

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Supervisor's Office

*Bill Udicious
Monday – Friday 533-9058*

Dear Residents:

Please note the important dates in the first four articles.

CONGRESSMAN RANDY KUHL to visit the Town of Rush

United States Representative Randy Kuhl serving New York's 29th District will be at the Rush Town Hall on April 11, 2005, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Randy will discuss issues that are important to you and seek your input on legislative matters from area residents. If you can't attend and have thoughts you would like to share, please write or visit the Twenty-ninth District Website at www.house.gov/kuhl.

Rush to participate in the EARTH DAY GREATER ROCHESTER AREA CLEAN-UP

The Town of Rush would like to invite town residents to participate in an area-wide **"Spring Clean-up" on April 23rd, 2005.** This year the Clean-up is part of the Earth Day Greater Rochester Area Clean-up sponsored by Delta Laboratories, Inc., Rochester area Friendly's Restaurants and Waste Management, Inc., and other local groups.

The Rush Spring Clean-up is being coordinated by Joseph Schmitthenner of Rush West Rush Road as part of a Leadership Service Project for his Eagle Scout Status. Joseph's responsibilities will be to organize a clean up of major streets and possibly some public areas of the Town. He will receive guidance from the Scoutmasters of troop 334. Joseph will be gathering supplies needed and organizing groups in Rush, such as our two Boy Scout troops, 134 and 334 and other organizations in our town.

The Rush Town Board fully supports and applauds Joseph for his willingness to volunteer for this important project. If you would like to join the clean up effort, please contact Joseph at 533-2060 or e-mail him at joeschmitt@rochester.rr.com. A sign up sheet will also be available with information at the Town Library. We will meet at the Rush Town Hall Parking Lot on April 23rd. Starting time is 9 AM. Friendly's will treat everyone who participates to a free sundae!

CRIME PREVENTION

There have been an increasing number of burglaries in the town. The Monroe County Sheriff's Department has increased patrols. In addition, there are a number of precautions we can all take and many of these are available by visiting their web site at www.monroecountysheriff.info. We have asked Deputy Thomas Mancarella of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Zone B, to provide the Town with some crime prevention tools. He will be conducting a **Crime Prevention Session Tuesday, April 26th at 7 PM in the Rush Town Hall meeting room.** This is an excellent opportunity to share your particular concerns.



Reconstruction of the Intersection of Honeoye Falls No. 6 Road at Works Road

The intersection has been on the high priority list of the Town of Rush due to the unsafe condition that has existed.

The Monroe County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is seeking the approval and authorization of the Towns of Avon and Rush to detour two-way traffic for approximately three weeks as part of the reconstruction project. Construction is **tentatively scheduled to begin May 2, 2005.** The project duration is estimated to be **approximately 8 weeks.** The north-south detour route is only proposed to be in effect during the first three (3) weeks of the project.

Two-way traffic will be maintained in the north-south direction on Works Road (Oak Openings Road) for the remainder of the time. The Livingston County portion of the north-south detour would utilize North Avon Road (Town of Avon Highway) to connect Oak Opening Road (CR65) traffic with NYS Route 15. Traffic would be able to return back to Works Road via Honeoye Falls Five Points Road in Monroe County. If you wish to see a map that highlights the affected roads, it is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

CHANGE IN STONYBROOK PARK

In recent years we have experienced increased vandalism and littering at Stonybrook Park primarily during the non-winter months. The remoteness of this park makes it very difficult to monitor the activities in this area. We intend to make this area more desirable for our residents to use. The Highway Department will remove the interior road in the park and will create a parking lot adjacent to Stonybrook Road for right angle parking. It is only a short walk from the parking area to the pavilion-park area which will become a "walk in" park. Hopefully these changes will result in encouraging more residents to use the park.

PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

Goals included in the Town Comprehensive Plan are intended to protect important aspects of the Town's existing rural and open character. These goals include establishing a network of open spaces, protecting environmental quality, conserving agricultural resources and viable farmland, and preserving significant historic and architectural resources.

In 1992, the Town of Rush had a total of 9,632 acres of land in active agriculture which is approximately half of the Town's total land area. Since that time we have lost approximately 20% of the active agriculture land.

Although there may not be an immediate need to prevent the further loss of active agricultural land, it is not too early to work on a plan that will ensure that we maintain the rural character of Rush. The Planning Board has offered recommendations to the Town Board for actions needed to preserve

agricultural land. The Town Board has begun to have workshops, which are advertised in the Henrietta Post, where we are discussing these recommendations from the Planning Board as well as other alternatives. Since we have just started to study this very important issue, we have not established a timeline as to when we expect to offer our plan to residents. Any suggestions from residents are welcome.

GRANT REQUEST - Quality Communities Program

We have requested funding from the NYS Office of Local Government and Community Service to develop a Strategic Plan for the Hamlet of Rush. The grant will fund a series of community meetings with residents, recreational organizations, businesses and governmental agencies to develop a shared vision and multi-use plan for the area. The goal is to turn a deteriorating historic dam in the Hamlet into a focal point of community identity. The dam provides regionally important recreational, visual and environmental-protecting values.

WELCOME BANNERS

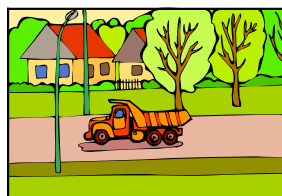
As some of you may not know, the Lions Club of Rush hung Welcome to Rush banners on the utility poles throughout the hamlet this winter. The Club will be displaying the American flag shortly and if funds become available, they will replace the flags with seasonal banners this fall. On behalf of the Town Board, we'd like to thank the Lions Club for this welcoming contribution.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

Highway Department

*Submitted by: Steve King, Superintendent
Monday - Friday, 533-1770
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM*



Residential Brush Pickup

The Town of Rush Highway Department will be conducting its annual brush pickup for our town residents commencing April 25, 2005 and running to May 3, 2005.

The roadside brush collection will be a one-week program consisting of the following:

The highway crews will begin on East River Road and work eastward.

Guidelines:

- 1 Truckload (6 wheeler) per Household
- Residential pickup only
- All brush shall be no longer than 8 ft. in length
- All brush shall be placed 6 - 8 feet from edge of roadside
- Brush shall be placed parallel to the road.
- Brush must be neatly piled
- Do not place brush under any overhead wires, if possible.
- Do not place brush over any water or gas service shut-offs.

Restrictions:

- No Stumps, Lumber, Trash, Leaves, or Manmade articles.
- Brush and limb wood only.
- Brush cut by residents only, NO CONTRACTORS

**ONCE A ROAD OR STREET IS COMPLETED
THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TRIPS**

Please contact the Rush Highway Dept. with any questions or concerns @ 533-1770, between 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Stony Brook Road Transfer Station

Hours of operation at the Stony Brook Road Transfer Station this year will be on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Opening April 16th and closing on November 13th.

Town residences wishing to use a **private contractor** may pick up a "Hauling/Usage Statement" at the Town Hall. While obtaining resident's permission, this form will identify the person or company hauling the material to the site, on your behalf. This form will be required at the site and is only good for that day. If more than one or two consecutive hauling days are required, pickup several forms. One form will be needed for each day.

If you have a special project planned and need to use the transfer station during the week,

contact the Highway Dept. at 533-1770 at least one day in advance.

Library News

Submitted by: Jenny Peer
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,
Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM
Saturdays - 10 AM - 2 PM
Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 546-1546
www.libraryweb.org/rush

From the Director: A library has many roles, one of which can be interpreted as a repository for local history memorabilia. In preparation for our first anniversary in our new facility, the Library has invested time, energy and funds to preserve and showcase some very meaningful artifacts from the history of the Library and the Town. Six of the Library's original charters documenting its history from 1914 have been framed and hung in our reference area. The 13 foot mural of the Town of Rush painted in the early 1980's by art students at Rush-Henrietta Senior High School has been reframed and hung. Additionally, the unique series of seven prints by Carl F. Schmidt entitled *Beautiful Doorways in the Town of Rush*, have been mounted along with the accompanying descriptive text and hung. Please stop by to view and enjoy these recent additions.

Will Moses Serigraph to Honor Joan Starkweather - *Springtime in Bullfrog Hollow* a limited edition serigraph on canvas by New York artist and children's book illustrator, Will Moses (grandson of Grandma Moses), is now hanging in the Joan C. Starkweather Children's Center of the Library. This delightful piece of art was purchased with funds donated to honor Joan on the occasion of the Children's Center dedication. A serigraph is made individually, by hand, using a silk screen process. This method involves layering color upon color (requiring 80, 90, or 100 colors to complete) using precise yet delicate accuracy to capture all the color and detail of the original painting. Our serigraph is number 90 out of a limited edition of 125. *Springtime in Bullfrog Hollow* evokes a connection with Rush. For me it is the creek, for each of you it may be another detail of this whimsical painting. It is our hope that it will speak to the children of Rush as it introduces them to

fine art. The artist describes the work as follows: "Spring in the county is a wonderful thing. The new leaves are out, the earth is warming up and the landscape is at its most varied. A great time to travel, see the sights. And just for the fun of it, tour up through the Hollow some spring day and listen to the croaking bullfrogs telling jokes...gems such as; "What kind of shoes do frogs wear? - Open Toad, naturally!" or "Waiter...Waiter...Do you have frog legs? - No!...I just walk this way!" Bullfrog Hollow is a very funny place". Be sure to take a look the next time you are in.

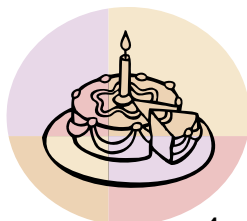
Wine Tasting Fundraiser - many thanks to the members of the Rush community who attended the Library's Wine Tasting Fundraiser on February 5th. Thanks also to Mike Sheedy at Wildwood Country Club for providing his facility, Women for New York State Wines for the excellent wine tasting and the musicians from the Rush- Henrietta High School for the wonderful music. Over \$1,700 was raised for special projects at the Library. Thank you!

Summer Hours - The Library will close on Saturdays for the summer beginning June 4th. Another reminder will be printed in the June newsletter.

April is National Poetry Month - In celebration of National Poetry Month and to christen our newly acquired display shelving the Library will feature poetry books and recordings during the month of April. Highlighting the display will be ten newly purchased titles from the highly acclaimed Books on Tapes series *Voices of the Poet*. These audiobooks are comprised of rare archival recordings of poets (all now deceased) reading from their works and accompanying 64 page booklets presenting biographical and literary critical information about each poet. Poets in the series include: Randall Jarrell, William Williams, W. H. Auden, Sylvia Plath, e. e. cummings and T. S. Eliot.

Mark your calendars now - Events in April and May:

Celebrate the 1st Birthday of the Rush Library expansion
on **Saturday, April 2nd** from **12:30 - 2:30 PM**. Folksinger **Allen Hopkins** will entertain one and all



with music and fun at **1PM**. Birthday cake and refreshments will be served. Please join us!

April 10th through the 16th is National Library Week.

Come in and check us out, see the serigraph and the newly hung mementos and **enjoy a cup of coffee and goodies with us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11AM-1PM.**

American Girls Club will meet again beginning **Tuesday, April 12th from 7-7:45 PM**. Join us for a "peek into the past" as we explore the world of Josephina-1824. This session will meet April 12th, April 26th, May 10th and May 17th. This program is for children ages 6-10. Registration is required and space is limited. Contact Joan Celentano at 533-1370 for information.

Adult Book Club will be held again on **Thursday, April 28th from 7-9:30PM**. Our book selection of the month is **Blackbird House** by **Alice Hoffman**. "An evocative work that traces the lives of the various occupants of an old Massachusetts house over a span of two hundred years." Copies of this book have been reserved and are available at the Library for you to check out. Please contact Kirsten Flass or Joan Celentano at 533-1370 for more information. Advanced registration is requested.

Tea Party! We are pleased to be able to offer an afternoon of "**High Tea**" on **Saturday, April 30th from 2:30-4PM**. Our previous party in 2002 was a great success and we hope that those of you who attended will come again and invite your friends and neighbors. A variety of teas along with sweet and savory treats will be served. Please feel free to "dress up" for this occasion and treat yourself for Mother's Day! Bring your favorite teacup. Registration is required for this event. Call or visit the library for more details. A donation (\$7.00 per person) to support our Summer Reading Program for Teens is encouraged.

Friday Night at the Movies for Kids: **April 15th at 7:00 PM** for children ages 6-12. A newly released G or PG rated film will be shown. Pre-registration is required. *All children must be accompanied by a parent or

guardian who remains in the Library. Popcorn and beverages are available.

Family Bingo at the Library for children ages 6-12 (children 6-8 may be accompanied by an adult for help.) This event will be held on **Tuesday, April 19th from 2-4 PM**. You may drop in at any time during those hours to play. Your library card will enable you to get your **Bingo** card. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Spend a fun afternoon at the Library.

Red Cross Babysitting Course will be offered at the Library on Thursday, **April 21st from 9:30AM until 4:30PM**. This course is for children ages 11 and up. A minimum of ten participants is required by the Red Cross in order to hold the class. A \$30.00 registration fee is payable at the Library by April 11th. Please bring a bagged lunch. Refrigeration is available. Call 533-1370 for further information.

Reading is Fun Week, May 1st through 7th. Introduce your child to the Library for **Story Time beginning May 5th at 11:30 to 11:50**. This program is for children ages 2-3 and introduces them to stories with books, rhymes and fingerplays. (Children must be 2 years old by May 1st) A parent or guardian is required to participate with her child during this session. This program runs from May 5th through May 26th. Registration is required and space is limited.

Stories and Sirens, Children and parents are invited to the **Rush Fire Hall on Saturday, May 14th 10 AM-Noon**. Children will hear "firefighter stories" read by Joan Celentano and then they will have chance to sit in a real fire truck, try on equipment and "put out a fire" with a hose. This is a great program for children and their families. Registration is not required.



Check It Out!

The Library has recently added 56 new Large Print books to its collection. These recent acquisitions comprise fiction and non-fiction titles from best selling authors. *Come check them out!*

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens
Mondays & Thursdays 9 AM - 3 PM
533-2340 email: pat@townofrush.com

BOATING SAFETY COURSE

A course in "Boating Safety" will be offered at the Rush Town Hall, Court area on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00AM-5:00PM for residents ages 10 and up. This course will be taught by the US Coast Guard. Registration for this course will begin Friday, April 1st at 8:30AM. The cost for this course is \$30.00 per person payable to the Rush Town Clerk. We will accept up to 30 participants so hurry to register!! **Upon registering, the participants will be required to take a book and CD to review before the class.** If you have any questions about the course, please contact me at 533-2340.



SUMMER CAMP Ages 7-10 years

The Rush Summer Camp for 7-10 year olds will be Wednesdays and Fridays from July 13th - August 5th. This year's camp Director will be Wendy Molyneux. Mrs. Molyneux is a Certified Teacher. She has her Masters in Elementary Alternate Program from Brockport State. Wendy also substitutes for the Rush Henrietta School District. More information regarding the camp and the registration date will be posted in the June/July newsletter. **This camp is FREE** to Rush residents. The camp is provided by the Monroe County Youth Bureau/Office of Children and Family Services, and the Rush Recreation Department.



RUSH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Public registration for the Rush after school program will begin on May 27th. The Rush after school program runs Monday-Friday 2:00PM-5:30pm during the school year. Over the past few years the Rush after school program has been a great success. The children grades 1st-5th do all types of activities such as arts and crafts, go on outings and have celebrations/parties to make things more exciting. Many of the children in the after school program return year after year, so if you would like to register, you need to do so

when the registration begins. Here are the rates based on days:
The year is divided into 4 quarters. The after school snack is included in the cost.

1 day a week \$100.00 (per quarter)
2 days a week \$120.00 (per quarter)
3 days a week \$170.00 (per quarter)
4 days a week \$200.00 (per quarter)
5 days a week \$250.00 (per quarter) - If there is more than 1 child the cost is \$400.00 per quarter for both the children.

The cost averages approximately \$6.00 a day per child.

If you have any questions regarding the Rush after school program you can call the Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340.

Code Enforcement Officer

*Submitted by: Gerald Kusse, CEO
Mon. 9 AM – 1 PM, Thurs. 4-6 PM
Pager: 463-7099
Phone: 533-9114*



Recently, we have received several Inspection Certificates from Electrical Inspectors who have inspected home generator installations in our town. When we receive these certificates it assures us that the installation was done safely and in compliance with the National Electrical Code. Unfortunately, we have found out also that some home generating systems have been installed with no permit issued and no final inspection. Apparently the installers and the home owners involved were not aware of the state code requirements that a building permit (issued by the local authority) is necessary for the installation of these systems. Part 1203 states: "Building permits shall be required for any work which must conform with the Uniform Code," Please keep in mind that if you plan to install a home generator system, a permit must be purchased from the Town of Rush building department and a final inspection must be completed by the Code Enforcement Officer after the electrical inspection has been completed. It is always a good idea to check with your local building

department to see if a permit is required for any project you may pursue.

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Chairman of
Rush Commissioner*

Phone: 533-2058, www.rushfd.org

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT & RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE IS: Rushfd.org Go there for news, photos, complete history, recruitment info, membership lists, officers, apparatus, classic photos, links to other related sites and the Ladies Auxiliary "Wilkins" scholarship information.

OPEN BURNING: Spring is here. **IT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN ANYTHING WITHOUT THE FIRE MARSHAL'S PERMISSION!** If you burn you could get arrested.

Our insurance carrier has a two page "get ready for spring" guide with safety information, go to www.vfis.com and get this valuable information.

The fire commissioners report that many of the cable and/or internet phone systems being offered in our area have problems getting into 9-1-1. If you do switch or have already, be sure you can get into 9-1-1 and they receive the correct location from your system. Call the provider, DO NOT CALL 9-1-1!

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

FUND DRIVE: In 2004 your volunteers responded to 389 calls. They donated over 7,000 hours to provide service, attend meetings, attended training and drills, raise funds and maintain buildings and equipment with only ONE goal, that was to provide the best service we could for you and your family. NO ONE GETS PAID! We have one of the last free ambulance services in the county and cover 99.5% of our calls! You should receive the annual fund drive letter for the AMBULANCE and FIRE DEPARTMENT operation in the first week in April. We would appreciate your quick response to this annual appeal. If you give via United Way and chose the Rush

FD please let us know. If you do not select us, we do not receive any of your United Way donation! 90% of the Ambulance operation and 100% of the cost of new ambulances (7 since 1939) came from fund drive money. Other vehicles such as the three Rescue trucks, two brush/utility trucks, ATV, Boat and trailer were purchased with fund drive money, memorial donations and carnival profit. Other items such as several AEDs, "Jaws of Life", water rescue, portable radios, pagers and other expensive items were bought with money from these funds. In 2004 we replaced our 40 year old brush/utility truck at a cost of \$37,000. We also use fund drive money for our complete scouting, fire prevention programs, training and seminars. In 2004 we donated \$1,000 to the Sri Lanka relief and a used fire truck to Birdsall FD that we bought for \$1,000 from the fire district - both of these expenditures were from carnival profit, not fund drive money. No fund drive money is used for our few social events. Almost no FDs or Ambulance services can say that! We are very proud and thankful to the Rush residents who support us with donations. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!**

PAST OFFICERS BANQUET was held at the RIT Conference Center - 98 members and guests attended. Doug Emblidge of WHAM13 was the Master of Ceremonies. Cathy Henry, Dan Monaghan and Jim McNeil were recognized for their past line officers duties.

Jim Bucci received the "Distinguished Service Award" for 20 years of very active service both in the line and social areas of the department. He has held many offices and chaired many committees and projects. He has been banquet and Carnival chair for many years. The RFD Ladies auxiliary presented the department a check for \$3,000 for their ongoing projects.

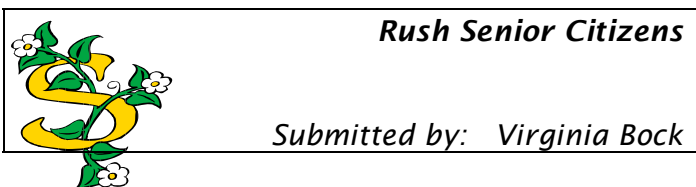
FIRE PREVENTION: "Stories and Sirens" for the younger children of Rush will be held on May 14, 2005, at the main fire station from 10 AM - 12 Noon. Kids will get to put on real firefighter equipment (their size) and get a hat to keep. They'll get to see the real fire engines and equipment up close. They will

also learn about fire prevention and other safety topics.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Applications for the "Betty Wilkins Memorial Scholarship" to provide assistance for a Rush student are available at the R-H school guidance office or by contacting Paula Anderson at 533-2187.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The event was well attended and the "Easter Bunny" reported that she only made two kids cry this year.

Check the web site for information on the **TRACTOR PULL & SCOUTS Barbeque.**

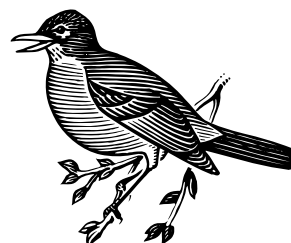


On March 18, the Rush Seniors enjoyed all you can eat pancakes at the Maple Tree Inn in Angelica. As always, the pancakes and maple syrup were delicious.

Upcoming Events: *April 6th*, Seniors are invited to attend the play "Pajama Game" at Sperry High School. On *April 20th*, we've planned a trip to Canada for a matinee show at the Theatre Acquarius, Golden Age of Variety Show, Las Vegas "A Trip Down the Strip". ***Please remember, proof of citizenship is required.*** A mystery trip is planned for May 17th.

Our next meetings will be held on April 14th and May 12th, 12 noon at the Rush Fire House Road, 1971 Rush Mendon Road. Anyone 55 years or older is most welcome to join. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

HAPPY SPRING!!



RUSH TOWN HALL
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RUSH, NEW YORK 14543

RUSH BUSINESS & INFORMATION DIRECTORY

Updating of the 2005-2007 "Rush Telephone Book" is now taking place. Please contact Pud Lambert at the Rush Market & Deli or call 533-9270 with any corrections or additions to be included.



April Meeting Schedule - 2005

<i>Court</i>	<i>5 PM</i>	<i>Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25</i>
<i>Library Board of Trustees</i>	<i>7 PM</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 5</i>
<i>Planning Board</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 19</i>
<i>Town Board</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 13, 27</i>
<i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Thursday, April 14</i>
<i><u>Special dates:</u></i>		
<i>Congressman Randy Kuhl</i>	<i>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</i>	<i>April 11</i>
<i>Transfer Station Open</i>	<i>refer to the inside column</i>	<i>April 16 - November 13</i>
<i>Earth Day - Rush Clean-up</i>	<i>9 AM</i>	<i>April 23</i>
<i>Brush Pick-up</i>	<i>refer to the inside column</i>	<i>April 25 - May 3</i>
<i>Crime Prevention Session</i>	<i>7 PM</i>	<i>April 26</i>
<i>Library Events</i>	<i>refer to the inside column</i>	
<i>Recreation Programs</i>	<i>refer to the inside column</i>	

May Meeting Schedule - 2005

<i>Court</i>	<i>5 PM</i>	<i>Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, 23</i>
<i>Library Board of Trustees</i>	<i>7 PM</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 5</i>
<i>Planning Board</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 19</i>
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