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## RIPLEY TOWN HALL

14 North State Street

P.O. Box 352

Ripley, NY 14775

**Town Supervisor: Doug Bowen**

[ripleyts@fairpoint.net](mailto:ripleyts@fairpoint.net)

Office: **716-736-2209**

Home: **716-736-4418**

## RIPLEY TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Rebecca Rowe Carvallo **716-736-6881**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9 a.m. – Noon 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Mornings 9 a.m. – Noon

Closed Wednesdays

The Town Clerk's Office is also closed

during various Holidays

**The Town Clerk may also be reached during her off hours at: 736-6856(H) or 736-9341(cell) Rebecca Rowe Carvallo**

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Hustead

P. O. Box 573

Ripley, NY 14775

Office: **716-736-7575**

Clerk: Jodie D'Anthony **716-736-7575**

[courtclerk@ripley-ny.com](mailto:courtclerk@ripley-ny.com)

Monday Evenings 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -Noon

& 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Traffic Court held Monday 6:00p.m.

Calendar Call Held: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each

month 2:00 p.m.

## TOWN ASSESSOR

P.O. Box 352

Ripley, NY 14775

**716-736-4050**

[ripleyta@fairpoint.net](mailto:ripleyta@fairpoint.net)

## BUILDING/ZONING CODE OFFICER

–Melanie Eddy

P.O. Box 2

Ripley, NY 14775

**716-736-3737**

[ripleybz@fairpoint.net](mailto:ripleybz@fairpoint.net)

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.-Noon &

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

## RIPLEY TOWN BOARD Meets the

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

at the Town Building located in the Rip-

ley Central School 14 North State Street.

## RIPLEY PLANNING BOARD

[planningboard@ripley-ny.com](mailto:planningboard@ripley-ny.com)

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at

6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices located in

the Ripley Central School on N State St

The Public is welcome to attend these

meetings.

## 2020 United States Census

National Census Day is April 1st (no foolin'). In mid-March you will receive a notice to take part in the census, which takes place every ten years. You are encouraged to go online to fill out your census information. The Census Bureau DOES NOT release your information to any other agencies. It is safe to be counted and it is necessary to be counted.

"Data that is gathered from the census helps determine governmental district boundaries, ensures states are accurately represented in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is part of the formulas for how federal funding is allocated among social service agencies, highway planning, educational grants and other types of programs.

"The Constitution requires that everyone living in the United States participate in the census every 10 years. People of color, those living in poverty, people experiencing homelessness, rural communities, religious minorities and immigrant communities often go undercounted. Fear, mistrust and lack of awareness about the process are among the reasons some don't participate." (excerpt from the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. [CLINIC] website).

Individual census data is not shared with any other government agency. Vulnerable individuals, i.e. those who are in this country illegally, can safely be counted among the population, and SHOULD be counted.



## Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail

The Easter Bunny will be at Cooney's Ice Cream and Coffee on Main\* this Easter weekend (Saturday only). The Ripley Library will host a Bunny Trail Scavenger Hunt for all the kids on Saturday, April 11th at 2pm starting at Cooney's Ice Cream.

Bring your little ones and join the fun finding clues while you hop along the Bunny Trail, then find your way back to Cooney's for Sundaes with the Easter Bunny, sponsored by Cooney's and Coffee on Main.

\*See more about Ripley's new business, Coffee on Main on page 2..

March 2020

Ripley, New York

## Water/Sewer Department

Shaun Waters, Supt.  
10168 W. Lake Road  
Ripley, NY 14775  
ripleywp@fairpoint.net  
Office: 716-736-6000  
Cell: 716-581-3281

## Highway Department

Jim Spacht, Highway Supt.  
50 Ross Street  
P.O. Box 506  
Ripley, NY 14775  
ripleyhs@fairpoint.net  
Office: 716-736-3434  
Cell: 716-753-6553

## Dog Control Officer

Aaron Gibbons, DCO  
Cell: 716-223-0316

## Town Historian

John "Doc" Hamels

## Fire Department

**Actual Emergency Call 911**

Ripley Hose Company #1  
P.O. Box 342  
12 South State Street  
Ripley, NY 14775  
716-736-2001

Mark Smith, Fire Chief  
716-736-2490

Ripley Hose Company #2  
South Ripley Fire Hall  
10268 NE-Sherman Road  
Ripley, NY 14775  
James Spacht, Deputy Fire Chief  
716-269-4754

## Police Department

**Actual Emergency Call 911**

Chautauqua County Sheriff's Dept.  
Mayville, NY 14757  
716-753-4231

## Coffee on Main

Coming soon



Ripley will soon have a new coffee shop. Joanne Barnhart and Rose Nuttall are currently working to remodel and set up shop in Cooney's Ice Cream store (the old O'Donnell's). Anticipated opening is late March. Watch for more information about this new business in next month's issue of About Town!

## Fitness Center

**Ripley Residents, Work Out for FREE!**

The RCS Fitness Room is open!  
Hours are **Monday-Thursday 6:00am-7:30am and 5:00pm-9:00pm; Saturday 8:00am-10:00am; Closed Sundays & Fridays.**

You must use the Southwest entrance on State Street (Entrance closest to the playground.)

Must bring a separate pair of shoes for indoor use only.

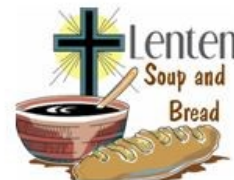
Waiver's must be signed before you start.

Program sponsored by the Town of Ripley by a volunteer staff.



## COMMUNITY LENTEN

**BREAD AND BROTH SUPPER AND SERVICE**



**Please Join Us, All Are Invited, As We Prepare Ourselves This Lenten Season to receive Grace.**



**Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020**  
With An Ash Wednesday Service

Continuing each Wednesday

**March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1 & 8, 2020**

**At Meeders Restaurant**  
19 East Main Street, Ripley, N.Y.

There will be a choice of soup, bread and a beverage.  
**Supper to Begin at 6:30 p.m., Service to Follow**

## Mobile Food Pantry

Open to all Chautauqua County residents and those in North East, Pennsylvania.

**March 25th**

**12:00pm to 1:30pm**  
**at the Ripley Fire Hall**



**Feeding the Community**

Proof of residency and a photo ID required

## Ripley United Methodist Church



**All You Can Eat & Drink**

**\$7 Breakfast**

Pancakes,  
Sausage, Bacon  
Made to Order Eggs & Toast,  
[including omelets]  
Fried Potatoes,  
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy  
O.J. and Coffee



**Saturday March 14, 2020**

**7:30am to 11am**


**84 West Main Street**

**All Proceeds to Benefit:**



**Chautauqua County Hospice & Palliative Care**





**Pre-School Partners**


**Tuesdays – 10:30-11:30 AM**  
(starts August 14)  
62 W. Main St. (Next to the library)

A short program of learning activities followed by “Stay & Play” time.

Infants – 4 years and their parent or caregiver

A Free Ministry of First Baptist Church

Questions? Call: 716-581-2059



**Senior Refresh**  
Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm

At 62 West Main Street  
(next to the Library)

A place for encouraging conversation, sharing life experiences, and interacting with others. Also opportunities for spiritual encouragement available if desired. (Prayer, Bible Study) Drinks and packaged light snacks available.

A Ministry of  
First Baptist Church of Ripley  
All are Welcome!

**Ripley Library**

Two Ripley Public Library Board seats will be up for election this June, term beginning July 1st. If you are interested in running for the Library Board, please contact Rhonda Thompson, (716) 736-3913



**Westfield Stray Cat Rescue**

The rescue provides care for homeless cats and kittens, nurturing them until they find their forever homes.

We survive on donations and volunteerism, from funds from events, and goods sold in our thrift store, The Thrifty Kitty, 59 E. Main St., Westfield, NY

**Email:**  
[thriftykitty@fairpoint.net](mailto:thriftykitty@fairpoint.net)  
[www.WestfieldStrayCatRescue.com](http://www.WestfieldStrayCatRescue.com)

**Ripley Trash & Recycle Days**

Located near the Highway Barn on Ross Street, open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8a.m. until noon. Ripley bags may be purchased at the Town Building and Meeder’s Restaurant. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street.

**Ripley Food Pantry**

Come to the Ripley Food Pantry and check out your eligibility. The Food Pantry is located at the first set of doors in the circular driveway of the Ripley Central School Building on North State Street. The Pantry is open every Tuesday from 2-4p.m. and every Saturday 10-noon except for holidays and inclement weather. Any questions, call Candy Kelly at 736-4386 or Phil Chimera at 736-2479.

To have About Town and The Bookworm newsletters sent to you directly, send your name and email address to:

[thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

**Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue**

NCCR is located at 7540 N. Gale St. in Westfield, NY and is open Monday-Saturday from 1-3pm or by appointment by calling 716-326-PAWS. Many of the dogs can be seen online at [www.caninerescue.org](http://www.caninerescue.org). NCCR is a New York State Registered Rescue, RR028, and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Instagram @nccrdogs

**From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower**

Mar 8 Daylight Saving Time begins


Mar 15 American Legion Birthday celebration 15-17

Mar 17 St. Patrick’s Day

Mar 19 Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003

Mar 20 First day of Spring

Mar 25 Congressional Medal of Honor Day



The month of March is the month to welcome home all Viet Nam Veterans. Trust me, we never get tired of “Welcome Home.” As always we need new members in our post. We can’t afford to lose any of our benefits that we fought so hard to get. The louder our voices, the more they listen in Albany and in D.C. If you are a veteran and served overseas, contact me or any of my officers.

**Local Worship Services**

- ♦ **First Baptist Church**  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ **First Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**  
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **South Ripley Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
- ♦ **Stateline United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Still Waters Mennonite Church**  
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ **United Methodist Church**  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
- ♦ **Victory Family Church**  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.