

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

The 2008 Operating Budget was approved at the Town Board meeting of November 15th. The total tax rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessed Valuation (TAV) will be at \$4.25 per \$1,000 of TAV. The total tax rate is made up of the Operating Budget which will be \$3.75 and the Revitalization and Building Debt Service of \$0.55. Comparing 2007, the Operating Budget is increasing from \$3.68 to \$3.70 per \$1,000 of TAV while the Revitalization and Building Debt Service is decreasing from \$0.58 to \$0.55 per \$1,000 of TAV. The total TAV is increasing from \$259,362,456 in 2007 to \$265,904,069 in 2008, an increase of 2.52%.

Some of our major costs for operation such as energy, health care and retirement continue to increase. While total appropriations are proposed to be up \$279,000 in 2008 over the 2007, 70% of that increase is related to Town Park Project costs which are almost completely funded by grant revenue, planned sale of excess property and use of Recreation Reserve funds . **not funded by taxes.** We continue to look for ways to reduce our consumption of energy without sacrificing services we provide. Town employees will receive a 3% wage adjustment in 2008. For details of our 2008 operating budget, please see Pages 9, 10, and 11.

Over the past 7 years, the Operating Budget has gone from \$3.20 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation in 2001 to \$3.70 in 2008. This is an increase of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of TAV which averages to \$.07 per year.

Report on Community Workshop

On November 3rd, from 9 AM until 1 PM, approximately 60 people gathered at Wildwood Country Club in Rush to participate in a community workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to solicit ideas for incorporation into the Greenway Plan.

Staff and volunteers from the Rochester Regional Community Design Center (RRCDC) conducted the workshop. (<http://www.rrcdc.org>) The participants viewed a Power Point presentation that

summarized the intended planning process and identified some general greenway and hamlet design considerations. Photographs, maps, local histories and past planning studies were available for reference. The majority of time was spent in smaller facilitator-led themed focus groups. Maps of the corridor were provided to mark-up and illustrate concepts.

The Hamlet of Rush and the Village of Honeoye Falls groups discussed ways in which facilities could be improved to make these communities on each end of the corridor more attractive destinations. Three groups were topical:

Land Use, Conservation and Water

Recreation, History and Culture

Tourism and Economic Development

Participants in these groups identified ways to increase usage and protect resources. At the end of the workshop a representative presented their groups findings and suggestions so that questions could be answered and ideas discussed. The RCDRC will assemble the materials and prepare a summary report. The report will be posted on the Town of Rush website.

Thanks are due to the facilitators that donated their time, to Wildwood for their hospitality and refreshments, to The Genesee Finger Lakes regional Planning Council staff for the mapping and to staff from the Town of Rush for preparation and dissemination of workshop materials.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled for late December. Watch the Town website for details.

Please join me in granting

Best Wishes to

Linda Henry, Town Clerk

on a well-deserved Retirement

Linda has served the town as Deputy Town Clerk and Town Clerk for the past 29 years. She has done so eloquently and has been a constant source of town information and keeper of important business. She's always greeted residents

*with a pleasant demeanor, been helpful
and a pleasure to know and work with.
We're proud of the work Linda has
provided. She will be missed.
Congratulations and Happy Retirement!*

~The Town Hall staff has planned an open
invitation to all residents wishing to visit with Linda
on Friday, December 14th, anytime between 10:30
AM to 4:30 PM in the common clerk's area. ~

*And ... A Warm Farewell to
Darlene Pilarski, Deputy Town Clerk
Darlene will be continuing in her field of
electrology and growing her career as an
esthetician and cosmetologist. Darlene has
been with the town for 5½ years as the
Secretary to the Planning and Zoning
Boards as well as the Deputy Town Clerk.
Her administrative and organizational
skills as well as a friendly disposition have
served the Town well. Congratulations
and Best Wishes!*

My sincere wishes to all of you for a wonderful
holiday and healthy and happy New Year!



Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

***Rush Fire Marshal/Emergency Preparedness
Administrator***

*Submitted by: Richard Tracy, Fire Marshal &
Emergency Preparedness Administrator
Phone: 533-1312, rick@townofrush.com*

First, I would like to take a moment to wish
everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday
season. As you celebrate this holiday season,
please take extra precautions to keep your home
fire safe.

Something that sometimes gets overlooked but is
very important to emergency responders is to keep
your driveway and sidewalks clear and
unobstructed. In addition to keeping your driveway
clear of snow, please make sure that tree branches
do not hang over on to your driveway as they may
cause damage to emergency vehicles.

It has been brought to my attention that there have
been some occasions when emergency responders
have experienced difficulty locating homes due to
the street addresses not being properly displayed.
All homes / buildings are required by town code to
have a street address displayed. The numbers for
the street address shall be Arabic in format with a
minimum height of four inches. They shall be
legible as to contrasting background, arrangement,
spacing, size, and uniformity so that they may be
read with ease from the street, and can not be
obstructed from view. Please check your home to
make sure that you are compliant with this
requirement. Remember that in the event of an
emergency seconds truly may mean the difference
between life and death.

If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please make
sure that it is unobstructed by trees, brush, fences
or yard decorations. In the winter season please be
sure to clear the snow from around it.

When was the last time you changed your smoke
detector battery? Hopefully you did when you
changed your clock. I can't stress enough the
importance of working smoke detectors. Smoke
detectors should be placed on each floor of your
residence and in every sleeping area and should be
tested every month. Batteries should be replaced at
least once a year. If your smoke detector is more
than ten years old, it should be replaced. Every
family should plan and practice escape routes and
select a family meeting place. In the event of a fire
in your home, go outdoors immediately and call 911
from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone. Never go
back inside your home to attempt to retrieve
property or rescue a pet.

With the holidays upon us, it is important to
remember some fire safety tips. When selecting
your tree, make sure it is fresh. Needles on a fresh
tree should be green and hard to pull back from the
branches. The trunk of the tree should feel sticky to
the touch. If you bounce the trunk of the tree on the
ground, the needles should not fall off. Do not place
the tree close to a heat source, including heat vents
and fireplaces as this will dry out the tree. Keep the
tree stand filled with water. Check your lights for
frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in insulation and
broken or cracked sockets. Use lights that have
been approved by a testing laboratory. Do not link
more than three strands of lights and be sure to
check them periodically. Lights and wiring should
not be warm to the touch. Do not leave lights on
unattended. Use only non flammable or fire

retardant decorations and keep them away from heat sources. If you use an artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant. Personally, I discourage the use of candles, but if you choose to make sure that they are in a stable holder and placed in a location that they can not be knocked over. Absolutely never put them on a tree or leave them lit and unattended.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me by calling the Town Hall at 585.533.1312, or you can e-mail me at rick@townofrush.com.

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)
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www.libraryweb.org/rush*

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this we are only a few days away from Thanksgiving, and I want to let you know how grateful I feel that our community so fully supports its Library in so many ways— with funding, patronage, volunteers, and donations just to name a few. But have you ever thought about what your library means to you in a financial sense? If so, you may want to check out the **Return on Investment Calculator** that appears on the home page of the Monroe County Library System web site (www.libraryweb.org). It's a great tool that lets you understand how much you **get back** from your library on a regular basis. It was an eye-opener for me, and I think you'll find it interesting as well.

Here's a reason to feel better about paying a 50¢ reserve fee to pick up an item at the Rush Library instead of driving all over the county for a specific book or movie— **all of the MCLS delivery trucks are utilizing biodiesel for fuel.** The Department of Energy's Renewable Energy Office says that **biodiesel** is a domestically produced, clean-burning, renewable fuel. Using biodiesel as a vehicle fuel increases energy security, improves public health and the environment, and provides safety benefits. **It is nontoxic and less combustible than petroleum diesel, and it can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil."**

Thank you to everyone who made our **"Vote for Books"** book sale during election week such a

success. We had many volunteers hauling and sorting books, and it was very nicely organized and a pleasure to peruse. Just a reminder that our **Book Nook** is always open during regular library hours, and it contains gift-quality used hardcover books and other items for the book collector on your holiday shopping list.

Save the date! We will be holding our 4th annual **Wine-Tasting Event, "A Vintage Year - 2008"** on **Saturday, February 2nd, from 7:00-9:00 PM** sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library. This is an elegant evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, live classical music, and good cheer (ladies, get out your vintage jewelry and boast!) Back by popular demand will be the silent auction of goods and services donated by local businesses, as well as the exceptional chocolate-tasting station. Tickets for this Library fundraiser would make a wonderful holiday gift! The money raised from this event will supplement our campaign for a Reading Garden outside the Library. Advance tickets cost \$25 per person/\$45 per couple; tickets at the door will cost \$30 per person/\$50 per couple. To purchase advance tickets, please call event chairperson, Heather Iannone, at 359-9914, or stop in at the Library. More details will follow in the *Henrietta Post*, the *Genesee Valley Penny Saver*, and at the Library.

Changes to our operating hours during the holidays are as follows:

Dec. 24th - closing early at 5:00 pm
Dec. 25th - closed
Dec. 31st - closing early at 5:00 pm
Jan. 1st - closed

Thank you to all of our patrons who made this year so successful and fulfilling. It is a pleasure getting to know all of you better and to serve you. Enjoy the holidays! ~Kirsten

**Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library
for December 2007 and January 2008**
*Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and
Adult Services
Trish Vanable-Teen Services*

December:
Gingerbread House Party - Saturday, December 1st at 10:30AM. Children and adults are invited to come and make your very own Gingerbread House. We will supply the basic **house parts** and frosting. **Please bring one bag of candy to share with the group for decorations.** If you wish you may leave

your house+in the Library and they will be judged for creativity. **One winner will be chosen in each category-Child and Adult.** For your enjoyment, holiday music and refreshments will be provided.

"Squashbook" Workshop for Adults - Thursday, December 6th from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Create your very own mini fold-out album! You will make a 5x5 square accordion-style scrapbook using cardstock and coordinated papers. Squashbooks make great gifts. A sample of this craft is on display now in the Library. There will be a \$7.00 materials fee for this class, and registration is required.

Teen Night: The Dark Side of OZ - A program for **teens** (ages 13 and up) on **Friday December 7th at 6:30PM.** We will be showing **The Wizard of OZ**, BUT, the sound will not be the voices of Dorothy and the cast, but Pink Floyd's **"The Dark Side of the Moon"**-with lots of cool effects. Space is limited and registration is required.

Holiday Stories from Many Lands - Thursday, December 20th at 7:00PM. This is a bedtime storytime program for children of any age and parents too! Relax and take a break as you listen to stories and enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies. Please call or stop by the Library to register for this program.

Home Alone Day! E.P.I.C. Red Cross Training presents a program for children ages 8-11 on **Thursday, December 27th from Noon-2:00PM.** This program teaches children who are home alone after school the basics of safety in the home, what to do if a stranger calls or comes to the door, and basic first-aid techniques. There is a **\$15.00 fee** for this class and registration is required. *

AFTER the training session we will be showing the holiday movie **"HOME ALONE"** from **2:00PM-4:00PM** starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. Be sure to bring your lunch with you- refrigeration is available. Popcorn and soda will be offered during the movie.

Game Mania- On **Friday, December 28th from 4:00-6:30PM.** A program for **teens.** (Ages 13 and up) We will be playing games and more games. Killer Bunnies, Fluxx, Chess and Risk 2010. If you have never played these games, they are a blast. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club will not meet in December, but will resume on January 24th- **Happy Holidays!**

January 2008:

Teen Night: Dance Dance Revolution - a program for **teens** (ages 13 and up) on **Friday, January 4th from 6:30-8:00PM.** Come spin, dance and play at the Library.

Snacks and soda provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

Toddler Storytime will begin on Thursdays in January-beginning **January 10th from 11:30-11:50.** This 4-week program is for children ages 2 - 3 years old who must be accompanied by an adult during the stories. This program consists of simple stories and finger-plays and an opportunity for children to participate in a group setting. This program fills quickly, so register early! Space is limited and registration is required.

Genesee Model-N-Gineers . Model Train Expo on **Saturday, January 12th from 11:00AM-1:00PM.** Children and adults of **all** ages are invited to come and view these wonderful train displays and learn from the experts about this timeless hobby. No registration required. (If you missed them last time, you won't want to miss it again- this is a GREAT program!)

Crafts for Adults . ***Scrapbook Workshop - Thursday, January 17th, from 6:30PM-8:30PM.** Let's start small! Preserve all of your holiday memories or special events in this 6x6 scrapbook using cardstock and coordinated papers. There is a ***\$10.00 materials fee** for this class-space is limited and registration is required.

American Girl Club resumes on Tuesdays in January, beginning **January 15th from 3:45PM-4:45PM.** In this session we will learn about **Molly** (1944). In this 3 week session our group will be putting on a play called **War on the Home Front**-about Molly and her friends during World War Two. Putting on these plays will help your child to imagine what life was like in the past, and brings history alive for them. This program is for children ages 6-10, and participants should be willing to attend all 3 sessions. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club- resumes on **Thursday, January 24th from 7-9:00PM.** Revisit the classic **Ethan Frome** by Edith Wharton as she draws life as it really was behind the paint-less wooden houses along the village streets in the derelict mountain villages of New England.+This is a good winter read! Copies of the book will be available at the circulation

desk. Please join us for coffee, tea, homemade dessert, and enlightening conversation. Space is limited and registration is required. New members are always welcome!

On **Thursday, January 31st at 7:00PM** we will be showing the movie version of **Ethan Frome**, starring Liam Neeson. You won't want to miss this on the big screen! Refreshments will be available.

(NOTE: You do not have to be a member of our book club to attend the screening of this movie, however space is limited and registration is required.)

Looking Forward to February- Meet Rochester Amerks players and their mascot, Moose on **Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00PM.**

Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Kevin Quinlan, Assessor

Mon. & Wed. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

kevin@townofrush.com or

Deb Curran, Clerk

Mon. - Thurs. 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM

deb@townofrush.com

We are in the renewal process for our exemptions including Enhanced STAR, Senior and Agricultural. Please remember that all renewals must be received in the Assessor's Office by March 1, 2008. If you wish to renew any exemptions, they can be accepted at any time until the deadline date. If you have any questions on what exemptions you may qualify for, exemptions you receive or renewal, please contact us.

Our office will be starting a weather-dependent project of updating our files with new exterior photos of the properties in Rush.

Our office would like to extend our holiday wishes to you!

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor

Mon., Wed. 9:15 AM - 3:30 PM

Fridays 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Phone: 533-2340

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Men's Basketball Program

The Rush Men's Senior Basketball program for residents 55 and older has now started and is held at the Monica Leary Elementary Gym on Thursdays from 7:30PM-9:30PM. Participation in this program is free. Please call 533-2340 for more information, or you can attend the program on the designated days.

2008 Rush Winter Festival

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and the Rush Methodist Church are planning the 1st Annual Town of Rush Winter Festival on Saturday, January 26, 2008, from 10AM-2PM at the Rush Methodist Church on Rush Lima Rd. The following activities are now being planned. Some of the activities are: Children's Games from 10:00AM-2:00PM; Coffee, hot cocoa and cider being served by Promiseland Daycare from 9:00AM-11:00AM; Soup and Bread bake-off 11:30AM (Submissions by 10:30AM to the dining area right inside the church entrance) - please bring 2 soup pots 1 for people to taste and another for us to keep warm in the kitchen; and don't forget the homemade bread . prizes!

Local artisan's exhibits will include: Face Painting, Menna Painting+ with parent's permission being done by the Rush Library; Snow Sculpture contest (weather permitting); Snowplow exhibit; Music by Dianne Pegg; Hotdogs and chips will be sold by the Methodist Church Youth Group from 11:00AM-1:00PM; Snow sledding on the hill!! Bring your own sled!! (Plastic only please) Other activities still in the early planning stages are: Cross Country skiing demonstration; Snow shoe demonstration; Klondike demonstration/race; Wood carving demonstration by Woodcraft+in Henrietta.

If you are a local Rush resident who is an Artisan and makes their product in Rush, NY please call 533-2340 to reserve a space for \$10.00. You may sell your product as well as provide a demonstration.

Although there is no cost to attend this community event, some activities may require a small charge. For more information related to the activities, times, etc., please refer to the website www.TownofRush.com at the end of December. For more information related to the Winter Festival, please call 533-2340.

"Home Alone Class"

E.P.I.C. Trainings and the Rush Recreation Department will be offering a Home Alone, when I am in charge+ class for children 7-14 years old at the Monica Leary Elementary School Library on Wednesday, February 27th from 5:30PM-7:00PM. The course is designed to teach children who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly and how to handle themselves when confronted with a challenge. The children will be given various materials in class supporting what they will be taught. The cost is \$15.00 per Rush resident and

\$18.00 for non-Rush residents. You can sign up your child at the Rush Town Hall Town Clerk's office. Sign up begins November 19th, but hurry space is limited.

Coming in the Spring ...

Football and Basketball Camps will be offered at the Monica Leary School.

Rush Summer Camp for 7-10 year olds. Dates are: July 9th 2008-August 8th 2008 Wednesdays and Fridays.

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

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

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held in December 11th from 6 to 9 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. Steve Winner is completing his term as commissioner and is on the ballot for 2008. This election is open to all registered voters in Rush.

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Not one person showed up for this mandated hearing in Rush. Countywide, a reported total of 16 people spread over the 29 fire districts, attended this mandated budget hearing. Another grand idea and mandate from Governor Spitzer. Our extra additional annual audit signed into law by Gov. Spitzer will cost you, the tax payer, between \$3,500 and \$5,000 next year.

NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY: The fire district had several well qualified applicants for the part-time secretary job. Karen Wandersleben of Five Points Road was selected and will replace Pamela Bucci who has done the job for several years. We will miss Pam and the great job that she did. We wish her luck in her newly elected job as Rush Town Clerk.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: The commissioners authorized the Fire Chief to purchase 1,300 feet of 5+ hose for pumper 583. The present 5+ hose on pumper 583 is over 20 years old and is leaking at the connections and could fail anytime. We went in with the Henrietta Fire District on a joint purchase to get a better price for both districts. This hose cost \$7.95 a foot. We saved \$4.00 a foot by doing the joint purchase. We are also buying some 2 ½+ and 1 ¾+ hose that failed the annual hose test this fall, this will cost under \$2,000.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: It was held at the Riverton golf facility. Thirty-five members attended. This dinner is authorized by state law for the active firefighters of the fire district. Commissioner Mike (PeeWee) Terzo coordinated the affair.

NEW CASCADE AIR FILLING SYSTEM: We have received a 4 bottle 6,000 PSI air pack (SCBA) filling system for station one. Our old 9 bottle 2,500 lbs. system was donated to Birdsall Fire Department.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: In November our apparatus had their annual maintenance, oil, lubes and filters. Annual pumping test were also conducted. The automatic transmissions use four cases of ATF. One large air filter for the one engine is \$100.00. The average cost for the annual maintenance per apparatus is \$1,200.00. We buy all the filters wholesale and have a 55 gal. drum of engine oil for the person doing the service. This saves the taxpayer some money. Most of the minor maintenance is conducted by the officers and members of the fire department. Even though fire apparatus are exempt, we have NYS Heavy Duty State Truck inspections conducted on our equipment in December.

It's time to put those plastic hydrant markers back. They could save your life and property!

**RUSH FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT:
PRESIDENT PFERSICK RECOGNIZED** - Firefighter Lieutenant, EMT/CC and Department President Diana Pfersick was recognized by the Dunkin-Donut Community Foundation for her many years of service to the RUSH FD - Ambulance and Hospital community. Diana Pfersick's volunteer resume is quite possibly longer than her professional resume! Her daughter Lisa sent in the application for the honor.

Shortly after her family moved to Rush, NY, in 1991, Diana joined the Rush Fire Department. She quickly became very active as an EMT and External Firefighter. She earned her Critical Care certification to assist neighboring communities that had a volunteer ALS program. She has been the Ambulance Lieutenant for several years and President of the Fire Dept. for four years.

She is Vice-President of the Monroe Co. Vol. Firefighter Association and serves on the EMS Committee of the FASNY (Firefighter Association of the State of NY). She has been a nurse for over 30

years at Highland Hospital and now serves in their training department.

Diana was chosen from 1,300 nominations - She received a plaque and one-years worth of Dunkin-Donuts Coffee (worth \$750.00) at a presentation at Highland Hospital. She was surrounded by friends and co-workers. Rush Fire Commission Chairman Robert Faugh represented the Rush FD & Ambulance. Go to www.servingheroes.com for more information and the full story.

FD ACTIVITY: Our equipment responded to two mutual aid calls to the fire scene in the last month. Both were structure fires, one in Henrietta (pumper & rescue truck) and one in Honeoye Falls (pumper). We also filled in at Henrietta Co. #1 twice. We are happy to report no serious incidents or accident in the Town of Rush. As of November 22, 2007, your fire department and ambulance has responded to 348 calls for service.

UPDATING THE "JAWS OF LIFE": We are updating our Jaws of Life+ extrication systems and equipment that was bought in 1977. New pumps, jaws and cutters will be purchased. Our present equipment that can still be used will have a quick connect single hose connection installed. We can still use our present reel, hoses and ram systems. This will cost approx. \$30,000 and go on Rescue 588. The money for this comes from our annual fund drive and carnival profit. Pumper 582 has a set of jaws & cutter and is still in great shape. We have been looking and evaluating several systems over the last 6 months and have decided on Jaws of Life+.

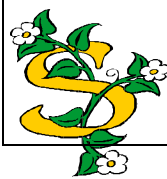
EXPLORER POST 634: We have 8 members at this time, go to the FD web site for more info. click on Explorers+. Their names and pictures will be posted soon.

LADIES AUXILIARY: ANNUAL ELECTION DAY DINNER was a success. Thank you to all who supported the auxiliary.

All **RUSH CHILDREN!!!!** SANTA is COMING to RUSH for a **Children's Christmas Party** on Friday, December 14th, 6:45 PM at the Rush Firehouse, 1971 Rush-Mendon Road. **Magician Stephen Ingraham** will



also be there to show us some amazing tricks! There will be refreshments and gifts too!



Rush Senior Citizens
Submitted by: Harriet Cook

Our annual Christmas Party (sorry, members only) will be held on Thursday, December 13th at the River Edge Party House. There will be entertainment following the lunch.

In December, the Seniors will be guests of the Roth Junior Honor Society for a delicious breakfast. Entertainment by the students will follow.

We will meet on January 10th at 12 noon at the Rush Fire Hall. Anyone 55 years or older is welcome to join us. Just bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Town Clerk's Office
Submitted by: Linda Henry, Town Clerk
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR CONSIDERATION OF REZONING
OF PROPERTY
6115 AND 6123 RUSH LIMA ROAD**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, a public hearing will be held by the Rush Town Board, at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Town of Rush, New York, on the 12th day of December 2007, at 7:15 P.M., Local Time, for the purpose of considering the rezoning request of James Volpe for the rezoning of properties at 6115 and 6123 Rush Lima Road from R-30 Resident to Commercial.

Copies of this proposed change are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above time and date.
November 19, 2007

By order of the RUSH TOWN BOARD
Linda G. Henry
Town Clerk

TAXES

Bills for Town and County taxes due during the month of January will be mailed on December 31, 2007. If you do not have an escrow account and therefore pay your own taxes and do not receive a tax bill by the 13th of January, please call the town clerk's office for a duplicate bill. As in years past, the first installment must be made by the 10th of February in order to use the installment payment option.

Full payments must also be made by the 10th of February in order to avoid any interest penalty. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE POST OFFICE CANCELLATION DATE ON THE ENVELOPE IS THE DATE I MUST USE TO DETERMINE IF A BILL IS TIMELY NOT THE DATE ON THE CHECK.

A number of people are using bill paying services or other forms of electronic payment. These checks DO NOT HAVE A POST OFFICE CANCELLATION DATE and if received after February 10th will be considered late with interest due. Please give sufficient time for checks to reach my office to avoid any penalties.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

At this time the Town Board intends to hold the last official meeting for the year 2007 on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome at this and all Town Board meetings. The Organizational Meeting for 2008 will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Since the Newsletter has become a bi monthly publication, it is not always possible to print legal notices for matters coming before the town boards. Remember that the two legal newspapers THE HENRIETTA POST and THE SENTINEL carry all legal notices for Town Board, Planning and Zoning Boards and those notices are always posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board in the Town Hall. Residents are invited to call the town offices at any time to inquire what matters are being brought before those three boards. Agendas are available at least three days prior to each meeting.

SNOW AND ICE

Winter will soon be upon us with the dreaded ice and snow. Remember that the large new parking lot in the rear of the building has the easiest access to the town offices and library. Once on the lower level you may take the steps or an elevator ride will easily bring you to the library or main floors. The court offices are located on this lower level.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW POSITION OPENING

The Town of Rush is now accepting applications from town residents for an open position on the Assessment Board of Review. The BAR meets once a year in late May or early June to review applications from residents grieving their assessments. Interested individuals are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Rush Town Clerk by December 15th. For additional information, please call the clerk's office at 533-1312.

RUSH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS POSITION OPENING

The Town of Rush is now accepting applications from town residents for an open position on the Rush Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to review applications from residents seeking relief from the restrictions of the Zoning Ordinance. Interested individuals are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Rush Town Clerk by December 15th. For additional information, please call the clerk's office at 533-1312.

Happy Holidays to One and All!



Your Town Budget for 2008

General Revenues		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
Sales Tax	\$ 205,000	15.57%
Mortgage Tax	\$ 100,000	7.59%
Franchises	\$ 17,500	1.33%
Clerk Fees	\$ 900	0.07%
Park and Recreational Fees	\$ 30,208	2.29%
Zoning & Planning Fees	\$ 4,500	0.34%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 10,160	0.77%
Interest Earnings	\$ 43,400	3.30%
Property Rental	\$ 19,700	1.50%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 16,380	1.24%
Court Fines	\$ 30,000	2.28%
Capital Grants	\$ 100,000	7.59%
Other State Aid	\$ 22,632	1.72%
Sale of Property & Other	\$ 55,450	4.21%
Interfund Revenue	\$ 21,000	1.59%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 100,000	7.59%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>540,182</u>	<u>41.02%</u>
Total	\$ 1,317,012	100.00%

General Appropriations		
	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total
General Government		
Support	\$ 733,270	55.68%
Public Safety	\$ 44,141	3.35%
Public Transportation	\$ 137,504	10.44%
Economic Assistance &		
Opportunity	\$ 7,771	0.59%
Culture & Recreation	\$ 89,254	6.78%
Home & Community	\$ 30,667	2.33%
Benefits	\$ 117,905	8.95%
Bond Principal & Interest	\$ <u>156,500</u>	<u>11.88%</u>
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Total	\$ 1,317,012	100.00%

Highway Revenues		
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 182,700	19.77%
Interest Earnings	\$ 11,000	1.19%
Equipment Rental	\$ 183,000	19.80%
Sale Excess Material	\$ 21,000	2.27%
State Aid	\$ 80,800	8.74%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>445,849</u>	<u>48.23%</u>
Total	\$ 924,349	100.00%

Highway Appropriations		
Road Repair		
& Construction	\$ 160,695	17.38%
Machinery	\$ 226,652	24.52%
Transfer to Capital		
Res.	\$ 17,400	1.88%
Misc./Brush & Weeds	\$ 72,091	7.80%
Town Snow Removal	\$ 61,846	6.69%
Service to Other Gov.	\$ 214,811	23.24%
Benefits	\$ <u>170,854</u>	<u>18.49%</u>
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Total	\$ 924,349	100.00%

Library Revenues		
Library Charges	\$ 7,360	4.42%
Interest Earnings	\$ 4,500	2.70%
Minor Sales	\$ 930	0.56%
State Aid	\$ 1,800	1.08%
Real Property Taxes	\$ <u>151,769</u>	<u>91.24%</u>
Total	\$ 166,359	100.00%

Library Appropriations		
Library	\$ 143,755	86.41%
Employee Benefits	\$ <u>22,604</u>	<u>13.59%</u>
Total	\$ 166,359	100.00%

General Fund - Appropriations by Department

	dollar amount	percent of budget
Town Board	\$ 33,454	2.54%
Court	\$ 58,732	4.46%
Supervisor and Secretary	\$ 47,971	3.64%
Finance	\$ 32,847	2.49%
Auditor	\$ 10,000	0.76%
Budget	\$ 3,896	0.30%
Assessor and Clerk	\$ 33,151	2.52%
Town Clerk and Deputy	\$ 81,020	6.15%
Attorney	\$ 50,000	3.80%
Engineer	\$ 25,000	1.90%
Elections	\$ 4,910	0.37%
Records Management	\$ 500	0.04%
Buildings	\$ 261,534	19.86%
Storeroom	\$ 1,300	0.10%
Mailing & Printing	\$ 18,555	1.41%
Insurance	\$ 33,000	2.51%
Association Dues	\$ 900	0.07%
Payment to Reduce Taxes	\$ 1,500	0.11%
Contingency	\$ <u>35,000</u>	<u>2.65%</u>
Total General Gov. Support	\$ 733,270	55.68%

Fire Marshall	\$ 9,530	0.72%
Dog Control	\$ 4,312	0.33%
Safety Inspection	\$ 29,290	2.22%
Civil Defense	\$ <u>1,009</u>	<u>0.08%</u>
Total Public Safety	\$ 44,141	3.35%

	dollar amount	percent of budget
Highway		
Administration	\$ 80,617	6.12%
Garage	\$ 43,875	3.33%
Street Lighting	\$ 12,800	0.97%
Sidewalks	\$ <u>212</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
Total Transportation	\$ 137,504	10.44%

Veterans' Services	\$ 400	0.03%
Programs for Aging	\$ <u>7,371</u>	<u>0.56%</u>
Total Economic Assistance & Opportunity	\$ 7,771	0.59%

Recreation	\$ 48,142	3.67%
Parks	\$ 37,013	2.81%
Historian	\$ 3,399	0.26%
Celebrations	\$ <u>700</u>	<u>0.04%</u>
Total Cultural & Rec.	\$ 89,254	6.78%

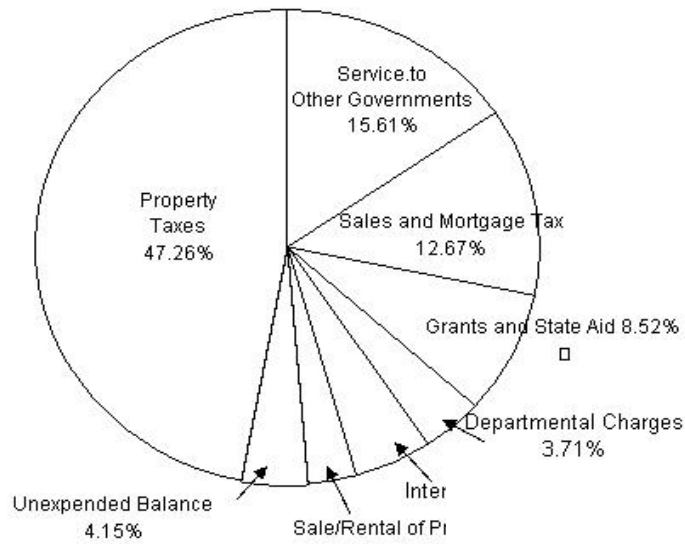
Zoning	\$ 3,104	0.24%
Planning	\$ 6,115	0.46%
Environment		
Conservation	\$ 2,804	0.21%
Refuse	\$ 16,169	1.24%
Community		
Beautification	\$ <u>2,475</u>	<u>0.18%</u>
Total Home & Community	\$ 30,667	2.33%

Total Employee Benefits	\$ 117,905	8.95%
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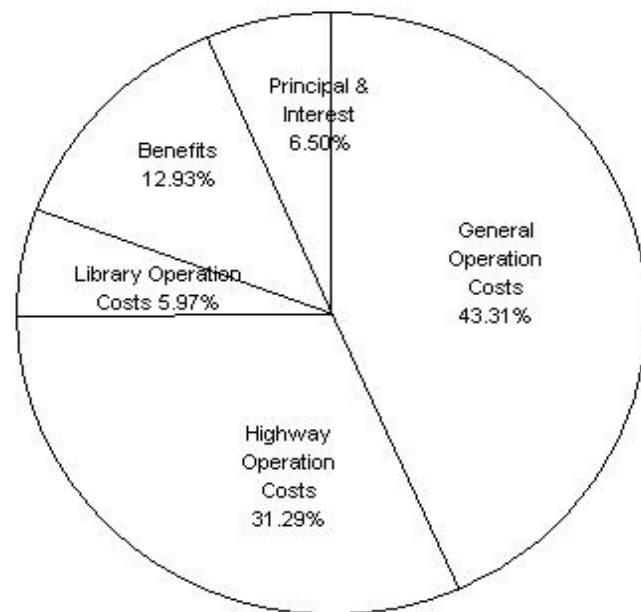
Total Bond Principal & Int.	\$ 156,500	11.88%
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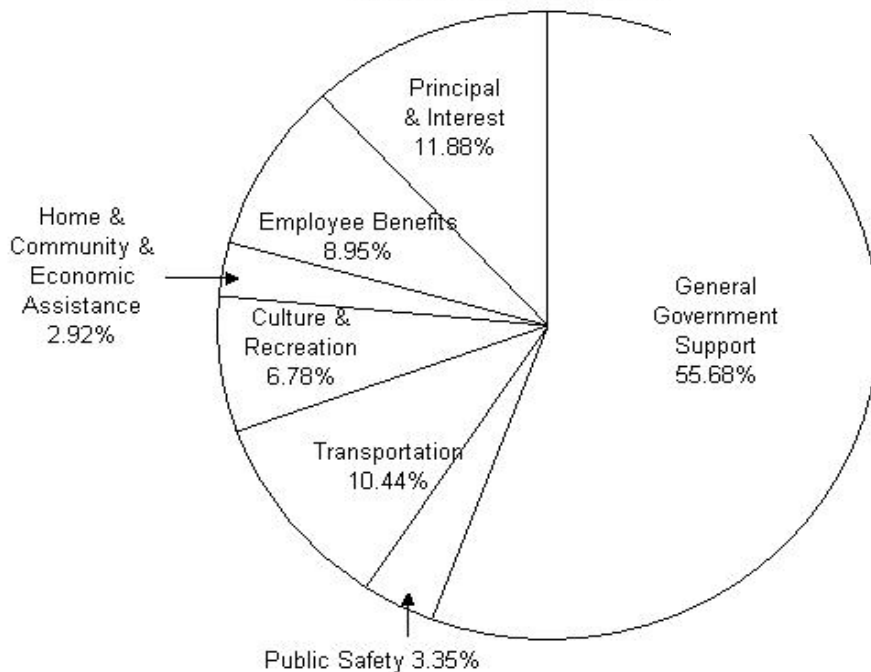
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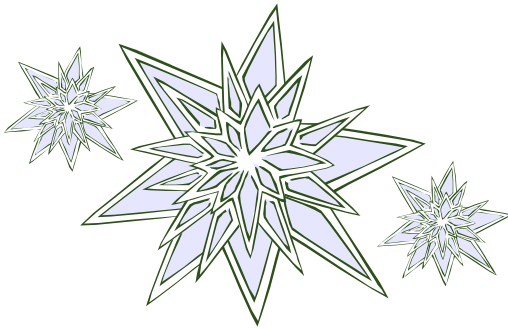


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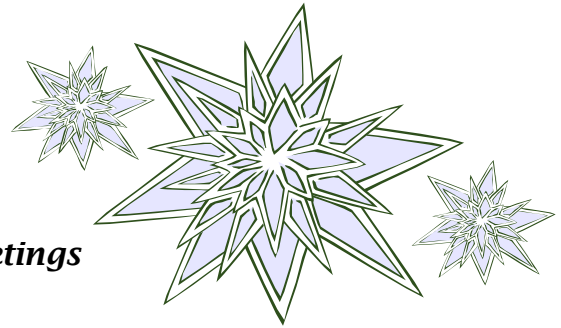


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December 2007 Meetings



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 @ Rush Firehouse 7:00 PM	Thursday - 6 th Mondays 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th Tuesday - 4 th Thursday - 13 th Thursday - 13 th Tuesday - 18 th Tuesday - 18 th Wednesday - 12 th
<u>Other Important Information and Dates:</u> Christmas Eve Christmas New Year's Eve	Library - closing at 5 PM Town Hall & Library Closed Library - closing at 5 PM	Monday, December 24 th Tuesday, December 25 th Monday, December 31 st

January 2008 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 - 3 rd Mondays - 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th Tuesday - 1 st Thursday - 10 th Thursday - 10 th Tuesday - 15 th Tuesday - 15 th Wednesday - 9 th , 23 rd
<u>Other Important Information and Dates:</u> New Year's Day	Town Hall & Library Closed	Tuesday, January 1 st

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