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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

Upgraded internet and phone services

Due to the hard work of our Deputy Town Clerk and Town Clerk, we are in the process of upgrading both our Internet capacity as well as our phone service. The residents of Ripley will notice it most when calling the Town Offices. In the past, each Town employee had their own individual landline and cell phone. Once we have completed the installation of our new system, community members will only need to call one main phone number which will give you the option of connecting to the various Town Employees. We are very pleased that not only will this streamline our current Internet and phone systems, it will also save the Town and our taxpayers over \$150.00 per month.

Credit Card and Debit Card usage

Community members may now use credit and debit cards to pay the various bills collected by the Town Clerk. If needed, individuals may also call the Clerk's office to pay these bills when using a debit or credit card.

Town Beautification

With the warmer weather here, we are excited to begin evaluating ways in which we can landscape and improve the center of our town. Several members of the community have volunteered their services and we are excited to work collectively as a community to achieve these efforts.

Community Forum on April 17

We want to thank the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department for the opportunity to meet with them to discuss some concerns expressed by our community at various board meetings. We had a great turnout with about 70 people in attendance. I believe that both the Sheriffs and our community members came out of the meeting with a better understanding of the challenges we all face, not only in Ripley, but also throughout Chautauqua County. We all learned that we need to be diligent when it comes to securing our homes, vehicles and personal belongings. It was also recommended that when something does occur that needs to be reported to the police, make sure you gather as much information as you can about the individuals you are reporting. (i.e. height, hair color, license plate number, identifying markings/tattoos, etc.) It is also important that we all continue to work together and support each other in our efforts. Thank you to the Sheriff's Department and to all the community members in attendance.

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May 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**

Town Superintendent, continued

Highway Department

Jason Jones , Highway Superintendent wants to inform everyone that there are some changes coming to the right-of-way laws. He is trying to stay on top of these changes and inform our residents so individuals are well aware of these new laws. The specific information can be found on the Town's website.

Justice Department

Judge Husted wants to update the following court information:

-Court is held the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00AM and the third Monday of each month at 6:00PM.

-Court office hours are Monday and Thursday 9:00-AM to 3:30PM. Tuesday 9:00AM -noon.

-Criminal Court is held the 1st Thursday of every month at 9:00AM.

-Court is closed on all legal holidays

-Court is closed from noon-1:15PM for lunch, banking and post office business

Ripley Food Pantry

The food pantry is located next to the Town Hall offices and is open on Tuesdays from 2-4PM and on Saturdays from 10Am-12PM. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to stop by and see if you meet the guidelines. In addition, if you would like to donate canned, boxed or frozen items or make a monetary donation, that would be greatly appreciated. Paper products and toiletries are always in short supply and needed as well.

Town Board Meetings

Just a reminder that Town Board Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30PM.

Community Awareness Program on April 17th

Thank you to Linda Probst for this concise report from the meeting. These are her personal observations.

1) Do not approach or confront lawbreakers - stay safe. Take notes and photos - call the Sheriff's Dept at 716-753-2131 to report suspicious activity. Call 911 for emergency situations.

2) You cannot shoot someone just because they are on your property... c'mon now. Deadly force is only acceptable if you cannot flee, and are facing imminent injury/death.

3) Install cameras with good data storage, and maybe some bright motion detector lights.

4) Lock up everything - house, car, shed, etc. Don't make stealing easy.

5) Stay in touch with your neighbors about sightings and watch each other's homes - create your own neighborhood watch.

6) NYS bail reform laws are frustrating for all of us - people seem to get released five minutes after their arrest. Don't give up, keep recording and reporting the offenders and help to build a shopping list of charges.

April in the Town Clerk's Office

May in the Town Clerk's Office

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

Announcements:

***New Town Clerk Hours were 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.

*The Town Offices will be undergoing some **tech upgrades** in the coming months. If you can not get a hold of us via email or phone, it may be because our phone/internet lines are temporarily down to complete the upgrades. **We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will get back to you as soon as we can.**

May Closures:

* Saturday May 25th – Monday May 27th (Have a safe Memorial Weekend!)

Notes from The Clerk:

***The Clerk's Office can now take Debit/Credit Card Payments!**

*Board Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 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

Fax: 716-736-2202

Address: 14 N. State St., Ripley NY

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Address: 14 N. State St. Ripley, NY 14775

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

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

Month: April 2024

Total calls answered:

24 calls from March 26, 2024 – April 24, 2024. (5 of the 24 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 17

Fires: 6

Service Calls: 1

Total calls to date for 2024 – 109

Training completed by our members:

On April 8, 2024, our members were on standby at Ripley Hose #1 in the event of any issues during the eclipse. Thankfully, no issues were reported and our members were able to enjoy the eclipse event at the hall. Sheriff Quattrone even joined us!



Ripley Hose Company No. 1, continued

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775



On April 16, 2024, members of Ripley Hose #1 and Ripley Hose #2 trained at Ripley Central School. To prepare for emergencies members learned the floor plan of the school, alarm panels, utility shut offs, bus garage alarm panels, and pre-planned for roof access if ever needed. A special thank you to David Graham for the school tour!

Congratulations to our newest FIREFIGHTERS, Austin Henry and Gavin Segovia! They completed NYS certification in BEFO W/HMFRO (Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations and Hazmat Materials First Responder Operations!) 79 hours of training!

This course prepares new firefighters to operate as exterior firefighters.

Students participate in learning events covering firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus inspection and cylinder changing, fire department communications, building construction and fire behavior, modern fire control research, portable fire extinguishers, rope and knot tying, ground ladders, forcible entry, tactical ventilation theory, water supply, hose and fire streams, loss control, orientation to fire origin and cause determination, fire prevention and life safety initiatives, confined space awareness, overview of first aid and buddy care, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations. WELL DONE, Gentlemen!



FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

Fun quiz from 99 years and 199 years ago!

1. **What occurred on January 24, 1925?**

- A. Stock market crashed
- B. Total eclipse of the sun
- C. Local resident, Charles Mann Hamilton announced his candidacy for US President

2. **Who traveled through Stateline into the Town of Ripley on June 3, 1825?**

- A. Former President Thomas Jefferson
- B. President John Quincy Adams
- C. Major General LaFayette
- D. Chief Cornplanter

3. **The earliest usage of what took place on November 17, 1825?**

- A. Ripley Fire Department
- B. US Coinage
- C. Quincy Post Office
- D. Ripley Library

While going through a desk drawer I found this page from The Ripley Review, 1934! Ninety years ago The Ripley Review was a vital part of the community. See the next page for the back side of this poster.

Robyn Albright



The Red Cross in Action



HER HEART IS IN HER WORK
Devoted Red Cross volunteer makes braille books for blind readers. Thousands engage in this work for



RED CROSS NURSE PROTECTS MOTHER'S HEALTH
—These nurses annually visit thousands of expectant mothers, instructing them in health measures.



WHEN THERE IS SICKNESS IN THE HOME—Red Cross Home Hygiene arms sisters and mothers with vital knowledge with which to meet this emergency.



WHAT THE RED CROSS DOES
IN DISASTER—Gave relief in 86 disasters this year. Expended for this relief \$1,873,300.
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH—Employs 768 public health nurses. These nurses:
Make a million visits to the sick. Aid in health examinations of school children. Instruct in maternity cases to protect health of mother and baby.
Teaches Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick. Assists health authorities where epidemics occur.
FOR VETERANS—Aids in problems of 250,000 Veterans and their dependents. Provides recreation for veterans in hospitals. Sustains morale of men in regular service with friendly help.
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY—Trains men in first aid to the injured. Instructs in life saving and water safety.
FOR CHILDREN—Enrolls seven million school children in community service through Junior Red Cross.
FOR U. S. GOVERNMENT—Instructs 70,000 unemployed men in first aid. Safeguards C.C.C. camp workers with first aid and life saving knowledge. Maintains reserve of nurses for all emergencies.
FOR THE BLIND—Provides braille books through many libraries.
FOR THE NEEDY—Gives clothing, medical supplies, layettes for infants.
FOR THE NATION—Maintains 3,700 Chapters, 10,000 branches ready to meet any emergency. Five hundred thousand men and women volunteers give their services through the Red Cross.
FOR THE WORLD—Cooperates with Red Cross societies of 57 nations.

"IT'S YOUR MOVE!"
—Gray Lady and disabled sailor play checkers. Red Cross provides recreation in all Government Hospitals.



WHEN YOU BREAK YOUR ARM ON THE JOB—Seventy thousand federal relief workers were taught Red Cross first aid to prepare against such emergencies.



DOBBIN TO THE RESCUE—Red Cross relief worker resorts to old methods in reaching marooned during winter floods in Washington and Idaho where 3,000 families were aided.

Ripley United Methodist Church has a Prayer Box set up in front of the church at 84 W. Main Street, 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.

Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals Openings Available

The town is in need of volunteers to sit on the planning board and volunteers for the zoning board of appeals. Anyone interested can contact the town clerk's office for more information if interested. 716-736-6881

Thank you!

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
Jun 26
Jul 24
Aug 28

Sep 25
Oct 30
Nov 27
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.

**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.

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 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

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.

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.

MAY 2nd NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 8th VE DAY 1945

MAY 10th MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

MAY 12th MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 18th ARMED FORCES DAY

MAY 22nd NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

MAY 23rd POST MEETING @10:30 @TOWN HALL

MAY 24th NATIONAL POPPY DAY

MAY 27th MEMORIAL DAY THE LINE UP FOR THAT DAY IS :

10:00am SERVICE AT EAST RIPLEY CEMETERY. AT NOON A LUNCHEON FOR ALL

VETERANS AND SPOUSES. LINE UP FOR PARADE AT 1:00pm ON ROSS

STREET. WILL STEP OFF AT 1:30pm. SERVICE AT QUINCY CEMETERY AT ABOUT

2pm. CONTACT STAN HARRIS FOR PARADE LINE UP. THE VETERANS BANNERS WILL

GO UP IN EARLY MAY WEATHER PERMITTING. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN AND QUALIFY

WE WANT TO SIGN YOU UP. WE PAY THE FIRST YEAR'S DUES OF \$35.00.

**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.