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**Fire Department
 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
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 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

RIPLEY TOWN HALL

14 North State Street
 P.O. Box 352
 Ripley, NY 14775
Town Supervisor: Doug Bowen
 ripleys@fairpoint.net
 Office: **716-736-2209**
 Home: **716-736-4418**

RIPLEY TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Rebecca Rowe Carvallo **716-736-6881**
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 9:30 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 Car-**
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TOWN ASSESSOR

P.O. Box 352
 Ripley, NY 14775
716-736-4050
 ripleyta@fairpoint.net
 Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

Chautauqua County Mental Hygiene Services

(Emergency and Non-emergency help)

On Monday, February 7th, Meeder's Restaurant hosted representatives of the Mobile Crisis Team from Chautauqua County. Peer support specialists representing different crisis services, shared their personal stories with drug addiction and mental health struggles.

Corey Watson began using oxycontin and marijuana at age 15, which soon became a full blown addition to heroin. He shared how and why he started using drugs, his journey after two years of hospitalization, and his road to recovery and his job as a Peer Support Specialist.

Katie Carson suffered from bi-polar, OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder), as well as other mental health issues. After years seeking help, she finally found counselors who believed and understood her needs. She now coaches patients on how to communicate with therapists, provides medication information, and offers support to help patients stay out of the hospital.

Liz Leighton is a Care Coordinator who advocates for patients in the court system, as well as getting them in touch with social services for housing, food stamps, medical care, and other services as needed.

These Peer supporters are a part of a much larger organization here in Chautauqua County, with all kinds of services available to help the residents.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, contact the following numbers:

Chautauqua County Crisis Helpline

1-800-724-0461*

Victims of Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Hotline

1-800-252-748*

Mobile Crisis Team (supports & services)

716-363-3684

*24 Hour Availability

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Husted
P. O. Box 573
Ripley, NY 14775
Office: 716-736-7575
Clerk: Jodie D'Anthony 716-736-7575
courtclerk@ripley-ny.com
Monday Evenings 4-6pm
Tuesday & Thursday 9a-3pm
Traffic Court eld Monday 6:00pm
Calendar Call Held:
2nd Thursday of each month 2pm

BUILDING/ZONING CODE

OFFICER –Melanie Eddy
P.O. Box 2
Ripley, NY 14775
716-736-3737
ripleybz@fairpoint.net
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

RIPLEY TOWN BOARD Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm 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 6:30pm at the Town Offices located in the Ripley Central School on N State St
The Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

WATER/SEWER DEPT

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

HIGHWAY DEPT

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Gloria McCormick
716-269-9882

TOWN HISTORIAN

John "Doc" Hamels
H. 716-736-4255
C. 716-223-0112

2022 Chautauqua County Community Directory

The annual community directory supplement was recently delivered with the Jamestown Post-Journal and Dunkirk Observer .

Several mistakes were made in the Government Directory for Ripley. Names and numbers for our local officials are listed each month on the first two pages of About Town. If you see an error or have an update to this information please contact The Bookworm at: thebookworm14775@gmail.com

There is, however, a nice history of Ripley in the Community Directory. The history recounts the founding in 1816; its weekly newspaper, The Ripley Review, started in 1882; the railroad and trolley lines that were in operation; the rapidly growing grape industry; famous sons Benjamin Franklin Goodrich and TWA pilot, John Testrake, who was hijacked by terrorists for 17 days in 1985; and round-the-clock justices who performed weddings from the 1880s until 1945, earning the town the nickname "Marriage Capital of the World." Ripley has also played an important part in helping stranded motorist during the snowstorms of 1956 and 1983, earning an article in McCall's magazine titled "Ripley's Miracle."

A New Year– New Beginnings

The Bookworm and About Town newsletters are here to inform, enlighten, and entertain you. However, your help is needed to make these newsletters the best they can be. You are encouraged to send information or news to:

thebookworm14775@gmail.com

Thank you for your past support. We look forward to a healthy and prosperous New Year!



Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

March 23rd @ 12:30p.m.

Call (716)223-0345 or text

ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com to preregister each month.

March 2022

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.

To have About Town and The Bookworm newsletters sent to you directly, send your name and email address to:
thebookworm14775@gmail.com

From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

- Mar 01 Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day
- Mar 02 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 03 Star Spangled Banner made US National Anthem (1931)
- Mar 12 Girl Scouts of USA founded (1912)
- Mar 13 Daylight Savings time begins—set clocks ahead one hour
- Mar 15 American Legion birthday 15-17, 1919
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003)
- Mar 20 First Day of Spring
- Mar 24 Kosovo Campaign begins (1999)
- Mar 25 Congressional Medal of Honor Day
- Mar 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day (2017)
- Mar 31 Somalia Campaign ended (1995)

As always, we are looking for new members. We need to stay strong. Please call me at 716-736-5805 if you want to join the VFW.



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

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

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