

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

RUSH TOWN PARK PROJECT

The Rush Highway Department has begun work on the Town Hall property to build a ball field, soccer field, walking trail on the perimeter of the property, and a canoe launching area. Grading of the area will begin after the area is cleared. We will preserve all trees that are in areas where major grading is not required. Concurrently, we will be installing underground utility service that will be required for the rest rooms that will service all of our outdoor recreation areas. We are hopeful that work will begin on the picnic pavilion as funding becomes available.

ADOPTED LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS – Association of Towns

The Official Delegates to the 2008 Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York have adopted resolutions on the following topics that they determined to be in need of legislative consideration. These were sent to: the Governor of the State of New York, the Members of the New York State Assembly and Senate, the Heads of the several State Departments, Divisions and other Agencies of New York State Government and Members of the United States Congress.

Resolved, that the Official Delegates to the 2008 Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York have adopted resolutions on the following topics:

Resolution No. 1: Protect and Strengthen Home Rule – Resolved, that the Association of Towns calls upon our state leaders to preserve and strengthen home rule; and **BE IT FURTHER**

Resolved, that the Association of Towns will strongly oppose any state initiative to eliminate or weaken New York's long-standing tradition of home rule and local government authority.

Resolution No. 2: Mandate Relief – Resolved, that the Association of Towns calls upon the President and Congress to enhance the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to expand the definition of the term "unfunded mandate" and to fully fund Federal programs administered at the state and local level; and **BE IT FURTHER**

Resolved, that the Association of Towns calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to enact comprehensive mandate relief legislation that would take into consideration the following among other relief measures: (1) inventory and fully fund existing and future mandates and (2) require all future legislation to include comprehensive local fiscal impact notes.

Resolution No. 3: Increase in Justice Court Funding – Resolved, that the Association of Towns requests legislative action to increase reimbursement fees to assist local taxpayers in funding justice court operational expenses.

Resolution No. 4: Fund the Unfunded Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Mandate – Resolved, that to guarantee that the program is implemented and enforced uniformly throughout the State, the Association of Towns calls for fully funding the development, implementation and enforcement of this program

Resolution No. 5: Highway Transportation Funding – Resolved, that the Association of Towns calls upon the Governor and Legislature to continue their support of the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and

to explore every way possible to increase highway aid.

Resolution No. 6: Local Road Classification – Resolved, that the Association of Towns urges the Governor and the Legislature to direct the Department of Transportation to review NYS Local Road Classification Task Force recommendations regarding local road classification standards and enact appropriate enabling authority for local road classifications which will permit local governments to rationally reduce to more appropriate levels, the costs of maintenance and repair of properly designated low volume and minimum maintenance roads.

Resolution No. 7: Speed Limits on Town Roads – Resolved, that the Association of Towns urges the Legislature and Governor to extend to all towns the option – through adoption of a local law – to assume responsibility and authority to set speed limits on town roads within their respective jurisdiction, within the limits as defined in Section 1662-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and so long as those roads have been functionally classified by the Department of Transportation as local roads.

Resolution No. 8: Preserve and Strengthen Local Government's Role in the Siting of Energy Generation Facilities – Resolved, the Association of Towns calls upon the Governor, State Legislature and State Agencies to develop new laws and regulations that will preserve local authority over the siting of Wind Energy Facilities (WEFs) and that will provide local government officials from a host municipality with a seat on the New York State Board of Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board).

Resolution No. 9: Municipal Deposits in Credit Unions and Thrift Institutions – Resolved, that the Association of Towns calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to pass legislation that amends all applicable state laws to allow local government to deposit public funds in credit unions and thrift institutions.

Resolution No. 10: Reform the Real Property Tax and Assessment System – Resolved, that the Association of Towns requests the Governor and Legislature to study, define and enact a uniform, well-defined approach to exemption and taxable status date legislation that will provide state funding for any state-mandated or encouraged exemption programs and protect local property tax revenues.

Resolution No. 11: Reform Condominium Assessments – Resolved, that the Association of Towns again calls upon the Legislature and the Governor to repeal Real Property Law, Section 339-y so as to provide equal treatment for all types of residential housing and to prevent the continuing abuses of Section 339-y.

Resolution No. 12: Preservation of Local Taxation on Certain Lands Owned by the State of New York – Resolved, that the Association of Towns supports the present authority for the taxation of certain state lands, particularly in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, and further urges the State to develop a uniform policy for the taxation of other state lands.

Resolution No. 13: General Municipal Law (GML) 207-C Disability Benefits for Law Enforcement Reform – Resolved, that the New York State Association of Towns supports legislation to amend General Municipal Law, Section 207-c to require disability retirement benefits to be extended to any law enforcement officer who has been receiving GML Section 207-c benefits for a period of 36 months without the ability to return to work.

Resolution No. 14: Restore and Secure Equity in Collective Bargaining – Resolved, that the Association of Towns calls upon the New York State Legislature, Governor and Public Employee Relations Board to restore equity in the collective bargaining process by taking measured steps including but not limited to: (1) reform or repeal “compulsory binding arbitration” by including the ability to pay –

without raising taxes – as a priority consideration for binding arbitration panels and requiring higher employee contributions towards benefits such as health care costs; (2) reform or repeal the “Triborough Amendment” which makes it an “improper practice” for an employer to refuse to continue all of the terms of an expired agreement until a new agreement is negotiated; (3) resist employer penalty legislation (e.g., which would have imposed a penalty on employers found to be acting in bad faith by requiring the taxpayers to provide a one percent increase in salaries for all members of a collective bargaining unit) without any corresponding penalty for unions or their members found to be bargaining in bad faith.

Resolution No. 15: Preserve Local Control Over Active and Retiree Health Insurance Benefits – Resolved, that the association of Towns is opposed to any State Legislation that would affect a local government’s control over the provision of health care benefits to its active or retired officers and employees.

Additional detail of the Resolutions is available in the Supervisor’s Office.

Thank You.

The Town Board thanks Hans Schmitthenner and all those who participated in the Earth Day Clean-up on April 26, 2008. I am including his letter sent to the Town so that we can appreciate the effort that goes into this yearly clean-up.



"I would like to heartily thank all of the sixty or so residents of Rush who volunteered their time on Saturday morning, April 26, to clean up the roads of Rush for Earth Day. It was a beautiful, sunny morning and this year we managed to leave the following roads gleaming: Rt. 251 (Boy Scouts), Rt. 15 (Boy Scouts), Pinnacle Road (Girl Scouts), Lyons Road (Girl Scouts), Rush-West Rush Road

(the only road in the county that is a tongue twister!) and portions of East River Road, and several other areas (with families).

Next year we would love to include YOUR road in our clean-up. You would be amazed at how much litter there is and it is such a great feeling to have it disappear! This year the following families and individuals contributed:

Flass, Repka, McNelly, Molinari, Manning, Conner, Choate, Cook, Dixon, Gianetti, Haynes, Lee, Lewkewicz, Hirschman, Lloyd, Moskowitz, Bonura, Culi, Braun, Livingston, Reibsome, Schmitthenners

and many thanks to the members from Boy Scout Troop 334 and Girl Scout Troop 117. Some of these are parents of scouts from Henrietta and even one from Fairport !

I would like to also thank Montesano's Restaurant in Rush for the wonderful sheet pizza party! Measuring the number of people in sheet pizzas, we increased from two sheet pizzas in past years to three sheet pizzas this year! Next year I would like to be able to order at least four!

Finally, I would like to thank Bill Udicious and the Town of Rush for supporting this event, Linda Driscoll of Delta Laboratories, "Adopt-a-Stream" for sponsoring this event, donating collection bags, and to Friendly's for the use of dumpsters, and providing numerous coupons for sundaes for all participants.

The Rush Earth Day Clean-Up tradition started with an invitation from Linda Driscoll to Bill Udicious who approached Boy Scout Troop 334 with the idea in 2006. This became my son Joe's Eagle Scout project and thanks to that, we are organized and well supplied with orange vests, leather gloves and poker sticks.

*Thanks again, neighbors! Please put **Earth Day Clean-up** on your calendars for next year. This is a joint effort between the scouts in Rush and families in Rush. Please join us*

next year for our big fifth anniversary!"
Hans Schmitthenner, West Rush

Thanks again, Mr. Schmitthenner.

Sincerely,

William R. Udicious

Town Court

*Submitted by Town Court Justice Paula Anderson
and Town Court Justice Henry Kirch*

Phone: 533-1130

Fax: 533-6521

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



The Office of Court Administration (OCA) has provided Rush Town Court with a digital recorder. All court proceedings are now being digitally recorded. The Court has also been provided with a credit card machine which should substantially reduce the number of license suspensions due to non-payment of fines. Please remember to use the additional parking lot located directly off of Route 251 for your convenience. As indicated above, the Court hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
Mon.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Thurs. until 6 PM

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FREE FISHING DAYS

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has scheduled an annual free fishing event on the weekend of June 28th and 29th. You may fish without a license anywhere in New York State, however, all other regulations are still in force.

YEARLY DOG LICENSING/DOGS CONTROL

All dogs four months or older must be licensed in the town in which they live. To license a dog, you will need to provide evidence of a valid rabies vaccination. The statutory license

fee is \$7.50 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$15.50 for an unsprayed or un-neutered one.

Untagged dogs running loose are picked up by the Dog Control Officer and taken to Suburban Animal Hospital. They will care for the animal for **THREE days**. Thereafter, it will be taken to Lollypop Farm. Please be aware that a fee of \$9.00 for seizure and a fee of \$9.00 a day is required for their hospital stay. Other fees also apply. Dogs with licenses on their collars will be returned to their owners. If an untagged dog is brought to Lollypop Farm, it can be redeemed by its owner, adopted by another person or it may be humanely euthanized.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED

The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Wednesday, June 4th as the office staff will be attending a required NYSDEC training course. The office will re-open Thursday, June 5th at 8:30 AM. All other departments at the Town Hall will be open.

In observance of Independence Day, the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

Code Enforcement Office

*Submitted by Gerald Kusse, Code Enforcement/
Building Inspector*

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Lately we have seen an increase in the number of building permits sold this spring and the number of inquiries regarding the need for a building permit. It must be the welcome change in the weather. If the nice weather entices you to consider a building project, you should be aware of changes that have recently occurred affecting building permit requirements in the Town of Rush and across New York State as well. The Rush Town Board recently adopted the "Minimum Standards for Administration and Enforcement of The Uniform Code" as required by New York State. The affect of this new local law has made building permits required for many projects that previously did not require one. Some examples are:

- a new roof
- new windows/doors
- waste (septic) field repair/replacement
- interior remodeling projects that change plumbing and/or electrical systems

Most every kind of structure that you build will require a building permit. If you are unsure, the best thing to do is call us to confirm the need for a permit before you start your project. If you are ready to purchase a permit, you will need a site footprint showing the location of the structure with setbacks and a set of construction prints for the structure. Permit applications are available from the Town Clerk's office.

I also want to remind residents that parking unlicensed vehicles on any property in the Town of Rush is a violation of the Rush Town Code 120-62F. Also, the parking of boats, campers, etc., anywhere except to the rear of the main structure is a violation of the Rush Town Code 120-57G. These violations have been a chronic problem in town for many years. Your cooperation to keep these violations off of your property is appreciated. Please call me at 278-8130 if you have questions.

Library News



Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director
Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,
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Saturdays Closed for the Summer
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Dear Neighbors,

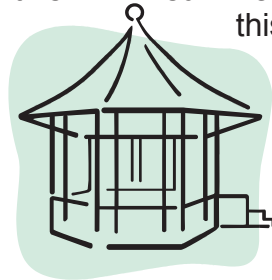
Summer is an enormously busy and exciting time for us in the library. We have been diligently preparing plenty of programs to enrich you and your family during your vacations. We really enjoy seeing all the schoolchildren return for fun and prizes during the **Summer Reading Program** (and we will have prizes for teen and adult summer readers too!) We will hold our second annual **Rush Photo Contest**, our bi-annual **Book Sale**, and we'll have the results of our **Altered Book Art**

Show on display. Oh, and there are always new **books, music CDs, magazines, and movies** for you to peruse. Hopefully we'll have a little something for everyone. If not, then we'll welcome your suggestions and ideas!

Summer Hours & Closed Dates - The Library will close on Saturdays for the summer beginning June 1st; we will resume our Saturday hours after Labor Day, beginning Saturday, Sept. 6th. The Library will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day, and will also close early at 5:00 PM on Friday, July 18th, in honor of the Firemen's Parade.

Hold Pick-up Dates: Beginning July 1st, computer-placed holds (requests) will need to be picked up within **one week** of arrival at the library (instead of the current hold time of ten days.) This is a county-wide policy change, instituted so that the newest and most popular books and movies will keep moving along, and therefore fill everyone's holds more quickly. With the implementation of e-mail notification, patrons should be aware that holds are waiting for them earlier than ever before, and you can sign up for this service anytime. As we always do here in Rush, we will give you a courtesy phone call before returning a requested item to its owning library.

Gazebo update: The Library Board will be working on the gazebo and reading garden project with the Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club this summer. We are looking forward to



this beautiful and functional addition to the Town property, and envision many happy outdoor story-times and musical performances to enhance community life. We are seeking the help of **adult**

volunteers for laying down stone pavers, light construction work, staining the wood, and gardening over the course of the summer. If you are interested in helping us, please call or stop in the library to sign up.

Our **"Summer Beach Reads" Book Sale** will take place during the week of **June 23-27** while the library is open. We have a very well-organized selection of gently-read bestsellers, romance novels, non-fiction books, collector's

books, and more, with prices starting at only 25¢. We are always accepting donations of used books (but not encyclopedias, text books, or condensed novels, thanks.) We can give you a receipt for your taxes if you like. The proceeds from the sale are used to supplement our book budget every year.



Summer Photo Contest:

Our second annual contest will take place over the summer, so get your cameras out and get clicking! We will be judging in two categories: **“A Day**

in the Life of Rush” and **“General”**. You will be asked to submit printed photos (not CDs, or digital files) and all will be displayed in the library. The two winners will have their entries posted on our web site, and win a prize. **All details and a deadline will be in the library and on our web site.** This is open to amateurs of all ages.

Beer Tasting Event: you asked for it! **The Friends of the Rush Library** are working on plans for this fundraiser to take place in August. Look for more information in the next newsletter, *The Rush-Henrietta Post*, *The Genesee Valley Pennysaver*, and in the library during the summer.

Looking forward to seeing you...
Kirsten

*Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library
for June and July, 2008
Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and
Adult Services and by
Trish Venable, Teen Services*

June Events

Altered Book Art Show opens on Monday, June 2nd, with a free **opening reception on Thursday, June 5th, from 7-8:30 pm**, and the public is invited. Join us as we celebrate local artistry and the transformation of discarded books into objects of beauty. You will be

amazed! Light refreshments will be served. The show will continue all month long.

Crafters' Corner for Adults on **Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm**. Come and create a beautiful stationery folder and all-occasion cards, with instructor Leslie Tomanavich. Keep this useful item for yourself or give it as a special gift. Space is limited and registration is required. There is a \$3.00 materials fee for this class, and a sample is on display in the library.

Wii Night for Kids on **Thursday, June 12th from 7-8:00 pm**. Kids ages 5-10 will be able to play multiple “sports” with this new virtual technology! Enjoy some snacks while you spend some time together with your family and meet new friends. Space is limited and registration is required.

Teen Night on **Friday June 13th 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. **Altered Books for teens...** take glue, scissors, and your creativity to turn an old book into jewelry, a blank journal or a work of art. Visit the Altered Book Art Show in the library for ideas! Snacks will be provided; please register by phone or the web site.

Calligraphy Class for Adults on **Tuesday, June 24th from 7-8:30 pm**. Learn this ancient and lovely form of penmanship as taught by the Genesee Valley Calligraphy Guild. All materials will be provided, but if you have your own pens or projects, please feel free to bring them along. Space is limited and registration is required. Inspiring samples of this craft are on display in the Library.

Rush Readers Book Club will meet on **Thursday, June 26th from 7-9:00 pm**. This month's selection is **Three Junes**, a contemporary novel by Julia Glass. This author's first work is a National Book Award winner and acclaimed as a “generous book about family expectations that bursts with the lives of the characters.” Join us for lively discussion and fabulous desserts. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Space is limited and registration is required.

Teen Gaming Galore on **Friday June 27th, 6:00-8:00 pm**. “Guild Wars: *Nightfall*”... been wanting to see it? Learn tips and tricks of this hot video game. Pizza is served but space is limited. Advance registration is required.

Have You “Seen” a Good Book Lately?

Check out our **HARPER COLLINS Book and Film Festival** display all during the month of June. Browse favorite titles and see how many of these classic books that have been made into films. A great way to share classic literature with your family! (Books and films will be available.)

July Events



Catch the Reading Bug! is the theme of this year's New York State Summer Reading Program. This program is open to all children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2008 up to and including High School Seniors. This year we will be simplifying our program to make it easier for parents who bring their children to the library. Children will be able to take as many books as they would like at one time and keep a record of their own progress. Prizes will be awarded on a weekly basis, just as before. Check out all details in our **Catch the Reading Bug!** brochure available at the Library in mid-June. This program begins on **Tuesday, July 1st and runs until July 30th.**

Catch the Reading Bug! Metamorphosis –

Come to the Children's Room to see our awesome **Butterfly Pavilion** with live Painted Lady Butterfly larvae. Watch from day to day as the larvae eat and grow and transform into beautiful butterflies. Hopefully they will be ready to be released on the evening of July 30th and our **End of the Summer Reading Celebration**. Watch for updates in the Library on the butterflies' progress.

Adult & Teen Readers! Fill out an entry blank for each book you read during July, and you'll be eligible for prizes too... details in the library all month long.

Summer Reading Kick-Off will be held on **Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00 pm**. Prepare for our summer reading theme (Catch the Reading Bug!) by meeting some REAL bugs as John Crocitto presents **“Creepy and Freaky Friends.”** Children will be able to see, learn and touch some interesting specimens... fun for the whole family! No registration is required. Children can receive their summer reading log

book at this time or anytime during regular library hours after this date.

Create a Bug Contest- Here is a chance for young budding artists to show how creative they can be! Children in grades K-5 will have the chance to create their own special Reading Bug (either on paper or in three-dimensions) using any type of media. All “creatures” will be displayed in the library and each child who submits an “insect” will be eligible to win a prize through a random drawing each week.

Catch the Reading Bug Photography Contest for all children in grades **K-12**. Go on safari and see what great bugs are waiting for you to shoot their pictures! Limit of 2 entries per child and photos must be taken by the child. If you can't find a bug, dress yourself or your baby brother or sister as one! This contest will run all during the month of July, and all contest rules will be available in the Library in mid-June.

Fluff-n-Stuff Animal Workshop for Kids ages 5-11 will be held on **Thursday, July 10th from 1-2:00 pm**. Each child will be able to stuff his or her own “Bumble Bear,” or a Pink or Green Frog, personalize a T-shirt for their friend, and decorate a carry home bag. Afterward there will be snacks and some “buggy” stories. The cost for the bear or frog and all accessories will be \$14.00. Space is limited and registration is required.

Travelogue to China: An Inside Look on **Thursday, July 10th from 7-8 PM**. See Beijing and Shanghai: The Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Olympic site and the Bund. See what the tourists do not see-inside a U.S. based company and private homes. Come along on an unusual vacation with Rush resident Sue Beattie. Question and answer period to follow. Tea and dessert will be served.

Bugs on the Big Screen: “A Bug's Life” (Rated G) on **Tuesday, July 15th from 1-2:30 pm**. This all-ages movie is about a misfit ant who recruits some inept circus bugs to help protect his colony from grasshoppers...starring the voices of Kevin Spacey and Julia Louis-Dreyfus. Space is limited and registration is required. All parents who wish to remain with their children must register for a seat. Popcorn and sodas will be available.

Bug Day! On **Thursday, July 17th from 1-2:00 pm.** Create a bug, eat a bug, (that you make), listen to “buggy” stories and play some games. A fun day for kids ages 5-10. Register at the library.

Friends of the Rush Library will meet on **Monday, July 21st, 6:30-8:00 pm.** We'll be discussing the upcoming Beer-Tasting Fundraiser, the Fall Festival events, and more. New members are always welcome!

Face Painting on **Tuesday, July 22nd from 1-3:00 pm.** Kids of all ages are invited to have a design painted by Mrs. Celentano. This program will be held on the playground behind the library, weather permitting. Parents must remain with their child while they are getting their “tattoo” and while they are waiting. No registration is required. Program will be held indoors in case of rain.

Wii For Teens –2 sessions for ages 13 and up! **Wednesday July 23rd, 3:00–5:00 pm** and **Friday, July 25th, 6:00-8:00 pm.** *Super Smash Brothers Party...* come play on our Wii system! This Mario is as smashingly crazy as the old one but he also has many new tricks! Snacks will be provided, but please sign up since space is limited.

Wii for the Middle School Crowd on **Thursday, July 24th from 2-4PM.** Kids ages 11-13, come and play Super Smash Brothers Party! See if you can outsmart Mario with all of his new tricks! Space is limited and registration is required. Snacks will be provided.

Bagel Brunch on **Thursday, July 24th from 11:30 am -1:30 pm.** All children and their families who are actively participating in the “**Catch the Reading Bug**” program are invited to have brunch with us, courtesy of **Bruegger's Bagels.** Bagels and cream cheese, juice and coffee will be served buffet style for your enjoyment.

Rush Readers' Book Club will be meeting on **Thursday, July 24th, from 7-9:00** to discuss Susan Vreeland's historical novel, Luncheon of the Boating Party, described as “a highly recommended, profoundly moving portrait of the creative process.” We always enjoy lively discussion and delicious coffee & dessert. Copies of the book will be available at the



circulation desk. Please call to reserve a seat, as space is limited. New members are always welcome!

Bugs on the Big Screen “Honey, I Shrunk the Kids” (Rated PG) **Tuesday, July 29th from 1-2:30 pm.** After being zapped by their dad's electronic shrinking invention, the kids find themselves eye level with ants, dive bombing bees, scorpions and more! Space is limited and registration is required. Parents who wish to remain with their children must register for a seat. Popcorn and sodas will be available.

End of Summer Reading Fun Night, on **Wednesday, July 30th from 7-8:00 pm.** Celebrate your reading achievements with **Rosco the Court Jester.** Rosco provides family entertainment as he promotes the fun of reading. Each child who actively participated in our Summer Reading Program will receive a special balloon created just for them! No prior registration is required. Prepare to be dazzled!

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

While we are still looking for some nice weather to arrive, this office is currently working on the photo project to have recent images of all the properties located in Rush. This is also the beginning of the re-valuation project for next year. As always, if you have any questions regarding your property or your exemptions, please feel free to contact us.



Recreation Department
Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
Mon., Wed. Fri., 9:00 AM - 3:30PM
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Rush Summer Camp **Project C.A.R.E**

The Town of Rush will be offering Summer Camp for 7-10 year olds this summer!! The

camp will be held from July 9th through August 8th on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at the Monica Leary Elementary School.

Cheryl Rouleau, the 2007 Summer Camp Director, will be returning again this summer. We are planning fun activities for the campers, as well as providing swimming at the Sperry High School pool. You can sign your child up for the Rush Summer Camp now. We can only take 25 children so hurry -- space is limited. Due to increased costs, there is now a minimal cost to Rush residents of \$30.00 per child.

**** Surfing Safely Class *****

Space still available. The cost for this internet safety class is \$15.00 per child for Rush residents and \$18.00 per child for non-residents.

Topics discussed:

Keeping your identity safe Cyber Bullying Chat Room Safety

The class is for children 7-10 years old.
The class will be held in the Monica Leary Library

Date: Tuesday, June 3rd
2:15 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m.

You can sign up at the Rush Town Hall Clerk's office. All payments are due by June 2nd. No refunds will be given.

The **Rush Fishing Derby** will be held on Saturday, June 21st from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., with registration beginning at the Rush



Town Park located behind the Rush Town Hall (back parking lot) at 8:30 a.m.

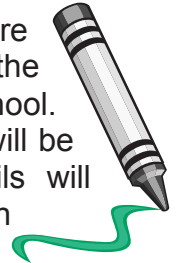
The cost is \$5.00 per Rush family and \$10.00 for non-Rush families. Montesano's will be serving lunch at the Park from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This is designated a "free fishing day" and no fishing license is required.

There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd largest fish. Keep the date open!!

The **Rush Fall Festival** will be Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the Rush Firemen's Field! This year there will be prizes for the largest "pumpkin", and the largest "flowering sunflower". You can pick up your special pumpkin seeds at the Rush Town Clerk's Office or the Rush Library, but hurry we don't have many left.

For this year's Festival, we are having a coloring contest at the Monica Leary Elementary School. Cindy Raymond, our local artist, will be drawing the picture. More details will follow about the coloring contest in the next newsletter.



The Rush Library will be having an antique appraiser at the Festival. We also have planned a professional Square Dancing group "Grand Squares" to come and perform. Promiseland Daycare from the Rush United Methodist Church will, once again, have children's games. We will still have other fun activities such as pumpkin painting, face painting, pie eating contest and youth/adult bake off. Exact times for all activities at the Festival will be in the August/September newsletter. If you would like to volunteer or be a craft vendor at the Festival, please call Patricia at 533-2340.

Office of the Fire Marshal/ Emergency Preparedness Administrator



Submitted by: Richard L. Tracy
Phone: 533-1312
rick@townofrush.com

Outdoor Cooking Safety

Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.

Do not overfill the propane tank.



Always operate grills a safe distance away from any structure, deck or patio. A distance of at least ten feet is recommended.

Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.

Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.

Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.

Keep a fire extinguisher in the immediate area.

Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.

Dispose of hot coals properly – never in or near your house, garage, or structure. Douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Place them in a metal container. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn warrants medical attention.

If you have any questions regarding fire safety, please feel free to call the Rush Fire Marshal's Office at 533-1312 or e-mail me at rick@townofrush.org.



Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Alice Hoh, Secretary

The Rush Seniors will travel to Geneva, New York on Wednesday, June 11th for the full stage show, "An American Journey".

We will meet on June 12th and will be guests of the Lions Club. This is for MEMBERS ONLY. For further information and to make reservations, call Harry Derleth at 533-2011.



On July 10th we will have a picnic under the pavilion with hots and hamburgers provided. Bring a generous dish to pass, your own beverage and table service.

If you have any questions regarding the Rush Senior Citizens, you can contact Marge Williams, President, at 533-2101.



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

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

FIRE DISTRICT: Commissioners Bob Faugh and Steve Winner attended the NYS Convention of Fire Districts held at the Doubletree Hotel in Henrietta. Mendon Fire Commissioner Larry Pierce was elected to the position of President of this organization that has over 800 fire districts as members throughout NYS. Bob Faugh was asked by the education committee of the state organization to provide a speech on emergency vehicle crashes and the lawsuit that will soon follow after the crash. Over 250 commissioners from all over NYS attended this spring 2008 meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE: A special "thank you" to all of the residents that have contributed to our annual fund drive. Donations are at an all time high. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support that is unmatched per mailing anywhere in western New York!

The Rush firefighters will provide the hots, hamburgers and rolls for the July & August picnics for the Rush senior citizens.

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.

“AL MACK” SCOUT HOUSE: The fire department is having the driveway repaired. Local contractor (B&L) is doing the work. Rush Gravel and Hanson Quarry are assisting with the project. 2007 Carnival profit will be used to fund the project. The fire department has provided Boy Scout Troop 134 the Al Mack Memorial Scout Building since 1960. Asst. Chief Al Mack was killed while on duty 12/29/59.

“JAWS OF LIFE” Rush and Mendon FD got together and put their unused and older extrication equipment together and donated it to Ionia FD who had none. Rush put on a drill to train them on how to use it on May 12, 2008.

AMBULANCE: We will be purchasing a new gurney for the ambulance. We checked out several some air operated and some electric. We bought the “Stryker” electric brand. It has an electric system that raises and lowers the cot. This will make it easier for the crews and safer for the patients. The cost is \$10,500. 2008 Fund drive money will be used for this purchase.

CARNIVAL 2008: Save these dates – **July 17, 18 and 19.** 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 & Saturday 1 to 5 pm,** Ladies Auxiliary Kiddie Parade on Saturday at noon. The Boy Scouts Chicken Bar-be-que is back on Saturday – Bands on Saturday afternoon and evening. Fireworks 10 pm Saturday night. 50/50 Raffle drawing 11 pm Saturday night. Tickets to be sold during carnival – limited amount available before the carnival. Check the web site under carnival for more information and parade line-up.

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.

FIRE PREVENTION: Stories & Siren had a great turn out, the children and their families had fun and also learned some fire safety tips. (See photos on the web site) Several members of the fire prevention committee attended the student awards ceremony in May for their fire prevention activities during the year at the Leary School.

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT & RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE IS:

www.Rushfd.org – Go there for news, photos, history, recruitment info, membership lists, officers, apparatus, classic photos, links to other related sites.

LADIES AUXILIARY: NEW MEMBERS WELCOME: The Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. Ladies 18 years of age or older and residents of Rush who are interested in joining should contact Joan Madigan at jmadigan@aol.com or at 229-4168. You can find out more information or download an application at:

<http://www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm>.

The Kiddie Parade has been moved to Saturday afternoon this year. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th at 12:30 PM. This is for Rush children ages 0 -10 years old. The theme this year is “Your Favorite Sport or Athlete” – Come in uniform! Sign up will take place at 12:00 PM, Town Hall parking lot. Prizes will be awarded. This is always a treat to see, whatever age!

Do you know of a Rush resident who is currently serving our country overseas? The Ladies Auxiliary would like to send them a care package. Please send their name and address to us at degglest@rochester.rr.com or 1971 Rush Mendon Road, Rush, NY 14543 c/o Ladies Auxiliary.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2008 !



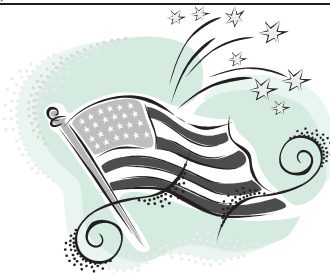
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