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In these trying times it is easy to become frustrated and discouraged when navigating this pandemic. Retirees, farmers, employees, business owners, teenagers and elected officials all share a common goal to get through this crisis and hope for a minimum of negative disruptions when it has diminished. To think that we may have to resort to new behaviors so that individual survival and quality of life can occur is a challenging thought.

When thinking about the pandemic and the impact it may have on our future, I have to consider the changes we may have to implement in the way we provide services to Rush residents. Some of those thoughts include: Have we been providing the best service possible? Do we make it easy for our customers to interface with us? Are we providing the services Rush residents want? Are we managing residents' assets in a responsible way? Are we communicating with residents effectively? Do our employees consider the Town of Rush as a great place to work? * What changes can we make to ensure that Rush residents can see we are committed to working on their behalf?

The list does not stop there. And I have no doubt that most of you have ideas you can add to it. If you would like to offer them I will appreciate hearing from you. You can call me at 278-8130 or email me at supervisor@townofrush.com.

Gerry

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

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

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While we are working our way through the COVID-19 pandemic and our new social distancing reality, the Rush Town Hall has been closed to the public since March 19th. During that time my office has been open for business via telephone, e-mail, fax and mail. I would encourage you to continue to use those avenues until there is a definitive plan

for opening the town hall doors. We are all doing our best to follow the changing times.

Please call 585-533-1312 if you have questions and please leave a message if I am otherwise not available to answer at that moment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PRIMARY ELECTION

As of this writing, the Primary Election is scheduled to take place on June 23rd, 2020 from 6AM until 9PM at the Rush United Methodist Church, 6200 Rush-Lima Road, in Rush. If you are eligible to vote, you will be receiving an ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION in the mail from the Monroe County Board of Elections. You must send your post-marked APPLICATION to the Board of Elections in order to receive a BALLOT and return it post-marked to them at 39 West Main Street, Rochester, New York, 14614 by June 16th in order to vote. With social distancing, there is still much to be determined on the voting procedure.

Best wishes for a healthy, safe community ☺

NEW DOGS TO YOU

If you have a new dog member to your household, by law they must be licensed at age 4 months. A rabies vaccination will provide them access to a dog license which can be purchased at the town hall. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Historian's Office

Submitted by Susan Mee

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

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Hello, I hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and adjusting to our new normal in the wake of the Corona Virus pandemic. We are currently experiencing a very unique time in our lives and in history. We are all witnesses to this history in the making. Future generations will look back at this event and learn from the news articles, recordings and also our individual accounts of our

own experiences during this time. It is important to document our experiences so that they become a part of the history for future generations to learn from. I have created an online survey to gather your thoughts, feelings and experiences. This online form is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFYST2X>. You can also point your smartphone camera at the QR code below and it will open the survey on your phone for you.



Please feel free to write as much as you want. The more the better! Although your answers can be brief, please also think of this as diary entries that can be lengthier and provide more detail. Your thoughts and

feelings will be very insightful to future generations. And, because your responses are first hand sources of information, these entries will be considered primary sources documenting today's pandemic situation. If you have additional information you would like to share, you can send files to me (poetry, lyrics, diaries, video diaries, images, artwork, etc.) that express your feelings and experiences at this time. If you prefer to not submit your thoughts via the survey form at all, you can also email information you would like to share to me at sue@townofrush.com or by US mail to: Susan Mee, Historian, Town of Rush, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543. Once the Town Hall reopens, you can also drop items off to my attention and I will be sure they are included in our documentation of our lives at this time. Information you choose to contribute will become part of the Rush History Office collection and available for researchers and future generations to access.

Thank you for considering to contribute to documenting this important time in history. Everyone's voice and thoughts are important in documenting the pandemic. Stay healthy and safe!

Sue

Assessor's Office

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2020 TAX ROLL

Currently, the 2020 Tentative Tax Roll is available on line at www.townofrush.com. When the town hall is open, it will also be available at the town clerk's office as well as the assessor's office

Recreation Department

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Due to the Covid-19 virus all of the current recreation programs are cancelled or are on hold.

Please refer to the Recreation website for any updated changes to programs being offered.

When the Monroe County Department of Health has given us permission to be able to offer the programs to the public the Recreation Supervisor will start adding these events on the Recreation webpage. Please watch for a recreation alert on the front page on the website which will link to updates when they become available.

Library News

Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,
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Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your understanding and support during the shutdown due to Corona Virus. I'm certain that this has been a trying time for everyone. The book drop was emptied for the last

time on March 19th, and everything in it was backdated to the last day we were open, March 14th. **Everything you have checked out now has an extended due date of June 29.** Please keep all of your library books and movies until we re-open; there will be no overdue fines on items you return after this shutdown. All reserved items on the hold shelf will be available to you when we resume business here. Holds that are already in-transit will still arrive at their destinations; **no holds will be canceled.**

Our plans to reopen will depend on our state and local leaders' prerequisites for safety. Library service may look very different for a while; we plan on taking precautions such as a plexiglass barrier at the circulation desk, masks, gloves, and disinfecting strategies to limit exposure for patrons and staff. We may need to limit how many people can be in the library at a time, or how quickly you can obtain a book from another library via MCLS delivery. We are considering curbside delivery service too. We are working diligently behind the scenes right now to plan for success in these areas. More information can be found on our web site: www.RushLibrary.org and by following us on Facebook.

Events and Classes: We are planning some **virtual events and programs** to maintain our community connections and to support children's literacy. Story times are being held live on our Facebook page, and book clubs and some other events will be temporarily converted to the Zoom Meetings platform; keep checking our website's **Calendar of Events** for class and program updates. We are working on a Summer Reading plan to keep our young friends engaged in reading all summer long. Please check our web site in June for more information on that.

Upcoming Events:

- **Live Story Time via Facebook:** Join us every **Thursday morning from 11:30 AM–Noon.** Go to the **Rush Public Library Facebook Page** to join us, no registration is necessary.
- **Afternoon Book Talks via ZOOM:** Have you read something great you'd like to recommend? This book club meets for just that reason; this is a fun way to get reading suggestions and make new friends. Join us via Zoom from **2-3:00 PM on Monday, June 15th and Monday, July 20th.** You must register with your email address. On

the day of the book talk we will email you the link to join the Zoom meeting. Space is limited, please register in advance

- **Rush Readers' Book Club via ZOOM:** For **June 25th** we'll be reading ***The House of the Seven Gables*** by Nathaniel Hawthorne and the July selection is yet to be determined. We will maintain our normal book club schedule of the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM plus the following Thursday, too. For the near future we will have to choose classic works that are available as free e-books or inexpensive paperback copies you can buy online. Check our web site for more information and for each's month's book selection.

A few more updates:

- **Federal and NYS Tax Filing:** deadlines are now July 15, 2020.
- **Census News:** if you haven't already submitted your census data, you still have time!

I miss you all very much and hope you follow CDC and Monroe County Health Department guidelines to stay safe.

Your neighbor,
Kirsten Flass

***Rush Fire District
Fire Department &
Rush Ambulance***
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FIRE DISTRICT

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP: Just because they say it is fine to go out after May 15th use your own head. If you don't have to expose your self DON'T. That light at the end of the tunnel just might be a freight train!

CLEANING THE STATIONS: Lifetime Assistance volunteers have suspending doing the station cleaning because of the COVID-19 so the members and commissioners have been doing it.

YOUR TAX RATE: It is time for us to start to prepare a 2021 budget. It is our goal to keep the rate the same as last year. At this time you pay \$1.15 per thousand. Our costs continue to go up and we try to save money any place we can. We

have two major reserve funds, one for building and grounds and the other for apparatus and major equipment such as the radio system replacement, addition to the fire station and new vehicles. We had to spend \$280,000 on the new radio system that went on line in this year from a reserve fund.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

EMERGENCY RESPONSES: As of May 6th we have had 120 calls. This is less than normal which is fine with us. Keep up the good work. The city has reported many more serious fires because of everyone being home. Thank you Rush residents for not letting that happen here. We have had fewer EMS calls because many do not want to go to the hospital. They call their doctor or go to emergent care.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: Due to the financial hardships that many of our residents are going through we have put off the annual fund drive until at least October.

RUSH SENIORS PICNIC: Depending on the COVID-19 situation the Rush firefighters will provide the hots, hamburgers and rolls for the July and August picnics held in the fire department pavilion for Rush senior citizens.

CARNIVAL JULY 9, 10,& 11. We will make a decision after June 1st on whether we hold it or not. We have many things that will dictate this; What are the rides and concession situation? Will the Ladies Auxiliary have enough members to run the food tent? Will we be putting the residents, members and those who come and help us in a risky situation? If we do hold it will anyone show up?

RAFFLE: WE WILL HAVE THE 50/50 RAFFLE. 50/50 raffle tickets are available now. We will list members who have tickets on the Facebook page. We have 700 books at \$5.00 each to sell. There are coupons for free ice cream from Colby's and a \$20 gift card for Ken's Pizza.

ENGINE 9: Several members have spent months getting our 72 year old Federal/Buffalo pumper back in great condition. The engine had to be completely rebuilt. The transmission was rebuilt with spare parts we had on hand. A new radiator and the fuel system was put back to it's original

condition. The funds for this came from the carnival Games of Chance account.

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE IS: www.Rushfd.org– Go there for news, photos, history, recruitment information, membership lists, officers, apparatus, classic photos and links to other related sites. We are also on Facebook under Rush Volunteer Fire Department.

RUSH LADIES AUXILIARY

At this time all meetings and events are cancelled for the Rush Ladies Auxiliary until further noticed. We would like to let everyone know we are still here for you. If you know someone that needs assistance or you yourself needs assistance please call upon us and we will do our best to help in the situation. You may contact President Deborah David at 585-730-2283. We wish you all good health and wellness until we can all join together again. Rush has such a great community. We, the ladies auxiliary appreciate all the support that we have received from you! So in the mean time until we can join together again, stay safe. !

The Rush Ladies Auxiliary would like to congratulate all of the Rush 2020 high school seniors! We are so proud of all of you! We wish you the best of luck on the next phase of your life! Dream big, reach for the stars and never stop trying! You are all so very talented. We wish nothing but the best for all of you!

RUSH LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Our Ladies Auxiliary has cast their votes for the 2020 offices. Although we have not been able to celebrate all of the auxiliary for last year's achievements we would like to present our officers for 2020 and thank all of the officers for their hard work and commitment for 2019.

2020 officers welcomed in for their new term:

President: Deborah A. David
Vice President: Carol Ann Stahl
Secretary: Michele Hicks
Treasurer: Kathryn Reissig
Executive Officer: Bonnie Tobey

I would like to thank all of the auxiliary for everything you do for our great community! You all are much appreciated each and every day!

WE NEED YOU! The Rush Fireman's Ladies Auxiliary is looking for NEW MEMBERS. Females, retired firefighters 18 years or older, the Explorers are eligible to join. If you are interested in learning more about joining the Rush Ladies Auxiliary please contact Joan Madigan at (585)229-4168 or JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com.



Hello, hello, I've just returned from an essential grocery trip, and taken off my mask and gloves, sooo you can probably guess what I'm going to talk about. Something we've heard about too often, and because of "IT", I have nothing to tell you. We Seniors have NOT had a meeting in two, almost three months and have NOT been on any trips either. We missed having buckwheat pancakes, the

mystery trip is still a mystery, and we saved a lot of money by not going gambling, OR maybe we missed out hitting it big.

As it stands now there are no trips planned or I should say, they're planned but whether we'll be able to go is anybody's guess. You can contact Bus America at any time to see if any trips are planned and when. Phone # 585-697-3529. For our Seniors members, when meetings will resume, we'll either notify you by starting the telephone tree or if there is time I'll post it in the PennySaver.. I hope that all of you and your families and friends are well and coping with this new and strange world.

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DUE TO THE COVID-19 AND ALL RELATED CANCELATIONS WE ARE UNABLE TO PUBLISH A CALENDAR FOR THIS NEWSLETTER. ALL UPDATES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE www.townofrush.com OR BY CALLING THE TOWN HALL AT 585-533-1312.