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RIPLEY TOWN BOARD Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Building located in the Ripley Central School 14 North State Street.

RIPLEY PLANNING BOARD

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. All public non-essential businesses remain closed due to COVID-19 shelter in place orders. Dollar General, Stop & Shop & State Line Store are open. Meeder's Restaurant and Wings & Things open for take-out only. Ripley Hardware is open. Ripley Town office open from 9-12 with limited access, M-T Th-F

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Main Street Pizza

In this time of crisis it is encouraging to hear of good neighbor stories. One such story comes from Wings & Things here in Ripley. It took Nancy Goldstein and her sister Pat Edwards three years to become owners of Wings & Things, now called Main Street Pizza. "We understood the irony," said Nancy, "when we signed the final paperwork on March 16th, just when everything was ordered closed. But we've always been a take-out business, so it didn't affect us that much."

A customer came in just before Easter and in conversation mentioned they wouldn't have company for Easter due to the lock-down. That gave Nancy and Pat the idea to furnish dinners for those who might otherwise go without. With help from Hazel Boozel, a resident of Collins Manor, twenty Easter dinners were delivered to the residents there, as well as an additional eighty or so dinners to other Ripley senior citizens who were alone for the holiday, all free of charge. "Our drivers were busy all day delivering meals. We were so happy to be able to pay it forward because people have been so supportive of us over the years," Nancy said. "It wasn't much," she continued, "some ham or chicken cordon bleu, a twice baked potato, some salad and a vegetable..."

Main Street Pizza has added pie and cupcakes to their menu as well. "Our business is 80% delivery anyway. It's been a chaotic and busy time for us."

Thank you to Main Street Pizza for being such a good neighbor!

Face Masks

Many people all over the country have taken up making face masks for themselves and friends and neighbors. One such person here in Ripley has taken it to an entirely new level. Lou Ann (Leigh) Lyon has make over 1,000 masks and is not only helping local residents but has sent the masks to New York City, Long Island, Virginia, and Washington State. "There's such a need," Lou Ann said, "and it's something I can do to help during this crisis."

Thank you Lou Ann Lyon for being such a good neighbor!

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Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

As listed on page 3 of this newsletter, the Ripley Mobile Food Pantry has added an additional day for food distribution. The last delivery in April served 260 people from Ripley and the surrounding area. The volunteers who unload the truck, separate the food, pack the boxes, and load the food into cars are doing a great job, and are very underappreciated. It's a lot of work and with the current pandemic, they are at risk.

There are times when they run out of certain foods. What do they do when that happens? "We take it from our own food boxes and try to give everyone as much as we can," Coordinator Leigh Lyon said. "Most people are very understanding, but sometimes we get people who are upset with what they got. We have a man from North East who has given us \$75 so far this year to help out, and a woman, also from North East, who buys items for us to distribute. These aren't cheap items either!"

Thank you Ripley Mobile Food Pantry for being such a good neighbor!

News from Ripley Town Board

The Ripley beach project is on hold until we obtain permission from the State to assemble our volunteers. The stairways have been constructed and are in the warehouse awaiting delivery. The current configuration of the beach will mean that only the Bauer's Lane stairs can be lowered to the beach. There are about 20 yards of beach at the east end of the beach. We only have a cliff at the parking area. Any given storm, however, can change the configuration.

Water and Sewer Departments are hard at work on the new water line from Stateline. The sewer along the same path will commence later this springearly summer. The work on the sewer project will largely be contracted out. Water and Sewer projects are considered essential work by New York State.

Love's Travel Center will begin work in conjunction with the sewer work as soon as they get clearance to start by New York State. Governor Cuomo hopes to allow construction work within the next month in Upstate, depending on hospitalization rates.

Don't forget to fill our your 2020 Census questionnaire. Federal and State Funds allocated to Ripley are determined by this count. Do your part to support our community.



As ordered by the Town Board April 9, 2020 Rebecca Rowe Carvallo, Town Clerk

Located near the High-

way 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. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street.

Ripley Trash &

Recycle Days

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Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

Open to all Chautauqua County and North East, PA residents

Dates for Distribution this month; May 13th and May 27th

- Changes in the food distribution as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Arrive at the fire hall between 11:45 and 12:30, park in the parking lot, do
- not leave your vehicle until instructed to do so, to receive your number. If you are a first time patron, you will be required to submit an ID and
- paid utility bill to verify residence. Do not bring your own boxes or bags, they will be provided at the site.
- No patron will be allowed into the fire hall so there will be no public restroom available.
- If you are picking up for someone else, please let volunteer know so a separate box can be prepared. There is one box allowed for each household.
- Boxes will be prepacked. When your number is called, you will drive to the open door on 76 to receive your box. Remain in your vehicle.
 - The first distribution of food using this plan went well and there have been Bonus Dates added to serve the community .
- BONUS DATES: April 15, May 13, June 10, July 15, August 12, September 16, October 14, November 11, December 16.
- NORMAL DATES: April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30, October 28, November 25, December 30,

If you have any questions, please direct them to Leigh Lyon at (716) 233-0345 or if you e-mail her at mslilcop570@gmaill.com. And provide her with your e-mail address, she will send you e-mail information directly to you. If you have friends who do not have computers or e-mail and would benefit from these provisions, take just a moment to call them with the dates and times.

From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

Due to Covid-19, and after being in contact with other VFW Posts in the county that have postponed their memorial Day Services, and talking with the Ripley Fire Chief, we will postpone our Memorial Day Services until a later date. We do this to help protect the safety of our Ripley Residents that faithfully attend yearly. We will still put flags out on the veteran's graves some time in May.

May 7—National Day of Prayer May 8—VE Day 1945 May 10—Mother's Day May 15—Peace Officers Memorial Day May 16—Armed Forces Day May 22—National Poppy May 25—Memorial Day



I know not doing Memorial Day services will be hard, but our veterans are not forgotten. Everybody stay safe and we will get through this together.

Local Worship Services

First Baptist Church Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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- 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 Rinley Methodist Church
- South Ripley Methodist Church Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Stateline United Methodist Church

- Stateline United Methodist Chu 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.

Check with your local church to determine whether services are currently being held.