

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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**Dear Rush Residents:**

**End of Summer Greetings to all Rush residents!**

I can't believe how fast the time is going. It seems like it was last week when I was assembling our team to serve all of you. We have accomplished many goals, but not two of our three biggest. Those two are public water to those who want it, and a high-quality internet service for all residents in our town. Those two remain at the top of our list. In addition, we have secured a rental agreement with A Horse's Friend for a portion of the Rush Riverside Refuge (RRR) 6565 E. River Road. Some other goals that remain high on our list are the town owned 1911 house on Rush Scottsville Road, continued property improvements at the RRR, complete the repairs required to stop the roof leak in the library, re-vamp our budgeting process to make it easier for town residents to decipher our costs, continue our volunteer gardening program, continue our presence and influence on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Committee (LWRC), stabilize the Town of Rush tax rate, continue to ensure that any proposed development will enhance the Town of Rush as we know it, and continue to look for development opportunities that will provide measurable benefits for our residents while maintaining our commitment to being a "farming community," etc. There is still much more to get done and I wanted to give you a peak at what remains.

For sure I could not do this alone without the help and support of our staff, highway crew, and Town Board members.

If you see them, please give your thanks.

**Gerry**

## Rush Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule of Public Events

The Town of Rush Comprehensive Plan Update Committee held its first Public Workshop on the Hamlet on August 17<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to present a series of public workshops to explore key issues to be addressed in the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update. Please join us via Zoom. The Zoom link is on our website:

[www.RushComprehensivePlan.com](http://www.RushComprehensivePlan.com)

**Note: if you do not have computer access, you may view the online presentation at the Town Hall.**

Each workshop will begin at 7:00 PM on this schedule:

**Sep 21<sup>st</sup>: Energy and Infrastructure**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: Traffic and Transportation  
(Including bicycle and pedestrian)**

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Parks, Trails, and Recreation**

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Land Use and Conservation**

**For more information, please see, "More about the Comprehensive Plan Update!" inside this newsletter.**

**Town Seeks Volunteers for Tree Advisory Committee** In May 2022, the board passed a Tree Ordinance to protect public trees and encourage planting of more trees. The Tree Committee needs a certified arborist (residency preferred but not required) and up to six residents who are knowledgeable about regional trees. The Committee is expected to meet four times a year and as requested to provide input and advice to the Town Board and sub-boards on tree-related matters. Please submit your application to Town Clerk, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Rd., Rush, NY 14543.

**Town Clerk's Office**  
**Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk**  
Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
Phone: 533-1312  
[Pam@townofrush.com](mailto:Pam@townofrush.com)

- Click on Green tab Pay Property Taxes
- Click on underlined Tax Bill at top
- Print

## GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> Plan Your Vote

### WELCOME NEW STAFF

A warm welcome is in order to our new town hall staff. Welcome aboard goes out to Deputy Town Clerk Denise McEvily, Secretary to the Supervisor Valerie Orbaker and Assessor's Clerk Barbara Draggett. We are pleased to have you with us. Your experience and expertise will provide a positive impact to the people we serve.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

The first step towards getting married is to schedule an appointment for a license. Both parties must be present and specific documents are required for proof of identity such as driver's license, passport, or state or federal I.D. Parties must also present a birth certificate with a raised seal. If either party has been previously married, a signed and filed judgment of divorce must be submitted for verification. The fee for a marriage license is \$40. Licenses are valid for 60 days and in New York State a 24-hour waiting period before the ceremony is performed is required.



### SCHOOL TAX BILLS

In order to place all necessary information in a less condensed format, your bill includes two pages. Please provide both pages when making your tax payments.

**Reminder:** Anyone making installments must send their October and November payments to Monroe County Treasury, PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614. Full payments will be accepted in my office until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have not received your tax bill, please contact my office. The following is a "How To" in obtaining a copy of your tax bill from the internet. If you do not have access to a computer or have no success, please call us and we will be happy to provide a duplicate bill to you.

Go to [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov)

- Click Pay Property Taxes/Research Property block
- Click View Property Information and Pay Taxes Online
- Click ✓ Agree
- Fill in a blank area with information; less is more – hit search

**This year Rush residents can choose one of three ways to vote:**

**Vote EARLY** October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>



**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** may be found online or at town offices.

Details and deadlines for voting in the upcoming election are available on the Monroe

County Board of Elections website at <https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections>

All Rush voting districts will be voting at the Rush United Methodist Church, 6200 Rush-Lima Road, Rush, New York 14543. The Monroe County Board of Elections will send instructions to all voters. Polls are open from 6 AM until 9 PM to accommodate your schedules.

### TOWN BOARD MEETINGS for NOVEMBER

The 2<sup>nd</sup> regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Board in November will occur on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM.

### PLANNING BOARD MEETING for NOVEMBER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> pending receipt of applications.

### HOLIDAYS – TOWN HALL CLOSED

The Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day and Indigenous Day. We will also be closed on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Happy Fall to Everyone!!**



*Assessor's Office*  
Augie Mineo, Assessor  
Phone: 533-2330  
[Assessor@townofrush.com](mailto:Assessor@townofrush.com)

## 2022 TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The 2022 Final Tax Assessment Roll is in the Town Clerk's Office and online at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com).

## EXEMPTION FORMS

We will be mailing out renewals and taking applications for exemptions such as Agricultural; Limited Income, Senior Citizens; Limited Income Disabilities; Non-Profit; and Clergy. You can stop by the Assessor's Office to find out what exemptions you may qualify for in the Town of Rush.

*Building Department*  
John Limbeck  
Phone: 533-9114  
[Building@townofrush.com](mailto:Building@townofrush.com)

Cold weather will be upon us sooner than we'd like. This is the ideal time to have your heating system cleaned and any controls checked to make sure that all components are in good working order. Don't forget to change your furnace filters if you have them. Chimneys need to be cleaned on a periodic basis to help eliminate the possibility of chimney fires.

Anyone who is making any changes to their heating and cooling systems needs to obtain a Building Permit to ensure that the new or added equipment is installed correctly and per the manufacturer's installation instructions.

This is also a good time to prepare your snow removal equipment for winter use. Change the oil and spark plugs on blowers and tractors and don't forget to check your hydraulic fluid if cylinders are involved.

If you plan to shovel snow, make sure that you are healthy and wear the proper clothing and footwear. Enjoy the winter and BE SAFE!

*Historian's Office*  
Susan Mee  
Phone: 533-1312  
[Sue@townofrush.com](mailto:Sue@townofrush.com)

Hello!

Research inquiries continue as more and more people research their family genealogy and trace ancestors to Rush. Inquiries and visits this summer have included questions from descendants of the Sibley, Jeffords, Wright, Perry, and Goff families; questions about the West Rush bridge; as well as questions from current Rush homeowners interested in learning

more about the home they purchased and those who lived there before them. A Ph.D. student from SUNY Buffalo is researching early Rush pioneers, the Senecas and wildlife in the area in the late 1700s/early 1800s. The questions are great opportunities to research further and learn more about our town and its people.

The Lehigh Valley Trail kiosk in Rush (by the Post Office) now includes information and photos from earlier days in the Rush Hamlet. Carolyn Coffed, SUNY Geneseo intern, worked in the History Office this summer and the kiosk display was one of her projects. Thank you to Andy David Hazy for his help in improving the quality of the images and printing enlarged photos for the display. Thank you to Fran Celona, President of the Mendon Foundation, for providing access to the kiosk, too. The Lehigh Trail has a lot of foot traffic, so I am happy that folks will now have an opportunity to learn more about our community. Please stop and take a look!

There is also a new display in the Town Hall lobby. Just in time for this year's return to school, the lobby display cabinet has photos and information from earlier Rush school days. In 1835, Rush had 12 district schools and attendance was not mandatory. Over the years, the school district lines shifted, resulting in ten Rush district schools by 1872.

Discussions to centralize Rush and Henrietta district schools began in 1935. After much discussion, the proposition to centralize was voted on and soundly defeated. The proposition was brought up for vote again in 1946 and this time approved by a vote of 563 to 115. Centralization was put into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1947, with the formation of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. At the time of centralization, Rush had six district schoolhouses and more students than those residing in Henrietta. Those numbers have changed significantly in the past 75 years.



*Rush High School, 1927, in front of Rush School #10, the present-day Rush Post Office.*



*This photo is of Mrs. Harry Hart's students in 1930 and was also taken in front of District School #10.*

Wishing our Rush students, teachers and families a happy and successful 2022–23 school year!

Although we are just entering into the Fall season, I also want to remind everyone of our annual **Tree Lighting Ceremony**, scheduled for **Saturday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please join us at the gazebo located behind the Rush Public Library for caroling and to help kick off the holiday season. Refreshments will follow in the Udicious Pavilion. We hope you can join us on December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Happy Fall to all!

**-Sue**

**Recreation Department**

**Patricia Stephens, Supervisor**

Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM–3:30 PM

Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM–3:00 PM

Phone: 533-2340

**AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ**

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering a fall evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up at the William Udicious pavilion. 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.



Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 6:15–7:15 PM  
October 27<sup>th</sup>–December 15<sup>th</sup>

Cost	Resident	Non-resident
1 day/week	\$28	\$32
2 days/week	\$44	\$47

Pat Rose Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department presents a winter session "Senior's exercise class."

The 8-week program will be on Thursdays, September 22<sup>nd</sup>–November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00–11:00 AM. The



classes will be held at the William Udicious pavilion. The classes will be taught by Pat Rose, a certified instructor. The cost per person will be \$45.00 for Rush residents and \$50.00 for non-Rush residents. The cost of this program may be reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup! Sign up begins now at the Rush Town Hall clerk's office. Please call Pat Stephens at 533-2340 if you have any questions.

Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on



November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022–April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Tuesdays) at the Monica Leary Elementary School gym from 7:00–9:00 PM. The program is free. Please contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information on times and any other questions.

Please refer to the Town of Rush website for updates on Recreation programs that will be offered between newsletters.

**WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION**

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



### TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Mondays and Thursdays

9:00AM-10:00AM

September 26<sup>th</sup>-November 21<sup>st</sup> (No class October 10<sup>th</sup>)

Where: William Udicious

Pavilion

1900 Rush Scottsville Rd.

Rush, NY 14543

Cost: \$25.00 resident, \$30.00 no-residents of Rush

To register applications online at [townofrush.com](http://townofrush.com) send to [pat@townofrush.com](mailto:pat@townofrush.com) and pay for class online "Ref number" TC class

Tai Chi provided by Town of Rush and



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.

### What is tai chi?

Tai chi combines slow moving with deep breathing.

### What are the benefits?

Increase strength, balance & posture.

Prevent falls.

Improve mind, body & spirit.

Reduce stress and increase relaxation.

- An increased use of Overdrive E-books (which don't have overdue fines).
- An economy that is creating more financial stress for families and seniors on fixed incomes in our community.

Patrons will still be accountable for returning their items, paying for lost items, and for paying overdue fines on items from other local libraries that *do* charge fines. We will continue to use a collection agency for accounts over \$35.

Henrietta Public Library also eliminated fines on their items at the same time, so all of our Rush-Henrietta School District families will benefit.

Want to learn more? We have a **Frequently Asked Questions** document on our website and at the library; you can also call or visit with me to discuss your concerns.

### Holiday Closing: Mark your calendars for:

- **Thanksgiving: we are closed Thursday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Looking forward to seeing you...*Kirsten Flass*

### October Classes & Events:

**Reminder:** If you register for a program but later realize you cannot attend, please call us or go online to cancel your registration. We now have waiting lists for our classes, and someone may be waiting for a spot to open up. We appreciate this courtesy!

**Putting your Garden to Bed:** We have teamed up again with **Mendon Public Library** for a presentation by a **Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener**. Learn what you should do in the fall, whether you have an annual or perennial garden, to help ensure a successful garden the next year.



This in-person program will be presented **at the Mendon Library on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM; space is limited, please register in advance!**

**Tangles Continued:** In this newer workshop by **Susan Micciché**, you'll learn a unique drawing technique taught one design at a time. You'll learn to



draw seemingly complicated patterns to create a beautiful, finished piece of art. Although we will be learning new patterns, participation in previous workshops is not necessary. Susan's fee of \$15 includes all materials. This program

for ages 13 and up will be held in the **Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from**

### Library

**Kirsten Flass, Library Director**

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](http://www.RushLibrary.org)

### Dear Neighbors,

It's nice to catch our breath after a successful Summer Reading Program. It's wonderful to see our school-age friends growing up before our eyes, and we also welcomed some new families to our community – how fun!

### Overdue Fine Elimination

As many of you already know, the Rush Library Board of Trustees voted to eliminate overdue fines on *all Rush Library items* beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Their decision was reached after research and discussion about this national trend. There are many reasons for this outcome, including:

- A decade of steeply declining fine revenue from due-date reminder emails and texts to patrons, plus patron proficiency at renewing items online.

**2:00–4:30 PM.** Seating is limited, please register in advance.

**Movie Matinee:** Join us for a matinee with refreshments on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM–1:40 PM in the library.** This month's screening is **Death on the Nile** (rated PG 13). Based on Agatha Christie's beloved novel, this tale of unbridled passion and jealousy is filled with wicked twists and turns that will have you guessing until the shocking finale. Starring Kenneth Branagh as premiere sleuth Hercule Poirot.



**Chess Club:** Adults may join **Frances Rapport** for a low-key fun chess experience, **now twice per month.** We will meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month at 1:30 PM.** Coffee and cookies will be provided. No need to register, just drop in! We will meet up in the **Library Meeting Room:**



- **October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 11<sup>th</sup> (closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.)**

**Knit Chicks:** We have a warm and welcoming craft group that meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and last Thursday of each month in the Library Meeting Room.** No need to register, just drop in with your work-in-progress. Coffee and snacks are provided.



- **October 8<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 12<sup>th</sup> (no meeting on Thanksgiving!)**

**Fall Festival of Flavors:** Join us for a delicious and fun evening of tasting alcohol-based adult beverages on **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30–8:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Joan Meyers will bring the flavors of fall as her focus. We will be sampling a mulled hard cider, a beer teeming with fall flavors, a spiced, mulled wine, and a creamy spiced liqueur. Simple palette cleansers will be provided. There is a \$10 tasting fee. Must be 21, please bring ID. Register in advance, our tastings fill up fast!



**Halloween Lanterns:** Join Kirsten in the **Library Meeting Room** and make two orange, Halloween-themed paper mache lanterns with LED tea lights on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00–3:00 PM OR 6:00–8:00 PM;** choose the time that works for you. Please wear old clothes, we will get messy! There is an \$8 fee for supplies, payable that day. Space is limited, please register in advance.



**Bear Bedtime Stories for Families:** Bring a teddy bear and wear your favorite PJs; Erin will read bear stories for you and your teddy bear to enjoy. Then you'll decorate a bear mask and crunch on teddy bear cookies. Join us **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:30 PM in the children's room for ages 4–**



**8.** Please register in advance so we know how many cookies to bring!

**Fall Foliage:** Join Webster librarian **Sue Del Pozzo** for a virtual tour of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont in the fall. Unless you have visited at this time of year, you haven't really experienced New



England at its finest... it is amazing! Delicious, mulled cider and autumn refreshments will be served to compliment your journey. Please register in advance for this program on

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00–8:00 PM in the library.** Hope you can join us!

**Senior Social Hour:** Rush Seniors are invited to drop in at the library on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM** to enjoy a cozy, sunny place to gather. Watch the birds and enjoy coffee and refreshments while you catch up with friends on **Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>.**



**What Can You Do with a Leaf?** We'll be using acrylic paint and brayers to print colorful leaf art. Wear old clothes and prepare to get messy. You'll also decorate a mat frame to display your creation. Then we'll taste a maple leaf treat. Join the fun on **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00–7:30 PM in the children's room for ages 8–12.** Please register in advance.



**Garlic Workshop:** On **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**, **Ally Miller, Nutrition Educator and Jarmila Haseler, Agricultural Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension** will present a garlic workshop from **6:00–7:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion**. Garlic is one of the easiest plants to grow in your vegetable plot, and planting in October allows the garlic to establish its roots prior to winter dormancy. Producing high-quality garlic with large, tasty, full-flavored cloves while avoiding pests and diseases requires skill and knowledge. During the workshop you will learn about planting, growing, harvesting, curing, and storing garlic, as well as the nutrition and health benefits associated with it. Please register for this program co-hosted with the Mendon Public Library.



**Spotted Lanternfly:** It's coming for your grapes, your apples, even you! Spotted Lanternfly (or SLF) is one of the **most destructive, invasive species** seen in generations, and poses a multi-billion-dollar threat to New York's world-famous vineyards and apple orchards. Come learn about what makes this pest such a concern to our region's agriculture, what can be done, and what you can do to stop it. Presented by **Matt Gallo**, Terrestrial Program Outreach Coordinator of the Finger Lakes Institute on **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library**.

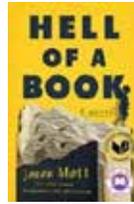


**Watercolor Painting Class:** Join **Susan Micciché** for an enjoyable evening of painting holiday-themed cards, just in time to get your favorite one printed up to send to friends and family. Students will go home with two 5x7 cards and several gift tags... and have a jump start on the holiday spirit. There is a material fee of \$15. Please register in advance for this class to be held in the **William Udicious Pavilion (for ages 13+)** on **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–8:30 PM**.



**Rush Readers' Book Club:** This month's book is the **2022 Rochester Reads** selection, ***Hell of a Book***, by **Jason Mott**, winner of the National Book Award. In this novel a Black author sets out on a cross-country publicity tour to promote his bestselling novel. This "deeply honest and electrically funny" work of fiction goes to the heart of racism, police violence, and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans and America as a whole. Novelist and

poet Mott will appear **November 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup>** for four **Rochester Reads** events that will be free and open to the public. Details on registering for all events can be found on [wab.org](http://wab.org). **Join us in person in the Library Meeting Room on October 27<sup>th</sup> or November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM for coffee & dessert.** Seating for Book Club is limited, please register in advance.



**Family Flashlight Story Time:** Join us for slightly spooky stories in the (nearly) dark and wear a costume if you like. Flashlights will be available to borrow, or you may bring your own. We will also make Scratch Art and enjoy donuts and cider when the lights go back on. Join us if you dare on **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:30 PM in the children's room for ages 4–10. Please register in advance.**



### November Classes and Events:

**Alcohol Ink Ornaments:** Come experience this very fluid and vibrant medium used to create beautiful art. This technique results in gorgeous pieces to be kept for yourself or shared as gifts. **Joan Meyers** will teach you how to create 2 ornaments along with 2 heirloom gift boxes using decorative paper. All materials provided for \$15. This program for ages 16 and up is the perfect class for the beginner on **Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00–8:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion**. Advance registration is necessary for this event.



**Movie Matinee:** This month's matinee is **Grumpy Old Men** (rated PG 13) showing on **Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 AM–12:45 PM in the Library**. This romantic comedy starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, and Ann-Margaret, portrays a lifelong feud between two neighbors that only gets worse when a new female neighbor moves in across the street.



**Gnome Craft:** Come join **Sue Zampella** for another fun evening of crafting and learn to make these adorable gnomes; they are said to bring good luck, happiness, warmth, and a little bit of magic! Choose to make 1 or 2 gnomes for a \$5 materials fee per gnome. We will meet up



**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** This program is open to ages 13 and up. Please register in advance online or by calling the Library at 533-1370.

**Eat Healthy, Be Active:** We are partnering with Mendon Library for this event. Learn more about the importance of balancing exercise and food intake on **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:00 PM at the Mendon Public Library** with **Ally Miller, Nutrition Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension.** This lesson will deliver tips for incorporating a healthy diet and regular physical activity into your lifestyle, as well as cover which foods are going to provide enough energy to get you through the day. Please register in advance.



**Felt Leaf Garland:** Join Kirsten for some holiday crafting on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in the Library.** We will meet from **1:00–3:00 PM or 6:00–8:00 PM;** choose the time that works for you. Inspired by our felt-leaf autumn wreath, we will make a green premium felt leaf garland to decorate your home through the winter holidays. Space is limited, please register in advance. There is a \$10 materials fee, payable that day.



**Turkey Story Time:** Families, come listen to silly turkey stories, play *Pin the Feathers on Turkey*, then choose some Thanksgiving books to take home. Join us **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30–7:30 PM in the children's room for ages 4–8.** Please register in advance.



**Sweet Reindeer Stocking Class:** Join us **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00–4:00 PM in the Library.**



Create a beautiful, unique felt stocking, no sewing skills required! Each stocking is durable enough to use for years to come and large enough to fit a full wine bottle. For ages 16 and up. Cost is \$10 for all materials. Please register in advance.

**Snowflake Stocking Class:** We are offering a **second stocking option on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–8:00 PM in the Library.** Create a beautiful, unique felt stocking—no sewing skills required! Each stocking is durable enough to use for years to come and large enough to fit a full wine bottle. For ages 16

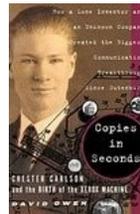


and up. Cost is \$10 for all materials. Please register in advance.

**Watercolor Painting Class:** Explore the winter sky and the wonders of the heavens with **Susan Micciché** and create your own watercolor masterpiece during this step-by-step painting class. Fifteen dollars includes all materials. Students go home with their matted painting in a glassine envelope ready for framing. Please register in advance for this class to held in the **William Udicious Pavilion (for ages 13+) on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–8:00 PM.**



**Nonfiction Narratives Book Group:** We have begun a new book discussion group that will meet quarterly. Join us for a discussion of ***Copies in Seconds: Chester Carlson and the Birth of the Xerox Machine*** by David Owen. This book tells the story of the machine nobody thought we needed but now can't live without! Carlson offered his big idea to 2 dozen major corporations, among them IBM, RCA, and GE - all of which turned him down. Drawing on interviews, Xerox company archives, and the private papers of the Carlson family, Owen has woven together a fascinating and instructive story about persistence, courage, and technological innovation. Register in advance and join us on **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Library.** Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available at the library.



**Teen Craft Day:** During school break, teens can join us to create a variety of holiday gifts for family and friends. We will have several craft stations for making scented sugar scrubs, small clay bowls and clay air diffusers, and more.

**Join us on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the Library from 2:00–4:00 PM OR 5:00–7:00 PM,** pick the time that works for you.



Space for this *free* event is limited, please register in advance to get a jump start on your holiday craft-giving!

## *Rush Fire Department & Ambulance*

Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner

Phone: 533-2058

[www.rushfd.org](http://www.rushfd.org)

**Tunnel Book Construction for Kids:** In this class you'll experiment with creating a 3-D world in a folded book. The magic of looking through the windows that you construct will pull you into a fantasy world of your own making. A sample tunnel book will be on display for you to see. This is for kids ages 8–12; please register in advance for **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (during school break week) from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM, in the Library.**



**Snow Naps:** Where do animals go when the cold and snow come? Who hibernates and who stays awake?

Families can come listen to cozy stories, learn hibernation facts, and see pictures of sweet, sleepy animals. We'll enjoy warm cocoa and animal crackers too. **Join us Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM in the children's room for ages 4–8. Please register in advance.**



**Tangles Continued:** In this newer workshop by **Susan Micciché**, you'll learn a unique drawing technique, taught one design at a time. You'll easily draw seemingly complicated patterns and create a beautiful, finished piece of art. Participation in previous workshops is *not* necessary. Susan's fee of \$15 includes all materials. This program for ages 13 and up will be held in the **Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00–4:30 PM.** Seating is limited, 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.

**COMMISSIONERS ELECTION:** Any Rush resident can run for fire commissioner position. This is a volunteer position with a five-year term. A petition is required with 25 Rush taxpayers' signatures. Commissioner Scott Goodman is up for election this year. The election is held the first Tuesday in December at the main fire station. For complete information contact the district secretary at [kstappenbeck@rushfiredistrict.org](mailto:kstappenbeck@rushfiredistrict.org) or leave a message at 533-2058.

**RUSH FIRE DISTRICT:** There will be a Fire District Public Budget hearing at Fire Station #1, 1971 Rush-Mendon Road, on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This hearing and date are set by NYS Law.

**ANNUAL BUDGET:** The proposed 2023 fire district budget will be posted in the Rush Fire District website in a few weeks. Our utility bills have gone up a lot. Firefighters continue to mow the lawns. The town highway dept. is doing some preventive maintenance on the apparatus, saving hundreds of taxpayer dollars.

**WHY THIS LOW RATE?** Because of the generous contributions made to the Rush Fire Department Fund Drive, we keep the costs as low as we can. The amount per resident donated is not matched anywhere in Western NY. The Rescue truck, Ambulance, ATV w/ trailer and 2 boats with trailer and equipment were all paid for by FD Fund Drives, Carnival Profit and other fundraisers. Over the years the FD has donated over 2 million \$\$ dollars worth of vehicles and equipment to the Rush Fire District.

**MAJOR PURCHASES:** The 1971 gas stove which was 51 years old was replaced at Station #1 in the first week in September at a cost of \$4,700. New chairs were purchased for the lounge also. We have to replace our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) because we can't get parts anymore for the ones we have. Our annual hose test resulted in several of the hoses failing or not allowed to be tested because of their age.

**INSURANCE SERVICE ORGANIZATION (ISO):** They set the rate you pay for fire insurance. We are rated Class 4 right now. The lower the class rate the better. Most volunteer fire department are class 5 or more. Our water system makes up 50% of the rate the rate. They look at our mutual assistance program, training, response times and member turn out.

**ACCESS & 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 Rush Town Code Enforcement Officer so you can be compliant.

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT &**

**AMBULANCE:** We have responded to 240 calls as of September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**CARNIVAL & PARADE:** The carnival was great this year. The rides were also upgraded from years gone by. We thank the community and all those who assisted to make it so. Keyes Farms & J. Crew Landscaping sponsored the two bands. The parade had 50 units and was over in 45 minutes. We hope to move the date back into July for 2023. The profit was the most we ever made.

**ENGINE 9:** Our 1947 Federal/Buffalo is back on the road. The radiator, engine, transmission and rear end were rebuilt. This was a project that took over a year to complete. The cost came from Games of Chance profits from the carnivals.

**FUND DRIVE:** The second request will go out in October. We have about 500 of the 1,300 requests return some donation. **A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED.**

**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.

**CAN YOU BE SEEN?** Many of you jog and/or walk along the road. It has come to our attention that many of you CANNOT be seen. Some wear dark clothing or ride some type of motorized chair/device with NO REFLECTIVE or LIGHT COLORS ON that could endanger your life. Also carry some type of ID and emergency notification information with you.

**PLEASE wear something reflective – Lime-Yellow with reflective tape should work.**

**“IS THERE A FIRE IN YOU?”** This statewide recruitment program has a goal of 15,000 new firefighters. In just 10 years the number of volunteer firefighters in NYS has dropped from 120,000 to 80,000. The



**www.RushFD.org** website has a link to the state program and information on our home page. There is also a box to click on for membership information.

**FACEBOOK:** “Like us” on the Rush Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page. 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.facebook.com/rushvolfd](http://www.facebook.com/rushvolfd)

*Rush Fire Department  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Deborah David*

### **THE RUSH CARNIVAL**

The Rush Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank each and every one of you who were able to come out and support us in any way that you were able to! We had the most eventful carnival of all times!!! Thank you all so very much!!

### **OCTOBER FALL FESTIVAL**

Auxiliary will have their Not So Normal Pancake breakfast & more food at the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Fall Festival that will be held at our Firemen’s field. Come join us for breakfast 8:00–11:00 AM & lunch 11:00 AM–3:00 PM and visit all of the vendors and take part in some really fun activities!

### **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU**

The Auxiliary will host a Halloween Drive Thru on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30–7:30 PM. Rush residents ages 0–12 years old are invited to attend. Each child will receive a treat bag. EVERYONE (including parents) Please come dressed in costume to the Rush Fire House. Follow signs to safely enter and exit our new Halloween drive thru spectacular!

### **ELECTION DAY HAM DINNER**

The Auxiliary will hold their annual Election Day Ham Dinner on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving from 4:30–7:00 PM. Dinner includes ham, potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls and a slice of pie. The cost is \$10.00 each. Proceeds benefit Rush student(s) entering college.

## RUSH FIREMAN'S LADIES AUXILIARY BETTY WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2022–2023

This scholarship will be awarded to up to three residents of the Town of Rush depending upon the number of qualified candidates for the 2022–2023 academic year. You may pick up your application from your counseling center. The amount of this award is \$1,000 to up to \$3,000 for resident(s) selected. More information will be in the next newsletter. The guidelines for applying for the scholarship are:

- applicant must be a resident of the Town of Rush.
- provide evidence of satisfactory grades by including an official transcript.
- have contributed to the community through activities such as scouting and volunteer work.
- be planning to attend an accredited college or technical school at which he/she will earn a degree.

Emphasis will be placed on the amount and diversity of public service. The final selection of the recipient(s) will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee after eligibility criteria is confirmed. Please return completed applications by Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to your counseling center.

### THE RUSH LADIES' AUXILIARY NEEDS YOU!

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. We are not just about making food! We do so much more. Come to a meeting! They are held on the last Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Rush Fire House. See what we are all about. Anyone 18 years of age and older, retired firefighters and explorers are welcome. We would also like to start a Junior Auxiliary.

Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her [JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com](mailto:JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com) or visit the website [www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm](http://www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm)



## RUSH SENIORS CITIZENS

Sue Miller, Secretary

Once again summer is over. Is it just me or do the seasons just seem to fly by? Anyway, fall is upon us with pumpkins, beautiful fall colors and those wonderful cool crisp autumn days.

We seniors have now finally been on a few trips. In August we spent a day in Niagara Falls, at the aquarium, with lunch at the Rain Forest Café. A very interesting place, dining among chimps, snakes, lions, and tigers, oh my! And elephants that whenever it rained, they trumpeted and blinked their eyes. A fun place!!

Then on August 10 we went to Erie, lunch at the Marriot Bayfront Grille overlooking Presque Isle Bay. So beautiful. Then a 1-hour cruise on Lake Erie aboard the Lettie G. Howard Schooner, one of those Tall Ships.

As I write this today the group is at an ol' fashioned ho down with Donna and the mystics. I was unable to go, but did go a few years back. A good time.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> is our trip to Chittenango** to a wild animal park, visit the animals in their custom habitats built to resemble their natural settings. There is safe access and viewing for Visitors. Then lunch at the Lincklaen House, a historic landmark where President Grover Cleveland and John D Rockefeller dined. After that a visit to the Chocolate Pizza Company to taste and shop.

October 16<sup>th</sup> is our Fall Foliage trip on the Arcade and Attica railroad. Lunch at the Yard of Ale first.

**More trips in November and December.** Please call Bus America at 697-3690 for details and dates. We would love to have y'all travel with us.

Our meetings are still held at the Rush firehouse on the second Thursday of each month. Come around 11:15 AM, socialize, eat (please bring a dish to pass that will feed 10–11 people or if you wish you can bring your own bag lunch) then a meeting and usually entertainment, or maybe bingo.

Hope to see you there.

Have a Haunted Halloween and a delicious thankful Thanksgiving!!

Sue

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## 2022 Calendar

### Court By Appointment Only

Seniors Lunch	12 noon Rush Firehouse	Thursday – Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>
Conservation Board	7:00 PM	Thursday – Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> & Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>

# November

## 2022 Calendar

### Court by Appointment Only

Seniors Lunch	12 noon, Rush Firehouse	Thursday – Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>
Conservation Board	7:00 PM	Thursday – Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM at the Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wed Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> & Tue Nov 22 <sup>th</sup>

## Other Important Information and Dates

Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day	Town Hall, Library, Court Closed, Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Supervisor Kusse to read proclamation with guest speakers in William Udicious Pavilion Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:30–11:00AM
Thanksgiving	Town Hall, Library, Court Closed, Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> & Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>

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