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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



Election Day
November 7th
Get out and
VOTE!

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November 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:
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

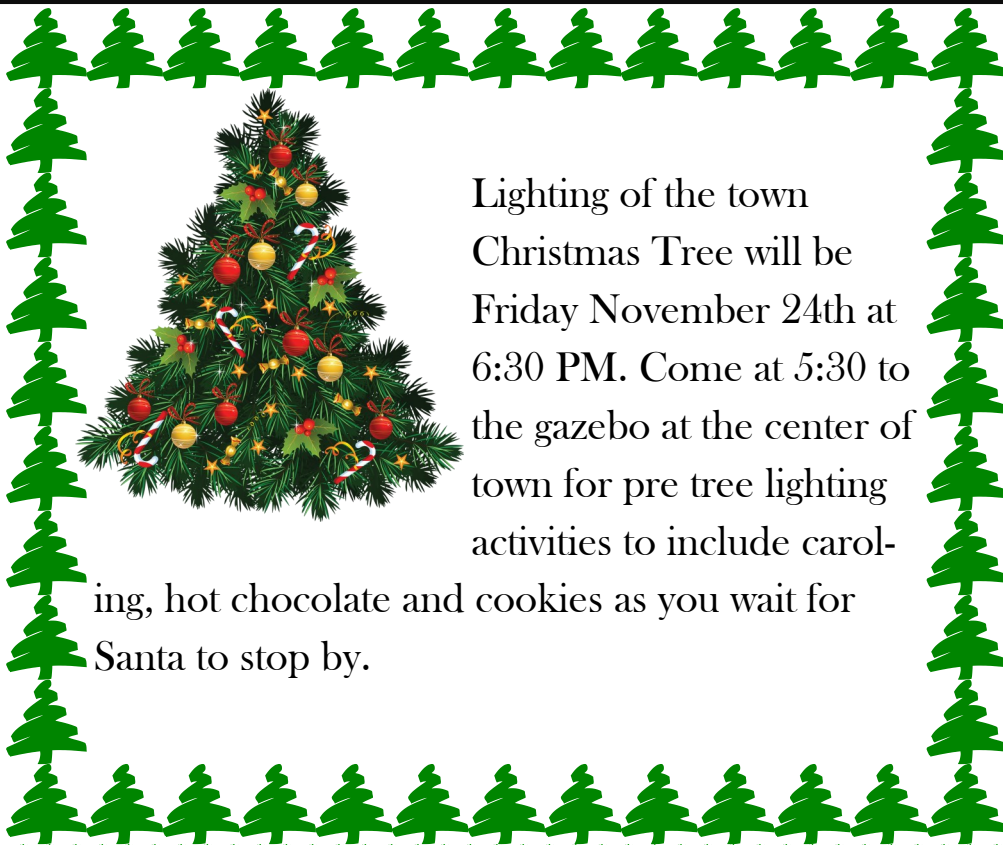
Jim Spacht, Highway Supt.
50 Ross Street
P.O. Box 506
Ripley, NY 14775
ripleyhs@fairpoint.net
Office: 716-736-3434
Cell: 716-753-6553

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Gloria McCormick
716-269-9882

TOWN HISTORIAN

John "Doc" Hamels
H. 716-736-4255
C. 716-223-0112



Lighting of the town
Christmas Tree will be
Friday November 24th at
6:30 PM. Come at 5:30 to
the gazebo at the center of
town for pre tree lighting
activities to include carol-
ing, hot chocolate and cookies as you wait for
Santa to stop by.

Christmas In Ripley is December 9th, 2023

Meeder's pancake breakfast 6-11; Chicken BBQ 11:30 til gone

Noah's Ark open 10-12

Ripley Public Library vendor fair 10-4

Lakeside Golf Course create golf ball ornaments 11-4

Santa parade through town, line up 12:15 parade 12:30

Visit With Santa at firehall 1-4 (3-4 with pets also)

Pictures with Santa by Cunningham Photography

Let There Be Light Band Presbyterian Church 2-4

Main St Pizza cookie fun 12-4

Cooney Island Ice cream open 2-8

**MORE ACTIVITIES TO BE ADDED
AS WE KNOW ABOUT THEM**



THRIFTY KITTY HUGE ONE DAY CHRISTMAS SALE

BRING YOUR BAG, PICK
YOUR TREASURES, AND
MAKE A DONATION
EVERYTHING MUST GO!

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4

FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM



AT THE W. PORTLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH
7081 EAST RT. 20
WESTFIELD, NY 14787

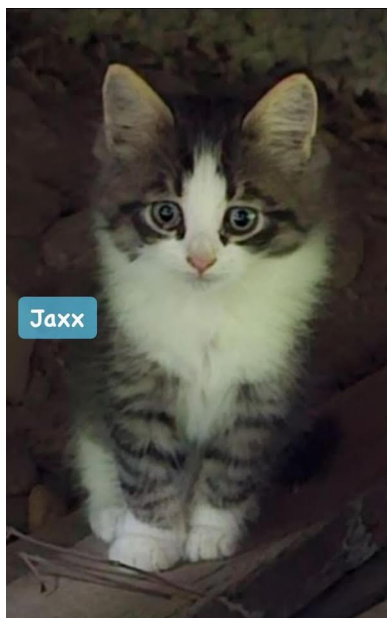
THERE WILL BE NO 6-WEEK CHRISTMAS STORE THIS YEAR
- GET YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATION TREASURES ON NOVEMBER 4
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Westfield Stray Cat Rescue

Call to make an
appointment:

Shelter: 716-232-
4152

Store: 716-326-
2404



Jaxx

Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue

We've been
waiting such
a long time!

Prince



Vinton



Morgan



Mack



Lucy



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. 😊

HOLIDAY PORTRAIT TIPS FROM A PROFESSIONAL

BY STEPHANIE CUNNINGHAM CR. PHOTOG



The holidays don't have to be a headache! Getting those picture perfect memories is easy if you plan ahead. Here are a few tips to help you get through the season.

1. Coordinate those colors! Did you know that solid colored clothing photographs the best? Dark colors tend to take weight off of you, light colors can add weight. If you can't wear the same shade of one color, then opt for the same color family. All warm colors or choose all cool colors. Stay away from those busy patterns.
2. Beware of those cheap mini sessions! Many new photographers with little experience offer those 15 minute minis for a discounted price. Ask to see actual samples of their work and make sure they aren't advertising "borrowed" inspiration photos from other photographers.
3. If you do opt for a photographer that offers digital files, be careful of using drug store or box store photo labs. Sometimes the guy who was selling tires last week is working the photo department this week. Give an online lab a try. I recommend Mpix.com or in a pinch, Shutterfly.
4. Let your photographer get the children's attention! It can be hard to not jump in but you have to trust the process. A good photographer will have tricks up their sleeve to get your little one to look. If the child is torn between 2 people trying to get their attention, they will choose the parent and then they're not looking at the camera. Or worse, half are looking straight on and half somewhere else.
5. Let the moments happen. Sometimes the best images are not looking right at the camera. The holidays are all about the magic and wonder of the season. Let's get those images where they are shaking that package, or reading that storybook. They will never be this little again.

Stephanie Cunningham is a PPA Photographic Craftsman and is currently working on her Master of Photography degree. She opened her Ripley studio in 2001 and has created beautiful portraits for families in all capacities.

Stephanie Cunningham Photography is currently booking holiday portrait sessions November 11, 18, 25 and weather permitting December 2, 2024. See examples of her work on Facebook! To book your session, call her at

716-736-9669

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775

Month: September 20—October 22, 2023

Total calls answered:

34 calls answered between September 20-October 22, 2023 . (8 of the 34 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 29

Fires: 2

MVA's: 1

Total calls to date for 2023 - 303

Community outreach:

October 9-13 was Fire Prevention Week!

On October 11, 2023, members of Ripley Hose Co No 1 visited Ripley Central School and the Ripley Mennonite School and taught Fire Prevention to almost 200 students! We had so much fun! EMT Laura Pless lead the lectures with the assistance of many of our local volunteers! We practiced crawling under the smoke, the importance of making an escape plan, and practiced stop, drop, and roll! We appreciate the opportunity to be invited into our local schools!



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Ripley Hose Company No 1 Members also provided standby service at Chautauqua Lake School for our local youth Flag, Rookie, and JV football games. This service was provided on September 30, 2023, on October 6, 2023, on October 7, 2023, on October 14, 2023, and our last standby will be October 28, 2023. Good luck to all of your Ripley Youth playing in these leagues.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

So many awesome prizes to win this year!

Win a stay in FLORIDA from our Harvest Dance Raffle! Say what!! Yes! You could win a 7 day 6 night stay in Sebastian Florida Air BnB! Travel is NOT included. Thank you Phyllis and Bill Firth-Gutz for this generous donation!

The DOOR PRIZE this year is a Livingroom chair complete with a throw pillow and blanket (donated by Laura Pless and Lisa Babcock) and a side table (donated by Burges Pallet Finds)! This is the only prize that you must be present to win.

All other prizes you DO NOT need be present to win!

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Win this awesome Buffalo Bill donated by Larry and Sandy Ottaway Potter!

Win this incredible kitchen island donated by Tim Sanderson!



Remember, you have several opportunities to purchase tickets! All tickets for all prizes and auction items will be on sale at the Fire Hall on: Thursday, November 2nd from 5 til 8 p.m.

Friday, November 3rd from 5 til 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 4th from 9 a.m. til 12 p.m.

Saturday, November 4th from 5 til 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for our main raffle (\$500 gas card, handmade cupboard, 4 ski passes to Peak, Main Street Pizza Tailgate Party, Patio Set from Sanders Markets) are available from:

- any Ripley Hose Co #1 Member
- Valley Beer Company
- Main Studio
- Main Street Pizza and at
- Timmerman's Farm and Market

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Training completed by our members:

On September 12, 2023 – Members reviewed and trained on Radio use and traffic safety.

On September 29, 2023 – Members trained on responding to OD and review scene safety while responding to incidents, with a special emphasis on the dangers of fentanyl.

On October 10, 2023 – Member performed turnout gear inspections on all of their issues protective gear.

On October 17, 2023 – Member participated in a review / trainings on HazMat response.

October 19-22, 2023 - A big "THANK YOU" to our Fire Commissioners for allowing us to send a member to represent Ripley Hose to the four-day, New York State, Vital Signs Training Conference. New York State mandated patient care procedures were reviewed as well as many hours spent on learning new patient care procedures. Lieutenant Babcock also attended briefings on new (and possibly new) New York State Emergency Medical Service's up and coming administrative policy and procedure changes. 16 hours of class time was completed pertaining to Basic Life Support skills for patients. Additionally, 14 hours of basic training were also completed in chemical and radiation burns, chest traumas, patient care report documentation, overdose response, pediatric assessment, and managing mental health for first responders.

Information was attained for possible community outreach programs to teach poison awareness and prescription medication danger to the children in our community with the assistance of NYS Poison Control.

This conference is organized by NYS Department of Health. Over time, all of these trainings and updates will be presented to our full membership after being vetted and prioritized by Chief Smith.

Thank you, Ripley Fire Commissioners, for sending us to this conference. We don't say it enough, but we truly appreciate all of our Fire Commissioners and their hard work.

FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

Almost every week I receive an inquiry regarding former residents of Ripley or some event that took place over the years. I thought that you might be interested in learning about where descendants of Ripleyites and others are contacting my office from! Ripley was the next stop for many folks who came through the New England states and then their families moved westward. This is not a complete list but you can get an idea that Ripley was a very important place to many families over the course of 200+ years!!!

Alexandria, Virginia

Mayville, New York

Bemus Point, New York

2 Mayville descendants

Berkeley, California

North Carolina

Buffalo, New York

Orange Park, Florida

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Ormond Beach, Florida

Eden, New York

Phoenix, Arizona

Erie, Pennsylvania

Rock Tavern, New York

Falconer, New York

Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Fredonia, New York

South Ripley, New York

Germantown, Tennessee

Various locations in Florida

Jamestown, New York

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

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Main Street Pizza is our featured supporter this month.

Sisters Patty Edwards and Nancy Goldstein signed the papers to buy Main Street Pizza the day the world shut down. The Covid-19 pandemic forced many businesses to close their doors for good, but the pizza shop not only stayed open, but has grown beyond their expectations in the last three years.

The shop is busy every day of the week, and any given weekend you'll find the staff at Main Street Pizza rushing even more to fill all the phone-in orders as well as the dine-in customer's orders.

One of the cornerstones of Nancy and Patty's business acumen is their community spirit. They not only provide food for the fire fighters when on a long call, but they donate to school events, the library, and fund raisers for various groups and individuals. Their spirit of giving was instilled in them by their mother, Thelma MacDonald, who herself has donated countless cakes throughout the years.

Thank you Patty and Nancy for being such a vital part of our Ripley community!

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



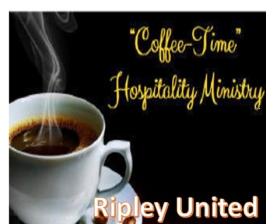
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

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

Nov 29

No Food Pantry in December

Jan 24

Feb 28

Mar 27

Apr 24

May 29

June 26

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.

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.

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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

Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 7 Election Day—Get Out and VOTE

**Nov 10 American Legion Auxiliary Birthday;
U.S. Marines Birthday**

**Nov 11 Veterans Day, WWI Armistice 1918;
Our VF@ Post will have a short service
at the Veterans Monument at 11a.m.
weather permitting**

Nov 16 Post Meeting at 10:30 at Town Hall

**Nov 23 Thanksgiving. Enjoy and remember
our men and women who are serving to pro-
tect our freedom and who can't be home with
their families.**

**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