. Thank you to our wonderful Friends Group and sponsors — and especially The Rabbit Room and staff, Phillips European Restaurant, Jeff Harris, realtor, Vern Vallance Septic Service, The Pin Point Group, Hedding Homes, Marketplace Mall, and everyone who donated items for our Silent Auction. A complete list of our sponsors will be in the next newsletter!



If you are looking for something interesting to do with your family during school breaks, you can check out 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.

Another worthwhile activity to occupy the winter months is to take part in a community service project. We are teaming up once again with the Monroe County Fair Association, this time to sponsor **"The Blanket Project"**; the Rush Library will be a collection site for handmade lap robes/blankets to be donated to nursing homes and dialysis patients. (Last year's **"Cap Project"** for cancer patients yielded 5,000 caps from the community at large.) The blankets should measure 30"x40+", be machine-washable, knitted, crocheted, sewn, or quilted, and should *not* have fringe. The complete specifications will be available at the library. All blankets will be on display in the library until June 18th. Come and help us bring warmth and good cheer to friends in our community!

Looking forward to seeing you,
~Kirsten

Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for February and March 2008 Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and Adult Services Trish Vanable-Teen Services

FEBRUARY: Teen Night is on **Friday, Feb 1st; from 6:30-8:00 pm**, featuring **Duct Tape Crafts**. Local teenager, Evan Vanable, leads this workshop on making cell phone/MP3 player holders, wallets, and belts. All out of duct tape! Workshop fee: \$3.00. **Ages 13+** Space is limited & registration is required.

Amerks Night! Come and meet some Amerks players and the **"Moose"** mascot on **Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00pm**. All children and families are invited to this fun event to listen to stories, try on hockey equipment, get autographs and win prizes! No registration is required. Come and support your home team!

Keep those New Year's Resolutions to lose weight and live healthy- we can help keep you on track- join us for the following three programs: Acupuncture- Be a guest of Dr. John Shang on **Tuesday, February 12th from 7-8:00pm**. Listen and learn about the fascinating, ancient art of acupuncture that can help you to manage pain and stress. Dr. Shang is a graduate of the world famous University of Shanghai School of Medicine and has agreed to **de-mystify** this practice for those who are interested in alternative health treatments. Space is limited and registration is required. **Yoga for Beginners-** Centering, Focusing, and Relieving Stress; these are some of the results you will achieve in our introduction to yoga with registered yoga teacher Christa Tyson on **Tuesday, February 19th from 7-8:00pm**. Christa will be speaking about the over-all

health benefits and show you some simple breathing and stretching exercises. Wear comfortable clothing or just come to listen. Space is limited and registration is required. **Six Steps to Excellent Health**– Come and meet Rick McIntyre, a board certified Holistic Nutritionist, on staff at Lori's Natural Foods. Rick will give a one hour talk on how you can attain a healthier lifestyle and let you sample items from Lori's. Come prepared with your questions. Space is limited and registration is required.

Ready, Set, Go.... A ten-week session of **Story Time** programs for children **ages 3-5** begins on **Thursday, February 14th from 11:30am-12:15pm**. This weekly-themed story time program will encourage young library patrons to sit and listen to stories, play games and participate in simple craft activities. Children must be 3 years old and be able to sit by themselves in a group with their peers. Space is limited and registration is required. All further dates will be given at the first session.

The Art of Cartooning- Children ages **11 and up** are invited to come and learn the wonderful art of cartooning with artist Bill Estes. No prior knowledge of art is required- only an interest. This fun activity will be held on **Saturday, February 16th from 11am-1:00pm**. We will provide all the necessary art supplies. Please call or register online for this program.

Friends of the Rush Public Library will meet on **Monday, Feb. 18th, from 6:30-7:30pm**. We will be wrapping up the wine-tasting fundraiser, and discussing future fundraising endeavors. New members are always welcome, and there is no fee to join. Questions? Call Friends Chairperson, Heather Iannone at 359-9914.

Winter Recess Kids' Movies:

“Pingu-On Thin Ice” for ages **3 and up**. (Rated G) on **Tuesday, February 19th from 1-2:00pm**. “Mr. Bean’s Holiday” for ages **6 and up**. (Rated G) on **Thursday, February 21st from 1-3:00pm**. (Popcorn and sodas will be available. Parents who wish to watch the movie with their children must also register for a seat. Space is limited and registration is required.)

Teen School Break Game Night: Part 1 will be on **Wednesday Feb 20th, 5:30-8:00pm**. Take a risk during School Break Week. We have *Lord of the Rings RISK*, *RISK 2210*, and plain old/good old *RISK*. Come play! Snacks and soda provided. **Ages 13+**. Please call to register. **Teen School Break Game Night: Part 2** will be on **Friday Feb 22nd, 5:30 – 8:00pm**. *Wii Sports Night!* Come bowl and bat your way to glory. Snacks and soda provided. **Ages 13+**. Space is limited, please call to reserve a spot.

Rush Readers' Book Club will be discussing Plainsong by Kent Haruf. This saga of seven residents of Holt, Colorado, details the problems they face and how they come together to solve them. There is a keen sense of place here-a place where family and community matter. Please join us for coffee, dessert, and stimulating conversation on **Thursday, Feb. 28th, 7-9:00pm**. Copies are available at the circulation desk, and new members are always welcome. Space is limited, so registration is appreciated.

MARCH: Teen Night will be on **Friday March 7th, from 6:30–8:30pm**, featuring a *Murder Mystery Game*. The Hero of the High School play is found dead on the stage! Was it the director? The girlfriend? The villain of the play? Come play your part and find out. **Ages 13+**. Advanced registration is necessary; please call or email the library so Trish can assign you a part in the mystery.

Crafts for Kids ages 6 and up on **Saturday, March 8th from 11:00am-Noon**. Spring cleaning means that I have found lots of craft projects to be made, which include, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fall and others in between! Let your creativity reign! Space is limited and registration is required.

American Girl Club for girls **ages 6-10** resumes on **Tuesday, March 11th from 3:45-4:45pm**. This month we will explore the world of Kirsten Larson who moved with her family from Sweden to a new home on America's frontier in 1854. See what hardships and adventures she experienced in this springtime adventure. (**Classes will also be held on March 18th and 25th**.) Space is limited and registration is required.

Tween Night- Tuesday, March 11th from 7-8:00pm. Calling all “**Tweens**” **ages 11-13** to come to the Library and play some board games, listen to music (bring your favorite CDs) have a snack, and enjoy some fun with your friends and make new ones. If you have any particular game or activity that you would like to do or teach to others, call or e-mail us with your ideas. Space will be limited and registration is required. *Contact Joan Celentano at jclenta@libraryweb.org

Write to Me and I'll write back to you! Kids **ages 8-12**, here's a chance to write a real letter to the Library (stamp and all) to tell us what kind of programs you would like us to present for those in your age group. We would love to hear your thoughts. Send your letters to: **Mrs. Celentano, C/O The Rush Public Library, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543**. Please send your letters **by March 15th**; I'll write back, and I will report on the results in the April/May newsletter- no names will be used. Looking forward to hearing from **YOU!**

Rush Readers' Book Club will once again be taking part in %All of Rochester Read the Same Book+ in conjunction with Writers & Books. Wed be reading Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits by Laila Lalami, and gathering to discuss it on **Thursday, March 27th, from 7-9:00 pm** over coffee & dessert. *School Library Journal* says, %The narrative introduces readers to beautifully drawn characters who make for a gem of a tale.+ The author will be visiting Rochester, and many events will be held throughout the county for readers. Wed have readersq guides and a schedule of events in March. Copies of the book are available at local bookstores. Please call to register, as space is limited.

Rush Reading Badges Program- as an incentive to get **kids in grades 1-5** reading, the Rush Library will be awarding Reading Badges that kids can earn by reading books of a certain genre, (Animals, Fantasy, Mystery, Sports, Read to Me, etc.) Participants will need to read 6 books in each category in order to earn a badge (colorful, embroidered iron-ons) and there are no time constraints. Look for more details in the Library in the beginning of March.

Crafter's Corner for Adults on **Saturday, March 29th from 11:00am-1:00pm**. If you enjoy scrapbooking and other paper crafts, this is for you! Come and create an assortment of handmade greeting cards and decorate a tin holder in which to store them. All details including materials fees and a sample of this craft will be available in the library in the beginning of March. Space is limited and registration is required.
We appreciate your feedback, about programs, the collections, or any other topic. Feel free to stop in, write, or call us!

Assessor's Office

*Submitted by: Kevin Quinlan, Assessor
 Mon. & Wed. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
kevin@townofrush.com or
 Deb Curran, Clerk
 Mon. - Thurs. 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM
deb@townofrush.com*

As we go through the winter months, please remember that all exemptions are due before **March 1, 2008**. If you have any questions on your exemption status, please contact our office.

Anyone interested in discussing their assessment may call to make an appointment. I will be meeting with residents through May to address any issues before Grievance Day.

We will be holding Grievance Day on June 3, 2008. Forms will be available in our office for those interested in appearing before the Board of Assessment Review.

Recreation Department
Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
 Mon., Wed. 9:15 AM -3:30PM
 Fridays 9:00 AM-3:30 PM
 Phone: 533-2340
pat@townofrush.com

Men's Basketball Program

The Rush Men's Senior Basketball program for residents 55 and older has now started and is held at the Monica Leary Elementary Gym on Thursdays from 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Participation in this program is free and registration is not required. Please call 533-2340 if you need more information.

"Home Alone Class"

E.P.I.C. Trainings and the Rush Recreation Department will be offering a %Home Alone, when I am in charge+ class for children ages 7-14 at the Monica Leary Elementary School Library on Wednesday, February 27th from 5:30PM-7:00PM.

The course is designed to teach children who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly and how to handle themselves when confronted with a challenge.

The children will be given various materials in class relevant to the course.

The cost is \$15.00 per Rush resident and \$18.00 for non-Rush residents.

You can sign up at the Rush Town Clerks office. There is still space available.

Spring Basketball and Flag Football Camps

Markus Robinson will be offering Basketball and Flag Football Camps this spring. The basketball camps are designed for the beginner or for the player who has already been in Markus's camp and wants to learn more about the game. The flag football camps are designed for children with some previous football experience. Markus will be teaching the fundamentals of football, as well as how to play the game.

The dates and times for the camps are as follows:

Spring Flag Football Camp

Mondays
 April 21st-June 2nd
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Monica Leary School
 Gym and fields behind Leary
 8-12 year olds, all abilities

Spring Basketball Camps

Tuesdays
 Beginners 6-9 year olds
 April 22nd . May 27th
 Leary Gym
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays
Intermediate
(previous camp participant with Markus in Fall/Winter camps)
8-12 year olds
April 24th . May 29th
Leary Gym
6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

The cost for the Football Camp and the Basketball Camp is \$60.00 for resident and \$65.00 for non-resident.

You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Thursdays until 6:30 p.m. You can also send in your payment to: Rush Town Hall, 5977 E. Henrietta Rd. Rush NY14543. PLEASE indicate on your check the camp that you are requesting.

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

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058, www.RushFD.ORG*

FIRE DISTRICT: The organizational meeting was held on January 2nd. 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 Wanderslaben was appointed to the Secretary position. The Fire Commissioners meeting will be held the third Tuesday, 7 pm at station one. All of our meetings are open to the public.

The electrical storm in November caused damage to the EMS antenna and radio at station one. It blew out a \$1,400 radio power booster, several computers and some other electrical equipment. A claim has been submitted to the insurance company. The recent storm in January damaged the FD lit sign and it is being repaired by Wayne Burdett.

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.

ANNUAL REPORT: Total of 382 Fire & EMS Calls for 2007. That is a call every 23 hours. **Structure fires or Fire in a Structure 6,** (Average of 15 F/Fs responded) **Vehicle Fires 6,** (Vehicle was on Fire) (Average of 12 f/f's responded) **Trash, Brush, Weeds or Grass 9,** (was a fire) (Average of 16 f/f's responded) **Automatic Alarms - Good intent calls 53 or 1/3 of the Fire type calls.** (Average 7 f/f's responded) **Mutual Aid fill ins or to the scene 12, General Ambulance calls** (Average 8 f/f's responded) Response to MVA's 49 of which 25 had no patients to be transported. (Average of 13 f/f's

responded) **Calls canceled, wrong location (town), no incident found 16.** The remaining calls were wires, dangerous conditions, CO Alarms, etc.

Total Ambulance Calls 215 (11 Mutual Aid to Henrietta) (Average 7 f/f's responded - MVA's not included) Transported 122 patients or 57% of the calls for the Ambulance. 22 patients were transported by an ALS (Advance Life Support) Ambulance to the Hospital. In addition we had an ALS fly car on 64 calls - 60 provided by Henrietta Vol. Ambulance. **Total ALS Patients transported from Rush 82.** ALS Cancelled on 27 calls. Transported to hospitals, 66 Patients to Strong, 44 to Highland, 2 to Park Ridge, 7 to RGH, 1 to Noyes, 2 to Thompson.

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 Co. most of which are paid services. We have two "first responder" officers cars equipped with automatic defibrillators and several others with basic life support equipment that respond to the scene.

2,790 man/women 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 \$55,000 from the 2007 annual fund drive. **Thank you very much!** The per resident donation is unmatched ANYWHERE in western NY state. This years money is going for new %aws of Life+ equipment (\$33,000) Footware (\$3,000), General operations such as Fire Prevention, Girl/ Boy Scouts and Explorer sponsorships, training/seminars, fire and EMS equipment, office costs and the rest 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!

EXPLORERS: We have seven explorers at this time. Any boy or girl between 14 and 21 may apply. They plan a field trip to the 9-1-1 center very soon. They had a dinner with members and parents in December at station one. Call Royer Pfersick at 533-9123 or go the RushFD.org and click on %Explorers+ for more information and history of the Rush FD Explorer post.

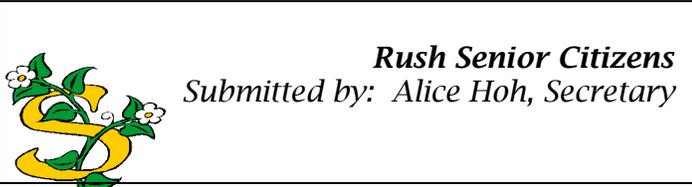
FIRE - RESCUE WEBS SITES: Web sites that you may find interesting are Firehouse.com and FireRescue1.com.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Applications for the %Betty Wilkins Memorial Scholarship+ to provide assistance for a Rush

student are available at the Rush-Henrietta Senior High School guidance office. If you are a student in another school district and are a Rush resident, please contact your guidance counselor for information. If you require any further information, you can contact 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, March 15th 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: *Alice Hoh, Secretary*

The Rush Seniors began the New Year with their new officers: President, Marge Williams; Vice President, Tom Jackling; Secretary, Alice Hoh; Treasurer, Shirley Oliver; Trip Coordinators, Charlie Gruschow, Mary Anne Brice and Harry Derleth; Directors, Betty Brandes and Jim Hallock.

Following our luncheon on January 10th, we listened to a discussion about Life Span and Partners in Caring.

On February 21st, we are invited to attend the annual play performed by the Mendon Players. This year's play is entitled "The Macaroni Kid". In March, we will be going to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn in Angelica, New York, for Buckwheat Pancakes.

Our next meetings, held at the Rush Fire House, are scheduled on February 14th and March 13th at 11:30 a.m. Rush residents, 55 years and older, are welcome to join us. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. If you have any questions regarding the Rush Senior Citizens, you can contact Marge Williams, President, at 533-2101.

Town Clerk's Office
Submitted by *Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk*
Mon.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Thurs. until 6 PM
Phone: 533-1312
Pam@townofrush.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THE RUSH TOWN BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 13,

2008, AT 7:15 PM AT THE RUSH TOWN HALL, 5977 EAST HENRIETTA ROAD TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE THREE FOLLOWING LOCAL LAWS. AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL HEAR ALL PERSONS IN SUPPORT OR OPPOSED TO THESE LAWS. THE PROPOSED CHANGES AS SHOWN BELOW OR COPIES OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2008
TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUSH, AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, as last amended by Chapter 512 of the Laws of 2003 for the State of New York, Section 103-2 of the Code of the Town of Rush, is hereby amended as follows:

"An exemption shall be granted if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption and will be made according to the following schedule:

ANNUAL INCOME	% ASSESSED VALUATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
Less than \$27,000	50 per centum
More than \$27,000, but less than \$28,000	45 per centum
More than \$28,000, but less than \$29,000	40 per centum
More than \$29,000, but less than \$30,000	35 per centum
More than \$30,000, but less than \$30,900	30 per centum
More than \$30,900, but less than \$31,800	25 per centum
More than \$31,800, but less than \$32,700	20 per centum
More than \$32,700, but less than \$33,600	15 per centum
More than \$33,600, but less than \$35,400	10 per centum
More than \$35,400, but less than \$37,400	05 per centum

The eligible income levels will then increase \$1,000 annually through 2009, such that in 2009 there will be a 50% exemption for incomes up to \$29,000 and a graduated reduction in exemption for incomes more than \$29,000, but less than \$37,400."

This Local Law will supercede and amend the income guidelines established in Section 103-2 of the Code of the Town of Rush as amended by Local Law No. 3-2004. This Local Law shall become effective after filing and acknowledgment by the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 26 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2008
TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH SOCIAL SECURITY CLASSIFIED DISABILITIES**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, as last amended by Chapter 462

of the Laws of 2003 of the State of New York, Section 103-11 of the Code of the Town of Rush, as last amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2002, is hereby amended as follows:

"An exemption shall be granted if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption and will be made according to the following schedule:

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More than \$30,900, but less than \$31,800	25 per centum
More than \$31,800, but less than \$32,700	20 per centum
More than \$32,700, but less than \$33,600	15 per centum
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This Local Law will supercede and amend the income guidelines established in Section 103-11 as last amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2002. This Local Law shall become effective after filing and acknowledgement by the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2008

AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF RUSH

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUSH, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 103-10 of Article IV of the Code of the Town of Rush to be entitled "Cold War Veterans' Exemption," shall be established as follows:

"Section 103-10 - Cold War Veterans' Exemption Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law, where a Cold War Veteran (persons who rendered military service to the United states during the Cold War (September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991), received compensation from the United States Veteran's Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service related disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty

percent (50%) of the Cold War Veteran disability rating; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$40,000.00. Such exemption shall be granted only upon application by the owner(s) of such real property on a form prescribed by the State Board of Real Property Services. The application shall be filed with the Town Assessor on or before the first appropriate taxable status date for the Town of Rush. The Town Board may, from time-to-time, amend, supplement, change, modify or repeal this Article pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law, the General Municipal Law, and the Real Property Tax Law of New York State applicable thereto." This Local Law shall become effective after filing and acknowledgment by the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the revisions as proposed at the above time and place.

January 24, 2008

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

2008 PRIMARY ELECTION



The Monroe County Board of Elections has informed the Town that there will be a **Primary Election held on February 5, 2008**. Polls at the Rush Town Hall will be open from 12 noon until 9 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

TAXES

Just a reminder for those homeowners that are responsible for paying their own taxes that **payment must be made by February 10th to avoid any interest penalty**. As instructed on your bill, all payments for Town and County taxes are made payable to me and can be either mailed or paid in person. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 533-1312.

2008 CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District is providing forms available in the Town Clerk's Office for ordering seedlings. Order forms and payment must be received by them by March 21, 2008.

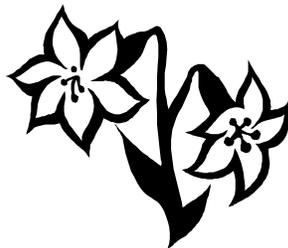
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February 2008 Meetings

<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 - 7th</i> <i>Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th</i> <i>Tuesday - 5th</i> <i>Thursday - 14th</i> <i>Thursday - 14th</i> <i>Tuesday - 19th</i> <i>Tuesday - 19th</i> <i>Wednesdays - 13th, 27th</i>
<u><i>Other Important Information and Dates:</i></u> <i>Primary Election</i>	12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m. Rush Town Hall	<i>Tuesday, - 5th</i>



March 2008 Meetings

<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, 17th, 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, 26th</i>
<u><i>Other Important Information and Dates:</i></u> <i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Town Hall Closed</i>	<i>Friday, March 21st</i>

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