

# RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

Village of Rushville, New York

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## Adopt A Flower Box



It's the first ever **Main Street Adopt a Flower Box Contest!** Do you like to garden? Are you part of an organization or own a business that could use some extra money? The Village Board of Trustees invites any individual, organization, business or even a group of family and friends, to adopt a Main Street Flower Box!

There are 6 flower boxes on Main Street and they will be divvied out on a first come, first serve basis. **Whoever requests a box first, claims the rights to that box.** You will be responsible for planting the flowers and caring for them throughout the season. The Village will supply the topsoil and mulch, and you supply the flowers.



On Saturday, August 4th, (Community Days), the boxes will be judged based on visual appeal. **THE WINNER WILL BE GIVEN THE FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$100!** There will only be one prize given, so may the **BEST GREEN THUMB WIN!**

## Road Closing: Bridge Construction on State Route 245

The NYS Department of Transportation and Ramsey Construction will be doing a complete overhaul and rebuild of 3 bridges between Rushville and Middlesex on State Route 245. We have been told the road will close to thru traffic around mid-April and will not re-open until Fall. Detour signs will soon be posted.

## Memorial Day Parade

**When:** Monday, May 28th

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Middlesex



**Want to participate in the parade?**

**Contact the Village Office before May 1st!**

\*Please note the road closing and plan an alternate route to the parade.\*

# Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Reading Center

## Raise the Roof for Reading

Saturday, April 28th ~ 7:00-10:00pm

Rushville Methodist Church

A Café setting brought to you by the "Circle of Friends" as a thank you for reaching our Children's matching grant goal



**\*FREE Admission and FREE Refreshments\***

**Enjoy an Evening of Local Talent!**



**All DONATIONS collected during the evening will go towards the purchase of NEW BOOKS and DVD'S.**

If you are local talent and would like to be a part of this, please contact Lyn @ 554-4159, to see if there is still room for your act!

**COME CHECK OUR  
NEW BOOKS & DVDS  
MORE DUE TO  
ARRIVE SOON!**

**Come Join the "Circle of Friends"** Upcoming events include, the "Raise the Roof for Reading" night and participation in the Memorial Day Parade! Next meeting is Wednesday, April 25th @ 6:30pm. Contact Dodie @ 554-3939 or Lyn @ 554-4159

### **"How to Crochet Classes"**

Mondays: 2:30-3:30pm

Classes will continue thru May 21st. They will break for the Summer, and classes will

### **Friends After Cancer Support Group**

Third Wednesday of Every Month from 7-8 PM

This is for all people currently going through the cancer journey or ones that have been through it. We all can encourage and support one another. It is a comfort to know that you are NOT alone in this journey.

**MORE COMPUTER CLASSES TO BE SCHEDULED  
FOR APRIL, MAY & JUNE!**

**Relay for Life Canandaigua will take place on June 9th & 10th.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are in desperate need of volunteers! If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Library today! We can't operate without your help! Thank you!

**A Message from the Mayor:** We have made significant strides with the water project over the last 3 months. Since our last newsletter we have awarded bids to contractors, signed agreements and have started work at the water pump station at the lake. Construction will take place at the lake for the duration of the summer. Also this summer, we will be replacing water lines here in the Village. During the construction process and water line replacement, we do not anticipate any water supply interruptions. By the end of this year, we will have a complete up-to-date pumping and filtration system and will be in the position to supply Rushville and the surrounding areas with better quality water.

On a separate note, the new Pharmacy at 2 South Main Street is due to open sometime in April. We also have a new consignment shop opening at 15 North Main Street. These will be great additions to the Village and we hope that everyone will make an effort to support these new businesses.

Thank you to all who continue to help make Rushville a better place to live. Have a happy and healthy spring!

**A Call for Volunteers** The Rushville Fire Department is actively seeking new members for various department posts, and we will provide free training and camaraderie. People volunteer for a host of reasons. Many feel compassion for others in need, some want to "give back" and others are passionate about the issues facing our community. Whatever the reason, the Rushville Fire Department will provide a wide variety of options to get involved that match your interests and skills. For more information please stop by the firehouse on Railroad Avenue most Tuesday evenings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 CHICKEN BBQ  
 Saturday, May 19th  
 11:00am till ???  
 Menu Includes:  
 Salt Potatoes, Coleslaw,  
 Beans, Roll & Dessert  
 Whole Dinner: \$8.00  
**Thank You For Your Support!**

**Pancake Breakfast – THANK YOU!**  
 The Rushville Fire Department held its annual pancake breakfast on March 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended and revenues will support the Department's ongoing fire protection mission to Rushville and its surrounding area. Thank you to all those who supported this wonderful event that include, the dedicated members, Lions Club, Loomis Barn, generous vendors, local businesses, and everyone else who pitched in to help make the event a success.



**A Message from the Rushville Fire Department**



**USFA Releases Civilian Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings Report**

"Other unintentionally set, careless" actions and "smoking" are the leading causes!

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) issued a special report examining the characteristics of civilian fire fatalities in residential buildings. The report, [Civilian Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings \(2008-2010\)](#) was developed by USFA's National Fire Data Center and is based on 2008 to 2010 data from the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

**According to the report:**

- ♦ **92%** of all civilian fatalities in residential building fires involve **thermal burns and smoke inhalation.**
- ♦ The **leading specific location** where civilian fire fatalities occur in residential buildings is the **bedroom, 55%.**
- ♦ **15 %** of civilian fire fatalities in residential buildings occur between the **hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.** This period also accounts for **47% of fatal fires.**
- ♦ **36 %** of fire victims in residential buildings were **trying to escape** at the time of their deaths; an additional **35% were sleeping.**
- ♦ **"Other unintentionally set, careless" actions and "smoking"** (each accounting for 16% are the **leading causes** of fatal residential building fires.
- ♦ Approximately **44%** of civilian fatalities in residential building fires are **between the ages of 40 and 69.** **13%** of the fire fatalities in residential buildings are **less than 10 years old.**

**DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!** Fire safety practices are critical, including the installation and routine maintenance of smoke detectors. A smoke detector is required in each bedroom, outside and in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms (hallways), on each story of the home. Failure to install smoke detectors is poor judgment and a violation of fire safety codes. **Is your home up to code?**

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Jim Rice, Village Co-Historian

## Spring Fire Safety Tips

From the Rushville Fire Department

Spring is here once again. Here are some easy fire safety tips that will help ensure a fire free entrance to this summer:

- ♦ Smoke detector batteries should be checked, and replaced if necessary. Smoke detector units should be cleared of dust.
- ♦ Fire extinguishers should be checked, and recharged if necessary.
- ♦ Electric wiring should be checked for damage, and replaced if necessary. Electric outlets and extension cords should not be overloaded.
- ♦ Air Conditioning units and electrical cords should be checked.
- ♦ Barbeque Gas grills (including gas hoses) and propane tanks should be inspected prior to use.
- ♦ Never use open flame devices to strip paint. This is very dangerous and is illegal.
- ♦ Never burn yard waste or trash. This is very dangerous and is illegal.
- ♦ Windows should be checked to make sure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as exits.

### *General Information for the Residents of the Village of Rushville*

#### Village Board Meetings

Second Monday of Every Month @ 7:00pm  
Rushville Village Hall, One South Main Street

#### Clerk Hours & Contact Information

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Fridays: 8:00am - 5:00pm  
Closed Wednesday s & the Lunch Hour , Noon - 1:00pm  
Office Tel.: (585) 554-3415 Office Fax: (585) 554 - 4885  
Village E-mail: villageofrushville@frontiernet.net

#### Code Enforcement Hours & Contact Information

Monday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm & Friday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Office Tel.: (585) 554-3415 Home Tel.: (585) 394-7498

#### History Room Hours & Contact Information

Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:00pm & Thursday: 9:00am - Noon  
Tel: (585) 554-6085 E-mail: rushvillehistory@frontiernet.net

#### Reading Center Hours & Contact Information

Monday & Wednesday: 3:00pm - 7:00pm  
Friday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm & Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Tel: (585) 554-3939

- ♦ Review your family's Fire Escape Plan.
- ♦ Fuels for lawn and garden equipment, etc. should be stored in an approved container only.
- ♦ Pesticides and chemicals should be stored in an approved container and away from children.
- ♦ Swimming pool chemicals should be stored according to manufacturer guidelines.
- ♦ Oil based paints and solvents should be stored in a metal cabinet

## Town of Potter Spring Clean Up Day

When: Saturday, April 28th

Time: 8:00am - 12:00noon

Where: Potter Town Pit: 1306 Phelps Rd

Spring clean up will soon be underway. Get rid of all that old junk for **FREE!** Everything can be disposed of except bagged garbage, oil and paints.

Questions?

Call Potter Town Clerk @ 554-6758