

# RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VOICE

*Village of Rushville, New York*

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*Happy Holidays*

The Village of Rushville hopes that everyone has been enjoying the Holiday Season. We wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous year and best of luck on all your future endeavors!



### ~ A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR ~

We continue on course with the water project and still plan to break ground in the spring. This quarter reflects the new water rates as indicated in previous newsletters. We accomplished many tasks and improvements to the Village this year. Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in making these things happen.

Thank you to Paul and Ginny Curtis for continuing the tradition of placing the Christmas lights up in the business district.

If you know of anyone residing in the Village who has a relative in the military please let our Clerk, Jennifer know.

Thank you to the many volunteers in the fire department, Lions Club, history room and others who provide us valuable services and give of their time and resources freely.



Peace to all this holiday season,  
Jon Bagley, Mayor

## Snow Removal

Throughout the winter the Village of Rushville would like to ask for everyone's assistance in keeping the sidewalks clear of snow and ice. If you have a fire hydrant on your property please also remember to remove the snow around it. This is for the safety of all our residents! When plowing driveways be sure to clean up any snow you leave in the street. Help prevent accidents before they happen. Lastly we ask for cooperation in not parking overnight on the streets, in the Village parking lot and in the Reading Center parking lot. Village DPW needs to be able to remove snow quickly and efficiently without having to avoid vehicle hazards. Thank you for your help! Together we can have a safe and enjoyable winter!





## Holiday Safety Tips

By: The Rushville Fire Dept.



Decorating, both indoor and outdoor, can be exciting. Here are some tips to help assure that your holiday is a safe one:

- Ensure that your family and friends that are staying for the holidays know your home fire escape plan.

- Have your chimney or vent for your fireplace or wood-stove cleaned and inspected before use for the season.

- Keep a fire extinguisher handy in your home and have functional smoke detectors installed. Check all of your smoke alarms regularly.



- Whenever possible, use flame-retardant or flame-resistant decorating materials. Never use natural vegetation indoors that is not set in water or soils.

- Watch for overloading of electrical circuits. Use listed power distribution blocks or strips with automatic circuit protection when overloaded or overheated.

- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire. Do not place candles on or near any decorative vegetation or trees. Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.



- Make sure cords and wiring are intact. Discard frayed or damaged cords immediately.

- Use extension cords properly. Do not overload extension cords.

- The location of your live tree should not be in the way of doors, windows, or in paths used for exiting, and the tree should be a distance, at least equal to the height of the tree, away from open flames and sources of ignition. This includes heaters, fireplaces, and woodstoves.



- Proper placement of the tree in water and on-going maintenance will make the tree safe and last throughout the holiday season. Ensure that the tree stem is covered by at least 2 inches of water at all times and check the level at least daily.

Seasons Greetings to All!

Best Wishes for a Safe & Happy New Year!



## BUILDING PERMITS NOTICE

From: Code Officer Reggie O'Hearn

Are you planning on doing any home improvement projects or general updates to your house? If so, please take the time to call me at the Village office to see if you need a permit. It will save a lot of time and money if you check in advance. Thank You!

### Smoke Detector Tips

By: The Rushville Fire Dept.

• Test smoke detectors at least once a month. Nearly all smoke detectors have a test button, simply push the test button and the alarm will sound.

• It's recommended to change your battery at least twice per year.

• Clean smoke detectors at least once a year. Dust and other particles in the air can build up over time and decrease the sensitivity of a smoke detector. The best way to clean a smoke detector is with a vacuum hose.



• Replace the entire smoke detector at least once every ten years. Smoke detectors do wear out over time.

• Hard-wired smoke detectors should be tested, cleaned, and replaced just as often as non-wired smoke detectors.

• Every bedroom should have a smoke detector. It's also recommended to put one in living rooms, kitchens and hallways. You can never have too many!

If you would like assistance in testing the alarm, replacing batteries, or help installing your new smoke detector, please call us at 554-3045. A Rushville firefighter can come to your home and help you!



### Smoke Detector Facts

• Smoke detectors increase your chance of surviving a fire by 50%!

• An estimated 1/3 of American homes have smoke detectors that do not work!



# Annual Village Elections

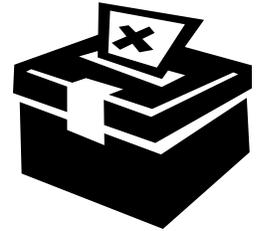


The 2010 Village Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from Noon-9pm at the Village Hall. The offices up for election are mayor and two (2) trustee positions. If you are interested in running for office contact the Village Clerk at 554-3415. You are required to obtain a certain number of signatures in order to have your name placed on the ballot.

Remember to take the time to vote on Election Day!

## Tuesday, March 16, 2010

**VOTE EARLY  
&  
VOTE OFTEN**



## Super Bowl Sunday Chicken BBQ

Hosted By: The Rushville Hose Co.

When: February 7th  
11:00 am till sold out

Dinner Includes: Chicken  
Half, Salt Potatoes,  
Coleslaw, Beans,  
Roll & Dessert!



Cost: \$8.00 Whole Dinner  
\$4.50 Chicken Only



Come Support Your Local  
Fire Dept. & Enjoy Some  
Delicious Chicken!

~ Thank You ~

## A True Story of a Local Veteran

By: Janet Read, Member of the Rushville History Group

Recently we found information about a Revolutionary War veteran, William Shaff, who is buried in the Pine Corners Cemetery. Born in Germany in 1754 he had come to this country and enlisted to serve for the years 1775 through 1778. Some time after his service he moved to the Middlesex, NY area.

In 1822, in order for him to qualify for a pension he needed to provide personal information. He listed 79 acres of land and a small log house with a mortgage of \$1,100. He stated that after all his debt was paid, his property would not be worth more than \$10.

We, in the History Room, are always looking for stories about our veterans. Stop in to see our WALL, add pictures of local veterans who have or are serving this county, and tell us about their service.



## 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

Betty Clark, Reading Center Director

Don Blodgett, Village Co-Historian

Jim Rice, Village Co-Historian

## The Rushville Fire Department Needs You!

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.

The call for volunteers continues to be a priority for the department. Work duties include everything from active fire fighters and fire police to assisting with social events. We provide all the training and equipment needed.

If you are interested in serving the Village of Rushville and its Fire District in one of the noblest ways around, contact Brian Pfab, President @ 554-6564 or by stopping by the firehouse located at 14 Railroad Ave to pick up an application. Thank you in advance for your support.



### *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 & Occasionally for the Lunch Hour, Noon - 1:00pm  
Office Telephone: (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 Telephone: (585) 554-3415 Home Telephone: (585) 394-7498

#### History Room Hours & Contact Information

Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:00pm & Thursday: 9:00am - Noon  
Telephone: (585) 554-6085  
History Room E-mail: rushvillehistory@frontiernet.net

#### Reading Center Hours & Contact Information

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

### **WATER & SEWER RELEVIES**

Please remember that water and sewer accounts need to be cleared by March 20, 2010. Any outstanding amount you may have on your account will be relevied onto the tax roll and 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. This will make the process less painful when spring time comes.



Thank you for your cooperation!