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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 & services)

716-363-3684



Brew Chamber at the Mill

Boswell St., Ripley, NY

New York craft beer, wine & liquor

Open Mic Thursdays

Live Music Saturdays

Open Th, Fri, Sat 4—10p.m.

Proprietor Adam Chambers

Brew Chamber at the Mill in Ripley, New York, has been a great hit among area locals.

Adam Chambers undertook the daunting task of converting the old Ripley Coal and Feed Mill into a successful brew pub. He salvaged materials from buildings being torn down, such as the mileage sign from the Colonial Squire before the building was demolished to make room for Love's Truck Stop, as well as other signage and mechanical items from various places.

"I serve New York State craft beers and wines as well as New York State liquors. I made hard cider during apple season and sold out!," Chambers said. More cider is coming he assured us.

Currently the Mill has a select menu of appetizers, sandwiches, and sides. Live music rocks the place on Saturday nights. A new pool table has just arrived and future plans include more hours with Pool Night, as well as Trivia Night, which will feature wine country trivia.

Adam has big plans for the future of Brew Chamber. Stayed tuned.

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:
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
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

FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN, Doc Hamels

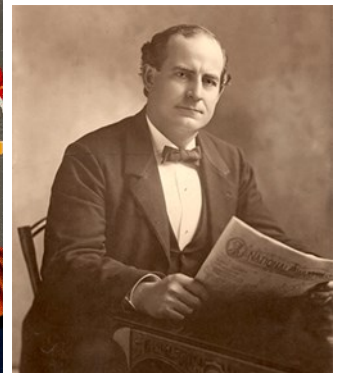
I will share some historical pieces of information about our wonderful town's past! I'll try and submit a couple of questions with some possible answers and then maybe toward the bottom of the newsletter you'll find the answers!

1. Which one of these did Ripley NOT have over the years?
 - a. Opera House
 - b. Public Pool
 - c. Juice Factory
 - d. Trolley
2. Which two historical figures visited Ripley at some point in history?
 - a. Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - b. William Jennings Bryan
 - c. General Lafayette
 - d. George Washington



ANSWERS: 1. b Public Pool

2. b & c Lafayette visited June 1825 during the "Nation's Guest" tour of the 26 states and William Jennings Bryan, 1896 during the presidential campaign tour.



The Ripley Firemen's Auxiliary would like to thank all those who took part in the Christmas In Ripley celebration! It was another successful year of bringing people together.



Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

January 25th, 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 November 28-December 26, 2022

Total calls answered:

28 calls answered between November 28, 2022 – December 26, 2022.

(9 of the 28 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 23

Fires: 1

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2

Service Calls: 2 (trees/wires down)

Total calls to date for 2022—410

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.

Community Outreach Participation:

Ripley Hose Company No 1 members and Lady Auxiliary members had a busy December! We decorated our hall for Santa on December 2, 2022!

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted a Christmas dinner party for all Ripley Hose members and their families on December 6th. A wonderful time was had by all! A huge THANK YOU

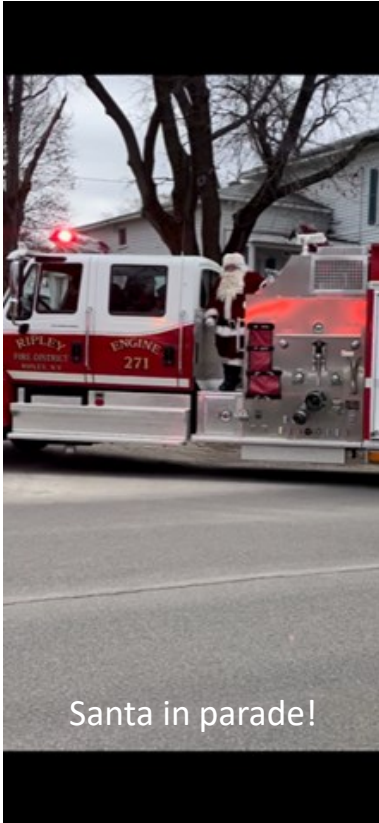


Prayer before Christmas dinner

to the ladies auxiliary for a wonderful family evening! After dinner, volunteers assisted Santa's helpers in filling 200 stockings in preparation for Santa's arrival in Ripley!

On December 10, 2022, Santa arrived in Ripley! Ripley Hose members and many other community members participated in Santa's parade, which escorted Santa to our hall. The Auxiliary, assisted by Ripley Hose members, hosted Santa at the Fire Hall for almost 200 children and pets to visit. It was a Merrie time indeed!

Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.



Santa in parade!



Girl Scouts float in parade



Grinch and Cindy Lou Who



Santa and Mrs. Claus

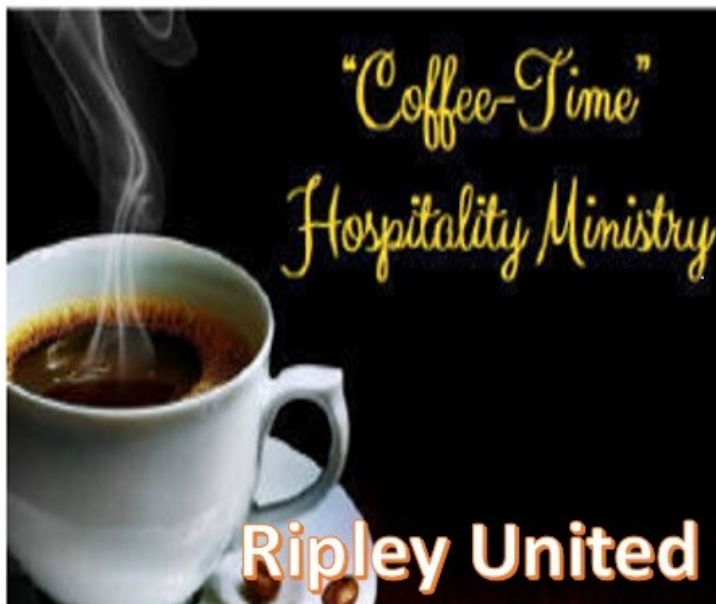


Some of the volunteers for Santa's time at Ripely Hose Company #1. Thank you to all!

Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.

Featured Ripley Hose Company No 1 Volunteers of the Month

This month we like to honor Christopher Rotunda, a volunteer member of Ripley Hose Company No. 1 since May of 2006. During his 16+ years of service, Chris has completed trainings such as Hazardous Materials, First Responder Training, Scene Support Training, and CPR. Chris not only answers emergency calls to assist his community, but he volunteers his time to help as such events as Visit with the Easter Bunny, Trunk or Treat, Ripley Community Cruise In, and Visit with Santa Clause. Thanks, Christopher, for all you do for your community!



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-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

Christmas in Ripley-Facebook

From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

Jan 01 New Year's Day. Happy New Year to all our veterans. May they be safe!



Jan 16 Persian Gulf War begins (1991) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 17 Start of Operation Desert Storm (1991)

Jan 22 Chinese New Year

Jan 27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)

Jan 28 U.S.-Vietnam Cease Fire (1973)

Jan 31 Start of Tet Offensive (1963)

From all the members of Ripley Memorial Post 2769 we wish everyone a happy New Year and that we all stay safe. To all our veterans who are still serving, thank you!

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