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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**
Ryleigh Enterline, Deputy Town Clk
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

TOWN ASSESSOR

P.O. Box 352
Ripley, NY 14775
716-736-4050
ripleyta@fairpoint.net
Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

Ripley Fire District Budget hearing.

October 17, 2023 at 7 pm

Ripley Fire Hall

South State Street

Ripley, NY 14775

Kathy Thompson, Sec.

716-499-5094

Coat Drive!

Bring your gently used or new coats to the Library during the month of October. These will then be given to Noah's Ark where they will be available for those in need.

Christmas in Ripley!

Coming Saturday, December 9th

If you would like to be a part of the celebration, contact Joanne Barnhart at 716-736-2240 or Sheila Dickey at 716-736-6078



Sneak peek of events includes:
Santa Parade

Pictures with Santa by Cunningham Photography

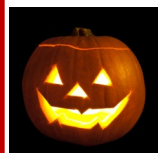
Decorate golf balls at Lakeside Golf Course

Vendor Fair at Ripley Public Library

Let There Be Light Band at the Presbyterian Church

Pancake Breakfast & Chicken BBQ at Meeder's)

**Watch for more information about Trunk
or Treat times and dates
on Social Media**



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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:
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

Candidates Running for Office in Ripley

Political offices at the town and county levels are the ones that most affect us on a day to day level. Following is information about the candidates running for office in Ripley, as well as statements by the candidates running for County Legislature. Profiles start on page 3 **BE SURE TO VOTE!**

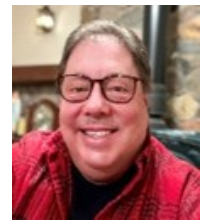
Please Note: The Ripley Public Library does not endorse any particular candidate for office.

The candidates are:

Town Supervisor



Laura Pless



Don Rice

Town Council



Phil Chimera



Calvin Janes



Jeff Lyon

Town Clerk



Lisa Henry



Ryleigh Enterline

Highway Superintendent



Jason Jones



Jim Spacht

County Legislator



Fred Johnson



Braiden McIlhaney

Ripley Town Supervisor

Laura Pless Candidate for Town Supervisor

Educational and Employment Background and Experiences

Retired School Administrator/Educator - Over 34 years in Western New York as a School Administrator including Superintendent of Schools. Experiences and responsibilities included but were not limited to;

- Experience writing and securing Grants
- Experience collaborating and working with Local, State and Federal agencies.
- Experience creating, managing and balancing organizational budgets
- Experience organizing and presiding over various Board of Directors/Trustees

Personal Background and Volunteer Experiences

- Chautauqua County Resident for over 30 years - 8 years in Ripley
- Volunteer and active member of Ripley Hose Company #1
- Volunteer Ripley Food Pantry
- Volunteer Project Love Bear
- Volunteer member of Town of Ripley Comprehensive Plan for development

Goals as Town Supervisor

Implement my leadership style with a focus on a collaborative approach to decision-making with input from all stakeholder groups in our community.

Set priorities and implement action plans identified in the Ripley Comprehensive Plan completed in September 2023. The priorities identified are as follows:

1. Improvement of various infrastructure systems in the Town of Ripley
2. Capitalize on the momentum for future growth on Shortman Road
3. Increase opportunities for growth on Main Street
4. Improve on the appearance of our town

It would be my honor and my privilege to serve Ripley as your next Town Supervisor. If elected, I will serve this community with integrity, honesty and trustworthiness. I pride myself on a collaborative approach to leadership and will work hard to meet the diverse needs of families that live in our town. I am confident that my background and experiences will serve our community well as we work together to build opportunities for future growth in our town. Thank you in advance for your support at the polls on November 7, 2023

*Endorsed by the Democratic and Working Families Party

Ripley Town Supervisor

Don Rice Candidate for Town Supervisor

Don Rice is a successful, fiscally conservative businessman & accomplished mechanical engineer; he is not a politician and until recently never aspired to become a politician. However, these are incredibly challenging times and he considers it his civic responsibility to offer to serve his community.

Don Rice lives on a farm that has been in his family since the 1990's. He has been a business owner, leader, and executive manager in the aerospace and automotive manufacturing and distribution industries. Don would utilize his business expertise, knowledge, and contacts to "accelerate" Ripley forward in a positive direction while very importantly maintaining the natural beauty of our farming community and small-town values he so loves.

As a businessman, mechanical engineer and inventor Don plans to run Ripley as another one of his very successful, financially responsible businesses. He will be accountable to the residents and taxpayers with transparency, maintain an open-door policy to talk with community members and employees, keep the residents informed through the Town's website, social media and other methods and maintain the highest ethical standards. He strongly believes you should be informed about what is happening in our Town so you can be involved and express how you would like to see the Town evolve.

Don's late wife, Julie Rice, was a town board member until she passed away in the Spring of 2022 after fighting stage 4 pancreatic cancer for more than 6 years. Julie was a true warrior and exuberated hope daily, especially in her work for the Town as she demanded transparency and accountability from our Town Officials and held them to it. Don plans to continue her legacy and vision for our Town. Like Julie, Don enjoys meeting and talking with community members on how they would like to see the Town grow. Don has a great vision for our community and knows how to get things accomplished.

Don is very well connected in multiple business communities with more than 35 years of experience as a business executive, owner, leader, manager and has already met with State officials about potential Town projects and concerns. Don has excellent negotiating, problem solving and strategic planning skills. He knows what to do and how to get it done in the most cost-effective manner possible. Don is customer service friendly and really listens to what people are saying.

Don graduated with a B.S.M.E. from Penn State University, University Park, PA and a B.A. in Physics and Mathematics from Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. Don is also a gearhead. He was a paid technical consultant to Ferrari and Mercedes Formula I teams and a supplier/consultant to Michael Andretti, Bobby Rahal, Roger Penske, Chip Ganassi and Dan Gurney's IndyCar teams. He designed bearings used on Formula I and IndyCar world championship winning cars and on Buddy Rice's Indy 500 winning car (no relation).

Don is the proud dad of his daughter, Katie, who is a Faculty Pediatric Psychologist who specializes in Oncology and Hematology in the Rochester area. He also enjoys playing with Gunner, his golden retriever, on their family farm.

Don Rice has been endorsed by the Republican and Conservative parties and will be on both ballots on Tuesday, November 7th in the general election.

Please Vote for Donald Rice to become the Ripley Town Supervisor.

Highway Superintendent

Jason Jones Candidate for Highway Superintendent

My Name is Jason Jones and I am running for Town Highway Superintendent.

In 10 years as a member of the US Military I have learned the true meaning of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. These values represent what I believe are the gold standard for service to our community and they are what I offer.

I believe we have a talented and respectful crew working at the Highway department. I know a few of them quite well and would be honored to work with them to achieve a well-tuned and efficient work place.

Along with several other job skills I acquired in the military the last position I held was that of a Motor Pool Sergeant. My job was to coordinate the use of heavy equipment and the operators who used the equipment. In that position I learned a great deal of heavy equipment operation and the skills needed to orchestrate and fluidly communicate the movements of personnel and equipment as a team.

I believe transparency and communication will be the key to success. As the Highway Superintendent I will be fully accessible to the taxpayers and fellow town employees alike, to continue our march forward to keep Ripley a place to be proud of and call home.

Highway Superintendent

Jim Spacht Candidate for Highway Superintendent

Jim Spacht is running for his 3rd term as the Ripley Highway Superintendent and is proudly endorsed by the Independent Party, **Vote4-Integrity**. Jim is the Proven, Experienced & Hardworking “WORKING BOSS” that gets the job done!

A few of the highlights of what Jim has done in the last 8+ years :

- Eliminated a full-time employee position by being the “working boss” which has saved the Town money.
- Manages the Town’s largest taxpayer funded budget + the NYS CHIPS funding of \$944,000+. Jim uses his decades of business expertise to get the most accomplished for the Town roads. Wrote & was awarded a NYS grant for \$125,000 to build the salt shed.
- Worked with the NYS Highway Dept. to receive millings that are taken from their local State Road projects. This saved Ripley approx. \$75,000 and has eliminated 68% of Ripley’s dirt roads by turning them into hard-surfaced roads.
- Improved the integrity & investment of the roads: Paved 14.15 miles; Sealed 16.33 miles; Graveled: Gun Club, Barnes, North Barnes, Barden, Ripley Beach roads; Tiled on: Cemetery, Loomis Street Ext., Belson, Colton, & Miller roads.
- Purchased a roller with Westfield, Chautauqua & Portland which reduced the cost to Ripley by 75%.
- The first Town dept. head to provide a daily log of the work completed as a monthly report. Attends the regular monthly town board meetings via Zoom (formerly in person) to address any concerns of the public or the board.
- Built a positive working relationship with many Towns, Villages, the County, and the State highway depts. They help us with our large projects, at no cost and in return we help them. Jim has earned the respect of his fellow Highway Supts.
- Installs & maintains the American Flags and the Senior Banners. Pick-up leaves, host large trash days, mow alongside Ripley roads and clean out ditches in highway right of ways.
- Hired experienced workers, firefighters & EMT’s to cut costs and save lives, which it has done both.
- Has spent many hours working on the “road use agreement” for the South Ripley Solar Project with the Town’s Special Attorney and the Town board to ensure the integrity of the investment on the roads is maintained.

Goals: Jim will continue the hard work listed above, eliminate the rest of the dirt roads & install the Veteran banners in 2024.

Jim and his wife, Shelly (Hoyt) Spacht, are lifelong Ripley residents where they have raised their 3 kids (Christopher, Joe and Kayla) on the farm that has been in the Spacht family for 6 generations. Their kids are Firefighters, EMT’s & an Army Veteran. Jim is a 37+yr. active member of the Ripley Fire District and has been the Deputy Fire Chief for 23+ years. Jim is a retired dairy farmer. We raised our kids on our dairy farm with Integrity and that is how we live our lives, while serving our community by helping others. Please vote to re-elect Jim Spacht and KNOW that Ripley roads will be taken care of with experience. Jim has proven that he knows how to get the job done and no one has or can dispute that fact.

Ripley Town Board

Phil Chimera Candidate for Town Board

Why Vote For Philip Chimera For Ripley Council?

I have 4 years experience on the Town Board.

I served several years on the Town Planning Board.

I am the Ripley Community Council Food Pantry Coordinator.

I have served as the President of the Ripley Rod and Gun Club for the past several years.

I am a U.S. Army veteran and have had roots in Ripley since 1968.

My vision is to get Ripley back to what we had here in times past!

As a taxpayer, I have tried to do what is best for the town and will continue to push for the betterment of all taxpayers!

If I am re-elected, I will continue to try and bring more business into the community.

Over the past 4 years the Town Board has been blessed to get much needed infrastructure in place, but there is more to be done. I will continue to do my part in encouraging the upgrades to the Water and Sewer districts. The board has been able to secure funding to update our Town's Comprehensive Plan and by the end of the year, we will have the Agriculture Protection Plan completed.

The next thing I will be looking to improve are the Town's zoning laws.

There is more work to be done to improve our community and I am eager to be a part of it.

I know my experience serving on the Town Board and Planning Board will help me play a part in maintaining forward momentum for the growth of our community.

Ripley Town Board

Calvin Janes Candidate for Town Board

The question is why elect Calvin Janes for Town Board? The simple answer is that I love our little town and want to have a part in doing whatever it takes to continue moving Ripley forward. My parents moved our family here in 1975. I started kindergarten in 1976 and graduated from Ripley Central School in 1989. I moved to North East, PA where I spent over 25 years. I worked for the Borough of North East as a water department laborer and a licensed wastewater operator for the state of Pennsylvania for nearly 15 years. I served on the North East Borough Council while spending over 10 years on the North East Chamber of Commerce.

I have spent time on the inside and outside of the process of how local government is run. I've been part of balancing budgets and allocating funds to make sure that community services and needs are met. I feel that with my background and experience that I am the best candidate to help ensure that our tax dollars are spent with cautious intent while providing all of our citizens a positive outlook moving forward.

After many years away, my wife and I chose to move back to Ripley and finish our lives here. I came back with the intent to give back to the community that gave me so much during my childhood. I'm asking for your vote so that I can serve our community and work for all of the Ripley residents. I want a seat at the table to help make the decisions that will help our town grow in a positive direction and be a community that we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your consideration in helping me become a part of a team of people that have nothing but the best intentions for all of us living in the Town of Ripley

Jeff Lyon Candidate for Town Board

My Name is Jeff Lyon. I am running for a position on your town board as I feel I could bring some new and fresh ideas to the town in these times of difficulties, and push for community involvement between the town officials and yourselves.

I moved to Ripley in 2007 from Washington State. I moved with my wife, LouAnn Lyon (Mobilia). While in Washington State, I worked in the timber industry as a supervisor and millwright, managing the daily workings of the mills, coordinating debarking of logs, and scheduling of trucking to the ports to be loaded on the ships, often overseeing crews of 30-40 people. I also was involved with the community I grew up in. I worked for the town in Public Works. First reading water meters, installing water meters, street maintenance and sewer dept. Later in years, I became a working supervisor for the same public works department. I also was on the town board, planning commission, and a police officer. Since moving to Ripley, I have served on the Ripley planning board and helped LouAnn with the mobile food pantry. I was a Thruway toll collector for a brief time and went to work in 2009 at the Jamestown Engine Plant (Cummins), retiring there in 2020. I also help out part time with Knight Farms and Knight Operating Services.

With my experience in management, public works and sitting on a town board, I would be honored to help and serve the town of Ripley. I will strive to do the best I possibly can for this community.

Please consider voting for me in the November Election! Thank You.

Town Clerk

Ryleigh (Hawkins) Enterline Candidate for Town Clerk

Ripley residents, neighbors and friends, my name is Ryleigh (Hawkins) Enterline and I am running for Ripley Town Clerk this Fall. After 32 years, Rebecca Rowe Carvallo is retiring at the end of her term this December. If elected, I would be proud to serve our community. November 7th is around the corner, so I wanted to share some information about myself with those of you I have not had the pleasure to meet.

Objective: Seeking election as Ripley Town Clerk

Related Work Experience: Intake Coordinator (LIFE NWPA), 3 years serving as Deputy Town Clerk

Education: Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from Penn State in 2019

Community Involvement: Nearly a lifelong resident, member of the Ripley Community and Heritage Fund since 2001, Ripley High School Attendee

Family Life: Married 5 years to my High School sweetheart, Trevor Enterline, 3 year old daughter and 4 month old son. My daughter began school at Ripley Elementary this fall! Trevor and I recently finished building/remodeling our second home in Ripley.

Goals if Elected: The following are just a few things I would like to do to enhance customer service in the Town Clerk's Office:

- * Debit/Credit Car Machine
- * Open until 7pm on Regular Board Meeting nights to accommodate those who work until after 5pm
- * Digitize the East Ripley Cemetery Sale/Information
- * Continue providing Saturday morning hours as we have for over 50 years

Additional Information: I am a Licensed Notary Public; endorsed by the Conservative, Democratic, and Working Families Party

I love this town and have thoroughly enjoyed my duties as Deputy Town Clerk over the last 3 years. I feel my experience as Deputy will provide a smooth transition January 1, 2024. If anyone has questions for me, please email me at ryleighhawkins22@gmail.com. I am more than happy to arrange a time to chat in person, over the phone or correspond via email.

Town Clerk

Lisa Henry Candidate for Town Clerk

Lisa and her husband Donald, a lifelong resident of South Ripley NY, enjoy being members of such a wonderful community. They enjoy taking their grandsons to the parks and around the area. They both love being involved in the community and are active in it. Lisa is a volunteer at Ripley Food pantry, as well as a member of the Ripley Rod & Gun Club, previously serving for 3 years as Membership secretary. Donald has been a member of the Ripley Fire Department serving out of Stations 1 and 2 for 39 years. He is also a member of the Rod & Gun Club serving as President for many years and currently, he is the Vice President. He is also serving on the Ripley Town Board.

Lisa was a girl scout leader for nearly 10 years and helped to form young minds. Lisa taught them the skills needed to earn their badges, did her best to instill in the girls the importance of being productive, independent, caring members of their community with integrity and honesty. She was also an area representative for YFU and AFS doing interviews and providing guidance for families interested in hosting international exchange students in their homes. She also served as a liaison for students who had issues with their placement or life in general to help them work through the situation or recommend if students needed be moved to another home. She was awarded the volunteer of the year award from the Southern California division of AFS. Her family has also been a host for 11 international students over the years, several times hosting a double placement. They are her “family” and most have been back to visit over the years since living with them. She now has “grandchildren” in 3 different countries. Learning from them and teaching them that not all Americans are recognized as “typical” by other countries was one of her favorite things to do.

Lisa has been through her share of ups and downs in life and her husband has been her rock in keeping her grounded, after losing her 25-year-old daughter in 2017 she was devastated. Shortly after that she learned the company, she worked at for almost 10 years was closing and she would be on the career hunt. Fortunately, Donald reminded her of what was important in life and the amount of experience she had and she quickly found a new job out of town. Lisa has been an office manager and billing coordinator for the past 15 years and has a total of 25 years of office/administrative accounts receivable and payable throughout her career.

Lisa has learned the importance of being honest and having integrity in the workplace while working with confidential materials. If elected to the position, Lisa’s goal is to make the office a more community friendly environment. One way is by extending the hours into the evening so that working residents would have access to the office a day or two in the evening each week in addition to the Saturday hours. Additionally, she plans to make more items available on the Internet so that residents would not need to come into the office for trivial things and could do more at their convenience.

Lisa is currently organizing and planning a cancer benefit for her mother who was diagnosed a few months ago with a rare and aggressive form of breast cancer. Collaborating with volunteers to decide their best placement using their skills and assets and then working with the groups to define their individual assignments. This is a skill she has learned from her years of office management while working with others.

Chautauqua County Legislator

Fred Johnson Candidate for Dist. 19, Westfield/Ripley County Legislator

Why do I wish to represent Westfield and Ripley in the Chautauqua County Legislature?

We often hear the phrase alluding to “giving back” to the communities that raised us. I prefer to focus on “giving forward”.

Since retiring back to the family wine business in Westfield ten years ago, I have looked for opportunities to not only improve our Winery but also to improve the communities we live in. Thus far, I’ve used my roles as Treasurer of the Wine Trail and as President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce as gateways to making our part of Chautauqua County a better place to live and work. My term at the Chamber is soon to be up, and I look forward to being able to continue to help improve our communities as a County Legislator.

Why am I qualified to be our District’s County Legislator?

- My family has lived and farmed in Westfield for over 110 years.
- I was lucky enough to receive a good education, not only at Westfield Schools, but at Andover and Cornell.
- At Cornell, I majored in Development Economics as an undergrad, and in Finance as a graduate MBA student.
- I then went on to get a master’s in international economics in Belgium where all classes were in French.
- After college I worked as a management consultant in places like Nicaragua, Argentina, and New York City.
- After 4 years of consulting, I joined Frito-Lay in Dallas, and spent the next 13 years being promoted up the ranks of their Finance function with notable roles like Director of Corporate Planning at corporate HQ in NYC, and CFO of their international food division in Australia and Canada.
- After Frito Lay, I moved into general management roles at Harry and David in Oregon where I was responsible for 1,200 acres of fruit trees and 5,000 acres of Roses in the Central valley of California,
- Then on to Chiquita Banana where I ran their worldwide food ingredients division and 1,500 acres of grapefruit groves in Florida. Subsequently, I ran their 13,000-acre banana plantation in Panama with over 5,000 employees.
- Finally, my last corporate job was as CEO of Nature Sweet Tomatoes in Texas and Mexico with 1,500 employees and 700+ acres of greenhouses.
- In 2010, I bought my siblings out and retired back to Westfield to work on improving the family vineyard and winery.
- So, after 30+ years of international corporate experience and 10+ years of local, small business work, I should be prepared for most of the financial and human issues and complexities that might face a County Legislator.

Chautauqua County Legislator

Braiden McElhaney Candidate for Dist. 19, Westfield/Ripley County Legislator

Braiden McElhaney is a 21-year-old public servant, Eagle Scout, educator, and lifelong Chautauqua County resident. In 2020 Braiden graduated from Westfield Academy and Central school and attended Jamestown Community College for Adolescent Education. Post JCC, Braiden attended Grand Canyon University Online for Justice Studies and Advocacy. Braiden is also enrolled at Bryant and Stratton College in the Paralegal Associate Program. Upon graduation from both institutions Braiden plans to attend Law School, in hopes of obtaining his degree in Law. For Braiden's Eagle Scout project, he constructed a wooden train playground set at Welch Field Park in Westfield. He was inspired to build this after the previous wooden train, from his childhood, was destroyed by the elements.

Additionally, Braiden is a passionate educator who served over a year as an early childcare provider at Chautauqua Opportunities Inc. and at Campus and Community Children's Center. In parallel with serving as an educator, Braiden decided to run for the Westfield Academy and Central School Board of Education where he was able to spread a message of equity and inclusion for students, teachers, and families.

At the tail end of Braiden's education career, he decided to dive back into public service, and commuted to and from Schenectady County, New York every weekend for 8 weeks to assist in a State Senate campaign for Michelle Ostrelich. Here he was able to learn what it takes to run a campaign, finance, and even to draft legislation. Upon the completion of this campaign Braiden returned home to take what he learned, and to apply it in his hometown. Upon returning home Braiden decided to take up a new position as a Safety and Security Officer at the Chautauqua Institution. Here he was able to learn the experience of a first responder and heroically put his skills into practice when he administered CPR on an individual who was attending a concert. Miraculously, Braiden and the Chautauqua EMS team were able to regain a pulse before the individual was transported to a nearby hospital.

When the opportunity for Braiden to run for county legislator came up, he was more than happy to put his life on hold to step up and offer his community a choice. Throughout his entire life Braiden has dedicated himself to serving others. He has chosen a path that will not necessarily fulfill his pocket but will certainly fulfill his heart. What makes Braiden stand out from the other candidates is his commonsense approach to governing. Although Braiden is on the ballot as a democrat, he remains publicly committed to his commonsense platform that has something for everyone. A platform that focuses on spending responsibly, understanding that NYC politics is NOT Chautauqua County politics, and understanding that laws and decisions need to be backed up by facts, science, and research.

For more information follow "Braiden for County Legislator" on Facebook or visit braidenforcountylegislator.com.

We are highlighting some of our great library supporters, as shown by their business cards in The Bookworm.

Dr. Earl Freling is our supporter of the month. Dr. Freling has been practicing chiropractic medicine for 37 years, thirteen of them in Ripley, New York. On his off hours he works not only on his house, but on the Ripley Library, building, and repurposing materials that are being discarded.

As a child, Earl took piano lessons from Molly Rickenbrode. He waited for his lessons at the library building on East Main Street, and spent his time there looking at all the books. He is now an avid book collector of over 800 books, specializing in old texts, nature books, poetry, and geography, to name a few of his interests.

Earl has been an incalculable asset to the library. Among the numerous things he has done to make our library a showpiece, he re-finished the ceiling rosette, along with making the matching corner rosettes, refurbished the original circular stained glass window, stained and varnished the large cabinet in the reading room, and installed wainscoting that he repurposed from a building being torn down.

Thank you Dr. Freling for all you do for our Ripley Public Library!



Bottle and Can Collection

Starting in September the Library will have a collection bin in the lobby for returnable cans and bottles.

Don't throw out those water bottles and pop cans! Donate them to the library.

Please be sure all bottles and cans are empty before you place them in the bin.

Notary Services

Ryleigh Enterline is now a Notary Public and is available during Town Clerk hours to notarize documents, free of charge.

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

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775

Month: August 24-September 19, 2023

Total calls answered:

33 calls answered between August 24, 2023 – September 19, 2023. (7 of the 33 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 24

Fires: 8

MVA's: 0

Total calls to date for 2023 - 269

Community outreach:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Saturday, November 4, 2023, 5pm-10pm, is the date for our annual Harvest Dance and Chili cookoff. Drawing will start at 7:30 PM! We will also be holding our annual basket raffle! Anyone wishing to donate an item or gift cards for our annual fundraiser can contact Brooke Smith or Lisa Babcock. We look forward to seeing you!

Thinking about helping your Ripley Community? Why not join the Ripley Hose Company? If you'd like to know more about serving your community through volunteering at the Ripley Hose Company, contact any of our members! You can also email Lisa Babcock at babcocklisa61@gmail.com for more information.

Training completed by our members:



September 9th and 10th, 2023, seven of our members attended training with other Chautauqua County departments. Chief Mark Smith, Monica Daniels, Lieutenant Lisa Babcock, and Laura Pless, all attended EMS trainings. 1st Assistant Chief Jason Fisher attended training pertaining to Logging Emergencies. Commissioner Martin Dorman and Lieutenant Brooke Smith both attended Search and Rescue training.

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Ripley Hose Company No. 1

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Featured Ripley Hose Company No 1 Volunteers of the Month



This month's feature volunteer Ripley Hose Company member is Martin Dorman. Martin has been a member of the Ripley Hose company for over 18 years. Martin currently serves as Chairman of the Ripley Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners. Being on the Board of Fire Commissioners is a thankless job and we do not tell him enough how much we appreciate all of his hard work and dedication to the Ripley Hose Company. Thank you, Martin! We do appreciate you!



Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue

Are you a previous adopter looking for a play buddy for your dog? We're surprised that these dogs haven't been adopted yet. Several of them LOVE other dogs and might do great in your home too



Or if you've not had a dog for a while and think the house has been empty for too long, one of these might just be perfect for companionship.



We've been waiting such a long time!



Prince



Vinton



Morgan



Mack



Lucy

Local Worship

- ♦ **First Baptist Church**
716-736-3800
- ♦ **First Presbyterian Church**
716-736-3042
- ♦ **St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**
716-326-2816
- ♦ **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



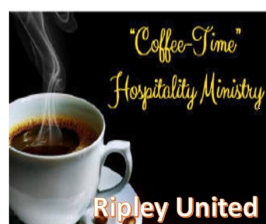
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

TOWN OF RIPLEY **TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEET-** **INGS**

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 United Methodist Church 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

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

Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

New Administrator and Coordinator, Debbie Dean

Call (814)440-8490 or text Debbie Dean 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 Debbie Dean @ 814-440-8490 or by texting her.

Check Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry on Facebook for information.




We Need Your Help!

The Ripley Community Food Pantry. Feed More WNY, 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

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:



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.

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

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.

October 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

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 Debbie Dean

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

Oct 9 Columbus Day

Oct 13 U.S. Navy birthday

Oct 14 Cuban Missile Crisis begins (1962)

Oct 23 Beirut Barracks bombings (1983)

Oct 25 U.S. invades Grenada (1983)

Oct 26 Post Meeting @ 10:30 at Town Hall

Oct 28 National First Responders Day

Oct 31 Halloween—Be Safe!

We still need to get the applications in for the Home Town Hero's banners. I know we still have time, but we need to get them in A.S.A.P. so we know how we stand. You can get applications at the Town Clerk's Office or one of our members, or phone me at (716)736-5805. We need to honor our veterans.

As always we need new members to make our voices heard.



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. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street and Park Avenue. Ripley bags may be purchased at the Town Building and at Coffee on Main.

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