

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

In this issue of the Newsletter, you will read about a number of changes taking place in and around the Rush Town Hall.

THE HONORABLE PAULA M. ANDERSON RETIRES AS TOWN JUSTICE

Rush Town Justice Paula M. Anderson has resigned effective December 31, 2010. Paula has served the Town in the Rush Court for 23 years. She was a Court Clerk for 8 years and then served an additional 15 years as Judge.



Thank you, Paula, for your many years of dedicated service to our Town.

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS S. DOUPE AS RUSH TOWN JUSTICE

Thomas S. Doupe has been appointed as Rush Town Justice effective March 1, 2011, to replace Judge Paula M. Anderson. This appointment is contingent upon the resignation of Mr. Doupe, prior to March 1, 2011, from the Town Board. This appointment expires on December 31, 2011.

The Town Board thanks Mr. Doupe for his service as Town Councilman for the past 7 years.

SERVICE BUILDING

The construction of the building is complete as you can see from the photo below.



The Rush Lions Club and the Town of Rush have signed an Agreement that allows the Lions Club access to the facility to store equipment that serves the needs of temporarily disabled members of the Town of Rush community.

Equipment that is available for use: wheel chairs, crutches, hospital beds, walkers, shower chairs and canes. The Lions Club is always looking for equipment **donations**, especially wheel chairs.

We really appreciate the continued services that the Lions Club provides for our community.

If you are in need of any of the above equipment or if you have donations, you can contact Harry Derleth at 533-2011, Keith Eggleston at 820-4294 or Steve Hoh at 406-0483.

FARMLAND PROTECTION INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

We will be scheduling informational meetings in the near future and will place the dates on our website

calendar (www.townofrush.com). Due to the fact that our Newsletter is produced every two months, we did not have the meeting dates when this issue went to press. For further information, please call Meribeth Palmer in the Clerk's Office at 533-1312.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) ANNUAL REPORT

The function of the ZBA is to review applications for variances from the Town Zoning Ordinances. The Rush Zoning Board of Appeals processed seven (7) applications during 2010 with the following results:

Approved	4
Approved with restrictions	1
Withdrawn	1
Pending	1

RICHARD SCHNEIDER RESIGNS FROM TWO POSITIONS AT TOWN

Richard "Dick" Schneider who is employed in different capacities at the Town, has resigned his 30 year position as Dog Control Officer, and his 15 year position as Court Attendant.



Dick Schneider receives Certificate of Appreciation from Rush Town Supervisor, William R. Udicious

Thank you, Dick, for your loyalty and dedication to our community. We look forward to your continued service at the Rush Town Hall.

WELCOME

We welcome **Michael Czora**, effective January 3, 2011, as our **new** Dog Control Officer, and **Samuel Hillmon**, effective January 10, 2011, as a **new** Court Attendant. If you need to contact the Dog Control Officer, please call the Rush Town Clerk at 533-1312 during normal business hours, or Michael Czora at 330-9100 after hours.

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.

Depending upon the cost of needed repairs and household income, you may qualify for a grant up to \$10,000. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the Community Development Office at 753-2000 for additional information.

The following program guidelines are used to determine eligibility:

- Household income within program limits (see income limit charts, page 3).
- Owner-occupied one or two-family home
- One complete year of ownership
- Prior HIP grant recipients are not eligible for repeat grants
- Prior first-time homebuyer grant recipients are not eligible to apply until the five year affordability period has expired
- Mortgage must be paid current
- Property taxes must be paid current
- Less than \$50,000 cash or liquid assets

Proof of homeowner's insurance

Property value within maximum FHA mortgage limits (currently \$204,250)

Eligible Areas

Residents of all Monroe County towns and villages are eligible; however, **Greece, Irondequoit and the City of Rochester administer their own home repair programs.** Homeowners in these areas should contact their municipality directly.

Applications

Applications are available at most Town and Village offices; online at monroecounty.gov; and at the Monroe County's Community Development Office. Completed applications, with all required documentation, should be submitted to:

Monroe County Community
Development Office
8100 CityPlace
50 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614
(585) 753-2000
(585) 753-2028 FAX

If your application is approved, you will be contacted for an inspection of your home.

Income Limits (Effective 08/01/10)

Family Size	Family & Senior Grants
1	\$37,350
2	\$42,650
3	\$48,000
4	\$53,300
5	\$57,600
6	\$61,850
7	\$66,100
8	\$70,400

Grant Amounts

Families with household incomes below the limits are eligible to receive a grant for 100% of eligible project costs, up to \$10,000.

Accessibility Grants

Households with a disabled member with incomes below the limits are eligible to receive an additional grant for 100% of accessibility improvements, up to \$2,500.



Repayment

You will not have to repay a grant unless you sell or transfer ownership of your home within the affordability period, generally five (5) years after completion of the project. If you transfer ownership during this time, you will be required to repay the full grant amount.

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, click on Housing, and then click on Home Ownership Application.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Town matters, please feel free to call me at 533-9058.

Sincerely, *William R. Udicious*

William R. Udicious

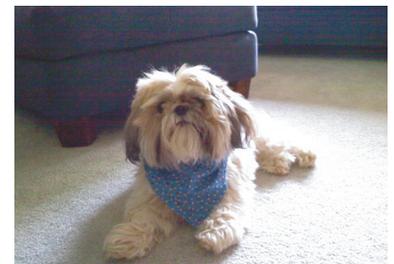
Town Clerk's Office

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



LICENSING "MAN'S BEST FRIEND"

Effective January 1, 2011, New York State has changed the process for licensing dogs. In the past, New York State has been the responsible party for sending renewal notices, providing identification tags and maintaining a state-wide database. Local



municipalities are now responsible for licensing dogs.

The Town of Rush will now be sending your renewal notices and issuing new identification tags. Dog owners will see little change in the process.

As in the past:

- All dogs must be licensed annually. A reminder notice will be sent prior to the month of your renewal. If the license is not renewed in a timely manner, an appearance ticket and additional fines could be incurred.
- Current certificate of rabies must be provided or be on file in the Town Clerk's Office. If your dog's rabies vaccination has expired since the last time you licensed your dog or the rabies certificate will expire within thirty days of the license renewal period, you must provide a new certificate of vaccination.
- If you no longer have your dog, you must notify the Town Clerk.

The fee for licensing your dog has changed. For the most part, licensing fees went up \$1.50 from previous years. One dollar of this increase is for a new animal population control fee which has been implemented by New York State. The remaining fifty cents will stay in the Town to cover the increased cost to the Town for tags and sending renewal notices. Please make yourself aware of the new amount on your renewal notice.

You are encouraged to review the Town's Animal Control Law. It is available online at www.townofrush.com under Dog Control. Feel free to contact the Town Clerk's Office or the Dog Control Officer, if you have questions about licensing your dog.

CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM

Forms for the 2011 Conservation Tree, Shrub & Plant Program are available in the Town Clerk's Office or by visiting www.monroecountyswcd.org. All orders and payments are due payable to the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) by March 18th. Tree pick-up is scheduled for April 14-15, 9AM – 6 PM, behind Building A at the MCWSD, 1200A Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624 at the garage directly behind Building A.

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, the undersigned Collector of Taxes in and for the Town of Rush, have received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the Combined Town and County Taxes for the year 2011. I will receive these taxes at the Town Clerk's Office, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Mailed payment should be addressed to: Pamela J. Bucci, Collector, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid interest free through February 10, 2011. To be eligible for Installment Payment Option, the first payment must be made by February 10, 2011. Taxes paid under the installment option are payable as follows:

1st payment 25%, January 1 to February 10th - interest free

2nd payment 25%, February 11th to February 28th - 1½% interest penalty

3rd payment 25%, March 1st to March 31st - 3% interest penalty

4th payment 25%, April 1 to April 30 – 4.5% interest penalty

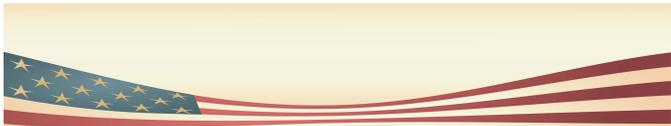
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxpayers are eligible for a Partial Payment Option. An initial payment of at least 25% of taxes due plus any accrued interest can be made at any time between January 1st and August 20th.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all taxes are payable to the Town of Rush until May 31, 2011, when the Tax Rolls will be returned to the County of Monroe on June 1, 2011. Further information about payment, interest charge and payment locations are on the back of the tax bill or by visiting the County website at www.monroecounty.gov.

ANY TAXPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A TAX BILL BY JANUARY 15th, 2011, is requested to contact the Rush Town Hall at 533-1312.

Dated: December 31, 2010

Pamela J. Bucci
Collector of Taxes



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



As we ring in the New Year there are many upcoming events in our community to look forward to. From the completion of projects, to exciting events and getting to know more people in our great community, I am sure 2011 will be another successful year. The completion of the new state-of-the-art crime lab, which

is set to open this spring, is one of the highly anticipated projects this year. The additional space gained in this structure will increase efficiency as well as reduce the backlog of cases. Another project scheduled to be completed is the addition of the lion exhibit at the Seneca Park Zoo. This project will bring lions to the Zoo for the first time in 20 years. As President of the County Legislature, I am proud to have supported both of these projects, which will become great assets to our community.

An exciting event coming to Monroe County this summer is a performance by the Blue Angels at the 2011 ESL International Air Show. The event will be held July 16th -17th. The United States Navy's famed precision flying team is a greatly anticipated occurrence in our community. The event will be a great place for Monroe County families to enjoy a summer weekend in our great community.

As a County Legislator, the most important responsibility I have is assisting residents in the 12th Legislative District with questions on government and county services. I pride myself in listening to my residents and assisting in solving various issues. One step I have taken to make sure I am accessible to the community is institute community office hours at the Rush Town Hall. I have enjoyed meeting the residents who have come out thus far and I encourage anyone interested to come to an upcoming event and introduce themselves, discuss issues and ask questions. Please feel free to join me at the Rush Town Hall on April 11, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. If you are not able to attend then, please don't hesitate to

contact me by phone at 753-1922, or by e-mail at monroe12@monroecounty.gov.

Best wishes to you and yours in this upcoming year!

Assessor's Office
 Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
 Mon. & Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Dan@townofrush.com
 Colleen Statskey, Assessor's Clerk
 Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM
Colleen@townofrush.com



Please be aware that if you are going to turn 65 this year, contact the Assessor's Office before March 1st 2011, regardless of the date of your birthday. You may qualify for a Senior Exemption.

Also, if you are receiving an Agricultural Exemption on your land, please review your exemption amounts. The State has reconfigured the exemption value and it may affect your taxable assessment.

Historian's Office
 Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch
 Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Phone: 533-1312
Margie@townofrush.com



As we begin this New Year of 2011, I felt it appropriate to share with you how the Town of Rush began.

In 1788, our first settlers, William Markham and his brother John, came down the Genesee River and established a home in the vast, almost uncharted wilderness we now call Rush. Others that came with their families and helped build this settlement over the next few years were the families of Thomas Dailey, Christle Thomas, John Bell, Captain Philip Price, Elder Goff, Peter Myers, Clark Davis, Elnathan Perry, Nathan Jeffords, Jacob Martin, John Barnes, John Webster, George Lyday and the Sherman family.

Until 1818, our little settlement had been part of Hartford (later called Avon), one of nineteen towns in Ontario County. Hartford began at what is now Rte 5 & 20 and ended at the present Henrietta Line. All legal business was transacted either at the town meetings held at East Avon or at the Ontario County seat in Canandaigua. This meant miles of

travel over poor roads, and afforded no separate identity for Rush as a political unit.

On March 13, 1818, the Town of Rush was separated from Avon and remained in Ontario County. At the first town meeting, William Markham was elected Supervisor and Peter Price Town Clerk, Nathan Jeffords, Jacob Stull and John Markham, Assessors, Nathan Rose, Dudley Brainerd and Clark Davis, Highway Commissioners, and George Lyday and Peter Price overseers of the poor; Adolphus Allen was appointed Collector.

On November 24, 1824, Rush became part of Monroe County, with the county seat in Rochester. The boundaries of Rush remain today as they were on that date.

In future newsletters, I plan to share with you some of the stories of the remarkable men and women who dared to come into the wilderness and become our first settlers. While the woods were full of turkeys, squirrels, deer, honey, fruits, etc. there also were wolves, bears and panthers.

It is amazing to me what life was like for them, less than 200 years ago, compared to what our lives are like today.

Until next time!

Respectfully, Margie Kirch

Recreation Department
Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
Mon., Wed. 8:30 AM -3:30PM
Thursdays 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
Phone: 533-2340
Pat@townofrush.com



Men's Senior Basketball

The Men's Seniors Basketball program (55 and older) meets at the Monica Leary School gym on Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Please call Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information. The basketball program will be concluding March 15th.

Town of Rush Volleyball Camp Town of Rush Spring Beginner Volleyball camp

The Rush Recreation Department is joining with the Rush Henrietta School District Volleyball Coach Lindsey Williams to once again offer volleyball camps for younger children ages 7-12 years old at the Monica Leary School on Wednesdays. The cost is \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-residents. We will be offering this 6 week camp on Wednesdays 4/27/11, 5/4/11, 5/11/11, 5/18/11, 5/25/11 and 6/1/11 from 6:00PM-7:30PM. You can download an application from the townofrush.com website or sign up at the Rush Town Hall.

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and EPIC Trainings are offering a First Aid Basics class for Kids (Ages 9-15)



This course teaches younger responders how to recognize and react responsibly in a variety of emergency situations. Through demonstration and hands on exercises, students will learn how to: control bleeding, care for muscle, bone and joint injuries, treat a burn and much more. Every student goes home with a first aid trainer kit and a certification card. This course meets requirements necessary to earn the Girl Scout First Aid Badge, Boy Scout Readyman Badge, as well as many other badges.

The class will be held on March 9th 2011 from 6:30PM until 8:00PM at the Town of Rush Pavilion. The cost is \$14.00 for Rush residents and \$16.00 for non-Rush residents. You can send in a check payable to the Rush Town Clerk at 5977 East Henrietta Rd. Rush NY 14543. Please identify the participants name, address, phone number and that the check is for this class. Please contact the Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340 with any questions.

Aerobics With Vickie



The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering evening aerobics classes for ages 16 and up. The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you'll enjoy. It also includes floor routines to target your stomach,

legs and arms, as well as stretches to improve flexibility. A good exercise mat is essential, a pair of weights (3 or 4lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome.

The cost for either nine-week session is \$30 for Rush residents and \$35 for non-residents. For those who want to get the maximum benefit by attending both nights, the cost is \$50 for Rush residents and \$55 for non-residents.

You can download an application from the town website or come into the Rush town hall and sign up.

The class schedule is:

Tuesdays, March 1st – April 26th, 6:15-7:15 pm
Thursdays, March 3rd – April 28th, 6:15-7:15 pm

Classes will be held in the new Rush Park Pavilion.

Town of Rush Spring Basketball program

There will be basketball camps offered at the Monica Leary school for beginner basketball players 7-9 years old on Tuesdays from 6-7:30PM (April 26th-June 7th - no camp on May 17th), and one for intermediate players (ages 9-12 years on Fridays from 6-7:30PM (April 29th-June 3rd). Come and learn more about basketball and have fun with your friends. Cost is \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-Rush residents. You can sign up by downloading an application from the town website and sending it to the Rush Town Clerk's Office or by registering at the Rush Town Hall.

The Spring flag football program is still being planned. Dates and times will be in the next Newsletter. This program will be held at the Rush park.

Town of Rush Pavilion

The Town of Rush Park Pavilion is available for rentals. For Rush residents the cost is \$100.00 per day (\$150.00 non-Rush residents). An **additional** \$100 refundable deposit is required at the time you reserve your date. The cost of renting the fields is \$25.00 for each field. The pavilion has bathrooms, kitchen, stove/oven, microwave, and enough tables and chairs for 100 people. There is also a working wood fireplace and a beautiful playground for children's birthday parties. The Town Board has also approved alcohol use at the pavilion. If there is

a date you are looking to rent the Pavilion, please call the Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340 for availability. The pavilion and parks permits are available on the town website.

Rush After School Program: There is always availability in the Rush after school program. If you would like more information please call 533-2340. There are applications for after school on the town website.

Looking Ahead to Summer: There will be Summer camps offered during July and August for children 7-10 years old. The July camp will be 2 days a week (Wednesday and Fridays) (for Rush children only), the August camp will be three days a week (Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays).

There will also be trips offered for 11-14 year olds. The Thursday trips that are being planned for July and August will be to the Aquatic Center in Henrietta to learn scuba diving, Roseland Park, Genesee Waterways to learn white water rafting, rock climbing at Rock Ventures, and a trip to the Minnehan's go-cart facility. The August camp for 7-10 year olds' and the 11-14 year olds' weekly trip program will be also offered to non-residents for an additional cost.



At the end of June, there will be a Boys' lacrosse camp offered as well as soccer camps, and a baseball camp during the summer.



More information such as sign up dates on the summer camps and the summer programs will be in the April and May newsletter. Also, up to date information is always added to the town website.



Please remember "no news is good news" if you do not hear from the Recreation Department, the programs go on as scheduled. For any questions, please call the Recreation Department at 533-2340.

Library News



Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,
Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM
Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM (Sept. - May)
Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546
www.libraryweb.org/rush

Dear Neighbors,



"Rundel Memorial Building"
Photo by Paul Davis
From the collection of the
Rochester Public Library
Local History Division

It's time to wish a great big *Happy Birthday* to the Rochester Public Library- it is 100 years old! In honor of this, RPL is planning many events to celebrate its centennial, including birthday parties at each city branch, reading programs that highlight the changing book collections over time, and local history programs that showcase the library's special features. Have *you* ever visited the "secret room" in the Children's Center downtown? Maybe it's time for a tour. Check the home page of the MCLS web site (www.libraryweb.org) for more information.

New Web Site! After many years of updating our old web site, we knew it was time for something fresh. Being cognizant of our tight budget and reduced state funding support, I also knew we'd have to be frugal with the design and implementation costs which can be significant. Our new web site is now up and running thanks to the hard work of volunteer Trisha Vanable. Our new domain name is www.RushLibrary.org and our site now features photographs from our many programs. Bear with us as we put the finishing touches on it, and let us know what you think.

Wine-Tasting Benefit: As of the writing of this newsletter, tickets are still available for the Wine Tasting Benefit: "**A Friends' Night Out**", sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library and Erie Station Fine Wines & Liquor. Join us on Saturday, February 5th, from 7-9:30 pm at Magnolia's Restaurant at Wildwood Country Club here in Rush. Tickets are \$30 per person (cash or check only.) 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 plus live jazz

from the **Bill Tiberio Band**. Thank you to Heather Iannone, Valerie Mertsock, & our wonderful Friends Group, our Sponsors, and everyone who donated items for our Silent Auction. A complete list of our sponsors will be in the next newsletter. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support our Reading Garden, our Summer Concert Series, plus additional projects and programs inside the library but outside of our operating budget. **This is a fun evening with your friends & neighbors, and we'd love to see you there!**

Tax Forms are now available in limited supply inside the library. You may also download & 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. Printing forms at the library costs 15¢ per page.

The Community Craft Project: The Rush Library is pleased to be collaborating for the fifth year with the **Monroe County Fair Association** on a community service project. We are once again soliciting homemade **lap blankets**, but this time for donation to residents of Monroe Community Hospital. They could be knitted, crocheted, quilted, or sewn (all without fringe, please.) They should measure about 30 x 40 inches, be machine washable, and *not* be made of wool. You can drop off completed projects at the library and they will be on display here until **June 18th**; then they'll be delivered to the Fair & Expo Center in time to be exhibited at the Monroe County Fair in July. Last year's projects were truly wonderful; I hope you are inspired once again!

Art on Display: Through March we are showcasing the work of **Rush resident & photographer, Gregory Cammett**. Greg is a freelancer and his passion for sports is evident in the way he captures the action and the spirit of a game. Although Greg's images of professional athletes have been used by ESPN.com, SI.com, Yankee Fan Magazine and the Washington Nationals baseball team program, his focus is on youth sports action photography. Come and see if you can recognize any of your own young athletes in his work.

Memorial Day Essay Contest: The American Legion Stevens-Connor Post is once more working in partnership with the Rush Library on a Memorial Day Essay Contest open to Rush residents. The theme is "**What Memorial Day Means To Me**" and

there will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes of **Best Buy gift cards** for two different age groups: **Youth (ages 14-18)** and **Child (ages 13 and below.)** The deadline for submission is **Monday, May 2nd.** Further details are available at the Rush Library, and essays may be submitted here as well.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Kirsten

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

February:



Valentine Crafts for Kids:
Saturday, February 5th,

from 11:00am - Noon. This program is for children ages 3-6, and encourages the younger set to try their hand at crafting simple projects. Space is limited and registration is required.

What's so great about...? These are *new* after-school programs* for children ages 6-10 **from 3:40-4:40pm** that showcase historical figures in a fun and fascinating way:

Week 1: Pocahontas- The Powhatan Princess, **Tuesday, February 8th**

Week 2: Elizabeth Blackwell- The First Woman Doctor, **Tuesday, February 15th**

Week 3: Annie Oakley- Female Sharpshooter, **Tuesday, March 1st**

*To get the most out of the programs, we suggest that children attend all three sessions. Space is limited and registration is required.

Pre-School Story Time for children **ages 3-5** begins on **Thursday, February 10th from 11:30am-12:15pm.** This program consists of stories, games, music, and simple crafts. Children must be 3 years old by March 1st, and be able to participate in a group setting with their peers. This 10-week program runs through April 14th. All further dates will be given at the first session. Space is limited and registration is required. Please be committed to attending *all* 10 sessions if possible.

Dessert Demonstration: Meet local Pastry Chef, **Valerie Mertsock on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00pm** as she enlightens us with "Tiramisu Made Easy." Impress your friends and loved ones with this restaurant-style presentation- no oven required. You will leave with some recipes to try at home so you can make someone's Valentine's Day extra sweet! Space is limited and registration is required.

Library Knit Chicks: is our bi-monthly crafting circle at the library; we are sharing ideas and patterns and meeting on the **second & last Saturdays of each month from 10:30 'til noon.** We'll meet **February 12th & 26th,** and **March 12th & 26th.** Join us for coffee, tea, cocoa and conversation.

Get Your Soup On! Do you make a great soup that you'd like to share? This is your chance! Join us on **Wednesday, February 16th at 5:30pm** in the **Rush Town Pavilion** with a crock-pot or pot full of your favorite soup. We will provide the bread, drinks and tableware & a cozy fire. We ask that you please bring at least 20 copies of your recipe to share with participants. Please register in advance for this program so we know how many people to expect.

We have renewed our Movie License and will once again be showing movies on the "Big Screen" in our Community Meeting Room.

Friday Night at the Movies: OCEANS (Rated G) is an ecological documentary/drama about the vanishing wonders of the aquatic world. Meet undersea creatures that men consider to be both friend and foe. Our screening takes place **Friday, February 18th at 7:00pm.** Space is limited and registration is required. Parents who wish to stay with their child must also register for a seat. Popcorn and snacks will be available, or you may bring your own if you wish.

Wii for Kids on **Tuesday, February 22nd from 1:00-4:00pm (during school break week.)** Gather your friends and show off your stuff by playing Wii games while having an afternoon snack. Please register in advance for this program.

Movie Matinee for Kids on **Thursday, February 24th from 1:00-3:00pm (during school break week.)** ***Alpha and Omega*** (Rated PG) is an animated film about "two young wolves at opposite ends of their pack's social order thrown together into a foreign land, and who will need each other to

return home.” Space is limited and registration is required. Parents who wish to remain with their child must also register for a seat. Popcorn and snacks will be available.

Rush Readers’ Book Club: is meeting on two **Thursdays, Feb. 24th and March 3rd, from 7-9:00 pm.** We will be discussing *The Known World*, a novel by National Book Award nominee Edward. P. Jones. “It’s a story of antebellum Virginia, where freed slave Henry Townsend has a plantation- and slaves of his own. This is a profoundly beautiful and insightful look at American slavery and human nature.” Join us for coffee, dessert and great discussion; please register in advance as space is limited.

Meet Susan B. Anthony on **Saturday, February 26th at 11:00am.** Children in grades 4 and up will be able to listen and converse with “Ms. Anthony” as portrayed by Jeanne Gehret. Jeanne has written a children’s biography about Anthony, worked as a docent at Anthony’s Rochester home, and has portrayed the famous suffragist at dozens of schools and historical centers. Please register in advance for this wonderful educational program.

March:

Saturday Crafts for Kids ages 8 and up on **Saturday, March 5th from 11:00am-12:30pm.** Children will be making String Dolls originating from Thailand. These are oh-so-cute and handcrafted from one continuous cotton string! A sample of this craft will be on display in February, and all materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

NetSmartz: Protecting Children and Teens Online

(a presentation for parents & caregivers by the **Center for Missing and Exploited Children**) on **Tuesday, March 8th from 7-8:00pm.** Learn about: the risks to children & teens using chat rooms, web browsers, email and social networking; what you can do to keep your children safe, and NetSmartz online activities and resources for online safety and reporting. This organization requires at least 10 participants in order to present a program, so register in advance with a friend- it’s free and open to the public.



Crafters Corner for Adults: Back by popular demand, we will be offering a **Needle Felting Class on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00pm.** Beginners will be making a spring pin to wear on a jacket, and more advanced felters may make a beaded bracelet. Samples of these crafts will be on display in the library mid-February. Space is limited and registration is required.

Friends of the Rush Library: will meet on **Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 pm.** We’ll be wrapping up the Wine-Tasting Benefit and discussing the Ladies’ Tea Party, the Summer Concert Series, the Garage Sale, plus other fundraising and advocacy efforts. New members are always welcome!

Friday Night at the Movies: Join us for our monthly movie night for kids on **Friday, March 18th at 7:00pm.** We’ll be showing a G-rated movie, but the title is yet to be determined. Call the library in March for more details. Space is limited and registration is required. Parents who wish to stay with their child must also register for a seat. Popcorn and snacks will be available.

Bedtime Stories for Kids will take place on **Tuesday, March 22nd from 6:45-7:30pm.** Mrs. Celentano will be reading *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* and other stories by Mark Teague. Children are invited to come in their PJs and bring their favorite bedtime snuggly. We will provide a bedtime snack and drink. Each child who registers in advance will receive a FREE book, courtesy of Kohl’s Department Store. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers’ Book Club: is meeting on **Thursdays, March 24th and March 31st, from 7-9:00 pm.** We will be participating in “If All of Rochester Read the Same Book” sponsored by Writers and Books. This year the selection is *The Good Thief*, a novel by Hannah Tinti described by the *New York Times* as “an American Dickensian tale with touches of Harry Potterish whimsy, along with a macabre streak of spooky New England history.” The author will be in Rochester March 23-26, and many readings, interviews, & book signings will be held throughout Monroe County for participants. We’ll have readers’ guides and a schedule of community events in March. To participate in *our* discussion, please register in advance. A very limited number of paperback copies will be for sale at the circulation desk.

Looking Ahead to April:

Community Garage/Craft Sale: To be held *inside* the Rush Town Pavilion on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Stop by the library in March for a vendor application.



**Office of the Fire Marshal/
Emergency Preparedness
Administrator**
Submitted by: Richard L. Tracy
Phone: 533-1312
Rick@townofrush.com

Spring In To Fire Safety

As spring approaches (hopefully sooner than later), I would like to present to you some fire safety items that will help keep your home and community fire safe. Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 13. When you change the time on your clocks, please change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Ideally, there should be a smoke detector in every bedroom in your home, as well as at least one on each floor. If your smoke detector is more than ten years old, or you have no idea how old it is, the National Fire Protection Agency suggests that you replace it. If you do not have at least one working smoke detector in your home and you can honestly not financially afford to purchase one, contact the Rush Fire District or my office and we will make arrangements to get you one.

If you ever have to call the Sheriff, ambulance, or fire department, would the emergency responders be able to easily find your house? By code, every home is required to have house numbers affixed to them. The numbers should be at least four inches in height and should be a color that does not blend in with the color of the house. The best place for the numbers is near the main entry door, and where it can be well lit.

As you begin to think about landscaping and yard work, evaluate the accessibility to your property. If an emergency vehicle had to utilize your driveway, could it do so without being damaged by tree branches or other obstructions? Make sure that if you have a fire hydrant located on your property that it is visible to the fire department and unobstructed. Never plant flowers, trees or bushes around them, and never paint them.

With the outdoor cooking season approaching, be sure that you clean and service your propane gas grill before you use it. Make sure the hoses leading from the fuel tank to the burners are not worn, cracked or damaged and that the vents are free of obstruction. If the burners are worn or rusted, replace them. Propane gas grills and spare tanks should never be stored inside a home or attached garages, and when in use should be a minimum of ten feet away from any structure.

Have air conditioning units checked by a licensed professional.

Make sure that exits and escape routes from the home are clear of any debris and are not blocked off and that all doors and windows operate properly and easily.

As you do your spring cleaning, remember to make sure that you keep a safe distance (at least thirty six inches) between any heat producing appliance and any combustible storage. Maintain clear access to all utility shut offs. Make sure that you always keep the lint trap on your clothes dryer cleaned, and now is a good time to make sure that the vent tube is cleaned or replaced.

If you have any fire safety questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (585) 533-1312 or by e-mail at rick@townofrush.com.



Rush Senior Citizens
Submitted by: Nancy Miller, Secretary

The Rush Seniors completed the 2010 season with a fine holiday party at the Wishing Well. This year, 67 of us were able to travel to and from the party in fine weather so that there was lots of time to enjoy a lovely buffet lunch, some musical entertainment and, of course, a few door prizes awarded by Jim Oliver, our illustrious trip organizer.

The January meeting was held during a small break in the snowstorms so that a yummy lunch could be enjoyed by 55 members. Our new Vice President, Chris Miller, handed out a survey sheet regarding the wishes of the members regarding entertainment. Some great suggestions came forward and the first will be put into place next

month with all Seniors being asked to “share the love” by bringing a non-perishable item for **RHAFT**—the area food cupboard. The Bingo and card games to follow the February meeting will be just for fun!

Our new Treasurer, Bev Rumsey, is accepting memberships. Remember, all Rush residents who have reached the age of 55 are invited to join in the fun.

The meeting was conducted by Carol Coombe, our continuing President. Some important discussion concerned the need for all of us to have our important papers accessible in case of emergency. Rush Recreation Coordinator, Patricia Stephens, offered a fine document to assist in organizing such papers. Contact her at the Town Hall and she would gladly get you a copy! It was emphasized by Bob Faugh and the Fire Department that all folks need to carry emergency contact and medical information at all times—the firemen need that kind of information to assist you.

Jim Oliver, Mary Anne Brice and Harry Derleth , our Trip Coordinators announced an exciting line-up of 2011 trips. The “long trip” vote has Rush Seniors heading north to Quebec and Montreal in September—more details later.

More immediately, sign-ups for the February 17th Mendon Players’ annual “follies” are now underway. We are guests of the players and car pooling will go from the fire hall. Call Mary Anne Brice (533-1185) to reserve your spot now!



Trip #2 will be a St. Patrick’s luncheon celebration at Club 86 in Geneva—featuring Joey “O” Vincent and Sylvia Fletcher. Saunder’s Store will provide a brief shopping opportunity. Again, call Mary Ann for details and reservations. Remember you do not have to be a Rush Senior member to join us for trips!

Trip #3 greets Spring with our annual trek to Cartwright’s Maple Tree Inn on April 7th—freshly made syrup over yummy buckwheat pancakes!

The next regular meeting is on Thursday, February 10th. Don’t forget a generous dish to pass, your

place setting and a non-perishable item to “share the love” with **RHAFT**!



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 3rd. 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 of the month at 7 pm at Station One. All of our meetings are open to the public.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE: The Chiefs and Asst. Chief were approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the line officers for the Department were approved by the Board of Directors at their Organizational Meeting. See web site for complete list. Robert Anderson who was 2nd Asst. Chief last year has moved to social membership. The district wishes to thank him for his years of active and dedicated service starting as explorer. He will be missed by the fire district and the fire department.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Total of 404 Fire & EMS Calls for 2010. That is a call every 22 hours. We had an average of 17 firefighters respond to all the serious calls. We had no structure fires and no injury or deaths involved in any fires. We responded to 45 false alarms and another 32 good intent type alarms (where the system went off because of cooking or someone thought the FD was needed at a location for some reason). We responded to another 45 service calls which included mutual aid to our neighbors, lock outs, etc. **PLEASE**, if your system goes off call 9-1-1 and tell them what is going on. **DO NOT RELY** on your system alone to get a rapid response with adequate manpower.

Total Ambulance Calls 252 or 63% of our responses. The ambulance responded to 13 emergency scene standbys. We provided 35 responses for mutual aid. We were cancelled on a total of 31 calls, both mutual aid and in our own district. We responded to 42 vehicle crashes. We transported 125 patients with another 35 being transported by a full ALS/BLS ambulance usually from Henrietta. We used an ALS "fly car" Medic on 63 calls. We cancelled ALS or the patient was released to BLS by ALS 16 times. Henrietta Ambulance provided 98% of our ALS in 2010, both the fly car where the medic rode in our ambulance or they sent a full ambulance to transport the patient.

Our average response time to get a properly equipped "first responder" EMT on scene was 5 to 6 minutes 90% of the time. This response time is exceptional. We have two "first responder" officer's cars with AEDs. (automatic defibrillators). Several others officers have basic life support equipment that respond to the scene.

Over 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.

MVA IN MENDON: The Rush Rescue 588 responded with the HFFD to a serious MVA on Rt 251 where a female was trapped between her car and the side of a 27,000 GVW truck. We used several of our rescue tools, saws and the winch on the truck to assist HFFD in the extrication. (Photos on the web site)

DALE SWEET RECOGNIZED: Past Fire Chief Dale Sweet was presented a plaque and gift from the RFD members on January 12, 2011 at the Diplomat Party House for serving as the President of the Monroe County Fire Chiefs' Association. for the past two years.

FUND DRIVE: We have received over \$50,000 from the 2010 annual fund drive. **Thank you very much!** The per resident donation is

unmatched ANYWHERE in western NY state. 70% of our residents donated.

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: These following people were our local winners and their essays were sent on to the county. Jordan L'Esperance received a Plaque and \$100. Nicholas Kachala received a certificate and \$75.00 and our 3rd place winner was Ana Rydelel, she received a certificate and \$25.00. The Monroe County Volunteer Firemens' Association announced the Countywide - 2010 Fire Prevention Essay Awards on December 10, 2010. Rush-Henrietta had the top 4 winners in the county contest. In the 5th and 6th Grades, winner number 1 was Jordan L'Esperna - 5th Grade Leary School - Rush, NY, Winner number 2 Nicholas Kachala - 5th Grade Leary School, Rush, NY. 3rd Place was Erin Guntrum - 6th Grade Roth Middle School, Henrietta NY and 4th Place went to David Parr - 6th Grade Roth Middle School - Henrietta NY. The Rush and Henrietta Fire Departments with help from the school's staff have a very aggressive Fire Prevention program provided to all the schools in the district. Congratulations to all the winners and also to those who took the time to write an essay. (Photo on the web site)

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!

BOY SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS: The Explorer Post will have a **Pancake Breakfast at the fire house on Sunday – February 13th starting at 9 am.** Boy Scout and Rush Explorer **Joseph P. Schutt** has achieved the position of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to him for all the work involved to become an Eagle Scout.

RUSH FD WEB SITE: We update the NEWS section of our web site with pictures and information every few days. www.RushFD.org

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Rush Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who helped and attended our Children's Christmas Party held on December 10th. It was a huge success.

We would also like to send a huge thank you to the Rush Firemen for putting on a Christmas Dinner for us on December 13th. We all enjoyed it very much.

RUSH FIREMEN'S LADIES AUXILIARY WILKENS' SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary Wilkens' Scholarship Award was created in memory of Grace "Betty" Wilkens 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: **Applicants must be a resident of Town of Rush. Applicants must provide evidence of satisfactory grades. Applicants 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. Applicants 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 Wilkens Scholarship Award at the Senior Awards Ceremony at the appropriate school.**

The check will be sent to the winner after the Scholarship Committee receives verification that he/she is enrolled in a degree program. Please return the completed application by Friday, April 1, 2011 to the:

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

CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual Chicken and Biscuits Dinner on Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm, at the Rush Fire House. The cost is \$8.00 for Adults, \$7.00 for Seniors and \$5.50 for Children 12 and under. Take outs are available. Proceeds from this dinner help fund the Wilkens Scholarship Fund.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining the Rush Ladies Auxiliary should contact: Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or jnmadigan@aol.com or by visiting www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm.



**Set your clocks ahead one hour
on Sunday night, March 13th !**

Rush Town Hall General Information

Main #533-1312

Fax #533-9346

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

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