

A Little Help for Our Local Food Pantry

Last summer, thanks to the incredible generosity of our Rushford Lake community, the food pantry shelves were absolutely brimming with donations. It was a wonderful reminder of what we can accomplish when neighbors help neighbors.

Unfortunately, those shelves are nearly empty once again.

The need for food assistance doesn't end when summer does. Families and individuals throughout our area continue to rely on the pantry year-round, and supplies have been steadily depleted over the past several months.

As you stock your camp, cottage, or home this season, please consider picking up a few extra non-perishable items for the pantry. Every can of soup, box of pasta, jar of peanut butter, or package of cereal makes a difference. No donation is too small, and together we can refill those shelves and ensure that no one in our community goes without.

Thank you for helping us continue the Rushford Lake tradition of caring for our neighbors.

Food Pantry Donations Accepted Throughout the Summer Contact Bonnie: 716-801-5415 or bcadyhealthlady@gmail.com

Why We're Going Digital

After many years of faithfully delivering newsletters through the U.S. Postal Service, we've decided it's time to embrace the 21st century (only about 25 years late, but who's counting?). Beginning soon, more of our news, updates, event information, and announcements will be available online at rushfordlake.org.

Going digital helps us save printing and mailing costs, share information more quickly, and ensure you receive the latest updates without waiting for the mail truck to make its rounds. It also means fewer paper copies piling up on kitchen counters, coffee tables, and that mysterious drawer where important things go to disappear. Of course, there will still be a few paper copies available at the district office.

Don't worry — we're not abandoning tradition entirely. We're simply making it easier to stay connected to everything happening around Rushford Lake with just a few clicks. Visit us regularly at rushfordlake.org and help us keep our newsletter budget afloat while we work to keep the dam afloat, too!



The Entity Formerly Known as Rusty Returns!

Many of you may remember *Rusty of Rushford*, our occasionally wise, occasionally mischievous lake-side observer. Well, after a thorough review of his materials and a brief identity crisis, we've discovered that "Rusty" was actually a terrible name.

It turns out our friend is made of fiberglass and other corrosion-resistant materials — the complete opposite of rusty. In fact, he's about as likely to rust as a pontoon boat made of marshmallows.

So, after much deliberation, the entity formerly known as Rusty has been reintroduced as Stainless Stan (or whatever name our readers ultimately decide suits him best). He'll once again be popping up in future newsletters to share observations, gentle reminders, lake lore, and the occasional unsolicited opinion.

Keep an eye out for his return. He's still the same familiar character — just with a name that's finally compatible with modern materials science.

A Question from Stainless Stan

"If we all wave at each other every time we pass, are we actually boating or just conducting a floating neighborhood meeting?"