

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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## Greetings

I hope all residents had a wonderful Holiday Season. As you may already know, two very remarkable Rush residents, Joan Starkweather and Robert Bock, passed away recently. They both gave so much to our town. Please read about Bob in the Historian's News and Joan in the Library News.

As I contemplate starting my second term as your town supervisor, I recognize what an honor it has been to serve all of you. I am deeply grateful and will continue to work every day on your behalf.

We have already achieved some long overdue accomplishments – reducing our tax levy, completing the town-wide reassessment; repairing the roofs on the library and 1911 Corner House, and launching our new Website – just to name a few!

I am hopeful that we can avoid any more COVID related closings and economic slowdowns and concentrate on the projects that, when complete, will make RUSH an even better place than it already is.

We are well-positioned to make more progress with our new Town Board in place. Please welcome newly elected Councilmembers Jeanne Morelli and Dan Chase. They will work together with me, Amber Corbin, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Dan Woolaver on behalf of all our residents.

In addition to our town board, we welcome our new Law Firm, Boylan Code, and Attorney David Hou, and our new engineering firm, the MRB Group, with Jon Hinman. Both firms have outstanding reputations serving municipalities across western New York. We look forward to working with them.

We also are pleased to announce these appointments to our sub-boards: Planning Board Chair, Scott Strock; Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, Lori Klip; Conservation Board Chair, David Watson; and Comprehensive Plan Coordinator, John Morelli. Please note that the days when the sub-boards meet has changed to help serve applicants better and resolve schedule conflicts.

Please contact me or a member of our Town Board to discuss your ideas to help us move forward.

*Gerry*

## MONROE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2022 TREE, SHRUB AND PLANT PROGRAM



This annual pre-order program is a way to purchase a variety of native tree and shrub species. **The pre-order deadline is Friday, March 4 with pick-up April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Overstock sale on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Forms are available online at [www.monroecountyswcd.org/](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org/).



The Town Hall will be closed on  
**Presidents' Day, Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

### Town Clerk's Office

Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk Phone: 533-1312  
[Pam@townofrush.com](mailto:Pam@townofrush.com)

### 2022 CHANGES IN MEETING SCHEDULE

Please check for Zoom access, agendas, minutes and updates at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com):

**Town Board:** 7:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays with exception of Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Conservation:** 7:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**Zoning:** 7:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Planning:** 7:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

**Library Board of Trustees:** 7:15 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday with exceptions

**Comprehensive Plan Update Committee,** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays with exceptions

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND PLANNING BOARD DECISIONS

If you want to find the outcomes of Planning Board (PB) or Zoning Board of Appeals (ZB) applications, all meeting agendas, minutes and application decisions are posted on the town website at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com). If you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access YouTube meeting recordings through the town website. All public hearing notices are published in the *Sentinel*.



## LOVE ME! LICENSE ME!

### Why is this required, you ask?

A license is a lost dog's ticket home. If you haven't yet licensed your beloved dog, please do so.

**(1) IT'S THE LAW** New York State Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 7, requires dogs in New York State be licensed and wear their dog license tag.

**(2) EASY IDENTIFICATION** When wearing a license tag, dogs are easier to identify, enabling them to be reunited with their owner faster.

**(3) HEALTH/SAFETY** Requiring a dog to have a valid rabies vaccination prior to licensing helps to control and prevent the spread of rabies.

**(4) DOG PARKS** All Monroe County Dog Parks require a valid dog license and rabies vaccination. For more information on locations of parks, call the Monroe County Department of Parks Administrative Office at 585-753-7275.

### WHAT DOGS MUST BE LICENSED?

Every dog owned or harbored in New York State for longer than 30 days must be licensed. The ONLY license exceptions are: (1) Dogs under 4 months of age not running at large; (2) If a non-resident brings a dog into New York state for less than 30 days and the dog is licensed according to the resident state's licensing laws; and (3) Dogs confined to the premise of any public or private hospital, research institution or a Class A Dealer with a certificate of exemption.

### HOW DO YOU LICENSE YOUR DOG?

Apply for a dog license at your local town clerk's office by bringing in the proper paperwork from your dog's veterinarian and the appropriate fee. If a dog is spayed/neutered, present a certificate from a licensed veterinarian along with a certificate of rabies vaccination. **Rush's current license fees are \$9 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$18 for an unsprayed/unneutered dog.** Fees are set by each municipality and are nonrefundable.

**Registration Renewals must be done annually to remain compliant.**

### HOW DOES IT APPLY TO TOWN CODE?

Being courteous and lawful means all dogs must be on a leash and controlled by the owner at any time that they are more than eight feet away from the owner and their property. Any destruction or damage caused by a dog is the responsibility of the dog's owner.

It is unlawful for any owner of any dog to permit or allow a dog to commit a nuisance in a public street, public building, public park or on any private property except with the consent of the property owner. *Please keep the public sidewalks and town recreation fields unpolluted of your dog's business.* For dogs at large, or dogs creating a nuisance, please contact Michael Czora, Dog Control Officer at 330-9100.

## COMBINED 2022

### TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILL

If your taxes are not escrowed and you have not received a tax bill, please call my office to obtain a duplicate bill; or you may also access your bill on the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). Select "view/pay taxes online." Your past school and combined town and county tax bills are also available on this site.

If you choose to send your tax payment in with online banking, you do so at the risk of being late. Your payment will not contain an official US postal postmark and may not be considered timely per the law, thus incurring a penalty.

Instructions for payments are located on the back of your bill or at the Monroe County website.

As a reminder, all tax payments can be sent to my office through May 31<sup>st</sup>. If a payment falls on a weekend or holiday, your payment will be accepted on the first business day after the weekend.

For your convenience, a drop box is available inside the Town Clerk Office lobby and is additionally accessible whenever the Library is open.

Access it through the interior building doors. All town hall office payments made can be placed in the lobby drop box. A receipt will be mailed to you.

If you have additional questions, we will be happy to assist you.

**Happy Groundhog Day!**

**Pamela Bucci**



**Town of Rush Job Openings are posted on the Town's Website, <https://www.townofrush.com/>**

## Rush Highway Department

Mark David, Superintendent Phone: 533-1770  
[Highway@townofrush.com](mailto:Highway@townofrush.com)

### TRANSFER STATION OPEN 24/7

The transfer station located on Stonybrook Road opposite the town park and is open 24/7. Residents may drop off acceptable materials generated within the town at their convenience.

### POTHOLE PREPORTING & PATCHING

For potholes on state roads (Routes 15A, 15, 251 & 390) call 1-800-POTHOLE (1-800-768-4653) or NYSDOT - East Rochester dispatcher at 586-4514. All other town and county roads call the Rush Highway Department at 533-1770.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING!

Mark Your Calendar. Annual Brush Clean-up scheduled to start on April 18<sup>th</sup> *weather permitting!*

## Historian's Office

Susan Mee Phone: 533-1312  
[Sue@townofrush.com](mailto:Sue@townofrush.com)

### Hello!

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season and now winter is upon us!



Lifelong Rush resident Robert "Bob" Bock passed on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at age 89. Bob served in the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Rush United Methodist Church, the Rush Fire Department, the Pine Hill Cemetery Board,

and the owner of the former Bock's Supermarket store in Rush.

Bob parents, Lucy and Ray Bock, purchased the store located at 6075 East Henrietta Road (most recently the Rush Trading Post) in 1945. Upon Ray and Lucy's retirement, Bob and his wife, Ruth Jefferds Bock, owned and operated the store until 1994. Bock's store was known for their customer service, including home deliveries, their fresh meat counter and the massive collection of bells displayed throughout the store. Bock's Supermarket was a staple in Rush for nearly 50 years and Bob was a friend to all in the community where he was born and lived his life. Our most sincere condolences to Bob's family.



Photo of Bob Bock in the family store in the lower left page; and here is photo of a small portion of the collection of bells on display in the Bock Store. Photo of

Bob Bock is courtesy of Bill Meister.

Unfortunately, our Rush Quilt Show that was scheduled for the last weekend in January had to be cancelled. The Covid surge made this cancellation necessary, but since we already had a majority of the plans in place, we will try to schedule this event at a TBD later date. Upcoming events to consider:

- History of the Rush Fire Department: The Rush Historical Society has been trying to schedule this event since last year but the pandemic has prevented it from actually taking place. The event will take place at the Rush Fire Department, hopefully in February or March. Please check the RHS website and also the Rush Facebook Community group for updates.
- Rush Historical Society's Annual Meeting will take place Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The Annual Meeting will consist of a brief business meeting followed by a presentation on the Chase Family Farms by Bill and Dan Chase. As the date gets closer, we will determine if this event will be in person or virtual.
- Plans are also underway to hopefully hold a History Office Open House in April. This would take place on a Sunday afternoon and the History Office of the Town Hall would be open for our residents to stop in and take a look at some of the items in our collection. Updates will follow as plans are further developed.

Recently, there was a conversation on the Rush Community Facebook page about older maps of Rush. I have a couple of reprinted atlas maps from 1902 and 1924 available for purchase if anyone is interested. Both maps are about 31" x 20" and are \$20 each. Please let me know if interested. If there is more interest, I can also have additional copies printed. They mat and frame beautifully, too!

**Sue Mee**



## Building Department

John Limbeck, Building Inspector Office: 533-9114  
[building@townofrush.com](mailto:building@townofrush.com)

The 2022 Building Permit and Fee Schedule for building permits and applications for land-use projects has been updated and approved by the Town Board, and can be found on the town website or at the Building Department or Town Clerk's Office.

## Assessor's Office

Agostino Mineo, Assessor, Tue. 8:30 AM–12:30 PM  
Phone: 533-2330 [assessor@townofrush.com](mailto:assessor@townofrush.com)  
Cheryl Davis-Cicoria, Assessor's Clerk  
Tue., Thu., 8:30 AM–4:30 PM, Fri. 8:30 AM–1:30 PM

## EXEMPTION FORMS

The exemption renewal forms for Limited Income Senior Citizens Partial Tax Exemption, Agricultural Exemption, Disabilities Partial Tax Exemption, and Non-Profit & Clergy Exemption were mailed out in the fall. Please return no later than **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

## ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION

If you turn 65 this year, you may qualify for the Enhanced STAR exemption. To find out and register for Enhanced STAR and enroll in the Income Verification Program (IVP), [www.tax.ny.gov/star/](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star/)

## Recreation Department

Patricia Stephens, Supervisor Phone: 533-2340  
[Pat@townofrush.com](mailto:Pat@townofrush.com)

**WE ARE TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!!** The goal of this program is to provide 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 PM each full day of the school calendar. Applications are on the town website and at the Town Clerk's office.

**WILLIAM UDICIOUS PAVILION** The town website allows you to see the dates available and send a request to rent the pavilion on a particular date. Payments for the pavilion and all programs are available online as well! Please refer to the Town of Rush website for updates on Recreation programs that will be offered between newsletters.

**Girls Basketball Program is scheduled to begin at the end of March! Applications will be available on the Recreation website when the program is confirmed!**

## SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS



**Pat Rose**, Seniors Exercise Specialist and the Rush Recreation Department present a Winter Session Seniors Exercise Class. This is an eight-week program.

**Dates:** Thursdays, January 27<sup>th</sup>–March 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 10:00–11:00 AM  
**Cost:** \$50 Rush resident  
\$55 Non-resident  
**Location:** William Udicious Pavilion

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 begins now at the Rush Town Hall clerk's office. This class can be prorated. Please call Pat Stephens at 533-2340 if you have questions.

## AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ



The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz, an aerobics instructor in Rush since 1982 will be offering a spring 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 an eight-week class.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, March 1<sup>st</sup>–April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup>–April 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** 6:00–7:00 PM  
**Cost:** 1 Day/week \$32 Resident  
\$36 Non-resident  
2 Days/week \$50 Resident  
\$54 Non-resident

**Location:** William Udicious Pavilion  
**Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs.+**  
This program is scheduled on Tuesdays until April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Tuesdays) at the Monica Leary Elementary School gym from 7:00–9:00 PM. The program is free. Please contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information on times and any other questions.



## A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Program offered by Town of Rush  
Recreation Department and Lifespan

Many older adults are concerned about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program with practical strategies to manage falls and increase activity levels.

### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who restricts activities because of falling concerns

### WHERE WILL THE PROGRAM BE HELD?

Udicious Pavilion, 1900 Rush Scottsville Rd. Rush

### WHEN? Tuesdays, January to March 1, 2022.

8 weeks at 2 hrs./week, 1:00–3:00 PM

**Cost:** \$25 Resident; \$30 Non-Resident

**Questions:** Call Pat at 533-2340

### Library News

Kirsten Flass, Director

Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546

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

**Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:00–8:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday: 11:00 AM–8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

**Book Deliveries:** If you or a loved one ever requires curbside delivery or home delivery, please call the Library in advance and we'll be happy to assist you. Curbside delivery is offered during daylight hours only. (Please park near the book drop and call the library for assistance.)

**Covid Update:** As of the writing of this newsletter in mid-January, we are witnessing a major surge in positive cases and hospitalizations in the Rochester area and in Rush, so we decided to *temporarily* postpone in-person programs like Senior Social Hour, Knit Chicks, and Book Club through January. We hope to return to in-person events in the future as long as participants remain masked. Our Calendar of Events is up-to-date, and everyone will be notified if their class changes.

### Dear Neighbors,

We fondly remember our former Library



Director and friend,  
**Joan Starkweather, who passed away in December.**

Joan led the Rush Public Library for twenty years and ushered us into the new realm of public computers, a digital card catalogue, and barcoded library cards. She was soft-spoken and kind to every patron, and always maintained professional decorum and poise as a community leader. Over the years I have spoken with

many patrons who remember her fondly from their childhood memories of growing up in Rush. When I first moved to Rush with a toddler of my own in 1996, her kind and hospitable presence in the library made our family feel welcome in our new hometown. Joan was also a wonderful mentor to me and continues to have a lasting impact on our community; she will be greatly missed!



**Libby App: E-book Tutorials:** Did you receive an **e-reader, tablet, or smartphone** for Christmas and need help getting started with digital books and digital audiobooks? We lend them

for free via Overdrive and their free app called *Libby*. If you'd like assistance, call the library and ask for Kirsten. We'll set up a time for one-on-one tutoring to get you started. Most appointments take an hour or less, you'll leave here ready to enjoy your new gift.

**The Great Courses are now available digitally through OverDrive for 2022.** The MCLS Adult Literacy Committee has decided to offer a one-year trial of "Great Courses" through Libby for all MCLS cardholders. The Great Courses collection includes more than 250 courses, led by the world's top experts, covering a broad range of subjects, such as science, mathematics, philosophy, history, literature, fine arts, music, travel, business, and personal development.

Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time; we are doing everything we can to continue to serve you! **Looking forward to seeing you...**

**Kirsten Flass**

## Upcoming Events for February, 2022

We are following Covid mandates for all programs and events. Masks are currently required for in-person events regardless of vaccination status!



**Facebook Storytime:** Join in the fun **every Tuesday at 11:30 AM, live on Facebook.** We will be sharing stories and sometimes we share special crafts or guests like **Annie B.**

**Schnauzer!** If you miss the live events, you can watch the recording on our Facebook page for a month afterwards. No registration required.



**Zoom for Beginners:** Learn to Zoom with family and friends in a gentle & stress-free way. We offer one-on-one instruction for setting it up and using it. Contact Adult Program

Coordinator, **Sue Writz** to make your personal appointment at **533-1370.** She'll patiently take you through the process of opening a free Zoom account and using it from either your home or at the library.



**Card Club:** Bring a friend and join us at **2:00 PM on Wednesdays** for weekly card games in the Library meeting room. Play some old favorites or we will learn something new. You will need to register for each week you plan to attend:

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.** Please register in advance online, or by calling the Library.



**Mahjong for Beginners:**

Learn to play Mahjong, another in our series of strategy games. **Sharon Reithel** will provide instruction for this tile-based

game developed in China, commonly played by four players. Please register early for each week you plan to attend as seating will be limited: **Thursdays from 4:30–5:30 PM on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** for ages 16 and up in the library meeting room.



**Go! Game Club:** Enjoy a game of Go! in the Library Meeting Room on **Thursdays, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:30 PM** for ages

16 and up. This is for folks who already know the basics. Space is limited; please sign up in advance for each week you are interested in attending.

## Managing Stress for Family & Friend



**Caregivers:** This presentation by **Eve Moses**, Caregiver Coordinator at Lifespan, is built around the evidence-based program *Powerful Tools for*

*Caregivers* and will introduce us to methods and strategies to improve communication, reduce stress, and find better balance while caregiving. This is a **hybrid Zoom program on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30–4:30 PM;** watch online via Zoom in your home or join us in our meeting room to watch the Zoom event on our large screen. Please go to [RushLibrary.org](http://RushLibrary.org) or call the library to register for a Zoom link sent the day of the event.

**Nature Photography:** Join longtime Rush



resident, **Judy Foster**, as she shares a passion for photography that has inspired the publication of two books. You will learn some do's and don't's of photographing nature, tips and tricks for finding

critters, and insight into publishing a book to preserve these captured moments. This program will take place **Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00–8:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Please register in advance for a seat.

**Date Night at the Library:** Enjoy a special



Valentine's event with a partner or friend *after we close* on **Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 PM.** You'll enjoy spending time together at various stations around the

Library and engaging in fun activities designed to enhance your relationship, even a platonic one. You'll leave feeling connected and happy, and you'll even leave with some souvenirs of this unique evening! Space is limited to 8 couples; please register in advance.



**Knit Chicks:** Join our fiber arts community group with your work-in-progress (knitting, crocheting, quilting, mending, or any other craft) and make new

friends, share ideas, and exchange patterns. This is a drop-in event, no need to register. Hope you can join us for some crafty fun! We will meet *twice* each month, masked up in the Library Meeting Room:

- **Second Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM (February 12 & March 12)**
- **Last Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM (February 24 & March 31)**



## Mouse, Paint



Ellen Stoll Walsh

Join Erin as she reads stories about rainbow colors, mice who dance in paint, and a very creative lion who paints with his tail. We will be at craft stations experimenting with color mixing too. (You will use a brush, no tails required!) **Join us on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00–1:30 PM in the Library.** Wear your old clothes because we might get messy. This is geared to ages 3–8. Space is limited, please register in advance. All Covid precautions will be in place.

**Senior Social Hour:** Rush Seniors are invited to



drop in at the library on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM** (please note the time change) to enjoy a quiet place to gather. We have a cozy meeting room as well as a comfy couch and armchairs by our picture window and fireplace; watch the birds while you catch up with friends on **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>.** Refreshments will only be served if the Covid surge is over and it is safe to temporarily unmask. Thanks for your understanding.

**History of Wampum:** Join **Richard D. Hamell, Assoc. Prof Emeritus**, for



a discussion on the history of wampum, its importance, and its use by the First Nations and their colonial neighbors. The methods used to manufacture shell beads will be demonstrated and a selection of reproduction wampum belts will on display. This program takes place **Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30–8:00 PM in the library meeting room.** Register in advance; seating is limited. An opportunity to create your own wampum belt will take place next month.

**Seed Starting:** Join us for an online program **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00–8:00 PM** via **Zoom** to



learn the best practices for indoor seed starting, transitioning seedlings to the outdoors, and which seeds can be directly sown into the garden. Presented by **Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners.** When you register in advance, you'll receive the Zoom link on the day of the program.

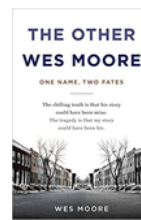
**Glass Tracing Art for Teens:** Bring an outline of



a favorite image (or choose from one of ours) to trace and then paint on glass that will fit inside an 8" x 10" frame. All materials will be provided. This program is for ages 13–18 and will be held in the **William**

**Udicious Pavilion on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00–9:00 PM.** Please register at [RushLibrary.org](http://RushLibrary.org) for this free event.

**Rush Readers' Book Club:**



This month's selection will be **The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates** by Wes Moore. "Two kids with the same name lived in the same decaying city. One went on to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. A letter from one to the other led to a relationship of discovery as they try to find their way in a hostile world. Here is the story of two boys and the journey of a generation." We offer two sessions: join us **in person** in the Library meeting room on **Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** or **by Zoom** on **Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

**Pet Dragon Story Time:** Kids ages 3 and up...



join Erin for dragon stories then create your very own pet dragon! Wear old clothes because you will use air-dry clay to sculpt the dragon of your dreams and then give it a pet name to bring it home with you. Each family will be at their own table. This event is on **Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:00 PM** in the library. Space is limited; please register in advance.

**Macrame Wall Art: Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from**



**7:00–9:00 PM** in the **William Udicious Pavilion** located behind the library. Learn how to make contemporary macramé wall art on a 7" hoop using a variety of macramé knots. Participants will be able to create a downsized version at home on hoop earrings to add to their jewelry collection. This is for ages 16 and up and there will be a \$5 materials fee, due that evening. Please register in advance.

## Upcoming Events for March 2022

We will be following Covid mandates for all programs & events.

### 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.



### 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. 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.



**Wampum Belt Making:** Rich Hamell, Assoc. Prof Emeritus, will provide instruction on creating a 5" x 47" wampum belt using pony beads and yarn. This workshop will take place **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Please allow 2–3 hours to complete your project. This is for **ages 12 and up**, and there is a \$5 material fee, payable that day. Please register early as seating is limited for this event.

### The Art of Needle Felting:

(Rescheduled from January) Teens and adults are invited to join us on **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** for one of **3 sessions** on beginner needle felting, which is a cozy craft



using wool roving; choose the class time that works for you. We will meet for 2 hours at either **12:00 PM, 3:00 PM or 7:00 PM in the Library meeting room.** We'll teach you the basics and you can choose from assorted items to adorn with a felt design. All materials are provided for a **\$10** fee, payable that day. Please register in advance online or by phone as there will be limited seating.



### St. Patrick's Day Cocoa Bombs for Teens:

Learn to make the trendy holiday warm-up treats using St Patty's Day-themed ingredients. Each teen will make a couple of festive bombs to take home and enjoy. All materials are included in this free class for teens 13 and up. Please register in advance as space is limited. This program will take place in the Library Meeting Room on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:00 PM.**



### Knight Story Time: *Knights of Old, Brave and Bold... hear a tale from long ago...*

After listening to a story you will construct a sword from a wrapping-paper tube and decorate a shield with your family crest. "Jewels" will be supplied for knightly adornment. Each family will work at their own table. This event will be held **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:30 PM** inside the library for ages 6 and up. Wear old clothes and bring an assistant (parent) to help you! Registration is required. *P.S. Girl knights are also welcome!*



### Gnome Craft:

What do a mop head, ping pong ball, floral cone, and fabric squares have to do with Gnomes? Come join **Sue Zampella** for a fun evening of crafting and find out. Bring a little luck of the Irish, your imagination, and **\$5 per Gnome.** There will be enough supplies for each participant to make up to two Gnomes. We will meet up **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Please register in advance online, or by calling the Library.



### Practical Tips for Aging in Place:

Join **Sue Writz**, a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, for a discussion of practical tips and strategies, along with general home modification suggestions allowing you to create a safer and more functional space to age in place. A list of resources will be provided following the program. This **online program** will take place **via Zoom on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00–8:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

**Costume Jewelry Donations:** Time to clean out your jewelry boxes! We are collecting costume and "junk" jewelry for future craft programs for adults and teens and will appreciate any items you wish to donate. We can offer you a receipt for your taxes.





### Low Maintenance House Plants:

Start your green thumb with some of the easiest houseplants to care for.

We'll teach you which ones thrive on neglect, grow completely in water, or don't need drainage at all. You'll also learn which plants are most effective against allergies, produce the most oxygen, and remove air pollutants. Free samples will be provided to start you on your way to enjoying the health benefits of indoor plants. This program will take place in the **William Udicious Pavilion on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00–8:00 PM.**

### Rush Readers' Book Club:



Our March selection will be ***The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis.** "In this thrilling, poignant novel, we are immersed in the secrets of the famed New York Public Library and the families whose lives are intertwined with it in 1913 and 1993. At once a breathtaking, page-turning mystery, and a deeply personal story of women attempting to forge independent lives." Join us in person in the Library meeting room on **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** or **by Zoom on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Please register in advance.



**Seed Science for Kids:** Kids ages 3 and up: you can become agricultural scientists! You'll try hydroponic gardening by planting seeds in a glove and in upcycled bottles. You'll take your seed babies home to watch them grow big enough to plant outdoors. **Join Erin**

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:30 PM in the Library.** Please register in advance and wear old clothes.



### Creating a 2022 Resume

**That Stands Out:** Entering or re-entering the workforce? Switching careers or looking for a promotion? All of these require a great resume, but there have

many changes in hiring in the past five years. Learn what to include (and what to omit) on your resume, common myths about the job application process, and what an Applicant Tracking System is (and why it matters very much for your success.) **Revision Resume** co-founders, Laura and Carrie, will provide fresh information and answer questions during this

online program, **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30–10:30 AM via Zoom.** Please register in advance.



### Macrame for Beginners:

Learn how to make a macrame plant hanger suitable for indoor or outdoor use on **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00–9:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** You'll even go home

with a new plant to go with the hanger! This class is for ages 16 and up, and there is a \$5 materials fee, payable that evening. Space is limited; please register in advance.

**\*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 Department & Rush Ambulance**  
Robert Faugh, Commissioner Phone: 533-2058  
[www.rushfd.org](http://www.rushfd.org)

**OUR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** was held on January 5, 2022. Scott Goodman was appointed Chairman; Doug Platt Vice – Chairman; Aletha Steehler to the position of Treasurer and Catherine Stappenbeck to the positions of Secretary and Deputy Treasurer. Official newspaper is the Penny Saver. Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

**ANNUAL BUDGET:** The 2022 Fire District Budget rate was lowered to **\$0.95 per thousand.** We lowered this rate by reducing money into the Capital Reserve Accounts and reducing costs, even though our costs keep going up. Insurance went up quite a bit because cancer coverage is now required. Some worn-out gear needs replacing and is very expensive. Firefighters are continuing to clean both stations and, when spring returns, mow the lawns. The Town Highway Dept. allows us to do some preventive maintenance on the apparatus saving hundreds of taxpayer dollars.

**ACCESS AND HOUSE NUMBERS:** "HELP us so we can HELP you." We still have serious problems finding homes in emergencies because there are no visible or legible addresses on the house or mailboxes. **DID YOU KNOW** that there are local and state codes that you must comply with?

Rush Town Code Section 40-1 requires all residences and businesses to display their street address. Choosing not to comply with these codes could delay the Fire Department., Ambulance, and Sheriff's Office in getting to you and could cause damage to our expensive equipment. This mistake could cost you loss of life and property. For more information on compliance, please contact the Town Code Enforcement Officer.

**2021 FIRE & AMBULANCE ACTIVITY:** Total of 401 calls – EMS (Ambulance) 62%, Good intent (Incl. MVA with vehicle smoking or fluid leak, auto alarms that set off by cooking) 15%, False Automatic Alarms 8%, Hazard conditions (wires down, trees in road) 7%, Service Calls (Includes responses to other districts) 5%, FIRES 2%. Most calls occurred on Saturday 75; and least on Sunday 35%. We are a 100% volunteer department.

**ALL VOLUNTEERS:** None of our members are paid for the hundreds of hours they serve the Rush community. Our members attended countless hours of training on our scheduled drill nights alone. Several members elect to take extra classes to advance their knowledge in several subject areas related to fire service, leadership, water rescue and emergency medical service. We have county and state instructors in the Department. We are your neighbors, mechanics, teachers, bus drivers, computer technicians, construction workers, retirees, students, family members, and friends. **Thank you for your support. We look forward to serving the Rush community and our neighboring FDs in 2022!**

### **“IS THERE A FIRE IN YOU?”**

In just 10 years the number of volunteer firefighters in NYS has dropped from 120,000 to 80,000. 93% on ALL New York State firefighters are VOLUNTEER. [www.RushFD.org](http://www.RushFD.org) website has a link to the state program and information on our home page. There is also a box to click on for membership information. We will have an open house during fire prevention week.

**OFFICERS FOR 2022:** Chief Jon Faugh, Asst. Chiefs Kevin Brown and Mike Terzo Jr., Captains Dan Kwiecien, Sean Brown and Fire Police Kevin Kolmetz, Lts. Dale Sweet, Jason Dundon, Jim Princerhorn, Zac Dubois, Andy Socola and Safety Officer Jim McNeil. Social Officers: Heidi Sweet – President, Beth Faugh - Diana Pfersick - Vice President, Treasurer Bob Faugh, Asst. Treasurer and Asst. Secretary Kevin Kolmetz.

**FUND DRIVE:** We have about 500 of the 1,300 requests return some donation. With the \$3,600 United Way contributions that you have donated in the past we are at \$48,000 right now. **A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED.**

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Many of the fire publications have FDs that boast about how many serious calls they respond to. **WE BOAST on how the residents that we serve are very fire and safety conscious and DO NOT NEED OUR SERVICES VERY OFTEN. We thank you for this.** Please continue the great work. We feel that our years of fire prevention & education efforts have paid off. These efforts do work and help control accidental fires and resulting injuries or death in Rush.

**CAN YOU BE SEEN?** *Many of you jog and/or walk along the road. It has come to our attention that many of you CANNOT be seen. Some wear dark clothing or ride some type of motorized chair/device with NO REFLECTIVE or LIGHT COLORS ON that could endanger your life. Also carry some type of ID and emergency notification information with you. PLEASE wear something reflective – Lime-Yellow with reflective tape should work.*

**FACEBOOK:** “Like us” Rush Volunteer Fire Department. There are health & safety messages posted, breaking news on incidents, congratulations to our members, photos and much more. Check it out. The website is [www.RushFD.org](http://www.RushFD.org)

### **The Rush Ladies Auxiliary**

Deborah David, President

We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support throughout the year. We understand with the hard times everyone is going through, it's a bit more difficult to do our activities that we all enjoy and love so much.

The Ladies Auxiliary is planning most of our 2022 events as Drive Thrus until social distancing rules change. Please join us and stay updated through the Rush Town News and Penny Saver.

We held our yearly officers' election. I would like to thank all of our past officers for the phenomenal job they have done in 2021 and welcome in the officers for 2022! **President:** Deborah A David; **Vice President:** Carol Ann Stahl; **Secretary:** Michele Hicks; **Treasurer:** Kathy Reissig; and **Executive Officer:** Bonnie Tobey

## RUSH FIREMAN'S LADIES AUXILIARY BETTY WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**2021-2022 Due March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022** This scholarship will be awarded to up to three Rush residents depending upon the number of qualified candidates for the 2021-2022 academic year. The award is between \$1,000 to \$3,000 for resident(s) selected.

### Guidelines for applying for the scholarship are:

- Applicant must be a Rush Town Resident.
- Applicant must provide evidence of satisfactory grades by including an official transcript.
- Applicant must have contributed to the community through religious affiliated activities, scouting, volunteer work, etc. Emphasis will be placed on the amount and diversity of public service.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or technical school to earn a degree.

The final selection of the recipient(s) will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. A certificate will be presented to the recipient(s) of the Rush Firemen Ladies Auxiliary Betty Wilkins Scholarship Award at the **Senior Awards Ceremony** at the appropriate school. The check will be sent to the winner after the Scholarship Selection Committee receives verification that he/she is enrolled in a degree program. **Please return your completed applications by Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to your Counseling Center.**

### Rush Ladies Auxiliary Chicken And Biscuits Annual Fundraiser Drive Thru

The Ladies Auxiliary is planning their Annual Chicken & Biscuits Fundraiser for **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3:30–6:00 PM** at the Rush Fire House. We will serve chicken & biscuits, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and dessert for **\$12** per meal. Please follow signs to enter and exit safely.

### The Easter Bunny Is Coming in April

Mark Your Calendar! Come and enjoy the Easter Bunny at the Rush Fire House on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM. Rush residents ages 0 to 10 are welcome to come and say Hi to the Easter Bunny! Watch for more information in the next Newsletter!

**WE NEED YOU!** The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. Come to a meeting held the last Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Rush Fire House. See what we we're all about. Anyone 18 years of age and older, retired firefighters and explorers are welcome. We would also like to start a Junior Auxiliary. Contact Joan Madigan at 585-229-4168, email: [JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com](mailto:JHMadigan4@rochester.rr.com). Visit [www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm](http://www.RushFD.org/Ladiesaux.htm) for more information if you are interested. Thank you!



**Rush Senior Citizens**  
**Sueellen Miller, Reporter**

### Hi Folks,

I'm writing this message on Martin Luther King Day AND a snow day. Our first really GOOD snowfall. It looks like a winter wonderland, I love it, but of course I don't have to be out in it!

We Seniors have not been too active yet because of Covid, but we did go on a Mystery trip in December. We went to a German restaurant in Buffalo 🇩🇪. The food was delicious and the German band was spectacular. We sang and raised our glasses and had a wonderful time. Then went to the Made in America Store; we've been there before but love it. Everything is made in the "good ol' U S of A." Most of us managed to spend some money. Our next stop, we could have never guessed, it was a dance studio! They had beverages and cookies 🍪. Maybe to prepare us for what was to come.

The "teacher" then attempted to teach us to line dance to Christmas music. You had to be there to appreciate seeing the group, first of all keeping to the music, then clapping at the correct time, tapping the right foot or was it the left, which way to turn! Anyway, it was soooo much fun. Well, some may not agree, but it certainly was a Mystery trip we won't forget. The day featured a high wind warning so a couple of things we were supposed to do were canceled. And the bus had to swerve a few times to miss road debris. All in all a memorable day.

That's about it folks. Our January meeting was canceled due to Covid and I'm not sure about February or any near future ones.

I'll keep you informed via Penny Saver. If anyone out there would like to join our "fun" group, come to a meeting, visit with us and hopefully we'll make a good impression, and you'll want to join. **We meet the second Thursday of the month at the Rush Firehouse**, lunch at noon but come early to socialize. Lately lunch has been "bring your own bag lunch with a beverage" and until this Covid thing dramatically loses steam we'll continue this way. We have a meeting after lunch and then entertainment of some kind! Dues are a whooping \$10 a year.

Please consider joining, we'd love to welcome you. In the meantime enjoy our sparkling, snowman making, snowmobiling and skiing winter.



**Sue**





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**February 2022** Please note our schedule for sub-board meetings has changed to improve service for residents/applicants who seek timely reviews of building projects and applications; and reduce schedule conflicts.

Conservation Board	7:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday – Feb 10
Court	By Appointment Only	
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Feb 15
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Feb 15
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday – Feb 17
Planning Board	7:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feb 22
Town Board	7:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays – Feb 9 and Feb 23
<b>Other Dates</b>		
Groundhog Day		Wednesday – Feb 2
Valentine’s Day		Monday – Feb 14
President’s Day	Town Hall Offices Closed	Monday – Feb 21

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<b>Other Important Information and Dates</b>		
Daylight Savings		Sunday – March 13
Saint Patrick’s Day		Thursday – March 17
First Day of Spring		Wednesday – March 23

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