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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



It's coming December 9th...

Town Hall with Braiden McElahey

Tuesday, September 12 @ 6pm

@ Ripley Public Library

Braiden McElahey, who is running for County Legislator, reached out to our library to have a Town Hall meeting for residents to get to know him. We encourage you to learn more about all the candidates running for office.

Candidates Running for Office in Ripley

The Ripley Library would like to give equal time to all candidates running for offices in Ripley. Please contact the library, detailing your profile and goals for the future of our town, which will then be published in the About Town and The Bookworm in October. All information should be given to the library no later than September 25th to be included in the October publications. The Library can schedule a Meet the Candidate Night if there is interest.

Please Note: The Ripley Public Library does not endorse any particular candidate for office. The profiles are for informational purposes only.

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.

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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 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**

**We are highlighting some of our great library sup-
porters, as shown by their business cards in The
Bookworm.**

Kusina Restaurant

Our newest supporter of the Ripley Library is Kusina by the Lake in North East, Pa. Only opened for a short time, the restaurant is doing very well. Owner Richilyn Washburn, a Filipino native, comments, however, "The restaurant is very weather reliant. If it's a nice day we're busy, but not so much on bad weather days."

Overlooking Lake Erie at the North East Marina, Kusina offers in-
door and outdoor seating with a menu offering American and Fili-
pino dishes. The gorgeous sunsets are free.

Located at the North East Marina, 11950 E. Lake Road, North East, PA, hours are Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11am til 9pm; Monday & Thursday 4-9pm. The restaurant will close for the season in mid-October.

Reservations are not required but welcome for larger parties.

814-347-5166

Notary Services

Ryleigh Enterline
is now a Notary
Public and is avail-
able during Town
Clerk hours to no-
tarize documents,
free of charge.

If you or someone you know is in
need of help, contact the following
numbers:

Chautauqua County Crisis Help- line

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**

FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

What former Ripley resident piloted a plane that was hijacked?

- A. Charles Hamilton
- B. John Testrake
- C. Alexander Cochran
- D. Charles Morehouse



What former Ripley resident founded the city of Chico, California and was a one time candidate for US President ?

- A. John Bidwell
- B. Burban Brockway
- C. Amos Atwater
- D. John Forsyth

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775

Month: July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023

Total calls answered:

34 calls answered between July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023. (6 of the 34 calls were mutual aid)

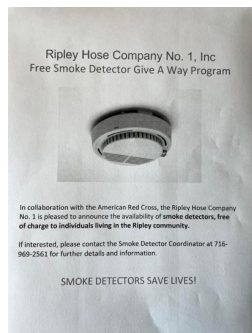
Emergency Medical Service Calls: 33

Fires: 1

MVA's: 0

Total calls to date for 2023 - 236

Community outreach: Ripley Hose continues to offer installation of smoke detectors.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Saturday, November 4, 2023, is the date for our annual Harvest Dance and Chili cookoff! We will also be holding our annual basket raffle! Anyone wishing to donate an item or gift card for our annual fundraiser can contact any Hose Company member. We look forward to seeing you!

We had such a wonderful time at the Ripley Cruise In! Thank you to all who participated and stopped by to see our members!

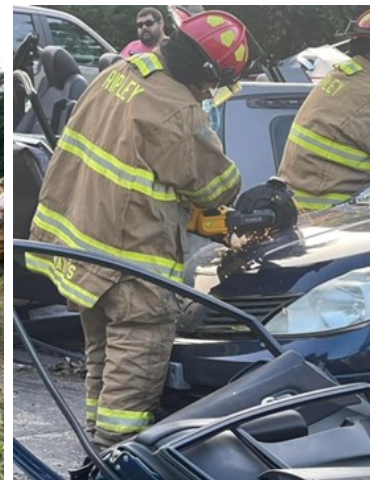
Thinking about helping your Ripley Community? Why not join the Ripley Hose Company? If you'd like to know more about serving your community through volunteering at the Ripley Hose Company, contact any of our members! You can also email Lisa Babcock at babcocklisa61@gmail.com for more information.

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Training completed by our members:

- Members trained with the AMKUS rescue tool on August 1, 2023. Members were able to gain hands on experience removing automobile doors to practice removing trapped motor vehicle victims.



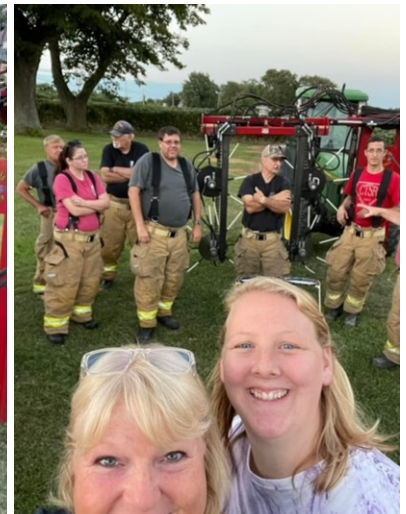
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On August 8, 2023, members trained using a ground monitor water system. This system would be used on large building fires.

On August 22, 2023, members drilled on farm related emergencies. Thank you to Brian and Heather Chess at Cochrane Farms for assisting our Hose Company with this training.



Featured Ripley Hose Company No 1 Volunteers of the Month

This month's feature volunteer Ripley Hose Company member is Kathy Ducey. Kathy has been a member of the Ripley Hose company for almost 15 years. She has served in many capacities at Ripley Hose. She has been a firefighter, an EMT, served on numerous committees, and currently serves as the Hose Company Treasurer, among many other tasks. Kathy is currently a social member of the Ripley Hose Company. Treasurer is a thankless job and we do not tell her enough how much we appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to the Hose Company. Thanks for all you do, Kathy! We really do appreciate you!

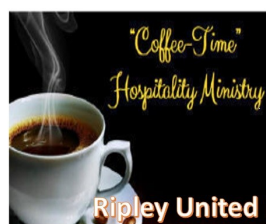


Local Worship

- ♦ **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



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

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

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 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.

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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

Sept 2 Japan Signs Surrender 1945

Sept 4 Labor Day

Sept 11 Patriot Day

Sept 15 POW-MIA Recognition Day

Sept 17 Citizenship Day

Sept 18 U.S. Air Force birthday

Sept 23 First Day of Autumn. (Does anyone
know where Summer went?!)

Sept 24 Gold Star Mothers Day

Sept 28 Post Meeting @ 10:30 at Town Hall

We only have a couple of applications for the Home Town Hero Banners. Let's get them in so we know how we stand. You can pick up the applications at the Town Clerk's Office or contact any VFW member so we can make sure you get one.



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 and at Coffee on Main. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street and Park Avenue.

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