



Town of Rye

Newsletter



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IMPORTANT!

The filing period for the Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief refund from the State ends JUNE 30!! If you qualify, the time to file is NOW! For more information or help, call the Tax Collector's Office at 964-8562.

Beach Permits Are for Sale at Town Clerk's Office

Beach Parking Permits are on sale at our office at a cost of \$20.00 each. A registration for the vehicle on which the permit is to be placed must be provided for each permit requested (one permit per registration). Only Rye residents and/or property owners are eligible to receive Beach Parking Permits. The permits are valid at designated areas located at the following seven locations: 1. Cable Road Extension, 2. Wallis Road Extension, 3. Sawyer's Beach, 4. Easterly side of Route 1A on the public beach access opposite Petey's Restaurant, 5. Jenness Avenue Extension, 6. Atlantic Avenue Extension, 7. Old Town Way.

Dog Licenses are required each year between January 1 and April 30. If you haven't yet registered your dog, please stop by our office as soon as possible with proof of the dog's up-to-date rabies inoculation. The cost is \$6.50 for a neutered or spayed animal and \$9.00 for a non-altered

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Seasonal Problems Require Selectmen's Attention

AS A COST-CUTTING MEASURE over the past several years, many states have halted pick up of waste generated at public parks, rest areas, and beaches. Last year the State of New Hampshire followed suit. Refuse containers are no longer placed at Wallis Sands State Beach or Jenness State Beach. During formulation of Rye's budget this year, we decided to institute a Carry In-Carry Out policy at

our Town beaches:

1. to economize,
2. to eliminate the eyesore of beach barrels overflowing with household trash, picnic remains and animal waste,
3. to be consistent throughout the coast, and
4. because last year's waste contractor, the only respondent to our 2002 request for bids, is no longer available.

Consequently, no money was placed in the budget for beach pick up in 2003.

Beautiful beaches require a sense of stewardship and responsibility on the part of every beach user. The picture at left was taken at the end of March, at a date long before beach barrels have ever been set out. The accumulation shown here was predominantly animal waste. This material should not have been left here under any circumstances. With Carry In - Carry Out signs posted, all items brought onto the beach must be completely removed from public property. Fines for littering can range up to \$1200.00.

This change requires your coopera-

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Are You Eligible for an Elderly Exemption?

As you know, at Town Meeting this year you voted to increase the Elderly Exemption levels. You will be seeing these changes on the fall bill. I wish I could say exactly what the effect will be, but I am unable to do so until the tax rate is set by the State in October.

You also voted to extend this exemption's filing period from a deadline of March 1 to August 1. If

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tion and we must give it time to work. Renters should be apprised of proper trash disposal by owners.

With the change of seasons, winter's toll was revealed as the snow melted. We responded to reports of damage and were especially pleased to pass on to the Public Works Dept. numerous letters and words of praise regarding road conditions throughout a long and difficult snow season. During site walks, we discovered many properties where objects have been placed in the Town right of way. Along most Rye roads, the right of way includes a 3- to 4-foot wide swale between the hot top and the property line of the owner. This swale area must be maintained as gravel in order to drain road runoff and prevent deterioration of the road itself. If you have placed rocks, fencing, planters, mailboxes, bushes or grassed loam in the Town right of way, now is a good time to remove them.

Along the Rye coast are a number of rights of way, such as F Street, that provide beach access to the public. Periodically these must be cleared of brush and other encroachment. Public Works has been requested to remove growth and other debris. In one case, a survey will be necessary to reestablish the right of way precisely.

In other business, we are busy carrying out your wishes in accordance with the March voting. In keeping with the decision made through Article 19, the deed to the Town Museum building was officially turned over to the Rye Historical

Society in April. Cochairmen Alex Herlihy and Bonnie Goodwin accepted the deed on behalf of the Society.

The Govoni property adjacent to the Fire Station has been transferred to the Town of Rye as the possible site for a future safety complex. Meanwhile, the Fire Department is interviewing to fill the two new positions provided by your vote.

In a letter received April 21, 2003, the State of N.H. Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) through their Tax Review Appraiser Cynthia L. Brown stated in their Reassessment Final Report that "the overall performance of the assessment appears to be good."

We are seeking your input on an issue that has cropped up since 9/11. It has to do with the display of flags on the telephone poles throughout Rye Center . . . if, when, and for how long? Some citizens are opposed to displaying them there at all. Your Selectmen voted for the proposal made by the Rye Historic District Commission: one week prior to Memorial Day through one week following the Fourth of July. We later expanded the time period for this year at the request of the Our Town Committee, whose theme for the 2003 celebration is a "Salute to Veterans Past and Present." What do you think? Mail or e-mail our office. The form follows. We look forward to your guidance on this matter.

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

Opinion Survey re: Flag Display in Rye Center

I am _____ I am not _____ in favor of displaying the American flag throughout the center of Rye. If in favor, continue:

An appropriate period of time is _____.

(Bring or send to Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 or e-mail via Rye web site)

Town Clerk's Message

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dog. Seniors (over 65) can license one dog for a reduced cost of \$2.00. Puppies less than seven months old are \$6.50. After June 1 penalties are added to the cost (\$1.00 for each month overdue). Additionally, the law requires us to notify the Police Department of any unlicensed dogs after June 1st, which means the dog owner could be required to pay a civil forfeiture of \$25.00 per animal.

Please let us know if you no longer have your dog so that we can update our records and therefore not be bothering you needlessly.

Property Tax Bills for the first issue billing 2003 are scheduled to be mailed in late May and will be due by July 1. For most taxpayers, the amount will be half of the entire 2002 billing.

Jane Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
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e-mail: janei@town.rye.nh.us

Elderly Exemptions

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you are a new applicant, call me before it is too late and we can start the process.

Our tax bills will be coming out soon. If you are unhappy with your assessment, remember that the appeal period begins upon receipt of the fall tax bill and lasts until March 1. Applications for abatement will be available in the Assessor's Office on the second floor at Town Hall during the filing period.

You may want to check out Rye's values online. The information is updated four times a year. The address is <http://data.visionappraisal.com/ryenh/>

And, as always, if you have any questions or if you want to view your property field card on file at Town Hall, feel free to come in Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m.-noon.

Beatrice Marconi
Assessing Clerk

Rye Water District News

Welcome to New Commissioner

At the Annual Meeting of the Rye Water District, held on March 29 at the Rye Junior High School, **John Murtagh** was elected to a one-year term as Commissioner. Welcome John! We look forward to your input and involvement.

Also at the Annual Meeting, Peter Mullaly was re-elected to a three-yr. term as Commissioner and Larry Gormley was re-elected to a two-yr. term as Moderator. Thank you, gentlemen, for your continued efforts on behalf of the District.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

It's spring cleaning time again and with it comes the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Rye Water District employees distributed 300 fliers to residents within the wellhead protection zone notifying them of the May 10 Hazardous Waste Collection taking place in Hampton. This annual event helps to keep our drinking water free of dangerous chemical contamination, which can result if these products are disposed of improperly. Thanks to all who participated this year.

Conservation Is Key

As the warm weather approaches, it's time to remind our customers to reduce outdoor water use once again. We ask that you restrict any outside water use to **before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.** In past years, our water system has been able to keep up with the heavy summer demand as long as customers adhere to these watering guidelines. Neighboring communities, however, have been forced to implement total water bans, meaning *no* outdoor water use at *any* time. We don't want to get to this point, but your cooperation is needed. It's up to you, so please spread the word in your neighborhood.

When we receive calls from customers questioning how they could have used so much water in a billing period, we usually find the biggest culprits to be:

1—Outdoor irrigation systems running too often or for long periods.

Chief of Police Announces Promotions, Updates Programs

Scott Blaisdell was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on April 1, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Sgt. Tompkins. Sgt. Blaisdell is a Rye native and has been a Rye Police Officer for almost five years. He is a defensive

tactics instructor, accident reconstructionist, and School Resource Officer. I'm confident that Scott will do a great job for us in his new position.

On another personnel issue, Officer Matthew Boc has returned to us from the Police Academy and after completing our Field Training Officer program will be patrolling the streets of Rye.

With the warmer weather comes the issue of loud vehicles disturbing our neighborhoods. The seacoast area Police Chiefs have come up with a plan to address this issue, which will include enforcement, education, and legislation. By the time you read this newsletter, our plan will already be underway and you may be reading about it in the newspapers. The problem of loud vehicles is very difficult to address but I want you to know that the Rye Police Department takes the matter very seriously.

Our Rye residents have been very generous with their donations toward the purchase of a speed monitor trailer. You may remember that the

2—Toilet leaks. (Stop by the office at 60 Sagamore Rd. for a packet of toilet leak detector tablets to check yours.)

3—Indoor and outdoor faucets dripping.

A quick check around your house can save water from being wasted and also save you money. Enjoy the summer!



At the promotion ceremony, from left; Susan, Scott's mother; Lee, his father and Rye Fire Chief; Stephanie, his wife; Scott; and Police Chief Alan Gould.

"demo" trailer was parked on the side of our roads last fall alerting drivers to the speed limit and flashing their actual speed. Although I hope to get a trailer back as a loaner, we need approximately \$1500 more to purchase the trailer.

The Police Department has been awarded three grants over the last several months totaling approximately \$15,000. Two of these grants are for "homeland security"-related equipment purchases and the third is for D.W.I. patrols during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. None of these grants requires any matching funds from the Town.

On a final note, we are looking into ways to implement a program that would provide a daily phone check of our senior residents. I need to know if there is any interest in this program and I will begin a list of interested seniors in case we find a way to begin this program in the next few months. I can't promise we will be able to do this, but if you are interested, please call or drop me a line with your name, address, and phone number so that we can contact you in the future. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

Alan Gould
Chief of Police

Rye's Newest Fire Truck Arrives

The new truck, Engine 3, was put into service on April 17. The inaugural run was to the town hall for a minor incident.

The truck is fully equipped as a structural fire fighter, as well as vehicle extrication and Hazmat first response unit.

As of this writing the two additional fire fighters have been hired

and will start work on June 2. This improves our capability so that as of July 1, two fire fighters will respond immediately to any call 24/7, eliminating the delay now possible waiting for a second person.

With good weather beckoning us outside a few reminders for your safety come to mind. Never use a grill on a porch or deck. Maintain the grill in good condition. Don't forget to check the fittings for leaks when you install a new tank on your gas grill.

Cooking fires at the beach require a permit and must be in the rocks, not on the sand.

Fireworks are dangerous and illegal if used in any public place. Some class "C" fireworks are legal if used by someone over 21 years of age on their own land or with the written permis-

sion of the property owner. Many of the fireworks that are advertised as legal, in fact are not. Per R.S.A. 160-C:

11, all fireworks are illegal any place except on private property.

On May 4 the fire department responded to a small fire in the town forest that was set by two youths, as witnessed by a

passerby. The fire was extinguished by the witness and the boys ran away. This was a minor incident, but all fires have the potential for major destruction. Please talk to your children about fire safety. Materials are available at the fire station, and Dave Kornechuk is our fire prevention officer. We also have many resources available to us from the Fire Marshal's office if needed. While incidents like this are very rare in Rye, no town is immune and early recognition and counseling is the best defense against escalation of fire setting.

May everyone have a fire-safe summer, and remember, **the best way to see the new engine is at the fire station, not your house.**

Leon C. Blaisdell
Fire Chief



Public Safety Facility Design Continues

Voters approved two of the three Public Safety Warrant Articles in March; they were in favor of purchasing the property adjacent to the existing fire station and they favored providing additional money to continue the design process. They did not approve the raising of funds to build the project at this time.

Sensing the voters' feelings, the Building Committee is working with HKT architects to reduce the apparent size and length of the building,

while still satisfying the needs of the Fire and Police Chiefs. One approach is to place more of the needed space below the first floor and to the rear of the building. Further meetings will take place with all interested parties as the design evolves.

The Building Committee also is continuing with its plans to save the now-purchased Govoni house, perhaps by integrating it with the Parsonage Apartments, managed by the Housing Partnership.

Report of the Rye Historical District Commission

Thomas King has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen as an alternate on the Rye Historic District Commission. The HDC now has a full complement of 10 Members and three Alternates.

In 2002 a unanimous vote of the Commission ordered that no US flags be displayed on telephone poles in the Historic District. As a compromise, on March 9 the HDC unanimously voted to approve displaying the flags on telephone poles starting the week before Memorial Day (May 26) through July 8 **only**. This vote was an attempt to discourage the excessive length of time the flags were actually displayed, which was from Memorial Day through September 11.

The 2003 Memorial Day Committee has been given permission by the Board of Selectmen to display the flags a week before Memorial Day until one week after July 4.

The Star Island Corporation has consented to having a plaque erected on the island designating that it is in the Historic District of the Town of Rye, NH. This sign will be a hand-carved plaque (similar to the plaques on old houses in Rye) of durable and weather-resistant material and will be attached to the pump house on the pier visible for all who visit the island—even to those who do not disembark.

The HDC is currently seeking permission to put a plaque on the Cable House at 20 Old Beach Rd. designating that it is in the Historic District.

Two additional road signs have been ordered designating the Historic District, one upon entering the District from Lang Road and one for the Brackett Rd. Massacre Site.

Surf Over to the Library This Summer

For the Adults

SUMMER ART LECTURE SERIES by local artists and art historians. Wednesday mornings in July at 10 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Slides will accompany each lecture. All are welcome.

July 9 TBA

July 16 Janet Brown—"Why Mohegan"

July 23 Cathleen Hodson—"Early Twentieth Century Russian Art"

July 30 Priscilla Brown—"Three Women Artists"

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Friday, June 20 in the Library Meeting Room from 2 to 7 p.m.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE. Annual Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Saturday, June 28 from 9-1 on the front lawn of the Library. Hundreds of books for sale for all ages at bargain prices, plus baked goods by Rye bakers and local businesses and canvas book bags! Come early for the best selection.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY RAFFLE. You could be the owner of a hand-crafted wooden blue teal by local artist Bob Mitchell. Raffle tickets on sale at the Library. The winner will be drawn at the Book and Bake Sale on June 28.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Adult: Meets the third Tuesday of each month.

June 17, Tuesday at 7 p.m. *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich

July 15, Tuesday at 7 p.m. *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem

August 19, Tuesday at 7 p.m. *Losing Julia* by Jonathan Hull

Stroudwater: Formerly meeting at the Stroudwater Book Store in Portsmouth, this group meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the New Hampshire Room.

Military: Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Book titles chosen at the end of each meeting. Contact Ray Jarvis for more information, 436-2137.

ART EXHIBITS IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM:

"Masks of the Seacoast"—Sponsored by the Rye Public Library Fine Arts Committee. Exhibit continues through June 28.

"Teenage Art"—Sponsored by the Rye Public Library Fine Arts Committee. Looking for art from area teens, ages 13 to 19. Contact the Library if you would like to submit your work. Exhibit runs from July 8 to September 30. Opening reception July 8 from 6-8 p.m.

Youth Programs

READING ROCKS THE GRANITE STATE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 24–August 7, 2003

June 24, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Wayne from Maine and Jimmy Jones "the Koonga Boonga Man." This is the big **kick-off event** for the **Summer Reading Program**. You may sign up for the program whether you are a beginner reader or still being read to. All are welcome. Fantastic fun for the whole family.

July 17, Thursday, 6:30–7:30 Sock Hop and Talent Show.

July 31, Thursday, 6:30, a sign up craft that will jazz you up.

June 25–August 6

Every Wednesday at 10:30, **Storytime** for all ages.

Every Tuesday, drop in anytime during the day and **sing to a librarian** and win a prize!

ROCKIN' AND READING: The Rye Public Library Teen Advisory Board is hosting a four-hour marathon of reading and rocking on July 10 from 1 to 5. If you are age 12 or above, come pick up a pledge sheet and help earn money for the Youth Department by reading and rocking for as long as you can (no more than four hours). There will be snack breaks, stretching times and time to relax afterwards. If you have a rocking chair, bring that as well. Pledge sheets must be picked up by the end of June.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION: All welcome. Second Tuesday of every month 7-8 p.m. Call for more information, 964-8401.

CRAFTS: (Drop in whenever we are open and make music!)

June 25–28

July 14–19

June 30–July 5

July 21–26

July 7–12

July 28–August 1

August 4–8

Crazy Kazoos

Lovely Love Beads

Dinomyte Drum

Tantalizing Tambourines

Bonkers Box Guitar

Sizzling Shakers

Who Is the Star? Picture Frame

August 8, 3 p.m.
**Super and Sensational End of
the Summer Reading Program
Party!**



TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

10 Central Road Rye, NH, 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516, E-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us/ Summer 2003

SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS DAY CAMP

is a thematically-based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 23rd through August 15th. The Camp Director is Jessica Dickey, M.Ed, B.A. and the Assistant Director is Nicole Duffett, B.S.. Camp will be held at the Recreation House, Recreation Rd., Rye. Full Day Campers need to bring two snacks, 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.

Hours: Full Day 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 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.), Post-Camp (4:00 - 4:30 p.m.) no additional fee.

Fee: 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-resident

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 1, June 23-27 - Mad Scientist

- This week will be packed with scientific experiments. Through interesting and imaginative investigations, our campers will discover the excitement of science.



Week 2, June 30-July 3 - Awesome All American (No Camp July 4th)

- Become a true patriot this week. If you weren't proud to wave the stars and stripes before this week, you certainly will be after.



Week 3, July 7-11 - Carnival-Circus-Magic

- This week campers transform into magicians and play carnival games. Come join the amusements we have in store for you.



Week 4, July 14-18 - African Safari

- Go on a wild safari this week at Summertime Horyezons. Monkey around, play some Ugandan games and transport yourself to the dark continent.



Week 5, July 21-25 - Great Games

- All games-all week! Play your favorites like capture the flag and steal the bacon and take part in new ones too.



Week 6, July 28-August 1 - Pirates of Rye

- Ahoy, matee! Come on a high seas adventure this week. Search for buried treasure and find out about some famous pirates. Maybe we'll even meet one!



Week 7, August 4-8 - Wild, Wild West

- Howdy, partners! Kick up some cowboy and cowgirl fun this week. Learn to lasso, pan for gold, and join in a rodeo.



Week 8, August 11-15 - Outdoor Adventures

- Hone your outdoor survival skills this week. Setting up camp, building shelters, and going on nature hikes are just the beginning.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

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

TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

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



FALL SOCCER SIGN-UP

RYE RECREATION HOUSE

55 RECREATION ROAD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2003

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Deadline for registering is July 31, 2003. Late Fee of \$25 will be applied to all registrations received after the deadline.

JULY 4th CELEBRATION



PARSONS FIELD

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH, 2003

WEATHER PERMITTING



Activities will start at 6:30 p.m., ending with fireworks at dusk.

BASKETBALL CAMP

Instruction for Week 1 is provided by Patrick Quinn and Week 2-4 is provided by Patrick, Brett and Breanne Mulvey and held at Rye Elementary. Participants should bring snack & drink each day. Limited space available.



Week 1, June 23-27

Entering Grades 7-8 Boys, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 7-8 Girls, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Week 2, June 30-July 4 (Camp is held on July 4)

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

Entering Grades 1-2 Co-ed, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Week 3, July 7-11

Entering Grades 5-6 Boys, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

Entering Grades 5-6 Girls, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Week 4, July 14-18

Entering Grades 7-8 Boys, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 1-2 Co-ed, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: 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

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 14-18

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 2003

Entering Grades 5-8, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Fast Track

Week 2, July 21-25

Entering Grades 3-4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

World Cup 2003

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

Fee: 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!

RED CROSS BABYSITTER COURSE is for ages 11 and up. Held at the Rye Library.



June 23-24, (M & Tues.) or June 25-26, (Wed. & Thurs.), 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

LACROSSE CAMP



Instruction is provided by Barry Russo. 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. Limited space available.

June 23-27

Entering Grade 5-8, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$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 24, 25, 26, July 1, 2, 3 (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 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 (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.

Fee: \$60 per. session residents, \$70 per. session non-residents

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 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11 (M)

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

Fee: \$125 residents, \$135 non-residents

* Fee includes Shirt & Participation Award

ADULT YOGA instruction is provided by Karin Backstrom (Monday & Tuesday), Jeanie Ryan (Thursday). This beginner program is designed to link breath and movement, connecting body, mind, and spirit. Held at the Rye Library.

Session 1-1, Monday, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Session 1-2, Tuesday, July 1, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 1-3, Thursday, July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$55 per session, residents/non-residents



YOUTH YOGA instruction is provided by Jeanie Ryan.

Learn yoga basics and have fun.

July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2003 (Thur.)

Entering Grades 3-8: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$65 residents/non-residents

Sewer Commission Report

The Sewer Commission will now be holding morning meetings the second Monday of each month in the sewer office on the second floor of Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Walter J. Parenteau, the Clerk-of-the-Works for the Rye Sewer Commission, will be beginning his Tenth year in this position. Walter's



experience has been invaluable to the department. He was the former president and owner of his own plumbing, heating, and air conditioning company as well as a residential, commercial, and industrial contractor with a Master's license. His experience includes construction of new homes in the New Hampshire and Massachusetts area, 200 home housing developments, and contractor on large-scale projects such as schools, churches, the state office building, and nursing homes. He has experience as the liaison with major construction companies as a subcontractor on several large building projects as well as dealing with architects. He has experience in all areas of operation, including estimating, drafting, and bidding.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and his special interests include golfing and skiing (with a ski instructor's license), and he is an avid gardener. Cooking and baking are also his specialties. He continually delights us almost every Friday morning with

Rye Mosquito Control 2003

Once again the mosquito season is upon us. There are certain things you can count on in life—death, taxes, and mosquitos. These winged denizens have been a scourge to our planet since before the age of the dinosaurs.

The types of wetlands and flat topography of Rye allows for excellent mosquito breeding habitat. There are numerous salt marshes, red maple swamps, woodland pools, and roadside ditches that provide shallow, stagnant water for mosquito development.

The best approach to mosquito control is to control mosquito larvae in shallow waters. Mosquito larvae depend upon water for survival. Mosquito larvae have no arms or legs and “wiggle” throughout the water column. Larvae eat organic scum on the bottom and must surface periodically to breathe air. We apply corn particles with a bacterium attached to mosquito breeding waters. The larvae consume the corn particles and become exposed to the bacterium. The bacterium is a disease agent very specific to mosquito larvae. Typically, larvae are the only organisms present when the corn particles are applied.

Street spraying supplements our efforts in controlling mosquito larvae. Truck-mounted sprayers allow for control of winged mosquitos during periods of high mosquito populations. It is a last line of defense, especially when West Nile Virus is a concern. Street spraying typically begins around Memorial Day and ends in September.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is becoming endemic to our area. Each year it has steadily increased, as exemplified

baked goods!

We here at Town Hall are always amazed at his active lifestyle, and he is an inspiration to all of us. On May 22 he celebrated a special birthday. He is now a “young” 85 years old!

Thank you for being you, Walter!!

by bird deaths. WNV has been devastating to bird populations, especially crows and bluejays. The best defense against WNV is to reduce mosquito populations as much as possible. Mosquitos are the primary transmission route between birds and mammals.

As a homeowner you can help the cause significantly. A clogged gutter can harbor thousands of mosquito larvae, which can be eliminated simply by draining the water. Also, prevent discarded tires from holding water. We have a mosquito new to our area that prefers to breed in the water of tires. This mosquito is a prime candidate for West Nile Virus transmission.

Several recent changes have occurred that will help our mosquito control efforts in 2003. The Town of North Hampton now has a comprehensive mosquito control program. All saltmarshes will be controlled, especially those near the Rye border. The Rye Mosquito Control Commission is promoting saltmarsh restoration projects that will allow saltmarsh minnows to eat mosquito larvae. Once completed, these habitats will no longer require control applications.

In summary, mosquito control is a matter of being in the right place at the right time. When mosquitos are severe around your property it may be simply a clogged gutter or old tire nearby. To date we have surveyed all major mosquito breeding habitats in Rye. As I write this, the freshwater mosquito breeding season is coming to a close. The saltmarshes are our next priority. We have answered many of your requests to have your properties checked for mosquito breeding. If you have contacted us before, we have you on record and your property will be checked each spring. Until we hear otherwise, we honor all “no spray” requests from previous years. [A No Spray Request form is printed on the back page of this newsletter.]

Michael Morrison
Entomologist

Town of Rye Board Meetings

June 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	3 7 pm, Recreation Commission	4 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	5	6	7
8	9 9 am, Sewer Commission	10 7 pm, Planning Board	11 4 pm, Mosquito Control Commission	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	17	18 7 pm, Historic District Commission 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	19 7 pm, Conservation Commission	20	21 <i>First Day of Summer</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

29	30 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	July 2003				
		1 7 pm, Recreation Commission	2 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	3	4 <i>Independence Day Town offices closed</i>	5

6	7	8 7 pm, Planning Board	9 4 pm, Mosquito Control Commission	10	11	12
13	14 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 9 am, Sewer Commission	15	16 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	17 7 pm, Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

27	28 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	29	30	31	August 2003	
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3	4	5 7 pm, Recreation Commission	6 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 9 am, Sewer Commission	12 7 pm, Planning Board	13 4 pm, Mosquito Control Commission	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	21 7 pm, Conservation Commission	22	23
24	25 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	26	27	28	29	30

31	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.					
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Art in Bloom



"Nubble Light" by Marion Ryder (Front); Oil on Canvas; Flower Arrangers: Nancy Neville (Back Right) and Claire Russo (Back Left)

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and Rye Art Study Group recently held the Third Annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 26 selected works of art interpreted in flower arrangements. Music was performed by Ray Demarco.

The exhibit succeeded in stimulating interest in flower arranging, sharing the talents of local artists, and fostering community relationships.

The exhibit included the following:

1. "A Cottage on the Cape" by Barbara Ripley; Oil on Canvas; Flower Arranger: Marilyn Marchant
2. "Bee Boxes" by Elizabeth Boynton; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Janet Brown
3. "Birches in Winter" by Claire Russo; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Joan Larson
4. "Dad's Hive" by Julie Hyde; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde
5. "Edge of the Lake" by Jean Leopold; Pastel; Flower Arranger: Cathy Kelley
6. "Eel Pond" by Dorine Gross; Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Laura Simmons
7. "Fantasy in Color" by Ann Schoettler; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Linda Ferwerda
8. "French Market" by Priscilla Brown; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Brown
9. "Great Blue Heron" by Marianne Forman; Oil on Canvas; Flower

Arranger: Marion Jones

10. "Ingenué" by Sal Allocco; Charcoal; Flower Arranger: Sal Allocco

11. "Innocence" by Betty Ford-smith; Lead; Flower Arranger: Betty Ford-smith

12. "L'abbey Kitchen Garden" by Pat Degrandpre; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Pat Degrandpre

13. "Leave Behind" by Judith Shah; Bronze; Flower Arranger:

Carolyn Payzant

14. "L.K. Joanne" by Lisa Klane; Mixed; Flower Arranger: Paula Klane

15. "Lobster Machine" by Marcia Gibbons; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Marcia Gibbons

16. "Low Tide at the Cape" by Carla Marvin; Oil on Canvas; Flower Arrangers: Lyn Beattie & Kathy Maxwell Fitzgerald

17. "Nubble Light" by Marion Ryder; Oil on Canvas; Flower Arranger: Nancy Neville

18. "Ogunquit Museum of American Art" by Carol Mitchell; Oil on Canvas; Flower Arranger: Ellen Simmonds

19. "On Flight" by Eleanor Ireland; Oil on Canvas; Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray

20. "Painting Fuller Gardens" by Judy Sponaugle; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Karey Papke Kelly

21. "Passion" by Gisela Gaensler; Oil on Canvas; Flower Arranger: Gisela Gaensler

22. "Pileated Woodpecker" by Robert Mitchell; Wood; Flower Arranger: Kim Devlin Brytz

23. "Self Portrait" by Jessica Dickey; Stoneware; Flower Arranger: Jessica Dickey

24. "The Chickadee" by Alice Stone; Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Lydia Eklund

25. "The Jackson House" by Priscilla Jenness; Oil on Canvas; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness

26. "Woman Seated at a Café" by Ann Tolson; Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Vera Schroeder

Beach Times, Regs Announced

The members of the Beach Commission are looking forward to a safe and happy summer for all on Rye's beaches.

Opening Day. Rye's three beaches—Pirate's Cove, Cable Road Extension, and Sawyers—are scheduled to officially open on Saturday, June 21. The normal hours of the Beach Safety Patrol are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These hours may change for reasons of inclement weather.

Lifeguards. We have lined up the majority of our staff of qualified lifeguards to serve on the Beach Safety Patrol. Please keep in mind we are always looking for additional guards who may be interested in part-time positions. They will again be using the flag system that was introduced two years ago: Green flag = Normal conditions, Red flag = Warning of extreme conditions. Please feel free to approach any of the lifeguards with questions on beach or surf conditions.

Dog Regulations. Dogs are strictly prohibited from the beaches between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to October 1. When you bring your dog to the beach during the allowed hours, you are required to clean up and take away whatever your dog deposits. Signs are posted at the beach entrances with information about fines.

Our beaches are a source of beauty and enjoyment. Please be prepared to carry out whatever you carry in. By following this simple request, we all will benefit from our clean beaches throughout the summer months.

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

John Iafolla, Chairman
Scott McQuade
Tim Sanborn

For up-to-date information on the town, visit the Town Web Site:
www.town.rye.nh.us

Bill Varrell's *Rye and Rye Beach* has been reprinted

Thanks to a small group of Rye citizens, Bill Varrell's book, *Rye and Rye Beach* (Arcadia, 1995), was reprinted late last year. Special thanks go to Dennis Foss of Antiques at Rye Center, who purchased half of the books required for reprinting. The other half was purchased by Ned Tate of Tate and Foss Realty and the Rye Historical Society with help of a loan from Paul Caswell

and a gift from another society member.

Rye and Rye Beach is Varrell's second book about Rye (*Rye on the Rocks*, 1962, is available at Rye Library) and offers a lively perspective on the town's history through photos and interesting captions. It is a hook into our history. The book is for sale at Antiques at Rye Center and the gift shop of the Rye Town Museum.

Available Senior Services Announced by Senior Issues

A **Senior Issues Committee**, formed as a result of the Planning Board's Visioning Session last year, continues to work on the three goals, housing, transportation, and communication.

Housing is beginning to be addressed by the Land Use Committee's proposal for an amendment to the zoning regulations in order to create space for senior housing. **Transportation** is being addressed by the establishment of the Tuesday shuttle service for seniors made possible by the use of a van from Webster at Rye. The issue of **Communication** is an ongoing process in order to determine how senior issues can be heard and addressed within our community. The com-

mittee's goal is to get information to seniors. People or organizations willing to be of service to seniors in town should supply their contact information to Kim Reed, Chairman of the committee, at **964-2109**.

Available senior services include:

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

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

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

Contact Information. Meals-on-Wheels, Visiting Nurses, Compass Care, Hospice, and other senior services. (Visit or call the Rye Library **964-8401**.)

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

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

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

New members are most welcome. Come join us!

Senior Services Survey

In order to help us determine how best to be of service to seniors in our community, please complete and return the following survey question.

Is there someone in your home who might use any of the following services? (Using the numbers 1 to 6, please rank these issues in their order of importance to you, beginning with the number 1 as most important and ending with the number 6.)

- A. Transportation service _____
- B. Senior housing _____
- C. Adult day care services _____
- D. Structured recreation programs
(Health, Exercise, Social, etc.) _____
- E. Lecture series on senior issues _____
- F. Daily phone check _____

When you have completed this survey, please tear it off and return it to the Rye Public Library.

If you wish to return by mail, please use the following address: Senior Services Committee, c/o Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Rd., Rye, NH 03870.

Mosquito Season Is Here Again

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 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 2003

Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road,
Rye, NH 03870

NAME _____

PHONE _____

PROPERTY
ADDRESS _____

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Town Hall Office Hours

Hours Open to the Public

Assessor's Office Mon-Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

•**Friday only:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Building Inspector Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Afternoons by appointment

Planning & Zoning

Administrator Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Afternoons by appointment

Recreation Mon -Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

•**Closed all day Friday**

Selectmen's Office Mon - Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

•**Friday only:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sewer Department Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Town Administrator Mon - Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

•**Friday only:** 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon

Town Clerk/Tax

Collector's Office: Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT NOON ON FRIDAY:

Assessing

Selectmen's Office

Town Administrator

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