

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

Village of Rushville, New York

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Fall Leaf Pick Up



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This year will mark the fourth year of our fall leaf pick up program. The start date will depend on the weather and when the leaves start to fall off the trees. Orange flyers will be placed around the Village with the start dates at the following locations: the Village Office, Community Bank, Federal Hollow, Johnson's Joint, Lunch Box, Post Office, Reading Center, and Rushco. For the most up to date information check the bulletin board outside the Village Office.

In order to make the process quick, easy and beneficial for everyone, please be sure your leaves meet the following criteria:

1. Leaves must be as close to the street as possible! We have limited reach with the vacuum hose.
2. Leaves ONLY! No brush, walnuts, litter/garbage in the leaves.
3. Do not bag the leaves! All bags will be emptied and it will be the



Thank you for your help in making this another successful year for leaf pick-up!

~ Happy Halloween ~

Trick-or-treating hours for the Village will be from 6:00-8:00pm on Wednesday, October 31st. Don't forget to visit the Reading Center for some additional goodies, treats and lots of family fun!



Coming to a field near you!
Contact the Reading Center for more information!

Town of Potter Fall Clean Up Day

WHEN: Saturday, October 27th,
8:00 am-12:00 noon

WHERE: Potter Town Pit
1306 Phelps Road

WHAT: Everything EXCEPT - bagged garbage, oil, and paints. Brush will be collected on site. Limit of 1 load of shingles per parcel. Tire Fee: \$2 for cars/pick-up trucks. \$5 for all others



PLEASE! TOWN OF POTTER RESIDENTS ONLY

Rushville Hose Company Lends a Hand in Elmira

Rushville Hose Company Members, Art Rilands and Andy Gardner, traveled to Elmira in early August to provide mutual aid assistance after tornados and high winds caused extensive damage to buildings, power lines, and other infrastructure. It is estimated that winds reached 110mph and the aftermath left approximately 16,000 homes and businesses in Chemung County without power. Our members were joined by members from several other fire departments to provide assistance evacuating homes, clearing streets, setting up emergency centers and much more. The Elmira Fire Department appreciated this assistance and commended the Rushville Hose Company for pitching in during this relief effort.

Activities at the Reading Center

~ 35 South Main Street ~ 554-3939 ~

Computer Courses

Only two more months of JobLink computer courses:

Microsoft Word Classes

Part 1, 2, 3 & 4

Facebook for Beginners

Part 1 & 2

More subjects to fill! Do you have another interest? Call Dodie and find out what is available! Please sign up for a class in advance! If no one signs up for a class, the class may be cancelled so please call or stop in to confirm your space!

"Circle of Friends" Needs You!

Come join the "Circle of Friends". The group promotes the library by planning events and activities and raising money for new books etc. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. If you can't make the meeting, you can still join. We can stay in contact with you by e-mail and/or phone.

Don't forget to visit the Reading Center for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween and join us for an evening of **Star Gazing** this fall! Call the Reading Center for more information.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

Keep up to date with what's happening at the Library. Join us on Facebook: Mabel D. Blodgett Reading Center. Watch for postings of upcoming events. If you "like" us, you will see the new postings on your wall.

Future Holiday Closings: The Library will be closed on Friday, November 23rd and Monday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 26th, & Monday, December 31st.

RUSHVILLE HISTORY ROOM & THE WALL OF HONOR

The volunteers of the Rushville History Room have been collecting and displaying photos of veterans from the Marcus Whitman School District for almost 5 years. They recently hung their 600th picture and have added a dozen photos since. If you have never seen the Wall of Honor, stop on in and look upon the men and women of our community that have served this great nation! You will most likely find a relative or see a photo of someone you know. It really is a sight to see! If you haven't stopped into the History Room in a while, they would love to see you again. They are continuously working on adding to the collections and artifacts and have several resources for helping with genealogy and other community/family research. The History Room is open on Tuesdays from 9:00am-3:00pm and Thursdays from 9:00am-12:00noon. They can be reached via e-mail at rushvillehistory@frontiernet.net and by phone at 554-6085. Hope to see you soon!

MEMBERS NEEDED

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. The call for volunteers continues to be a priority for the department. Work duties include everything from active fire fighters and fire police to assisting with social events. We provide all the training and equipment needed. If you are interested in serving the Village of Rushville and its Fire District in one of the noblest ways around, contact Bill Gardner, President or by stopping by the firehouse located at 14 Railroad Avenue to pick up an application. Thank you in advance for your support!

A Message from the Mayor: We are very busy this year with projects and improvements. The water improvement project as a whole is making progress, some portions are progressing better than others. The installation of new water lines within the Village is about two-thirds complete, which is eliminating six dead end water mains. The upgrades to the water pumping facility and the relocation of the water filtration plant to the lake has hit a few bumps in the road, however the contractors are making progress. We anticipate a completion date of March 2013. Completing both of these much needed projects will supply Village residents and outside users with excellent quality water for decades into the future.

We are currently working on completing another 1,000 feet of sidewalk and will be submitting a grant application to complete sidewalks on Gilbert Street to the Valley School. This is a joint project with the Marcus Whitman School. If you would like to support this project, please send a letter to the Village Office A.S.A.P. The application is due Friday, October 5th.

Thank you to all who contribute to the Village! Your support is very much appreciated! Have a healthy and enjoyable fall season!

Heating Season Alert- Woodstove Safety Tips from your Fire Department

Woodstoves and fireplaces are a popular alternative heating source for many homeowners, especially those who own older model homes. Make sure to take the following proper precautions to ensure that you enjoy the added comfort while minimizing the risk to your family and home.

- ◆ Open the dampers before starting a fire in a wood stove.
- ◆ Vent your stove properly and insulate vent from flammable materials
- ◆ Use paper and kindling wood to ignite a fire and keep dry wood away from the stove.
- ◆ Avoid using lighter fluid, kerosene, or gasoline
- ◆ Remember that slow burning fires can create creosote and soot problems. Small hot fires are more efficient.



Scheduled Maintenance:

Weekly: We recommend cleaning the ashes from your stove every week during the heating season. Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a lid and store away from your home and combustibles.

Monthly: Inspect your pipes and connections monthly for creosote and soot build-up.

Warning Signs of Chimney Problems:

- ◆ Build up of creosote (dripping from the chimney base or staining of the outer chimney shell)
- ◆ Sluggish draft (smoke spilling out when the woodstove door is opened)
- ◆ Corrosion of the outer shell of a factory built chimney
- ◆ Deterioration of the brickwork of a masonry chimney



Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly! Your Home Needs a Carbon Monoxide Detector!

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not hazardous. However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances. Even more die from CO produced by idling cars. Fetuses, infants, elderly people, and people with anemia or with a history of heart or respiratory disease can be especially susceptible. Be safe. Practice the DO's and DON'Ts of carbon monoxide

CO Poisoning Symptoms: Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. You can even die if these levels persist for a long time. Low levels can cause shortness of breath, mild nausea, and mild headaches, and may have longer term effects on your health. Since many of these symptoms are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses, you may not think that CO poisoning could be the cause.

Play it Safe: If you experience symptoms that you think could be from CO poisoning:

DO GET FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY - Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances and **LEAVE!**

DO GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM and tell the physician you suspect CO poisoning. If CO has occurred it can often be diagnosed by a blood test soon after exposure.

DO BE PREPARED TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: Do your symptoms occur only in the house? Do they disappear or decrease when you leave home and reappear when you return? Is anyone else in your household complaining of similar symptoms? Did everyone's symptoms appear about the same time? Are you using any fuel-burning appliances in the home? Has anyone inspected your appliances lately? Are you certain they are working properly?

Prevention is the Key to Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: Follow these general guidelines:

DO have your fuel-burning appliances inspected by a trained professional at the beginning of every heating season. Make certain that the flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition, and not blocked. Fuel burning appliances include oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves.

DO choose appliances that vent their fumes to the outside whenever possible, have them properly installed, and maintain them according to manufacturers' instructions.

DO read and follow all of the instructions that accompany any fuel-burning device.

DON'T idle the car in a garage, even if the garage door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up very quickly in the garage and living area of your home.

DON'T use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

DON'T ever use a charcoal grill indoors -- even in a fireplace.

DON'T sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

DON'T use gasoline-powered engines in enclosed spaces - mowers, snow blowers, chain saws, generators etc.

DON'T ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them. You could lose consciousness and die if you do nothing.



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A Few Words About Carbon Monoxide Detectors & Amanda's Law

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are widely available in stores and are required by Amanda's Law to be installed on each story of every home. Even though alarms are required by law *IT IS IMPORTANT* to properly use and maintain your fuel burning appliances. Unlike a smoke detector, where you can easily confirm the cause of the alarm, carbon monoxide is invisible and odorless, so it's harder to tell if an alarm is false or a real emergency.

If the Carbon Monoxide detector alarm goes off:

- ◆ Check to make sure it is a carbon monoxide detector and not a smoke detector.
- ◆ Check to see if any member of the household is experiencing symptoms of poisoning. (See article on previous page)
- ◆ If anyone is experiencing symptoms, get them out of the house immediately and seek medical attention. Tell the doctor that you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ◆ If no one is feeling symptoms, ventilate the home with fresh air, turn off all potential sources of carbon monoxide -- your oil or gas furnace, gas water heater, gas range and oven, gas dryer, gas or kerosene space heater and any vehicle or small engine.
- ◆ Have a qualified technician inspect your fuel-burning appliances and chimneys to make sure they are operating correctly and that there is nothing blocking the fumes from being vented out of the house.

Village of Rushville Contact Information

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 Wednesdays & 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: 4:00pm - 5:00pm & 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

Updates from Code Officer Reggie O'Hearn

I wanted to take a moment to remind the Village residents that a permit is needed if you are repairing or replacing a deck and porch, with or without a roof. A permit and inspections are needed for replacing your furnace, hot water tank, new additional plumbing and electric. If you are installing a wood stove, fireplace, coal stove and all related types of solid fuel heating, a permit and inspection is needed also. Lastly a permit is also needed for siding, roofing and shingles. The process is not difficult but it is necessary. This is for your protection to ensure the work is completed correctly and the items are installed properly to the standards of the current NYS Building Code.

On a separate note please check your smoke detectors and batteries. There is a test button on each one you simply have to push and hold. When the alarm sounds release the button. Smoke detectors should be located on each level of your home including the basement and one in each bedroom. The ceiling is the best location, at least 14 inches away from the wall. Additionally you should have one carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home. It is recommended to locate it outside of the bedrooms. These detectors are crucial and for the safety of you and your family.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the Village Office or stop in. Thank you and have a safe fall season.