

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

We hope that you find the following articles informative.

ITEMS UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM THE HISTORIAN AREA

In the June Newsletter, I explained how the Town's newly appointed Historian, Marjorie Kirch, had discovered items were missing from the History office. This was brought to her attention by Jeanne Yawman, a prior Town Historian. The Town Board responded by investigating the matter and informed Mrs. Yawman of our findings. To further meet the concerns of Mrs. Yawman, on April 27, 2011, the Town Board appointed an independent three-person committee to audit what the Town Board had done to date. Its charge was to present the Town Board with a report of recommendations to resolve the issue. The committee members, KATHRYN CAPPELLA-HANKINS, KAREN HOPKINS and SUE MEE, were very thorough and diligent in their research. The committee's recommendations are below in black; **in red are the actions the Town Board has taken or will be taking to conclude the investigation and establish internal accountability procedures.**

Recommendations to Satisfactorily Close This Issue

1) The Town Board, working with the Town Historian, should put into place appropriate policies and practices that will safeguard our historical collection. This recommendation is critical to address the concerns of many citizens who are considering future gifts to the

town. **The current Historian developed and implemented procedures to address this concern when taking office in June 2010.**

2) Exhaust the search for the most-treasured missing Historical Items that have been identified as most treasured, including a conversation with the auctioneer at the Highway Garage Sale, if he can be identified from payment records; a detailed article placed in the next town newsletter asking for information on any remaining treasured items that are still missing, and have not been reported as discarded; and a formal visit to Tinker Museum proposed by the current Town Historian, Margie Kirch, with former historian, Jeanne Yawman, to search for any items that may still be there. **a) Records are being researched regarding the Garage sale. b) You will find the list of missing items on page 5 of the Historian's column in this newsletter. c) The Historian has invited Jeanne Yawman to accompany her to visit the Tinker Museum to search for missing items.**

3) Endorse the development of "History Remembered", a booklet that would be developed by a group of volunteers, including Jeanne Yawman, during the next two to three months. Approve from the Town's contingency budget the printing costs for the proposed booklet up to \$200. The volunteer committee would coordinate their activities with Margie Kirch, current Town Historian, and seek her support and guidance. The proposed booklet would catalogue the items lost and offer the "story behind the artifact". In addition to an electronic copy, ten copies of the booklet would be printed and placed in our history office and library for reference and the possible recovery of other historical items. **The Town Board has approved and the Town Historian will support & guide.**

4) Approve from the Town's contingency budget an allocation up to \$800 to be used to ensure appropriate documentation, protection, preservation, restoration, recovery or replacement of the most treasured historical items and artifacts of Rush's earliest residents that were in the collection. This recovery and preservation fund would be managed by the Town Historian, and would be in conjunction with the reassessment of the scope and limits of the Town's collection of historical items (the reassessment could include the program goals, purpose, resources, space, digital documentation and preservation of inventory, protection, finances and safety). **This request will be addressed during the 2012 budget process.**

5) Request that the Town's Historian required Annual Report be provided to the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and presented to the Town Board, and sent as required to the NYS Office of Cultural Education. **The current Historian did present her 2010 Annual Report to the Supervisor & Town Board and in 2011 and, going forward, she will include the Town Clerk and NYS Office of Cultural Education.**

6) Establish and maintain an updated inventory of the Town's collection of historical items. On a regular schedule, provide the Town Clerk with a copy for the Town Board. **The Town Historian is currently inventorying the Town's collection of historical items, using updated software; the Town Clerk will be provided a copy yearly.**

7) We do not recommend the further development or consideration of a chartered Museum. We recognize and support the name change from Museum to History Room, and our current Town Historian's recently approved accession/deaccession policy as effective and positive ways to move forward. **Through her research, the current Historian discovered that the Rush Town Museum established in 1993 did not apply for, nor was it ever recognized by the State of New York as a Chartered Museum. For that reason, at the Historian's request, the Town Board approved the area**

housing historical items be changed to "History Room" and the "Museum" sign removed. This History room will house collected or donated pictures, artifacts, documents etc., that relate directly to a Rush family, farm, business or organization.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

The Town of Rush has recently acquired 215 acres of land on East River Road from BOCES #1 for the sum of \$1. The transfer of this property comes with the restriction that the only uses of the property can be for parks, recreation and other ancillary use. We have a one-year agreement with a local farmer that allows him to remove hay from the property in exchange for the ongoing mowing of roadside areas and other areas around structures on the site. The New York Museum has a five-year lease which expires on June 30, 2014, on part of this parcel.

GIANT HOGWEED ALERT

We have once again been informed that the Giant Hogweed is back in our Town

The **GIANT HOGWEED** resembles a plant that you may know as "Queen Anne's Lace", but is much bigger and taller. The flowers are numerous, small and white in June and July, clustered into a flat topped umbel (umbrella shape) up



to 2½ feet across. Stems are hollow, rigid, 2-4 inches in diameter, 8-14 feet tall, with purple blotches and coarse white hairs. The especially prominent hairs circle the stem at the base of the leaf stalks. Leaves are lobed, deeply incised and up to 5 feet across. The fruit is dry, flattened, oval and about 3/8 inches long and tan with brown lines.

The **GIANT HOGWEED** is Hazardous and has the potential to cause severe skin irritation. Plant sap produces painful, burning blisters within 24 to 48 hours after contact. Plant juices

also can produce painless red blotches that later develop into purplish or brownish scars that may persist for several years.

GIANT HOGWEED is a Federal Noxious Weed, making it unlawful to propagate, sell or transport. If you see this weed, please report it by calling the **GIANT HOGWEED HOTLINE** at 1-845-256-3111. If you would like, you can also e-mail ghogweed@gw.dec.state.ny.us. If you can attach photos and/or exact location of the hogweed, that would be very helpful. You can also visit the website at www.dec.ny.gov. Arrangements will be made to visit your property.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOW, CUT OR WEEDWACK.

Both the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the United States Department of Agriculture strongly encourage homeowners/landowners to call the hotline as the first step towards managing a suspected Giant Hogweed infestation.

Let's do our part here in the Town of Rush to help stop the spread of this dangerous weed.



RUSH FALL FESTIVAL 2011

The Rush Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 9:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m.

Please see pages 5 and 6 of this Newsletter for all the details on the various contests and events.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William R. Udicious".

William R. Udicious



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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION A SUCCESS!



In little over 3 hours, the Sunnking Electronic Recycling crew, along with the help of Councilman Richard Anderson, Town Clerk Pamela Bucci and Highway Superintendent Mark David, directed over 250 cars loaded with electronics that filled over 2 semi-trucks full of electronic equipment.

LICENSES AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

MARRIAGE – A license may be obtained when the following documentation is presented by both parties:

(1) Birth certificate with raised seal, original baptismal record, or naturalization record together with one of the following identity-related documents:

(2) Driver's license, passport, employment picture ID or immigration record. Both parties must be present at the time a marriage license is issued. Licenses cost \$40.00 by cash, check or Mastercard/Discover. Licenses are

valid for 60 days, beginning 24 hours after they are issued.

HUNTING and FISHING - NYSDEC Sporting Licenses can be purchased one of four ways as listed below: (1) In person, (2) By phone by calling 1-86-NY-DECALS (1-866-933-2257), (3) Online: Go to DEC's [Automated Licensing System \(DECALS\)](#), or (4) By mail by downloading a mail order application form for [residents \(PDF, 434 kB\)](#) or [non-residents \(PDF, 332 kB\)](#). Mail to: VERIZONbusiness, P.O. Box 36985, Phoenix AZ 85067-6985. Hunting Licenses will go **on Sale Monday, August 15th**. Prices are the same as last year. 2010-11 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Licenses are valid until September 30, 2011.



DOG - All dogs over the age of 4 months require a NYS Dog License. Proof of a rabies vaccination is required. The cost is: \$18.00 unneutered; \$9.00 neutered. If your dog becomes missing, please contact the Dog Control Officer Michael Czora at 330-9100 or the Town Clerk's Office at 533-1312.

CHANGE IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

The Town Clerk's Office will be happy to serve you Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. On rare occasions, we are closed for the lunch hour during normal business hours.

OFFICES CLOSED

The Town Clerk's office will be closed from 1 PM until 2:30 PM between August 23 and August 30 to conduct out of office town business.

In observance of Labor Day, the Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th. Enjoy your holiday!



THE ADAIR REPORT

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



The nice weather we have experienced lately confirms the fact that it is officially summertime in Rush. Therefore, I wanted to highlight some of the best places Monroe County has to offer during the summer months as well as update you on the roadwork taking place on

Interstate 390.

One of the most appealing attractions of the summer in our community is the "Movies in the Parks" series that takes place in our Monroe County parks. There are movies shown Tuesday nights at Ontario Beach Park and Thursday nights at the Highland Park Bowl. In July, the Ontario Beach Park showed Jaws, Despicable Me, and Iron Man 2. This month you can visit the park and watch Inception (August 2), The Green Hornet (August 9), and Battle: Los Angeles (August 16). During this month, the Highland Park Bowl will be showing Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (August 4), Shrek Forever After (August 11), and The King's Speech (August 18).

Another great place to visit during the summer months is the Seneca Park Zoo. There are a number of new exhibits and attractions that you can see this summer. The Seneca Park Zoo recently opened a Sensory Garden featuring animal-shaped drums for hands-on activity and flowers meant to mimic the environment of birds and insects to help our youngest visitors understand animal senses. In addition, the popular penguin exhibit has been re-opened, which should allow visitors to see the 33 penguins swimming consistently for the first time at the park. Moreover, there are two new female sea lions named "Marina" and "Lily" as well as three Mexican gray wolves that have recently been introduced to our zoo community. I hope you take the chance to come out and enjoy some of Monroe County's best places to be in the summer.

However, plenty of roadwork also takes place during the summer months. Therefore, I wanted to update you on the roadwork improvements to I-390 from Exit 12 to Exit 13. Construction is currently under way to repair concrete pavement, which will prevent deterioration. The New York State

Department of Transportation estimates that the construction should be completed during Winter 2011/2012. For more information, please visit the NYSDOT website at www.nysdot.gov. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 753-1922 or by email at monroe12@monroecounty.gov.



Highway Department
 Submitted by: Mark David
 Highway Superintendent
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 Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
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Residents are requested to refrain from broadcasting grass clippings from their lawns onto roads in the Town. It is only a matter of time before problems will be encountered, particularly in those areas where underground drainage exists. This problem is exacerbated in the fall when leaves begin to fall and are deposited on the roadside, with or without grass clippings. We have had ice formation on Town roads caused by water running onto roads that is caused by blocked drains resulting in unsafe roadways.

Please help us in keeping our roadways free of trash, grass clippings, leaves, etc, which will help us reduce operating costs, as well as improve safety on our Town roads.



Historian's Office
 Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch
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Margie@townofrush.com

The following items have been identified as missing from the Rush Historians office by Jeanne Yawman, a prior Rush Historian. Jeanne has been very helpful to me since I became Historian. Much of what I have learned about Rush and our founding families has been as a result of her vast knowledge and her willingness to share that knowledge with me. Should you be in possession of or have any information regarding these items, please contact me at my office 533-1312 or home 533-9104.

Ladies Dress Form, Antique Trunk,
 Stereopticon w/26 cards, Grain Cradle,
 Wooden Hay Rake,
 Plaque of Rush soldiers killed in WW II,

Large & small Crumb scrapers, Round Lamp Table,
 Wooden Ironing Board, Hay seeder-Broadcast,
 Peach picking bag, Corn Sheller,
 5 Kerosene Lamps, Foot Warmer,
 Cast Iron Waffle Maker, Set of 5 crocks & jugs,
 3 Flat irons, Antique Farm & Carpenter tools,
 Large/heavy oak dining table, Ox Yoke,
 Shoulder Yoke, Flowered tilt top table,
 Child's porcelain dishes, Portable sewing cabinet,
 Coffee Grinder, Cobbler hammer & knife,
 Wash board w/blue glass,
 Wood flower block for walls, Old side saddle,
 Whiffle tree & traces, Pony & horse neck yoke,
 several bridle bits, Antique horse shoes,
 Red side board w/linens, Large Wood tool box,
 Hanging shelves, Wooden Ironing Board,
 Child's hutch cupboard, Large hay knife



I will again this year have a booth at the Rush Fall Festival. On display will be artifacts and documents donated to the History office relating to Rush families and businesses. In addition, any *questions, documents or items* that you would like to donate relating to your family history will be welcomed.

Respectfully – Margie Kirch



Recreation Department
 Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
 Mon., Wed. 8:30 AM -3:30PM
 Thursdays 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
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11th ANNUAL RUSH FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 17th 9AM-4PM at the Rush Fire Department grounds, 1971 Rush Mendon Rd. This year we will be adding some new activities as well as having some great oldies, such as the highly attended pie eating contest.

Activities planned for the day are:

Rush Fire Department Open House
Rush Fire Department Band
(Courtesy of the Rush Fire Dept.)
Pumpkin Painting
Face Painting
Boy Scout Troop #334 BBQ
Hay Rides
Bake-Off (Youth and Adult)
Lions Club Vintage Car Show
Children's Games
Fun Apple Activities such as;
Apple Press, Apple Peeling Contest
Monroe County Farm Bureau (various fun activities planned)
Paws & Purrs Adoption
Monroe County Mounted Patrol
Monroe County Sheriff's Car
Rush Historical Exhibit
Coloring Contest at the Monica Leary School
Women's Auxiliary Food
Craft and Food Vendors
Live Music

All contest rules can be located on our website at www.townofrush.com beginning August 19th

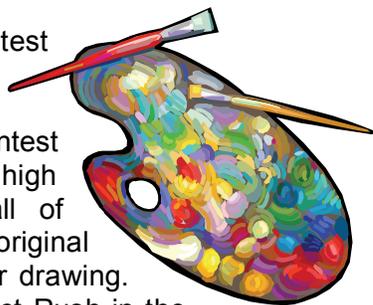
ATTENTION INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

A CONTEST JUST FOR YOU !!

We are planning a new contest starting this year called the "**Rush Fall Festival Poster Contest**". This contest is for teens that will be high school Seniors in the fall of 2011. We are looking for original artwork, either a painting or drawing. We want the poster to depict Rush in the fall, possibly a well known Rush landmark with colorful fall leaves, etc. Computer generated artwork will **not** be accepted. The poster should be no larger than 16 x 20.

This is a great opportunity to add a winning piece of your artwork to your portfolio.

Your artwork must be dropped off at the Rush Town Hall no later than September 12, 2011. **Please fill out an entry form and release form at the time you drop off your artwork.** These forms



will be available at the Town Clerk's counter. The judging will be done prior to the festival and you will be notified by September 16th if you are the winner.

The winning piece will be on display at the festival and, if anyone would like a copy of the print, we will take orders and have posters printed (much like is done at the Lilac Festival). After the festival, all artwork can be picked up at the Rush Town Clerk's Office during the week of September 19 – 23rd.

The **winner** will receive a gift card and the original artwork will be framed for you. We look forward to seeing your creations. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn at 533-1312 between the hours of 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS

We currently are signing up craft and food vendors for the festival. The cost is only \$10.00 for a 12x12 area for craft vendors and \$20.00 for food vendors. Please go to the townofrush.com website for a vendor application. Farm vendors please contact 533-2340.

GIRLS' AUGUST SOCCER CAMPS

TOWN OF RUSH GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER CAMP 2011

*Instructors: Sike Dardaganis,
University of Rochester
and Aria Goodberlet,
RH Girls Varsity Soccer Coach*

Dates: Monday, August 15-Thursday, August 18

Time: 9:00-11:30am

Location: Rush Town Hall Park

Who: Girls who will be entering grades 9-12 in Sept. 2011

Description: This camp will focus on tactical development and game situations. Individual and team concepts will be taught through a variety of activities and scrimmages. This advanced camp will prepare players interested in trying out for the junior varsity and varsity level. Not for beginners. Please bring a ball, shin guards and water.

Cost: \$110.00 Rush Resident,
\$115.00 Non-Rush Resident

*Each player will receive a camp T-shirt.

TOWN OF RUSH GIRLS' MODIFIED SOCCER CAMP 2011

*Instructor: Aria Goodberlet, RH Girls Varsity
Soccer Coach and Program Staff Members*

Dates: Monday, August 15th–Thursday, August 18th

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Rush Town Hall Park

Who: Girls who will be entering grades 5-8 in Sept. 2011

Description: Camp will focus on individual skill development and game situations. Individual and team concepts will be taught through a variety of activities, fun games, and scrimmages. This camp will prepare players interested in playing at the modified level this fall. Please bring a ball, shin guards and water.

Cost \$60.00 Rush Resident,
\$65.00 Non-Rush resident

*Each player will receive a camp T-shirt.

Fall Aerobics Classes with Vickie Menz



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 classes are designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you'll enjoy. They also include 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.

Tuesday's 6:15PM-7:15PM
September 6th-October 25th

Thursday's 6:15PM-7:15PM
September 8th-October 27th

8 week classes

Cost: Resident 1 day a week \$27.00
Resident 2 days a week \$45.00
Non-Resident 1 day a week \$31.00
Non-Resident 2 days a week \$49.00

Location: Town of Rush Pavilion

(The week of 9/12 aerobics will be held on Monday the 12th instead of the 13th)

Applications can be found on the townofrush.com website

Babysitter's Training Class

Saturday October 1st 2011
10:00AM-3:00PM
(Ages 11-16)
(5 Hours)

Cost \$40.00 Rush residents
\$45.00 for non-Rush residents

Rush Park pavilion

This course teaches roles and responsibilities of the babysitter, including skills in: accident prevention, how to hold feed and diaper a baby as well as basic first aid and emergency recognition.

Students should bring a bagged lunch.

Fee includes Certificate of Completion.

Sign up at the Rush Town Hall, or send in payment and make checks payable to the Rush Town Clerk, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. Rush NY 14543. Please indicate check is for "Babysitting Class".

RUSH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2011-2012

The Rush after school program is open for public registration. The program operates after school hours daily until 5:30PM. The children do a range of activities and have outings on a regular basis. Please call the Recreation Supervisor for more information at 533-2340.



Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 7th, 2011- April 10th, 2012 (Tuesdays) at the Monica Leary Elementary School gym from 7:00PM-9:00PM. The program is free. Please contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information on times and any other questions.

In the next newsletter there will more information regarding a Fall/Winter seniors' exercise class scheduled to take place in the Rush Park Pavilion.



Rush Senior Citizens

*Submitted by: Nancy Miller,
Secretary*

The Rush Seniors are "on the go!" In addition to wonderful monthly get-togethers, a June treat of chicken 'n biscuits served to 91 seniors by the Lions Club, a July picnic with hots and burgers furnished by the Fire Department—to be repeated on August 11, the group has taken several excellent trips. This year's Mystery Trip was a big success—with fun, food and animal adventure. The weather cooperated and rain ceased (unfortunately it has not returned) for the Colonial Belle Cruise. On August 15, the gang will head for the Mountains—the Adirondacks, and cruise on Raquette Lake and visit the Adirondack Museum—there are still a few slots left on the bus for this trip. The Montreal-Quebec Trip is sold out but we will accept names for a waiting list. Sign-up for the October 19 Lockport Trip, visiting the Medina Railroad with a 2 hour train ride along the Erie Canal, lunch and wine tasting, begins at the August meeting. The final trip for the year will be to Salamanca for a visit to the Seneca Allegheny Casino—breakfast and lunch included—this date is November 14. Contact Mary Anne Brice at 533-1185 for details.

A busy committee headed by Chris Miller is putting together a recipe book of tried and true recipes from our Seniors—look for purchasing details soon. The cookbook may also incorporate recipes from past and future adult bake-off winners from the Rush Fall Festival.

Seniors' Float Takes First Place in Parade!

Those who observed the great Rush Firemen's Parade saw the creative genius of Marlene Parcels and her Seniors' float team. The gang did a great job and won 1st place for their float.



Evelyn Chaffer and Sue Miller pose in front of the winning float in their Parade Attire

Join Us: All Rush citizens, 55 or older are invited to join our club—just come to a meeting, bringing table service and a dish to pass and join the fun.

Office of the Fire Marshal/ Emergency Preparedness Administrator

*Submitted by: Richard L. Tracy
Phone: 533-1312*

Rick@townofrush.com



Electrical Fire Safety

Electrical fires in our homes claim the lives of 310 Americans each year and injure 1,100 more. Some of these fires are caused by electrical system failures, but many more are caused by incorrectly installed wiring and overloaded circuits and extension cords.

During a typical year, home electrical problems account for 28,600 fires and \$1.1 billion in property losses. 53% of residential electrical fires involve electrical wiring.

December and January are the most dangerous months for electrical fires. Fire deaths are highest in winter months which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use. The bedroom is the leading area of

fire origin for residential building electrical fires. However, electrical fires that begin in the living room/family room/den areas result in the most deaths.

Most electrical distribution fires result from problems with "fixed wiring" such as faulty electrical outlets and old wiring. Problems with cords (such as extension and appliance cords), plugs, receptacles, and switches also cause many home electrical fires.

Light fixtures and lamps/light bulbs are also leading causes of electrical fires.

Many avoidable electrical fires can be traced to misuse of electric cords, such as overloading circuits, poor maintenance, and running the cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

Safety Precautions

- Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.
- Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately.
- Replace any electrical tool if it causes even small electrical shocks, overheats, shorts out, or gives off smoke or sparks.
- Keep electrical appliances away from wet floors and counters; pay special care to electrical appliances in the bathroom and kitchen.
- Buy electrical products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Keep clothes, curtains, and other potentially combustible items at least three feet from all heaters.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- Don't allow children to play with or around electrical appliances like space heaters, irons, and hair dryers.
- Use safety closures to "child-proof" electrical outlets.
- Use electrical extension cords wisely; never overload extension cords or wall sockets.
- Immediately shut off, then professionally replace, light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker. Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.



A Mourning Dove Feels Right at Home
in Rush

Library News



Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director
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Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM
Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM (Sept. - May)
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www.libraryweb.org/rush

Dear Neighbors,

It's been terrific seeing so many of you this summer. Our annual reading program has been enjoyable; we love seeing how much our young friends have grown since last year and how curious and smart they are. Plus the beautiful weather has been a boon for our GazeboFest concerts. We hope you are seizing the opportunity to relish a good book on these warm summer evenings!

Fines & Fees: Some of you have already noticed rising fees at other Monroe County libraries; the Rush Library Board of Trustees has also voted to increase some fines and fees. **Beginning September 1st overdue fines will be 35¢ per item per day, and hold fees will cost 75¢ per item.** These increases are due to escalating costs associated with utilities and book delivery (as a result of gas prices) as well as our Cost Share (the

annual fee we pay to be a member of the Monroe County Library System.) They are also due to reduced State funding to MCLS and to us. Before this decision was made, the Board spent a considerable amount of time discussing alternatives to raising fees, including cutting the book and program budgets again. But the decision was made to maintain basic services that patrons are accustomed to without asking the Town for a substantial tax increase to offset our rising costs. Increasing revenue via fines and fees was the way to do that. **A reminder about fines and fees...** if you do happen to accrue a fine, please consider paying it here in Rush. *Fines on Rush-owned materials paid at another library stay at the library where you pay them;* the money doesn't get sent here, and we lose out on revenue. (This is a particular hardship for us if you are paying for our lost or damaged items at another library. If we replace the item, but you paid for it someplace else, we'll end up buying that item twice!) You can sign up for **email notification** which gives you courtesy reminders 3 days *before* your items are due, so that **you could avoid fines altogether**. Any staff member can help you sign up next time you're here. You may also pay your fines and fees online with a credit card now; visit www.libraryweb.org, and log into your library account to pay this way any time day or night.

Mini Book Sales: Friends of the Library will hold their "Second Week, Second Chance" mini books sales during the *second full week of each month*. They generally highlight one genre or type of book on one table. In August they'll be selling *paperbacks*, and in September it will be *cookbooks*. Stop by for some wonderful bargains on gently-read books.

Art & Collections on Display: A call for work! Do you have art or collectibles you'd like to share with the public for a month? Give us a call and come fill our new, locking display case built by local craftsman, Keith Eggleston.

We will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.

Our Saturday hours will resume on Saturday, September 10th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you...

Kirsten

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

****Please note:** if you have registered for a program but find out later that you cannot attend, please offer the courtesy of a phone call to the library to cancel your reserved seat. There are times when other patrons are waiting for a space to open up in a full program. Thank you for your consideration.

August:



Ice Cream for Books! A Summer Reading Program for the Younger Set:

From **August 1st through August 31st**, preschoolers **ages 2-4** will enter their name and books read and add more "scoops" to our poster of an ice cream cone! When they have read **3 books**, they will receive a prize. Parents must register their children in advance for this program.

Gazebo Fest! Join us in welcoming **The Bob Squad** back for a FREE performance on Friday, **August 5th at 6:30pm**. This 5-member band is known for "rock n' roll you know." The Rush FD Explorers will be selling food and drinks. Don't forget your lawn chairs. (Please note that alcohol is not allowed on Town Property.) All performances are funded by proceeds from the Annual Wine Tasting Benefit.

E.P.I.C. Babysitters Training will be held on **Tuesday, August 9th from 11:30am-4:30pm**. This class is for children **ages 11-16** and teaches roles and responsibilities of the babysitter, including accident prevention, basic first aid and handling emergency situations. Students are encouraged to bring a bag lunch, and refrigeration is available. The fee for this class is **\$40.00 per student** and includes a Certificate of Completion. Space is limited and registration is required.

Teddy Bear Picnic: for children ages 3 and up on **Thursday, August 11th from Noon-1:00 pm**. You and your children are invited to bring lunch to the gazebo behind the library and listen to bear-themed stories with your special bear. A plush Teddy will be given out to all children who register in advance for this program (courtesy of Kohl's Department Store.) Note: bring lawn chairs or blankets if you wish.

Papier Mâché Craft for children **ages 7-10** with local author and artist **Shella Shubuck** on **Tuesday, August 16th from 1-3:00pm**. Children will be making and painting a papier mâché butterfly. There is a \$1.00 materials fee for this class. Space is limited and registration is required.

Travelogue: The Appalachian Trail, on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00pm. Join Harvey Williams and his dog Harley as they take you on the 2,178 mile journey from Springer Mt. GA to Mt Katahdin, ME. This is an opportunity for you to get an insider's perspective of the original American footpath. If you have read Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*, then you will enjoy this evening of stories and images. Please register in advance for a seat.

Movie Matinee for Kids ages 5 and up on **Thursday, August 18th from 1-3:00pm**. Movie title: to be announced. Kids may bring lunch or snacks if they like and we will have sodas available. Space is limited and registration is required. If your child is less than 9 years old, you must stay in the library. Parents who wish to watch the movie must also register for a seat.

Gazebo Fest! Join us for our final concert of the season on **Friday, August 19th at 6:30pm** with **Redemption Center**. This is "harmonic and engaging music that blends twangy country, rootsty folk and rousing rock into an arresting sonic stew." The Rush FD Explorers will be selling food and drinks. Note that alcohol is not allowed on Town Property. Thank you to the Friends of the Rush Library and their Chairperson, Heather Iannone, whose tireless efforts make these concerts possible!

E.P.I.C. Home Alone Training will be held on **Tuesday, August 23rd from 11:30am-1:30pm**. This class for children **ages 7-14** is designed to teach those who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly. Topics include first aid, strangers at the door, telephone tips, internet safety, and how to handle a variety of emergencies. The fee for this class is **\$18.00 per student** and includes a workbook for your child. Space is limited and registration is required.

E.P.I.C. Adult CPR Training will be held on **Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:30-9:00pm**. Learn how to provide single-rescuer CPR, respond to a choking victim, perform rescue breathing, and recognize and prevent heart attacks and strokes. The fee for this class is **\$45.00 per student**. Space

is limited and registration is required. ***Even if you can't imagine giving CPR to a stranger, think about your loved ones who may someday need your lifesaving skills.***



Summer Fun Day: kids up to 12 years old can join us on **Wednesday, August 24th from 1-4:00pm**. Come decorate our sidewalks with chalk designs and have a popsicle to celebrate the summer. Please register in advance so we know how many treats to have on hand.

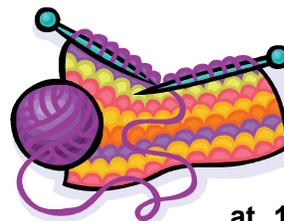
Movie Matinee for Kids ages 9 and up on **Thursday, August 25th from 1-3:00pm**. Call the library in the beginning of August for the movie title. Kids may bring lunch or snacks if they like and we will have sodas available. Registration is required. Parents who wish to stay for the movie must also register for a seat.

Knit Chicks is our knitting/sewing/crocheting circle at the library. No need to stop your fiber crafting just because it's summer; our meeting room is air conditioned! We'll meet **Monday, August 29th at 6:30 pm** since the library is closed on Saturdays until after Labor Day. We'll provide the coffee, tea, and conversation. Come join this wonderful community of crafters.

Travelogue: Visit **Chincoteague Island** with Heidi Jung on **Tuesday, August 30th 7:00pm**. (Rescheduled from June 28th.) Travel to Virginia's only resort island, famous for its oyster beds, clam shoals and Saltwater Cowboys. Join us for iced tea and a light dessert. Please register in advance.

September:

Henna for Teens: Go back to school with a cool temporary Mehndi design. You have seen these at festivals and the Renaissance Faire; now you can try your hand at it! Join us **Thursday, September 1st from 1:00-2:00pm**. Space is limited, and you must be at least 13 years old; please call us to reserve a seat.



Knit Chicks will resume Saturday gatherings in the library beginning **Sept. 10th**. We meet on **the second and last Saturdays of each month at 10:30am**. Bring your latest craft project and we'll provide coffee and snacks.

Crafter's Corner for Adults on **Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm**. Join Karen Burke from Stampin'Up! and learn how to create hand-stamped cards, gift tags and a box using rubber stamping techniques; perfect for the holiday season. All materials will be provided for you for a \$3 materials fee, payable that night. Space is limited; please register in advance for this class.

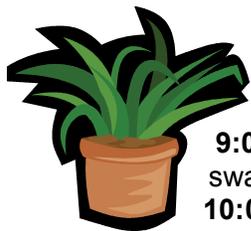
Story Time for Children **ages 3-5** will begin on **Thursday, September 15th from 11:30am-Noon**. This *10-week program* is for children who are able to sit by themselves in a group with their peers, listen to simple stories and participate in group activities. Each week we will explore a different book theme. If you register your child, we ask that you make the commitment to be here each week; it's important for your child to have this continuity. Tentative dates are: September 15th, 22nd and 29th. October 6th, 13th 20th and 27th, November 3rd, 17th, December 1st. Space is limited and registration is required.

Hospice Program: Lisa Nichols, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator will present a program on **Thursday, September 15th at 7:00pm**. Visiting Nurse Hospice invites caring people to learn about the skills necessary for becoming a volunteer. In addition, if you or someone in your family is considering Hospice care, this program will provide information about their services. Space is limited and registration is required.

Library Activities at the Rush Fall Festival:

1. **Community Garage Sale: Saturday, September 17th from 10:00am-2:00pm**. Be a vendor or come to shop at our 4th annual sale. Rent a space *with a table* inside the new Rush Town Pavilion for only \$20 (plus a deposit) or outside under its porch for only \$10. This event will be held rain or shine. Set up is from 9:00-10:00am. Stop by the library to pick up a vendor application and get all the details. Sponsored by Friends of the Rush Library.

2. **Plant Swap**: bring your extra perennials that you've divided to the library parking lot starting at **9:00am**, and join in our first free plant swap! **Actual swapping begins at 10:00am**. Bring as many plants as you want... the more variety, the better.



Rules are as follows:

1. Plants must be divided in advance.
2. Plants must be in containers such as plastic pots or washed milk cartons
3. Plants should be **labeled** with their name if possible, and the type of conditions they grow best in (shade, sun, etc.)
4. Please do not bring highly invasive plants

Rush Heritage Night will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00pm**. Local resident Selden Chase will be discussing ***School Days*** in the early part of the 20th century. Did you know that there are still several one-room school buildings in Rush and the surrounding area? Rush Historian, Marge Kirch, will also be on hand to share artifacts and documents from the Rush School District. This event will be held in the Town Pavilion. Coffee, hot cider and doughnuts will be served. If you would like to be a part of the speaker's panel and share your memories of *school life before 1960*, please call or stop in to register; audience members should register in advance, too.

Friends of the Rush Library will be meeting **Wednesday, September, 21st at 7:00pm**. Budget cuts make fundraising more necessary than ever. We need *your* help planning wonderful community events (such as the Wine-Tasting Benefit) that also help the library! Some jobs require only a tiny bit of your time, and there are no dues to pay. Come to our meeting to find out more.

Rush Readers' Book Club: **Thursday, September 22nd or Thursday, September 29th from 7-9:00pm**. This month's selection is 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winner ***Olive Kitteridge*** by Elizabeth Strout. "Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher, deplores the changes in her little town and in the world at large. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life, and offers us profound insights into the human condition." Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Space is limited; please register in advance.

Kids' Quilt Craft Project for kids **ages 5 and up** on **Saturday, September 24th 11:00am-Noon** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Children are invited to help make a quilt for the library. There is no sewing involved, only the use of fabric markers and your

child's imagination! The finished quilt will be displayed in the Children's Room. Please register in advance for this program as there are only a certain amount of quilt squares available to decorate. Parents are asked to stay and help their child with this project.

Travelogue: Autumn in Montreal with Christy Simons on **Tuesday, September, 27th at 7:00pm.** Quebec is a close destination for Rochesterians; experience the beauty of Montreal and Old Quebec City by "visiting" Quebec's House of Parliament, Hotel Chateau Frontenac, and the streets and alleys of Old Town. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Space is limited and registration is required.

We welcome your feedback on our programs and services!



Don Bock, above center, will be missed



**Rush Fire District
Fire Department &
Rush Ambulance**
Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058, www.rushfd.org



The Rush Fire Department sadly reports the passing of Life Member Donald Bock who joined the Fire Department in 1952 and was active up to a couple of years ago. He then became a social member. He was very active on the ambulance and served as Ambulance Lieutenant for many years. He was on Rescue squad, served as Captain of the Rescue Squad, served on the Board of Directors, was on the fire police squad. Don was one of the

people you could always depend on and gave 100% to any project or task he was ever assigned to do.

FIRE DISTRICT: You are reminded that it is **your responsibility** to have access for emergency equipment onto your property. Our crews are still having problems getting in with the ambulance and fire equipment due to low branches and bushes. This slows our response time and has damaged our vehicles. The lack of visible house numbering also remains a problem!

The **AUGUST** Fire District meeting will be held on August 23, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

The fire district is having the floors in the meeting rooms repaired. We also have sold and disposed of some old, out-dated surplus equipment. We sold these items for \$915 to a dealer in Yates county.

We are working on the 2012 budget and it is our goal to try to lower the tax rate from its present \$1.10 per thousand.

On July 8th, during the Rush FD parade the Rush Fire Department Fire Chief James Bucci, presented the "Key" to Rescue 588 to the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Bob Faugh, who was the emcee at the parade. They donated this truck worth \$440,000 to the taxpayers of Rush. The board and the residents thank the department for this vehicle. Part of the fund drive and carnival profits since 1991 were used to buy the truck. The cost to the Rush taxpayer was \$35,000 for a light tower and air bottle filling system. The City of



Rochester Fire Department used our specs to order their new "Rescue 11" truck.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:

FUND DRIVE: A special "thank you" to all of the residents that have contributed to our annual fund drive. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support that is unmatched per mailing anywhere in western New York! None of this money is used for anything but new equipment, including Ambulances, Rescue Trucks and Utility vehicles. We will be sending a second mailing fund drive request in the early fall to the 300 residents who have not responded.

NEW MEMBERS: We have two new members: ROY CZERNIKOWSKI of Wardell Road, Rush and JEREMY HUNTER of 40 Hummingbird Way, West Henrietta.

FIRE ACADEMY: Mike Terzo Jr., graduated from the NYS Firefighter One class at MCC and the Monroe County Fire Bureau this past month. He was tied for First Place on his exams and practical work – congratulations to Mike for a great effort on his part.

The Rush firefighters are providing the hots/hamburgs and rolls for the summer picnics that the senior citizens hold in the fire departments pavilion.

CARNIVAL 2011: The Carnival was a great success thanks to many people, family and friends who volunteer their time. The active social members and explorers of the Rush FD work to make this a safe and enjoyable event. We couldn't have asked for better weather. We also had members of other FDs in the area give us a hand. They also supplied standby crews in case we had a fire, rescue or ambulance emergency. We had two great bands and fireworks. The Ladies Auxiliary had a record year also. The Boy Scouts chicken dinners sold out. The 50/50 Raffle gave 3 lucky winners \$775 each. The 1000 books of tickets were sold out at 9:30 pm Saturday night. We thank the community for the great participation and support.

NEXT YEARS CARNIVAL WILL BE JULY 18, 19 and 20. We have booked the band that played Saturday night (Reporter) for next year.

SEPTEMBER FALL FESTIVAL: The FD and Auxiliary will have activities and food at the September 17, 2011 Rush Fall Festival that will be held at our Firemen's field. Tours of the firehouse and equipment will be available.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Scholarship Award Winners: The Betty Wilkins' Scholarship Award was created in memory of Grace "Betty" Wilkins for her contributions to the Rush community through her generous volunteer efforts. Awards in the amount of \$1,000 are given each year to one or two high school seniors who are residents of Rush. The 2011 Wilkins Scholarship Awards recipients are **Leah Mould** and **Riley Fressie**. Congratulations to Leah & Riley for their hard work! Thank you also to our Scholarship Committee, Joan Madigan, Kim Wilbert and Linda Henry.

Kiddie Parade: The 2011 Kiddie Parade was held on Saturday, July 9th. This years' theme was "**The Person You Most Admire**". The spectacle was lead with a marching cadence by drummer **Jacob Porter**.



The Parade's King & Queen Open Their Goodies!

Roy Czernikowski attended as judge and chose **Queen Isabella Hughes** and **King Levon Hanna**. A special thank you to **Jim Colby & Colby's Ice Cream** for donating free ice cream to all parade attendees. Thank you to **Jim Bucci** for directing traffic, and to all who helped and attended the parade. It is always a fun sight to see!

Carnival: A HUGE thank you to all the efforts and help from everyone that pitched in and made the 2011 Carnival a great success. Each year is even better than the last and, without the volunteers, it wouldn't be possible to have such a great event

The Ladies' Auxiliary is always looking for new members. Come attend a meeting. Must be 18 or older and residents of Rush. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at jnmadigan@aol.com, You can visit our website at www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm



11th Annual Rush Fall Festival

Saturday, September 17th 2011

Rush Firemen's Field – Rte 251

1971 Rush Mendon Road

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 9:00AM Craft, Artisans and Food vendors open
Kids Farm Activities: Potato Box w/tractors,
Agricultural Coloring Activities
Garage Sale Set-Up at Town Pavilion (see Library staff for details)
Plant Swap Set-Up in Library parking lot (see Library staff for details)
- 10:00AM-2:00PM Pony Rides by "Never say Never" stables
Garage Sales in Town Pavilion (sponsored by Friends of the Library)
Plant Swap begins in Library parking lot
- 10:00AM-3:00PM Rush Historical exhibit
Accepting Donated Artifacts and Documents related to Town of Rush
- 10:00AM-3:00PM Rush Lion's Club Vintage Car show
- 10:30AM-11:30AM Rush Fireman's Band
- 11:00AM-2:00PM Face Painting
- 11:30AM Youth Cookie Bake-Off (1 doz. Cookies, any variety)
Deliver to Pavilion no later than 10:30AM
- 12:30 PM Adult Bake-Off (apple or pumpkin only)
Deliver to the Pavilion no later than 12:00 Noon
- 2:00 PM Pie Eating Contest
(Sign up at the Pavilion by 1:30PM)
- 2:00PM-4:00PM "The other band" under the pavilion
- 2:30PM Monroe County Mounted Horse presentation

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- ∞ Craft Vendors, Farm vendors, Food vendors, DARE or police car, Children's games
 - ∞ Hay maze, apple peeling and bobbing, pumpkin painting,
 - ∞ *Monroe County Farm Bureau (all types of fun activities planned)*
 - ∞ Paws & Purrs Adoption
 - ∞ Coloring contest winners displayed, Winning Poster displayed
 - ∞ Ladies Auxiliary – food and drinks throughout the entire day
 - ∞ BBQ chicken, Boy Scout Troop #334
 - ∞ Rush Fire Department open house

Please check the Town website www.townofrush.com for updates on events, contest rules or to register as a craft/ food vendor. For further questions call 533-2340

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