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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: Don Rice

ripleyts@fairpoint.net

Office: **716-736-2209**

RIPLEY TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Ryleigh Enterline, Town Clerk

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

TOWN ASSESSOR

P.O. Box 352

Ripley, NY 14775

716-736-4050

ripleyta@fairpoint.net

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

We were hoping to have an introduction to our new Town Supervisor, Don Rice, in this space, but due to unforeseen circumstances there was no submission for this issue.

However, in coming months Mr. Rice will bring us updates on Town Board meetings and news of things taking place in Ripley.

In the meantime—



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January 2024

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
Jason Jones, Highway Supt.
50 Ross Street
P.O. Box 506
Ripley, NY 14775
ripleyhs@fairpoint.net
Office: 716-736-3434

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Gloria McCormick
716-269-9882

TOWN HISTORIAN
John “Doc” Hamels
H. 716-736-4255
C. 716-223-0112

January in the Town Clerk’s Office Ryleigh Enterline

Town/County Tax Bills will go out the first week of January 2024. Water/Sewer Bills will also be going out in January.

Tax Collection Dates:

Penalty Free: 1/8 – 2/6

1% Penalty: 2/7 – 2/29

2% Penalty: 3/1 – 4/1

After April 1st, payments are made to the Chautauqua County Department of Finance.

Tax Collection Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thur, & Fri - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m.
to 4:00 p.m. Sat 9: 00a.m-12:00 p.m.

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

*Cash and check payments are accepted.

*Checks can be made payable to “Ripley Tax Collector”

*Payments can be made in person, made via drop box at 14 N. State St. Ripley, NY 14775 or mailed to P.O Box 416 Ripley, NY 14775.

Announcements:

The Town Clerk’s Office has transitioned over to a new Tax Collection System. We will be using the Chautauqua County Tax Collection program in 2024.

The inquiry process for obtaining a Credit/Debit Card Machine has begun. It is my goal to accept payments by card beginning in April 2024.

Due to the absence of a bank in town, we will do our best to make it to Westfield regularly to ensure timely deposits. We appreciate your patience and understanding, as our hours may at times be irregular while traveling to and from the bank.

Notes from The Clerk:

I am looking forward to serving as Town Clerk. It is an honor to act in this role for our community and I am immensely grateful for the opportunity and the support.

Please contact the office at 716-736-6881 or via email at ripleytc@fairpoint.net if you have questions and concerns that the Town Clerk’s office can assist with.

Happy 2024 everyone!

FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

Here are two photos of a very thin metal "business card" (front and back) that I found within the town's archives. It is from the Phoenix Hotel, Ripley, NY. It appears to date back to at least 1883 and still in business perhaps around 1909. If you have any photos or information about this hotel please send it to me via email: hamels@fairpoint.net.



Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775

Month: November 20, 2023-December 14, 2023

Total calls answered:

25 calls answered between November 19-December 14, 2023 (3 of 25 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 22

Fires: 3

MVA's: 0

Total calls to date for 2023 - 354

On December 9, 2023, Ripley Hose delivered Santa to the Fire Hall to visit! We had so much fun participating in the Santa parade!

Training completed by our members:

On November 28, 2023, members of Ripley Hose had training provided by National Fuel regarding natural gas emergencies and to learn about the properties and characteristics of natural gas and how to respond safely and effectively to gas leaks and fires. Thank you, National Fuel! Remember to 811 BEFORE you dig



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CODE OFFICER

716-736-3737

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

ASSESSOR

716-736-4050

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.—3 P.M.

COURT CLERK

716-736-7575

MONDAY 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

TUESDAY 9 A.M.-NOON

THURSDAY 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

**Bottle and Can
Collection**

The Library has 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

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 **MONTHLY BOARD 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 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 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 boxes of food to prepare. Food available from the Mobile Food Pantry varies from month to month.

Pre-register by texting Debbie Dean @ 814-440-8490 or if necessary by phone. Also check Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry on Facebook for information.

2024 Dates

Jan 24

May 29

Sep 25

Feb 28

Jun 26

Oct 30

Mar 27

Jul 24

Nov 27

Apr 24

Aug 28

Dec to be decided

Food Assistance Program

Open Tuesdays from 2 until 4p.m., and Saturdays, 10 until noon.

The Food Pantry is available if a person verbally attests that they fall into one of the following guidelines: Income falls within the guidelines and/or someone in the household participates in: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI, or Free/Reduced lunch program.

Contact Phil Chimera via email at shaver58@roadrunner.com for more information.

NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY		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.

Resources for Ripley News

Please check these **Facebook/Websites** 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

**From Desk of Post Command 2769
David Bower**

Jan 1st - New Year's Day. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Jan 15th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 17th - Persian Gulf War-Start of Operation
Desert Storm 1991.

Jan 25th - Post Meeting; 10:30 am @ Town Hall

Jan 27th - Vietnam Cease Fire 1973

Jan 30th - Start of TET Offensive 1968.

Jan 31st - Panama Campaign ended (1990)

Feb 2nd - Home Town Hero Banner

It's just around the corner, need to get your applications in for the Home Town Hero Banner. The cost is \$160 and an 8X10 photo if possible.

We need new members! Please contact any of the members or myself at 716-736-5805. Our Veterans need to be strong, we can do this with more members. Let's all have a good New Year.



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