

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Rush Residents,

I am finding the circumstances we now face difficult to comprehend. Just when I thought we were gaining momentum to proceed with several important projects it seems like all of a sudden the entire order of purpose and reason as I knew it has been sidetracked by an unknown. When we assembled the newsletter for the April/May issue little did we know what would happen in just a few days. When doing the final proof reading before printing it became very obvious that what had been written no longer applied to the challenges we face today. So, we decided to re-write this issue and we hope you will agree and understand.

Now that we are grounded in the reality of these times, I hope everyone had a very Happy Easter. I also hope all can to some extent enjoy the long-awaited spring weather even though most activity has been restricted to help combat the dreaded COVID-19 virus. The Rush Recreation and Parks group has a long-planned spring cleanup for April 25. With ongoing event cancellations, I do not know if that event will take place. I hope it will. For the foreseeable future I do not see any relief from the uncertainty of having or not having activities we look forward to.

We are trying to maintain as much continuity as possible as we proceed with unprecedented restrictions, cancellations and confinements. Our town hall will be closed until further notice. Our property tax payment deadline has been extended. Our library is closed. Recreation programs have been cancelled. Town playgrounds are closed. The town justice court is closed. Town hall employees have been sent home until further notice. Those able to work from home have been asked to do so. To date our highway department continues to function with the annual brush pickup still scheduled to start April 20. One bright spot is our planned use of teleconferencing for town meetings. We had our first one on March 25. Our next meeting on April 8 will have a full agenda. All meetings in the future will include this feature. If you have a computer all you need to do is log on and join us. As we wait for this crisis to abate may I suggest we remain in contact with neighbors and friends. We never know when someone may be in need and unable to reach out. If you have any reason at all to call me I can be reached at 278-8130.

Gerry

UPDATE FROM VICTORIA MOSETTI DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR

When Gerry and I took the Oath in January 2020 as elected Town Supervisor and appointed Deputy Supervisor, respectively, we took the Oath to not only uphold the United States Constitution, but to also promise to support the interests and needs of our Hometown. We love Rush just as much as all of you do and in the past three months, we have seen progress in moving our town forward with intentional action steps focused on community input and support. Since January 2020, with the support of the town board and Rush residents, we have trialed audio and video recordings of the town board meetings, large thanks to Councilwoman McCarthy who has created a Town of Rush YouTube channel. If you have noticed new "Right to Farm" signs welcoming you back home, Councilwoman Corbin lead the charge on researching "Right to Farm" communities and the cost analysis of these signs. Highway Superintendent Mark David, his Deputy Superintendent DJ Kyle, and the rest of the Rush Highway Department crew have begun all the hard work in putting the new signs up.

Many committees are also making progress under the leadership of myself and the collaborative efforts of interested community members and we want to share the update with all Rush residents. A citizen's committee was formed to review and propose new ideas for the Rush Riverside Refuge property on East River Road. By March 9, 2020, the citizen's committee has convened twice to discuss what has worked well on this property and how this property has been beneficial in supporting the town, not only monetarily, but also in other ways. The citizen's committee reviewed successful action steps and plans to continue moving forward in supporting the needs of the community and desires of the residents.

Another committee that is forming is the citizen's committee titled, 1911 Rush Scottsville Road. The meeting dates for this committee will be announced. If interested in joining this committee, please contact Victoria Mosetti at deputysupervisor@townofrush.com or 585-747-0870.

The partnership with the town board, town board leadership and the Rush residents continues to focus on open communication, honest dialogue, intentional action steps, and solution focused progress. We continue to welcome your feedback, continued collaboration, and participation. Happy spring!

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Pam@townofrush.com

2020 TOWN AND COUNTY TAXES

If you are uncertain about a payment, please contact my office or obtain information from the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov under pay/view taxes.

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR 2020 PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Application deadlines for hearings before both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals must be made by the **10th day of the month** for a public hearing to be scheduled the next month. Please refer to the town website at www.townofrush.com for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals minutes as well as applications and decisions. You may always contact my office for up-to-date information.

PLANNING BOARD

JANUARY 21, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING: Application 2019-05P by James Missell of James H. Missell & Associates, agent for Rick Wurzer, requesting Resubdivision approval to convey a portion of Lot R-3A to Lot R-3B and convey one-half interest of Lot R-4A to Lot R-3B & Lot R-4B of the Henrick Estate Resubdivision. Property is located at 8105 West Henrietta Road and is zoned Residential-30. **Application was approved with conditions.**

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Application 2020-01P by Daniel Holtje of Finger Lakes Land Surveying, P.C., agent for Gary Ludwig, requesting Subdivision approval to add 0.15 acres from an existing parcel containing .90 acres to an existing parcel containing .75 acres. There is no building proposed. Properties are located at 940 and 958 Rush-Scottsville Road and are zoned Residential-30. **Application was approved with conditions.**

Application 2020-02P by Jesse Cook requesting a Special Permit to store commercial equipment and vehicles. Property is located at 335 Kavanaugh Road and is zoned Residential-30. **Application was deemed not applicable.**

Application 2020-03P by Larry Heiningger of Marques & Associates, P.C. agent for David Glocker, requesting Subdivision approval to add .31 acres from an existing

property containing 72.9 acres to an existing parcel containing .79 acres. There is no building proposed. Properties are located at 791 and 809 Rush-Henrietta Townline Road and are zoned Residential-30. **Application was approved with conditions.**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

JANUARY 9, 2020

INFORMAL DISCUSSION: Larry Heiningger, agent for the Sri Vidya Temple, to discuss a potential height variance for a proposed steeple. Property is located at 6970 & 6980 East River Road and is zoned Residential-30.

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING: Application 2020-01Z by Luke Keyes requesting a front setback variance for a barn. The proposed location does not comply with §120-18 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 95 Keyes Road and is zoned Residential-30.

Application was tabled.

TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED

Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th to commemorate Memorial Day.

Wishing all Moms Many Special Memories on Mother's Day - may 10th



Historian's Office

Submitted by Susan Mee

Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Sue@townofrush.com

Did you know? Or, do you remember? I thought I'd share some information regarding an email inquiry I received in February that I think others may find interesting. I was asked about the former Hillcrest Hotel which was located at 6855 West Henrietta Road. Although I was aware there had been a hotel at that location at one time, there was not a file in the History Office to provide any details. I also knew that the basement of the Hillcrest Hotel was saved and used for the new home that currently stands at that address.

Jack and Carolyn Gaffney recalled that they were newly married and lived on the northeast corner of West Henrietta and Rush-Henrietta Townline Roads in 1961 when a fire destroyed the Hillcrest Hotel. That date helped in narrowing the research and led me to a detailed article in the February 9, 1961 issue of the *Honeoye Falls Times*. The article included information from Mrs. Orrin Schultz, Henrietta, who lived on the opposite corner and sold three acres of land to Jacob Allmeroth of Rochester in 1930. Mrs. Allmeroth was interested in building a tea room and the building was intended to be both an eating and living establishment. Unfortunately, Mr. Allmeroth died before the building was completed and the property was sold to Watson Johns. Watson and Edith Johns lived there with their daughter and operated the hotel for 22 years, until his death in 1958. Mrs. Johns sold the hotel in December of 1959 for \$40,000 to Nicholas Merriam and Vincent Battaglia, both of Rochester. The partners renovated the hotel upon purchase and valued their loss at \$100,000 after the fire. Mr. Merriman and hotel custodian, George Allardice, were asleep in second floor rooms when the fire broke out and they managed to safely escape the building.

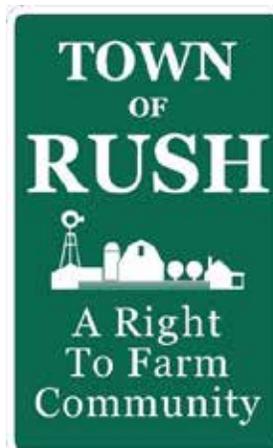
Rush Fire Chief Leslie Faugh reported the fire was difficult to fight due to the extreme cold holding down the smoke and that the structure contained false ceilings and double floors. The fire was believed to have started in the cocktail lounge of the two-story stucco building. The first floor had a dining room, cocktail lounge, and a kitchen while the second floor consisted of living quarters and a second dining room. The fire was detected early Sunday morning and resulted in 37 Rush firemen fighting the fire for more than seven hours along with trucks and firefighters from West Henrietta, West Brighton, Genesee Valley, and Henrietta. Additional firefighters helped from Honeoye Falls and Scottsville. The Rush Ladies Auxiliary were at the scene of the fire serving coffee and sandwiches, followed by a lunch at the Rush Town Hall after the fire was extinguished. Much of the interior woodwork of the building was reportedly built using doors and fixtures from East Avenue homes that were being torn down when the hotel was built.

The Hillcrest Hotel, which had been in business for 30 years, and the resulting fire, also were reported in the February 6th issue of the *Democrat and Chronicle*. The photo to the right, although not of good quality, was from the D&C article and gives us an idea of the size of the building along with the extensiveness of the fire.

Once again, the memories of several of our long-time Rush residents provided help in documenting and remembering this hotel that once stood on West Henrietta Road. In addition to the Gaffney's, I also extend my appreciation to John and Mary Ann David, Bob Kuhls, and Ken Moose. Every little tidbit of information helps piece together the stories from our past. The next part of this puzzle, and an effort to create a Hillcrest Hotel file for the



History Office, is obtaining a photo of the hotel prior to the fire. I am always hopeful that a treasure like this might be found in the collections of one of our multi-generation Rush families. If anyone should happen to have a photo or any other information about the Hillcrest Hotel, I would appreciate the opportunity to scan it for our files. And, of course, should the item no longer be wanted, donations are always welcome, too!



Rush is a Right to Farm Community: Have you seen the new signs that have recently been installed stating that Rush is a “Right to Farm” community? The signs are new, but Rush has had an *Agricultural Advisory Committee* since 2012. The current members are Bill Chase, Robert Kraus and George Moore. The purpose of the committee, drawn from the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, is to help

resolve local farming disputes, contribute to modifications of local zoning and other land use regulations relative to farmland protection, and to be responsible for the periodic review and update of the information in the Farmland Protection Plan. The committee was created because it was felt that since our town is still rural in character and includes substantial farming operations, an “agricultural perspective” can be crucial to the work of various town boards and town officers involved in reviewing plans for variances, building plans, and enacting and enforcing laws and regulations. The committee can also be helpful to farmers who may not be aware of their rights and responsibilities under New York State agricultural

law. Further, the committee can be useful in providing perspective to the non-farming residents of the town.

The Town of Rush also adopted a local *Right to Farm* law (2-2013) on June 26, 2013. The law has five points of intent and purpose that illustrate the importance of farming to the Town of Rush and its residents in reinforcing a quality of life for all and that certain protections must be afforded the farming community in order to maintain viability.

The new signs are the result of residents asking at town board meetings “how our town could continue to support agriculture as well as our rural character?” The “*Right to Farm*” signs were suggested as a way of showing that support. At the January 8, 2020 town board meeting, it was agreed that Councilwoman Corbin would research information on signs for Rush. She met with the *Rush Farmland Advisory Committee* and presented different design options for the signs at the January 22nd town board meeting. The town board then agreed to have Councilwoman Corbin gather information about the cost, installation locations, and size along with input from Highway Superintendent Mark David and the Agricultural Advisory Committee. At the February 19th meeting, the town board approved the purchase of 19 “*Right to Farm*” signs. The signs are now installed, and you will find them at our town boundary lines at both state and town roads. The signs are a welcoming addition to our town’s entry ways. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Sue

Assessor’s Office

Submitted by: Agostino Mineo, Assessor
Tuesday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Phone: 533-2330

assessor@townofrush.com

Shelley O’Hern, Assessor’s Clerk

Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Wed., Fri. 8:30 AM-1:30 PM



SPEAK WITH THE ASSESSOR

If you need to meet with the Assessor, Agostino Mineo, please feel free to call the office at (585) 533-2330 and schedule an appointment.

GRIEVANCE DAY

Grievance Day is fast approaching. If you wish to grieve your assessment please provide at least six copies of ALL related documents including the form RP-524 to the Assessor’s Office by May 28th, 2020 (preferred 5 days prior). The forms will be available after May 1, 2020 on our website: www.townofrush.com. Grievance Day is Thursday, May 28th, 2020 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Please refer to our website for more information regarding Grievance and Assessments.



processed in the Assessor’s Office.

NEW TO RUSH?

As a reminder, if you are new to Rush and qualify for the Basic STAR Credit you must register with the state. Please visit www.tax.ny.gov/star/ or call 518-457-2036 to be enrolled in the Basic STAR Credit program. Basic STAR applications are no longer

Highway Department
Submitted by: Mark David
Highway Superintendent

Phone: 533-1770

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

www.townofrush.com

TOWN WIDE BRUSH PICK UP



The Highway Department will be conducting its annual brush pick up along all roads in Rush commencing April 20th, weather permitting. We eagerly encourage residents to utilize this service. Once a road is completed, there will be no return trips. Since we are unable to inform you of the exact day that we will be working on your street, it is suggested that you have your brush piles ready for pick up by April 20th.

GUIDELINES:

Residential pick up only.

Brush shall be no longer than 15 feet in length.

Brush shall be placed parallel to the roadway, and neatly stacked.

Brush piles shall be placed 6-10 feet from shoulder of roadway.

Do not place brush directly under low overhead wires.

Do not place brush over utility shutoffs.

Condensed larger piles are easier for us than multiple small piles.

WHAT WE DON'T ACCEPT:

Any manmade construction materials including dimensional lumber, landscape ties, metal or other trash. All stumps should be clean of rocks and soil.

The transfer station located on Stonybrook Road opposite the town park is open 24/7. Residents may drop off acceptable materials generated within the town at their convenience.



POTHOLE REPORTING & PATCHING

For potholes on state roads (Routes 15A, 15, 251 & 390) call 1-800-POTHOLE (1-800-768-4653) or NYSDOT- East Rochester dispatcher at 586-4514. All other town and county roads call the Rush Highway Department at 533-1770.

LAWN DAMAGE REPAIRS

Spring weather will have the Rush Highway crew out repairing lawn damage and cleaning up excess road and shoulder stone from plowing. If we overlooked any areas, please call and let us know.

Highway Superintendents from across the state met both locally and in Albany with state lawmakers to voice our concerns and gather their support for increased state funding of local roads. I would like to thank our local Senator Richard Funke and Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes, as well as others for their support.

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM -3:30PM
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 PM
Phone: 533-2340
Pat@townofrush.com

ALL RECREATION PROGRAMS ARE CANCELED THROUGH APRIL. PLEASE CONTACT PAT STEPHENS, RUSH RECREATION SUPERVISOR OR CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER UPDATES. PROGRAMS WILL BE PRORATED ONCE THEY RESTART.

AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982 will be offering a spring evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up. The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you'll

enjoy. It also includes floor routines to target your stomach, legs and arms, as well as stretches to improve flexibility. A good exercise mat is essential; a pair of weights (3 or 4 lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome. This is a six week class.

**Dates: Tuesdays April 28th-June 16th
Thursdays April 30th-June 18th**

**Cost: 1 Day/week \$32.00 Resident
\$36.00 Non-resident
2 Days/week \$50.00 Resident
\$54.00 Non-resident**

**Location: William Udicious Pavilion
6:15-7:15 PM**

GOOD SHEPHERD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2020-2021



We have limited openings left for fall!!! After School program at Good Shepherd is now open for registration for the 2020-2021 school year. The goal of this program is to provide a safe, structured, supervised environment where your child can play and interact with friends. Program activities include arts and crafts, games, outings, and gym time. The program runs from school dismissal until 6:00 PM each full day of the school calendar.

Below are prices for the program that are due quarterly (four quarters in the school year). Please call 533-2340 with any questions.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
5 days a week	\$498.00	\$599.00
4 days a week	\$399.00	\$479.00
3 days a week	\$299.00	\$359.00
2 days a week	\$200.00	\$239.00
1 day a week	\$100.00	\$120.00

Applications and handbook for the program are available at www.townofrush.com under "Recreation."

SPRING GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

The Town of Rush Recreation Department will be offering an eight week program for beginner players ages 7-9. The children will work on skill development and play simple games.



Dates:

**Wednesdays March 25th-May 20th
(No camp April 8th)**

Cost: \$60.00 Rush resident / 65.00 Non-residents

Location: Monica Leary Elementary School

Time: 6:30PM-8:00PM

You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall or download an application at www.townofrush.com under Recreation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You can download any of the applications for the recreation programs from www.townofrush.com under the "Recreation" tab and send it into the Rush Town Clerk's office. The Recreation website is updated frequently between newsletters. Please check for any additional new programs. For further questions please call Pat Stephens at 533-2340.

We are working on the girls' soccer camp applications. Save the dates August 17-25th. Camp will be held at the Rush Henrietta High School fields.

WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION

You can now book reservations into 2021 exactly a year from the date you want to rent the building. Permits to use the pavilion or park can be located at www.townofrush.com under Recreation. Remember the athletic fields are separate rentals so please fill out the field use permit as well if you plan on using them.

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

Library News

Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,
Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM
Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM
Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546
www.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

Census News: The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Each home will receive an invitation to respond to the census questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail. **At the Rush Library we have public computers available if you would like to respond online. And we have created a binder that contains a sample census and frequently-asked questions for you to peruse.** Have more questions? We'll help you find the answers!

Lifelong Learning is something we care deeply about here, and we try to offer many classes and opportunities to keep your curiosity engaged. One example is that we subscribe to **Pronunciator**, a language-learning database, for our Rush residents. Whether you are a world traveler, a Rush-Henrietta student studying for LOTE class, or just interested in keeping your brain sharp by learning a new language, this database can help you. **When you log on via our website, a new world is open to you!** Pronunciator just added several new enhancements:

- New languages, bringing the total to 160, including American Sign Language (with 20,000 videos, making it the largest in existence)
- More home languages. That means English taught in 141 languages.
- Personalized Language Courses. This innovative new approach lets patrons customize their learning experience based on their interests, their occupation, their learning goals, age, available time, and more.
- Hundreds of thousands of video clips so learners can see native speakers clearly speaking each instructional phrase (including slow motion and a cool Video Comparison feature.)
- Audio lessons: over 11,000,000 files making it by far the largest in the world. And each lesson is available narrated in 140 different languages. Upgraded apps: more responsive, accessible, nicer-looking, and faster: www.pronunciator.com/app

Be sure to check out Pronunciator with your library card!

Overdrive Update: Users of digital e-books and e-audiobooks via Overdrive have a new feature:

Hold Redelivery.

How does it work?

- When a hold becomes available, a user will receive a notification and have three days to pick up the hold. Auto checkout has ended.
- The user can then borrow the hold, have it delivered later, or cancel it. When a user chooses to have a hold delivered later, they pick the earliest possible date to receive the title, keep their place in line, and pass the copy to the next person in line.
- After the "deliver later" date, the user will receive the next available copy.
- If a user takes no action during the hold pickup window, the "deliver after seven days" option will be automatically applied as a one-time courtesy.

- If the user takes no action a second time, their hold will be canceled.

What are some benefits of hold redelivery?

- Users can borrow and read titles when it's convenient for them.
- Wait lists will move more efficiently as users pass books to the next person in line.
- The next user in line will be delighted when the user ahead says, "not now."

As always, I offer personalized tutoring for residents who wish to try Overdrive for their tablet or smartphone! Call or email me for an appointment.

Holiday Closing:

We will be closed all of **Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-25**. The book-drop will be back-dated to Friday, May 22 when we reopen. **Remember we are now open nearly every Saturday year-round for your convenience (except for holiday weekends.)**

Looking forward to seeing you...
Kirsten

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE RUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR MAY

Submitted by Joan Celentano, Children's and Adult Services Coordinator

ALL RUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS ARE CANCELED THROUGH APRIL. PLEASE CONTACT THE LIBRARY OR CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES IN MAY.

MAY EVENTS

Register at www.RushLibrary.org/classes-events



Learn to Crochet: Two Wednesdays, May 6th and May 20th from 2-3:30 PM. Join Rush resident **Michele Ayers**, who will teach you the basic stitches **for free** or help you if you need assistance to complete a project. *Each*

student will need to bring in a size K crochet hook and worsted weight craft yarn. Class size is limited, please register in advance.

The Know Thyself Project: Seeing Beyond Fear, Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM in the *William Udicious Pavilion*. Have you ever wondered why fear is such a dominant part of the world you live in? Come join author and Spiritual Teacher **Adrien Fiorucci** as he explains how to live with uncertainty from his book, *The Miracle of Clarity and Connection to Everyday Living*. Please register in advance for this FREE seminar.

Tiny Tots Story Time: Thursdays, May 7th, 14th and 28th from 11:30 AM-Noon.



This class is for children ages 2-5, accompanied by a caregiver. Children will engage in fun stories and fingerplays with a different theme each week. Children who attend this type of program are learning the skills that they will use in any type of group situation. This is a nice opportunity to meet with other parents in your area. Registration is not required, just drop in.

Health Insurance Solutions for Seniors: Thursday, May 7th from 2-3:00 PM, facilitated by **Luis Morales** of Coordinated Care Services Inc. Did you know you can apply anytime for Child Health Plus, Medicaid, Medicaid Buy-In (for people working with disabilities), The Essential Plan, and more? Mr. Morales will be able to assist you with the application process for any of these programs. This is a FREE service. Space is limited, please register in advance online or by calling the library. For more information go to: www.CCSI.org/Navigators



Crafter's Corner for Adults: Make a Beaded Bracelet on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 PM.

Joan Meyers will teach you step-by-step through the process of creating a beautiful cotton cord bracelet with Czech glass beads and a silver closure. Choose from a selection of bead colors.

This class is for adults ages 18 and up and there is a **\$10.00 materials fee** for this class, payable that evening. Please register in advance.

Chess Club: Resumes on Fridays; May 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th from 1:00-2:30 PM.

Join our welcoming, friendly group and improve your skill set with a lesson and practice. Facilitated by **Frances Rapport**, member of the Rochester Chess Center. Please register in advance.



Epic Babysitter Training: Saturday, May 9th from 10:00

AM-3:00 PM in the *William Udicious Pavilion*. EPIC Trainings will teach this class **for boys and girls ages 11 and up**.



Participants will learn the roles and responsibilities of a babysitter, including accident prevention, first-aid, and choking. Each student will receive a certificate upon completion. **Please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope and a bagged**

lunch. The fee is \$30.00 per student, payable to the instructor on the day of the class with cash or a check. **The presenter requires a minimum of six students in order to hold this class. Register online on the Rush Library website only.**

Knit Chicks: Our crafty fiber artists will meet on **Saturdays, May 9th & 30th at 10:30 AM** to share projects and inspiration; new members are always welcome. Coffee and snacks provided; no need to register, just drop in!



Travelogue: Iceland! **Tuesday, May 12th from 7-8:00 PM.** Visit Iceland through the images of Dave Valvo, an award-winning photographer. His drone and time lapse images are very unusual.

Expect to be completely entertained as Dave shares his adventures and some problems he had along the way! Refreshments will be served. Please register in advance for a seat in front of our big screen TV.

Watercolor Class: **Wednesday, May 13th from 7-8:30 PM** in the *William Udicious Pavilion*. Paint along with art instructor **Susan Micciche**. In this class you will have lots of fun painting foliage two ways!



You can use your finished work as wall décor or as a gift. **There is a \$12.00 fee** for this class which covers all materials and instruction. Please register in advance.

Watercolor Class for Teens: Friday, May 15th from 6-7:30 PM. Teens will learn watercolor basics to make a set of post cards or a personal art piece. The *Tape Resist* method will be featured, and students are encouraged to create their own masterpieces using the methods they learn during class. All supplies will be included. Please register in advance.



Afternoon Book Talks: Have you read something great you'd like to recommend? These members meet for just that reason; this is a fun way to get reading suggestions and make new friends. Join us at the library from **2-3:00 PM on Monday, May 18th**. Coffee and snacks will be served, please register in advance.



AARP Driver Safety Training: **Tuesday, May 19th from 11:30-2:30 and Thursday, May 21st from 11:30-2:30.** \$20.00 for AARP members, \$25.00 for non-members. *You must attend both classes in order to qualify for a 10% insurance discount or a reduction in traffic points. Payment is expected on the day of the first session and covers both classes.*

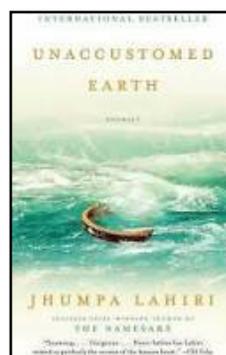
Finger Lakes Wine Tasting: **Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 PM** in the *William Udicious Pavilion*. Sample some delicious wines from the Finger Lakes region paired with some light hors d'oeuvres just in time for summer! Presented by our wine enthusiast **Joan Meyers**. You must be at least 21 years old to attend, please bring photo ID. There is a **\$9.00 tasting fee** per person, payable that evening. Please register in advance for a seat to this fun event.



Hospice Care Conversations: **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM.** Whether you are facing imminent decisions about end-of-life care for yourself or a family member or are simply curious and want to be well informed, this talk will enlighten you. Find out what hospice is and is not, who might be a candidate, and the various options that exist. This talk will be facilitated by **Heather Iannone** who has 15 years of experience as a caregiver and board member at a local comfort care home. Please register in advance.



Tween BookVenture Club: Kids ages 9-12 will read a book of their choice and be prepared to bring it along and do a book talk for the group on **Thursday, May 28th from 5:30-6:30 PM**. This is a fun opportunity to practice public speaking, recommend a book to others, and enjoy **Montesano's pizza and dessert**. Please register in advance so we know how much pizza to order!



Rush Readers' Book Club: Our selection for May is ***Unaccustomed Earth*** by Jhumpa Lahiri. "These eight short stories take us from Cambridge and Seattle to India and Thailand, as they explore the secrets at the heart of family life. Lahiri's stories of exile, identity, disappointment and maturation demonstrate a spare and subtle mastery that has few contemporary equals." Join us for discussion, coffee and dessert on **Thursdays, May 28th or June 4th**

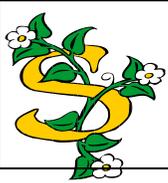
from 7-9:00 PM. Choose the date that works for you. Please register in advance.



Birdhouse Craft for All Ages on Friday, May 29th from 6-7:30 PM. Come paint and decorate a pre-made wooden birdhouse to hang outside or use as a decoration - just bring your imagination! All paint and supplies will be included. Please register in advance.

***At the Rush Library we welcome the opportunity to make services and programs available to patrons of all abilities, including those with disabilities.** Please let us know in advance of any special needs you may have so that we can accommodate you or your child. Please call us at 585-533-1370 at least two weeks in advance of the event to discuss accommodations.

We have been serving our community for more than 100 years and we always welcome your feedback and ideas!



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

When I started writing this a couple weeks ago we were enjoying spring, then we had winter for a night and today it was 57. Tomorrow is predicted to be 62. It's March, for heaven's sake! We're supposed to have WINTER!!! I guess that little critter in Pennsylvania can foretell the future after all.

At our February meeting our President Jim Wilkins presented a check for \$500.00 from our club to Mark Heinz and Audrey Buck from RH FISH (Friends in Service Here) and RHAFT (Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal). They were the featured speakers at our meeting. You may have seen the write-up in the Penny Saver explaining what each group does. In a nutshell, FISH transports individuals to medical appointments, and in 2019 the volunteer drivers traveled 38,574 miles. RHAFT provides food and meals to needy families, sometimes on an emergency basis, other times through their holiday programs. These volunteers traveled 4,173 miles. Both of these groups are in need of more volunteers. So if you have a few hours a day, a week or a month, please call 585-453-2370 for more information.

I don't have any information on a May trip and by the time the next newsletter comes out with information, the cut-off date to sign up may have passed, so if you would like to know about a May trip or any others, please call Bus America directly. Their number is 585-697-3529.

If we ever do have any more winter, stay warm! If we really are into early spring, happy planting! I'll talk to you in May.

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

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire
Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058
www.rushfd.org*

FIRE DISTRICT

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT PAST OFFICER & 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BANQUET: Chairman Scott Goodman introduced the Fire Commissioners, District Treasurer and District Secretary and thanked the department for inviting us. Commissioner Bob Faugh then reported on all the assistance the FIRE DEPARTMENT and LADIES AUXILIARY has provided to the taxpayers in the Town of Rush since 1927 which came to about 2 MILLION dollars. Bob and Scott then presented them a plaque and thanked them for all they do for Town of Rush.

SEPTIC SYSTEM: The system needed some serious repairs. It was put in when Station One was built in 1971. Larry Kaplin, Miller plumbing and several other contractors were needed to get this done.

KITCHEN REPAIRS: The venting hood over the kitchen stove needs to be replaced. This will cost \$2,450.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEED YOUR HELP: We are now in our 100th Anniversary year. We don't have any photos of some of our past Fire Chiefs from before 1958. We need photos of John Behnk Sr., Frank Sherman, Edwin Behnk, Vince Behnk, and Clarence Futter. We have one photo of our Model A fire truck.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE: The Rush Fire Department Past Officers Banquet was held at the RIT Conference Center on March 7th. Bob Lonsberry from WHAM was our emcee and did a great job. County Manager Adam Bello presented a proclamation from the County of Monroe. Reg Allen presented a plaque from CHS Ambulance. Peter Henry and Laurie Kingsley presented a plaque from SPAAMFAA (Antique fire apparatus group). Henrietta Fire Chief Mark Stryzynski presented a plaque from the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs. We also received a plaque from Northern Central Fire Association and the Rush Fire District. 174 members and guests attended. **To see all that went on go to our Facebook page or www.RushFD.org.**

BANQUET CHIEF'S REMARKS: Fire Chief Jon Faugh acknowledged all the work that the volunteers do and thanked everyone for their cooperation over the years.

LADIES AUXILIARY GIFT: Debbie David, President of the Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary acknowledged the great relationship the auxiliary has with the fire department and presented President Heidi Sweet with their annual donation check of \$3,000 to go for any needed equipment.

TRAINING: The FIRE DISTRICT has purchased a "Best Practices" training program that was put together by a local contractor made up of firefighters. Then 15 of our members were trained on how to use it.

ANNIVERSARY COINS: Our 100 Anniversary collector coins are for sale. Go the website or Facebook page for information on how to get them. They are 1.75 Inches across.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: All residents will receive a fund drive request for **Ambulance and Fire Department** operations in May. We still operate the only free BLS ambulance service in the county. A special "thank you" to all of the residents who contributed to our annual fund drive which brought in \$49,000 in 2019. Over the years your fund drive money has purchased eight ambulances, four rescue trucks, two 4-wheel drive trucks, two ATVs, the boats and trailers, the "Jaws of life" and thousands of dollars of other equipment and radios. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support that is unmatched per mailing anywhere in Western New York!

IS THERE A FIRE IN YOU? We have 38 active firefighters who volunteer hundreds of hours to provide fire protection and emergency medical response in the town of Rush and to our neighbors through mutual aid. They also save the taxpayers money by doing maintenance on the equipment, cleaning the stations, mowing the lawns and many other things that have nothing to do with fighting fires. We can always use more help – think about it. **What if that siren sounded and NO ONE RESPONDED?** We have many tasks at emergency scene which do not involve going into burning structures.

RUSH LADIES AUXILIARY

CHASE THE CHILLS WITH SOUP & CHILI: We would like to thank all who joined the Ladies Auxiliary in their 2nd Annual Soup and Chili Event on February 1st! We had several eat-ins and take-outs. Thanks to everyone who helped out and to everyone who came and enjoyed the great food and company!

FIREMEN'S 100 YEAR BANQUET: The Rush Ladies Auxiliary would like to congratulate the Rush Firemen on their 110 years of service. The Ladies Auxiliary attended the Firemen's 100 Year Banquet on Saturday, March 7th at the R.I.T. Conference Center. We would like to thank you for having us on your special occasion. We really enjoyed the dinner, program with many awards, photo booth and game tables! Fun was had by all! Here's to another 100 years!

WE NEED YOU! The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members! Come to a meeting which is held the last Monday of every month at 7:00PM at the Rush Fire House and see what we we're all about. Ladies 18 years of age and older, retired firefighters and explorers are welcome. Our current upcoming meeting will be held Monday, March 30th and at the end of our meeting we will play BINGO! Our May meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th - it is our birthday party for all of the members! We are also looking to have a Junior Auxiliary. Do you know anyone who is in need of community service for any of their organization? We are always looking for help during our events! Please contact Joan Madigan 585-229-4168, email JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com or www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm if you are interested! Thank You!

Mulch Madness

19th Annual Boy Scout Troop 134 Sale

Please help support your local Boy Scout Troop

WE OFFER **NATURAL**, **BLACK**, OR **RED** CEDAR MULCH

Large 2 Cubic Foot Bags - Delivered to Your Door!!!

When: Saturday, May 2nd , Pending current COVID -19 Guidelines

Cost: 1-9 Bags \$5.25/bag, 10 or more Bags \$4.75/ bag

Purpose: Annual Fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 134 in Rush

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- You help our Rush-Henrietta Scouts pay for summer camp.

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Delivery Date : Due to COVID -19 We will call to confirm date prior to delivery
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Natural Cedar: ____QTY **Black Cedar:** ____QTY **Red Cedar:** ____QTY

**Troop 134 is very grateful for the continuing support from Gro-Moore Farms.
This fundraiser would not be possible without the generosity of the Moore Family.**



Thank you,

**Boy Scout Troop 134
Al Mack Scout House - Rush Mendon Road
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Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 19 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 14 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon at the Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 14 th
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 19 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM at the Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 19 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 13 th , 27 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Mother's Day		Sunday – 10 th
Memorial Day	Town Hall and Court Closed	Monday- 25 th

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

NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19 ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT www.townofrush.com FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION OR CONTACT THE RUSH TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT 585-533-1312.