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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

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

#### RIPLEY TOWN HALL

14 North State Street P.O. Box 352 Ripley, NY 14775

**Town Supervisor: Doug Bowen** 

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 9:30 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

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

### Chautauqua County Crisis Helpline 1-800-724-0461 (24-hours)

Victims of Domestic Violence & Rape **Crisis Hotline** 

1-800-252-748 (24-hours)

Mobile Crisis Team (supports & ser-716-363-3684 vices)

Come Join The Fun Ripley Classic Car Cruise In Saturday July 30th 4-8 pm



\*Cars will be parking west of the redlight\*

Specials at: ~Coffee On Main~ ~Cooneys Island Ice Cream~ ~Main Street Pizza~

DJ & Popcorn provided by Ripley Hose Company #1 Hula Hoop Contest & Face Painting 50/50 Drawing to benefit Love Bear (local charity) Library will have Food & Jewelry Chinese Auction

\*Rain date Saturday August 6th



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#### JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Hustead

P. O. Box 573
Ripley, NY 14775
Office: 716-736-7575
Clerk: 716-736-7575
courtclerk@ripley-ny.com
Monday Evenings 4-6pm
Tuesday & Thursday 9a-3pm
Traffic Court eld Monday 6:00pm
Calendar Call Held:
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 P.O. Box 506 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

# Ripley Hose Company No. 1

## Total Calls Answered between May 25 and June 26, 2022

44 Calls answered (13 of them were Mutual Aid to Westfield and North East

Emergency Medical Service Calls—38

Fires—3

Motor Vehicle Accidents—2

Service Calls: 1 (service call examples: flooded basement, filling pools, illegal burn checks)

### Total Calls to Date for 2022—209

**Training completed by our members:** Members participated in training on Pond Deployment (holding equipment for large amount of water for use at



a large fire). Members completed the NYS Department of Health 800 inventory report for ambulance 272 (required monthly inventory of the ambulance). Congratulations go out to members Brad Hectrick and Casey Dickinson who recently completed NYS BEFO (Basic External

Casey Dickinson & Brad Hectrick IFO Class Picture

Figherfighter Operations certification. This is a rigorous 80 hours certification. 18 other Hose company members have achieved this certification in the past. Brad and Casey also completed SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) and IFO (Internal Firefighter Operations) training. This is a rigorous, intense, 50 hours training. Great job gentlemen! They join our other 8 men and women members who are certified to enter a burning building.



Pond Deployment Training

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# FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR SENIORS

A program designed especially for senior citizens!

Presenters will cover these topics:

July 5 - 11:00 am

General presentation and Elder Abuse Prevention

July 12 - 11:00 am

Don't get Fooled - Scam Presentation

July 19 - 11:00 am

Health Care Proxy and Power of Attorney

July 26 - 11:00 am

TBA - possible mobile legal unit, depends on interest

## PRESENTED BY:

Center for Elder Law & Justice 314 Central Avenue, Suite 300 Dunkirk, NY 14048

### HOSTED BY:

Ripley Public Library 64 West Main Street Ripley, NY 14775 716-736-3913

# Ripley Hose Company No. 1, Inc Free Smoke Detector Give A Way Program



In collaboration with the American Red Cross, the Ripley Hose Company No. 1 is pleased to announce the availability of smoke detectors, free of charge to individuals living in the Ripley community.

If interested, please contact the Smoke Detector Coordinator at 716-969-2561 for further details and information.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!

# Ripley Hose Company No. 1, continued



On May 26, 2022, Ripley Hose hosted and participated in the "Murph Challenge" a fundraiser to bring awareness, and to honor, the sacrifices made by our Veterans for our freedom. Chief Brian Chess and his son Andrew Chess, Ripley Hose Company #1 member Casey Dickenson (organizer of this event) Ripley Hose Company #2 member Kayla Spath, and other community members participated in the event consisting of a 1-mile run, 100 pullups, 200 pushups, 300 squats, and ending with another 1-mile run. Many thanks to all the participants and to the Ripley Hose members and their family members who volunteered to make this event a success!

On June 7<sup>th</sup> Ripley Hose provided training for Daisy and Brownie Troops 20053 and 20006 in order for them to earn their First Aid badges.



Members Megan Orton, Lisa Babcock and Lauree Pless with Troops 20053 and 20006!



On June 8th Ripley Hose provided training for Cadette Troop 20089 to earn their Cadette First Aid badges.

# Ripley Hose Company No. 1, continued

On 6/23/22, members participated in the Class of 2022 graduation parade at Chautauqua Lake School. Congratulations to all Ripley Seniors! We are so proud of you!





Firefighter and Fire Commissioner member Bill Gutz spraying water on a semi fire with the assistance of firefighter Ron Testrake. This call occurred at 4:01 AM on June 24,

# Featured Ripley Hose Company No 1 Volunteer of the Month



1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Brian Chess. Chief Chess joined Ripley Hose on 09/01/1994. He has 28 years of volunteer service with Ripley Hose. Chief Chess has participated in numerous trainings during this time, such as Accident Vehicle Extrication, Pump Operator, National Wildfire Training, Basic Firefighter, and Internal Firefighter. Chief Chess has served as Assistant Chief for 18 out of his 28 years. Thank you, Chief Chess, for your 28 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ripley. You are appreciated!

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# Ripley Hose Company No. 1, continued

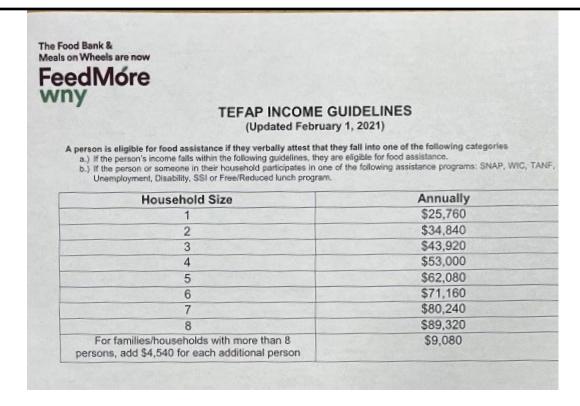
**Community outreach participation:** Planning is underway for the Hose Company's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Appreciation Day! Mark your calendars! This event is scheduled to take place at the time as the Cruise In on July 30, 2022! Classic cars and a DJ!



# LIBROS NUEVOS EN ESPANOL

New Spanish Language Books!

You may qualify for food assistance! Check the income guidelines below to help determine your eligibility.



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# FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN, Doc Hamels

It was suggested recently that I might share some historical pieces of information about our wonderful town's past! I'll try and submit a couple of questions with some possible answers and then maybe toward the bottom of the newsletter you'll find the answers!

1. The "township" of Ripley was formed in 1816. What was the early name of the area consisting of what we would consider just the village or "in town" area?

- A. Ripley
- B. Lakeview
- C. Quincy
- D. West Portland
- 2. Many people are unaware of how Ripley got its name. Which is correct:
  - A. Name for the founder of Ripley's Believe It or Not, Robert Ripley
  - B. The Ripley Sisters who founded the first school at State line
  - C. Ripley Hitchcock, a prominent American writer during the Revolutionary War
  - D. A war hero during the War of 1812

#### **Answers:**

- 1. Quincy. There appears no clear reason for it being called Quincy, but it was very common to name places after famous Americans. It was called Quincy from around 1825-1873. At that point the village was referred to Ripley just as the greater area of the township. Maybe Quincy refers to John Quincy Adams or someone with that name!
- 2. The town was named after the War of 1812 here Brigadier General Eleazer Wheelock Ripley. He is know especially for his leadership in battles in the Niagara Falls area and particularly at he Battle lf Lundy's Lane. Our first town supervisor, Amos Atwater, served under Ripley and it's believed that he and others honored Ripley for his courage. There are other Ripleys throughout the USA that are named for Ripley as well.

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

## **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 Ripley NY Perennial Exchange-Administrator Ruth Blackman Ripley NY Buds- Administers Coralee Shearer and Stephanie Eimers The Bookworm/About Time-thebookworm14775@gmail.com

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

July 4 Independence Day. Mayville 4th of July Parade

July 27 Korean War Ended (1953). National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 28 World War I begins (1914)

As always, we are looking for new members. Our voices must stay strong in Albany and in D.C.



# **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

To have About Town and The Bookworm newsletters sent to you directly, send your name and email address to: thebookworm14775@gmail.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. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street.

# **Ripley Mobile Food Pantry**

July 27th @ 12:30p.m. Call (716)223-0345 or text ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com to pre-register each month.

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