

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

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Memorial Day Parade & Veteran's Honor Ceremony

When: Monday, May 30th

Time: 10:00am

Location: Gorham Hamlet

Ceremony: Please join us at the Gorham Fire House at the conclusion of the parade for the Veteran's Honor Ceremony

Would you like to participate in the parade?

Please contact the Village Office by May 1st.

Would you like to help organize the parade?

The Parade Committee will meet on April 4th at 4:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall. Your help would be appreciated!



Sharing Community News



If your organization is hosting a community event or fundraiser we would like to extend the invitation to advertise in the Rushville Village Voice. Please send the details to the Village Clerk and if the timing works out, we will include it in our next quarterly newsletter. The newsletter is mailed to over 300 households (with the water/sewer bills), so it reaches many local people. This is being offered for community based events, that are open to the public. Or if you have a positive, uplifting story about a resident, such as a notable good deed or achievement, please feel free to share that also. Events and stories can be sent to Jennifer via e-mail clerk@villageofrushville.com.

Adopt A Main Street Flower Box

We are in search of contestants for the annual Adopt A Main Street Flower Box contest. Every year, individuals and groups, select a flower box along Main Street to plant and care for throughout the spring and summer seasons. We ask that the flower boxes be planted before Memorial Day. You supply the flowers and the Village supplies the mulch. Voting cards are placed in the July newsletter and votes are collected throughout the month. The winner is announced on the Friday of Community Days and is awarded \$100. If you are interested in participating please contact the Village Office.



Thank you for supporting your community!

Come Join the

“Circle of Friends of the Library”

Next Meeting: April 18, 2016 @ 7:15 pm

Where: Reading Center @ 35 South Main St.

Discussions: Hosting a community wide Christmas celebration; *Christmas time in Rushville*, with events such as a Christmas tree lighting and Caroling at the Library. **Do you have ideas of other events that could take place around town?**

Upcoming Event: Marching in the Memorial Day Parade; May 30, 2016, in Gorham. Our theme is *On Your Mark...Get Set...READ!*

We will be discussing: how should we dress and recruiting efforts of who would like to walk with us. **Would you like to walk with us?**

Come talk to Dodie!

Summer Fun at the Library

Do You Like Kids? Do You Like To Read?

We are looking for a Leader for the higher elementary age kids group for our “On your Mark...Get Set...Read!” summer reading program. Please contact Dodie Baker at 554-3939 for more information.

Summer Fun at the Library will be held in July. We will have 3 age groups held on Tuesdays. We will also have a Teen group (age 13 & up). If you can’t make Tuesdays, you can still take part and read in “Summer Fun at the Library”. Keep checking in at the library or call Dodie for more details.

Happy Reading!



Dear Rushville Citizens,

The dedicated men and women of the Rushville Hose Company would like to extend a sincere thank you for your support of our department over the years. As our community grows, our mission is always evolving to continually improve and develop the department, so the citizens we serve are consistently receiving the highest level of emergency services available. We have a very dedicated membership that spends a tremendous amount of time training and developing their skills to efficiently and effectively mitigate the emergency situations we respond to. Taking great pride in being able to offer this service to our community, we pledge to continue to train and develop our members so that we can continue to serve in a prompt, safe, and professional manner. We are here for you, and feel very strongly about being involved, as much as possible, in our community. You will see our apparatus and members at various public events throughout the year. Our doors are always open to the public, and we welcome and encourage visitors anytime.

Please feel free to stop by and get to know the members that have pledged their specialized knowledge, skills, and time to serving you. Without your continued support we would not be able to provide critical services. We are eagerly recruiting volunteers who are willing to make a commitment to serve their community. We provide free basic firefighting training for active members. There is no training requirement for social members who assist in department fundraising and other activities. For more information on how to become a member of the Rushville Hose Company, please feel free to stop by firehouse on most Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 PM.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, your family, and your friends.

Sincerely,

Members and Officers, Rushville Hose Company.

Potter Clean Up Day

WHEN: Sat., April 30th

TIME: 8:00am-12:00pm

WHERE: Potter Town Barns, Phelps Road.

Dispose of old junk from spring cleaning for FREE!

Some restrictions apply. Items such as bagged garbage, oil and paints will not be accepted. There is a minimal cost for tire disposal and construction debris is limited.

Questions?

Contact the

Potter Town Clerk

at 554-6758.

Water Conservation in the Home

In 1990, 30 states in the US reported 'water-stress' conditions. In 2000, the number of states reporting water-stress rose to 40. In 2009, the number rose to 45. There is a worsening trend in water supply nationwide. Taking measures at home to conserve water not only saves you money, it also is of benefit to the greater community.

Check faucets and pipes for leaks: A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.

Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket: Every time you flush a facial tissue or other small bit of trash, five to seven gallons of water is wasted.

Check your toilets for leaks: Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks: Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

Install water-saving devices: Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Also, long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute. Also, all household faucets should be fit with aerators. This single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest!

Put plastic bottles or float booster in your toilet tank: To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill the bottles with water, screw the lids on, and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms. Or, buy an inexpensive tank bank or float booster. This may save ten or more gallons of water per day. Be sure at least 3 gallons of water remain in the tank so it will flush properly and your water saving methods aren't defeated by multiple flushes and more water usage.

Install "low flush" toilets: For new installations, consider buying "low flush" toilets, which use 1 to 2 gallons per flush instead of the usual 3 to 5 gallons. Replacing an 18 liter per flush toilet with an ultra-low volume (ULV) 6 liter flush model represents a 70% savings in water flushed and will cut indoor water use by about 30%.

Insulate your water pipes: It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up. Additionally you could avoid frozen pipes and breaks if your pipes are in a crawl space versus a basement.

Take shorter showers: One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.

Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush: There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.

Rinse your razor in the sink: Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.

Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads: Dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.

When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running: If you have a double-basin, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have a single-basin sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a pan full of hot water. Dual-swivel aerators are available to make this easier.

Don't let the faucet run: While you clean vegetables just rinse them in a stoppered sink or a pan of clean water. Use a dual-setting aerator.

Keep drinking water in the fridge: Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle so it is cool and crisp whenever you would like a drink. Also, avoid drinking bottled water. Most water you purchase at a store, is bottled at a facility using a public water supply.

Saving water at home does not require any significant cost outlay. Although there are water-saving appliances and water conservation systems such as on-demand water heaters, which are more expensive, the bulk of water saving methods can be achieved at little cost. For example, 75% of water used indoors is in the bathroom, and 25% of this is for the toilet. The average toilet uses 4 gallons per flush. You can invest in a ULF (ultra-low flush) toilet which will use only 2 gpf. But you can also install a simple tank bank, costing about \$2, which will save .8 gpf. This saves 40% of what you would save with the ULF toilet. Using simple methods like tank banks and other features such as low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators you can retrofit your home for under \$50. By using water-saving features you can reduce your in-home water use by 35%. This means the average household, which uses 130,000 gallons per year, could save 44,000 gallons of water per year. When buying low-flow aerators, be sure to read the label for the actual 'gpm' (gallons per minute) rating. Often, the big box retailers promote "low-flow" which are rated at 2.5 gpm, which is at the top of the low-flow spectrum. This may be needed for the kitchen sink, but we find that a 1.5 gpm aerator works fine for the bathroom sink and most water outlets, delivering the same spray force in a comfortable, soft stream. Finally, it should be noted that installing low-flow aerators, showerheads, tank banks and other water-saving devices usually is a very simple operation which can be done by the homeowner and does not even require the use of tools. **Water conservation at home is one of the easiest measures to put in place, and saving water should become part of everyday family practice.**

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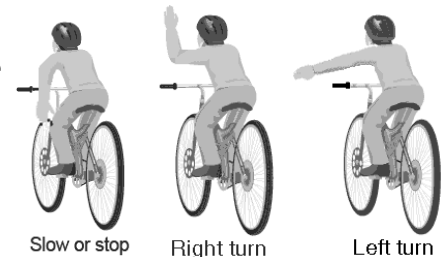
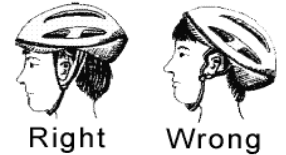
Ken Seeling, Village Historian

Art Rilands, Fire Chief



Bicycle Safety Four Basic Safety Tips

1. Maintain control of your bicycle.
2. Protect yourself. Reduce the risk of head injury by always wearing a helmet.
3. Ride in the same direction as traffic. This will make you more visible to drivers entering roads or changing lanes, because they will know where to look for possible conflicts. On a one-way street, you may ride on the left as long as you are riding with traffic.
4. Be visible, alert, and communicate your intentions.



Village of Rushville Contact Information

Village Board Meetings

Second Monday of Every Month @ 7:00pm - Village Hall
www.villageofrushville.com

Clerk Hours & Contact Information

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm
Office Tel: (585) 554-3415 Office Fax: (585) 554-4885
E-mail: clerk@villageofrushville.com

Code Enforcement Hours & Contact Information

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

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
E-mail: readingcenter@villageofrushville.com

Fire Department Contact Information

Tuesday Evening Meetings @ 7:00pm at Fire House
Tel: (585) 554-3045 E-mail: hoseco@villageofrushville.com



Across the nation, there have been ongoing issues with the complications flushable wipes have caused to public sewer systems. When the bulletin was first released by NY Rural Water Association in late 2013, the Village included an excerpt from the article in the January 2014 edition of the Rushville Village Voice. The excerpt informed residents of the problems flushable wipes were causing in other communities and of the potential problems it could create for homeowners and our Village as a whole. Well, the issue is now hitting our community. Village personnel have been called to several homes due to clogged sewer lines and backups into homes. Time and time again, the cause of the clogs are flushable wipes. Even though the manufacturers label the wipes as flushable, they are not compatible with our public sewer system and are not breaking down as they are intended to. When our sewer system was installed, as with thousands of systems in other communities across the state and country, flushable wipes were not even available for purchase. The systems simply were not designed to dispose of the wipes. To confront this issue before it creates a major problem, **the Village Board of Trustees has adopted a policy that there will be a \$150 Fine to those residents whose lines or tanks are found to be clogged due to the use of flushable wipes.** We ask that you take this matter seriously before everyone pays the price.