

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

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Wishing all of our Residents the Very Best for a Healthy, Happy, & Prosperous New Year!



2014 VILLAGE ELECTIONS



~ Tuesday, March 18, 2014 ~

~ 12:00noon - 9:00pm ~ Rushville Village Hall ~

Are you interested in serving the Village of Rushville? Two Trustee seats are due to expire and will be voted upon this coming March. If you are interested in running for office, please contact the Village Office, 554-3415 for further information. The signature collection period runs from December 31st through February 11th.



~ REMEMBER TO TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE ~

YOU MUST BE A VILLAGE RESIDENT AND BE REGISTERED AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE! PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM!

YATES COUNTY: (315) 536-5135 ONTARIO COUNTY: (585) 396-4005

"The more you read, the more you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go."-Dr. Seuss

The Mabel D. Blodgett Reading Center is your local library and offers everything that the larger libraries do, simply in a smaller space. Our Reading Center is an amazing resource! Take advantage of any opportunity to read and learn. Encourage others to read, especially children! The Reading Center is constantly hosting events that any of our community members can join in on again this year, the Reading Center is taking part in **World Book Night**, to get involved please visit <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/how-do-i-get-involved>. You can be a book giver and encourage others to read. The deadline to apply is January 5th! You can also help **spread literacy** by donating gently used books to the Reading Center. Brush off the dust and bring them into the Reading Center. While you're there, look around. It's a New Year, **pick up a book and learn something new!**

Super Bowl Sunday Chicken BBQ

When: Sunday, February 2nd

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Fire House

Cost: \$8.00/dinner

\$4.50/chicken only

Menu Includes: Salt Potatoes, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll & Dessert

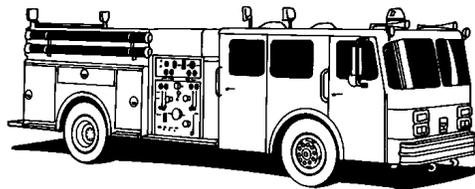


Thank you for your support!

Dear Rushville Citizens,

The dedicated men and women of the Rushville Hose Co. 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 fund raising and other activities. For more information on how to become a member of the Rushville Hose Company, please feel free to stop by the firehouse on most Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 PM.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to



Fire Department Humor

from the Rushville Hose Company,

One dark night, outside a small town, a fire started inside the local chemical plant. Before long it exploded into flames and an alarm went out to fire departments from miles around. After fighting the fire for over an hour, the chemical company president approached the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved! I will give \$50,000 to the engine company that brings them out safely!" As soon as the chief heard this, he ordered the firemen to strengthen their attack on the blaze. After two more hours of attacking the fire, the president of the company offered \$100,000 to the engine company that could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance a long siren was heard and another fire truck came into sight. It was a local volunteer fire company composed entirely of men over 65. To everyone's amazement the little fire engine raced through the chemical plant gates and drove straight into the middle of the inferno. In the distance the other firemen watched as the old timers hopped off of their rig and began to fight the fire with an effort that they had never seen before. After an hour of intense fighting the volunteer company had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas. Joyous, the chemical company president announced that he would double the reward to \$200,000 and walked over to personally thank each of the volunteers individually.

After thanking each of the old men, the president asked the group what they intended to do with the money. The fire truck driver looked him right in the eye and said - "The first thing we're going to do is fix the blasted brakes on that truck!"

WINTER TIME SAFETY AND SNOW REMOVAL

SIDEWALKS: Any sidewalk recently installed by the Village in the residential districts, will be maintained by Village personnel. Snow will be removed if accumulation is more than two inches, however we do ask for your assistance in helping to keep the sidewalks clear if we receive a significant amount of snowfall in a 24 hour period. Obviously, the roadways are our first priority. Please note, we will not be applying any salt to the sidewalks in the residential districts.

SNOW PLOWING: Please clean up any snow you may push into the road from your driveway. This will

Address numbers... Why are they important?

With Ontario and Yates Counties having a 911 system in place, the importance of having an address number on your home and mailbox cannot be emphasized enough. Consider this: You have an actual real-life incident and a call is placed to 911 reporting that someone in your home needs emergency medical care immediately. Without address numbers precious time could be lost in finding the correct address. In an effort to serve you better, the Fire Department is requesting that residents cooperate in posting their address number on their homes and mailboxes. Apartment doors should also be identified. As a suggestion, walk out to the street in front of your home and see if your house numbers can be easily seen. If they can be, then we have a greater chance of possibly saving a life. Address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification should be placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. The numbers should contrast with their background. At a minimum, address numbers need to be Arabic numerals or alphabetical letters. Numbers should be a minimum of 4 inches high and ½ inch wide. Reflective numbers or one of the new light-up signs are recommended. The main concern of everyone is for the safety of the residents of Rushville and its fire district. You never know when you may be the next one to call 911 for an emergency. Be sure your house number is posted and visible from the road so you can be found as quickly as possible, for every minute counts.

Popular Bathroom Wipes Blamed for Sewer Backups

Excerpt from the NY Rural Water Association

Increasingly popular bathroom wipes (pre-moistened towelettes) are being blamed for creating clogs and backups in sewer systems around the nation. Even though the wipes are labeled flushable, they aren't breaking down as they make their way through the sewer system. That's costing some municipalities millions of dollars to dispatch crews to unclog pipes and pumps and to replace and upgrade machinery. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies, which represents 300 wastewater agencies, says it has been hearing complaints about wipes from sewer systems big and small for about the last four years. That roughly coincides with the ramped-up marketing of the "flushable cleansing cloths" as a cleaner, fresher option than dry toilet paper alone. Some communities have spent more than \$1 million in the last five years replacing sewage pumps that were routinely clogging. To prove a point that the clogs were related to the wipes, sewer officials in one community dyed several kinds of wipes and sent them through the sewer for a mile to see how they would break up. They didn't. The wipes had little rips and tears but still they were intact. The wipe problem got worldwide attention in July when London sewer officials reported removing a 15-ton "bus-sized lump" of wrongly flushed grease and wet wipes, dubbed the "fatberg." The complaints have prompted a renewed look at solving the problem. The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry, the trade group known as INDA, recently revised voluntary guidelines and specified seven tests for manufacturers to use to determine which wipes to call flushable. It also recommends a universal do-not-flush logo; a crossed-out stick figure and toilet, be prominently displayed on non-dispersible products. But many sewer officials are saying this is not enough, the real answer is that the only things being flushed should be pee, poop and toilet paper, because those are the only things that sanitary sewers were really designed to handle.

Clothes Dryer Safety

According to a report published in 2012 by the National Fire Protection Association, dryers and washing machines were involved in one out of every 22 home structure fires reported to fire departments in 2006-2010.

FACTS & FIGURES: In the US in 2010, an estimated 16,800 reported non-confined or confined home structure fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines resulted in 51 civilian deaths, 380 civilian injuries and \$236 million in direct property damage. Clothes dryers accounted for 92% of the fires; washing machines 4%, and washer and dryer combinations accounted for 4%. The leading cause of home clothes dryer and washer fires was failure to clean (32%), followed by unclassified mechanical failure or malfunction (22%), electrical failure or malfunction (8%), and remaining were miscellaneous factors.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional. Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. At least once a year, if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean out the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.





VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE

Jon Bagley, Mayor

Charles Elwell, Trustee

David Field, Trustee

Timothy Jabaut, Trustee

John Sawers, Trustee

Jennifer Gruschow, Clerk-Treasurer

Jenna Bergstresser, 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

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: 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

News Bulletin from the Code Officer

Information on Carbon Monoxide detectors: Please be aware that you should have a carbon monoxide detector located outside of your sleeping areas. You may use the plug in type if you choose.

Smoke Detectors: Please make sure you have a good battery in each detector. For your safety, the NYS Fire Code states there should be a smoke detector in each bedroom, the best location is the ceiling. One should also be located outside of the bedrooms in case the door is closed and a fire starts outside of the room. There is supposed to be a detector on each level of the house; basement, first floor, and second floor (which could be the one outside of the bedrooms).

Fire Places and Wood Stoves: It is that time of year again to make sure your chimneys are keep clean to prevent fires. Also please be aware that new fire places and wood stove installations require a permit and inspections. This is for your safety to ensure they are properly installed.

Building Permit Reminder: Before you start any type of work, it is best to contact the code officer, Reggie O'Hearn to see if a building permit is required. He is in the office Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:00-4:00pm and by appointment. Please call the office or Reggie directly at home, 394-7498 if you need schedule an appointment.

Water & Sewer Relevies

Water and sewer accounts need to be cleared by **March 25, 2014**. 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!

Our New Deputy Clerk

Jenna Bergstresser is our new deputy clerk. If you have not yet met Jenna please stop in the office and say hello. Jenna is originally from the Southern Tier but now lives in the Rushville area with her husband, Tim and their 10 month old daughter.