



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To vote on a proposed  
amendment to the Rye  
Zoning Ordinance

Wednesday, September 24,  
2003

Rye Town Hall Courtroom  
Polls will be open  
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Absentee ballots are available in  
the Town Clerk's office, 964-8562*

Voters will be asked to accept or reject the proposed amendment to Section 505.3 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District and Map, which would provide an additional location for wireless telecommunications in Rye on a 34-acre wooded parcel off Grove Road, Map 7, lot 96, owned by the Rye Conservation Commission. This location is closer to areas of Rye where wireless telecommunications services do not exist than other areas presently zoned for wireless facilities. The Planning Board believes that this parcel would provide a better location for a cell tower than the Rye Water District location, where such facilities are presently permitted. If this amendment is approved, a tower built there could not be taller than 190 feet.

Copies of the Town Warrant are posted at the Rye Library, Rye Post Office, Rye Beach Post Office and Town Hall.

### SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

## Update: From Taxes to Cell Towers

ON JULY 29, following passage of House Bill 608, the Town was instructed to disregard the prior state education tax warrant for 2003 that included \$3,784,901 in excess education property tax due the State of New Hampshire from Rye. Under the new legislation, we are assessed \$2,887,698 for that purpose this year, a savings of \$897,203. In 2004 the figure to be sent to the State will drop to zero. Your Board of Selectmen will work to see this difference reflected in a lower tax rate.

The good news is that passage of HB 608 will provide immediate tax relief for most property owners, some of whom are in desperate need. The bad news? The law is still on the books. Only the reduction in rate from \$5.80 to \$4.92 has changed.

**FLAGS.** In the last newsletter, we included an invitation to weigh in on the controversy regarding display of American flags throughout Rye Center. The subject generated numerous replies, with eloquent and passionate responses on both sides of the issue. While predictably the overwhelming number of replies favored flying the flags and maintaining them

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## Conservation Commission Supports Cell Tower Amendment

During the last year, the Rye Conservation Commission has found itself dealing with the issue of a location for a cell tower. As you may be aware, the issue itself has been an emotional one, as well as one made more difficult due to Rye's unique location and terrain. Federal mandates and an existing lawsuit have increased the pressure on the town to find a solution, which has in turn elevated it to the highest of priorities for all involved.

The Rye Conservation Commission is comprised of people who volunteer their time because we love the

*See Conservation Commission, page 2*

## Townwide Celebration Planned for Little League Champs

A parade and entertainment are planned to honor the Rye Little League All Star Team, their families, and their coaches. We are proud of you, your NH State Championship, and your journey to the New England Regionals.

Saturday, September 6  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Parsons Field  
Rain date: Sunday, September 7

## Selectmen's Message: Updates *Continued from page 1*

in good condition, the length of time suggested varied widely. With an opposing view, one respondent urged caution, noting that to honor the flag, it must not be used as decoration. In July, the Board of Selectmen voted to display flags throughout Rye Center each year from one week before Memorial Day through September 11. The Rye Lions and several individuals have volunteered to provide funds to replace any flags if necessary.

**FOYES CORNER.** The State Department of Transportation is about to begin their long-awaited project at the intersection of Sagamore Road and Route 1-A, Foyes Corner. Completion should result in a much safer driving situation regardless of travel direction. Included in the State work is acceptance of a proposal by the Town to enlarge the culvert under Sagamore on approach to the intersection from Rye, which should eliminate repetition of the flooding and road closure experienced in that area in the past.

**CARRY IN-CARRY OUT.** We knew it wouldn't be easy to adopt a Carry In-Carry Out policy on Town beaches, but the results have been heartening. The majority of beachgoers have cooperated and many have voluntarily "adopted" a section of the beach to monitor and keep free of litter brought in by the tide. Public Works has responded to small amounts of rubbish left at Sawyer's Beach, Cable Road Ext. and Wallis Road Ext. The volume declined as the season progressed, with Wallis Road Ext. being the greatest problem due in large measure to fast-food debris and nighttime activity.

As a backup plan we looked into hiring Waste Management, only to find that their proposal would be a 4'x3'x7' container with heavy lid at each location to be picked up once each week. Considering the probability of flies and odor to say nothing of the appearance, it seems worth pursuing our original goal. With your continued support and stewardship

we can make Carry In-Carry Out work.

**ROADSIDE PROBLEMS.** With the heat and humidity of summer, snow and ice seem a world away. In reality, now is the time to remedy roadside problems related to winter snowplowing. Mailboxes, too low or too close to the travel lane, should be adjusted while no frost is in the ground. Fences require a permit and cannot be in or on the Town right-of-way. Rocks, planters, shrubs, logs, pipes, etc. sometimes used to discourage roadside parking, especially on roads leading to the beaches, are not allowed in the right-of-way. Frozen in, such obstacles can cause damage to highway equipment, for which the property owner is liable. Hope for an open winter, but keep in mind that we could have a repeat of last year.

**CELL TOWER.** Denial of a cell tower application to Tower Ventures /T Mobile by the Planning Board has resulted in a Planning Board request to the Board of Selectmen for a Special Town Meeting that will allow voters to approve a new wireless area. Approval will present Tower Ventures with an alternative site to the wireless overlay district that is so objectionable to many. The proposed alternative site known as Parcel 7-96, formerly the Green property, was purchased by the Conservation Commission several years ago. Both the original site and this Planning Board proposal about a high tension power line that runs from Garland Road to Central Road. It should be noted that the Special Town Meeting proposal would place the tower closer to the target area currently without wireless service, is a bit higher in elevation, has a road directly to it and is less objectionable to Garland Road residents than the original site.

Priscilla Jenness, Chairman  
Joe Mills, Vice-Chairman  
John Moynahan, Selectman

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## Conservation Commission Supports Amendment

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town, the land, and the environment. That we find ourselves in the middle of this situation is difficult at best. With this in mind, we wanted to share the reasons for our conclusions to help clarify any misconceptions and misunderstandings regarding the "Green Parcel" now being considered.

The parcel of land under consideration for the siting of a cell tower is property owned by the RCC. Located off Grove Road, it is comprised of about 50 acres and was originally acquired by Prime Properties at auction. The RCC later purchased it, in conjunction with the Rye Water District, from the Green Company for the purpose of (1) growing a wildlife corridor that is coming together one piece at a time, and (2) continuing the ongoing fragmentation of developable land. We feel it is an important fact that this land was neither donated nor acquired with an easement or restrictions, other than the Water District wellhead easement. There are no deceptions or mishandling of someone's wishes regarding the use of this land.

The reasons the RCC feels this parcel may be suitable for a cell tower [given the already listed pressures] are as follows:

1. Unlike the Water District parcel, the "Green Parcel" has an existing access road already in place. Some further carefully scrutinized roadwork would probably be needed.
2. The access road is adjacent to an existing electric right-of-way. The area is already in use by utilities.
3. Due to the location of this parcel, there would be less tower visibility and less impact to adjacent landowners.

We welcome input, feedback, and ideas from all of Rye's citizens on the tasks at hand, and we hope that this information gives you some insight into the challenges before us.

Rye Conservation Commission

# Do you think planning is easy?

**Quick**—pick a date to replace your car. Your roof. Your lawn mower. Your kitchen cabinets. And by the way, how much will each cost? And, oh yes, plan the dates knowing that no two can happen in the same year because you're NOT getting a raise.

When the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee asked the town department heads to do a similar task, we knew it wasn't easy. Since planning isn't easy, the CIP committee spent the next six months working with the town department heads. Together we rolled their plans into a single town-wide plan—the new six year plan for large investments by Rye. It was presented publicly in July and formally reported out in mid-August. It will be put to use in this year's budget cycle.

The uses of the CIP are three: advise the Selectmen; advise the Budget Committee; and advise you, the Taxpayers. And, because planning isn't easy, we will refine and update the plan next year and every year thereafter to assure the advice is timely. You can read the CIP on the Town Web site (or get a copy at Town Hall) and know what's planned for your taxes. This is another example of how we all get a better town when volunteers will give priority to helping in spite of being "too busy." Don't you be too busy to read it.

Another example of "not easy planning" is shown by the good work being done by the Senior Issues and Land Use "Visioning" subcommittees. These two citizen subcommittees grew out of the review of the Opinion Survey that the Planning Board ran in 2002.

Senior Issues focuses on housing, transportation, and communication. Communication is an ongoing process to determine how senior issues can be heard and addressed within our community. The committee's goal is to get information, transportation assistance, medical equipment, and emergency assistance to all the town's seniors who need and desire it.

The Land Use Subcommittee has

already tackled two planning areas: Rye Town Center and Retirement Community Development. Now, it is looking into Affordable Housing options.

Of these three areas, the subcommittee is ready to share its vision for Rye Town Center. They, and we, ask the public to participate with comments and suggestions. The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on this portion of the subcommittee's work on September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Rye Center is important to all the town and we strongly encourage everyone to attend. A statement by the Land Use subcommittee of their vision is shown in the adjacent box. This is the basis for their presentation and proposal.

The work of the Land Use group is

a true planning effort. All planning activities come back to the Master Plan. The Planning Board's work has just begun when the subcommittee's work is complete. The Board will gratefully receive the subcommittee reports and all public comments. The Board's Long Range Planning Committee will decide how the Master Plan should be updated. The Rules and Regulations Committee will simultaneously review the information and will propose appropriate changes to the zoning ordinance at the next Town Meeting.

**Even though planning isn't "easy," it is rewarding. Become a Planning Board Alternate and shape Rye's future!**

-Bob Brown

## **RYE TOWN CENTER—Land Use Subcommittee Vision**

The people of the Town of Rye need to work to protect, preserve, reinforce, and reestablish the character and integrity of the Town Center. Residents as well as visitors should feel a "Sense of Place" as well as a "Sense of Community" that is characteristic of town centers in traditional communities, not only in New Hampshire and New England, but also in most comfortable villages, towns, and cities around the world.

Human-scale density and architectural style, along with the functions of buildings and other planned spaces and their functional interrelationships, all contribute to the social and economic vitality of any successful Town Center. Viable communities have an uplifting identifiable Town Center, containing all or most of those attributes normally associated with traditional New Hampshire towns. This would include centrally located Town Offices, Town Hall, Public Library, Town Green, Police Station, Fire Station, Post Office, Public School, Bank, Cemetery, Veterans' Memorial, Historical Society Museum, a traditional New England church, General Store, Café, Housing and particularly Senior Housing, pocket parks and pocket gardens, general-purpose parking, pedestrian paths and bikeways, Town Forest, and Town Recreation Area. This "built environment" would be knit together in a welcoming, pedestrian-friendly walking-core with bikeways, containing mixed-use human-scale buildings and related spaces along a tree-canopy-lined "Main Street," honoring the historic buildings and character of much that already exists in the Rye Town Center.

The relationships of these facilities to one another, along with the introduction of simple traffic-calming and traffic-mitigating features, would reduce the number of single-purpose, often-single-occupancy motor-vehicle trips that people make to and through the Town Center with the associated negative impacts of those many trips on the community. The aggregate of Town-Center amenities and their regular use would not only encourage the efficient and optimum use of the Town's precious resources, but would also provide the venue and opportunities for regular and multiple societal interactions for all members of the Community.

—Land Use Subcommittee

## Beach Concerns, Thanks as End of Season Approaches

The Beach Commission reports a busy summer on the beaches in 2003, despite weather changes from unseasonably cool days to seemingly endless steamy and stormy days!

The Commissioners want to thank the Beach Safety Patrol Staff for their hard work and efforts this summer: Donna DaSilva, Jason Shuff, Jack McAvoy, Chapman Baetzel, Keith Svihovec, Emily Tiernan, Cara Mitchell, Kenny Ambach, Sarah Donahue, Joel Maki, and Gregory Cross. We would also like to give special thanks to Jack McAvoy for his extra efforts. Jack is a veteran guard who has been at the Town of Rye for the past three years and is a real asset to the staff, as well as the community.

**CLOSING DAY.** Rye's three beaches: Wallis Road Extension, Cable Rd. Extension, and Sawyers Beach officially close on Monday, September 1. After September 1, there will be no lifeguards on duty.

**DOG REGULATIONS.** Dogs are strictly prohibited from the beaches between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. until October 1. When you do bring your dog to the beach during the allowed hours, you are required to clean up and carry home whatever your pooch deposits. Mutt Mitts are provided at Wallis Road Ext. and Cable Road Ext. and signs are posted at beach entrances with information about the fines. The Beaches are one of our greatest natural resources and serve as a great source of beauty and enjoyment. By the following some simple requests, you can help to enhance them.

**KAYAKS.** With the increased popularity of Kayak use, we are interested in your feedback in order for us to update the ordinance and ensure your safety. Please write your comments to the Beach Commission, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870.

We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to serving the residents of Rye next

## Stream Name Contest Winners Announced

The Rye Conservation Commission is pleased to announce the winner of the stream-naming contest presented in the December newsletter. In order to increase tidal flow, the Awcomin Marsh Restoration Project created over a mile of new streams including the main branch, which is over 35 feet wide and more than 1800 feet long. The winning entry was submitted by Jan Carroll and Jody Jackson in memory of their father, Robert J. Duddy, Sr. The new stream will be named Duddy's Stream.

In their proposal, which they sub-

mitted with their families, they requested that "the stream be named in remembrance of a long-time Rye resident, Robert J. Duddy, Sr., former Assistant Harbormaster, former Naval Officer and husband, father, and grandfather to Rye residents (who miss him dearly). He passed away in October of 1979.

"Bob Duddy was always willing to help a friend, stranger, or animal in need of assistance. He was frequently involved in any rescue occurring off the Rye coastline, and often at the local veterinarian's office with injured wildlife. He was responsible for bringing fuel to the harbor in an environmentally conscious manner, it had previously been necessary to have a truck brought in for fueling the fishing vessels."

The Awcomin Marsh Restoration Project is nearly complete. The temporary road is being removed as the marsh is being brought to its final grade. Construction should begin soon on the access ramp to view the restored marsh.

The Rye Conservation Committee would like to thank all of those who submitted names for the contest. There were many outstanding entries.

### "Friends of the Beach"

Rye resident John Fleming has presented selectmen with a proposal for volunteer beach cleanup. The volunteers, known as "Friends of the Beach" will meet at the lifeguard stations at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the months of June, July, August, September, and October. Plastic bags will be provided for the cleanup and will be collected by Rye Public Works.

Volunteers will be welcome at all of our Town Beaches: Wallis Road Extension (Pirates Cove), Cable Road Extension, and Sawyers Beach. **If you want to join the "Friends of the Beach," just go to the beach of your choice on the next cleanup date: Tuesday, September 9.** If you want to sign up in advance or need more information, please call the Selectmen's office at 964-5523.

year. If you need to contact the Beach Commission, please call the Selectman's Office at 964-5523.

The Beach Commissioners  
John Iafolla, Chairman  
Tim Sanborn  
E. Scott McQuade

## Medical Equipment Loans Available

One of the many beneficial programs administered by the Rye Lions Club is a Medical Equipment Loan Program. If you, or a loved one, has recently had surgery, or has a physical limitation requiring a particular piece of medical equipment, you may want to contact the Rye Lions representative to discuss your needs. The Club maintains a supply of wheelchairs, shower seats, potty chairs, raised toilet seats, crutches, and walkers that may be checked out, free of charge, for the period of your recuperation. Contact Lion Norm Ayotte (964-8430), Don Osborne (431-4749), Peter Ryan (433-6212) or Bob Vincent (964-4211) to check on availability and arrange for delivery.

# Public Safety Officials Report on Activities, Staff Changes

## From the Police Chief

This has been a busy summer for the Rye Police Department on a number of different fronts. In the area of personnel, the Department has had two full-time vacancies all summer. One of these vacancies was created by the retirement of Sgt. Tompkins and the other with the resignation of Officer Mitrushi, who left for Dover P.D. in June. Special Officer Bill Blais has been filling many of these vacant shifts during the summer and has accepted one of the full-time positions. He will be attending the full-time Police Academy this fall.

I am pleased to announce that Kevin Walsh has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Lt. Walsh has been a police officer for 14 years with 9 of those as a sergeant in Rye. This new position is the result of some restructuring that we had begun this spring. It is a salaried position, which should save the Town some money, but more importantly it is consistent with our philosophy of high visibility patrols while training and encouraging officers to conduct their own criminal investigations. Lt. Walsh is an extremely hard working, dedicated officer and I am thrilled that he accepted this position.

On the enforcement front, we have been busy with 51 arrests and 36 motor vehicle accidents investigated during the months of June and July alone. There have also been the hundreds of routine complaints about such things as parking and dogs on the beach. Nearly every one of these requires a police response and we have done our best to handle each situation appropriately.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who donated to our "speed trailer" fund. Due to your generosity, we will be ordering our own speed trailer this fall!

Alan Gould  
Chief of Police

## From the Fire Chief

With the hiring of additional fire fighter/EMT's in June we currently have a manned ambulance 24/7. This has made a dramatic improvement to all response times. As well as improved response times, two men on a shift has allowed time for more inspections, company training, and general maintenance. With the school season rapidly approaching, we hope to expand our fire prevention programs in the schools.

David Kornechuk would like everyone to attend our department open house October 11 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dave has been working hard to make this the best yet. As our prevention officer, he knows many of the school children and looks forward to spreading his fire safety message to all of them.

With the humid weather the number of smoke detector activations rise greatly. Detectors need to be cleaned periodically to minimize the false alarms. An alarm system (one that goes to a central dispatch center) should be checked and cleaned annually by a professional alarm technician. We have had several people call us in the morning after spending the night chasing a detector problem and losing sleep when a good cleaning would have prevented it. When you are unsure if you have a problem or activation please call us. If you have a battery-operated detector, remember to change the batteries annually at a minimum (twice a year is better). The batteries you remove can then be used in other less critical equipment.

House numbers are required by town ordinance. While some people think that they detract from the appearance of the house, they will save precious time in an emergency response by fire or police.

Please check public notices for presentations about the proposed public safety building. The building committee has been and will continue to produce the best plan at the best price. They need your input and support to make the building a reality.

Leon C. Blaisdell  
Fire Chief

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## Member Changes Within Historic District Commission Announced

The Historic District Commission is comprised of seven members and three alternate members. Positions on the Commission are appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The BOS have accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Libby Wentzell, who has served as a valued

member of the HDC for many years. Thomas J. King has been an alternate member and has been appointed to become a regular member of the Commission.

The resignation of James H. Cullen, as an alternate member, has been accepted by the BOS, which

appointed Donald H. Osborne, to fill one of the vacancies as an alternate.

There is still one alternate position open. Anyone interested in serving on the HDC in this capacity should write directly to the Board of Selectmen.

Jane Holway,  
Chairman

# TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

10 Central Road Rye, NH, 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516, E-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us) Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/) Fall 2003

## PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHT

Thursday, September 11, 2003, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road

Registrations for programs are limited to a first come, first serve basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m.



**Discover North Atlantic Sagas** is a virtual expedition through Iceland and Greenland's history and geography. The presentation is by Sheila Jane Swenson. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages. No registration necessary.

**Faces & Places of Africa** is a colorful slide presentation by Lenny Thomes. Meet the people of Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya and Tanzania. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, November 19, 2003, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages. No registration necessary.



**Halloween Roller Skate Party** will be held at Roller Skate Newington for grades K-8. Bus transportation will leave from both schools, after dismissal on Wednesday, October 29, 2003. The bus will return to the upper parking lot beside Rye Town Hall at approximately 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$15.00 Registration deadline October 23, 2003.



**Holiday Crafts** instruction is provided by Jessica Dickey. Make a unique gift and wrapping too, this holiday season. Mondays, December 1, 8, 2003, Grades K-2, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Grades 3-5, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$15.00

**Yoga** instruction is provided by Karin Backstrom (Tuesday Evening) and Jeanie Ryan (Tuesday Morning). This beginner program is designed to link breath and movement, connecting body, mind and spirit. This adult program will be held at the Recreation House on 55 Recreation Road.



Session 1 - Tuesdays, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2003,  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Session 2 - Tuesdays, November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 2003,  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$55.00 each session



**Holiday Entertaining** is a cooking class offered by great chefs of the Carriage House Restaurant. Join the trio of Paul Mackey, Proprietor, Jim Lancaster, Executive Chef and Adam Olsen, Sous Chef for a dynamic cooking class. Adult participants will have fun while learning valuable cooking techniques and tips on entertaining guests for the holiday season. Held at the Carriage House Restaurant, 2263 Ocean Boulevard, Rye.

Tuesday, October 28, 2003, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Fee: \$35.00



## American Red Cross Courses

**Adult CPR, Infant/Child CPR, First Aid** teaches you how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children and infants; as well as sudden illnesses, burns, bleeding and injuries to muscles, bones and joints. Participants earn an American Red Cross Adult CPR, Infant/Child CPR and First Aid Certificate. Held at the Rye Library.

Saturday, November 22, 2003, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fee: \$70.00

**Red Cross Babysitter Training** provides you with the skills and confidence you need to be a great babysitter. For ages 11 and up. Hands-on activities, exciting video, fun role plays and lively discussion focussing on decision making skills and solutions for real-life problems. Participants earn an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Certificate. Held at the Rye Library.

Saturday, November 8, 2003, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fee: \$45.00



## After School Program

The After School Program is open to grade K, 11:10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. The cost of the program is \$52.50/week and there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. Participants are also welcome to register for the afternoon program that operates for grades K-5, 2:40 - 5:50 p.m., Monday-Friday. The cost of the program is \$52.50/week for full time, \$10.50/day for part time, and there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.

## Knitting Workshops

are instructed by Lisa Farley.



Held in the NH Room of the Rye Library.

**Beginner Knitting - Rolled Brim Hat:** Create stylish rolled brim hat. Learn casting on, reading a pattern, knitting in the round, decreasing and weaving in ends. Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 2003, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fee: \$65 (includes pattern, yarn, circular and double-pointed needles)

**Beginner Knitting - Patterned Scarf:** Make a reversible, patterned scarf from hand-dyed wool. Techniques include casting on, reading a pattern, knitting, purling, binding off, blocking and weaving in ends. Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 2003, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fee: \$75 (includes pattern, yarn and needles)

**Knitting Next Steps - Felted Bag:** Knit a great little bag. Techniques include knitting in the round on circular needles, slip stitches, changing colors, double-stranded knitting, yarnovers, i-cord, i-cord bind off, weaving in ends and felting. Prerequisites: Beginner knitting skills - casting on, knitting, binding off. Wednesdays, October 29, November 5, 2003, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; November 12, 2003, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fee: \$90 (includes pattern, yarn for 2 bags, circular and double-pointed needles)

**Knitting Workshop for Teens - Striped Fringed Scarf:** For grades 6 & up. Learn to knit while creating a hip fringed scarf for fall. Techniques include casting on, reading a pattern, knitting, color changes, binding off, weaving in ends and making fringe. Thursdays, October 2, 9, 2003, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Fee: \$60 (includes pattern, yarn and needles)

**Knitting Workshop for Teens - Felted Party Bag:** For grades 6 & up. Knit a cool purse that mixes wool with funky novelty yarn (eyelash, metallics and sequins). Techniques include casting on, reading a pattern, single and double-stranded knitting, purling, binding off, making i-cord, weaving in ends and felting. Wednesdays, October 29, November 5, 2003, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; November 12, 19, 2003, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Fee: \$85 (includes pattern, yarn and cir. and double-pointed needles)

## Group Tennis Lessons

instruction is provided by John Marlowe, Longfield Tennis Club Pro.



Held at Indoor Tennis New Castle Recreation Facility.

Session 1, Tuesdays, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2003  
Grades 1-2, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 3-4, 5:30-6:30 p.m., HS, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Session 1, Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2003  
Grades 5-6, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 7-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 2003  
Grades 3-4, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 1-2, 5:30-6:30 p.m., HS, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 2003  
Grades 7-8, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 5-6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00 per session (4 lessons) and rackets are not provided.

**Recreational Basketball** is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December, 2003 to February 14, 2004.



**Grades K-1** (Meet once a week on Saturday and practice and play as a group)

**Grades 2-5** (Meet twice a week, once for practice and on Saturday for games)

Fee: \$25.00 for 1st registrant, \$20.00 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt)

Late fee of \$25 will apply to registrations received after October 23, 2003 deadline.

## Girls Basketball Practice & Scrimmage Group

is open to girls, grades 3-5. Held December, 2003 to February 14, 2004.

Meet once a week on Saturday.

Fee: \$25.00 for 1st registrant, \$20.00 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt)

Late fee of \$25 will apply to registrations received after October 23, 2003 deadline.

## Travel Basketball

The Boys Travel Teams and Girls Travel Teams are for 5th and 6th graders. It is competitive and requires an extensive time commitment. Individuals must try out for teams and not all youth may make a team. Games are held on Saturdays and Sundays with one practice a week.

Boys & Girls **Sixth Grade** Travel Teams Fee: \$100.00

Boys **Fifth Grade** Travel Teams Fee: \$100.00

Girls **Fifth Grade** Travel Teams Fee: \$50.00

Try-outs will follow shortly after the October 23, 2003 deadline.

## Adult Pick-Up Basketball

Starts December, 2003 and ends April, 2004. Held Sundays 9:00 - 11:00a.m. at Rye Elementary School.



**Ski or Snowboard Lessons** instruction will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski

Lessons and Snowboarding Lessons for grades 2-8. Bus Transportation will leave from both schools, after dismissal on Friday, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2004. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$155.00 and includes lesson and transportation. Ski Rentals are available for an additional fee of \$45 and Snowboard Rentals at \$55. Registration deadline October 23, 2003.



## To Register for Programs:

Complete a Rye Recreation Department Registration Form indicating specific program(s). If paying by check, make it payable to Rye Recreation. Submit both registration form and payment to the Town of Rye Recreation Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. Forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Rye Town Hall or at the Recreation Department. Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable. Resident fees apply to New Castle. For more information, contact the Rye Recreation at 964-6281.

**ACTIVE, ALIVE AND LIVING IN RYE!**

# Library Fall Programs and Events Listed

Author and former Rye resident, Elaine Sexton, will read poems from her new book *Sleuth* on Sunday, September 7 at 2 p.m. This appearance is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Her Seacoast roots are evident in many of her poems.

The Friends of the Library begin the 2003-2004 Speaker Series on Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. with Chris Reardon, Associate Professor of Political Science at UNH. He will offer a two-part series on the "Peoples of China." The second part will be presented on Thursday, November 6 at 7 p.m.. All ages are welcome, admission is free, and light refreshments available. Call the Library for more information about these two programs and the complete Speakers Series schedule.

Computer Classes return to the Library this Fall. Kathy Litch of Leisure Computing will be teaching "Introduction to Personal Computers—Part A" and "Introduction to Word Processing" in September. She will be back in November teaching "Introduction to Digital Photography" and "Excel." Each course is 10 hours in length and generally costs \$60.00. Class size is kept to a maximum of 12 students and laptops are provided for class use. Call the Library or drop by for registration forms with exact dates and times.

The current exhibit of the Rye Public Library Fine Arts Committee is "Teenage Art." The exhibit is in the Meeting Room and features artists of Rye between the ages of 13 and 19. It runs until September 30. "Artists of Rye—Two" begins on October 1 and runs until January 8, 2004. Don't miss this opportunity to enter your own pieces. The committee will be accepting one entry only to be chosen by the artist. Application forms will be available soon at the Library and on our web site [www.rye.lib.nh.us](http://www.rye.lib.nh.us)

We love to read and talk about books, ergo, we offer many opportunities for you to attend book discussions at the Library.

**Adult Book Discussion:** Held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m..

September 16. *Book Borrower*, by Alice Mattison

October 21. *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science*, by Atul Gawande.

November 18. *Bonesetter's Daughter*, by Amy Tan.

**Stroudwater:** Held the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

**Military Book Discussion:** Held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Titles chosen at the end of the meeting. Call Ray Jarvis for more information, 436-2137.

**Young Adult:** Leaders are Sharon Macdonald, Youth

Services Department and Mary Coombs, Librarian at Rye Junior High.

September 9. *Belle Prater's Boy*, by Ruth White

October 14. *Tomorrow When the War Began*, by John Marsden

November 11. *A Corner of the Universe*, by Ann Martin

**New to Rye?** Come to the Library to sign up for a Library card and receive a canvas book bag imprinted with an original ink drawing by Rye artist Dorine Gross. The bag is filled with information about the Town of Rye services. Not new to Rye? You may still own this sturdy, bright red bag for only \$5.00. Seed money was provided by the Friends of the Library. The Friends are also selling note cards with the same ink drawing by Dorine Gross. These cards make perfect gifts at the reasonable price of \$5.00 for 10 cards. Your purchase helps the Friends support programs and the Library "Wish List."

## The Youth Department

What a rockin' good summer in the Youth Department!



Caleb and Chloe Begley perform.

Children read all summer, and our collaboration with the Rye Elementary school and in particular Janet Raycraft, was so fantastic we plan to do it again!

The young people performed on the stage we had set up with pretend microphones and dress-up clothes. Thanks to the great team of Martha Jones and Brenda Nolette, we had fun and innovative programs all summer long.

The teens held a Rock-a-thon this summer and raised over \$287 for the Young Adult room. Our talent show will be an annual event because we all had so much fun! A hoola hooper kept one going for five minutes, a dog performed amazing



Brittany Wason is calm, cool, and collected despite the movie on Alien Movie Night.

tricks, a tennis cheerleading squad got us all hyped up to play tennis, and the singers and "lip-synchors" were phe-

## Library News Continued

nomenal. Watch for this fun family entertainment to happen again next year.

This September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Please bring your child in if he/she is in first grade or six years old. We love to issue first cards as an introduction to responsibility and their faces light up when they take out their own books on their own card. Of course, for anyone who does not have a card this is a great time to remember to come in, get one, and enjoy the many benefits, services, and collections of the Rye Public Library.

National Grandparents Day is September 7, and we are celebrating it here by providing a list of wonderful books about grandparents. We encourage you to check these out and read them to your own grandparents or call a nursing home and ask if there is someone who might enjoy hearing a story from a young one.

Our Storytime resumes Wednesday September 10, all ages welcome.

Happy Reading,  
Sharon Macdonald

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## Conservation Commission Reports on Activities

The Rye Conservation Commission is experiencing a busy summer this year. The continued increase in the number of wetland applications has resulted in many associated site walks as well as the need for follow-up monitoring where there are mitigation stipulations.

A forest management plan has been completed for the Town Forest by Charles Moreno. This new plan was presented to the public on the evening of August 21 at the Rye Library. Those attending learned about this beautiful parcel of recreation land that is open for use by all of Rye's citizens.

After many months of sensitive restorative work, The Awcomin Marsh project is winding down, as the temporary roads are removed and

## Mosquito Control Update

This mosquito season started mildly but with recent rains and above normal tides salt marsh mosquito populations have increased. We have continually sprayed the 20 salt marsh mosquito breeding sites since April but frequent rains have hindered our efforts. Our street-spraying program has been hampered by bad weather also. When mosquito populations are high, street spraying alleviates the situation quickly, but there have been few nights for street spraying applications to be completed.

This is the time of year for West Nile Virus (WNV). To reduce the odds of contracting WNV we have been completing a catch basin spraying program. The stagnant waters of catch basins provide ideal habitat for the WNV-vector mosquitos

As I write this, the weather pattern seems to be improving. The current forecast for dry, cool weather is comforting in a season marked by ideal mosquito breeding conditions.

Michael Morrison, Entomologist  
(Michael Morrison is the contractor working with the mosquito commission for the town.)

finishing touches are rendered to bring the area back up to grade. The winner of the "Name the Stream" contest has been chosen, giving a fitting name to the newly created stream running through Awcomin Marsh.

With the passing of the \$5 million open space bond article last March, numerous land owners have approached the Conservation Commission and Rye Open Space Committee about putting parcels of land into conservation. As a result, both groups have been busy reviewing potential land donations and acquisitions with site walks and evaluation criteria prepared in conjunction with the Rye town build-out.

James S. Raynes, Chairman  
Rye Conservation Commission

## Selectmen's Agenda Deadline: Noon on the Thursday Prior

Selectmen's meetings are scheduled every other Monday evening. If you wish to be placed on the agenda, you must make your request and submit any necessary documents to the Selectmen's Office by noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Requests received after the deadline will be placed on the next agenda.

Mail to: Selectmen's Office,  
10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870  
Tele: 964-5523 Fax: 964-1516  
e-mail: nancyw@town.rye.nh.us

## Zoning Ordinances and Permit Applications Are Now Online

**Big news:** Thanks to John Elsdon, Planning Administrator, all of the Town of Rye's zoning ordinances and land use planning regulations, plus building permit, planning board, and zoning board applications can now be found on the web. You do need to download the applications first and complete them; then you can e-mail them back to Susan Zarlengo, Building Inspector. Don't forget to put the check in the mail!

If you have any questions you can also e-mail John Elsdon (johne@town.rye.nh.us) and Susan Zarlengo, Building Inspector, (susanw@town.rye.nh.us).

**Reminder:** Septic systems, fences, sheds, and decks all require permits and have ordinances regulating placement. Several residents have purchased sheds from a local shed company and are not getting permits prior to placing the sheds. This can be tricky because if the shed does not meet setbacks, it will need to be removed. Please call first to find out where your shed can go.

Building Inspector's Office  
Hours: Mon – Friday 8–12 noon  
or afternoon by appointment

## Available Senior Services Announced

**Transportation.** Available on Tuesdays to Market Basket/ Brooks Drug Store. (Call the Town Hall 964-5523 by noon on Monday to be on the "pick up" list for Tuesday.)

**Free Cell Phone.** For use in case of 911 emergency. (Call the police department 964-7450.)

☆ If you have an old cell phone that is not in use, please consider donating it for use by seniors and drop it off at the police station. ☆

**Contact Information.** A variety of information for seniors has been gathered together in one place at the Rye Library just next to the elevator on the second floor. (Call the Library 964-8401 for assistance.)

☆ If you have not yet completed a "Senior Services Survey," which was published in the last Town newsletter, please stop by the library. They are located in this Senior information center.

Your input is very important.

**IMPORTANT:** We have just received information at the library from **ServiceLink**, Connections for Independent Living and Healthy Aging, which is funded in part by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Division of Elderly and Adult Services.

Visit the library or call the local **ServiceLink** office at: 1 (866) 634-9412 (toll free)

**Library Materials.** Available for delivery to your home when needed. (Call the library to request delivery 964-8401.)

**Medical Equipment.** Available for loan from the Rye Lions. (Call Don Osborne 431-4749 or Bob Vincent 964-4211.)

**The Senior Issues Committee** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Rye Library.

**New members are MOST welcome. Please, come join us!**

## Benefit Golf Tournament for RYE TOWN MUSEUM at Abenaki Country Club, Monday, September 22, 1 p.m. SHOTGUN START

Entry fee: \$125 per person includes • 18 holes of golf • golf cart • team prizes • raffle • an abundance of hors d'oeuvres at the 19th hole; cash bar

Make checks payable to: Rye Historical Society, Box 583, Rye, NH 03870. Please indicate name; foursomes encouraged (\$500), singles welcome.

Come out and support the Town Museum and the Rye Historical Society programs, celebrate the centennial of Abenaki, help preserve the town's centuries old history and have fun!

For further information e-mail: [alexherlihy@aol.com](mailto:alexherlihy@aol.com).

*Note:* Rye Historical Society is a registered nonprofit organization.

## Assessor's Office Lists Abatement Times

With the tax-rate setting season upon us, we are busy in Assessing getting ready for the next billing cycle. Elderly exemptions have been upgraded per the Town vote last March, and we are busy entering the building permit data and updating our sketches and card information.

If you have any questions about your assessment, the cards are available in the Assessor's Office.

As you know, tax bills generally come out late October for a December first payment date or thereabouts. The abatement filing period begins upon receipt of your fall tax bill and ends March 1, 2004. If you feel you are disproportionately or unfairly assessed, appeal forms are available in the office.

Feel free to e-mail me with your questions at [Beam@Town.Rye.NH.US](mailto:Beam@Town.Rye.NH.US) and I will do my best to help. Also, our values are on-line and are updated four times a year. Check out [WWW.VisionAppraisal.Com](http://WWW.VisionAppraisal.Com). We've had over 8,000 hits thus far !!

Bea Marconi  
Howard Promer

## RYE RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

Income has increased by 25 percent from the sale of recycled material and fees charged for the disposal of bulky items, scrap iron, tires, and electronic equipment. The total through July was \$27,208.00.

Bud Jordan, Director of Public Works, also reports that the amount of trash hauled to Turnkey in Rochester from Rye residents has increased by 10 percent. This is not good news, since the cost portion is \$57.84 plus transportation costs. The situation may not be as bad as it appears however, if when all the information is completed, our recycling rate remains at approximately 44 percent. This rate of recycling was maintained last year and shows that Rye residents are doing a good job of recycling.

Our largest product continues to be mixed paper at 176 tons through July 2003. (Mixed paper includes magazines, glossy advertising, paper food packaging, office paper, junk mail, phone books, etc.) At the current price of \$49 per ton, Rye received \$8,624 for the sale of the mixed paper as opposed to what would have been a cost of \$10,179 had it gone to Turnkey as trash.

The total recorded from the collection of all other products, including glass, newspaper, aluminum, plastic, cardboard, tin cans, and used motor oil was 178 tons.

*Please keep up the good work recycling!*

**One request:** When referring to the transfer station, please call it the Rye Recycling Center and not the Rye Dump! This will make Bud, Lee, Alan, Duncan, and all those who help there aware that you appreciate their efforts.

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

## September 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>Labor Day</i> Town offices, Library closed	<b>2</b> 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore 7 pm, Recreation Commission	<b>3</b> 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>4</b> 9 am, Selectmen Budget Work Session	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6-8 pm, Little League Celebration, Parsons Field
<b>7</b> 6-8 pm, Little League Celebration, Parsons Field <i>Rain Date</i>	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>9</b> 7 pm, Planning Board	<b>10</b> 4 pm, Mosquito Control Commission	<b>11</b> 9 am, Selectmen Budget Work Session 7 pm, Open Space Committee	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11-11:30 am, Supervisors of the Checklist
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7 pm, Historic District Commission 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	<b>18</b> 9 am, Selectmen Budget Work Session 7 pm, Conservation Commission	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>23</b> 7 pm, Planning Board Tech Review 6:30 pm, Library Trustees at Library <i>First Day of Fall</i>	<b>24</b> SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Vote on zoning ord. amendment 11am-7pm, Town Hall	<b>25</b> 9 am, Selectmen Budget Work Session 7 pm, Open Space Committee	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	7 pm, Land Use Comm. at Library	<b>October 2003</b>		

			<b>1</b> 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 4 pm, Water Dist. 60 Sagamore <i>Yom Kippur</i>	<b>7</b> 7 pm, Recreation Commission	<b>8</b> 4 pm, Mosquito Control Commission	<b>9</b> 7 pm, Open Space Committee	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Columbus Day</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Columbus Day Observed, Town Offices Closed, Library open</i>	<b>14</b> 7 pm, Planning Board	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High 7 pm, Land Use Comm. at Library	<b>16</b> 7 pm, Conservation Commission	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm, Open Space Committee	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 pm, Planning Board Tech Review 6:30 pm, Library Trustees at Library	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5-7 pm <i>Trick or Treat time in Rye</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Halloween</i>	<b>1</b>

## November 2003

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>4</b> 7 pm, Recreation Commission <i>Election Day</i>	<b>5</b> 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9 am, Sewer Commission	<b>11</b> 7 pm, Planning Board <i>Veteran's Day</i> Town offices, Library closed	<b>12</b> 7 pm, Land Use Committee at Library	<b>13</b> 7 pm, Open Space Committee	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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**30** Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Public Library Meeting Room (handicapped accessible) at 581 Washington Road, Rye, NH. Other board meetings are held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., Rye, NH, unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall for up-to-date information.

Additional Civic Meetings Rye Lions Club, first Wednesday every month, 7 pm at the Rye Library Friends of the Library, first Tuesday every month, 7 pm at the Library

## Speaker Topic: "Girls' Health at Risk"

The CARIT Committee of Rye Junior High School is proud to announce the speaker in its annual fall event for educators, parents, and members of the community. Virginia Graves, R.N.c.M.S, founder of Double Sunrise: Young Women's Health, will speak on the topic, "Girls' Health at Risk: What Can We Do?" The event will be held in the JHS gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 11. Admission is free and open to the public.

### RE-PAVING NOTICE

In mid-September, the Department of Public Works will begin grinding and re-paving a section of Sagamore Road from the Rye Elementary School to Clark Road.



Visit the Town Web site

<http://www.town.rye.nh.us/>

for news and up-to-date information for the town, including meeting notices, agendas, and minutes.

UPDATED September 2003

## Town Hall Office Hours

### Hours Open to the Public

**Assessor's Office** Mon-Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
964-5523, ext. 13 •**Friday only:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Building Inspector** Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
964-9800, ext. 20 *Afternoons by appointment*

#### Planning & Zoning

**Administrator** Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
964-9800, ext. 21 *Afternoons by appointment*

**Recreation** Mon -Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
964-6281, ext. 25 •**Closed all day Friday**

**Selectmen's Office** Mon - Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
964-5523, ext. 10 •**Friday only:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Sewer Department** Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
964-6815, ext. 14

**Town Administrator** Mon - Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
964-5523, ext. 11 •**Friday only:** 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office:**  
964-8562 Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT NOON ON FRIDAY:

Assessing  
Selectmen's Office  
Town Administrator

#### CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ALL DAY FRIDAY:

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