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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

Ripley, NY 14775

Town Supervisor: Lauree Pless

ripleyts@fairpoint.net

Office: **716-736-2201**

RIPLEY TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Ryleigh Enterline, Town Clerk

716-736-6881

ripleytownclerk@outlook.com

P.O. Box 2, Ripley, NY 14775

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

Jason Jones

Ripley, NY 14775

716-736-4050

ripleyta@fairpoint.net

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

A Message From Lauree Pless, Town Supervisor

Welcome to spring! The town offices have been busy preparing for the warmer weather as I continue to learn things every day in my new position. I want to thank everyone for their assistance, support and patience throughout the past couple of months.

We want you to be aware of a couple time changes that will be implemented at the Town building. The Town offices will now be open from 8 AM to 4 PM. The Town Board Meetings will now begin at 6:30 PM instead of 7:30 PM. They will continue to be held the second Thursday of each month. You can find these meetings listed on our website, ripleyny.org. We post the meetings on the entrance doors at the Town building.

We also want to inform you that just like many businesses and municipalities in the area, we have decided to close our offices the day of the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

Our Clerks' office is excited to announce that beginning April 1, we will now take credit and debit card payments. We will, of course continue to take cash and checks as payment.

Two years ago, in an effort to protect our agricultural properties, the Town decided to take a closer look at the various agricultural and farming properties throughout the town. A stakeholder group of community members that are primarily made up of local farmers was formed. The primary purpose of these meetings was to create a plan that would identify ways in which our community could protect and preserve our agricultural properties while still promoting economic growth in the area. After two years of working on this plan, a preliminary draft was presented at a public meeting held on March 20 at Quincy Cellars. If you were unable to attend this meeting, please note that the final plan should be completed within the next few months and will be made available to the community and the public.

We are also pleased to announce that the Town Court of Ripley has been awarded a grant of more than \$10,000 as part of the Justice Court Assistance Grant through the Judiciary of

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April 2024

Ripley, New York

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Husted
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
rosco3737@gmail.com
Tues & Thurs 9:00 am-3:00 pm

RIPLEY TOWN BOARD Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Town Building located 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 Offices located in the Ripley Central School on N State St
The Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

WATER/SEWER DEPT

Andrew Strine
10168 W. Lake Road, Ripley NY
ripleywater@outlook.com
Office: 716-736-6000
Cell: 716-223-0740

HIGHWAY DEPT

Jason Jones, Highway Supt.
50 Ross Street
P.O. Box 506
Ripley, NY 14775
ripleyhs@fairpoint.net
Office: 716-736-3424
Cell: 716-223-0130

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Gloria McCormick
716-269-9882

TOWN HISTORIAN

John "Doc" Hamels
C. 716-223-0112

Superintendent Message

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New York. The first priority will be securing the back door going into the court with a new bulletproof window. Also, on the list, is the purchase of two file cabinets that will be used to properly store the court records. The grant money will also be used to purchase a large screen television and a mobile cart to bring it into court room when needed.

The town is also looking into updating the phone service. This will allow calls to be transferred to all departments from one number. We hope this will streamline our current system as well as bring our telephone service costs down.

The community should also be aware that the Water/Sewer Superintendent is conducting a survey required by New York State. The purpose of the survey is to check for lead water service lines for each hook-up leading into homes or businesses. Community members are encouraged to fill out the survey as soon as it is received.

Our next regular board meeting will be held on April 11 at 6:30PM.

April in the Town Clerk's Office

April Dog License Renewals will be out in the mail by April 1st.

Tax Bills can now be paid at the Chautauqua County Department of Finance. 716-753-4221 is their number if you have any questions.

Announcements:

***New Town Clerk Hours Effective April 1, 2024: Mon, Tues, Thurs Fri 8-4, Sat remains 9-12.**

***The Water/Sewer Department is conducting a "Customer Service Line Inspection" that is required by the EPA & NYS. You may see the Water/Sewer crew going door to door to complete this survey. Please contact Water/Sewer Supt. Andrew Strine with any questions at 716-736-6000.**

***Need Solar Eclipse Glasses? Stop by and see us!**

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April Closures:

April 8th: Solar Eclipse Day

Notes from The Clerk:

***The Clerk's Office has received Board Approval to proceed onward with obtaining a Credit/Debit Card Machine! It is my goal to have the system up and running this month.**

*Board Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.

* If you have questions or concerns with any business regarding the Town Clerk's Office, the best way to resolve them is to speak with myself or my Deputy directly.

We are here to help!

Thank you,
Ryleigh Enterline
Town Clerk
Phone: 716-736-6881

Email: ripleytownclerk@outlook.com

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street
Po. O. Box 342
Ripley, NY 14775

Month: March 2024

Total calls answered:

27 calls from February 21, 2024 – March 25, 2024. (1 of the 27 calls was mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 21

Fires: 6

Total calls to date for 2024 – 85

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Training completed by our members:

Congratulations to 2nd Assistant Chief, Lisa Babcock, and Truck Lieutenant, Brad Hetrick, for successfully completing New York State Fire Officer 1 certification on March 12, 2024! This 66 hours of training was an 8 week program teaching many different leadership and administrative duties related to Fire Officer re-

sponsibilities. Congratulations to both Ripley Hose Company members!



Congratulations to Ripley Hose Company's Rookie of the Year, Austin Henry.

Austin joined Ripley Hose in August of 2023. He is currently in Basic Firefighter Training. Austin is eager to learn fire and EMS skills, assists in Ripley Hose's Community events,

is always available to help with whatever task he is asked to do. We appreciate his dedication to his community. Congratulations, Austin!



FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

This month I'm working on a little mystery. I've searched all my records and maps with no luck! Does anyone remember the name of the former town road that was an extension of Johnson Road before it turns into East Johnson Road? In other words, the road kept going for a long way till it got down to Sheldon Corners at Rt. 76. At one time there was some sort of Girl Scout Camp on this road as well as a Girl's Horse Riding Academy. This section of the road has been closed for many years. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at: hamels@fairpoint.net

Thank you!

Doc Hamels, Town Historian

Food prices are high!

Are you taking advantage of the FREE food you can get from the Chautauqua County Mobile Food Pantry and the NYS Office of Food Distribution? The Mobile Pantry has no income qualifications, and the NYS Food Distribution allows income up to \$32,805 for a single person, and \$44,370 for a family of 2! More income guidelines are on the next page. The more we participate, the more we get!

Business Cards

Please consider placing your business card or a personal message in The Bookworm. It's a economical way to show your support for the Ripley Public Library! Businesses or individual supporters of the Ripley Library who donate \$5 per month will receive business card space in The Bookworm.

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 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, so that we 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

	May 29	Sep 25
	Jun 26	Oct 30
	Jul 24	Nov 27
Apr 24	Aug 28	Dec to be decided



Notary Services

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

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.

information.

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.

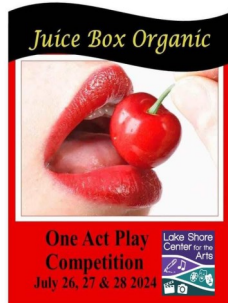
**Office of General Services
Food Distribution**

**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.

From Lakeshore Center for the Arts in Westfield, New York:



“We are thrilled to announce that two of our writers from our writers group at Lakeshore Center for the Arts had one act plays chosen as finalists for the Juice Box Organic One Act Play Competition! They were blindly chosen out of over 100 entries from all over the world. Congratulations **Robyn Albright** and **Catherine D’Agostino**. We cannot wait to see your plays performed along with the other finalists.

Our JUICE BOX ORGANIC ONE ACT PLAY COMPETITION 2024 is pleased to announce the top five comedies and top five dramas for our competition. The competition was stiff and very close, there is a lot of talent out there in the world. After reading and evaluating well over 100 plays the computer generated winners as follows:

Comedies:

Speed Dating by Richard Strickland, Stoughton, MA

Bazookas by Sharon Goldner, Baltimore, MD

Grimm and Bear It by Lindsey Brown, Auckland, NZ

Stealing a Kiss by Laurie Allen, Odessa, TX

Last Drinks by Greg Gould, Queensland, AUS

Dramas:

Internal Suspension by Catherine D’Agostino, Fredonia, NY

For the Record by FJ Hartland, Johnstown, PA

Together by Mike Sams, Buschland Beach, QLD, AUS

Eddy and Edna by Donald Loftus New York, NY

The Poem by Robyn Albright, Ripley, NY

We congratulate all of the top ten and look forward to seeing them performed on our stage in July. Directors and casts are being chosen now. Please follow us here and on our website for more details as we get closer.

<https://lakeshorecenterforthearts.com/>

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

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

TOWN OF RIPLEY

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings are held at 6:30 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

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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.

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- Administrators Coralee Shearer and Stephanie Eimers

The Bookworm/About Time- <https://ripleylibrary.org/>

From Desk of Post Command 2769

AS ALWAYS WE NEED NEW MEMBERS. REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE STILL SERVING.

APRIL 1st APRIL FOOLS' ; DAY BATTLE OF OKINAWA 1945

APRIL 6th U.S.ENTRY INTO WW1 1917. PERSIAN GULF WAR CEASE FIRE (1991)

APRIL 15th TAX DAY

APRIL 22nd PASSOVER BEGINS. EARTH DAY.

APRIL 26th ARBOR DAY

APRIL 30th PASSOVER ENDS.

GOOD NEWS! WE HAVE THE HOME TOWN HERO BANNERS IN. WE WILL START SOMETIME IN APRIL TO PUT THEM UP.. WE WILL DO A SECOND ROUND OF BANNERS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER TO FEBRUARY 2025. THERE WILL BE A COST INCREASE TO HELP COVER SHIPPING COST. A 8X10 PHOTO IF POSSIBLE. WE STILL NEED NEW MEMBERS SO WE CAN KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP UP. THE COST IS \$34.00 A YEAR DUES. YOU CAN CONTACT ME AT 716-736-5805 OR ANY OF OUR VFW MEMBERS. STAY SAFE . SPRING JUST MIGHT GET HERE.

**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.