## Report on 6th Annual Town of Rush Earth Day & Arbor Day Clean-Up April 2023

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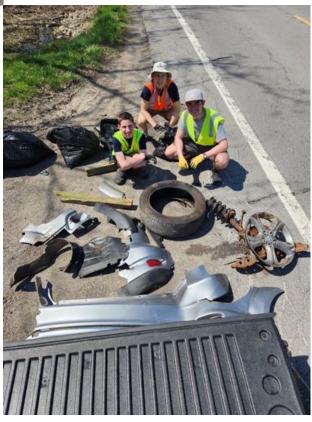
In 2023, for the 6th year in a row, the Rush Recreation and Park Association sponsored 15 Days of Spring with a clean-up of town neighborhoods, parks, and public spaces, leading up to a final clean-up of the hamlet and an Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 29.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 134 did a great job again this year! Clean-Up organizer Pamm Wait wrote: "On Sunday April 16, the Scouts cleaned Rush Scottsville Rd from the Hundred Acres parking lot to the Scottsville town line and then back up to just below the Railroad Museum. I was stunned by how much trash they collected, given they did the same basic area a year ago. They found the remnants of a car accident, with many parts of the vehicle left behind on the side of the road. Later I met them again back at the Highway Department where they drove back to the dumpster and unloaded 2 truck beds. The dumpster is now completely FULL!"



The Boy Scouts cleaned Stoney Brook Park, and also Rush-Scottsville Rd from the parking lot in the Hundred Acres Park to the Scottsville line.

Assorted trash found by the Boy Scouts!



The Girl Scout of Troop 60494 and Troop 60626 cleaned up the hamlet on Friday April 21. As with the Boy Scouts, organizer Pamm Wait met them with equipment and with refreshments when their job was done.



We got an amusing report from Michael Murphy of Pinnacle Road, along with a photo:

"Cleaned up the same area this year, from Lyons road intersection on Pinnacle to the Henrietta border on both sides. Took about two hours this year and collected two bags of garbage. Basically, the same amount as last year.

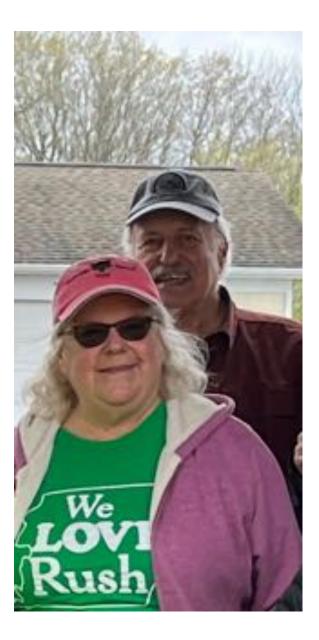
"The local town drunk has continued the Fireball airplane bottles but has switched from one brand to all varieties of alcohol including a new wine habit. The local chew tobacco user has continued with the same brand (3rd year in a row). The new item of the year was......zip ties! Frontier ran fiber this past year and I assume the amount of plastic ties is solely from them. Regarding other roadside trash, last year it was gas station salads, but this year was more of a variety, with the majority being Taco Bell cups."



Volunteers at A Horse's Friend helped clean up parts of the Rush Riverside Refuge. Members of the Rush Recreation and Park Association cleaned up parts of at least the following roads: East River Road, Five Points Road, and Honeoye Falls #6 Road. On the day of the Arbor Day celebration, a team cleaned up the Veterans Park, the Post Office area, the front of the Methodist church, the dam and Honeoye Creek Area, the entrance to the Lehigh Valley Trail near Montesano's and its parking lot, as well as other points encountered on the return route to the Arbor Day Celebration.

Town Board members Amber Corbin and Jeanne Morelli, and Town Supervisor Gerry Kusse, participated in the Arbor Day event and each delivered an impressive amount of trash to show for their efforts. Jeanne and John Morelli brought in a rusty muffler, and Gerry and Deb Kusse Deb brought in a dramatic but unidentifiable arch which can be seen in the photos!





The following Rush residents participated in the April 29 hamlet clean-up and Arbor Day Celebration: Carol Barnett, Amber Corbin, Paul Corbin, Janet Glocker, Kathryn Hankins, Lee Hankins, Deb Kusse, Gerry Kusse, Jeanne Morelli, John Morelli, Marianne Rizzo, Hans Schmitthenner, Pamm Wait, Shannon Wisnowski, Steve Wisnowski, and Emily & Lily Wisnowski. Supervisor Gerry Kusse gave an Arbor Day proclamation; and Kathryn Hankins and Pamm Wait served refreshments.

Here are some more photos of the Arbor Day Celebration!











## THANK YOU

Thank you to Rush Town Supervisor Gerry Kusse, the Rush Town Board, and Highway Superintendent Mark David for their support.

Thank you to Rush RPA Treasurer Pamm Wait for her thorough, careful, and generous organizing for this event, including the hamlet clean-up and the Arbor Day Celebration.

Thank you to the many residents of Rush and Henrietta who participated in the Clean-Up.

Thank you for taking good care of our town!





Here is a Northern Red Oak tree planted by the Rush Recreation and Park Association on the "campus" near the Rush Town Hall, Rush Public Library, Udicious Pavilion, and 1911 House, on May 14, 2021, in honor of Arbor Day.

As of Arbor Day 2023, the tree is thriving!