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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30 a.m. – Noon 1:15 p.m. –4:00 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

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Justice Vera L. Husted
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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

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Offices located in the Ripley Central School on N State St
The Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

Ripley Hose Company #1 6th Annual Harvest Dance and Chili Cook Off November 6th 6-10PM

Join us for a fun filled evening supporting your local fire department. All proceeds help the fire department update and get new equipment, provide training opportunities for members, and community outreach such as teaching fire prevention.

There will be a Chinese auction, music provided by DJ Amber Belson and of course, the best chili contest.

Enter your award winning chili between 5:45 and 6:15 PM

Chili tasting and voting \$5

New this year we have a special drawing for
A tower of Beer and Cooler
Chance to win
\$2 Each or 3 for \$5 Donation

Winner need not be present to win!

For more information checkout our Facebook page-Ripley Hose Company #1

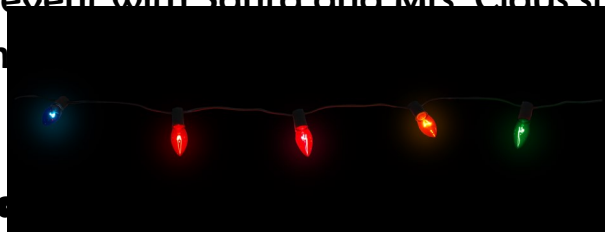
Thank you for your continued support and hope to see you there!



Christmas in Ripley

is Coming Sooner than you think!

Lighting of the town Christmas tree, by the gazebo, will take place **November 26th at 7 PM**. This is a short event with Santa and Mrs. Claus stopping by to light the



Christmas People’s Choice award, as well as Traditional, Non-traditional, and Religious categories will be judged this year. Sign up at Coffee on Main or call Sheila at 716-736-6078 between November 1-22. Lights must be up by December 1st and judging is December 12th. Vote for People’s Choice from December 1 through 11th at the Ripley Public Library. Write in the address of your choice on the ballot. A map will be posted on Facebook and paper ones will be available at Coffee on Main and at the Ripley Library.

Let’s Light Up The Season!

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**Christmas in Ripley****Saturday, December 4th**

A full day of events is being planned for this year's Christmas in Ripley celebration! This is a tentative schedule. The final list will be in next month's About Town, as well as posted throughout the town.

- 7:30-12 pm Breakfast at Coffee on Main
- 10:00-6 pm Crafter/Vendor Fair at Ripley Public Library
- 10:00-6 pm Bake Sale at Ripley Public Library
- 11:30-1 pm Christmas stories and movies at the library
- 12:15-1 pm Santa parade! See Santa come by your house in a fire truck before his arrival at the fire hall.
- 12:30-3 pm Wine Country Alpacas at the fire hall
- 1:00-4 pm Visit with Santa at the fire hall. Photos will be available for purchase from photographer Stephanie Cunningham. Pet photos will start at 3 pm.
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Service at Ripley United Methodist Church.

Other activities are still in the planning stage.

COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

Sustaining the Momentum

Submitted by Mike Rowe

The Town of Ripley has multiple projects that will soon be coming to fruition. This brief article will describe those projects.

Love's Travel Center

Water 5 and Sewer 2 running East from Stateline on Route 5, up Shortman Rd and connecting to the Water and Sewer lines in the Hamlet has been completed. Residents are currently being hooked up. This project has attracted Love's Travel Center to Shortman Road and it is likely additional development will follow. Love's is scheduled for a January 29, 2022, completion. Water 5 and Sewer 2 also will allow expansion for Regal Trucking and will save the Campgrounds and Pines Motel on Rte 5 from closure. Plummer's is scheduled for reopening in the Spring of 2022. All this would not be possible without Town Water and Sewer.

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Love's Travel Center will contribute an additional \$165,000 yearly to the tax base through a Host Community Agreement for the next 25 years and then will go on the regular property tax roll. The Host Community Agreement will allow the Town to use the money to assist financing of Water and Sewer projects. Regular property tax revenue cannot be used to finance water and sewer projects. Love's will also increase our revenue through dramatically increased Sales tax income.

Other Projects

Financing has been released and contracts awarded for Water to be extended to Shorehaven as well as replacement of Sewer lines on West Main Street. Work will also begin on repairs and upgrades to the Sewer Plant. Repairs on Belson Dam at the Reservoir have been completed.

Solar Projects

The Application for the Connectgen South Ripley Solar Project has been submitted to the NYS Siting Board and substantial feedback requiring changes to the application have been provided to Connectgen. The link to the feedback is on the Town of Ripley website. [TOWN OF RIPLEY, NY - Home \(ripleyny.org\)](http://TOWN_OF_RIPLEY, NY - Home (ripleyny.org)) The Town Board does not determine whether this project moves forward, the NYS Site Siting Board is charged with the approval or rejection of the project application. The Town is charged with negotiating PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) and Host Community Agreement.

A similar 270 megawatt project in the Town of Byron in Genesee County will generate \$1 million per year for 25 years. That is the baseline for Town of Ripley negotiations. Such an agreement would allow the Town of Ripley, if we choose, to virtually eliminate the Town property tax levy. It also opens up many other options such as budgeting for contingencies, setting up a reserve fund for town equipment so that we do not have to borrow money every time a new plow truck is necessary, or setting up a budget line to provide match for projects that are available to improve the Town but are beyond our reach because we cannot currently afford a 25% or 50 % match.

These decisions must be made with transparency. Suggestions from the public are more than welcome. Despite COVID restrictions, attendance at Board meetings has increased (Zoom has allowed greater public input and will be continued). Anyone wishing to attend Town Board Meetings via Zoom can simply contact the Town Clerk's office.

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The Town of Ripley will have some serious decisions to make as the additional revenue generated by these projects begins to come in. We will also need to have a Town Board with the knowledge and skills to prudently manage projects and write and administer grants. I urge all voters to come out on election day and support those candidates who have been involved in putting together the plans that have put the Town on the path to growth, so that we can seamlessly sustain the momentum we have achieved.

All the potential changes in the Town makes it essential that we update our Town Comprehensive plan. The Town has applied for a grant to assist us in the process.

Resources for Ripley News

Please check these Facebook pages for up-to-date information concerning Ripley and its residents.

Ripley Hose Company—www.ripleyfire.org

Ripley NY-Alive and Well-Administrator Ruth Blackman

Ripley Central Alumni (Ripley NY)-Administrators Mark Dickey & Connie Wright Middleton

It's Ripley's (Believe it or not) Community Page-Administrator Cindy Eddy

You may be from Ripley, NY if...no administrator listed

Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry-Administrators Leigh Lyon and Ruth Blackman

Ripley NY Perennial Exchange-Administrator Ruth Blackman

Ripley NY Buds- Administers Coralee Shearer and Stephanie Eimers

Cooney's Island is offering Buttercream Frosted pumpkin flavor ice cream pies, \$16.50 each. (Serves approx. 8)

Place your order by November 17th

Reserve yours through Facebook Messenger or stop by the store.



Cooney's Island



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

Town of Ripley Offices

Town Building is open with some restrictions

- *Please wear a face mask and respect the 6ft. distancing signs.
 - *We encourage the use of the drop off box and Postal Service whenever possible.
 - *Town Meetings will still be offered through “Zoom” for those interested but do not want to attend in person.
- Meetings will be held with no more than 50% capacity and face masks required.
Please call the Town Clerk’s office 716-736-6881 with questions.

From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

- Nov 02 Election Day—Get out and Vote! Your vote does count.
- Nov 07 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov 10 American Legion Auxiliary Birthday 1919; US Marines Birthday
- Nov 11 Veterans Day; WW1 Armistice 1918; VFW Post 2769 will hold a Veterans Day service at 11a.m. at the monument in front of the school. We will be adding two new names to the Wall of Honor. Both are Vietnam veterans. Two Bronze Stars, One Purple Heart, and an Air Medal. Please come out and support our veterans.
- Nov. 18 Post Meeting at 10:30am at Town Hall
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving-Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Remember our troops who cannot be with their families.



Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

November 24th @ 12:30p.m.

Call (716)223-0345 or text ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com to preregister

Local Worship

- ♦ First Baptist Church
Sunday Worship
Sunday School
- ♦ First Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship
- ♦ St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church
Saturday Worship
Sunday Worship
- ♦ South Ripley Methodist Church
Sunday Worship
Sunday School
- ♦ Stateline United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship
Sunday School
- ♦ Still Waters Mennonite Church
Sunday Service
- ♦ United Methodist Church
Adult Sunday School
Sunday Worship
- ♦ Victory Family Church
Sunday Worship

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

Businesses, or individual supporters of the Ripley Library who donate \$5 per month will receive business card space in The Bookworm.

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