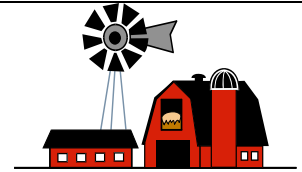


RUSH TOWN NEWS

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September 2004

Letter from the Supervisor, Bill Udicious

Monday - Friday, 533-9058

Dear Residents:

As a reminder there are 3 important events will be happening in the Town of Rush in the near future. They are:

(1) Republican Primary Election, SEPTEMBER 14th, 12 Noon to 9 PM. This Republican Party Primary will choose the candidate that will represent the party on the November ballot for two positions:

- Rush Court Justice
- 29th Congressional District Representative

This vote is open only to those currently registered with the Monroe County Board of Elections as Republicans. Voting will be in the lower level of the Rush Town Hall.

(2) **Town Hall and Library Open House** on Saturday, September 25, 2004 1 PM – 4 PM.

(3) **Fall Festival on October 9th, 2004** from 10 AM to 4 PM at Werner Farms, 8427 West Henrietta Road.

The Fall Festival is a great family event sponsored by the Rush Recreation Department. We continue to provide fun and activities for the whole family.

The RUSH FALL FESTIVAL events include:

Hay Rides, Pony Rides, Pumpkin Painting, Children's Games, Chicken Barbeque provided by Boy Scout Troop #334, Pie eating Contest, Children's Haunted House & Adult Haunted Barn (built & run by Boy Scout Troop #134) Bake-off, Sunflower & Pumpkin Weigh-off, Crafts, kettle corn, candied apples, music by Rush Fireman's Band and by Dick Lechhorn (sponsored by ESL Federal Credit Union). Local food vendors will be participating in this year's festival.



Scarecrow Contest – See the Recreation section for rules on entering.

We encourage families to use their imagination and talents to make Scarecrows. They will be displayed for voting on the hayride trails. Prizes will be awarded at 3:30 PM.

Please check the Recreation section of this newsletter for the specific rules for the Scarecrow Contest, Bake Off and Pie Eating Contest.

CRAFT VENDORS WANTED

Rush Fall Festival @Werner Farms Saturday, October 9th, 10 AM – 4 PM We'll provide your 12x12 area; you provide your own shelter and the goods! Call to reserve your spot!
Fee: \$20.00 Payable to the Rush Town Clerk

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

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*

SCHOOL TAX BILLS

The three school districts that service the Town of Rush will be sending out their tax bills for the 2004-2005 school year on or near the first of September. ***If you do not receive a bill by September 7th, please contact the school district in which your property is located and request that a duplicate be sent to you.***

- Rush Henrietta, Linda Henry 533-1312
- Honeoye Falls Lima, Sheila Volzer 624-7022
- Avon, Kerry Murray 226-2455 Ext 1308

For residents in the Rush Henrietta School District wishing to make partial school tax payments, only the first installment is paid at the Town Hall and must be received by September 15th. SECOND AND THIRD INSTALLMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO MONROE COUNTY TREASURY. Full payments will be accepted at the Town Hall until the 31st of October.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office.

HUNTERS

The problems that were experienced last year with the new DECALS system have for the most part been corrected. There are still areas that need work but the experience for everyone this year should be more pleasant.



Deer Management permits will be issued at the time you obtain your hunting license on a random basis controlled by the computer

system in Albany. PLEASE COME PREPARED WITH:

1. YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE
2. YOUR PREVIOUS CONSERVATION LICENSE

You MUST know the area (WMU) that you wish to hunt in because you must give that information to the clerk in order to obtain the permit. DMPs will be given only until October 1st. After that date, anyone wishing a DMP will have to wait until the second draw on or about November 1st. At that time, two permits will be given on a first come first served basis and only for areas that are unsubscribed.

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that I, the undersigned Collector of Taxes in and for the Town of Rush, have received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the Rush Henrietta Central School for the year 2004-2005. I will receive these taxes at the Town Clerk's office, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Mailed payment should be addressed to: Linda G. Henry, Collector, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

Taxes will be received interest free through October 1, 2004. Payments made after October 1, 2004 must be full payments only and will be subject to additional interest penalties of 2% per month. Full payment interest due on the total tax.

To be eligible for the partial payment option, the first payment must be made by September 15, 2004 to Linda G. Henry, Collector. Taxes paid under the installment option MUST MAKE THE SECOND AND THIRD INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE MONROE COUNTY TREASURY.

Taxes are payable to the Town of Rush until October 31, 2004, when the Tax Rolls will be returned to the County of Monroe on November 1, 2004. Further information about

payment, interest charge and payment location can be found on the back of the tax bill.

Taxpayers who pay by mail should consider their cancelled check as their receipt. RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR PAYMENT ONLY WHEN REQUESTED AND IF THE ENTIRE TAX BILL IS SENT WITH PAYMENT.

ANY TAXPAYER, PAYING THEIR OWN TAXES, WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A TAX BILL BY SEPTEMBER 7TH 2004 IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE RUSH TOWN HALL AT 533-1312 TO REQUEST A DUPLICATE BILL.

Linda G. Henry
Collector of Taxes

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

From the Director:

July circulation sets record! Our circulation for the month of July was a record high 5,049 items! Community support for our newly expanded and renovated library has been overwhelming. The past five months since we re-opened on April 1st have simply evaporated. And while we acknowledge that signage is still lacking and that prints and photographs remain to be hung, our primary focus remains connecting our patrons with the books and non-print materials that you most want. To that end, we continually strive to improve our collection by adding new materials and genres (our new children's music collection on CD and our very well received independent films collection on DVD) and to improve access to it by frequently re-evaluating how we shelve and display our materials. We have also designed new computer generated spine labels that should greatly improve "readability" as you search for items on our shelves. During September we hope to have

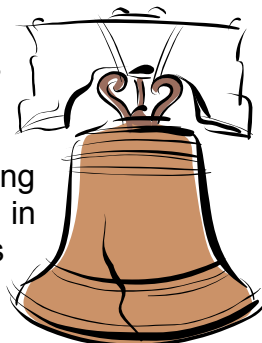
our fish tank returned on its new base cabinet, and new adult display shelving and our much needed newspaper shelving installed. Work also continues on our Young Adult area. Your suggestions are greatly appreciated and always welcome.

Open House and Children's Center Dedication

On Saturday, September 25th 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. A recognition fund has been established by a Rush resident to honor Joan. Donations should be made payable to the Rush Public Library.

Freedom to Read

Libraries across the nation will be celebrating our "Freedom to Read" during "Banned Books Week" in September. Libraries "represent everything antithetical to the the 9/11 tragedy. They represent freedom of expression, celebration of diversity, a level playing field, preservation of heritage, and commitment to the future". Our display of frequently challenged books will be available during our Open House. Please join us in our celebration of the "freedom to read" that we so cherish in America by reading a "banned book" during September.



September Children's Events

LIBRARY TREE! On Tuesday, September 14th, children (toddlers – grade 5) who live in Rush are invited to come and make your mark on the Library Tree off the Children's room. A \$2.00 donation per child (\$5.00 maximum per family) to support future children's programming will allow your child to leave a

paint impression of his or her hand as a "leaf" on our tree. Registration begins Thursday, September 2nd, and is required for this event. Refreshments will be served. We are looking forward to this fun activity and hope that many families will participate.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR- Once again we are pleased to offer a story time for children ages 3-5 on **Thursday mornings from 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM**. Children must be able to sit by themselves, listen to stories and participate in simple craft activities. This program begins on **Thursday, September 16th and ends on December 9th**. Class size is limited and registration is required. Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2004. Registration begins on Thursday, September 2nd.

AMERICAN GIRLS CLUB- Welcome back to those children we have missed in the past year and welcome to **children ages 6-10** who wish to join our club. We will meet for the first time on **Tuesday, September 21st from 7:00 - 7:45 PM**. Each 3-week session focuses on one particular character with a reading of one book and an activity upon the conclusion of the book that relates to that time period. Our first American Girl will be Kaya (a Nez Perce Indian girl circa 1764). Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration begins Thursday, September 2nd. Contact Joan Celentano at the Library for any further information.



New Faces at the Library

Three new Library Pages have been hired and training has begun. Megan Koster (Biondo Court), Julia Eddy (Mill

Road) and Collin Vanable (Works Road) are the newest Library employees. It is a pleasure to welcome these new young Rush residents to our staff.

Summer Reading Thank You!

Our 2004 Summer Reading Program was a great success this year thanks to all of the

wonderful family participation! We are also very grateful to the following sponsors for their generous support:

Applebee's, Brongo Bowl, Bruegger's Bagels, Burger King, Chuck-E-Cheese, Dipper Dan, Krispy Kreme, McDonald's, Minnehans Fun Center, Moreland the Magician, Nothnagle Realtors-Marian West, Park Lane Pizza, Renaissance Faire, Rush Market and Deli, Seneca Park Zoo Society, Tops Friendly Markets, Tom Wahl's, Wendy's, Wildwood Country Club, Woods Oviatt Gilman, the Red Wings and the Monroe County Library System.

Labor Day

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 6th to celebrate Labor Day.

Fall Hours

The Library will re-open on Saturdays beginning September 11th.

Check It Out!

Over 30 new adult mystery titles have recently arrived at the Library! There are many avid mystery readers in the community and we hope these eagerly awaited new titles quickly find their way into their hands. *Check it out!*

Legal Notices

Submitted by: Darlene Pilarski

Deputy Town Clerk

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

Phone: 533-1312

LEGAL NOTICES

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 September 21, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. to hear all persons interested in the following:

Application 2004-13P by Chase's Greenhouse's Inc. for a Special Permit to continue to sell agricultural products on Rush Scottsville Road. The farm stand is located opposite 1484 Rush Scottsville Road, east of West Henrietta Road. Property is located in an R-30 District.

Application 2004-14P by Chris Burrell for a Special Permit to continue the use of a recreational cabin. Location is at 750 Five Points Road. Property is located in an R-30 District.

Application 2004-15P by Rush Gravel Inc. for a Special Permit to continue to use the property located at 130 Kavanaugh Road for a gravel excavation business. Property is located in an R-30 District.

Application 2004-16P by Mabel Sielaff for Site Plan approval to subdivide a parcel containing 84.7 acres into five- (5) lots. A single-family dwelling is on Lot #1; no development is planned for the remaining lots created. Location is at 8009 East River Road, at the intersection of East River Road & Woodruff Road. Property is located in an R-30 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 September 9, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. to hear all persons interested in the following:

Application 2004-10Z by Kyle Tracy for an Area Variance to construct a three season room addition on the north west side of the house. Proposed location for the addition does not comply with the minimum side setback requirements. Location is at 292 Jeffords Road, 1700 feet west of Pinnacle Road. Property is located in an R-30 District.

Application 2004-11Z by Louis & Anne Marie Catapano for an Area Variance to

construct a 16'x 10' shed. Proposed location for the shed does not comply with the minimum side set back requirements. Location is at 1638 Middle Road, 2000 feet north of Rt. 251. Property is located in an R-30 District.

Darlene Pilarski
Deputy Town Clerk

Decisions of the Planning Board 8-12-04 and Zoning Board of Appeals 8-17-04 meetings

Application 2004-11P Earle & Violet Terwilliger – approved.

Application 2004-12P Daniel & Margaret Cornwall- tabled.

Application 2004-09Z Penny & Mike Moody – denied.

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

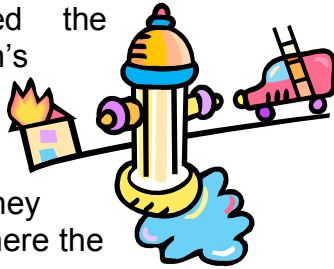
Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058
www.rushfd.org

FIRE DISTRICT: The 2005 fire district budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the August 24th meeting. The total budget was \$280,000. This includes equipment reserve fund towards new apparatus, the radio & pager upgrades program and air pack replacement program. The capitol building reserve fund is also added to annually. **The tax rate submitted to the town for collection will be \$1.15 per thousand – this is a 2 cent reduction from the \$1.17 collected last year.** By NYS laws our spending limit for 2005 was \$ 334,000. We prepared a budget of **\$54,000 BELOW** that limit. We had funds in this year's budget for the drainage work in front of station one and the fence around the work pad in the rear of station one. If we do not get it done this fall we will carry the money over till spring 2005. We plan on painting the interior of the truck room in 2005. Our general insurance and compensation insurance budget was increased. It went from \$19,000 in 2003 to

\$27,699 in 2005. Our total insurance for 2005 is over \$45,000, or 16% of our budget! Our utility costs are over \$20,000. Our equipment maintenance costs continue to go up also.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:

Five members attended the FASNY (State Firemen's Association) convention and training seminars in Huntington NY from August 19, thru 21. They attended seminars on "Where the Fire Service is going", "Response to a WMD (Chemical, Bio or Radiation) and what to do for the first 30 minutes". "EMS response to WMD", Leadership seminars and an update on the e-learning system that FASNY is putting in. They had a roundtable discussion on common problems that the volunteer fire service and EMS is dealing with around the state and nation. They also attended the "Firefighter of the Year" awards and memorial service. The NYS Attorney General Elliott Spitzer addressed the 300 people present on Friday morning. FASNY has over 21,000 members statewide. If you want more information on this association or info on the awards, go to FASNY.com.



The Rush FD sponsored 2 kids to the Burn Survivors Camp this year at a cost of \$260.00 each.

The members are working on the new 2004 Ford F-350 brush/utility truck. It had the NFPA required stripping and our logo put on the doors in August.

FUND DRIVE: The second request will be going out soon. These reminders are for the residents who did not respond or told the firefighter who called on them that "they would mail it in" back in May. Over 1,000 of the 1,300 residents sent in a donation – this is unheard of in most FD or EMS fund raising efforts – **A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED!**

LADIES AUXILIARY: The "Pat Meese" memorial garden has been started on the south west side of station one.

WEB SITE: NEW SITE IS **RUSHFD.ORG**. You have to go back to the home page to access the other items on the menu of the site – we are getting that fixed soon.



Rush Seniors

Submitted by: Virginia Bock

On August 17th the Rush Seniors had a great day. They went to Spragues Pancake House in Portville, New York for pancakes. Senior also stopped at Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary located in northeastern Cattaraugus County. There were 20 species of birds from all over the world. Beautiful ducks, geese, dancing swans, etc. Seniors then stopped at Eldred WWII Museum in Pennsylvania which is dedicated to preserving the history of World War II. There were many spectacular exhibits.

On August 24th the Seniors went to Alaska for 15 days.

Our next meeting is September 9th, 12 noon at Rush Fire House. Anyone 55 years or older is welcome to join. Bring a dish to pass and own table service. Come join and go on some exciting trips that are planned.

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)

Hopefully everyone in town has maintained a good outlook despite our wet summer months. I wanted to take a moment and explain some of the details of the Annual Re-assessment Plan which the town is involved in. This

assessment plan offered by New York State is currently popular with many towns partially due to the \$5/parcel/year funding from New York State. This money helps to pay for the costs of the annual re-assessment project as well as assessment office equipment upgrades which in turn help to provide for an accurate assessment roll.

During the late fall/early winter the town will obtain the services of a "Revel Consultant" who will complete a statistical analysis of our current assessments in relation to current sale prices. Along with this analysis, the New York State Office of Real Property Services will be completing their own study. The two reports will then be compared and a decision will be made by the local assessor together with ORPS assistance, what portion of the upcoming 2005 roll will need to be updated. All portions of the assessment roll are examined in the analysis and areas falling outside of the state parameters will likely need to be adjusted. One important point **I would like to stress is that rising assessed values do not necessarily translate to higher taxes.** The assessment roll is simply the method of allocation of the budget based on value (ad valorem tax). The annual re-assessment plan is a relatively new program and I will update you with other information in future newsletters.

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens

Mondays & Fridays 9 AM - 3 PM

533-2340

pat@townofrush.com

FALL FESTIVAL 2004

at Werner Farms, 8427 West Henrietta
Road, Rush

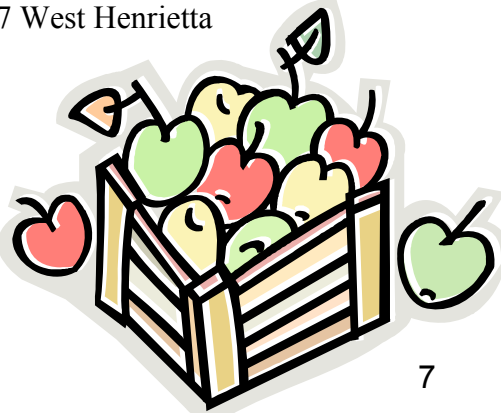
Events Held

Throughout the Day

Children's Haunted
house

Hay Rides

Craft vendors



Children's games

Local Food Vendors

Music by Dick Leschhorn

Pony rides and other

surprise events!

****Bake Off Guidelines**

- (1) The baked goods will be judged under the following categories
a) Cake b) Pie c) Cookies d) Other Desserts
They will be judged on appearance, taste and true fruit flavor
- (2) The baked goods should be either Pumpkin or Apple
- (3) They should be dropped off at the Baked Goods tent no later than 10:30 a.m. the day of the Festival
- (4) This year the baked goods will **not** be returned to the baker, they will remain at the baked good tent and samples given out while they last

Pie Eating Contest – Contestants should sign up at the Bake Off tent between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Scarecrow

Requirements:

- (1) Need to be life-size and attached to a post
- (2) that can be inserted into the ground
- (3) Need to be dropped off at Werner Farms no later than Wednesday, October 6th at 4:30 PM
- (4) All participants must pick up scarecrows after the festival



See you at the Festival!!

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**Happy Labor Day –
September 6th!**

SCHOOL'S OPEN – DRIVE SAFELY

Rush Town Calendar **September 2004**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY – Town Hall & Library Closed	7 7:30 PM Library Board	8 7:00 PM Town Board	9 7:00 PM – Zoning Board	10	11
12	13 5:00 PM Court	14 Republican Primary 12 noon – 9 PM @ Town Hall	15	16	17	18
19	20 5:00 PM Court	21 7:00 PM Fire Commissioners; 7:30 PM Planning Board	22 7:00 PM Town Board	23	24	25 TOWN HALL & LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
26	27 5:00 PM Court	28	29	30		