

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

RUSHVILLE'S FIRST COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

The first annual Rushville Community Christmas celebration was held December 8th. The Marcus Whitman Elementary PTO held a bazaar at the High School, the Mabel Blodgett Reading Center hosted an ornament making activity, and the Rushville United Methodist Church was the site of a musical program consisting of Christmas songs and readings by local residents. Cookies and cocoa



were served in the social hall after the concert. Santa made an appearance, handed out candy canes and read stories to the delight of adults and children alike. A cookie baking contest was held. Winners of the contest were: Kellie Lightfoote for her Snicker-doodles, Pastor Ann Hicks for Russian Rocks, Kim Chapin for Italian Flag cookies, and Ryan Clark's cookies were judged as the best in the Kids Korner. Thank you to all who made this community event so successful. Any group or individual who would like to take part in next year's Rushville Community Christmas cel-



It has finally arrived! Visit our official website.
www.villageofrushville.com

Super Bowl Sunday Chicken BBQ

When: Sunday, February 3rd

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Fire House-14 Railroad Ave.

Cost: \$8.00/dinner - \$4.50/chicken only



Menu Includes:

Salt Potatoes, Coleslaw, Baked Beans,
 Dinner Roll & Dessert

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Book Givers Night 2013

Do you enjoy reading? You can apply to be a book giver and receive 20 free paperback books to give out to your neighbors, family, and friends who may not be as enthusiastic about reading as you. To be a part of this event, apply online at www.worldbooknight.org. The deadline to apply is January 23, 2013. Once you fill out the form have the books sent to the

Winter Time Safety Tips from the Rushville Hose Company

More fires occur during the winter months than at any other time of year. Fortunately, taking simple precautions can prevent most fires. Follow the safety tips below to help ensure your safety:

Portable Heaters

- * Put at least three feet of empty space between the heater and everything else.
- * Vacuum and clean the dust and lint from all heaters.
- * If the cord gets hot, frayed or cracked, have the heater serviced. Never plug in using an extension cord.
- * Turn off portable heaters when leaving or sleeping.
- * An adult should always be present when anyone is using a space heater around children.
- * Make sure your portable electric heater is **UL approved** and has a tip-over shut off function.

Woodstove and Fireplace Safety

- * Have a certified chimney sweep clean and inspect your fireplace.
- * Place ashes outdoors in a covered metal container, at least three feet away from anything that burns.
- * To prevent flue fires, burn dry, well-seasoned wood.
- * Always use a fireplace screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass. If children are present, use a special child-guard screen.

Generators

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible killer. You cannot see or smell it. A generator's exhaust contains poisonous CO, which can kill you in a matter of minutes. Follow these important generator safety tips:

- * Never use a portable generator inside a home, garage, shed or other partially enclosed space, even if doors and windows are open.
- * Place portable generators outside only, far away from the home. Keep the generator away from openings to the home, including doors, windows, and vents.
- * Read the label on the generator and the owner's manual, and follow the instructions.
- * Install CO alarms with battery backup in the home outside each sleeping area.
- * Get to fresh air immediately if you start to feel sick, weak or dizzy. CO poisoning from exposure to generator exhaust can quickly lead to incapacitation and death.
- * Be sure generator fuel is stored properly and safely.
- * Always refuel the generator outdoors and away from any ignition sources.
- * If you choose to have a generator permanently connected to your home's electrical system, make sure a licensed electrician installs it and be sure to notify your electric company.

Candles

- * Place candles in sturdy, fireproof candleholders where they cannot be knocked over.
- * Make sure all candles are out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- * Keep candles, matches, and lighters out of children's reach.
- * Keep candles away from curtains, drapes, blankets, furniture etc., anything that can easily ignite.

Smoke Alarms and Home Escape Plans

- * Install smoke alarms outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.
- * Test and vacuum your smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working.
- * Smoke alarms 10 years old or older need to be replaced with new units.
- * Know two ways out of every room.
- * Practice your escape plan with your whole family at least twice a year.
- * Do not attempt to go back into a burning home.

~ MAPLE WEEKEND PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~

When: Saturday, March 16th & Sunday, March 17th **Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Fire House - 14 Railroad Avenue

Cost: \$7.00/adult - \$4.00/child

~ FEATURING LOCALLY PRODUCED MAPLE SYRUP ~



Mabel D. Blodgett Reading Center

Want to start a Club? Or do you have an idea for a New Class? Contact Dodie at the Reading Center, 554-3939.

Donations
We are looking for donated materials such as books and DVDs.
Want to help out? Monetary donations are always accepted by the "Circle of Friends".

Friend Us On Facebook!
Receive notification of all our events and new postings on your wall.
Search exact wording "Mabel D. Blodgett Reading Center".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CALL DODIE AT 554-3939 IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER-

Chili & Mac n' Cheese Cook-Off

Sponsored by the Marcus Whitman Swimming & Diving Boosters

When: Friday, January 25th

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Rushville Fire House
14 Railroad Avenue



Cost: \$5.00/person - enjoy samples of all the chili and mac n' cheese you like. Beverage included with sample price.

Additional Food Available: Hotdogs will be available to purchase for \$1.00, along with a variety of baked goods.

Tickets can be purchased in advanced from any swimmer/diver or at the door the day of the event. For further information contact:

Lisa Johnson @ 396-1368
email: ljohnson2@wflbores.org or
Chris Copper @ 393-1191
email: ccopper2@rochester.rr.com

Come Support the Marcus Whitman Swimming & Diving Teams!

How Do I Become A Rushville Volunteer Firefighter?

Volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve our community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter. If you're willing to put in the time and effort, the Rushville Fire Department is ready for you to serve. Below you'll find resources about becoming a volunteer, as well as the first basic steps you might take toward volunteering.

Make sure you're ready to commit. Making the decision to become a volunteer firefighter should not be taken lightly. It requires many of hours of training and a strong commitment to service.

Once you've decided to serve, you will need to complete an application and background check. The screening process and required qualifications will be a team effort between you and the Staff from the Rushville Fire Department. Be prepared to meet with department staff to discuss the commitment that will be required of you.

After you join, the department will enter you in a training program. The length of these programs varies, but all firefighters are required to take minimum New York State certified courses.

The Rushville Department would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to answer any questions about this rewarding service to our community. Fire department personnel are at the firehouse most Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to stop by and meet the members, and get answers to any questions that you may have. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE

Jon Bagley, Mayor
Charles Elwell, Trustee
David Field, Trustee
Timothy Jabaut, Trustee
John Sawers, Trustee
Jennifer Gruschow, Clerk-Treasurer
Laura Fleig, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Art Rilands, Public Works Supervisor
Mike Pierre, Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator
Reggie O'Hearn, Code Enforcement Officer & Building Inspector
Dodie Baker, Reading Center Director
Jim Rice, Village Historian
Todd Conaway, Fire Chief

Be A Good Neighbor

In our small community sometimes it's hard to deal with a troublesome neighbor because nobody wants to cause tension or create hard feelings. The Village Office has been receiving numerous complaints about dogs and cats within the Village. Please remember to take good care of your pets. It is quite a nuisance for your neighbor to find your cat constantly in their flower beds or to listen to your dog bark all day and night. Pets need plenty of attention and care. As a pet owner it is your responsibility to ensure they are properly cared for



so they do not become a disturbance to the community. No family is complete without a family pet but please be sure you are properly taking care of yours and it is not a nuisance to your neighbors. Are you unsure if your pets are causing an issue? Simply ask your neighbor. If your neighbor's response surprises you, react calmly. I'm sure you wouldn't like to listen to Fido next door bark all day and night, so please do not expect your neighbor to listen to your dog bark all day and night. If you are having problems with your neighbor's pets, the Village Office can provide you with the information to contact the County animal control authority. Thank you for being a good neighbor!

Village of Rushville Contact Information

Village Board Meetings

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

E-mail: mayor@villageofrushville.com

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

E-mail: clerk@villageofrushville.com

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: historian@villageofrushville.com

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

Water & Sewer Relevies: Water and sewer accounts need to be cleared by **March 22, 2013**. Any outstanding amount you may have on your account, after such date, will be relevied onto the tax roll, along with appropriate relevy fees. This relevy will appear on your tax bill in June. If you own rental property and the tenants are responsible for the water and sewer bill, please call the Village Office to see if they are up to date on their payments. Thank you for your cooperation!

SNOW IS HERE! Please be sure to clean up any snow you may push into the road from your driveway. This will help prevent accidents before they occur! Also please refrain from parking over night in the Village parking lot and Reading Center. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe winter!

A New Face in the Village Office

As most of the you already know our Village Clerk, Jennifer and her husband Brian, are expecting their first child in February. Stop in the Village Office and meet Laura, our Deputy Clerk. She will be training with Jen over the next couple of months and will be handling things while Jen is out on maternity leave.