

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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## **Dear Rush Residents,**

I hope you are enjoying what is left of our summer. It sure is humbling to acknowledge that more than a year and a half has passed since I took office as your Town Supervisor. There are many accomplishments that I can be proud of: our Library Roof repairs, new town website, starting the long-overdue committee to update our Comprehensive Plan, improving our building services, and opening our meetings to more residents, to name just a few. But there are several projects that continue to require attention: the lawsuits inherited from previous administration, the requests for rezoning, our technology needs, and our need for more human services supports for employees.

The COVID Pandemic financial uncertainties at the State level, board and staff challenges, and other factors beyond my control have delayed what I wanted to achieve by now, but we are making progress. In November, residents will have an opportunity to make their choices known. Until then, there is much to do.

**The 2022 Town Budget** is underway. My goal is to represent taxpayers, control expenses, value our employees, provide quality services, take care of our town's assets, invest wisely, and reduce the local tax burden. I can't do anything about school and county taxes, but I will do my best at the town level. Residents are welcome to attend the two budget workshops on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Comprehensive Plan Update** When completed, our updated plan will be used to guide land-use decisions for our town. Our Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold a "drop in" event in the Pavilion on Monday, August 9 between 5-8 PM. Please plan to go!

**The Horseshoe Solar Project** In 2019, the Town Board voted to oppose the Horseshoe project because its size exceeded the number of acres allowed by our local law. The project size has decreased, and we continue to advocate to the State Energy Siting Board for our community's interests.

**1911 Rush-Scottsville Rd., Corner House** The Rush Historical Society has prepared and presented a very impressive, detailed proposal and business plan to save the 1911 Corner House, and make it their new

home to store and display our town's historical artifacts, and serve as a meeting area and welcome center on weekends. The renovations would be phased in, using non-tax rental income, grants and donated goods and services. This could be another positive step in revitalizing our town center.

## **Mark Your Calendars: August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Rush Fire Department is holding their Birthday Celebration. Look for the details on Page 9 of this newsletter. This will be a fun way to show your support for our All Volunteer Fire Department.

A special thanks to our Highway Department for their storm clean-up, and to the Beautification Committee for our town gardens. Please call with your questions, ideas and suggestions or just stop in to say hello.

**Gerry**

## **Town Clerk's Office**

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## **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. Junior Hunting Program (12-15): review regulations and information for junior hunters, ages 12-15. 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](http://www.nysdec.gov).

## **MONROE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPCOMING FREE RABIES CLINICS**

There are many free rabies clinics happening in and around Monroe County. Please consult the [monroecounty.gov](http://monroecounty.gov) website or call 753-5171 for dates and locations. If your dog has been previously vaccinated, please bring your proof with you. Without proof, a one-year certificate will be issued. Any dog, cat or ferret 3 months or older can receive a rabies vaccination. In most, if not all, dogs must be on a leash and cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND 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](http://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, please give either Deputy Town Clerk Shelley O'Hern or myself a call. We will be happy to assist you.

## SCHOOL TAX BILLS

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 during their normal business hours.

**INSTALLMENTS:** Anyone already on the installment plan must send their October (2nd) installment 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](http://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.



**TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy your day!**

## Building Department

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In 1997, the Town of Rush established Town Code Section 40 which deals with the required numbering for all buildings in the Town of Rush. There are several key points included in this Code section:

1. The numbers need to be in Arabic format and at least four-inches (4") in height.
2. The numbers need to be installed between four-feet (4') and ten-feet (10') above the closest grade.
3. The numbers cannot be blocked or obstructed by trees, shrubs or any other means.
4. The numbers need to be located on the front of the building, the front of a porch or, on a post located in the front yard.
5. No Certificates of Occupancy or Completion can be issued if the primary building does not have the street numbers installed according to this Code.

As a result of this, if you apply for and obtain a Building Permit, you will see a note under the list of required inspections, requiring the street numbers be installed.

Having the required street numbers displayed on the building will greatly assist any emergency responders should they be needed.

## Assessor's Office

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## 2021 TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The 2021 Final Tax Assessment Roll is in the Town Clerk's Office as well as the Assessor's Office and online at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com).

## EXEMPTION FORMS

In the fall, we will be mailing out renewals and taking applications for exemptions such as Agricultural; Limited Income, Senior Citizens; Limited Income Disabilities; Non-Profit; and Clergy. You can stop by the Assessor's Office to find out what exemptions you may qualify for in the Town of Rush.

## Historian's Office

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### Hello!

Long-time Rush resident, Betty Krist, celebrated her 100th birthday on July 6th! Several of Betty's neighbors, family and long-time friends joined her to celebrate this milestone birthday. Thank you to the many Rush residents who sent Betty a birthday card, too. Long-time friend and neighbor, Gail Mack, shared that Betty was very pleased to have heard from so many Rush friends.

Betty married Harold Krist in 1946. Harold grew up on his family's farm on Martin Road but he and his brothers attended the Rush High School (present day Post Office). The Krist brothers were all very talented athletes and brother Howie was a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1937-1946.

### Below: Betty Krist celebrating her 100th birthday.



Harold and Betty moved to their home on Rush Scottsville Road more than 70 years ago and she remained there until just recently. Although she never drove, Betty worked for the Eastman Kodak Company for 35 years. Harold passed in 2001 and

Betty has been extremely grateful for her helpful neighbors and friends who have provided assistance with errands, groceries, lawnmowing, and just checking in on her. In spreading the word about Betty's 100th birthday, Everyone I spoke with who knows Betty, commented on her being a "sweet and kind lady." That's a very nice way to be thought of by your family, friends, neighbors and fellow Rush community members! *Happy 100th Birthday, Betty!*



### Jeanne Yawman, Former Rush Historian, 1994-98

During that time, Jeanne worked on many projects and also authored the *Road to Yesterday* to commemorate our Town's 175th anniversary. Jeanne passed in October of

2017 at the age of 91. Jeanne continued writing throughout her life and often worked together with her daughter, Terry Irvine. Terry has been working on a collection of Jeanne's writings over this past year and has recently published a book that includes Jeanne's

columns from the Rush Town Newsletter. Her column was called *Scratchings From the Rustic Quill* and those columns are now combined in a book by the same title. In addition to this book, Terry has also compiled a smaller book that contains stories and advice from Jeanne's days of operating a boarding and riding stable on Stony Brook Road in Rush. This book, *Old Sorrel – Straight From the Horse's Mouth*, is written from the perspective of the horse and provides insight on how to best care for and interact with a horse. Copies of both books can be purchased directly from Terry by contacting her either via email at: [yesteryear\\_1900@yahoo.com](mailto:yesteryear_1900@yahoo.com) or by phone at 533-1742. *Scratchings From the Rustic Quill* is \$11.00 and *Old Sorrel* is \$6.00. Both volumes are a wonderful tribute from Terry to her mother.

I was recently invited by Reverend Grimm to attend a meeting at the Industry Residential Center of the Office of Children and Family Services. Many of you will remember Reverend Grimm, but for those who are not familiar, Reverend Grimm served as the Methodist Chaplain at the State School of Industry for many years prior to his retirement. He now resides in Scottsville with his wife, Joan. As you can imagine, there is much history involving both the School at Industry and the Town of Rush. I recall many of the older farmers telling stories of how the Industry boys often helped out on area Rush farms during the busiest farm times. I specifically recall Bill Gaffney telling me that he remembered, as a boy, that a few boys from Industry would help their family with bringing in the hay and harvesting other crops. Bill especially remembered the boys joining his family for the dinner meal and how much the Industry boys enjoyed the home-cooked food and the family dinner table conversations.

Although the years are passing, I think there are probably still a number of people who have memories of their families and their Industry connections. I would very much like to document those stories. Did your parents or grandparents work at Industry? Did you or your parents grow up living on the Industry campus grounds? Were you part of a family that had some of the boys from Industry help with farming activities? Your stories and memories are an important part of the history of Rush and the history of the State School of Industry. Of course, photos are always welcome additions! I would truly appreciate your time in sharing those memories.

Please contact me via email at [sue@townofrush.com](mailto:sue@townofrush.com) or by phone at the Rush Town Hall at 533-1312 or by my cell at 747-9370. Memories can either be provided to me verbally, recorded or in written form. Whatever method you are most comfortable sharing memories is acceptable and appreciated.



**North Rush Cemetery** – I think most of us assume that this small cemetery on Rush Scottsville Road, located near Gro-Moore’s Farm Stand, is an inactive cemetery. That’s not the case and the Cemetery reorganized in 2019 with a newly formed Board. The new Board has done some work to bring the North Rush Cemetery into compliance with the regulations of the New York State Division of Cemeteries. The Cemetery Board also recently participated in a fundraiser takeout dinner with the Elks Club, where some of the proceeds benefitted the Cemetery.

Additionally, Ryan Peters has decided to dedicate his BSA Eagle Scout project to help improve the cemetery. Ryan will be working to repair and improve the grounds of the Cemetery, including filling in sunken areas in the cemetery and painting the fence gates in front of the Cemetery. The next time you are driving past, you might want to stop and take a few minutes to walk around the old North Rush Cemetery.

Some of the old family names of early North Rush residents you will find are: Albertson, Hart, Clapp, Cox, Norris, Perry, Martin, Sibley. You will also find the grave of Revolutionary War soldier, Elnathan Perry along with soldiers who fought in the War of 1812, the Civil War, and World War I. Sadly, as with most old cemeteries, you will also see the headstones of the babies and children who died too young. Many headstones are also in need of repair but, hopefully in time, we will be able to improve the North Rush Cemetery and provide proper care to the graves of these early Rush residents. *Enjoy your summer! SUE*

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**Pickleball and Basketball Courts Are Open!**  
 The new courts are open from dawn to dusk on a first come, first serve basis. Please be kind and take turns using the courts. A pickleball set that can be signed out at the Town Clerk’s office Mon-Fri after 8:45AM and last return by 4:15PM. Special weekend use with approval by the Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340.

The Website **Pavilion Calendar** shows available dates for rental; and an online rental request form. All applications for rentals, classes and programs are found on the website or at the Town Clerk’s Office. **Online payments are accepted for rentals and programs.**

**After School Program Registration**

The program provides a safe, structured, supervised environment where your child can play and interact

with friends. Program activities include arts & crafts, games, outings, and gym time. The program runs from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. each full day when school is in session. The program fee is based on a Monday - Friday registration, with **Four Quarterly payments from September-April of the school year.**

Days/Week	Resident	Non-Resident
5 days	\$498	\$599
4 days	\$399	\$479
3 days	\$299	\$359
2 days	\$200	\$239
1 day	\$100	\$120

**AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ**

The Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982, is offering a fall evening aerobics class for ages 16 and up. The class is designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music you’ll enjoy.

It 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. This is a 7- week class.

**Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM**  
**September 7th- October 26th (no class 10/14)**  
**Location: William Udicious Pavilion**

Cost	Resident	Non-resident
1 day/week	\$28	\$32
2 days/week	\$44	\$47



**SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS**

Pat Rose, Seniors Exercise Specialist. Will offer a Fall Session Seniors’ Exercise Class. The 8-week program will be held:

**Thursdays, September 11<sup>th</sup> - November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Class is 10:00AM-11:00AM**  
**William Udicious Pavilion**

**Cost: \$45 Rush Resident / \$50 Non-resident**

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. Sign up now at the Town Clerk’s Office. This class can be prorated.



**16 Tai Chi Classes** The Rush Recreation Department and Lifespan have joined forces to offer **16 Tai Chi Classes** on **Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00AM-11:00AM. September 13<sup>th</sup>-October 27<sup>th</sup>.** Classes will be in the

William Udicious Pavilion The cost is **\$25.00 for Rush Residents and \$30.00 for Non-Residents.** Find applications onTown website under Recreation or the Town Clerk’s Office. Call 533-2340 with any questions.

## Rush Library News

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Hours: Mon-Wed-Fri 1-8 PM,

Tues-Thurs 11AM-8PM

Saturday – 10AM-2PM

## August Classes & Events:

register at [www.RushLibrary.org/classes-events](http://www.RushLibrary.org/classes-events)



**Story Times with Erin:**  
Every Tuesday in August at  
11:30 AM. Meet us in the  
Rush Library Gazebo for

story time, and please protect others by wearing masks if you or your children are not vaccinated. We will also be social distancing. Erin is excited to share stories and surprise guests; afterwards you can choose books in the library and play on the playground. Adults are asked to participate with their children. This is a **drop-in** story time; no registration is required.

### **Gross-Out Workshop Series for Kids:**

Continuing the gross fun from last month... two more programs for children ages 6-10:

1. **Slug Slime Slurpies:**  
**Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from**  
**2:00-3:00 PM.**

Prepare to be disgusted! Hear about revolting animal behaviors, draw gross doodles, and share from the Gross Joke Jar. We will stir up some yucky-looking slug slime... TASTY! Wear old clothes and a mask and meet in the **William Udicious Pavilion**. Please register in advance.



2. **Poop and Puke: Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from**  
**2:00-3:00 PM.**



We'll share some fascinating facts and see gross animal pictures. We'll make Poop-in-a-Scoop with Ant Sprinkles, and while snacking, we will listen to a great butt book, and create wonderful gross-out animal drawings. Wear old clothes and a mask and meet us in the **William Udicious Pavilion**. Please register in advance.



### **Macramé Wall Art for Teens:** **Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-**

**8:00 PM** in the **William Udicious Pavilion**, located behind the library. Kids ages 13-18, come and learn how to make contemporary macramé wall art on a metal hoop using a variety of macramé knots. Participants will be able to personalize it further at home with tips and techniques learned in the class. This is a free program and space is limited, so sign up today with a friend at our website.

**Dear Neighbors,**



### **Summer Reading Program:**

We are having so much fun this summer encouraging our teens and young friends to keep reading for pleasure during school vacation. **THANK YOU SO MUCH to the following sponsors for making our program exciting: Colby's Ice Cream, Rush 7-Eleven, Dipper Dan's Ice Cream, Minnehan's Fun Center, Genesee Country Village & Museum, Seneca Park Zoo, Rochester Museum & Science Center, and Taco Bell. Please support them in return!**

**Covid-19 Update:** We continue to follow NY State regulations regarding masking for those patrons who are not vaccinated, including children. We have masks available if you forget yours. We continue to offer curbside delivery if you don't want to come in, and home delivery if you are housebound. Hand sanitizer is available, and our bathrooms are open for hand-washing.

**In-Person Programs:** As we write this newsletter in early July, we are still transitioning back to in-person programs. We hope to have most classes back inside the Library, but we may continue to offer Zoom lectures in the winter as it gets dark early, when folks don't want to drive at night. **Take careful note of the location when you register for a class.** Please continue to give us feedback about how you would like classes to be offered; this information is valuable to us when we plan for the future.

**New Staff Member:** We are welcoming a new Desk Clerk to our staff... please welcome **Michael Ganley**, an avid reader who is looking forward to helping you find your next great read.

**Holiday Closings:** We will be closed **Labor Day Weekend: Saturday through Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.** Remember that *Rush Library items are never due on a day that we are scheduled to be closed. Check your receipt or your online account for your due dates, which may vary by library.*

Looking forward to seeing you...*Kirsten Flass*



**Tree Ring Art Prints:** Come learn how to make swoon-worthy prints of trees that will add a modern aesthetic to your décor. We will demonstrate how to prepare the tree slices for printing, then you will make prints to bring home to frame. Join us

**Wednesday, August 4th** for a session in the Library Meeting Room at **2:00-3:00 PM or 7:00-9:00 PM**; choose the time that works for you. Space is very limited, please register in advance by phone or online. **Masks are necessary for those not vaccinated.**



**Backgammon Basics:** Join us every **Thursday from 2:00-3:00 PM** at the **Library Meeting Room**. Sue Writz will teach the basics of this 5,000 year old game; it involves a combination of strategy and luck from rolling dice. This class is for ages 12 and up. Please register online or by phone for each of the following dates:

**Thursdays: August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.**



**Paper-Making with Joan Beinetti:**

Kids ages 9-12 will learn to upcycle by creating handmade paper from pulp consisting of recycled paper, fabric, and dried

plant material.

Please wear old clothes and a mask, and join us on **Thursday, August 5th from 6:00-7:30 PM**. We'll meet in the **William Udicious Pavilion**. Space is extremely limited, so register soon!



**Rock & Flower Prints:**

Kids ages 6-10... bring your muscles and lots of energy because Erin will teach you to transfer plant designs onto cloth. She has a collection of

rocks, bunches of wildflowers, and a blank fabric bag for everyone. Please wear old clothes and a mask, and join us **Tuesday, August 10th from 2:00-3:00 PM** in the **William Udicious Pavilion**. Please register in advance.



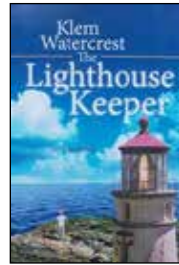
**Knit Chicks:** We are reviving our fiber arts community group. Join us with your work-in-progress (knitting, crocheting, quilting, or any other craft) and bring your lunch if you wish!

**We will meet 3 times each month in the Library Meeting Room:**

Second Wednesday 11:00 AM  
Second Saturday 10:00 AM  
Last Wednesday, 11:00 AM

(August 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>; then September 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.)

This is a drop-in event - no need to register. We will supply coffee and snacks. Hope you can join us for some crafty fun!



**Author Reading: Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.**

Spencerport native Jay Diedreck will be with us to read from and answer questions about his three novels: **Klem Watercrest, The Lighthouse Keeper, Seaside Journeys of Faith, and A Port James Romance.**

Jay wrote these novels after his retirement and describes them as, "entertaining as well as wholesome. Each one is a feel-good book, which everyone deserves to experience." All three titles are available to check out now. Please register online or by phone for this event. Coffee, snacks and copies of the book will be available.



**Summer Readers' Ice Cream Social:**

Families who completed the Summer Reading Program packets may come celebrate all the hard work they accomplished. We will be enjoying ice cream

sundaes on **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM** in the **William Udicious Pavilion**. Please wear masks if you are not vaccinated. Register in advance and be sure to tell us how many family members are attending so we have enough ice cream!



**Library Gazebo Concert:**

**8 Days A Week, a Beatles Tribute Band**, returns for an encore performance on **Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM** at the **Library Gazebo**. They perform the songs faithfully to the originals - in

the right key with 3-part harmonies. This is our second free outdoor concert sponsored by an anonymous donor. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic dinner and join us for a trip back to the sixties, weather permitting. Please note: \*no alcohol on Town property, and no need to register!





**Beaded Cord Bracelet for Teens:** **Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 PM at the William Udicious Pavilion.** Anyone ages 13-18 can register to make this easy knotted cotton cord bracelet that's perfect for summer sun

and fun! **Joan Meyers** will offer step-by-step directions and assistance. Choose from a variety of bead colors and adjust the length to fit your own wrist. The cost is \$5, payable the night of the class. Please register in advance at [Rushlibrary.org](http://Rushlibrary.org).



**Juggling with Jack:**

Be brave and try something new! Learn some basic juggling techniques from **Jack Mould** on **Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-7:45 PM**, then amaze your friends. This is for kids ages 9-12.

We will meet at the **Rush Library Gazebo**. **Wear a mask if not vaccinated, and please register in advance.**



**Home Food Preservation Through the Year:**

Join Cornell Master Food Preserver, **Michele Conners**, a volunteer at Cornell Cooperative Extension, for this

interactive talk about what fruits or vegetables are available each month of the year and the best method of preserving them. She will share ideas, recipes, techniques, and tips to highlight the seven methods of home food preservation. **Join us online via Zoom on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 PM.** After you register, a Zoom link will be sent to you the day of the program. Digital resources and a copy of the presentation will be sent to you following this event.



**A Riesling To Remember!**

**Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 PM at the William Udicious Pavilion.**

Wine Tastings are back and Rieslings are the perfect summer wine. Learn about the famous Rieslings that our very own Finger Lakes Region has to offer with **Joan Meyers**, who will teach us the steps of tasting wine... decoding the flavors and discussing the emotions. There will also be complementary food pairings. Participants must be 21 to participate, so please bring photo ID with you to class. **There is a \$10 fee per person**, payable that night at the door. We will follow CDC guidelines for Covid-19. Register in advance at [www.Rushlibrary.org](http://www.Rushlibrary.org)

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** This month's selection will be the 2019 historical fiction novel ***The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes**. Set in Depression-era America, this is the remarkable story of five extraordinary women and their journey through the mountains of Kentucky as packhorse librarians. We now have two options for meeting: join us ***in person* in the Library Meeting Room on Thursday, August 26 from 7-9:00 PM** or ***by Zoom* on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Please register in advance; a Zoom link will be sent on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Library Gazebo Concert:**

Come listen to **The Rochester Mandolin Orchestra** as they present a mix of Americana, World music, and Classical music performed by area musicians who play for the enjoyment and promotion of the mandolin family of instruments (mandolin, mandola, mandocello, and mando-bass.) This is an outdoor event, weather permitting, on **Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**. Bring a lawn chair and picnic dinner, but please note there is NO alcohol allowed on Town property. No registration is needed.



**Teen 'Zine:**

**We are continuing to seek submissions for the next issue of our digital magazine for teens.** We will create another 'zine filled with your original artwork, poetry, news articles, book recommendations, recipes, photography, short stories, interviews, and more. And we'd love to publish it quarterly. Send your work to the library director, Kirsten, at [kflass@libraryweb.org](mailto:kflass@libraryweb.org). **We will publish when we have at least 10 submissions, so be sure to share this with your friends.**

**September Classes & Events: register online or by phone.**

**Family Finders**



**Genealogy Tutor:** Our local genealogy enthusiast, Cathy Frank, is available for free individual help if you are stuck in your search for ancestors. She will meet you in person at the Library (masked) or by Zoom. We have a form available for you to use to book her, and you can access that form on our website, or at the Library.

### Preschool Storytime



**Story Times with Erin:**  
Every Tuesday in  
September at 11:30 AM.  
Meet us in the **Rush Library  
Gazebo, weather permitting.**

All unvaccinated people must wear masks if we go inside. Erin is excited to share stories and some surprise guests. Afterwards you can choose books in the library and play with new friends. Adults are asked to participate with their children. This is a **drop-in** story time, no registration necessary.



### Personalized Planters for Teens:

Make your own style statement on a plant pot using yarn, jute, twine, and string in an assortment of colors and styles. Then personalize it with a variety of small decorations that we'll provide, or you can bring your own. Afterward, select

and plant your choice of houseplant and learn how to care for it. This is a free teen event for ages 13 – 18 held in the **William Udicious Pavilion on Wednesday, September 1st from 7:00-8:30 PM.** Please register online at [rushlibrary.org](http://rushlibrary.org).



### Game Night Returns!

Join us on the **first Tuesday of each month at Wildwood Country Club** (please note the new location!) for an evening of great food, drinks, and board or card games with your friends and neighbors. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:00 PM** and we will bring along some popular games; you may also bring your own favorite game to teach others. Dinner is served starting at 4:30 PM. No need to register, just drop in!



### Macramé Feathers for Teens:

By popular demand, teens ages 13-18 may join us **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion to build on their macramé skills. Come and learn how to make macramé feathers of different sizes using different techniques and materials. Your completed feather can be attached to a dreamcatcher, keychain or mounted on a wall or your school locker! This is a free program and space is limited so sign up today.



### Snug as a Bug: An Evening Story Time:

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30** in the Rush Library community room for ages 3-8. Come in your pajamas with a cozy blanket, then wrap up in a blanket cocoon and listen to bug stories. We will

collage your favorite bugs with rainbow colors of paper. Please register in advance & wear your mask.



### Enhance Your Photography,

**Part 2: Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for ages 13 and up.** Join **Larry Naylor in person** as he offers even more examples

and guidance on how to practice with our favorite subject matter and equipment. Whether you use a digital camera or a smart phone, are new to photography or not, you will find interesting tips and perspectives from this program. Please register in advance and join us in the Library Meeting Room for this program.



### Tasting Party for Kids:

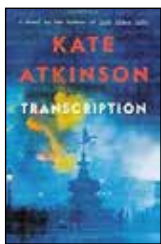
Send your taste buds on an adventure by tasting delicious drinks and trying to guess the ingredients. (Nothing gross or weird, we promise!) Erin will share breakfast and desert smoothie recipes and mix up concoctions just for you. This is for ages 9-12 on **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Library Meeting Room.** Space is limited, please register in advance.



### Aging in Place - Practical Tips for You and Your Home:

Join Sue Writz, a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant for a discussion of practical strategies along with general home modification suggestions which will allow you to create a safer and more functional space to age in place. A list of digital and printed resources will be provided following the program. Join us in the Library Meeting Room on **Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-3:00 PM.** Please register in advance online or by phone for this program.





**Rush Readers' Book Club:** This month's selection will be *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson. "The story follows Juliet Armstrong, who is recruited at 18 to join the British Secret Service during WWII. Her job is to monitor the comings and goings of British Fascist sympathizers. A decade later, when she's working for the BBC, her past comes back to haunt her." We have two options for meeting: join us **in person on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM**, or **by Zoom on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Please register in advance; a Zoom link will be sent on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Pete the Cat Cupcake Party!** Children ages 3-8 will listen to the story of *Pete the Cat and The Missing Cupcake*, then decorate their own cupcake with colorful icing and sprinkles, then eat their **YUMMY AND GORGEOUS** cupcake. Join us **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM** in the Library Meeting Room. Wear masks if you have not been vaccinated. Please register in advance.



**Pressed Flowers:** Create a summer souvenir of pressed flowers and learn a variety of ways to dry your own garden blooms. We have been collecting and drying an assortment of flowers and greenery so you can design an arrangement between glass panes to showcase on a wall or in a window. Join us **on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 PM or from 7:00-8:00 PM** in the Library Meeting Room; choose the time that works for you. Cost is \$5 per person, payable that day. Please register in advance at [www.rushlibrary.org](http://www.rushlibrary.org).

**\*At the Rush Library we welcome the opportunity to make services and programs available to patrons of all abilities, including those with disabilities.** Please let us know in advance of any special needs you may have so that we can accommodate you or your child. Please call us at 585-533-1370 at least two weeks in advance of the event to discuss accommodations.

We have been serving our community for more than 100 years, and we always welcome your feedback and ideas!

## Rush Fire District

Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner

Phone: 533-2058

[www.rushfd.org](http://www.rushfd.org)

**FIRE DISTRICT:** 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.

**2022 BUDGET:** We are in the process of doing next year's budget. It is our goal to keep your tax rate as low as possible. 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.

**THANK YOU.** The commissioners wish to thank Colleen Statskey for her service and the great job she did as District Secretary. Our new Treasurer is Aletha Steehler and our new Secretary and Deputy Treasurer is Kitty Stappenbeck.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE: Rush Fire Department 100th Birthday Bash

**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday: 6pm-12am** - Gambling & Live Music under the tent (Band to be announced later) Clams - Ladies Aux. Food and 50/50 Raffle.

**Saturday:** SPAAMFAA (Antique Fire Truck) Show from 1-5 pm – **PARADE** starts at 5pm with **Fire Department Bands** – Clams - Ladies Auxiliary Food - 50/50 Raffle Gambling & Live Music/Band til 12am under the tent (after the Parade). Band to be announced later. **FIREWORKS!**

**PAST OFFICER CEREMONY:** Our 2021 Past Officers ceremony was held at the July meeting. Years of service: Jason Dundon 5, Eric McNeil 5, Mike Terzo Jr. 10, Sean Brown 10, Chris Hahn 15, Cathy Henry 25 (Life Member), Doug Watson 25 (Life Member), Dick

Wheeler 55 and Robert Faugh 55. Past Officers: Robert Faugh Fire Police Captain 2017-2020, Tyler Grillo Lt. 2019 – 2020, Eric McNeil Captain 2020, Marisa Scott Lt. 2020 and Will Stanton 2020. Richard Crawford received the "Distinguished Service" award for his many years of dedicated service. NYS Assembly person Marjorie Byrnes presented citations to all award members from the NYS Assembly. Dick Wheeler & Bob Faugh received recognition from FASNY the State Firemen's Association.

**ANNUAL FUND DRIVE:** 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, 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 2020 Fund Drive brought in just under \$50,000. Thank you everyone who made this possible.



**ANNIVERSARY COLLECTOR COINS:**

We still have coins available. Please contact Bob Faugh 533-1892 to purchase one for \$10.

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

**RUSH LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hopefully, this newsletter gets to you in time – the Rush Ladies Auxiliary is having a Pulled Pork Dinner Drive Thru **Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Starting at 4:00 pm until gone! The dinner will consist of a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans and cole slaw. **The cost is \$10.00 per dinner**

**Rush Ladies Auxiliary Serving at the Fire Department 100th Birthday Bash**

The Ladies Auxiliary is excited to announce that we will be joining the Fire Department to serve the community for their 100th Birthday Bash on Friday, August 20th: 6:00 pm -till the food runs out and Saturday, August 21st: 1:00 pm till food runs out. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**WE NEED YOU!** The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members! Come to a meeting held the last Monday of every month at 7:00PM at the Rush Fire House and see what we we're all about. Looking for members 18 years of age and older, retired firefighters and explorers are welcome too. Our July meeting will be held on Monday, July 26th. We are also looking to have a Junior Auxiliary. Do you know anyone who is in need of community service for any of their

organization? We are always looking for help during our events!

Please contact Joan Madigan 585-229-4168, email [JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com](mailto:JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com) or [www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm](http://www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm)



**Rush Seniors**

Suellen Miller

**Hi and Happy Summer to All.**

As I write this we're finally getting some much needed rain and my flowers and vegetables are sooooo pleased. They grow so much faster with Mother Nature's assistance, and I'm so pleased that I don't have to water them every day.

We finally have some trips planned. First of all, the trip to **"All Around Rochester"** that was cancelled in June has been rescheduled for August 25th. If you're interested, please call Bus America as soon as possible as the bus is filling up fast. Their number is 585-697-3590. You will likely see things you've always planned to see but didn't, like the city's oldest neighborhoods, the George Eastman House, Susan B Anthony House, and a tour of the Genesee Brewery. Have lunch at the Genesee Brew House, then a tour of the Lambert Conservatory.

**August 4-6 Visit the Adirondacks.** Go to Lake Placid, Tupper Lake and Central NY Historical sites.

**August 16-26 West of Red River.** Visit the Black Hills of South Dakota, Spearfish Canyon, Yellowstone, Cody, Wyoming Rodeo. Deadwood Tour and much, much more.

**September 13-16 Ocean City.** Visit Chincoteague Islands and the wild horses. Go to Annapolis and Maryland's Eastern Shore, NASA and more.

**September 28th Almost Heaven,** enjoy the songs of John Denver at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse and Lunch at the historic Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles.

If you're interested in any of these trips, call Bus America at 585-697-3590 for details and prices. **As always, we welcome new members.** We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Firehouse, 1971 Rush Mendon Rd. In August, weather permitting, we'll meet in the firemen's pavilion. Because of COVID, we've suspended bringing a dish to pass - temporarily, we hope - so please bring a bag lunch with beverage and for dessert this month we have an ice cream truck coming to satisfy your sweet tooth. If you decide to become a member, and we hope you do, the dues are \$10/ year. Have a wonderful safe summer and I hope to see you at a meeting or on a trip. **Sue**

20th Annual

# Rush Fall Festival

Saturday,  
October 2

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>8:00AM-11:00AM</b>	<b>Not Your Normal Pancake Breakfast, Ladies Auxiliary Building</b>
<b>9:00AM-4:00PM</b>	<b>Numerous Craft, Artisan &amp; Food Vendors Open for Business!</b>
<b>9:00AM-3:00PM</b>	<b>Town of Rush Antique Tractor Show</b>
<b>10:00AM-3:00PM</b>	<b>Kids Activities &amp; Games - FREE</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Genesee-N-Ontario Model N-Ginners operational N-scale display (Rush Fire Department Hall)</b>
<b>11:00AM-3:30PM</b>	<b>Lunch being served by Ladies Auxiliary</b>
<b>11:00AM-2:00PM</b>	<b>Face Painting - \$1.00</b>
<b>12:00PM-2:00PM</b>	<b>Live Music – Warren Paul Band (Fireman's Pavilion)</b>
<b>12:00PM-2:00PM</b>	<b>Little Painted Pony Rides \$3.00 pp</b>
<b>2:00PM</b>	<b>Youth Bake-off Results - \$20.00 Wegman's Gift Card</b>
<b>2:30-3:30PM</b>	<b>Antique Appraiser- Bruce Perlman (Fireman's Pavilion) <i>No rugs or firearms</i></b>
<b>2:30PM</b>	<b>Adult Bake-off Results \$50.00 Wegman's Gift Card for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners</b>
<b>3:30PM</b>	<b>Sign up at the fireman's pavilion by 2:30PM Pie Eating Contest (cream pies) \$20.00 gift card for the winner of Whole pie contest and \$20.00 for ½ pie contest (whole pies 12 and older ½ pies for 12 and younger)</b>

## EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Food, crafts and local produce vendors, Chase's Hay Maze, hayrides, free pumpkin painting, display of Coloring Contest winners, bounce house, free children's games, Rush Ladies Auxiliary serving food and drinks all day. **All updates on the Festival will be posted on Town website.**



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**2021 Calendar**

Court Sessions are By Appointment Only

Wednesday, August 4	6:00 PM	2022 Town Budget Workshop
Thursday, August 5	7:00 PM	Conservation Board
Monday, August 9	5 – 8 PM	Comprehensive Plan Drop In Session –Pavilion
Wednesday, August 11	7 PM	Town Board Meeting
Thursday – August 12	12 Noon	Seniors Luncheon at Firehouse Pavilion
	7 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals
Tuesday, August 17	7:00 PM	Planning Board
	7:00 PM	Board of Fire Commissioners at Firehouse
	7:15 PM	Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, August 18	6:00 PM	2022 Town Budget Workshop
Wednesday, August 25	7:00 PM	Town Board Meeting



**2021 Calendar**

Court Sessions are By Appointment Only

Thursday, September 2	7:00 PM	Conservation Board
Wednesday, September 8	7:00 PM	Town Board Meeting
Thursday, September 9	12 noon	Seniors Luncheon at Firehouse
	7:00 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals
Tuesday, September 21	7:00 PM	Planning Board
	7:00 PM	Board of Commissioners at Firehouse
	7:15 PM	Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 22	7:00 PM	Town Board Meeting

**Other Important Information and Dates**

Monday, August 9 Comprehensive Plan	5-8 PM in William Udicious Town Pavilion	Drop In Session – All are Encouraged to Participate
Friday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> 6PM- 12 AM Saturday August 21 <sup>st</sup> 1PM-12AM	go to <a href="http://www.rushfd.org">www.rushfd.org</a> for details: Parade, Fire Works, Games of Chance, Raffle	Support and Celebrate Rush Fire Department 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Monday – September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day	Town Hall, Library, Court Closed