



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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**REMINDER:** Applications for Education Property Tax Hardship Relief must be filed no later than June 30, 2002. Unlike some other exemptions, you must apply for hardship relief each and every year in order to qualify. If needed, professional volunteer help is available to complete the form. For more information and/or an appointment, call the Office of the Tax Collector at 964-8562.

## Town Clerk Warns of Important Dates

**The Deadline to Change Party Affiliation** before the September Primary Election is **June 4, 2002**. There is always a lot of confusion regarding primary elections and party affiliation. At such elections there are two ballots: Republican and Democratic. A voter can get the ballot only for the party in which he or she is registered. Those who are registered as undeclared (independent) may take either ballot. However, that action "registers" the voter in that party. To regain the independent status, that voter can fill out a short form with the Supervisors of the Checklist after voting. If you are not sure about your party affiliation, call our office. After June 4 you will be unable to change your affiliation until after the primary election

**Property Tax Bills** for the first issue

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## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

### Rye's Eligibility for Education Property Tax Relief Is Reinstated, But at Reduced Level

**S**INCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER, we have spent a great deal of time in an effort to rectify the injustice caused by the Statewide Education Property Tax. We have been in constant communication with our state representatives and have called members of the State Senate and other departments of the state. We testified in Concord before the appropriate committees for HB212 to reinstate Rye's eligibility regarding the Education Property Hardship Relief on behalf of our fixed- and moderate-income property owners and HB 1462, an attempt to sunset the property tax.

Although HB212 was passed, we were then stunned to discover that Rye's qualified hardship applicants are eligible only for approximately one-third the previous amount as the result of a new formula developed by a single individual at the Department of Revenue Administration. It is imperative that voters scrutinize all candidates for state office regarding the candidate's opposition to the Statewide Education Tax and his or her proposed solutions to solve New Hampshire's tax dilemma in a fair and just manner.

Pressure for development continues throughout Rye. Many towns, including North Hampton and Stratham, have established the means to curtail development and preserve open space through purchase of land or easements. We have appointed an Open Space Committee charged with the development of a plan to purchase land for conservation purposes and prepare a Warrant Article for 2003. Ray Jarvis currently chairs this committee. The recent Opinion Survey requested your input regard-

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## Rye History Museum to Open This Summer

The Rye Historical Society plans to hold the official opening of the Town Museum next to the Library on Saturday, July 6. This is a long-awaited event for many, especially society members, who have been working to restore the former antique shop and apartment. Over the past three years the Society has moved the building from its original site, modernized the second floor for research, storage and office space, and restored the downstairs for exhibit space.

A Town Museum gives Rye the chance to explore and understand its history in a very tangible way and, just as the library offers a community

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## Selectmen's Message

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ing funding methods for conservation preservation. Wednesday evening, June 26 at 5:30 is the date set for the second Visioning Session. At this time, results from the Opinion Survey will be shared and discussed. The future of Rye will be best served by an involved citizenry.

We have been researching possible sites for cell towers in order to complete full town coverage. Several sites are currently under investigation for suitability, availability, and necessary technical requirements. Some sites appear to be promising and we should have positive news soon.

An effort is being made to look into ways of providing transportation service for seniors. Welfare Director Paula Snyder has been investigating avenues that may exist through area agencies that receive annual contributions from the town.

Results of our recent town revaluation are available on the Rye Web Site at <http://www.ryenh.com/town/>. We are aware that everyone does not have computer access, so printed copies of Rye Property Valuations will be available at the Town Hall after July 15.

Mel Low, Chairman  
Priscilla Jenness, Vice-chairman  
Joe Mills, Selectman

## History Museum to Open

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gathering place, the Town Museum will do the same for a variety of purposes. The historical society sees the museum acting as a catalyst for community involvement, not just in exploring Rye's history, but in dealing with its present, which is so rooted in the past. There are many current issues facing the town, such as land use, whose history in Rye has much to teach us. Exhibits will come from our permanent collection, loaned materials, and ideas from townspeople as well as grants.

To fund our restoration of the first floor, we are sponsoring a House Tour on Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 3

## Town Administrator's Report

We are pleased to announce that Cynthia Gillespie, Rye's very fine Finance Administrator, will be receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern New Hampshire University in June. Because of her high scholastic attainment she has just been elected a member of the National Honor Society in Business Administration with a grade point average of 3.6. This also qualifies her for First Dean's List. The Selectmen and the entire staff wish to congratulate Cynthia for this signal honor. We are all very proud of her.

The Town has advertised for quotes on the outside restoration of Town Hall and the Interior Improvements needed.

The Board of Selectmen has selected a professional exterior painter who has experience restoring historic buildings.

Sue Zarlengo, the Building Inspector, Fire Chief Leon Blaisdell and I recently had a walk-through with about a half-dozen contractors to see about making improvements in the interior of Town Hall. We want to use the front hallway downstairs for an office, and we want to put in a bathroom, a lunchroom and an extra office upstairs. We need to provide for all electrical outlets necessary, for additional plumbing, and for additional heating in the front of the building.

As reported in the past, the staff and the Selectmen went through a series of team building exercises which have proved very successful. Monthly staff meetings are being held and the amount of cooperation between departments is phenomenal. I can report that things are good in Town government.

Earl Rinker  
Town Administrator

p.m.. There will be a variety of historic and modern homes open to the public, including the museum.

We welcome your participation in the Society and the Museum on any level. It is your museum! Very modest dues provide you with a newsletter and invitations to special events. For further information, contact co-chairs Bonnie Goodwin (436-5101) or Alex Herlihy (964-9079).



Cynthia Gillespie  
Finance Administrator

## Town Clerk Dates

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billing are being mailed in late May. Payment is due by July 1. For most taxpayers the amount will be half of the entire 2001 billing. Those with a Veteran's exemption will see that \$50.00 is deducted from each of the two billing amounts.

**Beach Parking Permits** are available at our office. For each permit requested a registration for the vehicle on which it is to be placed must be provided (one permit per registration). Only Rye residents and/or property owners are eligible to receive permits. The cost is \$10.00 each.

**Dog Licenses** should be obtained each year between January 1 and April 30. If you haven't already licensed your pet, please come to our office as soon as possible with proof of up-to-date rabies inoculation. The cost is \$6.50 for a neutered or spayed animal and \$9.00 for a non-altered dog. Seniors (over 65) can license one dog for a reduced cost of \$2.00. Licenses for puppies less than seven months old cost \$6.50.

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## Update on Mosquito Control

Rye has implemented a number of mosquito control programs. The contract for mosquito control, including adulticiding, was awarded to Municipal Pest Management, under the direction of entomologist Michael Morrison.

The Mummichog Project, a redistribution of predatory minnows that feed on mosquito larvae in salt marshes, will continue.

Spraying to control larval mosquitoes began on April 19, 2002. Larval mosquitoes will be controlled in shallow stagnant bodies of water including saltmarshes, red maple swamps, roadside ditches, woodland pools, catch basins and stormwater basins. Larval mosquito control applications will concentrate on breeding areas of known West Nile Virus mosquito species. A bacterium insecticide will be the primary control.

Street spraying will begin in late May/early June and continue through September. Street spraying applications are not regularly scheduled since they are determined by weather and mosquito abundance. If local, state and/or federal health officials determine a health threat from mosquito-borne disease (i.e., West Nile Virus), additional street spraying applications may be considered. Anvil or Scourge Insecticide would be used for street spraying.

You can contribute to mosquito control by carefully inspecting your property for household sources of stagnant water: blocked gutters, pool covers, untended birdbaths, open containers, etc. Take the time to clear understory vegetation around wooded areas. Never apply anything to wetlands. Although larger sites have been identified, feel free to call our mosquito control contractor at (207) 363-2886 to report untreated standing water in your neighborhood. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR PROPERTY TO BE SPRAYED: Fill out the form below and return it to the Selectmen's office by mail or drop it

## PLANNING BOARD TO HOLD VISIONING SESSION

The Rye Opinion Surveys are now being tallied, and the Planning Board is preparing to report the results and solicit further public input on planning for the future of Rye at an informal supper meeting to be held on the last Wednesday of June. Please save the date:

**Event:** Supper & Visioning Session  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 26, 2002  
**Place:** Rye Jr. High School Cafeteria  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Supper (Limited to first 100 people to arrive)  
6:15 p.m. Meeting to report on survey answers & exchange ideas.

Everyone is invited, especially people who would like to become more active in helping to plan for the future of Rye. Towns throughout the state are struggling as we are with growth. We need to be ready to manage development and protect our natural resources and community character. The Planning Board is very encouraged by the large number of responses to the survey. Let's not stop there, though.

### *What do we hope to accomplish by the Visioning Session?*

- ❖ Identify the most important areas of concern to shape the community's future.
- ❖ Find citizens who want to participate in long-range planning for Rye.
- ❖ Form several groups to work on solutions during the remainder of the year.

Representatives of Rockingham Planning Commission will assist us in conducting the Visioning Session. Similar meetings have recently been held in Exeter, Newfields, and Brentwood.

### *Have Questions or Comments?*

Call Joan Dawley at the Planning Office at Town Hall, 964-9800 x 21, or ask any member of the Planning Board.

### **SUPPER FOR FIRST 100 PEOPLE SO PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY!**

Come and participate on June 26, 5:30 p.m. Supper;  
6:15 p.m. Meeting. Your input is essential to chart our future!  
Jack Loring, Planning Board Chairman

off with the Town Clerk. The sprayer can be turned off and on with precision but it cannot be selective as to the right or left side of the street. If you elect not to be sprayed, your neighbor across the street will not be sprayed.

TOWN OF RYE—NO SPRAY REQUEST 2002  
Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
PROPERTY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## Assessing Department Discusses Your Tax Credits and Advantages

The Assessing Department continues to process your applications for abatement. You should be hearing from us by July 1.

If dissatisfied with the Selectmen's decision on your appeal, you still have the right to file further with either the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals, (\$65.00 filing fee), or Superior Court. There is a September 1 deadline.

### Exemptions/Credits

#### Veterans, Elderly, Blind

You may qualify for a savings on your tax bill.

**Veterans** - Served at least 90 days during a period of war with an honorable discharge or earned an armed

forces expeditionary medal or a theater of operations service medal during a conflict, again with an honorable discharge.

**Elderly** - Applicant or owner must be at least 65 years of age with income less than \$40,000 if single and less than \$59,900 if married. Assets less than \$199,000.

**Blind** - You must be on the State of NH Vocational Register for the Blind.

For more details on any of the above, please call Bea Marconi at Town Hall at 964-5523.

*Travel assistance is gladly offered for those who find it difficult to get out and about.*

## Rye Historic District Commission Reports

The Commission has recently compiled a booklet that provides specific information pertaining to the Rye Historic District. The endorsement found in the Preface to the booklet reads as follows:

*Fellow Residents of Rye*

*The following overview of the origin, scope, duties and powers of the Historic District Commission allows the citizens of Rye to understand the caretaker role of this commission. Diligence on the part of the HDC provides an added measure of assurance that the traditional appearance of our historic Center of Rye and other historic sites within the town will be protected and maintained.*

*Joseph G. Mills, Chairman*

*Melvin R. Low, Vice Chairman*

*Priscilla V. Jenness, Selectman*

Copies have been provided to residents within the district and to all commissions, boards, and departments in the town of Rye. Copies are also available from the Selectman's office in Town Hall.

On February 14, 2002, the full House took formal action to kill House Bill 1395, which had asked for Historic District Commission mem-

bers to be elected. Positions on Historic Commissions remain appointed throughout the state

Three signs designating the Historic District will be installed this summer.

Jane Holway  
Chairman

## Sewer Commission Report

The Sewer Commission wishes to bring attention to a serious condition happening in the sewer pipes. Some users are neglectfully throwing rags into the sewer system. This could cause very serious problems by clogging the operation of the sewer. Please refrain immediately from committing this dangerous occurrence. Never throw any cloth or rags of any kind into the sewer pipes, lines, or manholes.

David Kohlhasse has been welcomed to the Commission after being elected to this position in March. He should add new and exciting knowledge to this board. We regretfully said goodbye to William Youschak, who desired not to run for this position this time around. He has served the town

## Conservation Commission Update

The Rye Conservation Commission is involved with the protection of open space in Rye. A subcommittee of the Conservation Commission has been formed by the Selectmen and Concerned Citizens of Rye to identify and inventory undeveloped land for the purpose of protecting it through conservation easements and acquisitions. The ultimate goal of this committee will be to help control growth by bringing forward a warrant article for vote by the Rye citizens.

As part of the Town Forest Conservation Easement, a base line or "current condition report" has recently been prepared. Members walked the trails in April with UNH Cooperative Extension Forest Resources Educator, Matthew Tarr, and met with Forester Charles Marino in May to discuss a management plan.

The Commission assisted the Planning Board with proposed settlement of the White Horse Development pending court case. It has also monitored an alleged conservation easement violation at Independence Farm.

The salt marsh restoration at Awcomin has been delayed but will continue again during May. Its purpose is to restore twenty-five acres of salt marsh to its original condition prior to 1942 and 1961, when dredged material was placed on the marsh by the Army Corp of Engineers. Any Rye resident requesting construction grade fill may contact the contractor at 207-252-4841.

well. Thank you, Bill.

The hours for the sewer office will be as follows in the future: 8 a.m. through 11 a.m. Mon. through Fri., excepting holidays. Voice mail is always available to use at any time. There may be times when an assistant will not be in the office, but messages may be left and they will promptly be handled.

William J. Ladrie  
Chairman

## Report from Police Chief Gould

You may have read in the newspapers about some of the fraud cases we encountered in Rye over the last few months. These have involved home repair and lottery "scams" and identity theft. Since most of these situations prove very difficult to investigate and prosecute, prevention is the key. Some of you may have attended the seminar we presented in May with the help of the Attorney General's Office, which was hosted by the Rye Over 55 Club. If you missed that seminar but would like some information on fraud prevention, please stop into the Police Station and we will provide you with some literature. I will offer everyone some simple advice. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is a scam. Don't give in to pushy or intimidating salespeople and telemarketers. Guard your personal information, especially on the phone or Internet. Do not hesitate to call us if you become suspicious.

Our schools will be out shortly, which means there will be many more children on our streets or playing in their yards. We are doing our best to keep the roads safe through the use of our new radar equipment purchased in part with funds from a state grant. Please drive cautiously and remember that if you are driving 30 miles per hour, your car is traveling at about 45 feet per second. Could you stop if that child ran across the road or fell off a bicycle in front of your car?

In early May we had our first theft of the season from a vehicle parked by the ocean. I remind everyone once again to lock their vehicles and place valuables in the trunk while enjoying our beaches.

Although this will be my first summer as your Police Chief, I am told by the veteran officers that parking issues and the influx of tourists the good weather brings always present a challenge for the Department. We should be receiving several state grants that will help us address some of these problems and don't be surprised if you see some officers on bicycles. We will do our best to prevent problems before they develop and resolve other issues as they come up, but as always, we seek your input.

Alan Gould  
Chief of Police

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## Rye Library Staff Chosen from Among Many for Distinguished Recognition

Sharon Macdonald and the Rye Public Library staff including Jonathan Ramsay, Sherry Evans, Tricia Quinn, Pam Jautiakis, Jim Chase, Julie Doherty, Martha Jones, and Nicole Anderson have been selected for distinguished recognition as a **2002 GPEPC Quality Partner** because of their dedication and commitment to education and to the children of Rye. This is a special honor since the Rye staff was chosen from a field of many nominees. The award was presented by the Greater Portsmouth Education Partnership Council on May 29.

## Report from Fire Chief Blaisdell

On May 7, Jeffrey DiBartolomeo was sworn in as the newest fulltime firefighter in the Rye Fire Department. Jeff has been a call firefighter in Stratham for several years as well as being a member of the Manchester Airport Fire Department. He has an associate's degree in fire science, all necessary NH Fire Academy certifications, and is an EMT-I.



Rye's newest fulltime firefighter Jeff DiBartolomeo is sworn in by Town Clerk Jane Ireland as his mother and father look on.

The new fire truck approved by the voters in March should be on order by the end of June, with delivery close to the end of the year.

The building committee has been working with the consulting firm to determine the exact needs of the fire and police departments, to determine future needs, to assess the current buildings, and to develop a plan based on current codes and standards that will indicate space needs. The progress to date makes me optimistic that a new facility will be a reality in the foreseeable future.

The call department lost three members in the last month. Two have taken fulltime jobs on other departments and one has moved to Massachusetts. We do have a new member currently completing firefighter 1, but we are still in need of several more firefighters and EMT's. If you would like to investigate these rewarding careers, please call me or stop by the station for more information.

Remember that house numbers are required on all houses. They can save an emergency vehicle time in locating your house! The numbers should be at least three inches in height, contrasting to the building, and visible from the street. If the house is not visible from the street, a post or mailbox with the number is acceptable.

Most of us probably have our gas grills out for the summer season. Please check all hoses for wear. The regulator and hoses should be grease-free. And do not use the grill on or near combustible material.

Leon C. Blaisdell  
Chief, Rye Fire Department

# TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## SIGN-UP FOR FALL SOCCER TODAY!



Deadline for registering is **July 31, 2002**

Late Fee of \$25 will be applied to all registration received after the deadline.

### Summertime Horyezons Day Camps

Summertime Horyezons is a thematically-based day camp for youth, ages 4-5 years old and entering grades 1-6. This year's camp runs June 24th through August 16th. The Camp Director is Jessica Dickey, M.Ed, B.A. Camp will be held at the Recreation House, Recreation Rd., Rye. Full Day Campers need to bring a snack, drink and lunch each day and Half Day Campers need only snack and drink. Prior to arrival, label belongings and each day apply bug spray and sunscreen. Limited space available.

#### Week 1, June 24-28 - Rumble in the Jungle

- Wild and wonderful jungle and rainforest animals will be the focus this week. Expect several animal guests and tons of activities on our furry, feathered and fascinating friends.

#### Week 2, July 1, 2,3,5 - Awesome All American (No Camp July 4th)

- If you weren't proud to wave the stars and stripes before this week, you certainly will be after. This week's pursuits are sure to turn all of our participants into true patriots and just in time for the Fourth of July.

#### Week 3, July 8-12 - Outdoor Adventures

- A fabulous favorite from last summer, this year we'll hone our outdoor survival skills with new and challenging projects. Our campers will be outdoor experts after this week.

#### Week 4, July 15-19 - Mad Scientist

- This week will be packed with scientific experiments. Through interesting and imaginative investigations, our campers will discover the excitement of science and see the world around them in a whole new light.

**Hours:** Full Day 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (only available to Grades 1-6)

Half Day 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Pre-Camp (8:30 - 9:00 a.m.) offered for no additional fee.

Post-Camp (4:00 - 4:30 p.m.) offered for no additional fee.

**Fees:** Weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Full Day: \$120/wk residents, \$140/wk non-residents

Half Day: \$65/wk residents, \$75/wk non-residents

Week 2 (No Camp July 4th)

Full Day: \$96/wk residents, \$112/wk non-residents

Half Day: \$52/wk residents, \$60/wk non-residents

\* Fee Includes T-shirt

#### Week 5, July 22-26 - Fine Arts & Fun Crafts

- Just when you thought you'd done every art and craft possible, we've come up with a whole week full of new ones-and some old favorites- to express ourselves through. Every camper will find their inner artist this week.

#### Week 6, July 29-August 2 - Wackey Winter

- That's right-a week on winter smack-dab in the middle of summer. Hopefully it will help us cool off! Make your own snowcones and snowflakes. Lets give that summer heat a run for its money!

#### Week 7, August 5-9 - All About Puppetry


- Sock-puppets, finger-puppets, shadow-puppets, marionettes and more. Create them, manipulate them, help the puppet's true character come to the surface. Campers become puppeteers this week as we journey into one of the most ancient forms of theatre.


#### Week 8, August 12-16 - Bizkids

- This week campers find out all the basics of starting and running a business. From saving to spending to investing, campers will know the value of a dollar, practice excellent business ethics, and have fun doing it!


### July 4th Celebration

Will be held on Thursday, July 4th, 2002 at Parsons Field, weather permitting. Activities and performances will start at 5:00 p.m. ending with the fireworks at dusk.

Ha'penny Theatre presents Coyote, Crow & Buffalo 


Music by Rhumboogie 

Fireworks

**Turn-of-the-Century Maine Plantswomen** is a slide presentation by Nancy Wetzel capturing the essence Celia Thaxter, Sarah Orne Jewett, and others in a strong and sensitive blend of feminine identity issues and horticultural history. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, July 17, 2002, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages. 

**Red Cross Babysitter Course** is for ages 11 and up.

June 24-25, 2002, Monday & Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or  
June 26-27, 2002, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fee: \$45 Location: Rye Library 



## Soccer Camp

Instruction is provided by Play Soccer. This co-ed camp will be held at Lang Corner Field, rain or shine. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day apply bug spray and sunscreen. Limited space available.



### Week 1, July 15-19

4-5 yrs, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Soccer Tots
Entering Grades 1-2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Soccer Tots
Entering Grades 3-4, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	World Cup Soccer
Entering Grades 5-8, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Fast Track

### Week 2, July 22-26

Entering Grades 3-4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	World Cup Soccer
Entering Grades 5-8, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Fast Track
Entering Grades 1-2, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Soccer Tots
4-5 yrs, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Soccer Tots

#### Fees

4 yrs to Entering Grade 2: \$65/wk residents, \$75/wk non-residents

\* Fee includes T-shirt, Ball, Water Bottle, & Poster

Entering Grades 3-8: \$90/wk residents, \$100/wk non-residents

\* Fee includes T-shirt, Water Bottle, & Poster

**Host a coach for a week and registration for one is free!**

## Basketball Camp

Instruction is provided by Patrick (wk 1 only), Brett and Breanne Mulvey and held at Rye Elementary. Participants should bring snack & drink each day. Limited space available.



### Week 1, June 24-28

Entering Grades 1-2 Coed, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Entering Grades 5-8 Boys, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Week 2, July 1-5

Entering Grades 3-5 Girls, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Entering Grades 3-4 Boys, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Week 3, July 8-12

Entering Grades 6-8 Girls, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Entering Grades 7-8 Boys, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### Fees

Entering Grades 1-2: \$75/wk residents, \$85/wk non-residents

Entering Grades 3-8: \$85/wk residents, \$95/wk non-residents

\* Fee includes T-shirt & Participation Award

## Junior Golf Program

Instruction is provided by John Stacey, PGA Pro. These co-ed lessons will be held at Bramber Valley Golf Course in Greenland. 6 participants per. co-ed group. Limited space available.



### June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12 (M)

Entering Grades 3-12: 4:00-5:00 p.m., or 5:00-6:00 p.m., or 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Fees** \$125 per. session residents, \$135 per. session non-residents

\* Fee includes Shirt & Participation Award

## Lacrosse Camp

Instruction is provided by Barry Russo, current UNH Coach. This co-ed camp will be held at Lang Corner Field. Participants will need water bottle, sneakers, cleats and stick. Eye protection is optional and gloves are required for boys. Prior to arrival each day apply bug spray and sunscreen. Minimum of 20 participants needed. Limited space available.



**June 24-28** Entering Grade 5-8, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Fees** \$85/wk residents, \$95/wk non-residents

\* Fee includes T-shirt & Ball

## Group Tennis Lessons - Indoor

Instruction is provided by John Marlowe. These co-ed lessons will be held at New Castle Recreation Facility. Participants will need to bring racket and drink. Limited space available.



### Session 1, June 25, 26, 27, July 2, 3, 4 (T,W, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-2, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-4, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.;

Entering Grades 5-8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Adult, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Session 2, August 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 (T, W, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-2, 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-4, 3:00-4:00 p.m.;

Entering Grades 5-8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Adult, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Fees** \$60 per. session residents, \$70 per. session non-residents

## Volleyball Camp

Instruction is provided by Mike Ferguson, RJH Coach.

This co-ed camp will be held at Rye Junior High. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Min. of 12 participants needed. Limited space available.



**July 22 - 26** Entering Grades 5-8, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 7-8, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Fees** \$85/wk residents, \$95/wk non-residents

\* Fee includes T-shirt

## To Register for Programs:

Complete a Rye Rec. Dept. 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 Dept., 10 Central Road, Rye, NH, 03870. Forms are available on the Rec. Dept. Bulletin Board outside Town Hall or Rec. Dept. Office, M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable. Residents fees apply to New Castle. For more information contact Rye Rec. at 964-6281.

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

## Building Inspector Cites Rules and Regs

Drive around town and you will notice a phenomenal amount of building going on. This office has never seen so many demolitions of entire houses and building of replacement houses! The Surf Club has started construction and Rosewood of Rye continues to make improvements to their building.

I am trying to maintain office hours Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., but frequently I am called out to do inspections or enforcement during these times. It is always best to call ahead for an appointment; I will try to remain flexible to meet your schedule. I appreciate your cooperation.

Please be reminded that sheds and fences do require a building permit.

Also as a reminder, to obtain a building permit for any addition of living space to your house, you must ensure that a State Approved Operational Approval for your septic system is available. If there is no Operational Approval signed by the State in your file, you will be required to obtain a Septic System design approved by the State. Depending on the age and condition of the existing system, the new system may be required to be installed as a condition of the building permit. Please do not hesitate to contact this office with any questions as to whether you have an operational approval in your file.

The life of your septic system may

be prolonged with proper maintenance. The Granite State Designers and Installers Association is putting on a seminar to educate residents on the care and maintenance of your septic system at the Urban Forestry Center at 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, on June 18, 7 to 9 p.m. There is no cost. If you have any questions regarding the seminar, please call 228-1231. I urge all residents to try to attend.

I have been informed that commercially rated "organic" fertilizers may not be so good to apply to areas adjacent to wetlands. Apparently, these fertilizers have a high phosphorus content (from animal manure) that promotes growth in the wetlands and chokes out the "good" vegetation. Fertilizer high in chicken manure is usually lower in phosphorus and is okay to use adjacent to wetlands.

The 2000 Uniform Building Code will be officially adopted by the State in September; however, we may begin the process to adopt the code earlier. The new Electrical Code is also in affect as of July 1. However, any electrical permits issued after January 2002 must include arc-fault protectors in all the bedrooms.

If you observe and believe a violation exists somewhere in town, please complete a Complaint Form, located outside the office. We need the complaint in writing and signed before we can begin our investigation.

Susan Zarlengo  
Building Inspector

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## Coalition Communities Update

Rye Selectmen and the Town Administrator met recently with other members of the Coalition Communities, now 33 members strong. Following the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced by Portsmouth Mayor Evelyn Sirrell that a Gubernatorial Candidates' Forum will be held in Portsmouth City Council Chambers on June 13. It is important that voters ascertain the

beliefs and action plans held by each gubernatorial candidate regarding the future of the Statewide Education Property Tax.

Currently, 70 percent of all taxes raised in New Hampshire are the result of taxes on property.

**Save the date: June 13, 2002, Gubernatorial Candidates Forum, Portsmouth City Council Chambers.**

## Protecting Rye's Future

Retaining what is left of Rye's open space, woods, and marshlands must be a priority if we are to preserve our town's character and charm. Conserving these important resources is not only an investment in our future, it will curtail the tax burden that inevitably follows unmanaged growth—new schools and roads, increased police and fire protection, and the need for additional water sources and town services. Many NH communities have come to understand this and have passed bond issues for the purpose of purchasing conservation easements and development rights to manage growth. They found that by simply retaining the natural beauty of certain landscapes, views, and open spaces, the intrinsic value of their town's character is protected for future generations.

A subcommittee of the Rye Conservation Commission appointed by the Selectmen (with representatives from the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Conservation Commission, and Concerned Citizens of Rye), has been meeting to develop a plan to balance growth in Rye with targeted conservation and preservation efforts. The committee is currently in the process of reviewing open space efforts in other NH communities, mapping out buildable land, and identifying the criteria that will be used to prioritize desirable parcels. The goal of the committee is to bring a warrant article for a bond issue to voters next year. The bond will make it possible for the town to purchase land for the purpose of preserving it.

Expertise of every kind is needed for this important project. If you are interested in participating, please call Lindsay Josephs at 964-9554 or Ronnie Werner at 964-4133.



# Library Summer Events Announced

Book discussions are held on the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of each month

June 6 Military Book Group

***We Were Soldiers Once...and Young***

by Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore (Ret.) and

Joseph L. Galloway

June 18 Adult Book Discussion

***Prodigal Summer***

by Barbara Kingsolver

July and August titles to be announced (call the library at 964-8401)

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**Internet Instructions** are given every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30

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**Health Clinic** on the fourth Tuesday of each month 1 to 3 p.m.

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## ANNUAL BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Saturday July 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

sponsored by the

Friends of Rye Library

Please donate your used books, videos, audio/CD books to the library

Any questions? Call the library at 964-8401

Volunteer bakers needed too! Call us, or come into the library to sign up to bake.

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## MUSEUM PASSES AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

Portsmouth Children's Museum

Boston Museum of Fine Arts

Seacoast Science Center

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\* \*Great summer reading lists for the whole family\* \*

Come check out our new **DVD** collection

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## SUMMER ART EXHIBIT

The Arts Committee is requesting submissions from Rye children, aged 3-12, for its summer show, "Budding Artists of Rye." The exhibit will open Saturday, July 13, the day of the Library's Annual Book and Bake Sale, and will run through September 14. All entries must be framed and ready to hang. There will be limited space for three-dimensional art. Entries are limited to one per artist. Applications are available at the library and on the library's web site, [www.rye.lib.nh.us](http://www.rye.lib.nh.us). The deadline for entries is June 29. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



## Letter to Parents from the Children's Library

Dear Parent,

The Rye Public Library invites your child to explore the depths of the jungle by participating in the 2002 Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire and partially funded by Citizens Bank.

This year's slogan is "Lions & Tigers & Books, Oh My." The theme will focus on wild animal stories and related activities. This annual program is designed to encourage reading for pleasure in a relaxed environment. It is a proven fact that students who read during summer maintain or improve their reading level. Outside of the basic reading club itself, some of the special activities we have planned here at the library include: weekly trivia questions, crafts, a mask-making workshop and live entertainment for the whole family.

On Tuesday, June 25" at 6:30 a live performance by Mike "The Music Man" Slattery will kick off our program. Registration will also be at this time and continue throughout the summer program. Children who sign up will receive a chart to record their reading progress during the summer.

Here's a chance to send your kids off on a reading adventure! So...dust off that pith helmet and hike on down to Rye Public Library. For more information, please contact the Youth Department at 964-8401.

### June 25 Tues.

6:30 p.m.

Sign up begins!

Mike Slattery

Songs and Fun for All!

### July 23 & 25

Mask Making

Sign up required

6-7 p.m.

### Aug. 9 Fri.

SRP Party!

3 p.m.

### CRAFTS

June 26-29

July 1-6

July 8-13

July 15-20

July 22-27

July 29- Aug 3

Aug 5-9

Tiger Bookmarks

Bead Bracelets

Adinkra Symbols

Mosaic Frames

Climbing Monkeys

Lion Puppets

Animal Cracker Art

### STORYTIME for All Ages!

Every Weds. 10:30 a.m.

STARTING June 26 - Aug. 7

NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED

# Rye Art in Bloom



"Whale Back" by Priscilla Lane Brown (Left), watercolor - Flower Arranger, Janet Brown (Right)

Visitors to the 2nd Annual Rye Art in Bloom held recently at Webster at Rye described the exhibit as "The most unique event of the season." The exhibit displayed 24 inspirational works of art by members of the Rye Art Study Group and the Webster at Rye Community. Members of the Rye Driftwood Garden Club companioned each art piece with a breathtaking floral interpretation.

The exhibit succeeded in stimulating interest in flower arranging, sharing the talents of local artists, and fostering community relationships. Rye Art in Bloom is organized by the Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and the Rye Art Study Group.

The two-day event opened to the music of the Tim Janis Ensemble, musicians devoted to preforming the compositions of nationally renowned Tim Janis of Kennebunk, Maine and ended with local pianist Ray DeMarco. The presenting sponsor for this year's Rye Art in Bloom was D.F. Richard Energy.

The exhibit included the following:

- "Autumn at the Window" by Ruth Rarer, oil on canvas - Flower Arranger, Ruth Rarer;
- "Children at Play" by Aarne Parker, watercolor - Flower Arranger, Lee Parker;
- "Field of Bluebonnets" by Maurine Tidmore, oil on canvas - Flower Arranger, Gwen Fuller;
- "Fish Beach, Monhegan Island" by Priscilla Jenness, oil on canvas - Flower Arranger, Priscilla Jenness;
- "Flowers in Glass" by Kerra Duquenne, stained glass - Flower Arranger, Marjorie Duquenne;
- "Hindu Priest" by Marilyn Marchant, photograph - Flower Arranger, Nancy Winthrop;
- "Hudson River Valley" by Carol Mitchell, oil on canvas - Flower Arranger, Alice Provencher;
- "Lazy Brook" by Betty Downey, oil on canvas - Flower Arranger, Karey Papke Kelly;
- "Moose at Bay" by Bob Mitchell, wood carving - Flower Arranger, Margaret Gray;
- "Navajo Arch" by Chris Harper, photograph - Flower Arranger, Janet Brown;
- "Patti's Gift" by Dorine Gross, acrylic - Flower Arranger, Joan Larson;
- "Portsmouth Doorway" by Judy Sponaugle, watercolor - Flower Arranger, Sally Doran;
- "Reverie" by Jean Leopold, oil on canvas - Flower Arranger, Linda Ferwerda;
- "Tenerife" by Gisela Gaensler, oil on canvas - Flower Arranger, Gisela Gaensler;
- "Sagamore Marina" by Elizabeth Boynton, watercolor - Flower Arrangers, Debbie Johnson & Kathy Cavallaro;
- "Sailing" by Betty Ford-Smith, metal sculpture - Flower Arranger, Barbara Allen;
- "Spring Thaw" by Sal Allocco, watercolor - Flower Arranger, Sal Allocco;
- "Walking to Grandma's" by Carleton Edgerly, pencil - Flower Arranger, Melissa Bird;
- "Whale Back" by Priscilla Lane Brown, watercolor - Flower Arranger, Janet Brown;
- "Winter in Portsmouth" by Carla Marvin, oil on wood - Flower Arranger, Monika Bottlinger;
- "Winter Reflection" by Claire Russo, watercolor - Flower Arranger, Joan Sweeney;
- "Winter Sunset" by Carolyn Payzant, watercolor - Flower Arranger, Jean Elliott;
- "Witch Creek" by Sue Chisholm, acrylic - Flower Arranger, Kay Sleeper;
- "Woman on a Chaise" by Ann Tolson, acrylic - Flower Arranger, Mary Fuller.

## WATER DISTRICT NEWS

### Thank You

The Water District extends a very warm thank you to John Titus. John is a new resident of Rye who has volunteered many (and we mean many) hours to the District to enhance computerization of our billing and other systems. John is a very community-oriented citizen. HATS OFF TO JOHN!

### Conservation

We are requesting your help again this year to conserve water. Please do outdoor irrigation only before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. We have actually noted several homes with automated irrigation systems that water even while it's raining! Those who do this will receive a warning!

### Water Service Expanded

We continue our endeavor to provide water to all residents of the District. Last year we extended a 1300 ft. main along Locke Road. This year we are extending a 400 ft. main on Highland Park Avenue.

### Hazardous Waste

During the week of May 6, 2002, the District distributed 300 fliers announcing the May 11 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Hampton. These fliers were distributed to all residents within our Wellhead Protection Zone (4000 ft. radius around our wells).

### TENNIS COURTS IN RYE?

The Town of Rye Recreation Commission met on April 2 with the public and established a subcommittee to explore the possibility of building tennis courts in Rye. If you are interested in assisting with this endeavor and/or want more information, please contact Gina Connors 964-5197 or Ed Hume 430-2850.

**For up-to-date news  
about Rye and more,  
visit the Town's  
informative Web site at  
[www.ryenh.com/town](http://www.ryenh.com/town)**

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

**JUNE 2002**

**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.

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>4</b> Last day to change party affiliation	<b>5</b> 7 pm, <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7 pm, <b>Planning Board</b> 7 pm, Recreation Commission	<b>12</b> 4 pm, <b>Mosquito Control Comm.</b> 7 pm, <b>Historic District Commission</b>	<b>13</b> 6 pm, <b>Library Trustees at Library</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Flag Day</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm, <b>School Board, Rye Jr. High</b>	<b>20</b> 7 pm, <b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Summer begins</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 pm, <b>Visioning Session, Rye Jr. High</b>	<b>27</b> 2 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b> (subject to change)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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## **JULY 2002**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7 pm, <b>Recreation Commission</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day Town offices closed</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7 pm, <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>10</b> 4 pm, Mosquito Control Comm. 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment 7 pm, Historic District Comm.	<b>11</b> 6 pm, <b>Library Trustees at Library</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm, <b>School Board, Rye Jr. High</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm, <b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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6:30 pm,  
**Board of  
Selectmen**

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## **AUGUST 2002**

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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 pm, <b>Recreation Commission</b>	<b>7</b> 7 pm, <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>8</b> 6 pm, <b>Library Trustees</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm, <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>13</b> 7 pm, <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>14</b> 4 pm, <b>Mosquito Control Comm.</b>	<b>15</b> 7 pm, <b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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**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

# Happy Summer Predicted for Beaches

The three members of the Beach Commission, Chairman Tim Sanborn, Scott McQuade and new member John Iafolia are looking forward to a safe and happy summer for all on Rye's beaches. We welcome John, who was appointed after Carl Burnap resigned from the Commission. We owe Carl special thanks for the outstanding job he did last summer as Beach Supervisor.

Some things you need to know about the Town Beaches:

**Opening Day.** Rye's three beaches: Pirates Cove, Cable Road Extension, and Sawyers, are scheduled to officially open on Saturday, June 22.

**Beach Cleanup Day.** Saturday, June 15. Everyone is invited to help. It's fun and you'll be helping to get our beaches ready for Summer!

**Lifeguards.** We have once again lined up an excellent staff of qualified lifeguards to serve on the Beach Safety Patrol. They will be using the flag system that was introduced last year:

Green flag=Normal conditions, Red flag=warning of extreme conditions.

**Dog Regulations.** Dogs are strictly prohibited from the beaches between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to October 1. When you do bring your dog to the beach during the allowed hours, you are required to clean-up and properly dispose of whatever your pooch deposits. Signs are posted at the beach entrances with information about fines.

**Beach Trash Barrels.** Please remember: The trash barrels are for beach use only and are essential in keeping the beaches clean. Whatever you carry in, you must carry out. These barrels are NOT FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.

Our beaches are a source of beauty and enjoyment. By following some simple requests, you will be doing your best to enhance them.

If you need to contact a member of the Beach Commission, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523.

## FIREWORKS IN RYE



**July 4, Parsons' Field  
Starts at dusk**

## ROAD PAVING BEGINS IN RYE

The Department of Public Works has scheduled road work (drainage/paving) on the following roads:

Perkins Road: May through mid-June

Brackett Road (northern side of Wallis): Mid-June

Please use caution and use alternate routes whenever possible .

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