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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

## The Town of Ripley

Town Supervisor's Office

14 North State Street

Ripley, NY 14775

Phone: 716-736-2201

### RESIDENTS OF RIPLEY

## 2023 SPRING LARGE ITEM TRASH DAYS

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**The Highway Building on Ross St.**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**South Ripley Fire Hall**

**NO ELECTRONICS, NO LIQUIDS, PAINTS, FREON,  
OR FUELS  
NO TIRES, CAR BATTERIES, OR GRAPE WIRE**

*Fluorescent light bulbs are accepted  
only if they are broken and safely bagged*

PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

OF PERSON IN CHARGE AT THE TRASH COLLECTION SITE

**PLEASE NOTE: Regular Trash Bags & Regular Recyclable Items**

***will be collected as usual on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month***

**As ordered by the Town Board**

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May 2023

Ripley, New York

### 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 held 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 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



## MEMORIAL DAY DINNER

A Memorial Day din-  
ner will be served at  
noon at the Ripley Fire  
Hall on Monday, May  
29th for all Veterans and their spouses. This annual  
event is sponsored by the Ripley Fire Company No. 1  
Auxiliary.



## CHINESE AUCTION TO BENEFIT VISIT WITH SANTA

June 5th through 10th

At the Ripley Library

64 W Main St

Ripley NY

Donations can be dropped off at the library  
or call Joanne Barnhart at 716-736-2240  
or Sheila Dickey at 716-736-6078

## Local Worship

- ♦ First Baptist Church  
716-736-3800
- ♦ First Presbyterian Church  
716-736-3042
- ♦ St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church  
716-326-2816
- ♦ South Ripley Methodist Church  
716-252-2005
- ♦ Stateline United Methodist Church  
No information
- ♦ Still Waters Mennonite Church  
716-252-6515
- ♦ United Methodist Church  
716-736-3090
- ♦ Victory Family Church  
716-338-3199

## YOU GOT QUESTIONS? WE GOT ANSWERS!

Recently a member of the local VFW came into the library hoping to find an obituary for Andrew Caddis, who passed away in 1983.

Mr. Caddis served in the English army during WWI as a Scottish Highlander. He emigrated to the United States and then served in the United States armed forces during WWII. He was a resident of Ripley for many years, a member of the VFW, and is buried in East Ripley Cemetery.

While all this was quite interesting, what was needed was a copy of the obituary from when Mr. Caddis passed away. So a volunteer member of the library set to work trying to locate said piece of information.

A search on Ancestry.com yielded some information, but not the obit. A few phone calls later, the Dunkirk library was able to find and copy the information and forward it to Ripley. Case solved! Libraries are a tremendous source of information. Give us a try!



## Ripley VFW Post #2769

### Veterans & Active Duty Military Honor Banner Project

Our post is starting a program where we will get banners for Ripley veterans to put on the poles in town. A lot of towns are doing this to honor their veterans and we should do the same. It will take time and a lot of work, but we can get it done! Look for the application on page 4.



## The Veterans & Active-Duty Military Honor Banner Project Application for 2024

Brought to you by:

### The VFW- Ripley Memorial Post # 2769

Deadline for the Application is January 31st, 2024

Mail Applications, photos and payment to PO Box 168, Ripley, NY 14775

Call (716)736-5805 or (716)269-9304 for more information

Veteran's Full name being sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Era of Service (i.e.: WWI WWII Korea Vietnam Desert Storm or Active Duty): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By (this name will appear on the banner): \_\_\_\_\_

Banner and Bracket cost is \$150.00 and is Payable to : VFW Post 2769

**\*\*\*\*Application must be submitted with picture and payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like the picture returned\*\*\*\***

**Signing below grants permission to use the attached photo for the veterans honor banner project and certifies the provided information is correct and accurate to the best of your knowledge**

Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Admin only: Paid in full Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Ripley Hose Company No. 1**  
**15 South State Street**  
**P.O. Box 342**  
**Ripley, NY 14775**

Month of March 27-April 23, 2023

**Total Calls Answered:**

35 Calls answered (6 of the 35 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 26

Fires: 4

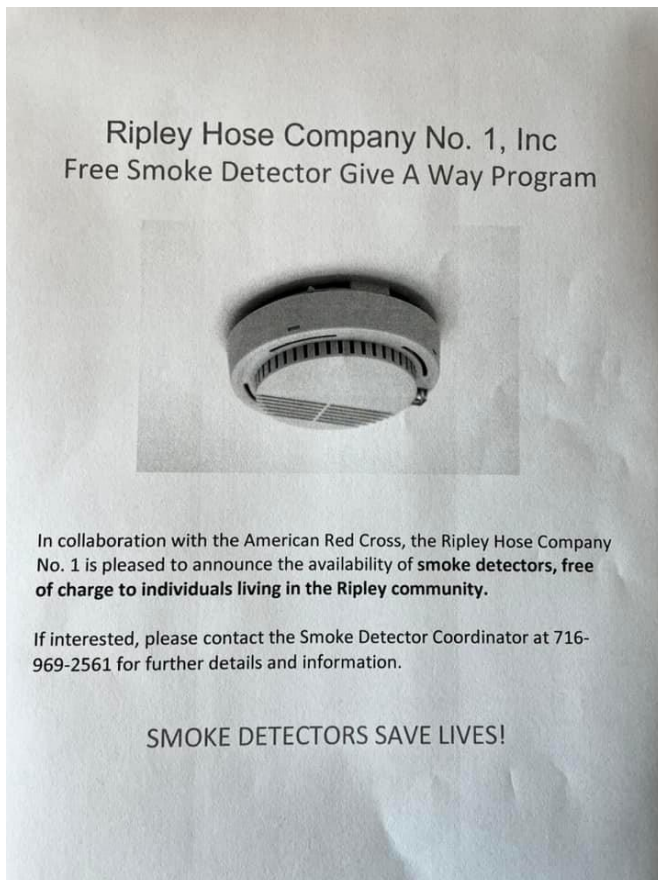
MVA's: 3

Service Calls (lines/trees down) 2

**Total Calls to Date for 2023- 125**

**Community outreach:**

Ripley Hose continues to offer installation of smoke detectors. Please see the flier below for more information.





## Ripley Hose Company No. 1, continued

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



Congratulations to firefighter, Megan Orton for completing New York State BEFO (Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations)

Firefighter Megan Orton receives her NYS certification for BEO

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Ripley Emergency Medical Technicians completed their NYS annual credentialing requirement. These skills consist of administering: albuterol, epinephrine injections, Narcan, AED, C-Pap, and performing glucometry skills. EMT's credentialed are: Chief Mark Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jason Fisher, Ambulance Captain Casey Dickinson, Ambulance Lieutenant Lisa Babcock, President Dr. Lauree Pless, Secretary Mark Dickey, EMT Monica Daniels, EMT Brad Hetrick, EMT Terry Henry.

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

This month we'd like to take time to thank 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, Brian Chess. Thank you, Brian, for serving as an Assistant Chief for 19 years! Brian was honored at Ripley Hose Company No. 1's annual banquet for his years of service in the capacity of an Assistant Chief. Although Brian will continue to serve his community as a volunteer firefighter, he has decided to step down as an assistant chief. We appreciate all that you've done for the Ripley Hose Company and for your community! Thank you, Chief Chess!



1st Assistant Chief, Brian Chess with Chief Mark Smith

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

Last month's Ripley mystery artifact was erected originally in 1938 acknowledging William Crossgrove as one of our very earliest settlers! It can be viewed on the left side of Route 20 as you're leaving Ripley toward Erie

This is one of two historical markers that can be seen at the moment. The other is the newest at the Hamilton Mansion. A third is being refurbished and celebrates another founding settler, Alexander Cochrane. Keep an eye open for it!!!



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This month's mystery item is going to be a bit more challenging. It has a most interesting history and I suppose some folks want to know who's buried under it. See if you can find it! Hint: it's not in one of our cemeteries!!! Happy hunting.

Doc Hamels, Town Historian



## FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

### CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY RESIDENTS

for cats, dogs, & domestic ferrets

Co-Sponsored by the Town of Westfield, Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue, and the Chautauqua County Health Dept

**SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023** from 10:00A-12:00P

Town of Westfield Highway Dept. 118 Chestnut St Westfield

**\*\* You Must PRE-REGISTER for this Drive-In Clinic \*\***

**To Pre-Register go to:**

<https://on.ny.gov/426F0ee>

Deadline is 5/20/23



#### What you need to Pre-Register...

- 🐾 Your name, address, & animal information.
- 🐾 Animals must be at least 3 months old to receive their first rabies vaccine shot.
- 🐾 You'll be given an appointment time to arrive at the clinic.
- 🐾 Bring previous rabies vaccination record to the clinic to receive a 3 year vaccination.

#### CLINIC REQUIREMENTS

- 🐾 People & pets will stay in vehicles. Animal handlers will transport pets from vehicle to veterinarian for vaccination.
- 🐾 Dogs must be on a leash, small dogs may be in carriers.
- 🐾 Cats must be in a container (carrier, kennel, etc.).



## NCCR WISH LIST

### CURRENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:

Bleach  
Paper Towels  
Gently Used Old Bath Towels & Flat Sheets  
Lemon PineSol or Lemon Fabuloso  
Mr. Clean Citrus Antibacterial Liquid Cleaner  
Spray Cleaner w/Bleach  
Hot Dogs  
Canned Food  
Tractor Supply: 4 Health Dry Puppy Food  
Chewy: American Journey Dry Puppy Food  
Small Chewy Training Treats (not Chinese)  
**Money is always appreciated as it pays the vet bills and the utilities.**

**Most Importantly-  
Good Homes For The Dogs!**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

## Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue

7540 N. Gale St. Westfield, NY 14787

716-326-7297 (PAWS)

[www.caninerescue.org](http://www.caninerescue.org)

**Monday-Saturday 1-3pm**

501(c)(3) NYS Registered Rescue #028



## NOAH'S ARK Clothing Store



**Open the 2nd and 4th Saturday  
of each month from 10 am to Noon**

**CLOTHING FOR INFANTS TO ADULTS!  
(most items are just 25 cents)**

First Presbyterian Church  
20 West Main Street  
Ripley, NY 14775

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## Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

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 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)



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**

**We Need Your Help!**

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](mailto:shaver58@roadrunner.com)

You may be eligible for food assistance with the new higher income guidelines. The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 2 until 4p.m., and Saturdays, 10 until noon.

A person is eligible if they verbally attest that they fall into one of the following guidelines: Income falls within the guidelines and/or:

Someone in the household participates in on of the following assistance programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI, or Free/Reduced lunch program.

**Office of General Services  
Food Distribution****The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)  
Attestation of Eligibility**

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$32,805	\$44,370	\$55,935	\$67,500	\$79,065	\$90,630	\$102,195	\$113,760

For each additional family member add \$11,565.

*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 above.*

May 2023

## 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](http://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**

May 4 Clean Up at Veterans Monument, put flags up

May 8 VE Day 1945

May 12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 14 Mother's Day

May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 20 Armed Forces Day. Post 2769 will have our poppy sale that day 8:00-12:00

May 23 VFW and the Legion will put flags out on Veterans Graves starting 9 a.m. at Quincy and then go to East Ripley Cemetery

May 25 Post meeting at 10 a.m. at Town Hall

May 26 National Poppy Day

May 29 Memorial Day we will begin at East Ripley cemetery at 10a.m. for service. At noon a luncheon will be served at the firehall for all veterans and their spouses. Parade line up on

Ross St at 1pm. Will step off at

1:30pm sharp! Quincy service about

2pm. Contact Stan Harris if you want to be in the parade, 716-736-5714



To have About Town and The Bookworm newsletters sent to you directly, send your name and email address to:  
[thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto: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 CHURCH INFORMATION IS  
NOW ON PAGE 3**

**PLEASE CALL FOR INFORMATION  
REGARDING SERVICES.**

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](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)**