

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Greetings to all!

I hope our summer will be less eventful than our winter and spring seasons were. We are still trying to get back to some degree of normalcy in the town hall. The pandemic and the directives coming to us from the state have made endless changes in our plans to the degree that I have lost count. Considering all that could have gone wrong, the fact is that very little has. I attribute that to a knowledgeable and committed workforce. We are fortunate. We continue to react to the changing needs and hope any uncertainty remains transparent to our residents until we get back to some degree of normalcy.♦♦

I was very surprised to receive the resignations from the supervisor's secretary, and a member of our town board. Sue Knight has served our town well for the past six years. Rita McCarthy has been a member of our town board for several years. I thank them both for their service to the Rush community and I wish them both the very best. I encourage all to do the same if you see them.

As you pass the Town Hall and other flower plantings around the hamlet you can see the beautiful results of the labors of 23 volunteers. I cannot thank these volunteers enough for their tireless commitment to

bringing these beds back to life with weeding, planting, fertilizing and mulching. Their accomplishment is a wonderful example of a community spirit and cooperation. I thank all of them.

I want to let you know that the annual budget preparation is upon us. At this point we are still learning about the full impact of the pandemic on our cash flow for the past five months. Once we are made fully aware and are able to factor in all of the effects, we can start to plan for 2021. I hope many of you will witness these proceedings in person and/or by ZOOM conferencing. Doing so will provide you with insight on how your tax dollars are spent. It will be an informative process for all involved.

Thank you to Rick Tracy, Fire Marshal, Emergency Preparedness and Property Maintenance Officer for filling the Building Inspector position since February and helping us navigate through all of our social distancing and sanitizing needs.

Please join me in welcoming John Limbeck, our new Building Inspector. He comes with a wealth of experience.

Have a safe and rewarding summer. Call me if you would like to discuss our town.

Gerry Kusse

Historian's Office

Submitted by Susan Mee

Mondays, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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In writing this entry in July, it truly feels like the "dog days of summer" are upon us. I hope everyone is enjoying our summer that always seems to pass too quickly.

THE GOFF FAMILY

There is a new display in the lobby of the Town Hall and I thought I would write about it in the newsletter since we are not out and about as usual. The display is about the Goff family. The Goff family were among the town's earliest settlers and formed what was known as the Baptist Colony. Elder Goff, a Baptist Minister in Hartford, CT arrived first and purchased a 130 acre farm just west of what became known as



the "Square." The Baptist Colony consisted of sixteen families who arrived here from Connecticut in 1804. James Wadsworth gave four acres to be used as a common area or square for the community. The settlement was in the present-day area of Rush West Rush and Stonybrook Roads and a historical marker honoring the Colony is located on 941 Rush W. Rush Rd.

(Sue Mee's Message Continues on page 3)

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Please join me in welcoming Shelley O'Hern as my Deputy Town Clerk. Shelley has served the town as the Assessor's Clerk for over a year and has cross-trained and covered my office during peak times. Now that meetings are reconvening and our doors are opening in a healthy way, she will be working in the office and closely with both the Planning and Zoning Boards.

NYSDEC HUNTING LICENSES



Who Needs a Hunting License?

Anyone 12 years or older, with the proper training courses taken, can use a firearm or bow to hunt or take wild game. Persons under age 12 cannot

hunt. [There is a Junior Hunting Program \(12-15\)](#): those interested can review regulations and information. Additional privileges/permits may be needed depending on the season and species you are hunting. Details can be found on NYSDEC home page at www.nysdec.gov.

ZONING & PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

From time to time, residents inquire about outcomes of Planning Board (PB) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) applications. All of the meeting agendas, minutes, and applications and decisions are posted on the town website at www.townofrush.com. Minutes will be posted as soon as they are practically available. All public hearing notices are published in the POST. If you are interested in a specific outcome, we would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

SCHOOL TAX BILLS RECEIPT AND PAYMENT

School Tax bills are due to be mailed in late August. As of the printing of this newsletter, full tax payments may be received in my office during normal business hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday until October 31st. **For your convenience, a secured tax payment drop box is located at my lobby counter and is available at times when both my deputy and I must be away from the**

office. The lobby is also accessible through the Library's main door entrance.

INSTALLMENTS

Anyone already on the installment plan must send their October 2nd and November 3rd installments to Monroe County Treasurer, PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614. Payment instructions are listed on your bills and on the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

I urge anyone who has recently (1) purchased land in Rush, (2) paid off their mortgage – **Good for you!** (3) changed mortgage companies, or (4) has relocated out of the area and wish to have their tax bills sent to another address, to please contact my office. We will update your records so that your request can be processed and you do not incur penalties.



Our Town Hall offices will be **closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day**. Enjoy your day!

JOB OPENINGS

Applications are available at www.townofrush.com or by picking one up in person or giving us a call at 533-1312. All persons interested are to apply to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

Finance Director/Budget Officer:

Approximately 20 hours per week to perform accounting, finance, payroll, employee benefits, budget and insurance management duties for Rush.

Part-Time Custodial Maintenance

Seeking motivated person to perform custodial duties in the Pavilion approximately 6 hours per week on weekends.

Secretary to Supervisor: 20 hours per week. Requires AAS Secretarial degree or equivalent; strong administrative work experience; proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, Accounting background and website experience preferred. Must be well organized, detail-oriented a self-starter able to maintain confidentiality and work in a small office atmosphere. Benefits include NYS Retirement System.

Court Clerk/Cashier: 10 to 12 hours per week.

This position involves assisting both Justice Clerks preparing for court sessions, administrative tasks, record keeping, processing information and daily face-to-face communications with the public. Requires: strong written, telephone and personal communication skills with the public and a variety of agencies; Computer and internet skills; strong organizational skills; ability to multi-task; ability to manage and keep accurate records; work well with people and legal professionals and function as a team member/ Two Monday court sessions per month afternoon and early evening/ Knowledge of Courtroom program is preferred (USC formerly SEI); Knowledge of DMVITSLED/E-Tickets is preferred; Ability to handle sensitive information discreetly and confidentially.

Submit application, resume and a letter of interest and qualifications clearly marked "Personal and Confidential" to the Town Clerk, Town of Rush, 5977 East Henrietta Rd., Rush, NY 14543.

Assessor's Office

Augustino Mineo, Assessor
Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Assessor@townofrush.com
Phone: 533-2330

Jayme Young, Assessor's Clerk
Mon., Tues., Thurs, Fri. 8:30AM-3:30PM

Please join me in welcoming Jayme Young as my Assessor's Clerk. We are happy to assist you with your assessment paperwork.

2020 TAX ROLL



The 2020 Roll is in the Town Clerk's Office as well as online at www.townofrush.com.

We suggest that you verify that your STAR exemption is on the 2020 Final Roll.

EXEMPTION FORMS

In the fall, we will be mailing out renewals for and taking applications for the 2020 tax roll year for exemptions including: Agricultural, Limited Income Senior Citizens, Limited Income Disabilities, Non-Profit, Clergy and others.

STAR and Enhanced STAR Exemptions no longer need to be renewed. Feel free to stop by the Assessor's Office regarding exemptions that you may qualify for in the Town of Rush.

(Sue Mee, message, Continued from First Page)

Albert and Raymond Goff, father and son, were both descendants of the Goff Baptist Colony families.

Albert M. Goff, 1857-1943, was the son of Guernsey and Lucinda Welch Goff. Albert served as the Rush Town Supervisor from 1922-1931. He began his public service career at the age of 21 when elected village constable. He later served as Overseer of the Poor, Collector, and Justice of the Peace before being elected supervisor. Albert married Anna Elizabeth Lyday on December 14, 1882. They made their home at 8788 West Henrietta Road and named their farm, *Orchard Rest*.



Albert M. Goff and Anna Elizabeth Lyday on their wedding day, December 14, 1882.

Raymond Goff, son of Albert and Elizabeth, served as Rush Town Supervisor for 17 years. His tenure included 17 consecutive years, 1944-1960 and he was then re-elected again in 1961 before stepping down due to health issues. Ray Goff served as an election inspector and Justice of the Peace prior to serving as town supervisor. Under his term as supervisor, the Rush Water District was formed (1954), Town Zoning Ordinances were created, Zoning and Planning Boards of Appeals formed; and the Rush Recreation Commission formed in 1956.

Although you may not have previously been familiar with the Goff family name, you can see they have a long history in Rush with many community contributions. As with other early families, you'll also recognize additional long-time Rush family names connected through marriages.

Small towns, large families and many intertwining connections continue to bring our town's past to life and help keep our history alive to younger generations.



The photo above shows Albert M. Goff with his granddaughter, June Goff, on the north side of their Orchard Rest farm. Circa 1930s. The picnic grounds consisted of a 150 seat picnic pavilion where clambakes and roasts were held, a vegetable stand and a Tydol Gas and Oil station.



Wedding photo of Raymond B. Goff and Martha A. David, December 16, 1922.



North Rush Cemetery

The North Rush Cemetery, located on the north side of Rush Scottsville Road just east of the East River Road intersection, was established in 1825 and has more than 350 graves.

Many of the early residents of the North Rush hamlet are buried there, including Elnathan Perry, veteran of the American Revolution; Elisha Sibley, veteran of the War of 1812; Rice Martin, James Clapp and George Knight of the Civil War and Harold Roundtree, World War II. Most of us probably assume that this quiet little cemetery is no longer active. That assumption, however, is not true.

The cemetery was re-organized this past December and grave lots are available for purchase. Stop and take a walk through the cemetery and you will find headstones of early Rush residents – Hart, Albertson, Clapp, Cox, Green, Martin, Norris, Sibley, and many others.

If interested in purchasing a grave, you will find contact information for Rusty Martin on the sign at the cemetery or contact me for more information.

History Office Donations

I have received a few calls and emails from Rush residents and beyond, offering donations recently. I think people are finding it's a good time to clean out attics, closets and basements while they are spending more time at home during the pandemic. If you should find yourself cleaning out and come across Rush related items, please keep your Rush History office in mind! One person's junk is another's treasure!



Thank you to Joan Countryman for the recent addition of a Rush Fire Department dance poster to our Rush History collection. Notice that the admission price for ladies was .35 and .40 cents for the gents! Happy 100th anniversary to our Rush Fire Department!

Coronavirus Pandemic

As you are well aware, we are currently experiencing a very unique time in our lives and in history. We are all witnesses to this history in the making. Future generations will look back at this event and learn from the news articles, recordings and also our individual accounts of our own experiences during this time. It is important to document our experiences so that they become a part of the history for future generations to learn from us.

I have created an online survey to gather your thoughts, feelings and experiences.

This online form is available at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFYST2X>

You can also point your smartphone camera at the QR code below and it will open the survey on your phone for you.



Please feel free to write as much as you want. The more the better! Although your answers can be brief, please also think of this as diary entries that can be lengthier and provide more detail. Your thoughts and feelings will be very insightful to future generations. And, because your responses are first hand sources of information, these entries will be considered primary sources documenting today's pandemic situation.

If you have additional information you would like to share, you can send files to me (poetry, lyrics, diaries, video diaries, images, artwork, etc.) that express your feelings and experiences at this time.

If you prefer to not submit your thoughts via the survey form at all, you can also email information you would like to share to me at sue@townofrush.com or by US mail to: Susan Mee, Historian, Town of Rush, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543. The Town Hall will likely be open by the time you receive this newsletter. If so, you can also drop items off to my attention and I will be sure they are included in the documentation of our lives at this time.

Information you choose to contribute will become part of the Rush History Office collection and available for researchers and future generations to access. Thank you for considering contributing to documenting this important time in history. Everyone's voice and thoughts are important in documenting the pandemic.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and I hope we are soon able to be out and about and seeing one another again soon!

-Sue



Recreation Department

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Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 PM
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SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

In 2015 I reached out to the Monroe County Office of Aging to start a free or low cost lunch program that could be offered for seniors at

the Rush Methodist Church three days a week. The goal is to offer nutritious meals and an opportunity to socialize and connect with neighbors. At that time, we did not find enough interest in our community to start. Now, five years later, I am wondering if there are more who would take advantage of this service. If interested, please contact me.



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 8-WEEK CLASSES AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, will be offering a fall evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up. The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves that are choreographed to music you'll be sure to enjoy. The class also includes floor routines to target your stomach, legs and arms, as well as stretches to improve flexibility.

A good exercise mat is essential.

A pair of weights (3 or 4 lbs.) is optional.

All fitness levels are welcome.

Tuesdays, September 8 to October 27

Thursdays, September 10 to October 29

Time: 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM

Cost: 1 day/week Resident \$32, non-Resident \$36

2 days a week, Resident \$50, Non-resident \$54.00

Classes are held at the Rush Park Udicious Pavilion.

8-WEEK SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

Pat Rose, Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department presents a fall session "seniors exercise class".

The 8-week program will be held on Thursdays from September 17 to November 5.
Cost: \$45.00 resident; \$50.00 Non-residents
Location: William Udicious Pavilion
Time: 10:00AM-11:00AM

The cost of this program may be reimbursable through your health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup. This class can also be prorated.



COLORING CONTEST

STILL ON! Although our Rush Fall Festival is cancelled this year, we will still be able to hold our coloring contest at the Leary School. In early September, I will send the

coloring pictures to the school and will collect them in October. The winners will be chosen by town hall employees and the artist, Nell Rorick,

WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION

You can now book reservations into 2021 exactly a year from the date you want to rent the building. Permits to use the pavilion or park can be located at www.townofrush.com under Recreation. Remember athletic fields are separate rentals so please fill out the field use permit as well if you plan on using them.

WATCH FOR UPDATES Please refer to the Town website for updates on Recreation programs that may be offered. There will be no programs this summer due to the requirement for social distancing— nearly impossible with most recreation programs.

You can download applications for the recreation programs at www.townofrush.com under the "Recreation" tab and send it to the Rush Town Clerk's office. The Recreation website is updated frequently between newsletters so please check for any additional new programs.

Please remember, "No news is good news." If you do not hear from the Recreation Department, the programs go on as scheduled. For any questions, please call the Recreation Department at 533-2340.

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
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www.RushLibrary.org

Dear Neighbors,

We have missed you all so much! Thank you for your understanding and support during the shutdown due to Coronavirus! Your kind words, notes, and emails have meant so much to all of us at the library.

As of the writing of this newsletter, we are preparing to open our doors to limited in-person library visits... finally!

Our plans to reopen *and* stay open will depend on our state and local leaders' prerequisites for safety, and the support of our community. Library service may look very different for a long time, and we are taking the following **new safety precautions**:

- A glass barrier has been installed at the circulation desk, and we use masks, gloves, and disinfecting strategies to limit virus exposure for staff **and** patrons.
- **Mask-wearing will be required inside the library in order to obtain library services, as long as it is a state or local mandate.** (Our curbside delivery service has been effective, and we will continue to offer it to patrons for whom wearing a mask is not possible. We also continue to provide home delivery to local shut-ins as needed.) We will be wearing our masks to protect you, and would appreciate the same courtesy to protect us.
- We ask you to stay home if you are feeling unwell or are running a fever, and we will do the same.

More temporary changes:

- We (and other libraries) are quarantining returned books, movies, and puzzles for 72 hours to reduce the likelihood that virus particles remain on them; that means your items will take longer to be checked back in, and the speed of obtaining a book or movie from another library via MCLS delivery may be slower. We will be backdating the book drop to account for the quarantine process.
- Events and classes will be held online only in order for us to be safe while maintaining our community connections and supporting our core

values of education and literacy. Story times are being held live on our Facebook page several times per week, and book clubs and some other events will be temporarily converted to the **Zoom** meeting platform; keep checking our web site's **Calendar of Events** for class and program updates.

- Our hours of operation have been reduced because of significant staff resignations. My hope is to return to our normal hours as soon as it is realistic to hire and train staff; this is a challenge during a pandemic when the downturned economy may severely impact our town and library budgets for the near future.
- Toys and most seating have been temporarily removed from the library in order to limit spreading of the virus via personal contact and from lingering too long in the building. All visits should be brief, and patron group size should be limited because of social distancing requirements in our small space. We do have hand sanitizer available for patrons and staff, and our bathrooms are open and cleaned hourly.
- We may need to close temporarily if staff are exposed to or contract Covid in spite of our precautions. While we hope that doesn't happen, it's a good idea for everyone to be prepared for interruptions in library service for that reason.

Please know that we are working diligently behind the scenes to maintain our plan for success in these difficult times. Updates can be found on our website: www.RushLibrary.org, by following us on Facebook and Instagram, and by signing up for our email newsletter. As always, we welcome your feedback and ideas.

Summer Reading Program Update: A special THANK YOU to **Colby's Ice Cream & Bake Shop**, **Rush 7-Eleven**, and the **Friends of the Rush Library** for sponsoring the reading program this year with prizes!

We hope you follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Monroe County Health Department guidelines to stay safe.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten

Upcoming Classes and Events

Register online at [RushLibrary.org](https://www.rushlibrary.org)



Investing 101: Wednesday, July 29th at 7:00 PM.

Investing can seem intimidating, but a little time in MassMutual's class promises to be fun and illuminating! Together we'll cover the basics: how much you should aim to invest, what "the market" actually is, and when you should get started. Best of all you'll leave with a wealth of knowledge and a better understanding of investing and how to do it. **After you register with your email address, you'll receive a link to the free online class presented by MassMutual's *The Establishment*.**



Investing 201: Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM.

If you already have some experience or have tackled Investing 101, you're ready for a more in-depth look at the topic with MassMutual. There are experts out there who seem to speak a whole different language, but in this class you'll learn how to become financially independent when your money is working for you. We'll break it down so you are confident with your new knowledge. After you register with your email address, you'll receive a link to the free online class presented by MassMutual's *The Establishment*.



Monarch Butterflies with Cornell Cooperative Extension:

Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

This is a great class for families and homeschoolers! The population of Monarch butterflies has plummeted and there are concerns that they could become extinct. Learn about the fascinating life cycle of these insects, the multiple threats to their survival, and what upstate New York gardeners can do to help their survival. Please register in advance with your email address; you will receive a Zoom link on the day of this free educational program.

Story Time Lineup

We are offering *more* Story Times than ever before... choose from these great weekly offerings:

Tricksters and Troublemakers via Facebook Live: Join us live **every Tuesday morning at 11:30 AM** with a focus on *folktales, tall tales, and fairy tales*. No registration is necessary, just watch on Facebook and prepare to hear about some shenanigans!

Bedtime Story Time with Jess via Facebook: Get your little ones cozy and ready for bed with new stories **every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm** on Facebook, or watch it any time later in the week when it works for you. Jess will introduce you to new picture books and read some familiar classics too.

Preschool Story Time with Erin via Facebook Live: Join us **every Thursday morning from 11:30 AM – Noon**. Go to the **Rush Public Library Facebook Page** to join us. No registration is necessary. Erin chooses an entertaining book theme each week and ties in activities to go along with it; the videos stay up for a week, so you can also watch them later.



Why are story times important for children?

"Reading together when babies are as young as 4 months old increases the chances that parents continue reading to babies as they get older. Beginning early is important because the roots of language are developing in a baby's brain even before he can talk! The more words your baby hears over time, the more words he learns. Remember that telling your child a story can happen any time. Give it a try during mealtimes, diaper changes, driving to child care, and right before bed when you "tell the story" of your child's day. Each of these moments creates an opportunity to build a deeper connection with your child and to build her language and literacy skills, too!" ~Rebecca Parlakian, *Zero to Three Organization*

Afternoon Book Talks: Share your thoughts on what you've been reading; this is a fun way to get book suggestions and make new friends. **Join us via Zoom from 2-3:00 PM on Monday, August 17th AND Monday, September 21st.** You must register with your email address. On the day of the book talk we will email you the link to join the Zoom meeting. Space is limited, please register in advance.



Rush Readers' Book Club via

ZOOM: For August we'll be reading ***A Gentleman in Moscow*** by Amor Towles. "In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in

the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery." ***Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library in July.*** **Join us Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 PM.** When you register in advance with your email address you will receive a link to the Zoom meeting on the day of the event.

Rush Readers' Book Club via ZOOM: For September we are reading ***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*** by Trevor Noah.

"Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother's unconditional, unconditional love. ***Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library in August.*** **Join us Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 PM.** When you register in advance with your email address you will receive a link to the Zoom meeting on the day of the event.

Poisonous Plants with Cornell Cooperative Extension: Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 PM. You may be surprised to learn that there are poisonous plants growing in your ornamental garden! One has pollen which produces toxic honey and another is called the "Tree of Death." Learn about a plant whose seeds were used for a Cold War assassination, and the native plant that killed Abraham Lincoln's mother, plus more fascinating and macabre gardening facts, just in time for Halloween. The presenter will provide common sense precautions to safely grow these plants in your garden. When you register online with your email address you will receive a link to the **Zoom meeting** on the day of the event.



More Fun For Families:

Craft Kits: These take-home kits feature fun new ways to build skills like sewing, painting, and origami, and will be available as supplies last. Ask at the circulation desk to see what's available on your next visit.

Art-to-Go Kits: Each kit was designed by our staff artist, Erin, and contains a biography and art lesson about a famous artist, along with activities and ideas on how to make art in the style of that artist at home. Check one out with your library card! (One kit per family at a time, please.)

Puzzles: We are still circulating our beloved puzzle collection; each one will be quarantined for 72 hours after it is returned.

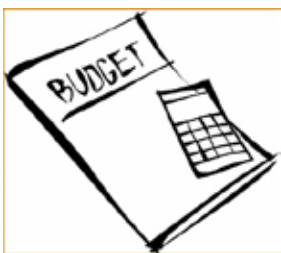


Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058, www.rushfd.org



You are reminded that it is **your responsibility** to have access for emergency equipment onto your property. Our crews have had problems getting in with the ambulance and other equipment due to low branches and bushes. This slows our response and has damaged our vehicles. The lack of visible house numbering also remains a problem and is violating building codes.



2021 BUDGET: We are in the process of doing next year's budget. It is our goal to keep your tax rate at \$1.15 a thousand. It may go up. The fire commissioners and Rush Fire Department membership is doing everything that we can to keep this rate as low possible. Mark David Highway Supt. Is allowing us to do the chassis lube, oil & filter changes at the highway garage, saving a lot of money for the taxpayers. The LED lights we installed last year are saving us over \$100 a month.

AUTOMATIC ALARMS:

If you have a fire PLEASE call 911 and report the situation when your alarm goes off even if it is a false alarm.

Do not rely on your alarm system to get a rapid response with the resources that may be needed. Our automatic mutual aid system is not activated on automatic alarms due to the 99.9% false rate.

STATION ONE: We are having an engineer do a study on our 50 year-old station. He reports that the building is in very good condition and will advise us on repairs to get it back to 100%.

WORKING HOUSE FIRE: We had a serious house fire in June on Rush-Lima Road. A lawn mower in the garage set the garage and upstairs apartment on fire. Our automatic mutual aid system was activated and Honeoye Falls ladder truck 560, which was just

returning from a call, was on the scene the same time Rush pumper 584 arrived and provided water from the hydrant to 584 & 582. Pumper 582 arrived and used the deck gun to knock the fire down as it was getting into the rest of the home. A lot of damage was done, but the interior crew cut off the fire in the living room.

One cat was rescued by Chief Faugh and one other ran off. We had help from East Avon, Mendon, Lima, Henrietta, Scottsville and Pittsford. HF-Mendon Ambulance took the resident to SMH for smoke inhalation and CHS & Rush Ambulance stood by at the scene. A great job was done by all involved. (Check out the photos on our Facebook page)

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: The carnival was canceled which brings in around \$25,000 each July. We sent out the fund drive letters in July and are hoping for a great return from our residents. Over the years these funds have purchased over 1.5 MILLION \$\$ worth of Ambulances, Rescue Truck, 4-Wheel Drive Trucks, ATVs and Boats, and a lot of other equipment, including our "Jaws of Life." We understand that for some of you times are tough but send us what you can. Any amount is appreciated. The 2019 Fund Drive brought in just over \$50,000. Thank you everyone who made this possible.

MEMBERSHIP: We welcome two new members voted in at the July meeting: Sidney McDaniel from West Henrietta Road and Tom Dundon from Pleasant Drive, our explorer who has moved up to firefighter.



CAN YOU BE SEEN? We must remind the joggers and bike riders to please wear lime-yellow or bright orange when doing their thing. It is hard to see many of you in black or real dark clothing. You are putting yourself at an unnecessary risk.



ENGINE 9: Repairs are almost completed and the 47 Federal pumper should be back on the road soon.

ANNIVERSARY COLLECTOR COINS



We still have these available. If you want one contact Bob Faugh 533-1892 and he will get you one. They cost \$10.00

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: We are on Facebook with information almost every day. Go to Rush Volunteer Fire Department.

RUSH LADIES AUXILIARY

Deborah A David, President/Publicist

We are proud to present the Betty Wilkins Scholarship Award for the Class of 2020

The Betty Wilkins Scholarship Award was created in memory of Grace "Betty" Wilkins for her contributions to the Rush Community through her generous volunteer efforts. This award is given to up to 3 residents of the Town of Rush, depending on the number of qualified candidates who apply. A minimum of \$1,000.00 to a maximum of \$3,000.00 will be awarded, depending on the number of qualified individuals selected. Although we had several applicants and would love to give each and every one of you an award we have 3 individuals who qualified this year. These students will receive \$1,000.00 each to help further their education!

On behalf of the Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary this year's Betty Wilkins Scholarship Awards go to:

**Sean T. Murray,
Desiree Herman, and
Noah Hathaway**

The Rush Ladies Auxiliary would like to congratulate you and all of the Graduating Classes of 2020. You all have done a super job! Keep up the great work.

***The Rush Fire Department has been
proudly serving our community since 1920
100% VOLUNTEER FOR 100 YEARS!***

WE NEED YOU!

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members! Come to a meeting which is held the last Monday of every month at 7:00PM at the Rush Fire House and see what we we're all about. Ladies 18 years of age and older, retired fire fighters and explorers.

We are also looking to have a Junior Auxiliary. Do you know anyone who is in need of community service for any of their organizations?

We are always looking for help during our events! Please contact Joan Madigan at 585-229-4168, email JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com or website www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm if you are interested! Thank You!

At this time due to Covid-19 we have no events scheduled. We are still looking for new members.



Rush Senior Citizens
*Submitted by: Sue Miller,
Secretary*

Oh my, here it is July already, my newsletters are pretty skimpy lately with COVID still around. We Seniors have not done anything. Tomorrow we are planning our first meeting since March—in fact, I don't think we even had one in March.

Anyway we're having the meeting outside in the Firemen's pavilion. We will be practicing social distancing and each person should bring a bagged lunch. Masks required, but we CAN take them off to eat. I shouldn't joke about something so serious but some levity is necessary to get through this.

We'll discuss what to do next month, possibly having it catered. Again outside in the pavilion.

We've been on no trips and future ones look very doubtful. Meetings in the fall are up in the air too.

As you can see I really have nothing to report. So instead of rambling on as I usually do I'll close.

I hope you're all enjoying the summer heat. *I'm not!*

Please be safe, wear your masks, stay away from crowds and hopefully this will be over sooner than later.

RUSH TOWN HALL
 5977 EAST HENRIETTA ROAD
 RUSH, NEW YORK 14543



August
 2020 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 6 th
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 18 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 13 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 13 th
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 18 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 18 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 12 th , 26 th
Budget Workshops	Follows Town Board Meetings	Wednesday – 12 th , 26 ^h



September
 2020 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 3 rd
Court	5:00 PM	Mondays – 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 22 nd
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 10 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 10 th
Planning Board	7:00 PM	Tuesday – 15 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 15 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 9 th , 23 rd

Other Important Information and Dates

Labor Day	Town Hall, Library, Court Closed	Monday – 7 th
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Note: Due to COVID-19 All events are subject to change. Please check website for latest information.

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