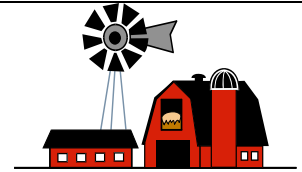


# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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## Letter from the Supervisor, Bill Udicious

Monday - Friday, 533-9058

Dear Residents:

### Summer Olympics

Former resident Jason Turner, whose family resides in Rush, has qualified in the 10 Meter Air Pistol Event for the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. Jason finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2000 Olympic Trials and won the Gold Medal at last Summer's Pan American Games. Congratulations Jason.



### West Nile Virus

Monroe County Department of Public Health is again promoting precaution in avoiding exposure to biting mosquitoes during the summer months. The County has distributed to the Town Hall a limited number of pamphlets illustrating specific actions to take in safeguarding yourself and others. Mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that lasts more than 4 days. So, in order to reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, reduce or eliminate all standing water and debris that may hold water.

If you would like more information about mosquitoes, West Nile virus-related illness and insect repellent, please contact the Department of Health by calling 1-800-458-1158 or log onto the Department of Health website at [www.health.state.ny.us](http://www.health.state.ny.us).

### Open House Reminder

The date for the Town Hall and Library "Open House" is Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 4 PM.

### New Town Telephone Numbers

You may now reach Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Gerry Kusse directly by dialing 533-9114 as well as reach Budget Office/Finance Director Paula Anderson at 533-9142.

### Fall Festival

We will again be hosting a Fall Festival at Werner Farms on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 4 PM. Details will follow in the next newsletter issue.

### Association of Towns Resolutions Continued

**Resolution No. 9 – Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Recruitment RESOLVED**, that the Association of Towns requests the Governor and the Legislature to establish a commission consisting of representatives of local government, emergency services, and their respective association, along with the appropriate regulation agencies to study, identify and recommend additional strategies and programs to encourage and support volunteer participation in our emergency services.

**Resolution No. 10 – Speed Limits RESOLVED**, that the Association of Towns urges the legislature and Governor to extend to all towns the option- through adoption of a local law – to assume responsibility and authority to set speed limits on town roads within their respective jurisdictions, within the limits as defined in §1662-a of the Vehicle & traffic Law, and so long as those roads have been

functionally classified by the department of transportation as local roads.

**Resolution No. 11 Compulsory "Binding" Arbitration RESOLVED**, that the Association of Towns calls for the establishment of a task force to review the issues surrounding the binding arbitration process and we further support amendments to the Civil Service Law which would require giving the ability to pay a priority in the binding arbitration process.

**Resolution No. 13 Cable Franchise Fees RESOLVED**, that the Association of Towns urges revision of the Real Property Tax Law such that cable franchise fees collected by cable companies and paid to municipalities are not set off as a credit against real property taxes payable to the municipality.

**Resolution No. 14 Assessor Financial Disclosure RESOLVED**, that the Association of Towns is opposed to state mandated annual disclosure for assessors and requests the repeal of such requirements which were enacted in response to an experience in NY City and should not have been extended to smaller units of government who often struggle to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve their public.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

### ***Assessor's Office***

*Submitted by: Rufus Falk*  
*Mon. & Tues. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM;*  
*Thurs. 8 AM - 6 PM*  
*533-2330*  
[rufus@townofrush.com](mailto:rufus@townofrush.com)

The Assessor's Office is currently finishing the final details for the 2004 assessment roll and we want to thank everyone that helped us work through our annual update this past spring.

I also want to periodically update residents on property sales activity that is occurring. A few recent sales include:

1. Rush-Henrietta T. L. Rd. - sold for \$110,000 and is assessed at \$106,800. (Under assessed by 3%).
2. Rush Mendon Rd. - sold for \$240,000 and is assessed for \$149,700 (under assessed by 60%).
3. Pine Tree Trail sold for \$147,000 and is assessed for \$131,000 (under assessed by 12%).
4. Fishell Rd. - sold for \$249,900 and is assessed at \$236,300 (under assessed by 6%).

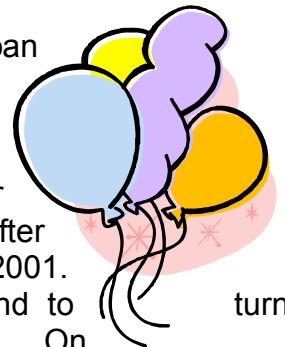
These four sales have occurred in the recent past and as all sales, will be included in our annual analysis by NYS-ORPs.

### ***Library News***

*Submitted by: Jenny Peer*  
*Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM – 8 PM,*  
*Tues., Thurs. 11 AM – 8 PM*  
*Saturdays - Closed*  
*Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546*  
[www.libraryweb.org/rush](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush)

### **From the Director:**

Unbeknown to Joan Starkweather, the Library Board of Trustees initially discussed naming our new children's area in her honor at its first meeting after her retirement in April 2001. The time is finally at hand to turn this plan into a reality. On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 PM the Library will formally name our new children's area in honor of Joan Starkweather, Library Director, 1981- 2001. We invite and encourage everyone in the community to join us during the Town Hall/Library Open House to celebrate this wonderful occasion honoring Joan's many years of devotion to the community through her role as Library Director.



## Summer Hours

The Library's summer hours continue through Labor Day weekend. We re-open on Saturdays on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## New York is Read White and Blue!

Our Summer Reading (New York is READ, WHITE & BLUE) was a great success with over 70 children playing a game that allowed them to explore new places in New York State and read related titles. Our magic show on June 25<sup>th</sup> drew a crowd of over 90 young and young at heart participants who were entertained by Moreland the Magician. We also held a craft program on July 20<sup>th</sup> for children in grades K-5 who created patriotic sand art pictures, beaded bracelets and created one-of-a kind yo-yo's. Prize drawings were held at our End of Summer Reading Picnic for a variety of grand prizes donated by many local merchants. We are very grateful to everyone who supported our reading program. A list of sponsors will be posted in the Library in August and will appear in the September newsletter.



## Upcoming Fall Programs for Children

We are looking forward to resuming the children's programming that has been on hold for the past year. Story times for toddlers and pre-schoolers will resume in early fall. We will also feature an evening bedtime story hour and resume our American Girls Club. Plans are also underway for a book club and discussion group for our Young Adult readers. We will also resume our Friday evening movie programs if there is continued interest. We hope that the availability of our new meeting room space will allow us to present additional programming for youth and adults. Look for all the details in the September newsletter.

## Tote Bag Fundraiser Update

Thank you for your continued support! We have now sold 102 book bags! These attractive canvas "Rush Public Library" bags

are available for \$10 each. They would be great **beach bags** for the summer! Thank you again for your continued support.

## Check It Out!

The Library has recently "refreshed" our Easy Reader Collection of children's books utilizing memorial funds that had been generously donated in memory of Betty Herting. More than 60 worn and tired titles were replaced with new copies of wonderful classics from such well-known authors as Arnold Lobel, Syd Hoff, Lillian Hoban and Peggy Parrish. Introduce your child to Amelia Bedelia, Nate the Great, and Frog and Toad! *Check it out!*

## Town Clerk's Office

*Submitted by: Linda Henry*  
*Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM,*  
*Thurs. 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM*  
*Phone: 533-1312*

## TAXES

If you have paid off your mortgage during the last few months or will do so before the September school tax bill, please contact the town clerk's office. This will assure that the bill is sent directly to the homeowner and not the mortgage company. Any delay in receiving your bill may result in penalties being levied. **State law states that you are responsible for paying taxes even if you do not receive a bill and interest fees can not be waived by the local collector.**



## CONSERVATION LICENSES

Conservation licenses for the upcoming year, 2004-2005, will go on sale in mid-August. Please come prepared with your previous license or a hunter's safety certificate and a driver's license or other ID.

## BOARD OPENINGS

The Rush Conservation Board and the Board of Assessment Review currently have openings for any resident that has an interest in serving on either of these boards. Please send a letter of interest to the Rush Town Clerk with a brief resume. The Conservation Board meets once a month on the first Thursday of the month. The Board of Assessment Review meets on Grievance Day which is usually the last Tuesday in May. For additional information, please contact the Town Clerk at 533-1312.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing will be held by the Rush Town Board, at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Town of Rush, New York, on the 11th day of August 2004, at 7:15 PM, Local Time, for the purpose of considering the adoption of the revisions to the Design Criteria of the Town of Rush to allow for the use of approved turnarounds in the design of projects under review by the Rush Planning Board.

A public hearing will be held by the Rush Town Board, at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Town of Rush, New York, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2004, at 7:15 PM, local time, to consider a Local Law addressing skateboarding and rollerblading on town property.

### ***Rush Fire District***

#### **Fire Department & Rush Ambulance**

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Commissioner*

*Phone: 533-2058*

*[www.rushfd.com](http://www.rushfd.com)*

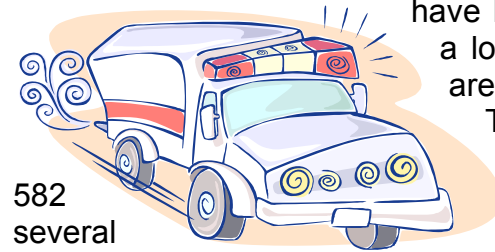
**FIRE DISTRICT:** The annual fire district budget workshop will be held August 10<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station #1. It is our intention to keep the tax rate where it is, with a slight possibility that it might be lowered. The August commissioner's meeting will be held on August 24, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and not on the third Tuesday - August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

We have started to upgrade our radio systems. \$6,000 was authorized to be spent on new radios for the fire apparatus that need these upgrades. Portable radios are also being replaced.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:

The fire department, color guard and FD band have been winning a lot of prizes at area parades.

The new pumper 582 has won several first place prizes in truck competitions. The volunteer fire department members spend a lot of time getting these units ready for inspection. The 1991 Rescue truck won best in its class at Mendon and was up against much newer and more expensive units!



The new 2004 F-350 Ford pickup is in and will be worked on by the officers and members. This new brush/utility unit cost \$28,000 and was purchased with 2003 and 2004 fund drive money. It replaces a 1964 GMC pickup truck that has served us well.

**CARNIVAL and PARADE:** Our profit was the highest in the department's history. Many residents, friends and family members assisted the active, social and auxiliary members at the carnival. Rush Gravel Corp. brought in stone for the parking lot driveway that washed out due to the heavy rains. Vern Valance (Roger Tobey) took care of the septic service needs. Hickory Hill Construction (Luther Keyes) provided backhoe service. Gary Lambert (Rush Market) assisted the men and ladies. Boy Scout Troop 334 put on their famous chicken barbeque and sold out. Our neighboring fire and ambulance squads covered the town on the carnival dates from our station for any calls that came in.

Check the web site – [www.rushfd.com](http://www.rushfd.com) for more information. All the Rush parade winners are



listed under parades. The Rush FD marching schedule is there also.

## ***Recreation Department***

*Submitted by: Patricia Stephens*

*Mondays & Fridays 9 AM - 3 PM*

*533-2340*

[\*pat@townofrush.com\*](mailto:pat@townofrush.com)

### **X DREAMS – Skateboarding, Rollerblading, BMX Bike Camps**

The Rush Recreation Department and X Dreams of 3195 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road Rochester, NY 14623 continues to offer skateboarding, rollerblading and BMX bike camps during this summer. The cost per week is \$175.00. The camp will run from 9:00AM-4:00PM. (There is an early drop off service please call 424-6510). X Dreams will help the beginner to the advanced camper. Learn some of the newest and most advance tricks. You can sign up for the camps at the Rush Town Hall. For more information please call 533-2340. The dates are as follows:

August 2nd-August 6<sup>th</sup>

August 9<sup>th</sup>-August 13<sup>th</sup>

August 16<sup>th</sup>-August 20<sup>th</sup>

August 23<sup>rd</sup>-August 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Weekend Horseback Riding Camps**

The Rush Recreation Department and Park Place Farms in Honeoye Falls will be offering Weekend Horseback Riding Camps. The weekend camps that will be offered are for beginners and intermediate riders. The beginner class is for children 7-12 years old who have never ridden a horse before. The intermediate class is for children who have ridden a horse before. At the camps the children will learn horsemanship and riding skills.

Camps run from 10:00AM-4:00PM Saturdays and Sundays. You can sign your child up at the Rush Town Hall. The checks need to be



directed to; Park Place Farms, 35 Bulls Sawmill Road Honeoye Falls, NY 14472 Attn: Shelly Mercer. Please indicate on the check which weekend camp your child will be attending. Please also indicate on the check skill level.

The weekend camps are as follows:

August 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

August 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

August 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>



### **BOATING SAFETY COURSES**

Boating Safety  
Courses are offered

through the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The courses are taught to adults and children. The classes that are offered and their locations are listed below:

August 2, 4, 9, 11 7-9 PM Base 42 which is

River Street in Charlotte

August 10, 11, 25, 26 6-8 PM Hamlin Town Hall

To find out more or register for the courses you can call Maxine Weeker of the Coast Guard Auxiliary at 872-0404.

### **FALL FESTIVAL**

It's not too soon to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Festival will again be held at Werner Farms.



Our bake-off is always a popular event; we'll even share the recipe with you! Our rule is simple. It must be a baked good (pie, cake, torte, etc. – pumpkin or apple only). The judges will rate on a scale from 1-10 the following: (1) eye appeal, (2) true frit flavor and (3) taste. We'll even share the winning recipe! Get those recipes out!

Look for more Fall Festival information in the September newsletter.

## ***Legal Notices***

*Submitted by: Darlene Pilarski*

*Deputy Town Clerk*

*Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM*

*Phone: 533-1312*

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that pursuant to the provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Rush and §276 and §277 of the Town Law, a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Rush at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York, on July 27, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. to hear all persons interested in the following:

**Application 2004-08 P** by Arnold Carmichael for Subdivision / Site Plan approval to subdivide a parcel containing 19.9 acres into five (5) lots. One single-family dwelling is planned for each of the lots created. Property is located on Rush Henrietta Townline Road, 2033 feet west of Middle Road. Property is located in an R- 30 District.

**Application 2004-09 P** by Tom Frys, of Passero Associates, acting as Agent for Richard Dorschel, Rush Associates LLC for revised Site Plan approval to add a 3,584 square foot addition to the existing building for vehicle warranty maintenance/repair work, as well as adding two (2) car wash bays and a 1,536 square foot equipment room. Property is located at 7283 West Henrietta Road at the intersection of Rt. 15 and Rt. 251. Property is located in a Commercial District.

**Application 2004-10 P** by Tom Frys, of Passero Associates acting as Agent for Richard Dorschel, Rush Associates LLC for a Special Permit to allow the following uses, car wash operation, automotive and motorcycle repairs as per New York State Department of Motor Vehicle requirements for state inspections, performing warranty work on vehicles sold at the dealership. The suggested use is not for retail repairs. Property is located at 7283 West Henrietta Road at the

intersection of Rt. 15 and Rt. 251. Property is located in a Commercial District.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that pursuant to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Rush and §267 of the Town Law, a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Rush at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York, on July 8, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. to hear all persons interested in the following:

**Application 2004-06 Z** by Gary Feldt for an Area Variance to construct a 10'x16' utility shed in the northeast corner of the lot. Proposed construction does not comply with the minimum side and rear setback requirements. Location is at 420 Rush Scottsville Road, west of East River Road. Property is located in an R-30 District.

**Application 2004-07 Z** by Robert & Karen Lewis for a Fence Variance to replace the existing fence around the pool area. Proposed fence does not comply with the minimum height requirement between the rear foundation line and the street. Location is at 5 Pine Tree Trail, on the corner of Pine Tree Circle and Pine Tree Trail. Property is located in an R-30 District.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals of 07/8/04 Meeting Decisions**

Application 2004-06Z – Gary Feldt – approved.  
Application 2004-07Z – Robert Lewis – approved.



## ***Rush Seniors***

*Submitted by: Virginia Bock*

We enjoyed a trip to Fort Erie on July 17<sup>th</sup>. A picnic meeting is planned at the Rush Fire Department Pavilion for Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone 55 years or older is welcome to join. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. Come join the fun!



## *Rush Town Calendar* August 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 5PM Court	3 7:30 PM – Library Board	4	5 7:30 PM Conservation Bd	6	7
8	9 5 PM Court	10	11 7:00 PM Town Board; PUBLIC Hearing 7:15 PM	12 7 PM – Zoning Board	13	14
15	16 5 PM Court	17 7:30 PM Planning Board	18	19	20	21
22	23 5 PM Court	24 7 PM Fire Commissioners	25	26	27	28
29	30 5 PM Court	31				