



# Town of Rye

## Newsletter



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### SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE: A NEW POLICE CHIEF IS HIRED

## This Is the Season for Citizen Input

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Rye Board of Selectmen has scheduled a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 29, at 7 p.m. at Rye Junior High School, 501 Washington Road to accept public comment regarding the following citizens' petition received on August 6:

We the undersigned, petition the Town of Rye (Board of Selectmen) to invoke Article Ten of the State Constitution, which reads as follows: [Art.] 10 [Right of Revolution.] Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd, slavish and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

Signed by 109 Rye residents

This has been termed the "secession petition." The Board of Selectmen would appreciate your input on August 29.

### Property Revaluation Continues on Schedule

The first phase of Rye's ongoing revaluation is nearing completion. Vision Appraisal Technology, the contractor engaged by the town, has visited 90 percent of all residential properties and 40 percent of commercial structures.

When no adult has been present to supervise interior inspection of a

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We were fortunate to have had Brad Loomis serve Rye as police chief for nine years. He will be missed, and we wish him well.

Following Brad's resignation in July, a comprehensive replacement search was undertaken. We were very pleased to announce at our August 20 meeting that Alan Gould, a 21-year veteran of the Salem Police Department, has accepted the Rye chief's position. (A brief profile of Alan Gould appears on page 10.) Please join us in a warm welcome to our new chief!

In order to facilitate establishment of an overall vision for our town and initiate determination of the wishes of Rye's citizens regarding our future growth, your Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Conservation Commission gathered at Rye Junior High on July 29 to host a meeting on smart growth. Also present were the town administrator, building inspector, zoning administrator, and representatives from other town boards, commissions, and committees.

### You May Be Eligible for Tax Exemptions

Bea Marconi of the Assessing Department wants every Rye taxpayer to be aware of the basic property tax exemptions available to the elderly, the blind, and veterans.

As you may recall, on the March ballot you voted to increase the Elderly Exemption amounts from the current three-tier levels of \$40, \$50, and \$60,000 to \$60,000 for property owners aged 65-74, \$75,000 for those aged 75-79, and \$90,000 for those 80 and over. These changes will be shown on the fall tax bill and become effective with the implementation of the new revaluation figures.

To qualify for an Elderly Exemption, you must be at least 65 years of age as of April 1, 2001, and have been a resident of NH for at least the past five years. If you are single, your income must be less than \$40,000. If you are married, it

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Following her presentation, Alison Walsh of the Environmental Protection Agency facilitated discussion that elicited a wide variety of issues and concerns. The prioritized vote at the conclusion of the evening placed the greatest concerns in the

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### Town Administrator's Fall Report

The Town of Rye continues to move forward.

We are in the middle of union negotiations and hope to have ratification of new union contracts soon. We retained the services of the New Hampshire Municipal Association to do a wage and classification study and will implement it as soon as we get ratification. By the time you read this, we hope it will

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following order: taxes, future vision/character of Rye, affordable housing, zoning effectiveness, concerns of and for seniors, and environmental monitoring. Another meeting will be held to continue the work.

Immediately apparent was the need for a community survey to give all Rye residents an opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns regarding growth prior to update of the Master Plan and changes in our zoning. We look forward to your participation.

TRASH is an acronym for Taxpayers Revolt Against State Hijinks. Led by Betty Tobey, this group presented a petition to the selectmen on August 6 based on Article 10 of the New Hampshire State Constitution. In response, we have called for a public hearing to be held Wednesday, August 29, at 7 p.m. at Rye Junior High.

Meanwhile, our revaluation is nearing completion on schedule, and the State of New Hampshire has moved to require all towns and cities to reappraise every five years.

RYE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Joe Mills, Chairman  
Mel Low, Vice Chairman  
Priscilla Jenness

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already have taken place.

The new software installations at Town Hall are nearly completed. Our finance and benefits administrator, Cyndi Gillespie, and our town clerk/tax collector, Jane Ireland, and her deputy, Beth Yeaton, have all been diligently training to make maximum use of them. Once fully implemented and completely understood, the new software will be a wonderful tool for our staff. It will save time and it will make the staff more efficient.

While the town of Rye continues to grow, it is not growing at the same pace as many of the other towns in Rockingham County (nor do we want it to). The question might be fairly asked as to why extra personnel have been needed over the last couple of years, especially in light of the fact that we have the new software and a new phone system. One reason is that all branches of government seem to require more paper work, far more than was required just a few short years ago.

Another reason is that the state is going to require all towns to revalue their properties every

five years. As you know, we are going through a revaluation now and it is costing the town \$182,000. In order to avoid this kind of cost in the future and to keep Rye's property taxes fair across the board each year, we intend to maintain our values at 100 percent of fair market value. The company doing our revaluation, Vision Appraisal, is providing us with software to make this happen. However, it is taking—and will continue to take—part of an extra person's time.

The Budget Committee will start its budget reviews in October. In order to be ready for them, all department heads and commissions have been asked to have their budgets ready by the end of August. The selectmen will be meeting at 1 p.m. the first three Thursdays in September to go over all the budgets. If any further review is necessary, it can be done on the fourth Thursday in September. In this way, the selectmen will know what the entire budget looks like before the start of the process, and so will the Budget Committee.

Earl Rinker  
Town Administrator

## You May Be Eligible for Tax Exemptions *(Continued from page 1)*

must be less than \$59,900. Your total assets excluding your home in Rye cannot exceed \$199,000. If you are a first-time applicant and feel you may qualify, contact the selectmen's office at 964-5523 as soon as you receive your fall tax bill. The deadline for filing is March 1, 2002. (Note: If you received this exemption on the spring bill, you need not reapply unless circumstances have changed dramatically.)

We also offer the Blind Exemption, which reduces your valuation by \$15,000 if you are legally blind,

own your own home, and are on the Register for the Blind at the State of NH Department of Education, Services for the Blind. April 1, 2001 is the qualification date for this exemption also.

To qualify for the Veteran's Credit (\$100 off your final tax amount) you or your spouse must have served active duty for at least 90 days during a period of war or have earned the Expeditionary Medal during a conflict and have an honorable discharge. We also offer a \$1,400 credit for veterans who have a total and per-

manent service-connected disability

If you need further details or have questions about any of these exemptions, please call Bea at 964-5523 any weekday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

And if getting to Town Hall is difficult for you, we will be happy to arrange for someone to come to your home to help you apply. The selectmen want to be sure that all who qualify are getting their exemptions!

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# Fire Chief Blaisdell Welcomes New Firefighters

Jason Lajoie joined the full-time department in June of 2000 after serving on the call force since December of 1992. He is a nationally registered EMT-I, a state-certified level-two firefighter, and an internationally certified municipal fire alarm technician. He recently completed training to repair our new breathing apparatus. Besides the fire-fighting family, Jason has a wife and two-year-old son (plus another child due soon) who share the house with Jason's ever-growing fire-fighting patch collection and other memorabilia.

Ron Hordon joined the full-time fire department July 2 of this year after serving on the call department since 1995. Ron is a state-certified level-two firefighter and a nationally registered paramedic with a strong mechanical background. He formerly worked as a paramedic in the Boston area and says he doesn't miss the commuting. He lives behind the fire station on Olde Parish Road. Ron is also married and has two sons. In his spare time Ron is a scuba instructor. With the hiring of Ron, our fire-fighting force is now back to the level of the early 1990s.

The building committee has worked very hard to find a solution



Jason Lajoie



Ron Hordon

to the department's ever-growing space problem. Several sites have been evaluated, but it's a slow and difficult process. The committee hopes to have an answer prior to the next deliberative session, but the light is not shining through the tun-

nel yet.

Due to the great need to replace the 32-year-old fire truck, the department is looking into the possibility of having a truck custom built to carry the needed equipment and still fit into the existing building. A commercial truck would be less of an investment but could not be built short enough to fit the building.

The Fire Department Association will soon be starting a fund-raiser to purchase a tool (jaws) for use in rescuing people who are trapped in motor vehicles. This is an invaluable tool that we have not been able to acquire in the past. An ever-growing need is presenting itself (two or three times a year) for improved tools to

remove persons from ever-changing vehicle construction. Please watch for our quilt raffle and request for donations starting in early September.

Leon C. Blaisdell  
Chief, Rye Fire Department

## "No Arsenic," Says Rye Water District

### Arsenic Update

While the politicians, scientists, and environmentalists continue to debate what is a safe level of arsenic in drinking water, the Rye Water District Commission wants all of you to know that arsenic has NOT been detected in our drinking water!

The present standard set in 1974 by the Safe Water Drinking Act remains at a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 50 parts per billion (50 ppb). The EPA revised and lowered this MCL on January 16 of this year to 10 ppb, which would have become effective five years from pro-

mulgation. However, the new administration in Washington is revisiting/reconsidering this lower MCL.

State-certified laboratory analyses from our on-line wells show both contain less than 5 ppb. (The analysis method used is sensitive only down to this level.) Further special analyses requested by the commissioners in September of 2000 have shown these values to actually be less than 2 ppb.

The bottom line:

- Arsenic has never been detected in our drinking water.

- Regardless of what MCL level the EPA finally sets, customers of the Rye Water District can feel secure knowing that our water will meet any and all future standards for many years to come.

### Conservation

With your cooperation and some modest precipitation in the early summer, we have managed once again to avoid imposing a mandatory ban on outdoor watering. But summer isn't over yet! September can be hot and dry, so please keep on conserving by irrigating your lawns and gardens only BEFORE 9 A.M. or AFTER 6 p.m.

Thanks for helping!



## Rye Public Library Youth Department Summer Activities Were Successful

Not one landlubber to be found in the whole crew of the summer reading program "Octopi Your Mind"! That was obvious as they charted their way through their reading experiences. By July 31, 217 crew members signed on board the *R.P.L. Read a Lot* and spent 495 hours of their summer vacation reading.

Now that school is starting, Storytime will take a short break, beginning again on September 18. Storytime hours will be Tuesdays at 1:30 and Fridays at 10:30. A reminder to all area day-care people: We do outreach programs as well. Give a call any-time to Sharon Macdonald or Martha Jones at 964-8401.

We are looking for new members of our teen advisory board! Anyone in sixth grade or up may apply for membership. Ask for an application today and help plan fun events for teens during the year, work on a newsletter, and choose items for the after-school Café



**Ha'Penny Theater presented "Fish Tales" in July.**

Bibliotheque.

Whatever else you may be doing this fall, leave some time for reading!

Sharon Macdonald  
Director of Youth Services

## Friends of the Library 2001-2002 Speaker Series Schedule Announced

The Friends of the Rye Public Library Speaker Series for 2001-2002 will explore different aspects of the history of the Seacoast area.

Our first speaker, Sharon Paiva Stephan, curator of "One Woman's Work: the visual art of Celia Laighton Thaxter" and author of a book by the same title, will speak about Celia Thaxter the artist on Thursday, September 20. Autographed copies of Ms. Stephan's book will be available for sale. The traveling exhibit is at the Portsmouth Athenaeum until September 29.

On Thursday, October 11, David Stewart-Smith, Ph.D., staff ethnohistorian of the Sargent Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Concord, will talk about the "Coastal Frontier: First Encounters with Native Americans Along the Coastline of New England."

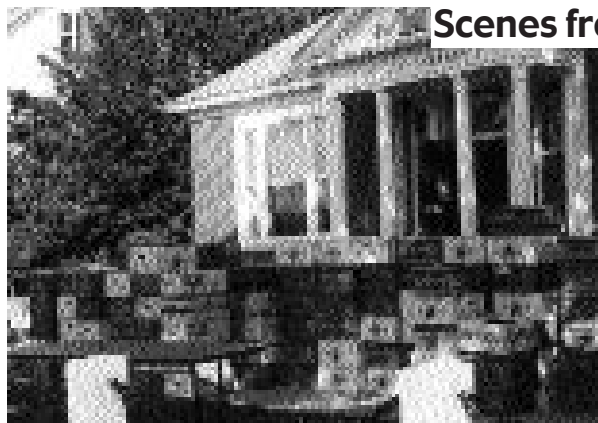
On Thursday, November 8, publisher-photographer-writer Peter Randall will discuss "The Early Years on the Isles of Shoals" and show many of his wonderful island slides.

The 2002 series will begin on Thursday, February 7, when Strawberry Banke archeologists Martha Pinella and Sandra DeChard will tell us all about "Wharfs on the Piscataqua"—both above and below the ground.

On Thursday, March 14, Jeff Bolster, associate professor of history at UNH, will present "Cross-Grained and Wily Waters."

The concluding evening will be "What's the Catch?" on Thursday, April 12. Wendy Lull, executive director of the Seacoast Science Center, will single out the history of cod fishing in the Gulf of Maine to illustrate how we have used technology to harvest natural resources over the past 300 years.

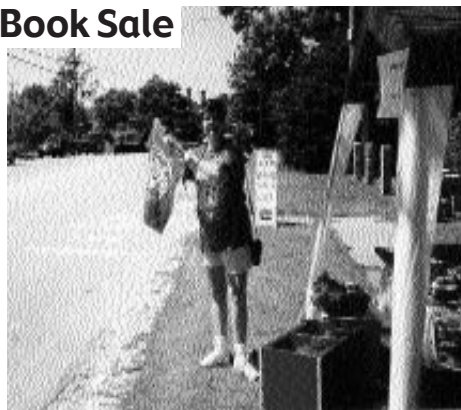
Each program begins with light refreshments at 7 p.m. The Speaker Series is underwritten by the Friends of the Library and offered at no charge. The Rye Public Library is located at 581 Washington Road in the center of town. Please call 964-8401 for more information.



## Scenes from the Library's July Book Sale

Early in the morning boxes of books await opening and the start of the sale.

Youth Director Sharon Macdonald hawks summer reading program T-shirts roadside.



## Sharpen Your Computer Skills at the Library

Kathleen Litch of Leisure Computing will be back this fall to teach computer skills for the third year. Classes in the past have included "Introduction to Computers," "Beyond Basics," and "Introduction to Word Processing." Dates and times were not fixed at press time. Please call the Library at 964-8401 or Ann Malpass at 964-9290 to put your name on the list.

## Library Catalog Online

All titles owned by the Rye Public Library and the Rye schools, including audios and videos, are cataloged online. You can access this information from your home or office computer by connecting to RPL's Web site:

[www.nh.ultranet.com/~ryepl](http://www.nh.ultranet.com/~ryepl)

Please call us at 964-8401 if you need assistance.

## OCTOPI YOUR MIND



Sandra Dombrowski presents two friends dressed nautically for the reading program.

# MOSQUITO PROGRAM UPDATE

Two dead crows—one in Salem and one in Rollinsford—tested positive for the West Nile virus during the third week in August. However, no infected mosquitoes have yet been found. This substantiates the words of Dr. Jose Montero, chief of the NH Bureau of Disease Control, who said, "The question is not IF but WHEN the disease will be found in New Hampshire." Massachusetts testing has produced 38 positive results, the closest in Tewksbury.

In human populations the flu-like effects of West Nile are generally mild, but people over 60 are at higher risk. It has been determined that horses and cattle are especially susceptible to this disease. Last year a number of horses in the New England area are known to have succumbed to the virus.

The last newsletter provided a no-spray request form. The 69 households selecting this option have been designated on the spray route map. An additional 42 requested and received treatment of standing pools of water (larvaciding).

Residents are requested to remain vigilant regarding standing water even in small amounts. A single tire, wheelbarrow, blocked gutter, child's beach pail, or stagnant birdbath can produce untold numbers of mosquitoes. Dense undergrowth and tall grass provide daytime mosquito

habitat and should be cleared.

At 10 mph, eight hours are required to spray the entire town and all conditions must be met for the spray to be effective: dusk/dark when mosquitoes are airborne in the greatest numbers; low or no wind to allow spray control; and no threat of rain. Obviously, spraying schedules must be flexible in order to accommodate these factors.

Michael Morrison, our contracted supervisor/entomologist, devised two routes to cover Rye's more than 65 miles of roadway. One spraying requires two evenings, four hours each night. In general, roadside spraying is done weekly with "hot spots" receiving additional attention and no-spray areas honored. Be advised that the sound of the equipment remains constant whether the sprayer is off or on.

The insecticide Scourge is used for roadside spraying and is applied at 6.2 ounces per minute depending on mosquito severity. It is mixed ten parts soybean oil to one part concentrate.

The Mosquito Control Commission continues to monitor day-to-day problems while planning ahead for long-term remediation through beaver dam removal and support of marsh restoration. Your calls and cooperation have been extremely helpful in pinpointing high mosquito concentrations and identifying areas of standing water. Thank you.

## Building Inspector Appreciates Cooperation

Thank you to all the residents who have brought their properties into compliance by relocating their fences. As these residents know, we are trying to get all the fences currently in the town or state right-of-way back onto their own properties. Many thanks to all who got the required permit to install or repair an existing fence so that we may assist them in determining exactly where their properties lines are.

Please remember that we now

have setbacks to wetlands in order to protect these important ecological features. If you plan on landscaping and have questions regarding how close you can fill to or disturb these valuable buffers, please call Susan Zarlengo at 964-9800 and she can come right out and help you.

If you do call with questions, please have the proper address handy of the property in question. That helps us assist you much more quickly!



# TIME TO CHECK THE COMPASS ?

Two very topical items have come before the Planning Board this month. They are the changes in use of established Rye businesses. The old Pirate's Cove restaurant on Ocean Boulevard at Wallis Sands Extension and Wayne's Lawn and Garden on Dow Lane at Route 1 are looking to new and very much changed uses. Both applications are currently in the "conceptual consultation" phase, but considerable thought has gone into them. They are particularly interesting because they illustrate the real estate recycling, both residential and business, that is going on in Rye today due to the lack of undeveloped land.

The current proposal for Wayne's is as a function hall for the Knights of Columbus. The old lawn and garden store is proposed to be converted to a function hall with kitchen, rental office space, and a rental apartment.

The Pirate's Cove restaurant, long closed, has remained shuttered. However, the adjacent snack shack has continued to provide a soft-drink, ice cream, and burger level of service.

Now a mixed-use residential and beach club condominium is proposed. The restaurant would be extensively remodeled and modernized to become the club facilities. The two residences on the site would remain. In addition to the clubhouse, members of the beach club would have a 50x80-foot pool and

deck overlooking Wallis Sands Beach. The club proposes to provide food service for members.

These reuse proposals typify Rye development now. Renovations and expansions are seemingly everywhere, and previously unbuildable land is catching the eye of developers. As noted in the June town newsletter, we are taking a hard look at Rye's future course. We plan a town-wide survey for later this year to develop a consensus "vision" for Rye in order to calibrate our town compass and revise the Master Plan to express that vision. To influence these and other important changes going on in Rye, we ask you to give of yourself and join our meetings. Watch for the posting of the

Planning Board agendas on either the town bulletin boards or on the Rye Web site.

**Odds and ends:** The joint work session held by the selectmen for town officials

gave a strong push to the need for support facilities for our older citizens. . . . In this vein, we are investigating a possibility to get the sea-coast bus to swing through Rye—and trying to find out what subsidy the company would need. . . . We thank the people who responded to our request and have agreed to help with our Master Plan and zoning revisions. . . . The suit by the developer of the proposed Whitehorse Farms began preliminary court hearings in early August.



Wayne's



Pirate's Cove restaurant

## Know Your Town Officials

### **Town Administrator**

Earl A. Rinker III

### **Building Inspector**

Susan M. Zarlengo

### **Cemetery Superintendent**

Edward J. Ireland

### **Emergency Management Director**

Mark N. Zartarian

### **Finance/Benefits Administrator**

Cynthia Gillespie

### **Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden**

Leon C. Blaisdell

### **Harbor Master**

Leo Axtin

### **Health Officer**

Gail A. Snow, MD

### **Library Director**

Sherry Evans

### **Overseer of Public Welfare**

Paula Snyder

### **Public Works Director**

Everett "Bud" Jordan

### **Recreation Director**

Lee Arthur

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Jane Ireland

### **Treasurer**

Barbara J. Flynn

### **Zoning/Planning Administrator**

Joan Dawley

## Know Your Town Hall Staff

### **Selectmen's Office**

Nancy Weiland, *Executive*

*Secretary*

Beatrice Marconi, *Assessing Clerk*

### **Sewer Department**

Therese Zartarian,  
*Administrative Assistant to  
Sewer Commission*

Walter Parenteau, *Clerk of the  
Works, Sewer Commission*

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office**

Elizabeth Yeaton, *Deputy Town  
Clerk/Tax Collector*

Phyllis Lundgren, *Assistant  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

### **Zoning & Planning Office**

Susan Dunfey, *Zoning &  
Planning Secretary*

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

SEPTEMBER 2001

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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.

2	3 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	4	5 7 pm, <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	6	7	8
9	10 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	11 7 pm, <b>Planning Board</b> 7 pm, <b>Recreation Commission</b>	12 4 pm, <b>Mosquito Control Comm.</b> 7 pm, <b>Historic District Commission</b>	13 6 pm, <b>Library Trustees</b> at Library	14	15
16	17 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	18 <i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset</i>	19 6:30 pm, <b>School Board,</b> Rye Jr. High	20 7 pm, <b>Conservation Commission</b>	21	22 <i>Autumn begins</i>
23	24 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	25	26	27 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	28	29

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30	1 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	2 7 pm, <b>Recreation Commission</b>	3 7 pm, <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	9 7 pm, <b>Planning Board</b>	10	11 6 pm, <b>Library Trustees</b> 7 pm, <b>BudCom</b> work session	12	13
14	15 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	16	17 6:30 pm, <b>School Board,</b> Rye Jr. High	18 7 pm, <b>Conservation Commission</b> 7 pm, <b>BudCom</b> work session	19	20
21	22 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	23	24	25 7 pm, <b>BudCom</b> work session	26	27

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28 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	29 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	30 <i>Halloween in Rye</i>	31	1 7 pm, <b>BudCom</b> work session	2	3
4	4 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	6 7 pm, <b>Recreation Commission</b>	7 7 pm, <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	8 6 pm, <b>Library Trustees</b> 7 pm, <b>BudCom</b> work session	9	10
11	12 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	13 7 pm, <b>Planning Board</b>	14	15 7 pm, <b>Conservation Commission</b>	16	17
18	19 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	20	21 6:30 pm, <b>School Board,</b> Rye Jr. High	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	23 <i>Town offices closed</i>	24
25	26 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	27	28	29 7 pm, <b>BudCom</b> work session	30	

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

## PORCIELLO AND MITRUSHI ARE RYE'S TWO NEW FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

The Rye Police Department is proud to introduce Heather Porciello, Rye's first full-time female police officer. A year ago, Heather began her police career as a part-time officer in Rye. Because there were no full-time openings in Rye, she accepted a full-time job with the Stratham Police Department but returned to Rye on May 18 as a certified police officer. In private life, Heather is a skilled equestrian and trains horses for the Hampton Police Department.

On Tuesday, August 14, Alexander K. Mitrushi was introduced to the selectmen by Detective Sargeant Randy Tompkins and was sworn-in as a full-time police officer by Town Clerk Jane Ireland. Alex will attend the NH Police Academy for twelve weeks of intensive training for certification. He is a recent UNH graduate with a degree in sociology specializing in criminal justice.

### Emergency phone numbers

FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY: 911

Rye Police: 964-5521  
 Rye Fire: 964-8683  
 Ambulance: 964-8683  
 Poison Center: 1-800-562-8236  
 State Police: 1-800-525-5555  
 Portsmouth Hospital: 433-4042  
 Exeter Hospital: 778-7311  
 U.S. Coast Guard: 436-4414  
 Power outage: PSNH,  
 1-800-662-7764  
 Telephone outage: Verizon,  
 555-1611  
 Cable outage: AT&T Broadband,  
 1-888-633-4266

## Town Beach Commission Report

The summer of 2001 has been a busy one at the three town beaches, especially with the early August heat wave. A heat wave is technically defined as three or more consecutive days of 90-plus temperatures, but after a cool start we had several other 90-degree days and lots of sunshine.

This has been a year of rebuilding. We started out the season with two new head lifeguards: Jeanne Brooks, former assistant supervisor in Manchester, and Bill Geddes, former head guard and supervisor at Salisbury Beach. Only three guards were returnees from last season.

Unfortunately, Jeanne Brooks left us in mid-July, which meant we were short one person in supervision duties during the week. Beach Commission Chair Tim Sanborn has filled in, conducting the daily workouts at Pirate's Cove that consist of swimming, running, calisthenics, training drills, and mock rescues.

The near drowning of a 4-year-old boy in July led to a commendation letter for lifeguard Bryce Svihovec. Chairman Sanborn presented the citation from the town at the August 6 selectmen's meeting. Coincidentally, Bryce is the

only guard who is a Rye resident.

Supervisor Carl Burnap has worked to accommodate the schedules of all the guards and ensure that beaches are adequately staffed each day. However, typical of the past few years, we are struggling to stay staffed during the final weeks of the summer as many of the guards head back to school.

We met with the selectmen in August to review and update the surfing ordinance, and we implemented some improvements at Sawyer's Beach including a stairway handrail and the addition of a handicapped parking space.

We remind all residents and beachgoers that our primary concern is public safety, and the rules and regulations enforced by the guards are for the safety of everyone. Should you have any input for next season, we are always open to suggestions. We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to serving the residents of Rye again next year.

RYE TOWN BEACH COMMISSION

Tim Sanborn, Chairman

Carl Burnap

Scott McQuade

## "MUTT MITTS" NOW AVAILABLE AT TOWN BEACHES!

Town ordinance requires that you clean up after your pooch! The Beach Commission has provided dispensers with "MUTT MITTS" at Cable Road Extension and Wallis Road Extension (Pirate's Cove) Please use them!

And remember: Until October 1, you may walk your dog on town beaches only before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.



## **Rye Education Foundation Aims for Million-Dollar Mark!**

This year Rye has raised the bar on private support for public education. The Rye Education Foundation (REF) campaign team has reached its goal of \$500,000 and has been challenged to go further.

"In June, an anonymous donor challenged us to double the money for the children of Rye," said campaign chairman Dan Hoefle. "Our team that has worked so hard the past few months has accepted the challenge and we are now reaching for a million dollars! In fact, as of mid-August we hit the \$650,000 mark, leaving just \$100,000 to be raised toward the challenge."

The exciting challenge gift provides a dollar-for-dollar match for all funds up to \$250,000 raised over the original \$500,000 campaign goal.

Those who make a gift or a five-year pledge to the campaign will help ensure Rye's future generations of a quality education in fundamental areas regardless of budgetary constraints or educational trends that may arise.

Joining Dan Hoefle in this fund-raising effort are Peter Bergeron, Bob Blanchard, Roland Brewer, Lisa Conners, Ted Drummond, Tim Durkin, Bob and Eileen Eberhart, Peter Ferris, Mark and Dianne Forsyth, Dick Guare, Chip Kelley, Pat and Tim Losik, Steve McBride, Doug Nelson, Tim Sanborn, Tom Sedoric, Jackie Sexton, and Janet Stevens.

If the challenge is met, the REF endowment fund can remain intact while generating \$55,000 to \$60,000 annually.

Founded in 1994 by a group of Rye residents, the Rye Education Foundation is a private-public partnership of schools, residents, and businesses dedicated to supporting unique educational opportunities that fall outside the resources of our town's annual municipal budget.

## **Property Revaluation Continues** *(Continued from page 1)*

property, the procedure has been to contact the owner by mail, requesting an appointment. Approximately 50 percent of these notifications have been made, with exceptional response. The remaining 50 percent will be in the mail shortly. The property owner will benefit by scheduling an interior inspection to substantiate or correct the data listed.

Concurrently, Vision's senior appraisers have begun to implement the next phases of the project: sales analyses to establish neighborhood delineations and land pricing; application of standard appraisal methods to reflect building values; and a field review to verify accuracy of information and uniformity of its applications.

When the field review is completed, the final phase will begin. A notice will be mailed to each property owner stating Vision's determination of its fair market value. The figure on the notice will be a *preliminary value*, subject to data corrections or revisions. Every property owner who wishes to meet with the Vision appraisers will be given that opportunity. The notice will include dates, times, and the phone number to schedule an appointment. Owners who are unable to attend a hearing

may submit in writing any evidence requesting review of the value to the Assessor's Office, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 prior to October 12, 2001.

The notice of valuation will state fair market value only; exemptions such as senior citizen relief, veterans' credits, or current-use deductions are not the responsibility of the revaluation company. Relevant topics at a hearing are explanation of the valuation procedure and the information on the property record card, market data used as benchmarks for valuation, and comparable sales. Vision staff cannot discuss assessments from prior years nor can they make estimates of the resulting tax impact on any property.

If a taxpayer is not satisfied with the result of a hearing, information for formal appeal to the town, the state, or Superior Court will be provided. The new valuations will be reflected on the tax bills payable in December 2001, after the tax rate has been set by the state in the late fall.

The Board of Selectmen and Vision Appraisal Technology extend appreciation to property owners for their excellent cooperation and courtesy throughout the course of the revaluation.

### **RYE'S NEW CHIEF HAS IMPRESSIVE QUALIFICATIONS**

When Alan Gould takes over as Rye's chief of police, he'll bring with him a strong administrative background, extensive on-the-street law enforcement experience, a flair for community relations, and teaching credentials at several levels.

A graduate of St. Anselm College (B.S. in Criminal Justice), the N.H. Police Academy, and numerous training schools and conferences, Gould has worked his way from patrol officer to operations commander in his 21

years with the Salem Police Dept.

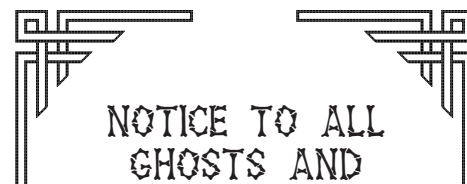
He has worked extensively with youth and has earned numerous awards for this, as well as for his work against family violence and on behalf of community efforts.

Gould is a certified police science instructor and has taught a wide range of subjects at the N.H. Police Standards & Training Council and at Hesser College.

He currently lives in Derry with his wife, Donna, and two children, Elizabeth and Joshua.

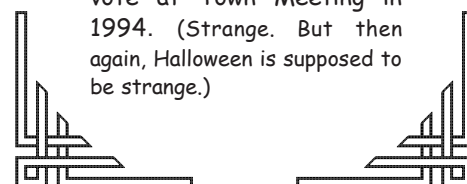


Paul Mackey, owner of the Carriage House Restaurant, explains the importance of herbs in cooking during a field trip to the restaurant as part of the Incredible Edibles week at the Rye Recreation Department's Summertime Horyezons Day Camp.



NOTICE TO ALL  
GHOSTS AND  
GOBLINS:  
HALLOWEEN IS  
ALWAYS A DAY  
EARLY IN RYE!

Halloween "trick or treating" is October 30th every year in Rye by virtue of vote at Town Meeting in 1994. (Strange. But then again, Halloween is supposed to be strange.)



## Dr. David Elkind to Visit Rye on September 13

The CARIT Committee (Courtesy, Accountability, Respect, Integrity, Tolerance) of Rye Junior High School will present world-renowned author and child psychologist Dr. David Elkind on Thursday evening, September 13, in the RJHS gymnasium at 7 p.m. Author of landmark books of family interest, Dr. Elkind has appeared on the *Today Show*, *20/20*, and *Oprah*. The program will feature a lecture, a question-and-answer period, book signing, and refreshments. Tickets are five dollars and are available in advance at Rye schools or at the door. Seating is limited (sorry, no children).

This nonprofit event is sponsored by The Rye Foundation, The Rye Parents Teachers Association, and The Association of Coastal Teachers.

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