

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Rush Residents,

I wish each of you and your family a Very Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!

We all look forward to a return to normalcy from the two years of challenges due to the pandemic. Thank you to all residents who are continuing to follow the recommendations of our county health officials.

With the election now over, we can look forward to the New Year. I am humbled by my re-election as your Town Supervisor, and greatly appreciate all of the support that I received; and for electing a team who will work together with me on behalf of all citizens **THANK YOU!**

I want to congratulate Dan Chase and Jeanne Morelli on their election to the Town Board. I also want to express my appreciation to all of the candidates who ran for office this year; I wish them all the best.

We will benefit from the fresh ideas of our new board members. I firmly believe that the vast majority of our residents want the same goals: protect our small rural town character and our natural resources; implement fiscally conservative policies that protect taxpayers and our property values; encourage development that contributes to our neighborhoods and quality of life; and protect the health, wellness, and safety of all residents.

We are starting the New Year with much to be proud of and a realization that there is much more to be done. A partial list of projects that need attention are:

- pursue public water for residents who need it;
- partner with the Rush Historical Society to use the 1911 Corner House for our community;
- continue involvement in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP);
- reinvigorate our partnership with the Monroe County Fair, and solicit other community uses for our Rush Riverside Refuge;
- work with the owner of the former Big M property to promote a new valued use; and
- complete the updates to our Comprehensive Plan to ensure we have appropriate zoning to realize our community's vision for our future, and protect and preserve our rural heritage.

I am very hopeful we will see the return of our wonderful volunteer gardeners in 2022. The landmark quality they have added in the past two years is invaluable.

This is just a beginning list. I welcome and encourage all of you to submit your ideas, questions and proposed projects to me or any board member.

With your help and active participation, we will continue to make progress. Please contact me at 533-9058 or stop in – I will enjoy meeting with you.

Gerry Kusse

Town Clerk's Office

Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Phone: 533-1312

Pam@townofrush.com

HOLIDAYS – TOWN HALL CLOSED

Town offices will be closed Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st.



TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Swearing In Ceremony for newly elected board members will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, January 1st at 2 PM. All are invited to attend. The Town's Organizational meeting will occur on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, as well as the scheduled 1st Town Board meeting of the New Year. Please join us in welcoming our newly elected town officials.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW OPENINGS

We are now accepting applications from town residents for open positions on the Board of Assessment Review. Applicants must possess knowledge of property rules and assessing units. Training classes for these positions are both free and required. The BAR meets once a year in late May or early June to review applications from residents grieving their assessments. Interested individuals are asked to submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Pamela Bucci, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

ZONING, PLANNING, CONSERVATION BOARDS

Openings can occur on the Zoning, Planning and Conservation Boards at any given time. All are held at the Town Hall meeting room unless otherwise specified. The current meeting schedule: Zoning Board of Appeals – every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM; Planning Board – every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM; and Conservation Board – every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please refer to the website for Zoom access to a meeting. If interested in serving on any of the boards, please send a letter of interest to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk. Your submissions will be kept on file and distributed to the Town Board for consideration when appropriate. All letters of interest are kept for consideration for at least three years.

TOWN & COUNTY TAXES

Town and County tax bills will be mailed the 1st week of January. If you have not received a tax bill by January 10th, and do not have an escrow account, please call my office for a duplicate bill. You may also access your bill on the town website at the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov. Please note that you will incur a fee for the option of paying your bill online. You may access your bill online at www.monroecounty.gov by selecting “view/pay taxes online” and follow the prompts.

Taxpayers have the following payment options in order to satisfy their property tax obligations. Tax Payments are payable to Pamela J. Bucci, Collector, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543 through May 31st or the Monroe County Treasurer beginning June 1st in the following manner:

Jan. 1-Feb 10	No interest due
Feb. 11-28	1.5%
Mar. 1-31	3%
April 1-30	4.5%
May 1-10	6%
May 11-31	6% interest, plus a notice fee

Full Payments – due without interest by February 10th, 2022.

Installment Payments - *Total bill must exceed \$100 to use this option. The 1st installment must be paid by February 10th.* If the 1st installment is *not* paid by February 10th, the total bill plus interest is due. A due date exception is if the payment falls on a weekend or holiday; payment is then acceptable on the first business day after the weekend or holiday.

Payments by Credit Card– A fee for this service will be charged.

Online Bank Payments – Because banks cannot guarantee your payment will be delivered by the due date, **utilizing this method is at your own risk.** Payments made after May 31st are payable to Monroe County Treasurer and can be mailed to: PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614, or in person at Monroe County Treasury, 39 West Main Street, Room B-2, Rochester, New York 14614. The Monroe County Treasury Office can be reached at 753-1200.

As always, feel free to call my office with any questions or concerns.

Wishing All a Very Joyful Holiday!
Pamela J. Bucci

Building Department

John Limbeck, Building Inspector

building@townofrush.com

Phone: 533-9114

The Building Department has replaced the current **Building Permit Application Form** with an updated version. The previous version had requested information that was not used by the Town and was confusing to the applicants. The new version has been simplified and there are two added pages intended for the Applicant to retain; they contain information regarding the Building Permit, Inspections and General Information pertinent to the process.

Finally, there is an **“Affidavit of Exemption Form”** that the applicant will have to sign and have notarized if the Homeowner is performing the work of the permit by themselves. This is necessary since New York State absolutely requires that contractors performing work must provide proof of Worker’s Compensation Insurance coverage for the work. This form ensures that Homeowners performing work understand the insurance requirements. There is also asbestos information contained in the portion retained by the applicant.

An upcoming Newsletter will contain detailed information regarding asbestos and the health hazards associated with exposure to asbestos. In order to be compliant with New York State regulations, the Town of Rush will be requiring that asbestos surveys are performed before any remodeling, renovation or demolition can occur in buildings that were constructed prior to January 1, 1974.

Assessor's Office

Agostino Mineo, Assessor

Tues – 8:30AM-12:30 PM

Cheryl Davis-Cicoria, Assessor Clerk

Tues, Thurs 8:30AM-4:30 PM, Fri 8:30AM-12:30 PM

Assessor Assessor@townofrush.com Phone: 533-2330

We have mailed out renewals and are taking new applications for exemptions for the 2022 tax roll year. All exemptions must be filed with your local assessor's office by **March 1, 2022**. If you are new to Rush and qualify for the Basic STAR Credit you must register with the state to be enrolled in the Basic STAR Credit Program. STAR and Enhanced STAR Exemptions no longer need to be renewed.

Please visit the town website under Assessor's Department or visit the State of New York Department of Taxation and Finance at <https://www.tax.ny.gov> or call 518-457-2036.

Historian's Office

Susan Mee

Phone: 533-1312

Sue@townofrush.com

Hello!

Thank you to Ryan Peters for choosing the North Rush Cemetery as the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout project. Ryan belongs to BSA Troop 334 and he led his troop in trimming tree branches, sanding and painting the remaining fence gates and also distributing six yards of topsoil to settled and sunken areas in the cemetery. The project also included raking and seeding the new topsoil. Thank you, Ryan, for leading the much needed improvements at the North Rush Cemetery and congratulations on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout!

The next time you are at the Town Hall or Library, please stop to take a look at the new display in the Town Hall lobby area. The new display consists of vintage Christmas and New Year's cards and postcards. The past year's vintage Valentine display was so well received, I thought a display of vintage Christmas cards would also be of interest to our community.

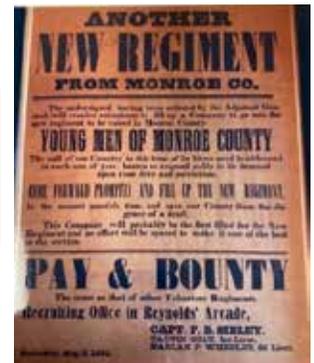
I have recently been in contact with Salvatore LoGiudice of Illinois. Mr. LoGiudice's wife, Susan Robnett Fitch LoGiudice, passed in June 2021. Susan descended from the **Sibley and Perry families in Rush**. Through conversations with Mr. LoGiudice and additional research, I have compiled a brief family history of Susan's deep roots in Rush.

Captain Elnathan Perry, (1760-1849) was born in Wrentham, MA and was a soldier in the American Revolution, joining at age 16. He participated in the Battles of Bennington, Saratoga, Monmouth and Eutaw Springs and also underwent the hardships of Valley Forge. He was part of the Sullivan Campaign and then served under Major General Marquis de Lafayette in the Virginia Campaign and was present at the surrender at Yorktown. In total, he served six years and eight months.

Captain Elnathan Perry married Christiana McDonald (1773-1855) in 1794. Elnathan and Christiana had eight children, living first in Bennington, Vermont and then moving to Rush in 1806. Captain Perry purchased 100 acres along the Honeoye Creek on what is now Fishell Road. Elnathan and Christiana are buried in the North Rush Cemetery along with other Perry and Sibley relatives. Pine Hill Cemetery also has several Sibley and a few Perry family member graves.

Elnathan and Christiana's daughter, Charlotte Perry (1801-1882) married Elisha Sibley (1801-1882) in 1829. Charlotte and Elisha had four children, with the oldest being their only son, Perry Benjamin Sibley (1830-1907) and three daughters, Orphelia, Mary and Emily.

Recruitment Poster for Company G of the NY 140th led by Captain Perry Sibley



Captain Perry B. Sibley

Captain Perry Benjamin Sibley organized the recruitment and led Company G of the 140th NY Infantry Regiment in the Civil War. The 140th was under the command of Colonel Patrick O'Rorke of Rochester. The 140th fought many battles throughout the Civil War, including the Battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville,

Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Totopotomoy, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg,

Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run and Appomattox. Captain Perry was seriously wounded at Gettysburg with bullet wounds in both legs.

Captain Perry B. Sibley's sister, **Emily Sibley** (1839-1924), travelled to Gettysburg to care for her brother while he was hospitalized.



Dr. Emily Sibley Colt

She later married Calvin C. Colt, the First Lt. in Company G of the 140th NY. Emily and Calvin moved to Kansas City, MO where he was the Commissioner and Clerk of the Federal Court in St. Joseph, MO. In the early 1880s, Emily Sibley Colt took a medical course through Hahnemann Medical College and

became a practicing physician – a pretty amazing accomplishment for a woman in that time period. She continued her practice until the age of 75.

Several items from Captain Perry B. Sibley's military career were passed to Susan LoGiudice and her husband has recently donated those items to the NYS Military Museum in Saratoga Springs. Included in the donation was an Infantry Officer's sword with an inscription on the handle that it was a gift to Captain Perry Sibley from the people of Rush and Henrietta. I am grateful that he has donated photos and shared his wife's family history with us.

The above is a very abridged version of the Perry/Sibley family histories. It is part of the family stories and ties to Rush that keep our history alive.

Upcoming Events:



The Rush History Office and the Rush Historical Society will be hosting our annual tree lighting ceremony once again this year. The tree lighting will take place at the Library gazebo behind the Rush Town Hall on Saturday, December 4th at 6:30 pm. The RH Singers will lead us in singing carols and refreshments will follow at the Udicious Pavilion. I hope you can join us in kicking off the 2021 holiday season!

Rush Historical Society has a new website!

Please take a look at: <http://rushhistorical.org/>. If you have visited their site in the past, you may need to refresh your screen to see the new site.



Calling Rush Quilters! The *Friends of the Rush Library*, the *Rush History Office* and *Rush Historical Society* will be sponsoring a **Quilt Show on January 29-30, from 10 am – 4pm at the Udicious Pavilion.**

Quilt submission forms are available at the Rush Library and online at the Library's website. Show admission will be \$5/person and free for those 18 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library and the Rush Historical Society. We hope to see you there!

Lastly, as you prepare your holiday gift giving, there are still a few remaining Rush Bicentennial mugs, votive holders and books available for purchase. Please contact me at the Town Hall if interested in any of these items.

Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and a healthy and happy new year!

-Sue

Recreation Department

Patricia Stephens, Supervisor

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PROGRAMS AND PAYMENTS

Visit our website, <http://www.townofrush.com>, for more information and updates on Recreation programs between newsletters.

Volleyball Program Applications will soon be available on the town website on **the Recreation Department Page** and **Recreation Bulletin Board** located in the Town Hall.

You can pay for all programs online and can view available dates for the Pavilion and fields rentals.

WE STILL HAVE LIMITED OPENINGS IN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM!!

The program provides a safe, structured, supervised environment where your child can play and interact with friends. Program activities include arts & crafts, games, outings, and gym time. The program runs from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. each full day when school is in session. For program fees and to register, please contact Pat at 533-2340.

January - February 2022 Classes



AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982 will offer evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up. The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you will 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. Dates and costs located below.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
January 4 - February 24, 2022**

Cost	Resident	Non-resident
1 day/week	\$32	\$36
2 days/week	\$50	\$54

Men's Seniors Basketball Program for 55 yrs. and older has started on Tuesdays at the Monica Leary Elementary School gym from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM and continues until April 12th, 2022.

The program is free. Please contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information.



“Seniors Exercise Class”

Sessions are held on **Thursdays 10:00AM-11:00AM.** in the Town of Rush William Udicious Pavilion.

The current 8-week program will run until January 20th (No class November 25th or December 30th). The next 8-week Winter Session will start

January 27 - March 17, 2022

The cost per person is \$50.00 for Rush residents and \$55.00 for non-Rush residents; the cost can be pro-rated and may be reimbursable through your health insurance plan!

Classes are taught by Pat Rose, a Certified Instructor. Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup! Sign up at the Rush Town Hall Clerk's office or call Pat Stephens at 533-2340.



A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Program offered by

Town Recreation Department and Lifespan

Many older adults have concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to offer practical strategies to manage falls and increase activity levels.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

WHERE WILL THE PROGRAM BE HELD?

Town of Rush William Udicious Pavilion located at 1900 Rush Scottsville Rd., Rush

WHEN? Tuesdays, January 11 to March 1, 2022.

8 weeks at 2 hrs/week, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cost: \$25.00 Resident; \$30.00 Non-Resident

Questions: Call Pat at 533-2340

In partnership with the Rush Recreation Department, EPIC Trainings is pleased to offer

HOME ALONE SAFETY TRAINING

Designed to teach children who are Home Alone the importance of behaving responsibly including: basic first aid tips; safely answering the phone/door; Internet safety; and how to react during emergencies such as power outages, fires and illness. Knowing when your child is ready to stay home alone is a difficult decision; preparation can make this next step easier.

Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:00am-10:30am

\$30.00 for Residents \$35.00 Non-Residents

This is a Virtual Session Zoom Links will be sent after payment is received. Call (585) 533-2340. Registration ends January 14th To Register, Select Pay Fee on <http://townofrush.com> website, and on the Reference Line put the name of the program.

Library News

Kirsten Flass, Director

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday: 11:00 AM-8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546

www.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! I'm wishing you a joyous, peaceful season with your loved ones, **and that you give yourself the gift of time with a good book.** If enjoying holiday movies is your passion, know that we have plenty of choices for all ages, and we also have seasonal music for all tastes. If we don't have the item you're looking for, we will order it from another library in Monroe County for free!

Adopt-an-Author Program: Here's a gift idea for the person who has everything: **adopt their favorite author.** This program lets you choose an author from our adoption list. When you commit to donating \$15 whenever *your* author publishes a book, we will place a book plate inside it to commemorate your donation. Then you (or your loved one) will get to be the first person to read it, bypassing all other library holds. It's a win-win! Our website has the current list of authors available for adoption.

Local History Books for Sale: More holiday gift ideas.... We are selling copies of **Images of Rush** by our Town Historian, **Susan Mee.** She used a compilation of photographs from the historian's office and records from the personal collections of local residents to write a book that reflects the history of our lovely little town. It's full of great, vintage local photographs and would make a treasured gift. We also have **The Town of Rush Bicentennial Commemorative History**, and a few older local history books while supplies last. Plus our **Book Nook** is always open during Library business hours, and it's stocked with quality used books, movies, collector's editions, and more items that make great affordable gifts.

Community Quilt Show: The Friends of the Rush Library have teamed up with the Town History Office and the Rush Historical Society to have our first local Quilt Show at the William Udicious Pavilion on the last weekend in January. Come see your Rush community's amazing handiwork by joining us on **Saturday & Sunday, January 29th & 30th, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; admission is \$5.00 for adults, and free for children under 18.** Enjoy their

fine work, purchase light refreshments, and visit with your friends and neighbors. **Proceeds will support the Historical Society and the Friends of the Library.** (Quilters: registration forms will be available by Dec. 1st at the Rush Library and on the RushLibrary.org website for you to print. If you have a quilt or other items you would like to donate for our raffle, see Kirsten Flass at the Library.) Hope to see you all there!



Library Holiday Closings:

December 24: Closed

December 25: Closed

December 31: Closing early at 5:00 PM

January 1: Closed

Remember, we backdate our book drop to our previous business day after we open. Rush Library items are never due on a day we are scheduled to be closed. Check your receipt or online account to verify all of your due dates, especially on items from other libraries.

Book Deliveries: If you or a loved one ever requires curbside delivery or home delivery, please call the Library in advance and we'll be happy to assist you. **Looking forward to seeing you... Kirsten Flass**

Upcoming Events for December 2021
Masks are required for in-person events regardless of vaccination status.

Game Night: is on hiatus until Spring. Stay tuned!



Cinnamon Ornaments: Make, decorate, and take a variety of scented cinnamon ornaments to trim your tree, adorn your holiday table, or give as gifts this season.

This program is for teens and adults and will meet on **Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Please bring a couple of rimmed 13" x 9" pans or shirt boxes to take your items home safely until they dry.



Facebook Storytime: Join in the fun every Tuesday in December & January at 11:30 AM, live on Facebook. We will be sharing stories about holidays, snow, animals, and more, and sometimes

we share special crafts or visitors like **Annie B. Schnauzer!** If you miss the live events, you can watch the recording on our Facebook page for a month afterwards. No registration required.



Zoom for Beginners: Zoom allows you to enjoy online face-to-face conversations with your friends and family for free, as well as attend a multitude of programs & events from the comfort of your own home. If you are curious about Zoom and how to make it work for you, we offer one-on-one instruction for setting it up and using it. Contact Adult Program Coordinator, **Sue Writz** to make your personal appointment at **533-1370**. She'll patiently take you through the process of opening a Zoom account and using it from either your home or at the library.



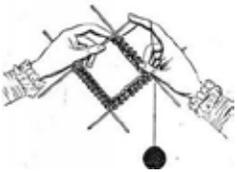
Go! Game Club: Wesley Dahar, President of the **Empty Sky Go Club**, will be offering weekly lessons of **Go, an abstract strategy board game** invented in

China more than 2,500 years ago. If you like chess, you're likely to enjoy playing Go. Classes will be held **Thursdays in December at 4:00 PM**. Please sign up for each week you are interested in attending. This program will be held in the **Library Meeting Room on December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd for ages 16 and up**.



Holiday Card Workshop for Kids: Calling all kids! Help Erin create cheerful holiday cards for nursing home residents on **Friday, December 3rd**. Stop in

the Library anytime between **6:00-7:30 PM** to visit our card-creation stations. Each participant will take home a holiday treat. Registration is required. (Please wear your Covid masks and socially distance while you're here.)



Knit Chicks: Join our fiber arts community group with your work-in-progress (knitting, crocheting, quilting, or any other craft) and we will supply coffee

and snacks. This is a drop-in event, no need to register. Hope you can join us for some crafty fun! **We will meet 3 times each month, masked up in the Library Meeting Room:**

- **Second Wednesday at 11:00 AM**
- **Second Saturday at 10:00 AM**
- **Last Wednesday at 11:00 AM (December 8th, 11th, and 29th, then January 8th, 12th, and 26th)**



Gingerbread Houses: We will meet in the **William Udicious Pavilion** to create Gingerbread Houses on **Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM**. This program is open to children **ages 6 and up**. We will supply the

graham crackers and frosting and everyone is asked to **bring a bag of candy to share** in the decorations. *Please bring a sturdy tray or box to transport your gingerbread house to your home.* Parents may assist their child as necessary and must stay in the Pavilion or Library until the workshop ends. Space is very limited; please register in advance.



Senior Social Hour: Rush Seniors are invited to drop in together at the library once a month, an hour before we open to the public, to enjoy a quiet

place to gather. Cozy up near the fireplace and watch the birds while you catch up with friends on:

- **Thursday, December 16th at 10:00 AM**
- **Wednesday, January 19th at Noon** (please note the day change from normal.)

Coffee and refreshments will be provided. No need to register, just drop in with a friend.



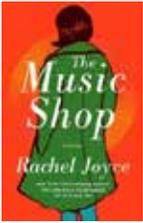
Author Book Talk: Terry Irvine, daughter of former Town Historian, Jeanne Yawman, will be with us on **Thursday, December 16th at 11:00 AM** to read from her recently published books honoring her mother's memory. *The Rustic Quill* is a compilation of

Jeanne's Rush Town Newsletter columns and *Old Sorrel* is written from the perspective of a horse and how to best care for our horse friends. No need to register, just drop in. Refreshments will be served and books will be available for purchase.



Present Making Party: Join Erin on **Saturday, December 18th from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM** for gift crafting.

Children of all ages are welcome. There will be a variety of craft tables located throughout the Library for creating presents for family and friends. Make a salt dough candle holder complete with votive candle, a Shrinky Dink pin or necklace, a tree decoration, and sparkly holiday cards. Please register in advance because space is limited for social distancing and wear old clothes for getting messy.



Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection will be *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce, author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*. This irresistible romantic comedy about second chances and choosing to be brave despite the odds is a sentimental tribute to the healing power of great songs and is a lovely way to begin your new year. Join us **in person** in the Library Meeting Room on **Thursday, December 30th at 7:00 PM** or **by Zoom** on **Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 PM**. Copies of the book will be available to check out in November. Please register in advance.

Upcoming Events for January 2022

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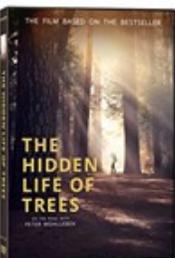
Watercolor Painting: Susan Micciché is back to teach a paint-a-long for teens and adults; you'll be working on two winter-themed watercolor cards. Join us in the **William Udicious Pavilion** on **Monday, January 3rd from 6:30-8:00**

PM. Cost of materials is \$12 per person, payable at the class. All materials will be supplied.



Enhance Your Photography, Part 2: Join Larry Naylor for this **online program** on **Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM** for **ages 13 and up** as

he offers even more examples and guidance on how to practice with your favorite subject matter and equipment. Whether you use a digital camera or a smart phone, are new to photography or not, you will find interesting tips and perspectives from this program. Please register in advance to receive your Zoom link on the day of the event.



Movie Matinee: Joins us for the recently released film, *The Hidden Life of Trees* followed by a discussion along with refreshments. The film is based on Peter Wohlleben's book and follows him as he makes the case for a complex, communicating forest community. The movie presents

clinical facts with beautiful cinematography highlighting eco awareness and possible eco solutions. Wohlleben reads a forest like a scholar reads a book, with complete attention and profound

understanding. The program will take place in the **Library meeting room** on **Wednesday, January 12th at 2:00 PM**. Space is limited, please register in advance.



Make Maple Syrup! Do you have a sugar maple tree in your yard? If so, you can make your own maple syrup. It is not hard or expensive – it just takes time and interest.

And what a great family activity! Master Gardener Kathy Lewis has over 20 years' experience tapping maple trees in Rush and making maple syrup on simple equipment. She will walk you through what you need, how to get started, and what resources are available to help. Join us for this **Zoom program** on **Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 PM**. Please register in advance to receive your Zoom link the day of the event.



The Art of Needle Felting: Teens and adults are invited to join us on **Thursday, January 13th** for one of **3 sessions** on beginner needle felting,

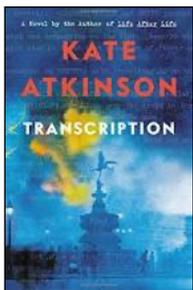
which is a cozy craft using wool roving; choose the class time that works for you. We will meet for 2 hours at either **12:00 PM, 3:00 PM or 7:00 PM** in the **Library meeting room**. We'll teach you the basics and you can choose from assorted items to adorn with a felt design. All materials are provided for a **\$10.00** fee, payable that day. Please register in advance online or by phone, as there will be limited seating. Examples of needle felting will be on display in the library.



I Spy Night for Families: Come to the Library on **Friday, January 14th from 6:30-7:30 PM**, and hunt for objects hiding in plain sight. When you have checked off

the items on your list, you'll receive a prize and a treat. (Erin will be happy to whisper clues!) Check out an **I Spy** book to continue the fun at home. Wear your mask, bring a helper, and please register in advance.

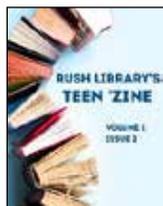




Rush Readers' Book Club:

January's selection is our postponed book from September: **Transcription** by Kate Atkinson. "The story follows Juliet Armstrong, who is recruited at 18 to join the British Secret Service during WWII. Her job is to monitor the comings and goings of British Fascist

sympathizers. A decade later, when she's working for the BBC, her past comes back to haunt her." We have two options for meeting: join us **in person on Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 PM**, or **by Zoom on Thursday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM**. Please register in advance; a Zoom link will be sent on the day of book club.



Teen 'Zine: We are continuing to seek submissions for the next issue of our digital magazine for teens. We will create another 'zine filled with your original artwork, poetry, news articles, book recommendations, recipes,

photography, short stories, interviews, and more. Send your work to the Library Director, Kirsten, at kflass@libraryweb.org. **We will publish when we have at least 10 submissions, so be sure to share this with your friends.**

***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!



Crazy Socks, Silly Stories & Yummy Treats:

Friday, January 28th from 6:30-7:30 PM. Hey, kids of all ages, wear your craziest socks and join Erin for wild dancing, noise-making, and stories. This will be

thirsty business so drinks will be provided. Space is limited, please register in advance.

Quilt Art Day for Families:

After you visit the Community Quilt show on Saturday morning, swing by the library to create a unique paper quilt art project using a kaleidoscope of paper bits, fabric pieces, oil pastels, crayons, and colored pencils in the style of award-winning children's book author, Faith Ringgold, known for her *Quilt Stories*. Bring your imagination and wear old clothes; we'll get messy! This event for all ages takes place on **Saturday, January 29th from 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM at the Library Meeting Room**. No need to register, just drop in.



Rush Fire District Fire Department and Rush Ambulance
Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058 www.rushfd.org

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: Any Rush resident can run for the fire commissioner position. This is a volunteer position with a five year term. A petition is required with 25 Rush tax payers signatures. Commissioner Bob Faugh is up for election this year. The election will be held on Tuesday, December 14th at the Main Fire Station from 6 PM – 9 PM. For complete information contact the district secretary at Kstappenbeck@rushfiredistrict.org or 533-2058 and leave a number to contact you.

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET: The Fire District Budget public hearing was held on Tuesday, October 20th as required by NYS Law.

In the new 2022 Budget, **the tax rate WAS LOWERED TO 98 cents per 1,000**. We have lowered this rate by reducing money into the Capital Reserve Accounts and cutting back in other areas where we could, even though our costs keep going up. Insurance went up quite a bit because of cancer coverage that is now required. Some worn out gear needs replacing and is very expensive. Our SCBA (air-pack) can no longer be repaired and will have to be replaced. This will cost thousands. Firefighters are now assisting on cleaning both stations and

Family Finders



Genealogy Tutor: Our local genealogy enthusiast, Cathy Frank, is available for free individual help if you are stuck in your search for ancestors. She will meet you in person at the Library (masked) or by Zoom. We have a form available for you to use to book her, and you can access that form on our website, or at the Library.



continue to mow the lawns. The town highway dept. is allowing us to do some preventive maintenance on the apparatus, saving hundreds of taxpayer dollars. We also are stayed under the NYS mandated 2%.

ACCESS AND HOUSE NUMBERS: “HELP us so we can HELP you.” We are still having serious problems with gaining access into many properties along with not being able to find homes in emergencies due to no visible or legible addresses on the house or mailboxes. **Did YOU know that there are local and state codes that you have to comply with?** Not complying with these codes could delay the Fire Dept., Ambulance, and Sheriffs in getting to you and damage to our expensive equipment. This could cost you loss of life and property. For more information please contact the Town Code Enforcement Officer so you can comply.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: The Fire District held their annual inspection dinner for active firefighters at the Riverton Country Club with 25 members attending. Commissioner Mike (Peewee) Terzo set it up. Chili Fire Department filled in at Rush. The five commissioners present thanked the volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE:

ISO INSPECTION: The ISO (Insurance Service Organization) did an inspection on the fire department operation and issued a 23 page report. This organization sets the rate YOU pay for fire insurance. 50% of this rate is about the fire department; 40% is on the water system; and 10% is on the dispatch operation. They look at training and drills, response times, equipment maintenance and inspections and all fire reports. We received 68.2 out of 100 points. If we could have earned 1.8 more points 70 points, we would be a CLASS 3.

We remained a **CLASS 4** fire department and a 4X where we have no hydrants, but do have an automatic mutual aid response from our neighbors. Less than 7,000 FDs get a 4 rating. The remaining FDs are 5 or higher -- 27,229. Very few all volunteer FDs get Class 4 or better. Only 360 get a **3 class** rating.

CORRECTION: Luke Keyes received his NYS Water Rescue certification last month.

RESPONSES: We have responded to 240 calls as of November 10th. We assisted Honeoye Falls with

a serious house fire on Rush-Mendon Road, Pumper 582, Rescue 588 and Ambulance 589 responded with 11 Rush members.

LADIES AUXILIARY APPRECIATION DINNER: Rush firefighters will again hold a Prime Rib and Salmon Dinner for the Ladies Auxiliary to thank them for all they do for the fire department and community. Beth Faugh is chairperson.

FIRE PREVENTION: Many of the fire publications have FDs that boast about how many serious calls they respond to. **WE BOAST on how the residents that we serve are very fire and safety conscious and DO NOT NEED OUR SERVICES VERY OFTEN. We thank you for this.** Please continue the great work. We feel that our years of fire prevention & education efforts have paid off. These efforts do work and help control accidental fires and resulting injuries or death in Rush.

FUND DRIVE: The second request will go out soon. We have about 500 of the 1,300 requests returned with some donation. With the \$5,400 United Way contributions that you have donated in the past, we are currently at \$45,000. **A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED.**

FACEBOOK: “Like us” Rush Volunteer Fire Department. There are health & safety messages posted, breaking news on incidents, congratulations to our members, photos and much more. Check it out. The WEBSITE is www.RushFD.org

RUSH LADIES AUXILIARY 🎉

The Ladies Auxiliary held many memorable events:

🍳 **“Not Your Normal Pancake Breakfast”**
Sunday, September 26th. We would like to thank each and every one of you for coming out to support our event! We will look forward to doing it during the Fall Festival in 2022! See you then!!

👻 **8TH ANNUAL KIDS HALLOWEEN DRIVE-THRU** 👻 was held on Saturday, October 23rd. We had several ghouls, goblins, princesses and super heroes of all ages attend! Thanks so much for supporting the Auxiliary looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

ELECTION DAY HAM DINNER was held on Tuesday, November 2nd. We would like to thank all that attended! We did close to 200 dinners! Thank you for all your support! What an awesome community we live in!

RUSH FIREMAN'S LADIES AUXILIARY BETTY WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2021-2022

This scholarship will be awarded to up to three residents of the Town of Rush depending upon the number of qualified candidates for 2021-2022 academic year. The amount of this award is \$1,000 to up to \$3,000 for resident(s) selected.

Guidelines for applying for this scholarship:

- Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Rush.
- Applicant must provide evidence of satisfactory grades by including an official transcript.
- Applicant must have contributed to the community through religious affiliated activities, scouting, volunteer work, etc. Emphasis will be placed on the amount and diversity of public service.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or technical school at which he/she will earn a degree.

The final selection of the recipient(s) will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. A certificate will be presented to the recipient(s) of the Rush Firemen Ladies Auxiliary Betty Wilkins Scholarship Award at the Senior Awards Ceremony at the appropriate school. The check will be sent to the winner after the Scholarship Selection Committee receives verification that he/she is enrolled in a degree program. **Please return your completed applications by Friday, March 25th, 2021 to your counseling center.**

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 7:00 PM at the Rush Fire House and see what we we're all about. 18 years of age and older, residents/non-residents, retired fire fighters and explorers are welcome. We are also looking to have a Junior Auxiliary. Please contact Joan Madigan at 585-229-4168, email JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com or website www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm if you are interested! Thank You!



Hello everyone, and to say what I think everyone is thinking, can you believe another Holiday Season is here? Our unseasonably warm and wet weather makes it even more difficult to get in the spirit of it all. Never-the-less here it is.

We Seniors have been meeting back inside the firehouse. Some wearing masks other not, but trying to practice "social distancing." Still bringing our own bag lunch, not everyone bringing a dish to pass. I hope sometime we'll get back to the normal we once knew.

Let's see, for trips, we went to the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse near Auburn, NY to hear the songs of John Denver. What memories they brought back. We had a delicious lunch at the historic Sherwood Inn on Skaneateles Lake before the show. A wonderful place to eat if you're in the area.

On November 16, we went to Seneca Allegheny for the Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline Tribute Show. If you are of a certain age, you'll remember them and their wonderful music. And of course some of us did a "little bit" of gambling.

On Dec11 we're going on a Holiday Mystery Trip. If it's not too late you would love this, it's so much fun embarking on a secret outing. These trips fill up fast! Hmmmm...wonder what that says about us Seniors.

All of the trips remaining are taking place very soon in December so it may be too late to be signed up for now. But just to give you a taste, IF you would become a member. You might like the Holiday Concert at Nazareth and lunch at Benucci's Italian Restaurant; Holiday Shopping Trip at the Waterloo Outlets and the Lights on the Lake in Liverpool; the winter Festival of Lights in Wheeling West Virginia, a two day excursion visiting Colonel Oglebay's Mansion Museum, a visit to the glass museum and artisan center, a 150 year old Wheeling Suspension Bridge and much more.

We would love to welcome you into our group. We meet the second Thursday of each month as at the Rush Firehouse. Lunch at noon, but come early to meet us and socialize, followed by a meeting and entertainment. Until further notice lunch is bring your own bag lunch and beverage. If you have questions give me a call, hopefully I can answer them! Sue at 451-3421.



Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday and a Healthy New Year!

Hope to see you in 2022!

Sue

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2021 Calendar

Court Sessions are by Appointment Only

Date	Time	Meeting
Thursday, December 2	7:00 PM	Conservation Board
Wednesday, December 8	7:00 PM	Town Board Meeting
Thursday, December 9	11:00 AM	Seniors Holiday Luncheon– Need Reservation
	7:00 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals
Tuesday, December 14	6:00- 9:00 PM	Fire Commissioner Election, Rush Firehouse
Tuesday, December 21	7:00 PM	Planning Board
	7:00 PM	Fire Commissioners Meeting, Rush Firehouse
	7:15 PM	Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, December 22	7:00 PM	Town Board Meeting



2022 Calendar

Court Sessions by Appointment Only

Date	Time	Event
Saturday ,January 1	2:00 PM	Swearing In Ceremony for Newly Elected Officials, Rush Town Hall
Thursday, January 6	7:00 PM	Conservation Board
Wednesday, January 12	7:00 PM	Town Board Organizational Meeting
Thursday, January 13	7:00 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals
Tuesday, January 18	7:00 PM	Planning Board
	7:00 PM	Fire Commissioners Meeting, Rush Firehouse
	7:00 PM	Planning Board
	7:15 PM	Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 26	7:00 PM	Town Board Meeting