

#### July 2011 Edition

On June 1st Village personnel were assisted by Tad Gerace, Village resident and Conservation District Technician for Ontario County Soil & Water, in planting several new trees around the Village. They are a beautiful addition to the community! The photo show here is a crimson king maple that was planted at the fire house. This fall the leaves will change to a vibrant red! We

will be planting more trees in the coming months and look forward to doing so! Thank you Tad, for all your help!



# A Message from the Mayor

We continue to move forward with the water project. We are hoping to start in the fall and finish in the spring. We have found a filtration system that fits our budget and are proceeding ahead.

I wish everyone a safe and fun filled summer.

- Jon Bagley, Mayor

# SIDEWALKS!

On Monday, July 11th, the Village will begin to install new sidewalks! We will start at the corner of Castle Street and North Main Street and head south along the east side of the street with the goal of reaching the Reading Center. Please note, if you live in this area, there may be times in which your driveway is not accessible or workers are in front of your home. We will be sending out letters to inform you when we will be near your house. We will try our best to not create too much of an inconvenience but, as with every construction project, there will be some. We have received several requests for new sidewalks and we hope that everyone enjoys them once completed!

# Future Youth Center in Rushville

Since January, a group of concerned residents have been investigating how to establish a place where teens can hang out in a safe, substance-free environment with interesting programs and activities.

This once-weekly "center" will be supervised at all times by caring adult volunteers who want to spend quality time with our youth in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Besides providing a safe sanctuary for our youths, adults will supervise activities, encourage homework completion and prepare and share a meal with our teens.

The youth center will be held Wednesdays from 3:00-7:00pm at the Rushville Methodist Church beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be open to all Marcus Whitman students in grades 6-12.

If you are interested in being part of this important project as by volunteering or donating financially, please contact Pastor Ann Hicks at 554-6534 or rushvilleumc@frontier.net.

# History Room: Memorial Day – A Success



The History Room was open from 8:30am to 12:00noon on Memorial Day to allow parade watchers to visit. We were pleased to have 54

visitors, mostly first timers from as far away as Michigan and Florida, including many families with children. The Wall of Honor in the Village meeting room made a lasting impression on everyone.

# Reading Center Fund Raisers

When: Friday, August 5th & Saturday, August 6th

Where: The Reading Center lawn, 35 South Main Street

We are always accepting donated books to either be kept in the reading center or to be sold at the book sale. If you have unwanted books in good condition please donate them! We are also accepting DVDs, Videos, and CDs. Please drop them off at the Reading Center during regular business hours.

#### **BEVERAGE MACHINE**

The Reading Center now has a beverage machine for its patrons: A donation of \$1.25 a cup is collected . All proceeds benefit the Reading Center. Beverages include coffee, chai latte, and cocoa.

The *Circle of Friends* is ALWAYS looking for new members! COME JOIN US!

### July 2011 Edition Summer Fire Safety Tips

from the Rushville Hose Company

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills. Annually just under 10,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by charcoal/ wood-burning and propane grill fires. In 2007, 64 percent of fireworks injuries occurred between June 22 and July 22.

Families also enjoy camping in the summer. It is important to follow the park's rules for the use and extinguishing of campfires.

Summertime should be a time for fun and making happy memories. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

#### **Fireworks Safety**

Simple: Leave them to the professionals! •

#### **Barbecue Safety**

- · Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank. •



Do not wear loose clothing while • cooking at a BBQ.

• Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.

• Keep all matches and lighters away from children.

Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon • monoxide could be produced.

#### **Campfire Safety**

- Build campfires away from dry grass and leaves. •
- Keep campfires small, and don't let them get • out of hand.

Keep plenty of water and a shovel around. When done, douse the fire with water, stir it 🛹 and douse again.

Never leave campfires unattended.

Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire! Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention!

## MABEL D. BLODGETT MEMORIAL **READING CENTER** YES. WE ARE A LIBRARY!

We loan books for all ages, magazines, audio books, DVDS, Videos. We have two public computers and a laptop to use in the reading center. We have access to STARCAT, the inter library loan system of the southern tier. This means we can borrow items from a lot of other libraries! You can download books & music from the STLS website. We also have items available for home schooling.

We have a "Friends After Cancer Support Group" that meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of every month from 7-8pm. We will soon have a Knitting Club that will meet regularly. Anime classes for kids will be held July 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm. Kids can learn how to draw Japanese anime on the computer. Bring your laptop or we have 3 public computers that are available.

We have WiFi, please come into the Reading Center, sign a library card and you will be given a password to use the WiFi at anytime. It may be used inside or outside.

During the summer come enjoy our "Backyard". Read under the shade of a tree in our donated Adirondack chairs. A big thank you to John Finnan for his generous gifts! Please use the chairs with care so everyone can enjoy them. Thank you!

Come watch the "Scarlet runner bean Teepee" grow. The little ones are invited to sit inside of it. Aunt Ginny and her story time group planted it. Story time with Aunt Ginny will be stopping for the summer, as she gears up to lead the Pre-K through K Summer Reading Program.

Anyone interested in starting a Reading Group, please contact Dodie at the Center. Or any other type of group. Come talk to me.

Join us on Facebook.....you will find all that's happening in the Reading Center, plus pictures and sometimes postings from our patrons. Mabel D. Blodgett Reading Center. Please be sure to go to this one. (not the Mabel D. Blodgett one, thank you.)

Sign up for the "Birthday Book Give-a-way". When it's vour birthday month, come to the Reading Center, have or get a library card, sign up for the drawing. At the end of the month, 1 youth and 1 adult will win a book to keep. Pick from several titles.

#### **VOLUNTEERS... WECOLMED!**

Note: We will be closed on Monday, July 4th.

# VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE.

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Don Blodgett, Village Co-Historian Jim Rice, Village Co-Historian

#### 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

#### 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

#### SWIMMING POOLS DO REQUIRE A PERMIT

Now that summer is here, we all want a swimming pool to cool off in. If you are planning on installing a pool this summer please remember that **ANY** swimming pool over 2 feet high requires a permit and inspection. This requirement



is not specific to the Village of Rushville. It please make note that inflatable swimming pools and pools with plastic sides do not meet the State Code requirements of a

"strong sided" pool and need additional items such as fencing 48" high with a latching gate. Other items that need further consideration are filter pumps and any electrical service installed in connection with the pool. Both need an inspection from a UL electrical inspector. Lastly, the physical location of the pool has to meet the zoning set back regulations. If you plan to install any type of pool please contact the Code Officer first at 554-3415 or 394-7498. This is for the safety and welfare of the community. Thank you!

# A Call for Volunteers

The Rushville Fire Department is actively seeking new members for various department posts. We will provide free training and camaraderie! 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. For more information please stop by the firehouse on Railroad Ave. most Tuesday evenings.

#### **CHANGE IN DUE DATE FOR JULY'S WATER & SEWER BILLS**

The Village Office will be closed on Friday, July 15th, therefore water and sewer bills will not be due until 5pm on Monday, July 18th. This change is for the July 2011 guarterly billing ONLY! Thank You!