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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 Car-**
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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-
vices) 716-363-3684

Ripley Resident Anita Donofrio to Speak at National Symposium

Anita Donofrio, a recent resident of Ripley, New York, is a history buff specializing in George Custer and the battle of the Little Bighorn. She has been invited to speak this summer at the National CBHMA (Custer Battlefield Historical Museum Association) Symposium in Hardin, Montana.

When asked how she became interested in Little Big Horn, she replied, "In 1976 the Buffalo Evening News had a program about Custer's Last Stand. I was fascinated and wanted to know more."

Ms. Donofrio has been a member of CBHMA since 1990. She was introduced to the organization through a teacher friend and it piqued her interest.

"My father and I took our first trip to Hardin, MT in 1995 to participate in the CBHMA symposium and field trip and visit the battlefield of Custer's Last Stand," she continued. "I've been (to the symposium) at least 20 times since then and made friends of authors and historians. I began my own research into the lives of the 7th Cavalry. I started collecting hundreds of books about the battle, Custer and the officers who fell with him. That led me to a deep interest in the widows and families and their stories."

In 2019 Anita submitted a paper to the symposium regarding her research on Lt Algernon Smith and his wife, Nettie, and Nettie's experiences as a widow.

"The organization usually asks for a submission," she explained, "and if you think you have a good paper, you send them a blurb about the topic. I was accepted to speak. I was very nervous!"

"The first talk went so well I was invited to speak again this year by the Symposium Coordinator, Dale Ramsey. My topic is about Grace Berard Harrington, widow of Lt. Henry Moore Harrington. Grace could never accept her husband's death.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Hustead
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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:
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 lo-
cated 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
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Cell: **716-581-3281**

HIGHWAY DEPT

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50 Ross Street
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ripleyhs@fairpoint.net
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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

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She disappeared for three years, supposedly in search of Henry. There were Indians at the time who remembered seeing a woman dressed in black wandering the battlefield where Custer and his men were killed. She eventually remembered snippets of those lost three years, wandering about. I find her fascinating!"

Last summer Anita attended the LBHA (Little Big Horn Associates) in Culpepper, Virginia, with friends Dale Kosman, Siobhan Fallon (Anita's research partner), and Joe Creadon.

"The focus was on George Armstrong Custer's illustrious career as the youngest general in the Civil War, 23 years old, in command of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade at Gettysburg. Culpepper is a horse town and it's where Christopher Reeve, Superman, had his terrible accident while taking part in an equestrian competition, and was paralyzed. We also took a side trip to Arlington National Cemetery to find the graves of our beloved 7th Cavalry."

Anita is an frequent participant at the Ripley Public Library and is an active member of the Ripley Library Writers Group.



Anita wearing a
7th Cavalry pa-
rade helmet. The
helmet sports a
dyed golden-
yellow horse's
tail. Cavalry col-
ors were navy
blue and yellow.

l-r: Anita Donofrio,
Dale Kosman, Joe
Creadon, and Si-
obhan Fallon, at Ar-
lington National
Cemetery





FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN, Doc Hamels

What is it and where did it come from?

Answer will be shared next month!

Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

February 22nd, 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 TAKE NOTICE

TOWN OF RIPLEY

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings
are held at 7:30 p.m.
the 2nd 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

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

_Months January 1-January 24, 2023

Total calls answered:

17 calls answered between January 2 and January 24, 2023

(2 of the 17 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 13

Fires: 2

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2

Service Calls: 2 (trees/wires down)

Total calls to date for 2023— 17

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 Truck checks consist of pulling all equipment from the engines and miscellaneous truck (M-271). Members check to make sure all equipment is operable and clean. All items are inventoried and documented to ensure all equipment is ready for an emergency.

-On January 10, 2023, members participated SCBA training. **Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)** protects members against oxygen deficiency, dust, gases, and vapors. SCBA training is required for anyone who may use or oversee others using this life-saving equipment. Members complete the following:

Review of SCBA components

How to inspect an SCBA

How to test an SCBA

How to use and wear the SCBA. **Note:** *Participants will need to be clean-shaven for this portion of the practical training*

Things you need to consider when using an SCBA while working or during a rescue event like maneuvering through studs in walls.

Review of the basic requirements of a respiratory protection program

SCBA is used during house fires, brush fires, motor vehicle accidents, and possible HAZ MAT incidents.



Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.

Please join us in congratulating our Ripley Hose Company No. 1 Vice President, Dr. Lauree Pless, on becoming our newest NYS certified Emergency Medical Technician! Lauree completed her NYS EMT certification in January 2023!

To become a certified EMT in New York State, an individual must successfully complete an operationally approved course/program of study comprising of 208 hours of instruction and pass the New York State Emergency Medical Technician examination.

The NYS EMT program components include patient assessment and triage, airway management, EMS operations, pharmacology, medical emergencies, shock/resuscitation and CPR, trauma management, medical terminology, and patient communication. The didactic learning combined with supervised clinical experience at a local emergency room or ALS response unit comprises a program of study.



Congratulations Lauree!

Ripley Hose Company No. 1 currently has eight NYS certified EMTs: Chief Mark Smith, Second Assistant Chief Jason Fisher, President Lisa Babcock, Vice President Dr. Lauree Pless, Secretary Mark Dickey, Ambulance Captain Casey Dickinson, Monica Daniels, and Brad Hetrick.

Featured Ripley Hose Company No 1 Volunteers of the Month for January 2023

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Ripley Hose No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary members!

Although you often hear what your local Hose members volunteers are accomplishing, we do not always acknowledge the importance of what happens behind the scenes and the teamwork it takes for most events to be successful.

Auxiliary members and Ripley Hose Company members worked together this past year to provide our community with many wonderful events! Do you know that the Ladies Auxiliary organizes and sponsors the visit with the Easter Bunny, luncheons for local Veterans, funeral luncheons, and the visit with Santa? They provide food and drinks to firefighters during house fires. They hosted an Annual Christmas party for Hose Company members and their families. They provide scholarships opportunities for our local students together with Ripley Hose Company No 1. These are just a few examples of how the Ladies Auxiliary members and Ripley Hose Company members work together as a team. These events are organized by our Ladies Auxiliary members, with assistance from Hose Company members, to provide wonderful events to our community members. Wonderful teamwork!

Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.

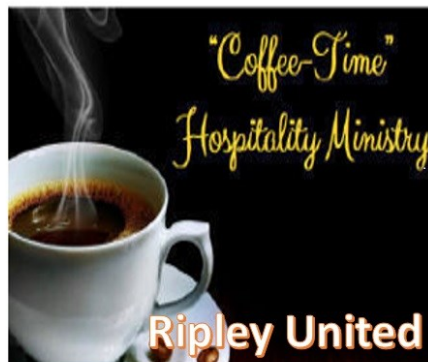
Ripley Hose Company would also like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for donating new chairs for the Hose Company meeting room! We sincerely appreciate your generosity and the opportunity to work together! Thank you to the Ripley Hose Ladies Auxiliary members! We appreciate you!

Ladies Auxiliary members, front row: Jackie Blackman, Sarann Rotunda

Back Row: Pat Washburn, Joanne Barnhart, Heather Chess, Barb Campaign, Sheila Dickey, Lori Fisher



Ripley United Methodist Church now has a Prayer Box set up in front of the church at 84 West Main St, Ripley, NY. Inside there are slips to fill out with your prayer request. We will bring up all your requests in deep prayer. There is a place to mark if you want to hear from a Pastor.



Every Sunday
10:30-11am
Invite a
Friend!

Ripley United Methodist Church

The Ripley Community Food Pantry is in need of volunteers 2 hours a week once a month either on a Tuesday or a Saturday. For more information please contact Phil Chimera via email at shaver58@roadrunner.com

Please be advised there 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

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- 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.

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-Administrator 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

Christmas in Ripley-Facebook

From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower



Feb 2 Ground Hog Day, Let's hope
for an early spring!

Feb 3 Four Chaplains Day

Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 14 Valentine's Day. Be nice to your sweetheart ❤️

Feb 15 Sinking of the U.S.S. Maine (1898)

Feb 20 President's Day, Washington's birthday
(observed)

Feb 21 Mardi Gras

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS WHO ARE STILL SERVING.

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