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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](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

9:30 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 & services)

716-363-3684

## Christmas in Ripley

### December 10, 2022

- 7-11:30a Pancake & Eggs Breakfast Special @ Meeder's
- 7:30- noon Breakfast Specials @Coffee on Main
- 9-4 Craft/Vendor Fair at Ripley Public Library
- 9:30-11:30a Face Painting by Robyn @Ripley Library (face painting is free, but donations for the library will be gratefully accepted)
- 10-12 Noah's Ark open @ Presbyterian Church
- 10-12 Presbyterian Church showing The First Christmas, a 20 minute movie, every 30 minutes
- 11:30a until gone -Meeder's Chicken BBQ
- 12p Santa Parade line up at Ripley Town Barn on Ross Street
- 12:30-2p Face Painting by Robyn @Fire Hall (face painting is free, but donations for the Fireman's Auxiliary will be gratefully accepted)
- 12:30-3:30p Wine Country Alpacas Ripley Fire Hall
- 12:30p Parade starts
- 1-4p Free Cookies and hot chocolate from the Baptist Church @the old Ripley Post Office
- 1-4p Main Street Pizza, Decorate your own Christmas Cookie
- 1-4p Santa and Mrs Claus at Ripley Fire Hall (pet pictures 3-4pm)
- 1p Cooney's Island Ice Cream opens
- 6-6:30p Still Waters Mennonite Church Singers @Ripley United Methodist Church

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Husted  
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 Of-  
fices 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

## Give the Gift of Reading

### December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Looking for a unique Christmas gift for the readers in your life? The Ripley Library had many local authors present their books here over the last year. Here's your chance to pick up books by local authors for those on your gift list.

Authors are:

Robyn Albright -Jump on the Runnin' Board, Musings

Elaine Brautigam -I am Sho-Sho Too

David Hawker –Musings

Mary Ellen Humphrey –Norumbega, The Palimpsest Journal

Sharon McIntosh –Just Connie & Me

Nancy Wakeley—Heritage, The Legend



**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

**TOWN OF RIPLEY**

**TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings

are held at 7:30 p.m.

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

The Town Board meetings are also held through a Zoom link.

Zoom link can be found on the Town of Ripley Website

[ripleyny.org](http://ripleyny.org)

**In Memory of Hazel Boozel**

Earl Freling and Karen Botteron built this gazebo at Collin's Manor, in memory of long-time resident, Hazel Boozel.

The structure was built with recycled lumber from the old ceiling of the Ripley Public Library.



## Ripley Hose Company Auxiliary



# Visit with Santa

At Ripley Fire Hall, South State St

**Saturday, December 10th, 1 to 4 PM**



*Stockings for the  
first 200 kids!*

Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

\$3 each or 2 for \$5



Pet pictures from 3-4

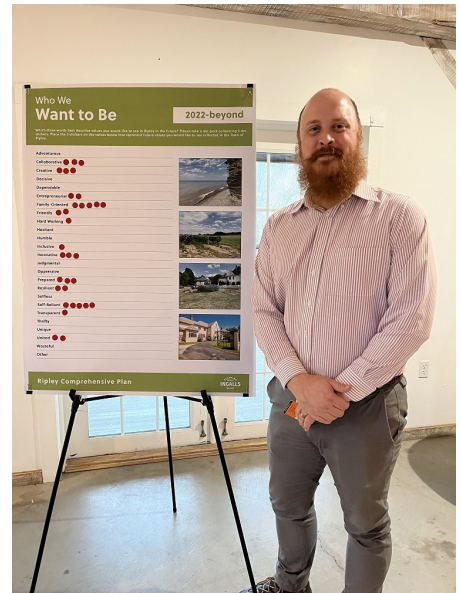
All Local and State COVID rules apply



## Public Input Session For Ripley Comprehensive Plan

The town of Ripley recently held an open house at Quincy Cellars, soliciting input for the town's Comprehensive Plan update. A professional plan development team, Ingalls Planning, was there to gather input from the townspeople. New and exciting changes are being planned for Ripley. A chart of what citizens want to see happen was presented where one could put stickers on different areas of development. Another exercise was to write down "One Big Thing" the participants wanted to see accomplished, such as addition of more sewer and water, or a town park, economic development, infrastructure, and other important topics.

This update seeks to identify top priorities for the future development of the Town. While there was a good showing of residents, even more input is needed. Watch for more information about the town's comprehensive plan and PLAN to attend!



Andy Martin, of Ingalls Planning



Attendees at the November 2nd meeting



Mary Ellen Humphrey, member of the planning committee

## Ripley Hose Company No. 1

\_Months October 25, 2022 – November 27, 2022

### Total calls answered:

37 calls answered between October 25, 2022 – November 27, 2022.

(15 of the 37 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 31

Fires: 4

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2

Total calls to date for 2022—382

### Training completed by our members:

- Members completed the NYS Department of Health 800 inventory report for ambulance 272 (required monthly inventory of the ambulance) and truck checks on Engines and Miscellaneous Trucks.
- Members trained on uses of the rescue / high lift jack on 11/08/22 and on 11/15/22 at our hall.
- Members attending refresher training on CPR and the mechanical CPR device at our Hall on 22/22/2022.

**Join us in congratulating firefighters, Scott Johnston, Merrie Smith, and Rob Galbraith on completing NYS Basic Firefighter Operations with Hazmat certification! This NYS certification was a 3-month, 80 hour commitment! We are so proud of the three of you! Congratulations!**

Scott Johnston, Merrie Smith, Rob Galbraith



## Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.

**Please join us in congratulating Assistant Chief, Jason Fisher,**  
in completing NYS certification for Firefighter II with AVET!

NYS Firefighter II-

Designed as the last step in initial level training for interior structural firefighters and/or who will serve as team or group leaders under the general supervision of an officer. Introduces new more advanced areas that will be expanded in other training programs. A firefighter receives the training components equivalent to those found within NFPA Firefighter II Standard, this includes AVET- Accident Victim extrication training, as well.



2nd Assistant Chief, Jason Fisher

**Congratulations, Chief Fisher!**

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### **Community outreach participation:**

Ripley Hose Company No 1 members served donuts and cider and participated in Trunk-or-Treat at the Fire Hall on 10/31/22. We had over 200 children participate and had a fantastic time!

Annual Harvest Dance and Chili Cook off held November 5, 2022

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your support of Ripley Hose for our annual Harvest Dance and Chili Cook Off was one for the record books! We can't thank you enough for taking the time to donate items for our raffles, for making chili, for participating in our raffles, for coming out to our hall and enjoying the evening! A **HUGE thank** you to Knight Farms (\$500 gas card), the Phillips Family of Knot Right Fishing Charters (4-hour fishing charter (\$550 value), Sanders Markets in North East, PA (fire pit valued at \$249), and Andy Reinwald of Ripley Machine & Tool (\$1,000) and Mr. Todd Amsdell (\$1,100). Many thanks also to Main Street Pizza, Westfield Woodworks, Scott and Janell Bagley, and Bill and Phyllis Gutz, for your generous donations for our Main Raffle and Mega Raffle Prizes! Thank you to our local businesses that donated items for our raffles. Thank you to all our community members who donated items for our raffles, made money donations, and who came to the fire hall to support our cause! We are overwhelmed and so appreciative of all of you. THANK YOU for making our Annual Harvest Dance and Chili contest a HUGE success!

## Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.

**Visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus!** Come and enjoy **Christmas in Ripley** on Saturday, December 10, 2022! Watch as Ripley Hose fire trucks escort Santa around town and deliver him to the Fire Hall at 1:00 PM! Santa will visit with children at the fire hall from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM!

## **Featured Ripley Hose Company No 1 Volunteers of the Month**

This month we'd like to honor two members of Ripley Hose Company No. 1 who are leaving Ripley to start a new life in Florida, Bill and Phyllis Gutz.

Bill and Phyllis have volunteered countless hours for our community. Both have served many years as members of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Bill has arranged for the maintenance of the fire apparatus, repairs of emergency apparatus, repairs and updates for our fire hall, and delivered countless loads of water to people in need. He's fought fires, freed entrapped people from motor vehicle accidents, and other activities too long to list.

Phyllis is an EMT and has served her community for over 11 years answering hundreds of emergency and fire calls. Phyllis also served her community on the County level as she was a member of many EMS boards. She is also a CPR instructor and has trained numerous people in CPR.



There are many other ways both Bill and Phyllis have served their community. There are too many to list! All we can say is, thank you! Thank you for all you've given to Chautauqua County, to Ripley Hose Company No 1, and to your community of Ripley, New York. You will be dearly missed but we truly wish you all the best in your new adventure!



**Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.**

**Important Announcement**

**Cold Weather brings space heaters. They CANNOT be plugged into a power strip or extension cord. Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet.**

**Power bars or strip cords are not designed to handle the high current flow required by a space heater and can overheat, causing a fire.**

**Be safe this holiday season and always!**



## Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

December 28, 12:30p.m.

Call (716)223-0345 or text

ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com to pre-register each month.



You must pre-register EVERY month, otherwise we don't know how many people to box food for. Food available from the Mobile Food Pantry varies from month to month.

Pre-register by calling Leigh Lyon at (716) 223.0345 or by texting ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com

***Please be advised these are two different programs. Mobile Food Pantry (at the fire hall) has no income requirement. Feed More WNY (in the school building) income guidelines are listed below.***

The Food Bank &  
Meals on Wheels are now  
**FeedMore**  
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### TEFAP INCOME GUIDELINES (Updated February 1, 2021)

A person is eligible for food assistance if they verbally attest that they fall into one of the following categories

- a.) If the person's income falls within the following guidelines, they are eligible for food assistance.
- b.) If the person or someone in their household participates in one of the following assistance programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI or Free/Reduced lunch program.

Household Size	Annually
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each additional person	\$9,080

A person is eligible for food assistance if they verbally attest that they fall into one of the following categories.

- 1) If the person's income falls within the guidelines, and/or
- 2) If the person or someone in their household participates in one of the following assistance programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI, or Free/Reduced lunch program.

## VFW Essay Competition

The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship essays take place every year, sponsored by the local VFW. Young people are encouraged to write an essay on a given topic and compete to win scholarships on the local, regional, state and national levels.

The Voice of Democracy topic was *Why is the Veteran Important*. This is open to 9th through 12th graders. There were no entries for this scholarship this year.

The Patriot's Pen, open to grades 6 through 8, received three entries for the topic *My Pledge to Our Veterans*.

This year's winner in the Patriot Pen essay was Claire Glowacki. Her pledge to our veterans included showing respect and encouraging others to do the same, as well as honoring vets and giving them recognition for the sacrifices they made to protect our country. She will now go on to the next level of competition.

Second place: Ethan Glowacki

Third place: Adriannah Cettell



**Every Sunday**

**10:30-11am**

**Invite a**

**Friend!**

**Ripley United Methodist Church**

## 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- Administrators Coralee Shearer and Stephanie Eimers**

**The Bookworm/About Time-thebookworm14775@gmail.com**

**Christmas in Ripley-Facebook**

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



Dec 5 Somalia Campaign began  
1992

Dec 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec 8 War declared on Japan 1941

Dec 11 Germany & Italy declared war on US 1941

Dec 14 Bill of Rights Day

Dec 15 Iraq war ended 2011

Dec 20 Panama Campaign began 1989

Dec 21 Winter begins, stay warm!

Dec 25 Christmas Day

Dec 31 Official end of WWII 1946; Kosovo Campaign ended 2013; New Year's Eve

**Remember those who are still serving to protect our freedom. Happy Holidays!**

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

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

### 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.

### 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

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**