

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

We hope that you are enjoying the cool autumn days and that you find the following articles informative.

## FALL FESTIVAL



*'The Other Band' performed at the Rush Fall Festival*

I would like to thank our Recreation Supervisor, **Patricia Stephens**, for all her hard work in making this year's Fall Festival a success, and thanks to all of the people who helped make the day special. Please see pages 4 - 8 of this Newsletter for the names of all contest winners.

## SECURITY REMINDER

In recent weeks, there have been several incidents in one of our neighborhoods where unlocked vehicles parked in driveways have been entered and valuable items stolen. We want to make you aware of these happenings and take whatever action you deem necessary.

## 2012 BUDGET

There will be a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at the 7:00 p.m., Town Board meeting.

As in recent years, we have experienced large increases in our Health Insurance and State Retirement System. For 2012, our Health Insurance Cost will increase from an Estimated Cost of \$165,000 to an Estimated Cost of \$191,000. Our State Retirement System contribution will increase from an Estimated Cost of \$113,000 to an Estimated Cost of \$142,000. The sum of the increases for these two benefits is \$55,000. Our estimated revenue for 2012 shows little change from this year. Our taxable assessed value will increase less than 1%. The Town Board will soon decide on a wage increase proposal prior to the Public Hearing. Our goal remains to maintain a stable tax rate.

We expect our tax levy to be within that allowed by the recently enacted tax cap. We would have met the cap for 2010 and 2011 as well, had it been in effect for those years.

***If you have any questions or concerns about Town matters, I encourage you 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

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR TOWN OF RUSH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the preliminary budget of the Town of Rush for the year 2012 has been completed and filed in the office of the Rush Town Clerk, where it will be available for inspection by any interested person during regular office hours of Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM beginning on September 29, 2011. The Rush Town Board will hold a public hearing on October 12, 2011, at 7:15 PM at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled.

By order of the Rush Town Board

Pamela J. Bucci  
Town Clerk

#### NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION ELECTION DAY- Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Soon you will be receiving an official updated voting information notification from the Monroe County Board of Elections. **All Districts will be voting at the Rush Pavilion** located behind the Town Hall, **5977 East Henrietta Road**. Polls will be open at the Rush Pavilion from **6 AM to 9 PM**.

#### DEER MANAGEMENT PERMITS (DMPs) AND OPENING DAYS WITHIN THE SOUTHERN ZONE

The initial purchasing period of DMPs ends October 1<sup>st</sup>. If there are permits remaining, they will be available on a first come/first served basis on or about November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have purchased DMPs during the first bonus period, additional permits are at no additional cost. If you are purchasing DMPs for the first time, there will be a \$10.00 application fee.

Regular (opens Saturday): Nov. 19-Dec. 11  
Bowhunting: Oct. 15 – Nov. 18  
& Dec. 12 – 20

### GET RID OF HAZARDOUS WASTE @ AREA ECOPARKS

If you are interested in getting rid of unwanted pharmaceuticals, paints, etc., Monroe County has a collection calendar which provides locations to dispose of your hazards.

Visit the site at <http://www.Monroecounty.gov/hhw> . Please be aware that for some hazard disposals, an appointment may be necessary. You may also contact them by calling 753-7600, option #3.

### RECEIPT OF TAX BILLS

I urge anyone who has recently (1) purchased a parcel in Rush, (2) paid off their mortgage, (3) changed mortgage companies or has relocated out of the area and wish to have their tax bills sent to another address, please contact the Town Clerk's Office so that our records are updated, your request can be processed and you do not incur penalties.

### HOLIDAYS – TOWN HALL CLOSED

The Town Hall office will be closed on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day. We will also be closed on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and for the Thanksgiving holiday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your holidays!



### THE ADAIR REPORT

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



As your County Legislator for the past seven years, I have taken a great interest in the services the County provides to the residents of my district. I am pleased to inform you that over the last year national publications have recognized us for a number of achievements.

Did you know Monroe County is first in the nation for easy commuting? Most residents in my

Legislative District can make it to the City of Rochester in less than thirty minutes.

Thanks to the many schools we have in our community, we are America's tenth smartest community. We also have the fifteenth strongest job market in America and are the fourteenth most innovative community in the country.

Most importantly, Monroe County is the third best place in the country to raise a family and the top place to buy a home because we are the most livable bargain market.

I am proud to be your representative in county government and I will continue to work with the County Administration to ensure that we efficiently provide quality of life services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 753-1922 or email me at [monroe12@monroecounty.gov](mailto:monroe12@monroecounty.gov).



**RUSH BOY SCOUT TROUP 134  
HONOR THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 911**



On September 8, 2011, Troup 134, at a very emotional ceremony, retired seven American flags in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The flags were retired in honor of the following:

- American Airlines Flight 11
- American Airlines Flight 175
- All Lives Lost in the first Tower
- All Lives Lost in the second Tower
- American Airlines Flight #77
- United Airlines Flight #93
- Firefighters, Police Officers and EMTs  
(who perished on that day)

Scout Master Kern Haynes planned the event for that evening. Wayne Burdett of the Rush Fire Department was also in attendance.

We appreciate the Boy Scouts honoring those that were affected by the 911 disasters.

Code Enforcement Office

*Submitted by Gerald Kusse, Code Enforcement/  
Building Inspector*

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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As the 2011/2012 heating season approaches, we should start to think about fire safety in our homes, especially those homes that utilize a solid fuel appliance for heat.

As with most appliances, advances in safety technology have made great strides in the past several years. Most of the installations made during the past two decades should still be reliable and safe, if an annual inspection does not reveal a problem. When the use of an older appliance and flue continues, the risk of a dangerous fire increases exponentially.

Older installations, including chimney flues, should be cleaned thoroughly and an annual inspection done by a professional before the appliance is put into use each year. Any component of the system showing signs of deterioration must be replaced before using the appliance.

If you have questions about fire safety when using solid fuel appliances, please give me a call and I will try to answer your question or help you get the answers you need for a safe heating season.

## Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor

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## Some Fall Festival Fun . . .



The kids really enjoyed painting pumpkins, as pictured above and riding the ponies, as pictured below. Face painting was another kid favorite this year!

## RUSH FALL FESTIVAL



*Rush Firemen's Band Filled the Air with Music*

This year's festival was very successful. We had a record number of vendors this year and we want to take this opportunity to thank them for supporting us by renting a space to sell their goods. There were some amazing vendors with unique and creative items and others with edible, tasty treats. If you haven't come out to this annual event, try to come out next year. You can find some interesting gift items for all of the people on your holiday gift list. It pays to shop early and think ahead!!



## Hay Maze . . . Amazing!



*One of Our Many New Vendors,  
Bloomfield Honey Farm*



# Fall Festival Contest Winners



## Adult Bake-Off, Apple

**RENE HOUK**

### Apple Pie with Crumb Topping

#### Crust Ingredients:

1 cup flour  
1 stick butter  
½ teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons sugar  
2 Tablespoons ice water

Place flour, butter salt and sugar in a food processor. Turn machine on and off eight times and add water. Turn machine on and blend until a ball is formed. Chill in refrigerator for one hour.

#### Filling Ingredients:

6 cups apples, chopped  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 tablespoon flour

Combine all of the above ingredients and set aside.

#### Topping Ingredients:

½ cup butter  
½ cup light brown sugar  
1 cup flour

Cream the butter and sugar and cut in the flour until it crumbles.

To Assemble: Roll out pastry for a 9" pie plate. Add apples and topping. Bake 15 minutes at 425 degrees and lower oven to 325 degrees and bake for 30 minutes. Turn off oven and leave in oven for another 15 minutes.



## Adult Bake-Off, Pumpkin

**DAWN MARIE ANNUNZIATA**

### Sour Cream Pumpkin Bundt Cake

#### Streusel Ingredients:

½ cup packed brown sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon ground allspice  
2 teaspoons butter

Combine brown sugar, cinnamon and allspice in mixing bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Set aside.

#### Cake Ingredients:

3 cups all purpose flour  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 cups granulated sugar  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened  
4 large eggs  
1 cup canned pure pumpkin  
8 oz. container sour cream  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 12-cup bundt or angel food cake pan.

Combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. In separate, large mixing bowl, beat granulated sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add pumpkin, sour cream and vanilla, mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture.

TO ASSEMBLE: Spoon half of batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle Streusel over batter, not allowing Streusel to touch sides of pan. Top with remaining batter. Make sure batter layer touches edges of pan.

Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in cake comes out clean. Cool for 30 minutes in pan on wire rack. Invert onto wire rack to cool completely. Drizzle with Glaze.

### Glaze Ingredients:

1 ½ cups sifted powdered sugar  
2 – 3 Tablespoons Orange Juice

Combine powdered sugar and orange juice in small bowl; stir until smooth.

Makes 12 – 16 servings



### Youth Bake-Off

**HANNAH GRIFFIN**

### Peanut Butter Blossoms

1/2 cup shortening  
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
2 eggs  
2 Tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cup flour  
1 tsp baking soda

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat 1 egg, shortening and peanut butter in bowl. In separate bowl, mix 1/3 cup sugar and brown sugar, mix in milk, vanilla, baking soda and salt. Gradually add peanut butter mix and beat until blended. Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Beat other egg. Roll balls in egg, sugar and nuts of your choice. Bake in oven for 8-10 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately place Hershey's kiss on top. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

## OUR JUDGES



**Adult Bake-Off Judges,**  
*Front Row, Jon Volpe and Ann Marie Miller*  
*Back Row, Marge Williams*



**Youth Bake-Off Judges,**  
*Front Row, Elizabeth and Kelly*  
*Back Row, Julia and Hayley*

**Thank you to all of our Judges who had one of the best jobs at the Festival!!**

## Pie Eating Contest -- a Tie !



This much anticipated contest was very exciting this year and it ended up in a tie for First Place.

The winners were **Tim Mason** and **Julia Siciliano**. An extra special thank you to Bonnie Torpey who prepared the pies.

**Congratulations to both winners!**



**Tim Mason**



**Julia Siciliano**

### APPLE BOBBING CONTEST

**Landon Brice**, for the second year in a row, won the Apple Bobbing Contest. This year, he shaved 5 seconds off of his time, grabbing the apple with his teeth in 3 seconds! **Go Landon!**



**Ryan and Vanessa Stephens cheer on Contestant, Chris Chang**

### Other Area Visitors . . .



**Honeoye Falls residents, Louis and his Dad, Mark, took a break from baseball to enjoy some lunch at the festival**

### Coloring Contest

Another successful contest this year was the Coloring Contest which was open to all students at the Monica Leary Elementary School prior to the festival date. We received close to 200 entries this year and the judging of this Contest was very difficult. There are a huge number of gifted artists at Leary.

### Winners of the Coloring Contest

#### Kindergarten

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Adeline Hansen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Isabella Papapietro
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Dru Jeffords

#### First Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dacielle Ortega
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tyler Bernarduci
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ellyse Burroughs

#### Second Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Andrew McDaniel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Isabella G. Klaver
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Cassidy Pearce

### Third Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Oliver McDonough
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nicole Lehmann
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – James West

**Cost:** Resident 1 day a week \$24.00  
 Resident 2 days a week \$39.00  
 Non-Resident 1 day a week \$26.00  
 Non-Resident 2 days a week \$42.00

### Fourth Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Christian Blatter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Aime'e Stephens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Abby Statskey

**Location:** Town of Rush Pavilion  
 6:15PM-7:15PM

Applications can be found on the townofrush.com website

### Fifth Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Giselle Antonio
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Madelyn George
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Lilijana Oliver

### Seniors' Exercise Class

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of the students who worked so hard on this coloring project. We also want to thank **Cindy Raymond**, a local artist, for creating the coloring sheet for the contest.

The Rochester Arthritis Foundation and Rush Recreation Department presents a fall/winter session. The eight week program will be on Thursday's; October date 10/27/11, November dates; 11/3/11, 11/10/11, 11/17/11, December dates; 12/1/11, 12/8/11, 12/15/11, and 12/22/11 from 10:00AM-11:00AM. The classes will be held at the Rush park pavilion. The classes will be taught by Pat Rose, a Certified instructor. The cost per person will be \$45.00 for Rush residents and \$50.00 for non-Rush residents. The cost of this program may be reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup! Sign up begins now at the Rush Town Hall. Please call Pat Stephens at 533-2340 if you have any questions.



**Thanks to everyone who volunteered and for all of you who came out to enjoy the events of the day.**

### More from recreation . . .

#### Fall/Winter Aerobics Classes with Vickie Menz

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz 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 can sign up to attend once a week or twice a week. Classes 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 4 lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome.

#### 7 week classes

Tuesdays 11/3/11-12/20/11 (No class 11/8/11)  
 Thursdays 11/3-12/22/11 (No class 11/24/11)

#### Town of Rush Cardio Hoop Class

Hooping is a great workout, and lots of fun! Even if you never could hula hoop as a kid, you'll love playing with adult-sized hoops. We'll begin with the basics (burning 300+ calories an hour) and then add layers to increase intensity (up to 600 calories an hour!) and style. This is great exercise for low impact at all fitness levels. Builds core strength, provides a cardiovascular workout, reduces stress, integrates the mind and body, and allows for creative expression. Bring a water bottle and wear well-fitting, non-slippery clothing. You can hoop barefoot or in comfortable shoes. Hoops will be provided for class.



The six week classes for participants 13 years and up will be offered on Mondays from 6:30PM-7:30PM at the Rush Pavilion. Dates are: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cost will be \$20.00 for Rush residents and \$25.00

for non-Rush residents. The classes will be taught by Certified Instructor Caren Pita.

### **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.

**Senior Men's Basketball:** Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011- April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### **Highway Department**

*Submitted by: Mark David*

*Highway Superintendent*

*Phone: 533-1770*

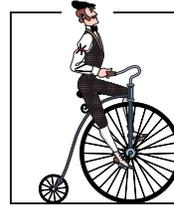
*Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM*

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The Stonybrook Road transfer station brush pile will remain open daily, allowing full convenience for residents in scheduling their fall yard clean-up projects. Please, NO manmade debris. Residents have been very good at abiding by this, which in turn allows us to keep the gates open.

Town and County road projects are complete or nearing completion. April Lane drainage, mix paving and driveway adjustments are finished; final surface treatment and topsoil restoration remain. The project funding will be paid for through the New York State Capital Improvement Program (C.H.I.P.S). Hot mix prep is complete on Honeoye Falls Five Points Road, Phelps Road, Pleasant and Hanlon Drives. Shoulder back up and driveway adjustments will begin soon where needed. Some additional prep work and ditching on Town roads will be completed this fall, along with a few Monroe County work orders.

A soil analysis was done on the ball fields behind the Town Hall. Aeration along with a light application of sulfur, seed starter and topdressing was recommended to get them in shape for spring.



### **Historian's Office**

*Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch*

*Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*Phone: 533-1312*

[Margie@townofrush.com](mailto:Margie@townofrush.com)

I wish to thank all the residents who stopped by the History booth at the Fall Festival.

The display of farm utensils and materials was a source of interest for young and old alike. These items serve as reminders of how difficult the "good old days" could sometimes be.

I also want to thank those of you who continue to bring me pictures, articles and artifacts relating to your Rush families' homes or businesses. This allows me to continue to maintain information and provide displays that will be of interest to our citizenry and to those who follow after us.

I would suggest that before donating any document or artifact that you check with your family members to see if it may be something they would like to keep. I can remember my Mom's Singer Sewing machine that I had used from the time I was a child. I fully expected that someday it would be mine. Then one day she told me she had donated it for a Church sale. I was heartbroken that it was gone, but since I had never told her I would like it someday, she was unaware of my wishes.

When it comes to family possessions, check with family first and then consider the Rush History room second. When considering what you might donate to the History room, keep in mind the item or document should provide a piece of history reflecting life in Rush. It is always helpful to accompany the donation with a written or verbal explanation about it.

For example:

1. Business ads
2. Small business items (for example, a milk bottle with name of the business)
3. Item used in the home or on the farm
4. Any items from one of our early ten school houses (I have the sign from School #3)
5. Letters, newspapers, poems, books, etc. relating to Rush life
6. Family pictures (with names provided)

I have many old pictures that are w/o names.

7. Any item you feel has historical significance relating to Rush

During October, I will be hosting the bi-annual meeting of the Monroe County Historians and I look forward to showing them some of our Rush Treasures. In addition, I eagerly anticipate exchanging ideas and learning from those who have been long-time Historians.

Enjoy the fall holidays – Margie



The Rush Seniors' Cookbook is well under way and should be published in time for Holiday giving! Past and future Fall Festival Bake-Off winners' recipes will also be a part of this cookbook. Upon completion, the book will be for sale at the Rush Town Clerk's Office, the Rush Library or you can contact Chris Miller at 334-7373.



**Rush Senior Citizens**  
Submitted by: Nancy Miller,  
Secretary

The traveling part of our club year is winding down. The Adirondack Trip in August proved to be a slightly wet affair. The cruise on Racquette Lake served an excellent buffet as we peered at the sights through a steady rain. Jim Oliver kept us cheerful with prizes and jokes. After lunch, we toured the Adirondack Museum--most of us making a complete tour of 14 fascinating buildings. As this article is being written, the senior bus is headed for Montreal and Quebec.

October 19th's Lockport Trip with the Medina Railroad Experience still has some openings as, does the Seneca Alleghany jaunt on November 14th. Call Mary Ann Brice at 533-1185 for details.

Our meetings have had some fine entertainment. August featured former Rush Resident, singer Pat Maloney, entertaining us with original songs: Tearing Up the Lackawanna Line, Good Night Irene Again, and I Wanna Ride the Train That Shook the Hotel, plus a fine rendition of This Land Is My Land. September featured a slide show highlighting the travels of Walt and Jean Banker--excellent. Looking ahead--October will have entertainment by the well-known Sweet Adelines. Our entertainment chair, Chris Miller, promises mystery entertainment in November of fine quality.

Join us at any meeting--second Thursday of the month--at the Fire Hall at noon--just bring a dish to pass, table service and a hearty appetite.

**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](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush)

Dear Neighbors,

Wow, here we are writing the newsletter for the fall already! Thinking about November gives me the opportunity to reflect upon the graciousness that this small town has to offer. I am very thankful for the help of so many **volunteers** that help us make the library a fun and inviting place to visit: Barb & Jack who care for the fish tank and do assorted clerical work; Mary, Irene, Cordell, Maria, Rayzel, & Amanda who have shelved mountains of books this year; Cathy, Cathy, Karin, & Christa who organize the book sale items weekly; Rob, George, & Barb (and family!) who have maintained our garden this summer; and Heather and the rest of our Friends who implement our various fundraisers all year long. These terrific volunteers save taxpayer funds annually, help keep the library neat and tidy, and infuse the library with enthusiasm. Our hats are off to all of them!

A special thanks also goes out to **Dave Sluberski/West Rush Productions** for generously donating recording services for our Rush Heritage Night in September. His assistance with this oral history project over the years has been invaluable.

**Book Sale:** Our annual "**Vote for Books**" **Election Week Book Sale** will take place **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** during our business hours. We have a well-organized selection of gently-used books and other materials for all ages, starting at 25¢. **There will be a \$2.00 bag sale on Friday-** we'll supply the bags. Volunteers are needed for set-up and tear-down of

the sale; call the library for more information. If you can't wait until November for a bargain, you can shop anytime at **The Book Nook**, our book sale room; it's always open when the library is open.

**Wine-Tasting Fundraiser: Save the Date!** Friends of the Rush Library are now planning their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual benefit for **Saturday, March 10, 2012**; it will be held at **Magnolia's Restaurant at Wildwood Country Club** and will feature live music by our local Beatles cover band "Eight Days A Week." (If you missed them at our summer concert, you'll have another chance to see them, and they are amazing!) Tickets will go on sale December 1<sup>st</sup>; they would make a wonderful holiday gift. Proceeds benefit the library's book budget, program budget, Summer Reading Program, GazeboFest, and more. It's not too early to begin thinking about becoming a **business sponsor**. The Friends offer several levels of sponsorship, and it's an affordable opportunity for you to inform the local community about *your* business in a warm and pleasant environment.

**Holiday Hours:** Please take note of changes to our operating hours due to upcoming holidays: We will be **closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**. As always, materials from our library are never due on days we are closed. We'll reopen on Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Looking forward to seeing you...

Kirsten

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

**Note to our patrons: If you sign up for a program, but later realize that you cannot attend, please call the library to cancel your registration. Often there are patrons waiting for a space to open up so they can register for a "full" program.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

### October

**Knit Chicks** is our local fiber handiwork group and we meet on the **second and last Saturdays of the**

**month (Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>) at 10:30 am.** Come show off your latest project and have a cup of tea.

**American Girl Club** for children ages 6-10 meets on **3 Tuesdays in October from 3:45pm-4:30pm. (October 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>)** There is a "new" American Girl in town; come and find out who she is. Please plan to attend all 3 programs so your children can join in all related activities. Space is limited and registration is required.

**I have NOTHING to wear! Movie Star Makeover** is here for you. Come and meet Karen Noske on **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Karen will help you take your closet from chaos to "close-up ready." Never waste time or money on "what was I thinking?" outfits again. Please bring 8-10 fashion images from magazines or catalogs that you find appealing- even if it's not your normal attire. Please register in advance for this fun program.

**Halloween for Adults** on **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Librarian Paul Tantillo will present a brief history of our strangest holiday, Halloween. We will learn about Halloween's Celtic roots, and the dual feasts of All Saints and All Souls Days. Visit Halloween revels in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Ireland and Scotland and see how this curious festival has become one of our best-loved party days! There will also be a selection of vintage Halloween collectables to view. Space is limited and registration is required. **Note:** This is a lecture, and not geared to children.

**Teen Read Week** is **October 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>.** Teens in grades 6-12 can enter our contest with the title and author of a book they are reading. **What's your BIP?** Tell us & you might win a prize!



**Pajama Storytime: October is Fire Prevention Month.** Families may come and listen to Firefighter Stories and have a bedtime snack on **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Please register in advance.

**WynTec Netegy Seminars™:** In today's changing climate we all need to stay current on the best practices for energy reduction and renewable energy. Do you have a mission toward a sustainable lifestyle? Come meet Ron Whitlock for a series of energy-saving techniques. These seminars are **FREE** of charge. Space is limited and registration is required.

1. **Insulation and Air Filtration: Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Focuses on the relationship that both insulation and air infiltration have on the home's comfort and energy use. Included is a technical review of

environmentally-friendly insulation types and air sealing techniques.

2. **Windows and Doors: Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** How do windows and doors add or detract from your comfort level and how much do they contribute to your energy bill? Learn some techniques used to fix rather than replace them.
3. **Electricity: Wednesday, November, 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** This presentation discusses the relationship that electricity has with the world of sustainability, plus covers new lighting technology, energy star appliances, the future of the electric vehicle and power-hungry devices.



**An Old-Fashioned Halloween for Kids** takes place **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.** Children (accompanied by a parent or guardian) are invited to our party, dressed in costume. They can bring in an *already carved pumpkin* for display. We will have games, a crafts

table, and Halloween treats! Please register in advance so that we will know how many “goblins” to expect! This event will be held in the Rush Town Pavilion.

**Special Needs/ Special Care Planning Team:** Host Susan Vreeland will help families understand the unique life care planning issues that can come with caring for a family member with special needs. We will present two programs to address some of these concerns:

1. **Financial Planning on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm:** To ensure the family member’s quality of life, caregivers must understand Federal and State programs and how they relate to their child, the legal tools available, and the financial strategies they can employ to ensure quality of life. Please register in advance.
2. **Guardianship on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm:** Establishing guardianship is of particular importance when it comes to people with disabilities. In this seminar, families will start to understand the many intricacies that must be considered. Learn the specific terminology, state law variations and the process of appointing a guardian. Please register in advance for this program.

**Rush Readers’ Book Club: Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9pm.** Our

October selection will be National Book Award winner, *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann. “In the dawning light of morning, the people of lower Manhattan stand hushed, staring up at the Twin Towers. It is August 1974, and a mysterious tightrope walker is running, dancing, and leaping between the towers.... In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary in a stunningly intricate portrait of a city and its people.” Join us for discussion & dessert. Please register for a seat, as space is limited.

**Day of the Dead Craft for Kids** ages 10 and up on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 2:00pm.** Come and decorate a Papier Mâché skull mask that you can either use for a decoration or wear for Halloween. “Dia de los Muertos” skulls are traditional Mexican folk art used to celebrate and honor the dead. This is a great way for kids and teens to become aware of another culture. Space is limited and registration is required.

## November

**Library Knit Chicks** will meet on the **second and last Saturdays of the month (Nov. 12th & 26th.) at 10:30 am.** Crafters of all skill levels are invited to attend!

**Friends of the Rush Library** will meet on **Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30 pm.** (Meeting place is yet to be determined. Call the library for more info.) We will be discussing the upcoming Wine-Tasting Fundraiser, and other agenda items. Heather Iannone is the chairperson, and new members are always welcome!

**Make-It, Take-It Class** for kids ages 8-12 will be on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12:30pm.** Create a beaded pouch from an authentic Iroquois pattern with instructor Carole West, from the History Center in Tompkins County. Pouches were used to carry everyday items, such as sewing tools, pipes, body paints, and flint for making fire. See real pouches made by local Native Americans, and then decorate and take your own pouch home with you. (Children should be able to use a needle and thread.) Space is limited and registration is required.

**Community Garage/Craft Sale:** This is it! Our final sale of the year will be held on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Be a vendor or come to shop at our 4<sup>th</sup> annual sale. Rent a space *with a table* inside the new Rush Town Pavilion for only \$25 (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. Crafters and Home Party Products are welcome to sell. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Rush Library. Start your holiday shopping early and locally!

**Boys' Camp:** for children ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** from **3:35-4:30** and also on **Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Come and listen to "**Stories for Around the Campfire**" by Ray Harriot. These are short stories that will hold a child's interest, yet not leave them feeling scared. An afternoon snack will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required.



**New York State Wine and Cheese Pairing:** **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm**. Sample 3 local pairings from our bountiful region.

You will come away with the knowledge of how these two menu items complement each other, just in time for holiday entertaining. There will be a \$5.00 (per person) tasting fee. Space is limited to 20, so please

register in advance. This class will be held in the Rush Town Pavilion.

**Crafter's Corner for Adults** will be on **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm**. We welcome back Karen Burke from *Stampin' Up* and learn how to die cut using the Sizzix Big Shot. You will create several holiday-themed projects using rubber stamps. All materials will be provided for you for a \$3.00 fee, payable on that night. Please register in advance for this class.

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** The November selection will be ***The Last Days of Dogtown*** by Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent*. The club will meet on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** from **7-9pm**. Set in the early 1800's in rural Massachusetts, Ms. Diamant imagines the lives of people who have been left out of history: the poor, widows and spinsters, orphans, and New England Africans. These fascinating folks bring together an entire world of longing, loss, laughter and hope. Join for coffee and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required.

### Looking Ahead to December

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookie Tasting** will be held on **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30pm-8pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Bring in about 2 dozen or so

of your favorite cookies and the same number of copies of the recipe to share. We will provide beverages, holiday music and a crackling fire! This is a fun way to share some holiday spirit with your friends and neighbors.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Workshop:** Children ages 6 and up are invited to join us for gingerbread house decorating which will be held **twice** on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. **Choose one session: 10:30-11:30 or Noon-1:00 pm**. Children are asked to *bring one bag of candy decorations* to share with others. We will supply the rest of the building materials. This is a cute photo opportunity! Space is limited and children must register in advance for this program.

**LEGO™ Club:** We are seeking donations of bricks or kits for a new LEGO club we are starting at the Rush Library, hopefully early next year. We can give you a tax receipt for your donation, if you like.



Reminder: the Rush Library will be **closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** and on **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving. We will re-open Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

We are always *thankful* for your patronage. **Happy Thanksgiving from the Rush Library Staff!**



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

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

**FIRE DISTRICT:** There will be a Fire District Public Budget hearing at Fire Station #1 – 1971 Rush-Mendon Road, on Tuesday -October 18th at 7:00 pm. This date is set by NYS Law.

**ANNUAL BUDGET:** The 2011 fire district budget will be completed by September 30. **We expect the rate to be \$1.10 per thousand. This rate has remained the same over the past several years.** The money collected from taxes is \$325,000. By NY state law our rate for 2011 could be \$400,000. We have usually been around \$75,000 below that limit. This includes money into two reserve funds, one for truck replacement and one for building

major repairs and major maintenance. We can keep the rate you pay lower because of the generous contributions made to the Rush FD Fund Drive by the residents of Rush. The amount of money donated is not matched anywhere in Western NY. The ambulance, heavy rescue truck, 4WD utility truck, boat/trailer and ATV are purchased with fund drive money. These vehicles and equipment on them are worth over 1.5 million dollars!

**Our insurance cost for apparatus, buildings and workman's comp for 2012 will be over \$70,000.**

Our utility bills, fuel costs, maintenance and required testing of apparatus and related equipment is \$55,000. Physicals and shots for our members is \$10,000. Our state mandated audits and required financial advisors are \$20,000. We have been told that the county is changing the radio system and a fund will be set up for replacement equipment to work with their new system.

**PERSONNEL COSTS:** Thanks to a 100% volunteer response force of the Rush Fire Department the personnel cost to protect you and respond to your emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week will remain the same – **zero!**

**FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ELECTION:**

Any resident can run for fire commissioner position. This is a volunteer position with a five year term. A petition is required with 25 taxpayers' signatures. The election is held the first Tuesday in December at the main fire station.

**NEW OVERHEAD DOORS:** We approved the replacement of five overhead doors at station one with energy efficient models at a cost of \$18,300. We did the same at the West Rush station a few years ago.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:** Parade season is over. Our color guard, explorer post marching unit and band won many awards. The new Rescue won 1<sup>st</sup> place at every parade it attended. The 19 year old Pumper 583 won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Caledonia.

**WATER RESCUE TEAM:** At NY States request, our water rescue equipment and several team members were sent to Delaware County for two days and Montgomery County for one day during the floods in September.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** A full week schedule will be conducted at the Leary School and other locations during fire prevention week. We feel that these efforts do work and help control accidental fires and resulting injuries or death in Rush.

**CAN YOU BE SEEN?** Many of you jog and/or walk along the road. It has come to our attention that you **CANNOT** be seen. Some wear dark clothing

or ride some type of motorized chair device with no reflective or light colors and this could endanger your life. Please wear something reflective – lime/yellow with reflective tape will work. Please carry some type of identification and emergency notification information with you.

**WINTER IS COMING.** The heating season will soon be here. If you have a wood stove PLEASE have your chimney cleaned. If you heat by gas or oil, have the heating unit inspected. Over the years, the Rush community has done a very good job in this area and with few exceptions, fires, death and injury have been minimal. We would like to see these incidents completely eliminated!

**FUND DRIVE:** The second request will go out in within a few weeks. These reminders are for the 400 residents who did not respond to our May request. Over 900 of the 1,300 residents of Rush sent in a donation or selected their United Way donation to go to us. We have received approx. \$43,000 so far in 2011. **A SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED.**

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

**Rush Fall Festival**

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who supported our food booth at the Rush Fall Festival. Our proceeds help us to fund community activities, our scholarship funds and needs of the fire department. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered.



The Ladies Auxiliary of the Rush Fire Department will hold their annual Ham Dinner at the Rush Fire Hall, 1971 Rush Mendon Road, on **Tuesday, November 8, 2011.** We will be serving from

**4:30pm until 7:00pm.** Dinner includes ham, potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, beverage and homemade pies for dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors (over 60) and \$4.00 for children under 12. Preschoolers are free. Take outs are also available. Proceeds help fund the scholarship given to a Rush student entering college.

**New Members:** Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at [jnmadigan@aol.com](mailto:jnmadigan@aol.com), or visit our website at [www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm](http://www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm).

## 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. – 1:00 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. Field Hours: 24/7 Pager: 463-7099; Cell: 278-8130
Dog Control	Mike Czora 533-1312	After hours: 330-9100
Finance Director	Don Reynolds 533-9142	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fire Marshal	Rick Tracy 533-1312	
Highway Superintendent	Mark David 533-1770	Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. November – March Dispatch 24/7
Historian	Margie Kirch 533-1312	Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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. Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sept-May
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 533-1312	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.
Deputy Town Clerk	Meribeth Palmer 533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Town Council	Richard Anderson 533-1312 Lisa Sluberski 533-1312 Bill Riepe 533-1312 Al Simon 533-1312	Town Board meetings are held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified in the <i>Henrietta Post</i> .
Town Court Justices	Henry Kirch 533-1130 Thomas Doupe 533-1130	
Court Clerks	Sally Newell 533-1130 Stephanie Anderson 533-1130	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. <b>Court Hearings: Mondays 5:00 p.m.</b>

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF OUR HOURS HAVE CHANGED.**

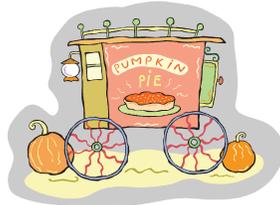
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<b>Election Day</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Town Hall and Court Closed</b> <b>Town Hall and Court Closed</b> <b>Town Hall, Court, Library Closed</b>	<i>Tuesday - 8<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Friday - 11<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Thursday - 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup></i>

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

