RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

We are looking forward to the warmer weather and hope that you are enjoying seeing the many changes that this season brings.

RUSH TOWN BOARD APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Rush Town Board has appointed **ALEXANDER SIMON** to the Rush Town Board to fill the vacancy on the Board. The appointment commenced on March 14, 2011, and will run through December 31, 2011.

Al has previously served on the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Board of Assessment Review and Architectural Review Board. Prior to his service on these Boards, he was a member of the Facilities Committee and Budget Advisory Committee.

Al's varied experience with town boards and committees will enable him to be a very productive member of the Town Board.

RUSH RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Construction is expected to start on the Rush Reservoir Project in early April 2011. The Rush Reservoir, located at 1707 Rush Henrietta Town Line Road in Rush, New York, will receive numerous improvements. Primarily the project involves the installation of a synthetic rubber liner and floating cover. The liner and floating cover will be fabricated from a chlorosulfonated polyethylene (CSPE) material that has been tested and used extensively for drinking water reservoirs.

The Rush Reservoir is an earthen embankment reservoir that was originally constructed in 1873-75, owned and operated by the City of Rochester.

The reservoir, which has a storage capacity of 66 million gallons (MG), is an open finished water reservoir that balances downstream City demands with supply from the City's Filter Plant located at the north end of Hemlock Lake.

The Reservoir is generally rectangular in shape with approximate dimensions of 1500 feet long and 400 feet wide, and water depths between 13 and 16 feet. The interior of the Reservoir is lined with rip rap type stones. The last major improvement project occurred in 1992 when the City made significant improvements to the Rush Reservoir that included cleaning the reservoir, repairing several structures, and making improvements to the reservoir embankment to improve its stability.

Other improvements incorporated into this project include rehabilitating several historic structures that are in need of repair. Also, hydraulic modifications are being made in the Reservoir to improve water circulation thereby improving water quality. This project will also include improvements mandated by new dam safety regulations recently promulgated by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Dam Safety Division. These improvements include the construction of an emergency overflow and a dedicated low level drain for the Reservoir. Once these improvements are completed, the Rush Reservoir will be in compliance with these new dam safety regulations.

Residents located close to the Reservoir may notice a slight increase in noise resulting from the construction activities. However, the noise should be limited to normal daytime working hours (7:00 am to 5:00 pm). There will be a slight increase in traffic on Rush Henrietta Town Line Road. The City is working closely with the Monroe County Dept. of Transportation to incorporate appropriate signage on Rush Henrietta Town Line Road to facilitate the safety of motorists using Rush Henrietta Town Line Road.

This $10,000,000 project is expected to be completed by December, 2012. For additional information please contact the Rochester Water Bureau at (585) 428-7567.

RUSH TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY GREATER ROCHESTER AREA CLEAN-UP

Hans Schmitthenner has volunteered, once again, to lead the spring clean-up program with the assistance of Gerry Kusse and has submitted the following:

"The Town of Rush would like to invite town residents to participate in an area wide 'Spring Clean-Up' on ***Saturday, April 30, 2011****, at* ***9:30 a.m.*** *We will meet at the Rush Town Hall parking lot where we will receive instructions and supplies. We will clean up until about 12:30, after which we will join back together at the Rush Firemen's Field for pizza, and soft drinks.*

Once again, we urge residents to meet the group, and then they may either join groups on our main streets – or return to clean up the litter along roadsides in their own neighborhood. Our town Code Enforcement Officer, Gerry Kusse, will be driving a truck to all locations and picking up the filled bags so participants will not have to transport the bags.

Residents are urged to bring a pair of gloves and wear an orange or other brightly colored top. We will supply orange vests for children. Bring your cell phones please so we can coordinate activities and pick up. We will have supplies like pokers, garbage and recycling bags for all. Friendly's is donating ice-cream coupons for all participants and our Town of Rush is supplying the removal service.

This is part of the 'Earth Day Greater Rochester Area Clean-Up', sponsored by Delta Laboratories, Inc., and the Rochester area Friendly's Restaurants. Montesano's in Rush is donating the Pizza.

The Rush Spring Clean-up is a tradition which began as a Boy Scout Eagle project six years ago. All residents, church groups, school groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts are encouraged to join us. For more information, or to help us get a count of volunteers, contact Hans at hansjoan2@gmail.com or call 533-2060. It is a wonderful opportunity for community service. Residents are encouraged to meet us and help make our neighborhood streets gleam! Thanks to all who participate.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding Town matters, please feel free to call me at 533-9058.

Sincerely, William R. Udicious

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Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
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OPEN POSITIONS

Board of Assessment Review: We are now accepting applications from town residents for an open position on the Board of Assessment Review. Training classes for these positions are both free and required. 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 Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk.

Zoning Board of Appeals: We are now accepting applications from town residents for an open position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Training classes for these positions are both free and required. The ZBA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Interested individuals are asked to submit a letter of interest to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk.

TOWN DIRECTORY ANNOUNCEMENT

Unfortunately, at this time, the Rush Town Business Directory will not be updated and printed. Major updates were completed, however, printing and distribution costs exceeded the financial commitment of business sponsors in the community. If there is an individual or a group that

would like to take over this endeavor, please contact me for more information.

WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT

In order to assist you in locating helpful town information on our town website at www.townofrush.com , we have added a few new tools for help in finding those items. If you are looking for additional information not included on the site, please contact my office and we will be happy to help you.

MUNCIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

A series of Farmland Protection Plan workshops have been conducted and are, as always, open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rush Town Hall. Walter Kalina of Clough Harbour & Associates has been selected as the Principal Planner of this project. You may access related information and Minutes from the previous meetings from the town website under News & Notices, Community Projects, Farmland Protection Project or you can contact the Town Clerk's Office for further information.

OFFICES CLOSED

All town offices will be closed on Friday, April 22nd, Good Friday. The Town Clerk's Office will also be *closed between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM on Monday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 4* to allow for business banking and lunch breaks. During this timeframe, the Town Clerk will be attending the annual NYS Town Clerk/Tax Collectors conference.

The following is a submission by **Jeff Adair, Monroe County Legislature President.**

The safety and security of our communities is a primary goal of residents and elected representatives alike. As your Monroe County Legislator and Legislature President, I support initiatives that assist the wellbeing of our neighbors and families.

Therefore, I would like to bring your attention to a new safety initiative in Monroe County. The members of the Monroe County Traffic Safety Board recently announced an effort to decrease distracted drivers which will increase safety for members of the motoring public. This announcement by County Executive Maggie Brooks informed the public that the County Sheriff's Office, as well as local law enforcement, would be participating in a countywide crackdown on distracted driving. The new initiative, a joint effort between the Monroe County Traffic Safety Board, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Law Enforcement Council, takes one day per month to concentrate on limiting distracted drivers. The aim of the initiative is to raise awareness to the number of injuries and dangers due to distracted drivers, such as texting or talking on cell phones while driving.

In 2008, the Monroe County Legislature passed a Local Law banning texting while driving. The State followed suit with legislation that prohibited the use of portable electronics, such as cell phones, in November of 2009. This initiative also comes in tandem with the State Department of Motor Vehicles' announcement regarding cell phone ticketing. Previously a zero-point violation, February 16, 2011 marked the enactment of a new law which adds points to drivers' licenses when drivers are ticketed for driving while talking or texting on a cell phone.

I am committed to supporting initiatives such as this program to combat distracted driving, which will increase the safety of our roads and ensure the overall safety of all Monroe County residents. As always, I continue to be accessible to residents through my community office hours at the Rush Town Hall; the next are scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2011 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are not able to attend then, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 753-1922, or by e-mail at monroe12@monroecounty.gov.

Code Enforcement Office

Submitted by Gerald Kusse, Code Enforcement/ Building Inspector

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Now that our seemingly prolonged winter is hopefully behind us, we can now turn our thoughts to the many warm weather activities that are available. One of those activities could be a