

## VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE

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### Friendship House Your Local Food Pantry and Thrift Store

- ◆ Come donate food/clothing/furniture! Donations of clean, reusable items can be donated at any time. Front porch is unlocked and tax receipts are available inside.
- ◆ Shop for furniture!
- ◆ Bag Sale Days occur regularly and are a great deal. Fill a 13 gallon bag for \$6.00.
- ◆ Food Pantry: You MUST live in the Marcus Whitman School District and be in need of assistance. You will receive 7 days of food per family member, free, one time per month. Please bring proof of residence like a bill, Driver licenses are not accepted.
- ◆ Hours are Wed 5 - 8, Fri & Sat 9 - 3 for both the thrift shop and food pantry.
- ◆ \*\*\*JUNK ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED!!\*\*\* This is a monetary burden for us. We do accept E-WASTE. Any TV, receiver, computer, or electronic can be placed in the shed in front of the building marked E-Waste.
- ◆ Call Cora Marvin, the Director, with any questions. Her number is (585) 520-0803.

Friendship House:  
PO Box 11, 5614 Williams St  
Middlesex, NY 14507



### 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: clerk@villageofrushville.com or  
deputyclerk@villageofrushville.com

#### Code Enforcement Hours & Contact Information

Tuesday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm & Friday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Office Tel: (585) 554-3415 Home Tel: (585) 394-7498  
Email: codeofficer@villageofrushville.com

#### History Room Hours & Contact Information

Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:00pm & Thursday: 9:00am - Noon  
Tel: (585) 554-6085 Email: historian@villageofrushville.com

#### Reading Center Hours & Contact Information

Monday & Wednesday: 3:00pm - 7:00pm  
Friday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm & Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Tel: (585) 554-3939  
Email: readingcenter@villageofrushville.com

### An update from the code officer

There are some zoning regulations that you may not be aware of. I would like to remind you that signs require building permits and there are size regulations in each district. Signs cannot be located in the highway right-of-way and need to be behind the sidewalks with exceptions for the business district which has different regulations. Please contact me before installing signs to ensure that the regulations are followed.

Also, as the heating season approaches, please remember to test your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors should be located in each bedroom, with one in the hallway outside the bedrooms as well as one on each level of the home including the basement. A good place to mount the smoke detector is 14" away from walls, near the center of the room if possible. A CO detector outside the sleeping area is also a good idea.

Heating systems, hot water tanks and all solid fuel heating units such as pellet stoves, wood stoves, coal stoves, etc now require inspection and permits. Please contact the Code Officer for more information, he is available in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 3 and 4pm and by appointment.

May you have happy holidays and a safe winter!!!

The Village has been working hard to install/repair sidewalks around town and to maintain sidewalks that have been replaced. Snow will be removed in the business district and from the sidewalks we have installed. We have elected to maintain what we install.

# RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

Rushville, New York

October 2013



## Fall Leaf Pick Up



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This year will mark the fifth 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, The Lunch Box, Post Office, Reading Center, the Pharmacy 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 homeowner's responsibility to dispose of the bags.



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 Thursday, October 31st. Don't forget to visit the Reading Center for some additional goodies, treats and lots of family fun!

The Reading Center will be closed on Halloween for regular business hours but OPEN between 6 and 8pm for Trick-or-Treating. Make sure you visit the Haunted Library this Halloween!!!!



## Town of Potter Fall Clean Up Day

WHEN: Saturday, October 26th,  
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

## \$ The 2013 Annual Cash Raffle was a success!!! \$

To all of those that participated a big thank you goes out for your continued support for the departments ongoing mission to provide fire service to Rushville and its fire district. Through your support you helped make this event happen! To those vendors and volunteers, your generosity and hard work are greatly appreciated. The turnout for the event was wonderful, all tickets were sold and fun and entertainment lasted well into the evening. Plans are already being made for next year, and if you can imagine, it will be even better. Congratulations to all of the people that won prizes in the raffle. Thank you again for all of your support!

Hope to see you again next year!!!



## Memorial D. Blodgett Reading Center Upcoming Activities!!!

- ◆ Crochet Club: Every upcoming Monday at 3 pm, come learn to crochet!!! Or, if you already know to crochet, come join the fun and show off your projects!
- ◆ Craft Class: Craft class has started up again. For class times and content, call the library at 585 554-3939 or visit our website at [www.villageofrushville.com/reading\\_center.php](http://www.villageofrushville.com/reading_center.php).
- ◆ Stanley Fire Hall Craft Fair: The Circle of Friends will be at the Stanley Fire Hall Craft Fair on November 9: 10am–2pm. Please come visit us, support the library and buy delicious homemade goodies from the ladies. All purchases at the “Circle of Friends” booth benefit the library.
- ◆ Christmas Craft Classes: For children and all ages, will be held in the month of December. Check the reading center page on our village website for dates and times. (Cost for classes is a non-perishable food item to benefit the Friendship House)
- ◆ Loomis Barn Christmas Tree Decorating-Food Drive for the Friendship House. The Circle of Friends will be participating this year. Visit the Loomis Barns and vote for your favorite tree by donating non-perishable food items.
- ◆ The Reading Center can always use more volunteers!! If you would like to get out of the house and make a difference in the community, please contact Dodie Baker at 585 554-3939 to find out how you can help.
- ◆ Donations of Books, DVDs, and VHS are always accepted.
- ◆ Summer Reading Program was a huge success!!! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated!!!



### Fall Fire Safety Tips

Summer has past and fall is here bringing cooler weather and falling leaves...

- \* Never park your car or truck over a pile of leaves. The heat from the vehicle's catalytic converter or exhaust system can ignite the leaves below. The resulting fire could destroy your vehicle.
- \* Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work, and change the batteries.
- \* Service heating appliances and examine chimney flues for defects.
- \* Have fireplaces and fireplace dampers checked.
- \* Fireplaces should be equipped with an appropriate screen or glass enclosure to keep sparks from flying out.
- \* Wood burning stoves should be examined and the flue and chimney checked for creosote buildup.
- \* Burn only seasoned wood, avoid soft woods like pine, etc
- \* Never use a flammable liquid to start a fireplace.
- \* Never overload the hearth with wood or artificial logs, the resulting fire may be too large for the unit.
- \* Put all ashes outdoors away from the house in a metal container.
- \* Have a useable fire extinguisher available.
- \* IT IS ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS TO BURN LEAVES AND BRUSH



## 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. A volunteer position with a local fire department is an attribute that employers take notice of according to statistics from the NYS Department of Labor. The call for volunteers continues to be a priority for the Rushville Fire Department and the men and women who volunteer occasionally risk their own safety to serve their friends, neighbors, and the community they live in. Work duties include everything from active fire fighters and fire police to assisting with social events. We provide all the training and equipment needed. No training is required for volunteering for social events. If you are interested in serving the Village of Rushville and its Fire District in one of the noblest ways around, stop by the by the firehouse located at 14 Railroad Avenue on Tuesday evening to pick up an application.



## Veteran Major Wilbur Earl Hurlbutt's Career and History

Presented by his nephew Russell Hurlbutt



Major Wilbur Earl Hurlbutt (Uncle Barney to Russell) had an unusual start in aviation when he built a homemade airplane at age 19 and learned to fly it. He then enlisted as a flight instructor in Canada. He returned to the U.S. after Pearl Harbor and continued his aviation career during World War II. Barney was killed in action flying over Japan in 1945. Anyone who is interested in aviation or World War II history or just history, please attend! It is free for everyone and sponsored by the Ontario Yates Small Historical Societies.

Where: United Methodist Church, Rushville, NY

When: October 20, 2013 at 2:00 pm

### 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 fuel-burning appliances are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not harmful. However, if appliances are not working improperly or 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.

**A few words about CO Detectors—Amanda's Law:**

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are widely available in stores and now installation is required. In most situations at least one alarm should be installed on each story. The law does not specify the location on each story, it just requires one on each story. Even though alarms are required -IT IS IMPORTANT to properly use and maintenance of your fuel-burning appliances. Unlike a smoke detector, where you can easily confirm the cause of the alarm, CO is invisible and odorless, so it's harder to tell if an alarm is false or a real emergency.

**If your CO Detector goes off:** Make sure it is your CO Detector and not your fire alarm. Check to see if any household member is experiencing CO poisoning symptoms. If they are, get them out of the house immediately and seek medical attention: Tell the doctor you suspect CO poisoning. If no one is experiencing systems, turn off all potential sources of CO such as 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.