

# Rush City DATELINE

March, April and May, 2024



In 1998, two years after the North Chapter of the Chisago Co Historical Society (CCHS) requested to sponsor the M60A3 battle tank, it arrived from the Pine City Armory, and was placed at the Rush City Fairgrounds. Many have enjoyed seeing the tank on their way in and out of town and it became an icon in Rush City. Due to maintenance and US Army paperwork that was necessary to keep the tank in Rush City, the CCHS Board decided that after 26 years, another organization will do the honors. It has welcomed people to Rush City for decades and will now do so in the Waverly, MN community.

## End of an Era

The demolition of the former hospital/clinic



The Rush City Hospital went through many changes over the years. What started in 1941 as a new, much needed hospital changed in 1998 to become part of the family of Fairview clinics where it enjoyed a steady stream of customers for many years before closing in 2018.

## LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY TO TAKE PLACE IN RUSH CITY



Rush City has received grant money from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to fund the work of conducting a lead service line inventory required of all city water systems. A service line is the pipe connecting the water main to the interior plumbing of a building. Service lines are made of different materials such as copper or PVC, but lead service lines were commonly used prior to the 1986 federal ban on lead service lines. Over the next few months, City staff will be working with the City's engineer, SEH, to develop a lead service line inventory to document every service line's material and location by reviewing historical records, giving residents the opportunity to identify their own service line, and giving residents the opportunity to allow City and SEH staff to inspect residents' service lines. There is no safe level of lead and developing a lead service line inventory will be the first step to replace any lead service lines in the City's water system. If you live in an area that has been identified as potentially having lead service lines, you will receive more information from the City Hall in the mail within the next couple of months. You cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water. The best way to know your risk of exposure to lead in drinking water is to identify the potential sources of lead in your service line and household plumbing. Because no safe blood level has been identified for young children, all sources of lead exposure for children should be controlled or eliminated.



## Notes from the Chisago County Sheriff's Office

by Sgt. Scott Berg

### Scammers and Swindlers

One of the most common attacks we see are what we call "phishing" attacks (pronounced like fishing). This is when an attacker contacts you pretending to be somebody you know or an organization you trust, and tries to get you to give them personal information or open a malicious website or file. Most phishing attempts arrive via email, but they can also come via text messages, direct messages on social media, or even phone calls. What they all have in common are: The message or call will appear to come from **a person or organization you trust**. Could be your bank, the government, a tech company like Microsoft, Amazon, or Apple. The truly daring scammers may try to impersonate your boss or a family member. The messages usually have **a sense of urgency** to them. Something is going to be canceled, you're going to have to pay some kind of penalty, or you're going to miss out on some kind of special deal, and you have to act NOW. The urgency is to get you act on the message without thinking about it too much, consulting a trusted advisor, or looking into whether the message might be a fake. The message will include **something you need to click on** – a link to a website, or an attached file most commonly. The website will likely be a fake version of a legitimate website, designed to fool you into entering your username and password, or other personal information, so they can steal that information to use themselves. Any attached file is almost certainly malware. What can you do about phishing?

1. Look carefully at any messages you get that want you to take urgent action. Pay particular attention to the email address of the sender. If the message claims to be from your bank but the sender's email address is not your bank's domain name that should be a loud warning.
2. Never open any links or attachments you weren't expecting; even if they appear to come from somebody you trust. If you get a link that appears to be from your bank or other trusted organization, open a new tab in your web browser and go directly to the organization's website by typing in the organization's domain name yourself.
3. Use SmartScreen for Microsoft Edge which can help to block known phishing websites.



## Notes from the Rush City Fire Department

By Chief Bob Carlson

We would like to thank EVERYONE who supported the 7th annual fire department calendar! We were able to purchase new dual certification gear for our fire fighters and also some extrication equipment. Through the generosity of our residents, sponsors and the Rush Lake Improvement Association, we are able to better protect both you and our fire fighters. Thank you for your support! Congratulations to Jacob Scherer, Brian Seiberlich, Ron Westberg and Beau Mysliwiec for completing Fire Fighter I and II and also Hazardous Materials training. The 8th annual Fire and Ice Polar Lunge was also a huge success. We teamed up with the Harris Fire Department this year. Flickabirds Resort sponsored the event again and allowed us to use their access to Rush Lake. There were 31 jumpers in all that braved the icy waters. Below are a few photos from this fun event. (below, left) Flickabirds owners Nick Hammond and Jason (JD) Davis pondered their jump. (bottom left) 2nd place winners Sam Schlavin and Tavis Anderson. (below) 1st place winners Jayden Westburg (cow) and his father, RC fire fighter Ron Westburg. (Bottom right) Team Innovative jumper Amy Koch showed amazing form on her jump!



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***Congratulations!***

to the recipients of the

**2023 Citizens of the Year Award**

***Holly and Jerry Schellbach***

Join us for the award presentation and celebration on April 26, 2024 in the Spare Room at Chucker's Bowl. Social hour and dessert start at 6:30pm followed by a program and champagne toast at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Perreault Chiropractic, Olson Funeral Home and at Chucker's Bowl.



**Rush City Students Promote Fire Prevention**



Fire Prevention Week may have been last October but the lessons the Elementary students learned will benefit them, and their families, all year long. The theme was "Be Safe in the Kitchen". Students drew a picture portraying what this theme means to them and how to implement safety in their own homes. Photos above show some of the winners.



**at First Lutheran Church**

Saturday April 13th, 5-7pm  
Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, beverages, and dessert.  
Family Friendly! Adults \$10  
Kids 12 and under are free!



**Rush City Women's Club**

Established 1921

Rush City Women's Club meets at the Rush City Community Center; 720 W 14th Street Rush City; on the 4th Monday of each month; March - November. The upcoming meetings for March, April and May are: March 25th, April 22nd and May 28. Doors open at 5 pm; Dinner at 5:30 pm; program 6:00pm and meeting at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining Women's Club; contact Nancy Schroeder 320-358-4030.



This is the PERFECT time of year to trim back the tree branches and bushes that may be growing over and into your driveway. The RCFD recently had to replace the windshield one of our fire trucks because it was damaged by an overhanging tree branch. This is an expensive repair and would have been unnecessary had the home owner trimmed their branches back. The Rush City Fire Department thanks you! Also, be extra vigilant when burning outside. The lack of snow and the abundance of exposed vegetation makes this task a bit more dangerous as it is much easier for burn piles to get out of control. Grass fires are currently at an all-time high. Thank you!



## Building Brighter Futures: Rush City School District's Proactive Approach

Dear Residents of Rush City,

As we reflect on the journey of education in our community, I am proud to share the proactive initiatives and dedicated efforts of the Rush City School District. As Superintendent, it is my privilege to witness firsthand the commitment of our staff and the positive impact they make on the lives of our students every day.

At Rush City School District, we believe in proactive planning as the cornerstone of our educational approach. From curriculum development to student support services, every aspect of our operations is carefully crafted to meet the evolving needs of our diverse student body. Our proactive stance enables us to anticipate challenges and seize opportunities to enhance the learning experience for all.

One of the hallmarks of our district is the responsiveness of our staff to the increased needs of our students. Whether it's providing additional academic support, fostering social development, or offering extracurricular opportunities, our educators go above and beyond to ensure that every child receives the support they need to thrive. It is this dedication that truly sets Rush City School District apart.

As we continue to focus on preparing our students for success, we are thrilled to announce our upcoming Career Day on Thursday, May 9th from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. This event is an invaluable opportunity for our students to explore various career paths, engage with professionals from diverse fields, and gain insights into the skills and knowledge required for success in the workforce. We invite members of our community to participate in this enriching event and share their expertise with the next generation. If your business or organization would like to get involved, please call our high school counseling office at 320-358-1269.

What do all of these things have in common? They underscore the unwavering commitment of our district to the betterment of our students' futures. Rush City School District is more than just a place of learning; it is a community filled with supportive, dedicated individuals who are working tirelessly to empower our students and prepare them for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

As we look to the future, let us continue to build upon the foundation of excellence that defines Rush City School District. Together, we can ensure that every student reaches their full potential and emerges as a confident, capable leader in our community and beyond.



**I LOVE TO READ MONTH CELEBRATION!  
AT C.E. JACOBSON ELEMENTARY**



**SATURDAY,  
MAY 11TH**



**LETTER CARRIER'S  
FOOD DRIVE**



Saturday, May 11th marks the 33rd anniversary of one of America's great days of giving – the National Association of Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger\* Food Drive. Letter Carriers travel through their communities daily, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger. Each year, on the second Saturday in May, Letter Carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in Rush City who need our help. Over the course of its 33 year history, the drive has collected well over 1.9 billion pounds of food, thanks to a Postal Service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The need for food donations is great. Currently, more than 44 millions Americans are unsure where their next meal will come from. More than 13 million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. Nearly 5.5 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help. Our food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need. Participating in this year's Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger\* Food Drive is simple. Just leave non-perishable food donations in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 11th, 2024 and your letter carrier will do the rest. Please help us in our fight to Stamp Out Hunger. Sincerely, Letter Carriers of the Rush City Post Office



### Join us for Earth Day!

Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate Earth Day at the 3rd Annual Earth Day Expo. This FREE family friendly event focuses on the importance of caring for our planet and highlights many ways everyone can get involved. Experts on bee keeping, gardening, solar, recycling, energy and many other topics will be available to share information and answer questions. There will also be fun activities for the kids, door prizes to win, and concessions to purchase from the Rush City High School band and choir students.

RUSH CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBER  
SPOTLIGHT

**EMILY WALTER**

BRANCH MANAGER AT UNITY BANK

DIRECTOR OF THE RUSH CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Emily pursued her career in the banking industry in 2006 and joined Unity Bank in 2009. She quickly felt at home, as she realized the values of the bank aligned with her own. She shared the same vision, mission, and goals of Unity. Her passion comes to life in the work that is meaningful to her as she interacts with the community, her staff, and her customers. She finds true value in educating the community in all areas of financial literacy and guides each customer towards reaching their financial goals. Emily shares her love for the community with her husband, Michael, and her 12 year old son, who keeps her busy participating in the Rush City travelling basketball team. Emily was born and raised in the North Branch area and is so proud to continue to be a part of these local communities. When asked about what Rush City means to her, Emily stated, "The people of this town are second to none, their camaraderie, selflessness, and spirit to make this community an amazing place to live, work and play is so evident. The chamber is no different. A group of committed, talented and caring people who want to create memorable events to support the community they love. I enjoy seeing the community pull together with the outstanding events that are planned by this team. I appreciate being a part of this community." We are happy to have you here, Emily!



# Join in the fun at the Rush City Public Library

where you'll find great books...and a whole lot more!



240 West 4th Street  
PO Box 556  
Rush City, MN 55069  
Phone: (320) 358-3948  
Fax: (320) 358-9905  
Web: eclib.org

## Hours of Operation

- Tues 10 am – 7 pm
- Wed 10 am – 5 pm
- Thurs 12 – 5 pm
- Fri: 12 – 5 pm
- Sat: 10 am – 1 pm

You're invited! Be a Friend of the Library!

Do you enjoy and believe that your local library is an asset to the Rush City community? The Rush City Friends of the Library are looking for new members to help revitalize the organization. The Friends provide support at the grassroots level by:

- Assisting library staff with events and projects
- Organizing book club meetings and book sales
- Fundraising efforts
- Exercising your voice – Advocacy!

Please speak to staff at the Rush City Library to learn more about the Friends of the Library and their activities. Drop on by or call the library today!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Willow Brae (Live Irish and Scottish Music)

Tuesday, March 5, 6pm-7pm

Willow Brae is the duo of Celtic harpist Andrea Stern and multi-instrumentalist Laura MacKenzie. Their music charms and uplifts audiences of all ages.

No registration necessary. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Book Club Discussion

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30pm-6:45pm

Join the Rush City Friends of the Library for a discussion on My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman. Copies of the book are available for sign-out at the library or digitally through the Libby app. This book club is recommended for ages 18-plus, and no registration is necessary. Coffee and treats will be provided.

## PROGRAMS!



## BOOK CLUB



## BOOK SALE



## ADVOCACY





## Leprechauns on the Loose

Starting Friday, March 1

Help the Rush City Library with our leprechaun problem! As you may have heard, we are often invaded by mischief-making leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day. We are relying on your creativity to prevent these little rascals from overtaking our library this year. Here's how you can help:

- First, register for this program on our online events calendar at [eclib.org](http://eclib.org). Build a leprechaun trap using items from home. Hint: Start with a cardboard box or perhaps an empty tissue or shoe box, and go from there.
- By or before 5pm, Thursday, March 14: Bring your trap to the Rush City Library in time to help prevent leprechaun mischief on St. Patrick's Day!
- Friday, March 22: Return to the library and receive a report on how successful your trap was and get a small reward for your help! We would love to keep all traps on display until the end of March to inspire others in catching their own leprechauns.
- Saturday, March 30-Tuesday, April 2: Pick up your trap and bring it home with our thanks for sharing your creativity with us!



## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Heritage Fiber Guild

First & Third Thursdays, 12pm-4pm

Start or continue your needlework project with the Heritage Fiber Guild on the first and third Thursday of the month from 12pm to 4pm at the Rush City Library. Bring your project and supplies in fiber or paper arts and work with fellow friendly crafters. All skill levels welcome; no registration necessary.

### Preschool Storytime

First & Third Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:30am

Join us at Preschool Storytime for stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts, and more! This 60-minute program is designed for children ages 3-5, but siblings are welcome with adult supervision. No registration necessary.

### Lego Club

Second & Fourth Thursdays, 3pm-4:30pm

Use your imagination to build a monster truck, an ocean scene, or whatever your heart desires during this drop-in event. For ages 6-12. No registration necessary.

Special thanks to the **Rush City Lions** and **Rush City Friends of the Library** whose generous support has made this year's Summer Discovery Program possible!



Sunday, March 24th from 2:00-4:00pm at Chucker's Bowl. Benefit the Rush City pool and you might even win a delicious ham. Cards are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. Get more info on the City of Rush City Facebook page.



### Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 18th!

Rush City is teaming up with Evergreen Recycling and Waste Management to bring you the annual Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 18th from 8:00am to 10:30am at the Public Works Garage located at 51569 Forest Blvd. We are able to keep our costs low due to generous donations from local businesses. In 2023, Rush City Lions Club, the Rush City Sno-Bugs, Rush Printing and the Rush Lake Improvement Association donated. We will also have many helpers from both the Lions Club and the Rush City Fire Department to keep things moving along quickly. This program is for the benefit of Chisago County residents. If you don't have a home in this county, your costs to participate will be higher. No household or hazardous waste. Appliances - \$5.00- \$10.00  
TV sets - \$15.00 to \$30.00 Tires - \$5.00 to \$35.00  
Sofas, Large Overstuffed Chairs, Bedsprings - \$30.00 to \$50.00 Mattresses/Box Springs - \$10-\$15  
Sofa Sleeper (Sofa with mattress) - \$40.00-50.00  
Computer Items - free to \$15  
Fluorescent bulbs- 4' and under \$1.00, over 4' - \$2.00 Prices may vary at time of event.



### Garage Sale Day is Saturday, May 11th!

Spring is nearly here and that means it's time to get ready for the Rush City - City Wide Garage Sale. The map and ad listing will be published in the May 5th Scotsman and May 9th County News Review, and will also appear on their website at [www.CountyNewsReview.com](http://www.CountyNewsReview.com). The cost is \$15 for the 3 line minimum and \$5 for each additional line. The coupon to place your ad will appear in the Scotsman the prior weeks and can be mailed to: Scotsman, 234 So. Main Street, Cambridge, MN 55008. It can also be called into 763-689-1981.



### Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels

Two ways to get good food in Rush City!

Senior Dining is available in Rush City for anyone over 60 years old every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Community Center. These low cost meals can even be delivered right to your home! Contact Laverne at 320-358-3611 for more information.

### Chisago County Board of Review

This is your opportunity to discuss property values and classifications on your residential or commercial property with local and Chisago County officials.

City of Rush City - Wednesday, April 10th at 9:30am at City Hall, 325 S. Eliot Avenue.

Nessel Township - Wednesday, April 17th at 9:30am at the Town Hall, 49205 Acacia Trail, Stanchfield.

Rushseba Township - Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:30am at the Town Hall, 51445 Forest Boulevard.



Shelli Ricci of Wild Blue Whimsy is the featured speaker and presenter at the annual Piecemakers Quilt Guild Community Event on June 17 at 7 pm at First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rush City. Shelli discovered a love for quilting 24 years ago bringing an artistic vibe to her creations. She teaches classes on art quilting at her local quilt shop, quilting cruises, and quilt guilds. Please join Shelli for an evening filled with creativity and inspiration. Refreshments will be served. This a free community event sponsored by the Piecemakers Quilt Guild sharing a craft passed down from many generations and cultures.

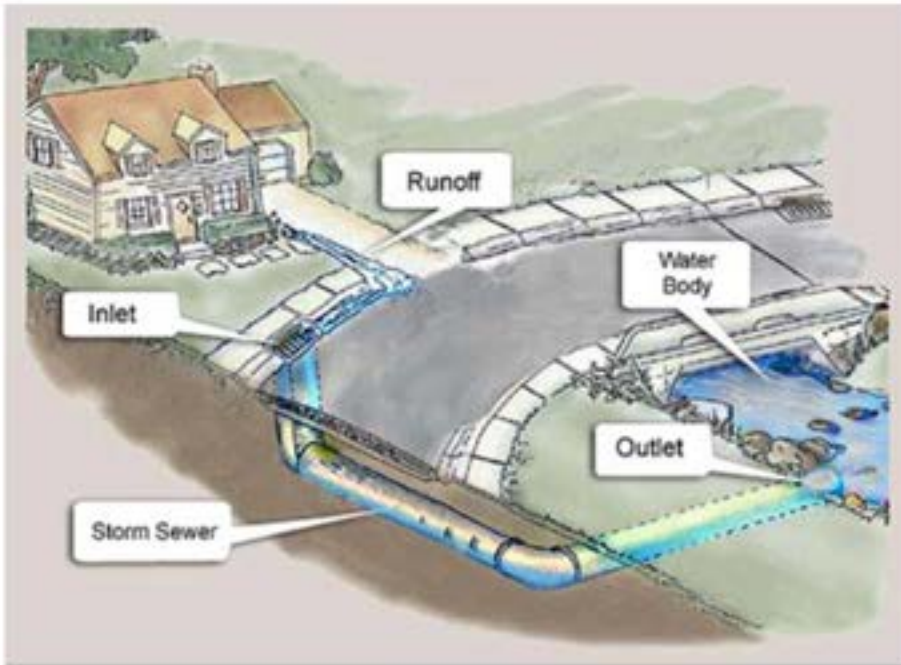


Help protect your drinking water AND the environment.

Why keep storm sewers clean?  
Because clean above means clean below!  
What drains is ultimately what we drink.



Dumping of any kind to the storm drain is illegal.



What is an illicit discharge?

An illicit discharge is something in the storm sewer system that is not entirely storm water, and mostly occurs through human pollution, pet waste, etc. Illicit discharges greatly impact and pollute our surface and ground waters. Catch basins in Rush City do not lead to treatment plants, but instead lead directly to local waterways, therefore dumping will not 'take away' your problem, but will impact your health, your drinking water supply, and your local water recreation activities. Examples of illicit discharges are sewage leaching in from leaky or overflowing septic systems, illicit sewer-line connections to the storm line, trash leaching to or inside the storm line, and dumping of any kind which most frequently includes motor oil, grease

from commercial sites, household toxics, pet waste, and more. Should you see an illicit discharge, suspicious material or dumping to the storm drains, report it at once to the City Hall. Clogged storm drains from illicit dumping can cause local flooding onto your property. The Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility may be able to accept the material you wish to dispose of. They can be reached at 651-213-8920.



Thumbs down! Wash water will run to catch basin then pollute local waterways



Thumbs up! The lawn will eat up that phosphorus and filter out other pollutants.



### Join the MN "Adopt-A-Storm Drain Program"

Volunteer fifteen minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities. Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.

Go to [www.mn.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.mn.adopt-a-drain.org) to learn more.



**step**  
Sign up online to adopt a drain in your neighborhood.



**step**  
Keep your drain clear. Sweep leaves, trash and other debris off the drain.



**step**  
Track your impact. Keep an estimated total of the debris you collect and enter it into your online account so we can gauge the cumulative results of our work.

# SUMMER 'SHELL SERIES CHILI COOK OFF

23 MAY, 2024

RUSH CITY PARK - S DANA AVE & 4TH ST



2024 'Shell Series Kick-Off!  
Cool Music, Hot Chili & Bouncy House

Thursday, May 23rd  
LIVE MUSIC by SHOVEL SHOT 6-8PM  
Bouncy House!  
Chili Tasting & Voting 6-7:30PM  
Awards 8PM  
MUSIC is Free, Chili Tasting \$5  
Beverages Available for Purchase



## FREE MUSIC SHOVEL SHOT FOOD BEER WAGON



Presented by The Rush City Area Chamber of Commerce  
A Special Thanks To: City of Rush City, East Central Auto Sales, Peter's Rubbish, Perreault  
Chiropractic, Plashed Corporation, Thompson Sewer, Rush City EDA



It's time to reserve your plot at the Rush City Community Gardens. The 8'x20' plots cost \$15.00, a shared plot (8'x10') cost is \$7.50 or 2 plots for \$25.00 and the raised beds are \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.00 for the season. The plots are tilled and there are tools in the shed for your use in the gardens. A meeting for all the gardeners will be scheduled mid-May. You will receive a tour and answers to your questions. We started a perennial fruit & vegetable garden and plan to build a rain and shade shelter in this area. We will continue our hot pepper project again this year and we will establish a perennial pollinator flower garden also. Our Community Gardens depend on volunteer help from the gardeners. Reserve your plots for the summer at City Hall or call 320 358 4743 with questions.

*What do you do when there is very little snow?*

*Make a very little snowman!*



Two year old Jax (above) and his 11 year old sister, Stella, made good use of a little bit of snow to make their snowman, aptly named "Tinyman", and is the winner of our February contest. They will be awarded some great prizes including donuts from the Rush City Bakery, pizza and mini-golf from Bulrush Golf Course and free bowling and a beverage from Chucker's Bowl. Great snowman, Jax and Stella!



Our members are looking forward to 2024 as we have a lot of new activities planned. On March 21st, we will be hosting a floral painting of tulips event (right) with Beroun native and instructor Peg Skalicky at the Rushseba Town Hall. This event is for members only so if you'd like to join us, contact Bev at the number below.



On April 18th we meet at the Rushseba Town Hall and our guest speaker will be a Master Gardener from Chisago County that will be giving us information on Perennial Planting. This starts at 9:00a.m. May 18th is our annual Spring Plant Sale that is held at the Rush City Park from 10:00am-1:00pm. Our club looks forward to this Sale every year. If you are interested in joining our Garden Club, please contact our membership director, Bev Anderson, at 612-390-6705. You would be most welcome!



Rushseba Station and Landing employees are proud to know the veterans that live within our buildings! These men and women are valued members of our community, and we respect and honor their sacrifices and service.

We know that often, veterans are eligible for benefits but unaware of what those benefits are. We do our best to connect our residents as well as the greater community with the right resources in order to get the services they deserve. Our Chisago County Veterans Officer, Bryan Brown is a wonderful resource and very knowledgeable and helpful to seniors and all veterans. Bryan will be at Rushseba on April 11th at 10:00 am to present valuable information on veteran's benefits. We hope you can make it!

As always, feel free to connect with us for questions related to senior housing and services. We are happy to be that resource or connect you with the right people!

320-318-2720 | 700 W 14th St., Rush City MN 55069 | [www.silvercreekseior.com/rushseba](http://www.silvercreekseior.com/rushseba)

 **American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, May 13 at the First Lutheran Church  
1000 S. JAY AVENUE, 1:00PM - 7:00PM

If you have any questions please call 1-800-733-2767 or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to make your appointment and for rapid pass.

*Power Red and O Types greatly needed!*



Restoration Church  
260 W. 3rd Street, Rush City  
[www.restorationchurch.org](http://www.restorationchurch.org)  
320-566-1124



Join us for Easter Sunday service, March 31, at the Community Center. We start at 10:00am and will follow it up with a free potluck meal. Come as you are, and no need to bring a dish. We'd love to see you there. Free Community Meal every last Wednesday of the month! March 27, April 24, and May 29. Join us at the ROC (next to the post office) each month if you're hungry, feeling alone and want to meet people, or just to get out at no cost. Meals start at 4:30pm and usually end about 6:30pm. We hope you can make it.



**Rush City Food Shelf Update**

"The united strength of a society is mirrored through the vulnerable community it feeds."

— Wayne Chirisa

**MARCH MEANS MATCH!!!** March again brings the MN **MARCH FOODSHARE CAMPAIGN** sponsored by the Greater Mpls Council of Churches, which makes every donation to RCFS in March especially valuable. ALL funds donated to RCFS STAY here, plus the matching funds. Even though 90% of food shelf users aged 18-64 are employed, most have high rents, earn low wages, have high medical expenses, high utility bills, high daycare costs, missing child support payments or unplanned car repairs. 38% are children, 22% depend on Social Security alone. 85% do NOT qualify for SNAP (food stamps). In 2023, RCFS served 399 DIFFERENT individuals in this community, in 185 different households, more than 59,000 pounds of food. **GARDENERS!** We need you to please consider growing an extra row for our food shelf this season.

Rush City Food Shelf is an ALL Volunteer, ALL donation 501(c)3 non-profit service to your community. An AMAZING selfless group of volunteers make this happen every Tuesday from 3:00pm-5:00pm (3:00pm-6:00pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month only) at the RC Community Center located at 720 W 14th St. Food prices have risen at the Food Bank as well as much less commodity being offered from the USDA forcing all food shelves to have to purchase much more at retail prices. ANY donation is greatly appreciated and can be mailed to RCFS, P O Box 178, Rush City, MN 55069 or dropped off during Tuesday distribution. For more info, contact us at 320-358-4428 , 763-274-8055, or email us at [rushcityfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:rushcityfoodshelf@gmail.com). Thank you for your crucial support.





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US POSTAGE PAID  
EDDM RETAIL  
PERMIT NO. 52

## Your City Council



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Frank Storm, Council Member  
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Dan Meyer, Council Member  
651-249-9041  
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City Offices will be closed for the following holidays.

Monday, May 27th - Memorial Day

### City Staff

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Lisa Ripp, Account Clerk  
lripp@ci.rush-city.mn.us

### Contact the City

City Hall-320-358-4743, fax 320-358-4067  
email: cityhall@ci.rush-city.mn.us  
325 S. Eliot Avenue, PO Box 556, Rush City, MN  
55069- Public Works Garage 320-358-3142

### Connect with Rush City

City Website - [www.rushcitymn.us](http://www.rushcitymn.us)  
City of Rush City Facebook Page

Sgt. Scott Berg/Sheriff's Office- 320-358-4741

### Next deadline is May 1st, 2024

ATTENTION - PUBLICATION DATES AND NOTICES  
DEADLINE.

The next newsletter is scheduled for release on June 1st, 2024.  
Please email event information to Lisa Ripp at  
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