

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Supervisor's Office

Bill Udicious

Monday - Friday 533-9058

Dear Residents:

Over the past 5 years, Grant money has been used to pay for many of the improvements in the Town of Rush and at the Town Hall. I have compiled a list of all grants that were approved and they are listed below.

Project	Grant Source	Amount	Date Approved
Revitalization and Building Project (R&B) Property Purchase and development	Strategic Investment Program Empire State Development Corporation New York State	\$250,000	2001
Elevator for Town Hall and Library	Monroe County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$20,000	2001
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Sidewalk Project	Multi-Modal 3 Program New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)	\$125,000	2002
Welcome to Rush Signs	Main Street New York (MSNY) New York State	\$9,190	2002
Records Room, Construction & Equipment (R&B Project)	State Archives & Record Administration (SARA), Local Government Records Bureau - New York State	\$8,223	2003
Elevator for Town Hall and Library	Monroe County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$49,000	2004
ADA Compliant Playground Equipment	Monroe County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$40,000	2004
Energy Conservation Measures in Town Hall and Library Remodeling	New York State (NYSERDA)	\$11,642	2004
Emergency Generator for Town Hall and Library	Community Capital Assistance Program (CCAP) - New York State	\$50,000	2004
Automate 2 Grade Level Entrance doors to Improve Handicap Accessibility	Monroe County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$7,500	2005
TOTAL		\$600,555	

In addition, we have submitted Grant requests for 3 additional projects. They are:

- (1.) Rush Dam Restoration \$286,230
- (2.) Preparation of a Strategic Plan for the
 Hamlet of Rush \$ 37,000
- (3.) Rush Town Park (adjacent to the Town
 Hall property) \$211,383

We will continue to seek other Grants that would improve the quality of life in the town.

Update on Current Projects

- (1.) Playground – contract awarded in early July – completion of the project expected by Labor Day.
- (2.) Emergency Generator – specifications have been written; project bidding will be held in August with installation expected by early November
- (3.) Entry Sign to Library Parking Lot – sign will be similar in appearance to the “Welcome to Rush” signs; ordered in July with installation expected by mid-September
- (4.) Additional Landscaping – plan is to begin at the Library entrance and proceed to the west along the sidewalk to the entry off Route 251; it may have to be done in 2 phases as funds budgeted for 2005 may not be enough to complete the job; requests for bids made in mid-July, with planting to begin no earlier than September
- (5.) Sidewalk extension on Rush-Lima Road – contract awarded in July with project completed by mid-September

Update of Contamination at the Rolling Plains Development – Old French Road (Town of Mendon)

This property borders on a few residential properties in the Town of Rush. The EPA conducted enforcement and disposal sampling of drums and materials on site during the week of July 19th. This consisted of characterizing the waste prior to shipment to the proper disposal location. The expectation is that by early September all drums and contaminated soil that is presently in containers will be removed from the site. Further testing may be done by the DEC. The EPA and DEC maintain direct contact with all residents of the area.

New Town Website

We have changed and expanded the Town of Rush website to www.townofrush.com. Some areas are under construction and are currently being updated.



Since changing our newsletter distribution, we’ve received suggestions such as adding Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals decisions, links to other information sites and adding permit information including rates, to name a few. If you have suggestions of other information that would be useful to town residents, please contact us.

Reminder to Residents – (Peddlers & Solicitors)

Town Code Chapter 86 regulates Peddling and Soliciting. We wish to remind residents that a license is required for any person to act as a commercial peddler or solicitor without first having paid for and obtained a valid license. Any questions should be referred to the Town Clerk.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

Highway Department

*Submitted by: Steven King, Superintendent
533-1770
Mon. - Fri. 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM*

Capital Improvement 2005

The Highway Department will begin construction on Nelson Parkway the first week of August. This project will include the full reconstruction of the subdivision which will include a full drainage upgrades, new pavement and concrete gutters.

The funding for this project has been secured from the New York State Capital Highway Improvement Program (C.H.I.P.S). Capital improvements reimbursement guidelines only include types of work that have a service life of 10 years or more. The Town can only secure funding within the States fiscal year and reimbursement has to be obtained within the Town's calendar year.

In preparation for the expense of this project the Highway Department chose not to spend last years C.H.I.P.S. funding. These funds were rolled over into the current year, which doubled our funding source.

Lehigh Valley Trail

Trail construction for the North/South trail section from Pinnacle Road to the Henrietta Town line (approx. 1 mile) will be constructed this fall. Spot repairs to the East/West trail section will be completed in September along with the trail section which runs through the Veterans Park.

Town Wide Drainage

The Highway Department will be completing the drainage project in back of the Town Hall. This project will consist of extending the existing culvert 40 feet to the northeast and the installation of gabion baskets to prevent side bank erosion.

The cross culvert extension along RT15A by the Methodist Church has been completed;

this project was completed in preparation for new sidewalk installation this month.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call the Highway Department @ 533-1770, M-F 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER IS BACK TO SCHOOL - DRIVE SAFELY

Recreation Department

*Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
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e-mail: pat@townofrush.com*

TOWN OF RUSH FALL FESTIVAL 2005

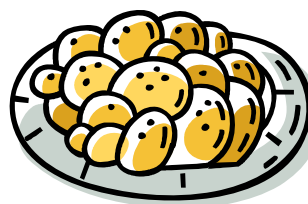
The Fall Festival will be held at the Rush Firemen's Field, 1971 Rush-Mendon Road on Saturday, October 8th from 10:00AM - 4:00PM



Here are some of the events being planned for that day:

* Hay Rides * Farm Market Vendors
* Children's games * Local Food Vendors * Scarecrow Contest * Coloring Contest * Bake off for Adults and Children * Pie Eating Contest * Pumpkin Painting * Face Painting * Rush Firemen's Band * Bouncy House * and other ride and activities for the whole family!

~New Youth Bake-off~ All youth 8 to 14 years old



This year we have added a youth Bake-off. A contest will be held for boys or girls ages 8-14 who want an opportunity to try

their baking skills. They will be judged on taste and appearance of **COOKIES only**. The judges will be several of their peers. We are requesting that a dozen cookies be brought by each baker so that they may be shared with those who watch the judging. The October Newsletter will give details as to time and place for the contest. So, be looking up favorite recipes and also begin practicing on your families! The Adult Bake-off (pies, cakes, desserts, etc.) must be apple or pumpkin in keeping with the fall theme for the festival. Judging will be based on taste, appearance and true fruit flavor. As in the past, samples will be given to the audience after the judging takes place. More details will be in the October newsletter.

More information about the Rush Fall Festival i.e.; time lines for the activities, the guidelines for the bake off, scarecrow and coloring contest and other activities will be available on our website at www.townofrush.com and placed in the October/November newsletter.

Town Clerk's Office

*Submitted by: Linda Henry, Town Clerk
Phone: 533-1312, Fax: 533-9346
Mon. – Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM,
Thurs. until 6 PM*

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 for the upcoming year, 2005-2006, will go on sale on August 15th. Please come prepared with your previous

license or a hunter's safety certificate and a driver's license or other ID.

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 2005-2006. 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, and 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

Taxes will be received interest free through October 1, 2005. Payments made after October 1, 2005 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, 2005 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.**

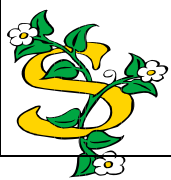
Taxes are payable to the Town of Rush until October 31, 2005, when the Tax Rolls will be returned to the County of Monroe on November 1, 2005. Further information about payment, interest charge and payment location can be found on the back of the tax bill.

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 2005 IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE RUSH

TOWN HALL AT 533-1312 TO REQUEST A DUPLICATE BILL.

Linda G. Henry
Collector of Taxes



Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Virginia Bock

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Fort Erie Race Track in July. They provided a lunch buffet and scrumptious dessert bar. We had a little fun with the horses and slot machines too!

Planned for August are our Seniors picnic scheduled on August 11, 12 noon, at the Firemen's Pavilion and a trip to Toronto, Canada on August 15th. We will be traveling by bus to Toronto, tour the city, and return back by way of the "Cat", Fast Ferry.



September will start off with our Senior luncheon at the Fire House on September 8th at 12 noon. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. We've scheduled a trip to Cape

Cod from September 12th through 16th. This September 29th marks our **40th Anniversary** of the Rush Seniors Group. We'll be celebrating at the Rivers Edge on Paul Road.

Library News

Submitted by: Joan Starkweather
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,
Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM, reopening on
Saturdays from 10 - 2 starting 9/10
Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 546-1546
www.libraryweb.org/rush

Director Change - Library Director, Jenny Peer, has stepped down from her position as Rush Library Manager after four years. She

has served the community well as she guided the library through its expansion and renovation. She is leaving a legacy of a spacious, welcoming building, serving many more people and providing a variety of new materials and computer services. Former Director, Joan Starkweather, will serve as interim Director until November when the Library Board of Trustees will select a new head. Applications for the position will be accepted until August 5th and job descriptions are available at the library.

The Book Nook - a room has now been created in the library where you can browse and buy used books in good condition. The room is open to the public during regular library hours and features quality donations. Your donations are always welcome. Please no textbooks, Readers Digest Condensed Books or magazines. Your purchases and donations will provide the funding needed to maintain our audio book collection.

Summer Readers - for Rush Henrietta students and others whose schools require a summer reading assignment, we have your books! Visit the library to select a grade-appropriate title and pick up another assignment sheet, if yours is misplaced.



Closed and Open

Dates - As summer ends, the Library will revert to its regular hours of operation. We'll close Monday, September 5th to celebrate Labor Day. We'll re-open on Saturdays beginning September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tune In @ Your Library Summer Reading Update: As of mid-July we had 95 children enrolled in our Summer Reading Program! We have been entertained by Geoff Clough of Cookie Songwriting and by Bill Gormont

of Empire Magic. Thursday movies had also proved to be popular especially during the July heat wave! A special **Thank-You** goes out to **all the parents and caregivers** who took the time to bring their children to the Library. We could not have had such a successful event without your continued support!

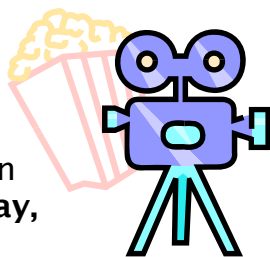
End of Summer Reading Program: All children and families who participated in the Tune In @ Your Library Summer Reading Program are invited to join us on **Friday, August 5th at 6:30 PM for Kids Karaoke with Stosh.** Children will be able to showcase their musical talents. We will also be drawing names for our grand prizes and the end of this program to all children who read 20 books or more. There will also be lots of other prizes as well. This will be a fun evening for all. Enjoy the rest of your summer and keep on reading!

Upcoming Children's Programs for Fall 2005:

Saturday Specials: Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for a special craft project on **Saturday, September 10th from 11:30AM-12:30PM.** Registration for this program begins on Monday, August 22nd. Space is limited.

American Girls Club: Welcome back to our regular members and we welcome anyone ages 6-10 who wishes to join our club. We will meet for the first time on **Tuesday, September 13th at 7PM.** We will be reading and learning about **Molly (1944)** "who dreams and schemes on the home front during World War II." Registration begins on Monday, August 22nd. Space is limited.

Friday Night at the Movies: Once again the Rush Library will show a feature film for children ages 6-12 on **Friday,**



September 16th from 7-9PM. Parents must remain in the Library during the movie. Title to be announced in early September. Registration is required and space is limited. Popcorn and sodas will be available and donations are accepted.

Pre-School Story Time for Children ages 3-5 begins on **Thursday, September 22nd at 11:30AM-12:15 PM** and continues on Thursday mornings through December. All dates will be available at registration. This is a fun program that includes stories, songs, games and simple craft projects. Parents and caregivers are expected to remain in the Library during story time. Registration begins on September 1st and space is limited.

Contact Joan Celentano for any additional information regarding any of these programs.

Upcoming Adult Programs:

Rush Readers Book Club meets on the last Thursday of each month. Please join us for some lively conversation and dessert. We welcome anyone who wishes to participate, and we will gladly entertain any suggestions for a good read!

Join us on **Thursday, August 25th from 7-9:30 PM** as we discuss **Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys**- "a romantic and tragic novel of spellbinding intensity, beautiful in its background and an imaginative feat of highest order." Copies of this book will be available in the beginning of August. The book selection for September will be announced at the August meeting. Registration is required and space is limited. Contact Kirsten Flass or Joan Celentano for additional information.

Travelogue: Mr. Ed Feathers of **International Elderhostel** (a not-for-profit educational and travel organization for people over 55) will be the host of a slide presentation entitled **"From Provence to**

Paris” on Wednesday, September 14th at 3:30 PM. Mr. Feathers will explain about Elderhostel and then take us on a trip beginning in Provence to see the sights that captivated the Impressionist artists. Further north for a look at beautiful vineyards, unusual buildings and in Paris to look at some of the neighborhoods slightly off the beaten path. Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful hour of delights. Registration begins on August 24th and space is limited

Assessor's Office

*Submitted by: Rufus Falk, Assessor
Phone: 533-2330*

*Mon. 8:30AM - 12:15 PM; Tues. 8 AM - 4 PM,
Wed. 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM;
Thurs. 8:30 AM - 6 PM*

The Assessor's office has new hours which are reflected above. Hopefully our expanded hours will be more convenient for everyone. I have a new Clerk, Deb Curran, who will be in the office **Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

The second topic that I wanted to cover is the Town's status in the NYS Annual Assessment Program. Preliminary feedback from the Batavia Office of Real Property Services ("ORPS") indicates that assessments have fallen out of "spec" from state requirements. ORPS will be doing further statistical analysis this fall along with the town's own review and, at that point, formulate a plan for implementation for 2006. It seems likely that the residential portion of the assessment roll will need to be updated for 2006.

I hope everyone is enjoying this hot and humid summer season and are able to find some way to stay a little bit cool.

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

*Submitted by:
Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058, www.Rushfire.org*

FIRE DISTRICT: You are reminded that it is **your responsibility** to have access for emergency equipment onto your property. **Recently our crews have had problems getting in with the ambulance due to low branches and bushes,** This slows our response and could damage our vehicles. **The lack of visible house numbering remains a problem!** The parking lot at station one (west side) will have a new asphalt topping and the apparatus driveway will be sealed in August. It is budget time again; it is our goal to keep the tax rate where it is for 2006.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE: We have responded to **200 calls as of July 20th**. The ambulance service remains very busy.

The firefighters made quick work extinguishing two bedrooms and the attic at 19 Birchstone Hill in June. We used 300 gallons of water and class A foam to put the fire out. A candle started this fire.

Sean Brown was voted in as an active member. He was an explorer for several years.

The fire department, color guard and FD band have been winning a lot of prizes at area parades. 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. Go to our web site and click on parades for list.

**RUSH TOWN HALL
5977 EAST HENRIETTA ROAD
RUSH, NEW YORK 14543**

CARNIVAL FIELD: In the weeks before the carnival we removed all the old poles, lights and overhead wires from the carnival lot. With assistance from Niagara-Mohawk, Luther Keyes, Tim Lincort, Maynard Electric and a lot of time donated by Larry Kaplin, Red Bayer, Wayne Burdett, Steve Winner, Kevin Kinnally, Dave Palmer and Bob Faugh a new under ground system was installed with four new poles, lights and PA speakers for the parking lots and field. These upgrades cost \$6,000.

CARNIVAL & PARADE: We had a very good carnival. Friday it rained all day and at 6:15 the sun came out! The parade was a little shorter but many bands did show up. Many residents, friends and family members assisted the active, social and auxiliary members at the carnival. Rush Gravel Corp. brought in stone for midway that washed out due to the heavy rains. Vern Valance (Roger Tobey) took care of the septic service needs. Luther Keyes (Hickory Hill Construction), Tim Lincort and Rob Rowland (Rush Storage) provided equipment to assist at the event. Gary Lambert (Rush Market) assisted the men and ladies. All-Temp Refrigeration of

Honeoye Falls got a used ice machine donated to the department. Boy scout Troop 334 sold out at their famous chicken barbeque!

Our neighboring fire and ambulance squads covered the town on the carnival dates from our station for any calls that came in. It is a lot of work. The firefighters set the carnival up in 4 hours and tore it down in 3 hours. Almost 100% of the active members show up and work at the carnival. Go to carnival on the web site for photos.

STATE FASNY AWARD: 20 members, officers and commissioners will be attending the New York State FASNY Convention in Lake Placid, New York where four of our members will receive the state's highest life saving award. This will take place Saturday morning, August 20th. Our web site has the entire story.

LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP: The winners of the "Betty Wilkins" scholarship this year is JULIE WING and WHITNEY FIEN. They each received \$1,000.

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Check the web site at www.Rushfd.org for more information. The Rush FD marching schedule is there also. The web site had over 4,000 hits in July.