

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 third year of the 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 and (hopefully) the Village website.

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.



Town of Potter Fall Clean Up Day

WHEN: Saturday, October 29th, 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 passenger and pick-up, \$5 for all others

**PLEASE!
TOWN OF POTTER
RESIDENTS ONLY**



QUESTIONS? CALL POTTER TOWN CLERK @ 554-6758

A Message from the Mayor: Think Positive Thoughts!

Within the past decade there has been a flood of negative energy that controls our news media, both on television and in print. Are you often angered by what you watch or read? Does the media control the way you think? At a time when there is so much negative news worldwide, I have to remind myself, we live in a pretty good location both strategically and economically. Two good friends of mine, both work in manufacturing, for two separate companies in Rochester. Both of these companies are experiencing all time high sales records and here locally, we are going to experience a demand for labor. Document Reprocessors will be employing at least 100 people for the next year to recover and restore the documents damaged by the recent flooding across the Northeast. Residents, such as you, will have the opportunity to be able to walk down the street and get a job. The other day, I heard an Economist on the radio [referencing the United States] saying that "we are going to **TALK** ourselves into another recession". The news media says the economy is bad therefore we all start to believe it, which in turn creates a recession. Interest rates are at an all time low and our own local bank is experiencing a record number of homeowners taking advantage of the low refinancing offers. This provides business to the bank and save homeowners money in the long run. What is not positive about that? We cannot do much about national problems but we can have a positive affect locally. Support local business, buy local products, utilize local tourism, and contribute to local improvement efforts. Stop watching your TV, and start making a difference locally. **BE POSITIVE AND YOU AFFECT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU... BE NEGATIVE AND YOU INFECT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.** Rushville has seen several positive improvements over the past few years and I am pleased to see people want to help better our community. The positive thoughts and actions are appreciated and as always a big thank you to all who support the on going campaign of betterment.

**FAR FROM HOME:
ELMIRA'S CONFEDERATE
PRISON CAMP**

Program by: Kerry Lippincott, Education Coordinator
for the Chemung County Historical Society

When: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 @ 7:00pm

Where: Rushville United Methodist Church

Learn about the 12,123 Confederate prisoners of war that were housed here during the Civil War.

**FREE PROGRAM!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sponsored by Ontario/Yates
Small Historical Societies



Utilizing a Local Resource: The Rushville Health Center

The Rushville Health Center offers quality medical and dental services to patients from all walks of life and does not discriminate in any way when accepting new patients or serving existing patients. Patients include the uninsured, those insured with private plans (such as through an employer) and those insured through public programs (such as Medicare/Medicaid). Sliding fee discounts are also available for those who are uninsured or underinsured. Individuals may call for an appointment to determine if they qualify.

To further enhance patient services, the Health Center has partnered with the pharmacy at Tops Supermarket in Penn Yan to offer a discount program for prescriptions. If you are in need of medical or dental primary care think about utilizing a great local resource and stop by the Rushville Community Health Center at 2 Rubin Drive or call, (585) 554-4400.

MABEL D. BLODGETT MEMORIAL READING CENTER

Open: Mon & Wed 3 - 7pm, Fri 1 - 5pm & Sat 9am - 1pm ~ 35 South Main Street ~ (585) 554-3939

"More than just a great place to find a book!"

The DORKY Book Club

Are you fans of Nikki, Chloe and Zoey?

Come join in this interactive club
and have FUN!

Every Monday afternoon 3 - 5 PM

Volunteers Welcome!

MW Seniors! Need to fill those mandatory community service hours? Volunteer at your local library!

Tween/Teen Book Club

Book & Movie Combo: The Narnia Series

When: Books to arrive in Mid-October

We will be reading the Narnia series,
watching the movies and other fun stuff.

Come join us!

COMING IN OCTOBER

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT
OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN?

JOIN OUR KNITTING GROUP!



**JOIN US ON
FACEBOOK!**

**MABEL D. BLODGETT
READING CENTER**

**Friends After Cancer
Support Group**

3rd Wednesday of Every Month
Held After Hours for Privacy, 7-8pm
Anyone Is Welcome! At Any Stage!

Want to Trace Your Family Roots? Join our Family History Classes

What: Learn Basic Computer Research & Possible Field Trips

When: One day a week (4 weeks), 1 hour lessons, Starting in Oct.

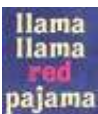
Come and discover hidden leaves on your family tree!

Upcoming Computer Classes

When: Oct. 5, 12, 19, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14

Time: 1-2:30pm **CALL FOR DETAILS!**

SPACE IS LIMITED!



OPEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Not our usual day to be open!

We Give Books hosts **"Read for the Record."**

We will be reading Llama, Llama, Red Pajama, online at wegivebooks.org.
Fill out a pledge form at wegivebooks.org. Then **READ, READ, READ!**

Every time you read a book online at this site, they donate a book to a charity. Many books to choose from! Come read with Dodie, between 9am and 10am on Oct. 6th. Let's have fun and give to others in need. You can even bring your favorite stuffed animal and/ or blanket. Dodie just might have Mr. Moose there to share in the fun! Come see!



Keurig K-cup Machine: Coffee, Chai, latte, & Cocoa for your sipping pleasure. \$1.25 a cup. **All** proceeds collected by the "Circle of Friends" go towards bettering the library! Many thanks to you hot beverage drinkers!

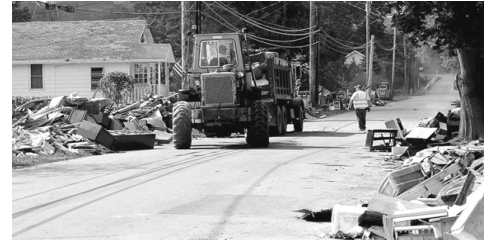
Interested in any of these items?
Call Dodie at the Reading Center
for more information, 554-3939.

RUSHVILLE HOSE COMPANY LENDS A HAND IN OWEGO



Members of the Rushville Hose Company went to Owego, NY to provide mutual aid assistance after heavy rains from Tropical Storm Lee caused the Susquehanna River to overflow into downtown Owego. Art Rilands, Phil Catlin, and Paul Moberg (pictured left) traveled to Tioga County to assist the Owego Fire Department by providing mutual aid to the overwhelmed fire department. Tasks included helping to distribute food and supplies to flood ravaged

victims and supporting local cleanup efforts. They were joined by several other engine companies. The guys commented on the amount of debris being removed from buildings and piled at the road side for disposal that can be seen in the photo (right). The floods forced the evacuation of 10,000 people in Tioga County and another 20,000 people in Broome County. The Owego Fire Department appreciated this assistance and commended the Rushville Hose Company for pitching in during this relief effort.



Fire Gong Finds A New & Old Home



The original fire gong hung in the arch atop of the Village Hall in 1909. The gong was sounded by pulling a rope to engage a large hammer, which struck the gong, summoning Rushville firemen to the call of

duty. On December 29, 1925 a committee was formed to study the feasibility of a siren and the fire department donated \$200 towards that effort. The gong was in service until 1933 when it was replaced by the siren. The gong was removed from atop the Village Hall in 2006 and recently erected at the firehouse (Warehouse St. side). It stands proudly, symbolizing the dedication of the Rushville Fire Department, spanning over numerous generations of dedicated individuals. These days, a modern siren, electronic pagers, cell phones, and sophisticated fire alarm system communicate emergencies instantaneously to members. The Rushville Fire Department is proud of its heritage and its accomplishments, and appreciates all the support from the community and the Village Board.

Libraries Devastated by Flooding

Please consider giving to some fellow libraries in need! The storms of the past few weeks have devastated many parts of New England. Some libraries lost their entire children's section, due to the fact children's books are kept on low lying shelves. The Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Reading Center will be donating two books to the following libraries:

Wells Memorial Library, PO Box 57, Upper Jay, NY 12987 through the Bookstore Plus @ 518-523-2950.

Schoharie Free Library, PO Box 519, Schoharie NY 12157-0519

West Hartford Public Library, P.O. Box 26 West Hartford, VT 05084 through the Norwich Bookstore, P.O. Box 307 Norwich, VT 05055 or 802-649-1114 to purchase books or gift cards

The Reading Center will be purchasing books through the local book stores. This helps to stimulate the local economy of these hurting areas and in turn they will keep track of the books bought. When the libraries are cleaned up and ready to open, the books will then be delivered. If you are interested in donating, please also use the local book stores.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND BOOKS TO THE LIBRARIES!
THEY HAVE NO WAY OF STORING THEM. THANK-YOU!**

If this touches your heart and you would like more information, please contact Dodie at the Reading Center, (585) 554-3939.

Thank You Valerie Bay from the Rushville Hose Co.



Have you noticed the Rushville Hose flower garden at the base of the gong monument? Home grown horticultural hobbyist, Valerie Bay, volunteered her time to provide the labor and expertise to design and plant the flowers for the department. You will notice her handiwork around the rest of the firehouse and the flagpole too. Valerie also helps in the ongoing maintenance of these beautiful gardens. Joe Lyons from Boy Scout Troop 43 provided some assistance as part of his Eagle Scout service project. Many thanks Valerie for your work and dedication!

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

Dodie Baker, Reading Center Director

Don Blodgett, Village Co-Historian

Jim Rice, Village Co-Historian

Coming Soon...

www.villageofrushville.com

The Village will soon have an official website. We plan to "go live" within the next month! The development of the site was funded by a grant from the NYS State Archives. The official site will be a resource for records access, general info, details and contacts for the Village Office, Reading Center, Fire Dept and much more!

Fall Fire Safety Tips from the Rushville Hose Company

As summer turns to fall, it's a good idea to refresh your memory on fall fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm.

Time Changes Mean Battery Changes

Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

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 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: 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 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

Home Heating Tips

No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

Fireplace Safety Tips

- ◆ Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe and hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- ◆ Repair any cracks in fireplaces and use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- ◆ Do not ever use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace and make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- ◆ Never leave a fire unattended.
- ◆ For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season.
- ◆ Outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units, use safety precautions.