

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:



The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 10 AM – 4 PM at the Rush Firemen's

Field. This year, the Rush Firemen's Department will be hosting an Open House simultaneously filled with safety stations and demonstrations, tractor pulls and teenager ATV racing! Another added attraction is the "battle of the bands" contest comprised of our own Rush-Henrietta School District talent which will run from 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Below are some other events happening that day.

Hay Rides/Vote for your Favorite Scarecrow ? Local Farm Market & Craft Vendors ? Girl Scout Troop #150 will conduct Children's Games & "Make your own" Edible Sand Art ? Monica Leary School Coloring Contest ? Adult and Youth Bake offs ? Pie Eating Contest ? Pumpkin Painting & Face Painting ? Boy Scout Troop #134 Chicken Barbeque ? Ladies Auxiliary Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Sausage, plus more!



Timeline for specific activities is as follows:

Time	Event:
8 AM – 10 AM	Pancake Breakfast – Boy Scout Troop #134 (at Rush United Methodist Church 6200 Rush Lima Road) Price: \$3.00 Children 10 and under, \$4.00 Adults
10:00AM - 3:45 PM	Hay Rides by Chase's Greenhouse (cast your scarecrow vote)
11:00AM	Youth Cookie Bake off
12:30 PM	Adult Bake off (Apple or Pumpkin)
2:00PM	Pie Eating Contest
2:30PM	"Battle of the Bands" in the Pavilion
3:30PM	Scarecrow Contest winners announced

"Battle of the Bands" - Contest starts at 2:30 PM. **ALL** participating bands **Must Be** Rush-Henrietta School District students. Entry fee is \$10.00 for each band. Please call the Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340 for more information.

Adult Bake-off & Youth Bake-off:

?Bring your entries to the Baked Goods tent the day of the Festival - Youth by 10:30 a.m. and Adults by 12:00 noon.

?Your Bake-off entry will not be returned to you, but will remain at the baked goods tent and samples given out.

ADULTS:

- Baked goods restricted to Pumpkin or Apple in keeping with the Fall Festival theme.
- Judged on taste, appearance and true fruit flavor.
- Judging will take place at 12:30 p.m.

YOUTH: (Girls and Boys - ages 8 to 14):

- 1 dozen cookies of any kind
- Judged on taste and appearance by other peers
- Judging will take place at 11:00 a.m.

Pie Eating Contest – Contestants should sign up at the Baked Goods area between 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. All ages welcome. Contest to take place at 2:00 p.m.

Coloring Contest – A coloring picture, (designed by Rush artist Cindy Raymond), has been distributed to all Leary students. Students can use coloring utensils of their choice, i.e., crayons, markers, colored pencils. Hand in your colored entry to the **Leary Main Office no later than Friday, October 6th.**

Scarecrow Contest – Make a life-size scarecrow attached to a post that can be inserted firmly into the ground. **Bring completed scarecrow to Rush Firemen's Pavilion by Friday, October 13th, 6 PM.** Please make sure your name and phone number are attached to it in a zip lock bag. Scarecrows will be set up at the Firemen's Field around the hayride trail. Voting will take place on the hayride. Winner will be announced at approximately 3:30 p.m. Scarecrows will be displayed at the town hall the week following the festival. **Participants must pick up their scarecrow on or before Saturday, October 21st.**

The Rush Recreation Department and Volunteers look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

The following is an update of town business:

Grant Approval

Our Grant request submitted under the Quality Communities Grant Program has been approved for \$38,800. We will be contacted in the near future by the Department of State to make arrangements for developing a contract. This Grant will enable us to undertake the Strategic Development Plan for the Hamlet of Rush and the Honeoye Creek Greenway, including the Village of Honeoye Falls. The first task is a more thorough review of the grant award and contact and the formation of an advisory committee. This is an exciting opportunity for us and others who have interest in the Honeoye Creek and Lehigh Valley Trail to work together over the next year to develop a common vision and action plan.

Automatic Door Controls

We have recently completed the installation of Automatic Door Controls at 2 grade level entries (1 at the south side of the Town Hall at the Court entrance and 1 at the west side of the Town Hall entry to the Library). This project was totally funded by a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) through Monroe County.

Parks Grant Approval

Our original request for a Parks Grant was submitted in 2001 and re-submitted yearly since then. We have received notification of approval of \$100,000 which we are required to match in developing the 10.5 acres west of the Town Hall. Expiration of the grant is 12-31-08. We are presently developing a plan for the entire site which will include recreational facilities. After approval of this plan, we will prioritize all areas to be developed and proceed as soon as practical.

Sidewalk Installation

Sidewalk and curbing will be installed from the west parking lot to the Playground. This will replace the temporary gravel path that was installed last year. This sidewalk will be ADA compliant and is partially funded by a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) through Monroe County. Total project cost is approximately \$16,300 of which \$10,000 will be paid by the grant.

2007 Budget

We expect to have a Preliminary Budget by early October and have a Public Hearing on the budget at our Town Board meeting of October 25. The deadline for the Final Budget is November 20th.

Property Purchase

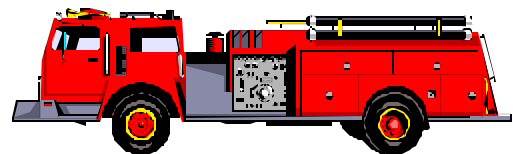
We closed on the purchase of 1911 Rush Scottsville Road (corner of Routes 15A and 251) on July 31, 2006, for \$168,246.15, including all closing costs. Of that cost, Senator James Alesi sponsored a \$100,000 grant from the Community Capital Assistance Program (CCAP). We are including this parcel in our development plan of the entire site behind the Town Hall.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058, www.RushFD.ORG*



OPEN HOUSE and SAFETY DAY

**Saturday - October 14th - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ALONG WITH THE "FALL FESTIVAL" at the
Carnival Field - Rt 251 & Rt 15A.**

Attractions include: Sparky "Bouncy House" - STAT Medivac Chopper - NY State Police "Rollover" - seat belt demo truck, Monroe County Sheriff EXPO, Information on Propane, Smoke & CO Detectors, Air bag systems, Sprinkler systems, "Stop - Drop and Roll" Station - Fire house & equipment displays and tours - Live demo on new extrication equipment (we will cut up two cars). The Rush FD Ladies Auxiliary will have food for sale and a mini-tractor pull will be held. (See more information about the Festival in this newsletter)

FIRE DISTRICT: The 2006 fire district budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the September meeting. The total budget is \$309,000. This includes equipment reserve fund towards new apparatus and major repairs or upgrades. **The tax rate submitted to the town for collection will be \$1.13 per thousand. THIS IS A REDUCTION IN YOUR TAXES.** By state law our spending limit for 2007 could have been \$ 370,000. **We prepared a budget \$61,000 BELOW that amount.** We can do this because of the generous

contributions made to the Rush FD Fund Drive by you the residents and taxpayers. Our insurance cost for 2007 is \$52,000. Our utility & fuel costs are \$28,000. Our equipment maintenance and other cost continue to go up also. Thanks to a 100% volunteer response force the personnel cost remain the same - zero!

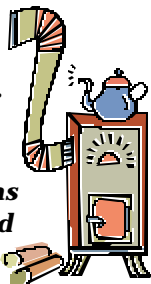
EQUIPMENT: Two major projects are almost completed. The new SCAB (Air-packs) are in and members are being trained on their use. Rush received a federal grant for 90% of this purchase. They will be on the equipment soon. All the apparatus radios have been upgraded or replaced with radios that can be narrow-banded. All the members have been given new Minitor V pagers. This project cost \$50,000.



CODE ENFORCEMENT: We are passing along a comment from the code enforcement people - it is a law that the driveway to your home must be clear of limbs and tree branches so a fire truck can get up to your house. Please be sure you are in compliance. If not it could delay the fire equipment and ambulance getting up to your home. House numbers are also required. If you do get permission to burn, you must stay in attendance at the burn.

FIRE PREVENTION: A full week schedule will be conducted at the Leary School and other locations during fire prevention week. We feel that these efforts do work and help control accidental fires and resulting injuries or death in Rush.

WINTER IS COMING: *The heating season will soon be here. If you have a wood stove PLEASE have your chimney cleaned. If you heat by gas or oil have the heating unit inspected. Over the years the Rush community has done a very good job in this area and with few exceptions, fires, death and injury has been minimal. We would like to see these incidents completely eliminated!*



FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE: We welcome four new members into the department they are: Doug Barber, Brian Reynolds, Jonathan Scott and Werner Wandersleben.

FUND DRIVE: Our second request will be sent 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 900 of the 1,300 residents sent in a

donation - this is unheard of in most FD or EMS fund drives - **A SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED!**

LADIES AUXILIARY: ELECTION DAY HAM DINNER

- Tuesday - November 7th at the firehouse from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. Cost will be \$7.00 for Adults, \$6.00 for Seniors (60 and older), \$4.00 for children under 12. Pre-schoolers are FREE. Take outs are available. Proceeds from the dinner help fund the "Wilkins" scholarship given each year to a Rush student entering college. This year the **Betty Wilkins Scholarship of \$1,000 each** was presented to Michael Farrell, 1035 Rush West Rush Road and Elizabeth Symonds, 1173 Telephone Road. Congratulations to both winners.

WEB SITE: THE SITE IS **RUSHFD.ORG**. You have to go back to the home page to access the other items on the menu of the site.

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

NOVEMBER ELECTION

Residents are reminded that the November Election will be held on **Tuesday November 7th** and the polling places are located in the Rush Town Hall.

Voters living in Election Districts 2 and 3 will be voting on the main level of the Town Hall in the Planning and Zoning Boards meeting room, which is accessible from the front door or through the side and rear doors on the lower level. This level provides an elevator or stairways to the main floor.

Voters living in Election Districts 1 and 4 will be voting in the court room located on the lower level of the Town Hall.

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

OFFICE CLOSED

THE TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 9TH IN CELEBRATION OF COLUMBUS DAY, NOVEMBER 7TH FOR ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 10TH FOR VETERANS DAY AND NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH FOR THANKSGIVING.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR TOWN OF RUSH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the preliminary budget of the Town of Rush for the year 2007 has been completed and filed in the office of the Rush Town Clerk, where it will be available for inspection by any interested person during regular office hours. The Rush Town Board will hold a public hearing thereon October 25th, 2006, at 7:15 p.m. at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

By Order of the
Rush Town Board

Linda G. Henry
Town Clerk

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
Mon., Wed. 9:15 AM -3:30PM
Fridays 9:00AM-3:30PM
533-2340
pat@townofrush.com

RUSH MEN'S SENIOR BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The Basketball program will be held at the Monica Leary Elementary School on Wednesdays, starting November 29th and conclude on April 4th, 2007 from 7-9 PM. Any senior man, ages 55 and older can join.
Dick For more information please call
Wallace at 334-8202.



BASKETBALL CAMPS

@ Leary School Gymnasium
Coach Marcus Robinson will
teach basic to advance basketball skills.

Due to an available space change at Monica Leary School Gym, the number of days and costs of both camps have changed from our previous newsletter.

6-8 Year Old Camp (five weeks)

Timeframe : Tuesdays, 6 PM – 7:30 PM
September 26th – October 24th

Cost: \$40.00 resident and \$45.00 for non-resident. (Please note price change).

9-12 Year Old Camp (five weeks)

Timeframe : Thursdays, 6 PM – 7:30 PM
September 28th – October 26th

Cost: \$40.00 resident and \$45.00 for non-resident.



Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Harriet Cook

The Rush Seniors enjoyed a wonderful trip to MacKinac Island in September. Our next trip in October will be a boat ride on Keuka Lake to enjoy the fall colors after lunch at Esperanza. We are also planning a trip to Depew, New York for a luncheon and entertainment by Peter Appleyard's Tribute to Benny Goodman in November.

Thursdays, October 12th and November 9th are our next meetings at the Rush Fire Hall. If you are 55 years or older, please join us. We have lots of fun. Just bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

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 (Sept. – May)
Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546
[**www.libraryweb.org/rush**](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush)

Dear Neighbors,

As I write to you, the last official day of summer is winding down, and like many of you, my family and I are adjusting to the routine of the new school year. At the Library we make similar adjustments seasonally.... Fall brings budget planning, the return of story times, another book sale, and catching up on paperwork after our busy summer reading program. Also at this time I am pleased to report that we have experienced two consecutive months of record-breaking circulation statistics, which tells me that Rush residents really value their Library services! Have a look at our statistical charts at the end of this Newsletter, which demonstrate how much our circulation and patron count have increased over the last seven years even though the population of Rush has remained fairly constant, and we have had only one minor increase in operating hours (+2 hours/week in 2001.)

You may have noticed our newest staff members at your last visit. Please join me in welcoming Suzanne Beattie, Evan Vanable, and Lindsay Tallo to the Library team. They are working hard to learn the many procedures it takes to make a library run smoothly.

I hope you take an opportunity to check out the newly updated Monroe County Library System web site: www.libraryweb.org. The MCLS web design team spent many months creating a new site that highlights different branches, upcoming events, book and music reviews, and more. It's a great resource for everyone.

Our annual "Vote for Books" book sale will take place starting on Election Day, Nov. 7. Stop in for used book bargains starting at only 25¢! If you can't wait until Election Day for a good deal, you can shop from our Book Nook any time the Library is open. We offer hardcover and paperback bestsellers, non-fiction books, children's materials, and more. *Because we have been inundated with book donations recently, and because we have limited storage space, we will have to temporarily suspend the acceptance of book donations until the book sale ends on Nov. 10th. Thank you for your understanding.* We'll see you at the sale!

Before you know it the holidays will be here. I just want to remind you of our few dates that we'll be closed so you can mark your calendars in advance: **Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006** (Thanksgiving) **Monday, December 25, 2006** (Christmas), and **Monday, January 1, 2007** (New Year's Day.) As you can see we are open to serve you throughout most of the holidays, when you just might have some "down time" to catch up on that summer blockbuster movie or book that you missed before fall crept in.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Kirsten Flass

Upcoming Events

Submitted by: Joan Celentano
Children's and Adult Services



October Events:

Teen Night: Friday, October 6th from 6:30-8:00pm. Join us for a fun evening of music, games and snacks. Bring a friend too! Call, visit or register online.

Teen Book Club: Friday, October 13th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This month's selection is The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci. "When class freak Chris Creed suddenly disappears, his fellow students are not so much worried but abuzz with speculation: Is he a runaway, a suicide, a crime victim? Through a complicated but believable turn of events, narrator Torey Adams, a popular 16-year-old, starts to feel some concern and resolves to find the truth." Copies of this book are available at the Rush Library circulation desk. Join Trisha Vanable for a great discussion and snacks.

Stories Around the Campfire, a NEW program for **boys ages 6-10**. Come and join us on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00-7:45pm, October 17th, 24th and November 7th**. Children will sit around a realistic campfire as they listen to some scary stories, and enjoy a snack. Get in the spirit of Halloween! Space is limited and registration is required.

Teen Read Week is October 15th-October 21st. Encourage your teen to keep on reading through the school year just for the fun of it. Teens (ages 13-19) enter your name for every book you read during the month of October to become eligible to win a great prize!

Craft Night for Adults: Thursday, October 19th from 6:30-8:00pm. Come and make a Fall-themed "penny rug" with Heather Iannone. A \$5.00 materials fee is required for this class and registration is required.

Crafts for Kids: ages 6-12 on **Saturday, October 21st from 11:00am-Noon**. Come and make some great fall decorations and other crafts. Space is limited and registration is required.

Everything Chocolate: Our postponed adult program has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, October 25th from 6:30-8:00pm**. If you love chocolate then join Nancy Stiebitz from **Encore Chocolates** and you will learn the history of chocolate, witness a demonstration and best of all, sample the fare! Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: will be meeting on two Thursdays: **Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 from 7-9 pm** to discuss The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. "The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, this is a beautifully crafted novel set in a country (Afghanistan) that is in the process of being destroyed." Choose the evening that works for you and join us for lively discussion and dessert. Space is limited & registration is required.

8th Annual Halloween Party for Kids on Tuesday, October 31st at a new time from 3:30-4:30pm. Come in your costume and have some tricks-n-treats on us!





November Events:

Celebrate **Diwali/Deepavali**– A Hindu Festival of Lights and Sweets.

Indian Cooking Class: Join us as we welcome back Kala Shetty on **Wednesday, November 1st from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Come and

experience something new and exciting as you enter the world of Indian cooking. There will be a live cooking demonstration and tasting! There is a \$5.00 fee for this class and advance registration is required.

Teen Night: Friday Nov. 3 from 6:30-8 p.m. Bring a friend and hang out, listen to new music, play games, and have a few snacks to start your weekend out right!

“Vote for Books!” Book Sale: Begins on Election Day, Tuesday Nov. 7 and runs for one week. We are seeking volunteers to help set up the sale on Monday. Please see Kirsten Flass if you are interested in helping out.

Red Cross Babysitters Training: Tuesday, November 7th from 10:00a.m-5:00p.m. for children ages 11-15. There is a \$40.00 fee (payable to American Red Cross) for this program payable upon registration. Class size is limited to 12 students. Please bring your lunch with you. We have refrigeration available.

Teen Book Club: Friday Nov. 10 from 6:30-8p.m. The selection will be The Endurance: Shackelton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition by Carolyn Alexander. Join Trisha Vanable for snacks and an interesting book discussion.



American Girl Club: Begins on **Tuesday, November 14th from 3:30-4:30 pm or 7-8 p.m.** Each program will be exactly the same. Choose the one that fits your schedule. Visit Molly's world and see what life is like in Wartime America in 1944. This program will coincide with the newest American Girl Movie that debuts on the Disney channel on November 26th. Space is limited and pre-registration is a must! All future dates will be announced at sign-up.

Mehndi Designs: for **Teens 16 and up and Adults** on **Thursday, November 16th from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Continue the celebration of Dewali with the ancient art of Mehndi – the application of henna to the skin

that creates a beautiful temporary tattoo. Space is limited and registration is required. There will be a \$5.00 materials fee for this program.

Celebrate Children's Book Week with Crafts for Kids: ages 6-12 on **Saturday, November 18th from 11:00am-Noon.** Come and create a holiday scrapbook. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: will meet on Thursdays: **Nov. 30 & Dec. 7 from 7-9 pm** to discuss Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain. Joan Celentano of the Rush Library says, "This book will change the way you think about restaurants!" Choose the evening the fits your schedule and join us for a discussion and wonderful dessert. Space is limited and registration is required.

Coming in December:

Holiday Party for the Public: Friday Dec. 8th from 6-8 pm. More details in the next newsletter!

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October 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 Fire House 7:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thursday – 5 th Mondays – 2 nd , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th Tuesday – 3 rd Thursday – 12 th Thursday – 12 th Tuesday – 17 th Tuesday – 17 th Wednesdays – 11 th , 25 th
<u>Other Important Information/Dates:</u> Town Hall Transfer Station Rush Recreation Fall Festival	Closed Open Saturdays 9 AM-5 PM and Sundays 12 noon – 4 PM 10 AM – 4 PM	Columbus Day – 9 th April 15 th – November 5 th October 14 th - Rush Firemen's Field

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<u>Other Important Information and Dates:</u> Town Hall	Closed	Monday - Election Day 7 th Friday – Veterans Day 10 th Thurs., Fri. – Thanksgiving 23 rd & 24 th

You may refer to The Henrietta Post, The Sentinel, our website at www.townofrush.com or contact the Town Clerk's Office for legal notices and meeting agenda.

LIBRARY CIRCULATION STATISTICS 1999-2006

