

# RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

*Village of Rushville, New York*

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## Town of Potter Spring Clean Up Day

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 24th

**TIME:** 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

**WHO:** Town of Potter residents

**WHAT:** Everything EXCEPT bagged garbage, oil and paints. Limit of one (1) load of shingles per parcel. Tires will be taken at a fee: \$2 for passenger and pick-up, \$5 for all others. Brush and limbs will be accepted.

**WHERE:** Potter Town Highway Barns & Gravel Pit  
1306 Phelps Rd (Past Fire House on right)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL  
POTTER TOWN CLERK @ 554-6758**



A Fascinating Book Written by a Local Author

*"Minority Mother"* By: John F. Hurley

At the Rushville History Room, we have copies of a reproduced version of this fascinating book written by the son of a former Rushville Postmaster about his mother, Agnes, and his life growing up in Rushville. Agnes was truly a minority mother: Irish Catholic, single mom, twice widowed, puts her boys through college, first woman on the school board and helped create the Middlesex Valley Central School and even more. You will recognize many of the names her son, Jack, writes about while honoring his mom. Large paperback (8 1/2 X 11) of about 180 pages on sale for \$15.00 at the History room. A hard cover version is available from the Yates County Genealogical and Historical Society.

### ~ A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR ~

A big thank you to all the people who took the time to vote in the Village Elections. We had a very large turn out of voters which is highly unusual since the races were uncontested on the ballot. Even though there was a candidate write-in effort, both incumbent Trustees and myself as Mayor, were re-elected. This really lets us know that our efforts are appreciated and reinforces our resolve to keep moving forward!

The Water Improvement Project plans are being reviewed and approved by Department of Health. Once this is done we should receive formal approval of funding and then we will be able to move forward with the capital improvements. In addition to the water filter plant itself, we will be eliminating dead-end water lines in the distribution system, which will require water line placement here in the Village. We will be connecting the end of Bassett Street to Rubin Drive, Railroad Avenue to Warehouse Street, and Warren Street to Green Street. This will result in better water quality and circulation pressures.

We will be finalizing the tentative budget this next month. The tax rate should be less than last year which would mean we have been successful in lowering the tax rate for the past 2 years.

We are also initiating a plan to plant trees in the Village street right-of-ways to replace the several Maple trees that have been removed from the roadsides. We plan to purchase a few trees each year to plant throughout the Village. Tad Gerace, Village resident and employee of the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District, has graciously agreed to assist us in our efforts. Thank you Tad for your support, we hope that our efforts will further better the appearance and atmosphere of our Village.

The Village will be continuing its efforts to improve the Park and will be finishing the baseball field this spring. If you would like to help, please contact Art Rilands at the Village Office, 554-3415.

Once again thank you for your support!

Jon Bagley, Mayor

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



The Rushville Fire Department held their annual pancake breakfast on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</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, Lyons Club, Loomis Barn, generous vendors, local businesses, and everyone else who pitched in who helped make the event a success.

### *The Rushville Hose Company Needs You!*

The call for volunteers continues to be a priority for the Rushville Hose Co. Work duties include everything from active fire fighters and fire police to assisting with social events, or building maintenance. There is no training requirement for social members.



If you are interested in serving the Village of Rushville and its Fire District please contact Bill Gardner, President @ 554-3134 or by stopping by the firehouse located at 14 Railroad Ave to pick up an application. Thank you in advance for your support.

## A Few Words About CO Detectors & NYS Amanda's Law

### Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Carbon monoxide 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, know the symptoms, and be prepared.

### CO Poisoning Symptoms

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, be 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.

### Be Prepared

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are widely available in stores and now with the passage of Amanda's Law, are required to be installed in almost every home. 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 maintain 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 the CO Detector Alarm Goes Off

Make sure it is your CO detector and not your smoke detector.

Check to see if any member of the household is experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning.

If they are, get them out of the house immediately and seek medical attention. Tell the doctor that you suspect CO poisoning.

If no one is feeling symptoms, ventilate the home with fresh air, turn off all potential sources of CO -- 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.

## REMINDER OF LOCAL DOG CONTROL LAW

Please be aware that the Village of Rushville has a local law pertaining to dog control. The local law states that "*No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the Village.*" We are having increasing issues with dogs wandering around Village without their owners present. If you own a dog please make sure that it is under your control at all times. Please take the appropriate measures to contain your dog with a fence or chain when it is not under your supervision.

In addition to restraining your dog please understand it is also your responsibility to clean-up after your dog. Nobody should be restricted from enjoying a walk around the Village or from utilizing their own backyard because of loose dogs; whether it be due to aggression or expended waste. Village Officials and every resident has the right to report any dog "*at large*" to the appropriate animal control authority. If you have issues with a stray dog please call: Tom Morris, Yates County Animal Control Officer @ 607-522-5580 (for Town of Potter residents) OR the Ontario County Human Society @ 585-396-4590 (for Town of Gorham residents).

If you are having trouble caring for your pet, you can also contact the above County Officials for information on local animal adoption agencies.

Copies of the *Dog Control Local Law* are available at the Village Office.

**Thank you for your help!**

## VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE,

Jon Bagley, Mayor

Charles Elwell, Trustee

David Field, Trustee

Timothy Jabaut, Trustee

John Sawers, Trustee

Jennifer Gruschow, Clerk-Treasurer

Art Rilands, Public Works Supervisor

Mike Pierre, Assistant Water &  
Wastewater Operator

Reggie O'Hearn, Code Enforcement  
Officer & Building Inspector

Betty Clark, Reading Center Director

Don Blodgett, Village Co-Historian

Jim Rice, Village Co-Historian

### To Help Inform You About Permits & Other Zoning Requirements

By: Reggie O'Hearn, Code Officer

Please be aware that it is the property owner's responsibility for obtaining and signing the application for a building permit, not the contractor. Contractors however, must provide proof of workman compensation insurance, or a waiver if they are a sole contractor without insurance, before a permit can be issued. Contractors have always had to provide proof of insurance, this is a standard requirement that has been mandatory for several years, and all contractors are aware of this. If the contractor provides proof of insurance with the application it will speed up the process. A list of required permits can be obtained at the Village Office.

There are some projects that require permits that you may not be aware of, some of those being: installing a hot water tank, installing or replacing a heating system, solid fuel burning stoves or fireplace inserts, gas log stoves, installing new roof shingles, siding, storage sheds, all swimming pools including inflatable pools, decks, fencing and more. If you every have a question, please call before you begin!

With spring upon us, it is good to recap some of the regulations in the NYS Property Maintenance Code, a few of these include: keeping yards mowed, maintaining clean yards, and not storing indoor stuffed furniture outside of your home (such as on your porch) for this attracts rodents.

Lastly, I often get asked if permits are needed for driveways. If the driveway exits out onto a NYS highway, the Department of Transportation does require a permit.

As previously stated it is always best to contact our office before you start any project. If you need help, we will guide you through the process.

**May everyone have a good spring!**

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

#### Village Board Meetings

Second Monday of Every Month @ 7:00pm  
Rushville Village Hall, One 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](mailto: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  
History Room E-mail: [rushvillehistory@frontiernet.net](mailto:rushvillehistory@frontiernet.net)

#### Reading Center Hours & Contact Information

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Tel.: (585) 554-3939

### No Open Burning Reminder

With the summer season approaching please remember that there is no open burning permitted in the Village of Rushville. The only exception that concerns the general public involves the use of manufactured campfire devices. The local law states that: *Commercially manufactured, outdoor, single opening, moveable fireplace, devices with a stack or chimney to draft air into a fire and smoke to be drawn out of the top of the stack, commonly referred to as "chimnea outdoor fireplaces"* are allowed. Please note that your manufactured device must have a stack or chimney, the simple open bowl with a screen does not contain the smoke and is not permitted as defined by the law. Burning barrels and brush/leaf fires are strictly prohibited. For open burning concerns/complaints please contact Code Officer, Reggie O'Hearn at the Village Office, 554-3415. If you feel the situation needs to be addressed immediately you can dial 911 and the Sheriff's Office and Fire Dept. will be dispatched and the situation will be handled appropriately.

In addition to the local law please be aware of the NYS Open Burning Law that went into effect 10/14/09. The state wide law prohibits all open burning with a few exceptions. For more details please visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>.

Copies of the local law and answers to FAQ on the NYS law are available at the Village Office.