



Town of Rye

Newsletter



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Terry Zartarian, Long-Time Town Employee, to Retire

Sewer Department Administrative Assistant Therese "Terry" Zartarian has announced her retirement as of September 6, citing health reasons.

Ms. Z has worked in a variety of positions for the Town of Rye. She began her career with the town in 1985, serving as Deputy Town Clerk for a number of years. Terry also worked as secretary to the Board of Adjustment, and she was a jill-of-all-trades in other offices around the town hall, ably filling in where needed, seemingly at the drop of a hat. Need someone to take minutes of a meeting? Call Terry. Is the filing getting behind? Call Terry. Her capacity to be on the job almost immediately and then to do the work required with skill and expertise has been

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Revaluation, Certification, and Property Tax--Where We Stand

REVALUATION. The Rye revaluation process has been completed, but the "sticker shock" lingers on. One year ago, in order to comply with the State of NH, we hired Vision Appraisal, a firm that was licensed, approved, and recommended to us by other municipalities.

We realized that it would be a difficult process. The last revaluation had been completed 16 years ago and the assessments had reached approximately 54% of the fair market value (or average sales price) of the properties.

We were informed that under these conditions we could expect that 10% of the taxpayers would request abatements. This proved to be the case. There were 310 requests for abatements that we directed to Howard Promer, our assessor. Of the 310 requests, 170 taxpayers requested a hearing before the Board of Selectmen. During the five hearing days, information on each property was presented to us. Although we rely heavily on the expertise of our assessor, in a number of cases we requested that he revisit the property. Adjustments were made on many of the properties, while other requests for a reduction in the property value were denied.

We had been advised by our auditors to set aside \$400,000 to cover abatements, and we expect that we will not exceed that amount.

CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY STATE EVERY FIVE YEARS. The State of NH is now enforcing a law

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report Primary Election To Be Held Sept. 10

This year elections are being held in September and November. Voting takes place at the Rye Elementary School on Sagamore Road, and polls are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The State Primary election will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2002.

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Town Administrator's Report

By the time you read this, the interior improvements at Town Hall will have been done. We also expect that a great deal of the exterior improvements will have been completed.

You will find more in this issue about the Visioning Session that was held and the ongoing committee work. Bob Brown, Immediate Past Chairman of the Planning Board, who made the presentation of the survey at the public meeting back in June, was kind enough to come to a Department Head Meeting and present the results of the survey to us.

Bob was able to gear the presenta-

tion to the needs and wants of the citizens of the Town as they relate to the various departments. From the department heads' perspective, the most important thing that came out of the study was the fact that in nearly every department, Rye citizens think that the department heads and employees are doing a fantastic job.

The Town held its annual auction on Saturday, August 17th. Selectman Joe Mills once again did a wonderful job as our auctioneer. We were able to "clean house" and make some money for the Town at the same time!

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requiring every city and town to completely reevaluate at fair market value at least every five years. In addition, the State has mandated a set of standards for this process of certification. Because complete revaluation of a town is very costly, we plan to avoid this expense by remaining current. This will be accomplished by reassessing a portion of Rye properties every year in order to comply with the five-year cycle.

As Selectmen, we want to call to your attention the good work performed in our assessing office on the part of Howard Promer and Bea Marconi, who made a difficult process run smoothly.

STATE ELECTIONS AND THE STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX.

Everyone realizes that the Statewide Property Tax for education has created a great deal of hardship for many of our citizens since it represents in excess of 30% of our tax bill. This is a very important year for us as a 'donor town,' because we have an upcoming election for a new governor and legislators, all of whom are promising to change this unfair tax system.

We believe it is of paramount

TOWN RECEIVES VFW AWARD

On August 12, 2002, J.B. Owens, Cmdr. and R.R. Wright, Adj. of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Seacoast Memorial Post 8942, presented the Town with a Patriotic Citizen Award "given in grateful appreciation for unsolicited inspirational patriotic service to the community through the daily display of our National Flag."

The idea to purchase and fly the flags throughout Rye Center was originally proposed to the Board of Selectmen by Joan Provencher, representing the Rye/New Castle Girl Scouts in conjunction with the Memorial Day Committee. The flags will remain in the center of town until after September 11th.

importance to elect candidates who will work for a more equitable tax structure so that we will not lose more of our citizens of low and moderate incomes. The new governor will be our key to the future. After attending many Coalition Communities meetings and listening to economic reports, we conclude that we must eliminate the unfair Statewide Property Tax in favor of a solution that does not pit one town against another.

Our local state representatives have told us that there is no large surplus in the present state budget, therefore our new plan should include either changes in school spending or a change in the tax structure.

RYE VISIONING SURVEY. We want to call to your attention the important work performed by those who completed the Rye Visioning Survey and the final report. Those volunteers were Gary Dodds, Lindsay Josephs, Danna Truslow, Susan Riskalla, Ray Jarvis, Bud Merriman, Jack and Vickie Loring, Bob Papp, Joan Dawley, and Jim McBride. Special thanks go to Bob Brown for compiling and presenting the information.

The vast majority of those responding to the survey indicated that they liked the town the way it is and wished to limit residential development and restrict commercial growth.

Copies of the Rye Visioning Survey Report are available in Building

Finance Administrator Cynthia Gillespie to Leave

Cynthia Gillespie is leaving her post as Finance Administrator on August 30 to take on the responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant for the Town of Newington.

Cyndi has been a loyal and valuable employee and has devoted many hours to making sure our financial records are clear and accurate. Her accounting expertise has brought all the departments together to a higher

Zartarian to Retire

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highly valued.

From February 1999 to the present Terry has diligently carried out the duties of Administrative Assistant to the Sewer Department.

Terry's co-workers at the Town Hall and all other town departments, as well as the Selectmen, wish her good luck and good health in her retirement.

We shall miss her!

A Memo from Terry

To: Townspeople of Rye
From: Terry Zartarian

I am saddened to inform you that after 17 years of service to my favorite town of Rye, I must move on. It has been a wonderful experience and a great pleasure to serve all of you. I have gained an extensive amount of knowledge from all the positions that you allowed me to serve. Many of you have become special friends whom I shall never forget. There are so many names to thank that I don't have the space to do it in this letter. So, I'll say a general thank you and God bless you all.

Sincerely and with all my heart, I hope only for the best for this beautiful jewel of a town.

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organizational level. She has earned the professional respect and personal friendship of everyone who has had the pleasure of working with her.

We wish Cyndi the very best the future has to offer her.

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Town Clerk announces Primary Election To Be Held Sept. 10

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Absentee ballots for this election are now available at this office. The State General Election is November 5th

Primary elections seem to evoke confusion for many voters when it comes to party affiliation. At a Primary you can only get a ballot for the party in which you are registered. (The deadline for changing affiliation was June 4.) As an example, if you are a registered Democrat, you can only receive the ballot for that party's candidates. If you are undeclared or independent, you can choose whichever ballot you prefer, however you should know that action immediately "registers" you in that party. You can regain your independent status by seeing the Supervisors of the Checklist (at the polls) right after you vote. You'll need only to fill out a short form. If you're not an independent or undeclared voter on primary day but want to become one, you can come to our office after the day of the election to change your party affiliation. If you have any questions, please call our office at 964-8562.

If you have not registered to vote in the Primary, you can do so at our office until September 3. Should you miss that deadline, you can register and vote at the polls on Election Day. Bring photo i.d. and proof of your residency.

Look for your second issue property tax bills around the end of October. Normally the Department of Revenue Administration sets the town's tax rate sometime in September or October and once that is done we'll be sending out the bills. Your bill will reflect the total billing for the year, minus whatever you paid on the first issue.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Office Hours Mon.-Fri.

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone 964-8562; Fax 964-4132

E-mail janei@town.rye.nh.us

Planning Board Discusses Issues Identified in Visioning Session

The results of the Planning Board Questionnaire, which was sent to all Rye households this spring, are now posted on the Town Website, thanks to the considerable skills of Bob Brown and others whose names are listed at www.ryenh.com/town.

As a follow-up to that questionnaire, the Planning Board held a Visioning Session at the Junior High School one hot and humid night in June. Following is a summary of the issues identified by each of the five small groups at the Visioning Session (listed in order of priority):

Municipal Communication:

- How do we inform voters who choose not to come to the Town Meeting Deliberative session about the issues?
- Need more widely diverse posting sites—Library, Recycling Center, local stores, and restaurants
- Not everyone has access to website.

Conservation Lands:

- Conservation easements
- Buy land so it's not developed

(grants, donations, fundraising)

- Enforce regulations to keep from polluting wetlands and marshes.

Senior Issues:

- Housing—affordable, land to build it, tax relief
- Transportation
- Communication

Recreation:

- Community tennis courts
- Better use of facilities/gyms
- Facilities for senior physical fitness

Land Use:

- Creating feeling of town center
- Affordable housing
- Diversity of housing/options for senior housing

Rye residents who are interested in forming citizen planning groups to work on any of the issues mentioned above are encouraged to call Joan Dawley at the Planning Office, 964-9800. Increased citizen involvement is our goal. We value your ideas and invite your participation.

John P. Loring, Jr, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

Just Something to Ponder

If you are currently getting a property tax exemption, such as the elderly exemption, AND you are thinking about transferring ownership to a family member for the sake of simplicity when you pass on, please ask your lawyer about the advantages of granting yourself a life estate in the deed. It may be possible for you to keep the exemption on your property (providing you live there) although transferring it out of your name.

If you are contemplating putting your property in the name of a trust to make it easier for your heirs after you are gone, you may want to ask

your lawyer about the advantages or disadvantages with you being the beneficiary in the Trust. There are different kinds of trusts. Depending on your personal circumstance and future wishes, your lawyer will be your best guide. If it is stated in the Trust that you will remain the beneficiary, chances are your exemptions will continue after the transfer happens if you continue to live there and meet the qualifications for assets and income when applicable.

If you have any questions, call 964-5523.

Bea Marconi

New Equipment Coming for Fire Department

At last the new truck is on order and should arrive in Rye in late January or early February. The members of the department have made it as functional as possible, and put a lot of thought and research into the specifications to best serve the department and the town. It will have all the capability of a first arrival pump and also be able to handle motor vehicle accidents and haz-mat situations. The vehicle pictured has the same cab as the new truck but the rear body is different to allow better access for inspection of equipment and maintenance in the current building.

Even with this design, some interior modifications are needed to the building; members of the department will do this work with Brian Nickerson and Norm Yeaton overseeing the project.



2002 E-1 Typhoon Pumper

The department will now have a rescue tool (jaws of life) for motor vehicle accidents requiring heavy cutting and/or bending to remove the victim in a timely manner. The tool, obtained by combining funds from the Town and the Fire Department Association, will arrive soon, and training will be complete in September.

As always, the department is looking for people interested in helping their neighbors by becoming a call fire fighter or E.M.T. This can be a very rewarding and always interesting second career. Anyone interested in joining the department should call or come by the station and speak with Lt. Laing or me. One of our newest members, Tom Swist has been with the department about a year and has just completed his level 1 Fire Fighter course. Congratulations, Tom, and thank you for your commitment to the department and the town.

I hate to say it, but fall is on the way. Please change your smoke detector batteries when you set your clocks back.

Leon C. Blaisdell
Chief, Rye Fire Department

Chief of Police's Report

Don't Forget to Lock Your Doors!

The Rye Police Department has had a busy summer season. During my first summer on the Seacoast, I have learned a lot and recognize that there is plenty more to learn. For this, I depend on my staff and our Rye residents. Your comments and input will enhance our level of service to the community.

It is my pleasure to report that the Town of Rye went for a period of approximately nine months without a home being burglarized. This is probably due in part to our high visibility patrols and the cooperation we are receiving from residents. However, I am sad to report that since August 1, we have had several thefts from homes that did not involve any type of forced entry. In these cases it appears that an intruder entered the homes through unlocked doors, grabbed a handful of jewelry and fled. These thefts may have taken one minute or less and may have occurred while a resident was working in the yard. The best way to prevent this type of crime is to keep doors locked at all times. We also need to be vigilant in our neighborhoods and report **anything** that looks suspicious. As always, we are

available to do a security survey of your home and to talk to individuals or groups about home security and personal protection.

We have taken advantage of several grant programs so far this year. Sgt. Tompkins wrote a grant to the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency, which covered half the cost of two new radar units, thereby updating the two 15 year old units we had been using. Sgt. Walsh wrote two more grants to Highway Safety which, when combined, covered the cost of 120 extra hours for speed and D.W.I. patrols. Another grant has been awarded to us from a federal agency to cover 50 percent of the cost of 11 bullet-proof vests over the next four years. These vests are worn every day by our officers and require replacement every five or six years.

On a final note, I would like to remind everyone that schools will be opening at about the time you receive this newsletter. Please drive carefully all the time, but use extra caution when around the schools.

Alan Gould
Chief of Police

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

Board of Adjustment Report

Summer was a busy time for the Board of Adjustment. Ben King chaired the August meeting, which lasted until well past midnight. It is not surprising that there are still vacancies on the Board for alternate members! Anyone interested in zoning issues is encouraged to begin attending the Board's monthly meetings at Town Hall on the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. and let Selectmen know of your interest.

Applications considered during the past quarter include:

June 5

316 Wallis Road, Geraci, rebuild cottage (continued for survey).

132 Clark Road, Kent, two houses on lot on temporary basis.

450 Brackett Road, Lovelace, reduction in lot size.

Whitehorse Drive, T. Porter, et al, roadway crossing wetlands.

June 12

Lafayette Road, Rye Airfield Skate Park Training Facility motion for rehearing filed by Rickert.

July 10

Lafayette Road, rehearing granted to Rickert re: Skate Park Training Facility (tabled).

316 Wallis Road, Geraci, rebuild cottage.

2065 Ocean Blvd., Aaronian, vacant lot, setback, height, upland & wetland issues (continued to August for plans conforming to 28 ft. height req.)

11 Cole Noyes Ave., Simpson/Balzano, 3 car garage on vacant non-conforming lot across Cole Noyes from residence.

110 Locke Road, Lincoln, two houses on lot on temporary basis.

August 7

Lafayette Road, Rickert, Rye Airfield Training Facility, 15 cabins at rear of runway.

112 Wentworth Road, Malinowski, Icehouse Restaurant, addition and rebuild.

8 Oceanview Ave., Burnap,

Building Inspector Reports Activities

New Work

There has been no slow down in construction this summer! People continue to add, remodel or generally improve their residences. Interestingly, five residences have been demolished and rebuilt, and two are in the works but have not yet received their building permits. There have been seven building permits issued this year for new houses. Renovations have varied from simple dormers to elaborate additions. The heat sparked a lot of interest in pools, as well.

The estimated cost of construction for the first six months of this year is \$6,774,691, which is about \$3,300,000 higher than last year at this time. April, May, and June each had more than \$1.5 million dollars worth of construction.

Permit Pick Up

Contractors have been delinquent in picking up their building permits. Please remind your contractor to not only pick yours up, but post it as well. Inspections won't be conducted until the permits are posted so

that they can be checked and signed.

Make sure your contractor knows your address. We have had some requests for inspections only to find out the address was wrong, so the inspection was delayed until the right address could be determined!

Fences and Walls

Please contact this office for a permit before putting up any kind of fence or stone wall. Some fences may require a site walk with the Director of Public Works to determine where the fence may be placed. It can be inconvenient to have to relocate your fence if the fence company put it up incorrectly!

Complaint forms can be picked up at the office. Please sign the forms before submitting them.

I hope all those who had the summer off enjoyed the wonderful beach weather. For those of us who worked and felt that the summer slipped away without notice, breathe deeply and spend a quiet moment on the beach to reflect how lucky you are to live in such a beautiful community.

Equitable Waivers, shed, shed addition, and utility room.

450 Brackett Road, rehearing requested by Worden, continued to September 4

59 Foss Circle, Mongan, move, rebuild and expand residence, setback issue.

480 Wallis Road, Trefethen, accessory apartment.

15 Big Rock Road, Newton, reconstruct/expand residence, setback issues.

BOA Members & Alternates:

Frank Drake, Chairman; Ben King, Vice Chair.; Betty Menson, Clerk; John Facella; John Clark; Ray Jarvis; Bob Papp; Jay Nadeau; David Wajda (on military leave).

Staff: Anne Michele Scannell, Recording Secretary; Joan A. Dawley, Zoning Administrator.

Dr. Karen E. Bohlin to Visit Rye on Sept. 12

The CARIT Committee (Courtesy, Accountability, Respect, Integrity, Tolerance) of Rye Junior High School will present expert on building character in schools, Dr. Karen E. Bohlin, on Thursday evening, September 12, in the RJHS gymnasium at 7 p.m. Dr. Bohlin's topic will be "The Odyssey of Adolescence." The program will feature a lecture followed by a question and answer session 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 Parent Teachers Association.

TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

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YOGA
COOKING
TENNIS
Winter Ski or Snowboard

PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHT

Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road

Monday, September 9, 2002, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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.

WINTER BASKETBALL
CHEERLEADING
ICE SKATING



Safari Adventures is a colorful slide presentation by Lenny Thomes. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, September 11, 2002, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages. No registration necessary.

A Walk Thru History with Coins is a program about old coins of the United States and on the historical significance of coins starting in 1492 right up to modern day. This show and tell presentation is by Ray Drapeau from the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, October 23, 2002, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages. No registration necessary.



UFOs is a fascinating slide presentation and discussion on UFO phenomenon. The featured speaker is Peter Geremia of Rye, the NH State Director of Mutual UFO Network. This program will focus on a close encounter in Rye as well as a historical perspective on "the incident in Exeter" and the "Betty and Barney Hill experience". Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages. No registration necessary.

Yoga instruction is provided by Dana Lincoln, National Yoga Alliance certified. This beginner basic program is designed for the new practitioner. Classes will be flowing form of Hatha Yoga designed to link breath and movement, creating a safe and effective means of connecting body, mind, and spirit. Classes will build strength, flexibility, and self-awareness. Individual limitations and strengths are honored. For more information visit www.danalincolnyoga.com. This adult program will be held at the Rec. House on Recreation Rd.



Session 1 - Mondays, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28, 2002, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Session 2 - Mondays, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2002, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Fee: \$55.00 each session

Meet & Greet/Walking Club - If you enjoy a friendly social gathering, this is for you. Relax and share conversation over a beverage and/or start walking for your health and fitness in a friendly group atmosphere. Meeting on Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2002, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Recreation House on Recreation Rd.



No charge



Cooking Classes are offered by great chefs of the Carriage House Restaurant. Join the dynamic trio of Paul Mackey, Proprietor, Jim Lancaster, Executive Chef and Adam Olsen, Sous Chef for two different unique cooking classes. Adult participants will have fun while learning valuable cooking tips and techniques. Held at the Carriage House Restaurant, 2263 Ocean Boulevard, Rye, N.H. www.carriagehouserye.com



Wild Game Tuesday, October 29, 2002, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Autumn Fish Cooking Tips Tuesday, November 5, 2002, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00 each class

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 is available.

Cheerleading instruction is provided by Jessica Dickey, past cheerleader and dance student. The program will be held for fourth and fifth graders at the Rye Elementary School on Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 9, 16, November 6, 13, 2002, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$40.00 (includes t-shirt and pompons or gloves)



Group "Learn to Skate" Lessons

instruction is provided by Patti Betti, Rye resident at the Dover Ice Arena. Open to ages 5 years to adult.
 Friday, October 4, 11, 18, 24, November 1, 8, 2002, 4:00-4:50 p.m.
 Fee: \$75.00 (includes skate rental)
 Volunteers are needed on and off ice in order for this program to operate. Minimum of 20 participants needed.

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



Indoor Tennis New Castle Recreation Facility

Session 1, Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2002
 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 2002
 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 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2002
 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 7, 14, 21 December 5, 2002
 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.



Ski or Snowboard Lessons



instruction will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski Lessons are for grades 2-8 with Snowboarding Lessons for grades 3-8. Bus Transportation will leave from both schools, after dismissal on Friday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2002. 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 21, 2002.

Adult Volleyball



If you are interested in participating in recreational adult volleyball please contact the Recreation Department at 964-6281.

Recreational Basketball is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December, 2002 to February 15, 2003.



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 first registrant

\$20.00 for each additional registrant from the same family
 (includes uniform shirt)

A late fee of \$25 will apply to all registrations received after the Deadline of October 21, 2002.

Girls Basketball Practice & Scrimmage Group

is open to girls, grades 3-5. Held December, 2002 to February 15, 2003.
 Meet once a week on Saturday.

Fee: \$25.00 for first registrant

\$20.00 for each additional registrant from the same family
 (includes uniform shirt)

A late fee of \$25 will apply to all registrations received after the Deadline of October 21, 2002.

Travel Basketball

The Boys Travel Teams and Girls Travel Teams are for fifth and sixth graders. Travel Basketball 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 & Girls **Fifth Grade** Travel Teams Fee: \$45.00

Try-outs will follow shortly after the October 21, 2002 deadline.

Adult Pick-Up Basketball

Starts December, 2002 and ends April, 2003 and will be held Sundays 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Rye Elementary School.

Volunteers and team sponsorship are needed for basketball to operate. Both Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High School will be utilized for basketball.

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 Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. Forms are available on the Rec. Dept. Bulletin Board outside Town Hall or at the Rec. Dept. M-F, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable and offered to all Rye and New Castle residents. For more information, contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.

ACTIVE, ALIVE AND LIVING IN RYE!

BUSY FALL PLANNED AT THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

*„...then I arose and silently wandered home,
And I for one
Said the fall might come and whirl of leaves
For summer was done. --Robert Frost*

Book discussions

Adult: Tuesday, Sept. 17, *Secret Life of Bees*, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, *Seabiscuit: an American Legend*, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, *Bel Canto*, 7 p.m.

Military: Thursday, Sept. 5, *The Good War*, 6:30 p.m.

Meets on the first Thursday of each month.

Future titles to be decided.

Stroudwater: The book group from the now closed Stroudwater Book Store meets here on the 2nd Tuesday at 1PM. All welcome.

Young Adult - Yattitudes: Dates and titles forthcoming. Contact the Youth Dept.

New Hampshire Humanities Council: "With Earth in Mind"-

Thursday, Sept. 12, *Ceremonial Time*, 7 p.m.

John Hansen, the author of *Ceremonial Time* will be speaking and reading from his new book *Following the Sun* at 7p.m. on Oct. 1.

Thursday, Oct. 10, *Frankenstein*, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14, *Here and Nowhere Else*, 7 p.m.

Computer Instruction:

Informally every Thursday evening at 6:30. All levels welcome. Web navigation and your Internet questions are addressed.

"Introduction to Personal Computers." Sept. 30,

Oct. 2, 4, 7, and 9. 10-Noon. Sign up at the Library or contact Joan Sweeney, 430-2172. \$60.00.

"Home Publishing." Sept. 30, Oct. 2, 4 and 7. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up at the Library or contact Joan Sweeney. 430-2172. \$50.00.

Computers are available for Internet research. Individual assistance is always available.

Friends of the Library Speaker Series: "Struggling for Peace: The Middle East Through Time."

Thursday, Oct. 17. "Middle Eastern and Islamic History, Culture and Current Events." 7 p.m. Refreshments served. No charge.

Thursday, November 21st. "A Short Course on Islam for Non-Muslims." 7 p.m. Refreshments served. No charge.

Other

Health Clinic by VNA every 4th Tuesday at 1 p.m. No charge. All welcome.

Story Time by Youth Dept. Staff - Every Wednesday, 10:30, beginning Sept. 18th. All ages welcome. No sign up required.

After-school Café Bibliotheque - Opening to be announced.

Ongoing Art Exhibits in the Meeting Room.

Closings: Monday, Sept. 2; Monday, Nov. 11; Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29.

Please note: We are OPEN on Monday, Oct 14.

FROM THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

What a wild time we had at the end of the year "lions and tigers and books, oh my!" summer reading program party. Lots of games, such as pin the tail on the elephant, feed the monkeys, feed the lion, a real drumming circle, face painting, and a crocodile raffled off at the end.

The grass hut and vines are just memories now, but memories of one of the best summer reading programs ever. Our readers read over 34,200 minutes!

Storytime will resume Wednesday Sept. 18 at 10:30. Open to all ages, this drop-in program gives children an opportunity to hear great stories, sing some songs, play some games and even make a take-home craft that ties in with the stories read.

September is Sign Up for a Library Card Month. If your child is six years old or in first grade, he or she is eligible for their first library card. It is a very exciting thing to see a child getting their first library card.

Watch for our display of Banned Books during Banned Book Week Sept. 23-28. Our Young Adult Book Discussion will feature a film and Book Discussion using material banned in other communities. If any community organization would like to have a speaker on this subject, contact Sharon Macdonald at 964-8401.

Teen Read Week takes place in October during the week of the 14th. The theme is "Get graphic @ your Library." Of course that refers to the new interest in graphic novels, novels using a comic book format. They are nothing to scoff at. Art Spiegelman's graphic novel "Maus" won a special Pulitzer Prize! The YA book Discussion that month will feature a graphic novel.

Lots of things are happening; please stop by for our newsletter and calendar of events.

Happy Reading,
Sharon Macdonald

Be a Friend

The Friends at the Rye Public Library help educate the community about the needs of the Library as well as its readers and facilities. Your annual dues help the Friends provide this vital support

Memberships run from
June 1, 2002 to May 1, 2003

Please Come

Friends meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Library.

Join the Friends

Friends support our Library with:

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or

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603-964-8401

I want to be a Friend

Annual membership Dues

☐ \$10 Family ☐ \$5 Individual

Donations gratefully accepted

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Book and Bake sale ☐

Thank you !

RYE OPEN SPACE CALLS ON RYE RESIDENTS

Throughout New Hampshire, the quality of life is changing as the rural landscape of our towns is being challenged with increasing intensity. New Hampshire has once again been labeled the fastest growing state in New England, and many residents are witnessing pockets of growth in areas that were once rolling fields, lush woods, and working farms. Recognizing the importance of these areas to our quality of life, more than 20 communities across New Hampshire have approved funds to purchase land in an effort to protect what's left of our open spaces.

Since no town is immune to these changes, Rye residents can appreciate all the more the kind of rural refuge still found in our town with its rambling stone walls, old farms, rich cultural heritage, and stunning ocean vistas. We are fortunate that, with quiet forethought, the Rye Conservation Commission has already been working for over a decade to preserve these important aspects of the town's character. The most recent initiative began in June of this year, when a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission was formed by the Board of Selectmen to identify and inventory undeveloped land for the purpose of protecting it through conservation easements, acquisitions and donations. This committee, called Rye Open Space, is working to bring forward a warrant article for vote by the Rye citizens in March of 2003. The Rye Open Space Committee meets bimonthly, every second and fourth Thursday evening, at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Interested citizens are always welcome to attend these meetings.

The minutes from Rye Open Space meetings will soon be available on the town website at www.ryenh.com.

To date, Rye Open Space has:

- Appointed the Rockingham Planning Commission to prepare a town-wide build-out analysis to

determine developable acreage existing in the town of Rye

- Scheduled the Rockingham Planning Commission to attend three Rye Open Space Committee meetings, where they will present the build-out analysis and maps at a public meeting on September 26, 2002

- Developing Open Space newsletters that will be distributed to all households in Rye

- Designated a few of its committee members to attend the University of New Hampshire summer community land conservation workshop series

The recent Rye Opinion Survey indicated overwhelmingly that the town residents want to protect Rye's open space. Rye Open Space is working hard to make this happen, and we encourage both participation and donations to our efforts and the important newsletter fund. Please mark your calendars today and get involved!

The Rye Open Space Committee

Rye Historic District Commission Happenings

The Rye Historic District won the approval and support of four out of five of the respondents to the *Rye Opinion Survey*. Survey results were released at a public meeting in June.

Signs designating the Rye Historic District have been ordered and should be delivered in the very near future. They will be erected at three locations within the District.

The three faces of the Town Clock, housed in the steeple of the Rye Congregational Church, have been completely restored.

The next meeting of the Rye Historic District Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. in Rye Town Hall.

Jane Holway, Chairman

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL UPDATE

Fortunately, for most of us, the mosquito population has been relatively low this summer. Some areas, however, have experienced heavy concentrations usually related to marsh flood tides.

A notable hot spot has been along the North Hampton town line, especially near the marsh. For a number of years, the Town of North Hampton has not provided for a mosquito control program, thus allowing unrestricted breeding areas to affect some residents in Rye. We recently learned that the town is considering implementing a program in response to resident complaints. Hopefully, their efforts will help our residents along that border.

The Mosquito Control Commission will meet at 4 p.m. in Town Hall on September 11 and October 9. You are welcome to contact the Commission through the Town Office (964-5523) with any questions or comments.

Rich Curry, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Rye Water District News

Arsenic Levels Are Extremely Low in Rye's Water

The present maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic in drinking water is 50 parts per billion (50 ppb). That MCL was set as the standard by the 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act.

On October 31, 2001 the EPA announced that the new and final arsenic standard will be 10 ppb, to take effect in January 2006.

We are pleased to announce that we are in full compliance with the new arsenic standard of 10 ppb. The "blend" of water that you receive from our two wells *has less than 1 ppb arsenic*. Customers of the Rye Water District should feel secure in the fact that our water is extremely low in arsenic content.

Conservation

We would like to thank our customers for helping to conserve water by **watering before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.** The summer has been very dry

this year and your cooperation in conserving this valuable resource has enabled us to avert a water ban, so far. Please continue to limit your outdoor water use so we can get through this high-demand season without having to implement further restrictions.

To Better Serve You

Our customers have suggested changes to make their bill paying more convenient. As a result of these requests, we have added the following services:

- A mail slot has been installed on the left side of the office door at 60 Sagamore Rd. so that payments can be dropped off any time of day.

- We now accept **VISA and MasterCard** credit cards for payment of your account balance.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Liz at the Rye Water District office (436-2596).

Rye Town Beach Commission News

The Beach Commission reports that the summer of 2002 has been a busy one, especially with a record number of heat waves (4).

Chairman Tim Sanborn is pleased to report the addition of Bruce Butterworth to the lifeguard staff this year. Bruce comes to Rye with 32 years of guarding experience at Hampton Beach and is a National Duathlon Champion. The Commissioners want to thank the patrons for supporting the efforts of the lifeguards who served on the Beach Safety Patrol this summer. We also want to thank all who turned out on June 15 for the Beach Clean-up Day!

Some things to keep in mind about the Town Beaches as we head into the fall season:

CLOSING DAY

Rye's three beaches, Pirates Cove,

Cable Road Extension, and Sawyer Beaches, are scheduled to officially close on Monday, Sept. 2.

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 beach entrances with information about fines and Mutt Mitts have been provided for your convenience.

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.

The beaches are one of our greatest natural resources and serve as a source of beauty and enjoyment. By following some simple requests, please do your best to enhance them.

With the increased popularity of Kayak use, we are interested in your feedback in order to update the ordinance while still ensuring safety. We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to serving the residents of Rye again next year.

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

The Beach Commission

Town of Rye Board Meetings September 2002

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1	2 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	3 6:30 pm, Rye Water District, 60 Sagamore Rd. 7 pm, Recreation Comm., Rec Bldg., Recreation Rd.	4 10 a.m., Sewer Commission 6 pm, Library Trustees at Library 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	5 1 pm, Selectmen Budget Work Session	6	7 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
8	9 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	10 PRIMARY ELECTION 7 pm, Planning Board	11 4 pm, Mosquito Commission 7 pm, Historic District Commission	12 1 pm, Selectmen Budget Work Session 7 pm, Open Space Committee	13	14
15	16 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	17	18 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	19 1 pm, Selectmen Budget Work Session 7 pm, Conservation Commission	20	21
22	23 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	24 7 pm, Planning Board Tech Review	25	26 1 pm, Selectmen Budget Work Session 7 pm, Open Space Committee	27	28
29	30					

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		1 7 pm, Recreation Commission	2 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	3	4	5
6	7 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 6:30 pm, Rye Water District, 60 Sagamore Rd.	8 7 pm, Planning Board	9 4 pm, Mosquito Commission	10 6 pm, Library Trustees, Library 7 pm, Open Space Committee 7 pm, BudCom Work Session	11	12
13	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	15	16 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	17 7 pm, Conservation Commission 7 pm, BudCom Work Session	18	19
20 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	21 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	22	23	24 7 pm, Open Space Committee 7 pm, BudCom Work Session	25	26
27	28 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	29	30 5-7 pm <i>Trick or Treat time in Rye</i>	31 <i>Halloween</i>		

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3	4 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 6:30 pm, Rye Water District, 60 Sagamore Rd.	5 ELECTION DAY 7 pm, Rec.Commission	6 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	7 7 pm, BudCom Work Session	8	9
10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	12 7 pm, Planning Board	13 7 pm, Historic District Commission	14 6 pm, Library Trustees, Library 7 pm, Open Space Committee 7 pm, BudCom Work Session 7 pm, Conservation Commission	15	16
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24	25 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	26 7 pm, Planning Board Tech Review	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	29 <i>Town offices closed</i>	30 <i>Hanukkah</i>

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

Rye Town Museum Opens

On July 6, the Rye Historical Society opened the Town Museum to the public. After several years of renovation, the museum was well received by visitors, especially on July 27 during the house tour.

Summer hours are Saturdays 10-1 and by appointment. (Call co-chairs Alex Herlihy 964-9079 or Bonnie Goodwin 436-5101.) The first exhibit is a sampling of our collection including historic photos of Rye and various artifacts including medical instruments of Dr. Warren Parsons, bog shoes worn by horses harvesting saltmarsh hay donated by the late John Philbrick and a restored drum used by the militia.

We welcome donations and loans

The Rye Fire Department is looking for Call Firefighters.

Hourly pay is \$8.00.

If you're interested in serving your town in this exciting way, please call Fire Chief Leon Blaisdell or Lt. Steve Laing at 964-6411.

for exhibits, but because of space constraints we are limited on storage and what we can exhibit. An exhibits committee will soon be established

This fall we will have expanded hours to include a weekday to tie in with student visitors and evening hours at the Library. Programs will continue to be offered for the public, such as the very successful show at the church with town historian William Varrell last fall.

Volunteers, new members, and people interested in any aspect of history are encouraged to visit or call. There is a sign-up sheet at the museum to indicate your interest and suggestions. We are in need of people to help with cataloging artifacts, computer work, membership, exhibits, public programs, research on town history and genealogy, staffing the museum, school projects, etc. History museums sometimes have an undeserved reputation as being dusty old places that are stuck in the past. Nothing could be further from the truth, but the life of a museum depends on the interests of townspeople, so we welcome your participation. There is no reason why

the museum, the historical society which manages it, and interested residents cannot deal with the present and the future as well as the past. They are all connected. In the current exhibit there is a caption describing the Ocean House hotel on Cable Road. On that site a century ago the first housing subdivision in Rye was laid out. What could be more relevant than an exhibit and series of talks on the history of housing development in Rye!

TOWN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Fire/Police Emergency: 911

Assessing Office: 964-5523, Ext 13

Building Inspector: 964-9800, Ext 20

Finance Office: 964-5523, Ext 12

Fire Dept.: 964-6411 (non-emergency)

Highway/Recycling: 964-5300

Library: 964-8401

Planning/Zoning: 964-9800, Ext 21

Police Dept.: 964-7450 (non-emergency)

Selectmen: 964-5523, Ext 10

Sewer Commission: 964-6815

Town Administrator: 964-5523, Ext 11

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 964-8462

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