

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

## POTENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE

At the Town Board meeting on December 14, 2005, the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to sign a purchase offer for property at 1911 Rush Scottsville Road (north of the Town Hall at the intersection of Route 251). The Town Board has considered this property to be valuable to the Town for future use as the town grows. If we are successful in purchasing this property, we will then develop a plan for development of the entire site. At the February 8, 2006, Town Board meeting the Board accepted the counteroffer of the owner contingent on the town conducting a Phase 2 Environmental Study and accepting the results. A Phase 2 Environmental Study was done, the results evaluated and then shared with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). We are awaiting input from the DEC. Senator Jim Alesi is sponsoring a \$100,000 grant from the Community Capital Assistance Program (CCAP) to assist us in the purchase of this property.

## SALE OF HART'S FIELD

At the Town Board meeting on April 26, 2006, the Board approved the offering of the 18.72 acres of land which includes Hart's Field for sale. The funds obtained from the sale will be placed in the Recreation Reserve Fund and will be used for the development of recreation facilities on the 9 acres adjacent to the Town Hall. Reasons for the sale are: (1) High maintenance costs where little use is made by Recreation-sponsored programs, (2) Town Board decision to centralize recreation areas in the Hamlet making the facilities more accessible with improved security and lower maintenance costs.

## PINNACLE ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE over NYS THRUWAY

In my February/March and April/May newsletters I informed you of the planned closure of this bridge. It is still on schedule to

be closed on June 12, 2006, and re-opened on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

## BRIDGE REPLACEMENT on ROUTE 15 over the LEHIGH VALLEY TRAIL

This bridge which was constructed in 1937 over the Lehigh Valley train route will be replaced. Estimated cost for this project is \$1.62 million. A small structure at a lower profile will replace the existing bridge.

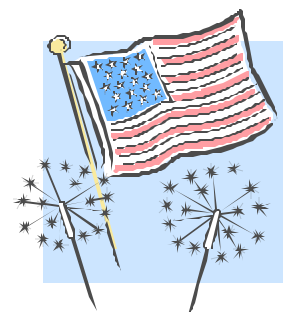
The proposed method of construction is to work in two stages. In the first stage, which will begin as early as September 2006, traffic will be maintained on the existing roadway while the pre-cast structure is constructed under the existing structure. Upon completion of the structure, the traffic will be moved to an off-site detour while the existing superstructure and a portion of the existing abutments are removed along with the removal of fill needed to flatten the grades to the proposed elevations. It is anticipated this method of staging will help to minimize the amount of time the detour will be in effect. During final design, the use of incentive/disincentive clauses will be explored to help minimize the length of time the detour is in effect.

The planned detour route will be Route 251 from Route 15 to East River Road to Rush West Rush Road to Route 15. The approximate length of the detour is 5.2 miles.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

Happy Independence  
Day!



### **Fire Marshal's Office**

*Submitted by: Chuck Rinere, Fire Marshal*

Phone: 533-1312

Pager: 529-1563

### **OPEN BURN LAW**

The Open Burn Law in Monroe County and the Town of Rush abides by the following:



Under the Monroe County Sanitary Code Article V and the New York State Fire Safety Code Section #307 - burning of trees, tree trimmings, leaves or brush, rubbish or garbage is **PROHIBITED**, however, the following exceptions for Agricultural Operations (this means a working farm) or a Recreational Campfire may be **GRANTED with PERMISSION** from the Fire Marshal or the Code Enforcement Officer. Contact them at 533-1312 or Fire Marshal 529-1563, Code Enforcement 463-7099.

### **FIREWORKS**

Town of Rush Local Law #6, New York State Local Law #6, New York State Fire Safety Code Section 3301 and the New York state Penal Law Title 12, NYCRR Part 39 states:

Anyone wishing to have a fireworks display within the Town of Rush must make an application for such a permit five (5) days in advance of the date of display.

If you are not sure what you can do **legally**, please contact the Town Hall.

### **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

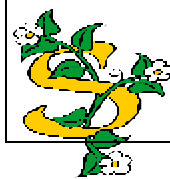
### **FREE FISHING DAYS**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is again this year sponsoring FREE FISHING DAYS for all state residents and non-residents on **June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. No license is required to fish on these two days but all other regulations are still in force. Fishing guides are available at the Town Clerk's office for anyone who wishes

to take advantage of this opportunity to start a lifetime hobby or renew an old one.

### **ELECTION INSPECTORS**

An important part of the election process is the individuals that work at the polls on Election Day - the election inspectors. The need for new inspectors is ongoing and new people are being sought. There is a training school each year for inspectors in the fall and you are paid for your time as an inspector. If you think you might be interested in becoming an election inspector, please call either Nancy Miller, Republican Coordinator at 533-1225 or Marilyn Enos, Democratic Coordinator at 533-1234 for more information.



### **Rush Senior Citizens**

*Submitted by: Harriet Cook*

Rush Seniors will be treated to a chicken dinner hosted by the Rush Lions Club at our June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We are eagerly awaiting our "Mystery Trip" on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The bus is full and there's a waiting list.

Our July meeting will be a picnic at the Firemen's Pavilion on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Anyone 55 or older is welcome to join us.

A trip to Ft. Erie is planned for July 15<sup>th</sup>. **Remember to bring you ID!**

### **Recreation Department**

*Submitted by: Patricia Stephens*

Phone: 533-2340

Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9 AM - 3 PM and

Thurs. 4 PM - 6 PM when appropriate

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

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual**

### **Town of Rush Fishing Derby**

Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Open to All Ages



It's a free fishing day in New York State! Fishing licenses are not required for any age. Prizes

will be given for the largest, smallest and longest fish. Come and join in on the fun!

Cost: \$5.00 per resident  
\$10.00 non-resident

To participate in the Derby, register at the Rush Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office. Rules and guidelines are available at registration.

### BOATER SAFETY

There are still openings for the Boating Safety Class!!!

There will be a boating safety course offered by the United States Coast Guard at the Rush Town Hall on Saturday, **June 3rd from 9 AM - 5 PM**. Court Room. Register at the Rush Town Clerk's office. The cost for this program is \$30.00 per person, for ages 10 and up. Upon registering you will need to pick up at book and CD and review them prior to class.



### SUMMER CAMP - PROJECT CARE

*July 12<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays and Fridays*

A few spots remain in the Town of Rush Recreation Department's Summer Camp for 7-10 year olds. The camp will be held at the Monica Leary Elementary School. The dates for this year's camp will be July 12<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>, on Wednesdays from 8:30AM - 2:30PM and Fridays 8:30AM - 2:45PM with parents picking up the children at Sperry High School after swimming. The children will do all types of activities such as crafts, games, swimming and fostering positive relationships. The asset building initiatives are also a part of the camp, i.e.; decision-making skills, conflict resolution and developing positive interpersonal skills. The camp continues to be a great success every year. The camp is free.



### RUSH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

The Rush After school program will open for public registration on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rush Town Clerk's Office. The After School Program is a recreation-generated program which offers a safe, structured, supervised environment where your child can play, study and interact

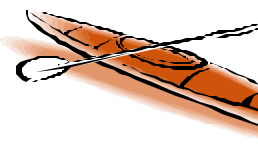
with friends. Program activities include homework time, arts and crafts, games and gym time. The program runs from school dismissal until 5:30 PM Monday through Friday during the school year. The program does not run during vacations or days off indicated by the school calendar.

The program fee is based on a Monday-Friday registration. Quarterly payments are as follows for residents and non-residents of Rush.

### QUARTERLY PAYMENTS

<u># of Days</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>
5 days/week	\$395.00	\$475.00
4 days/week	\$316.00	\$380.00
3 days/week	\$237.00	\$285.00
2 days/week	\$158.00	\$190.00
1 day/week	\$79.00	\$95.00

If you have any questions regarding the after school program, please contact Patricia Stephen, Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340.



### YOUTH KAYAK CAMP

The Town of Rush Recreation, in cooperation with the Genesee Waterways Center, will be offering a "Summer Youth Kayak Camp" for ages 11-14 years old. The camp will be held August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. The children will be bused by the Rush Henrietta School Transportation, with a Recreation staff member, to the Erie Canal Lock 32 spillway on Clover Street in Pittsford. Three Genesee Waterways' professional staff members will instruct the campers on the safety and usage of kayaks.

Requirements for attending this camp are that participants must be able to swim 25 yards, and their parents must sign a "Release of Liability Waiver" for Genesee Waterways. The needed items are listed on the sign-up forms which are located at the Rush Town Hall Clerk's Office.

The cost of the "Summer Youth Kayak Camp" is:

\$135.00 Resident  
\$220.00 Non-resident

Registration begins June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rush Town Hall. This program can only take 12 participants, so sign up as soon as you can!



### ANNUAL RUSH FALL FESTIVAL

We're already planning for another great Fall Festival! We would like to hear from **you** on your new ideas and or suggestions. Please call Patricia Stephens, Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340 if you are interested in helping out. Thank you.

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

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner  
Phone: 533-2058, [www.RushFD.ORG](http://www.RushFD.ORG)*

The Rush Fire District has ordered over \$48,000 worth of Motorola narrow band compliant radio equipment which included 60 pagers. We have put \$15,000 away over the last three years for this major upgrade. We have also ordered 24 SCBA (Air Packs) which will be paid for by a federal FEMA grant and money we have put away for that purchase. The fire district has taken delivery of 40 new padded chairs and four new tables for the meeting rooms. A new "diamond plate" plastic type floor was installed in the truck bays the West Rush station.

All the first line pumpers were service tested this spring; all passed with flying colors.

The fire district donated 1,200 feet of used 3" hose and 800' of used 1½ " hose to the Short Track Volunteer Fire Department; Honeoye Falls FD donated a used pumper but had no hose to give them.

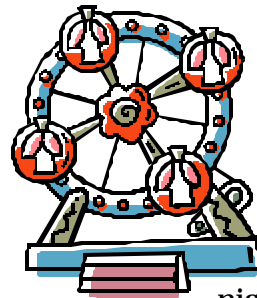
**FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:** A special "thank you" to all of the residents that contributed to our annual fund drive. When the members went door to door many of you responded with "I will send it in". Please do not forget to do so. Donations are at an all-time high. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community's financial support that is

unmatched per mailing anywhere in western New York!

The firefighters put on a steak/chicken dinner for the senior citizen meeting in May. Ninety senior citizens attended.

The Ladies Auxiliary held their past officers banquet at the Norton Grill in Honeoye Falls. The fire department presented them with \$1,000 for their scholarship fund and a gift card to Wal-Mart for \$250 for any needed kitchen supplies.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Stories & Siren had a great turn out, the children and their families had fun and also learned some fire safety tips.



**CARNIVAL 2006:** Save these dates - July 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday night reduced prices on clams and beer. Legal Gambling every night.

Parade will be Friday night - 7 pm sharp! One price ride specials, Thursday night 6 to 10 pm and Saturday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We hope to have a Chicken Barbeque on Saturday - The Boy Scouts are away at camp so we are looking for another organization to put it on. Fireworks 10 p.m. Saturday night, Raffle drawing 11 p.m. Saturday night. Check the web site under carnival for much more information.

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** The Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary will again sponsor the Kiddie Parade on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is "Down on the Farm". Dress up and join the fun! Registration will begin at 6 PM in the Town Hall parking lot. ***The parade will start at 7 PM. RUSH children only up to 10 years old.***



New members are always welcome. Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4167.

**EXPLORERS POST 134:** We are looking for boys and girls 14 years and up to join the explorer post. Call 533-2058 and leave your name; we will get back to you.



## RUSH FIRE DISTRICT & RUSH FIRE

### DEPARTMENT WEB SITE IS:

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

Go there for news, photos, history, recruitment information, membership lists, offices, apparatus, classic photos and links to other related sites.

### *Library News*

*Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director*

*Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM – 8 PM,*

*Tues., Thurs. 11 AM – 8 PM,*

*Saturdays 10 AM – 2 PM*

*Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546*

*[www.libraryweb.org/rush](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush)*

Dear Residents,

**Thank you** to all who signed our **petition** in February and contacted their state legislators regarding increasing aid to libraries and library systems throughout New York. The focus of this effort was to convince the NYS legislators and Gov. Pataki to use **current** census information when calculating library aid. 9,500 signatures were collected throughout Monroe County and presented to the state legislature, and this advocacy effort resulted in legislature approval for additional aid. The Rush Library was noted for its high number of signatures!

We have finished compiling our circulation statistics for 2005, and I am pleased to report that our door count is up 20% for the year, and our circulation count has surpassed the previous year by 27%! I am delighted that so many of you make the Rush Library a destination of choice. The library staff works hard to make your visits pleasant, and we are always open to your suggestions and ideas.

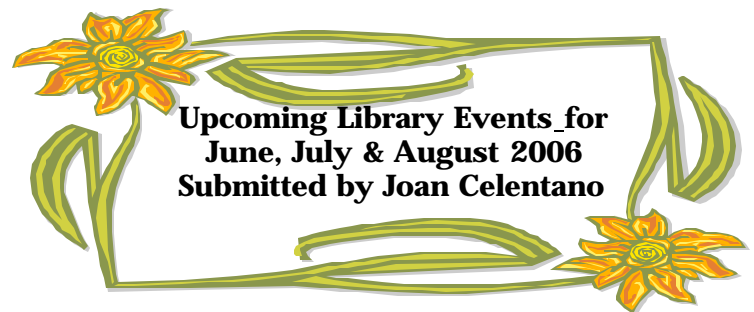
**Book Sale**...Our Book Nook is overflowing! Many of you have donated your previously-enjoyed books to us during your spring cleaning, so now is the time for a book sale. Stop in from **June 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** for some amazing bargains for your summer reading. Plus, if you buy a Rush Library Tote Bag for \$10.00, you can fill it right away with 2 hard covers or 5 paperbacks for free!

**Library Cards**...The long-anticipated new library cards are now available. The new design is the same for everyone in MCLS, and it comes with an additional key chain card for your convenience. If you are a new patron or if your old card no longer scans, it will be free. Replacements for lost cards cost \$1.

### Survey...

*This month we are conducting another brief survey; this one specifically targets our operating hours. We have been receiving many requests for expanded library hours. While we would like very much to increase our service level to the Rush community, this would unavoidably result in higher costs. Therefore, the Rush Library Board of Trustees is turning to you for guidance and input. We urge you to fill out the survey (located on Page 7 of this newsletter) whether or not you are currently a library user. Surveys can be returned to the library, or the town clerk's office, in person or by mail. The survey can also be completed online at [www.libraryweb.org/rush](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush). As you know, the current operating hours are Mondays 1-8, Tuesdays 11-8, Wednesdays 1-8, Thursdays 11-8, Fridays 1-8, and Saturdays (September through May) 10-2.*

Please return your completed survey by June 19, 2006. Thank you so much for your assistance! Thank you for your time and support!



**Upcoming Library Events for  
June, July & August 2006  
Submitted by Joan Celentano**

### June Events:

**New! Register online for Programs at our Web  
Address:**

<http://www.libraryweb.org/rush/>

**Teen Night: Friday, June 2nd, 6:30 - 8PM.**  
Bring some friends and come play games, listen to new music, and just hang out!

Refreshments are on us. No registration required. Call the library for more details.

**5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Tea Party for Adults** on Saturday, **June 10<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2 PM** in the Library. Treat yourself to a lovely afternoon of freshly-brewed tea, sweet and savory delights, music and conversation. Dress in your finery and bring your own teacup if you desire. There is a \$10.00 fee for this event, which will be used to help fund our children's Summer Reading Program. Seating is limited and registration is required. Stop by the Library to purchase your tickets.



**Crafters Corner for Adults:**

**"Sit-N-Stitch"**...bring those mending, knitting, or small craft projects that you never seem to have the time to do! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June**

**20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM**. While we are at work we can share some thoughts about the latest books we're reading, or other relevant topics. Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited and registration is required.

**South African Sojourn:** A Power Point Presentation by Erma Perkins, **Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 7-8PM**. Come and learn about Erma's work with Rochester Hospice and their African partner, Zululand Hospice, plus her experience on safari. Space is limited, and registration is required.

**Rush Readers Book Club:** The June selection is Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich. Choose from two Thursday evening discussions: **June 22<sup>nd</sup> or June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00PM**.

"A brilliant on-the-job report from the dark side of the broom." Space is limited and registration is required. Dessert and coffee provided.

**Local History Collaboration:** David Oliver, our town historian, has returned from his tour of duty in Afghanistan! He will be researching the history of the Industry School and its buildings for us. It will be on display in our Local History Cabinet over the summer.

**July Events:**

**Let The Summer Fun Begin!** Summer Reading for children in grades K-12 begins on **Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>**. Register for **"Books, a Treasure!"** beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> during regular Library hours or anytime after. Children in grades K-6 will receive a treasure map, which will enable them to hunt for books and win prizes for their reading efforts.

**Summer Reading for Teens** Children in grades 6-12 will be able to choose a book of their liking and submit a title each week for a chance to win from our weekly prize drawing. This program runs from July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Reading for Adults** A chance for adults to participate in our month-long reading fest: submit the title of your latest read and become eligible to win a pair of tickets to the Little Theatre or an awesome Rush Library Tote bag! Two winners will be drawn each week! Be part of the fun. **Contest runs from July 5<sup>th</sup> through July August 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**Summer Reading Show!** All children and families are invited to attend the opening celebration of **"Books-a Treasure!"** the theme of the New York State Summer Reading Program.



Join us for a swashbuckling adventure on **Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** for **"The Treasure of Book Island"**, presented by the magical pirate, **Bill**

**Gormont**. Captain Bill's magic is a wonderful form of entertainment with a reading message for children, teens and adults. No registration is required for this program. Hope to see the Rush community in full force!

**Crafts for Kids** ages 6-12 on **Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-7:45PM**. Come and decorate your very own wooden treasure chest. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Teen Night:** **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8PM**. Enjoy a fun night out with your friends! Refreshments are on us. No registration required. Call the library for more details.

**Pirate Stories for Kids** ages 4-7 on **Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-7:30 PM.** Listen to stories and have a bedtime snack. Pirate hats and mustaches for all! Space is limited and registration is required.

**Brueggers Bagel Breakfast** on **Thursday morning, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00AM-Noon** for all children who are actively participating in the Summer Reading Program.

**Rush Readers Book Club:** Our July selection is Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel. "One of the most delicious, the most original, the most sumptuous feasts of a novel ever to emerge from the kitchens of the New World." Choose either Thursday evening **July 27<sup>th</sup> or August 3<sup>d</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM** and join us for lively conversation and, of course, chocolate dessert as we discuss the novel. Space is limited, and registration is required.

### Looking Ahead to August:

**Ice Cream Social** on **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 PM** for all children and their families who participated in the "**Books, a Treasure!**" Program.

The Rush Public Library is a participant of the **Building Bridges Project: Librarians Reaching Youth with Disabilities**. This project aims to promote lifelong Library use, develop and modify programs to accommodate youth up to age 21, and to offer up-to-date information to all family members. To learn more go to [www.libraryweb.org](http://www.libraryweb.org).

You may register for any program in three different ways: in person, by phone or on our website, [www.libraryweb.org/rush](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush). We are looking forward to seeing you!

CUT AND RETURN TO THE RUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5977 East Henrietta Road



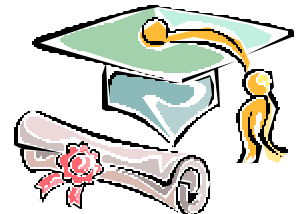
#### OPERATING HOURS SURVEY

1. Do you think the library operating hours should be increased?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Not sure
2. If the library hours are increased, which additional hours would you prefer? *Please mark a "1" for your first choice, a "2" for your second choice, and a "3" for your third choice.*  
☐ Open earlier in the day  
☐ Stay open until 9:00 PM during the evenings  
☐ Open Sunday afternoons  
☐ Stay open later in the day on Saturdays  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you willing to accept an increase in town taxes to cover the costs of expanded library hours?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Not sure
4. Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share about the library hours? If so, please note below.

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CLASS OF 2006!**



**June 2006 Meetings**

Conservation Board Court Library Board of Trustees Zoning Board of Appeals Seniors Lunch Planning Board Board of Fire Commissioners Town Board	7:30 PM 5 PM 7:15 PM 7:00 PM 12 noon @ Rush Firehouse 7:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thursday - 1 <sup>st</sup> Mondays - 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 6 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 8 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 20 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
<u>Special dates:</u> Transfer Station Library Events Recreation Programs	Saturdays 9-5; Sundays 12-4 refer to the inside column refer to the inside column	Open April 15 - November 5

**June 18<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day  
July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day**

**July 2006 Meetings**

Conservation Board Court Library Board of Trustees Zoning Board of Appeals Seniors Lunch Planning Board Board of Fire Commissioners Town Board	7:30 PM 5 PM 7:15 PM 7:00 PM 12 noon @ Firehouse 7:30 PM 7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse 7:00 PM	Thursday - 6 <sup>th</sup> Mondays 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday - 25 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday - 13 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 18 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 18 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 12 <sup>th</sup> (only)
<u>Special dates:</u> <b>Town Hall &amp; Library Closed</b> Library Events Recreation Programs	Independence Day refer to the inside column refer to the inside column	Tuesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>

**You may refer to The Henrietta Post, our website at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) or contact the Town Clerk's Office for legal notices and meeting agendas.**