



Town of Rye Newsletter

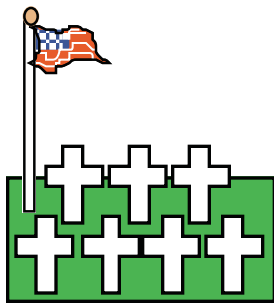


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RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY ANNOUNCED



The Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Cemetery. The ceremony will begin with a short parade from the town hall to the cemetery for the Presentation of the Colors.

Participating in the parade will be pipers and drummers from the NH Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Police and Fire Departments, the Winnacunnet Marine ROTC Color Guard, Veterans, and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Governor Craig Benson will be the guest speaker at the ceremony. Music will be provided by Karrie Burnett. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Memorial Day Poster and Poetry Contests from Rye Elementary and Junior High Schools. The winning posters will be available for viewing and the winning poems will be read. Rye Clergy will provide the Invocation and Benediction. Immediately following the ceremony, refreshments will be provided by the Rye Historical Society.

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Seasonal Ups and Downs

Mailbox fatalities were down for the winter of 2003-4 primarily as a result of fewer snowstorms and the redesign/relocation of a number of mailboxes. On the other hand, complaints regarding trash at the beach are up at this early date, long before beach signs, stairs, or ramps are even due to be put out. The outstanding problem appears to be dog waste. Left in the sand, dog feces are a health hazard to children playing at the beach. Picked up but left in an unsightly, smelly pile at the beach entrance is also irresponsible and is a violation of the Carry In-Carry Out Ordinance.

The Town of Rye has lost soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and merchant seamen in armed conflicts including 38 lost in the American Revolution. The Town of Rye also remembers on this occasion those Firemen and Police Officers who were lost in the line of duty. In view of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing war on terrorism, all residents are encouraged to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony.

The members of the Seacoast Memorial Post #8942 of the VFW, Rye, extend a personal invitation to all veterans to come and march with the veterans in the parade. You do not have to be a member of a veteran organization to participate.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the fellowship hall of the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road. For more information, contact Jim Cullen at 964-9918.

Investigation leads us to believe that use of our beaches by dog owners has increased due in part to the complete banning of dogs on several beaches from Plum Island, Mass. to Kittery, Maine. Currently in Rye, dogs are allowed on our beaches before 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. but this privilege could be lost here as well.

Ordinary litter is another matter. You can be part of the solution by joining the Friends of the Beach citizen volunteer effort. Friends of the Beach meet at the beach of your choice (Wallis, Cable, or Sawyer's) to pick up stray trash at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month beginning Tuesday, June 8. Bags are provided and the Public Works Department removes materials gathered. In keeping with your approval of Article 14 of the 2004 Town Warrant, the Town of Rye will have use of a state-owned beach-cleaning machine capable of picking up seaweed, driftwood, rope, etc. This machine cannot remove small objects such as cigarette butts. Details, such

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as cleaning schedule, are currently being worked out.

The exception to the above is the National Marine Debris Monitoring Program being carried out at Wallis Sands by nine Rye residents (all UNH Marine Docents) from the high rocks at the end of the new beach club to the last house before the State Beach. Please see their article in this newsletter.

Foyes Corner

Foyes Corner will change from a three-way stop to a roundabout during 2005. When Governor Benson removed the previously approved traffic light from the Department of Transportation schedule due to cost, your selectmen held a series of meetings to gather input from residents regarding the new options: four-way stop, roundabout, or do nothing. Regardless of the outcome, we secured DOT assurance that (1) the culvert under Sagamore Road will be enlarged from 24" to 36" and (2) Elwyn Road will be realigned for a better approach to the intersection.

Request for traffic light reconsideration made it clear that even the smallest version of a light would exceed the allowable cost, to say nothing of long backup lines that would have resulted from loss of turning lanes.

The roundabout plan ultimately was selected because it is traffic calming, generates less pollution, and if accidents occur they tend to be less serious than with other options. The roundabout will also help maintain a semi-rural feeling at this entrance to Rye. The roundabout was also the choice of the majority of those residents voicing opinions. We thank DOT Commissioner Carol Murray and her staff for their patience and assistance in resolving this matter.

Cell Tower

Following a site walk on May 12,

Beach Parking Permits, Dog Licenses Available from Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Beach Parking Permits are on sale at the town clerk's 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 dog. Seniors (over 65) can license one dog for a reduced cost of \$2.00.

the final roadblock to construction of the cell tower on the so-called "Perkins Heirs Parcel" was removed when the Town was given verbal approval by Linda Wilson of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. This approval was required to ensure that construction of the cell tower would not negatively impact the historical integrity of an agricultural property (the Philbrick farm) eligible for the National Register of Historical Places. Construction of the cell tower should be underway in June and completed within 30 to 60 days. This will eliminate one of the two remaining "dead zones" for cell phone use in Rye.

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 1, which means the dog owner could be required to pay a civil forfeiture of \$25.00 per animal.

Property Tax Bills for the first issue billing 2004 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 2003 billing. If your property tax dollars are escrowed through your mortgage company, be sure to send them a copy of your bill. Many mortgage companies contact us through a property tax payment service, but we cannot be sure your bank or mortgage company is included. And, of course, with all the mortgage changes that are happening due to the drop in interest rates, you'll want to be sure your mortgage company is alerted.

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Fax 964-4132

Email: janei@town.rye.nh.us

Thank You Senator Judd Gregg

In closing, we would like to thank U.S. Senator Judd Gregg for supporting protection of valuable coastal areas. Through Senator Gregg's federal initiative, CELP (Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection program), he was able to secure 1.5 million dollars for Massacre Marsh, a 25-acre tract that includes the site of the Brackett Lane Massacre in September 1691 during King Phillip's War.

Joe Mills, Chairman

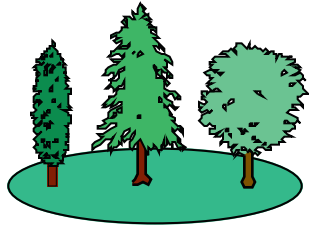
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Conservation Commission Securing More Land for Rye

Rye's Conservation Commission and its task-oriented subcommittee, the Rye Open Space Committee, are nearing completion of a process that will **permanently preserve 128 acres** with *conservation easements*.



The aggregate properties include wooded acreage, tracts of farmland, back lands, and open spaces, some of which are contiguous to salt marshes in Rye.

While many of the neighboring towns continue to wrestle with open space issues, Rye's Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee have forged an excellent collaboration with individual property owners interested in protecting their land from development.

The process has been especially rewarding because the 128 acres being preserved will substantially extend wildlife corridors in Rye and ensure the scenic beauty of the town in a number of prominent places. Moreover, the \$1.5 million Open Space Bond money being utilized in this premier effort has leveraged an exact match of \$1.5 million of federal funding. Finally, each conservation easement is written to reflect the concerns and objectives of the individual property owner. As one landowner stated:

"It is very comforting to know that my land will be forever protected from development through the efforts of the Rye Conservation Commission and its subcommittee, the Rye Open Space Committee. The process is quite uncomplicated. The compensation is substantial. It is a win/win situation."

Jane Holway, April 2004

Over the last two years, the Rye Open Space Committee has completed three project phases:

- 1) analysis of open space issues regionally and locally,
- 2) public awareness efforts and promotion of the \$5 million Bond Issue, and
- 3) development of property evaluation tools and an informational packet.

The current phase, land procurement for conservation, is well underway, as noted above. This ongoing phase requires input from any Rye citizen with a commitment to land protection. We are currently inviting new members who can offer expertise in estate planning, communications, and public relations, as well as those who are passionate about environmental issues.

Please call Jim Raynes at 431-6962 or Susan Rizkalla at 964-3878 if you are interested in getting involved.

New Fire Chief Is Hired

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the hiring of Richard S. O'Brien as Rye Fire Chief to fill the vacancy caused by the recent retirement of Chief Leon Blaisdell. Richard (Rich) O'Brien comes to us from the Derry Fire Department, where he has served for 12 years, most recently as Acting Battalion Chief/Administrative Officer and as Deputy Director of Emergency Management.



Richard O'Brien, Rye's New Fire Chief

Richard brings to Rye over 20 years of experience in public safety. In addition to training, which includes a degree in Fire Science with certifications in Fire, Rescue, and Hazardous Materials Response, Richard's background incorporates broad administrative skills that include strategic planning, policy development, budgeting, human resources management, and grant writing.

Richard is also a Nationally Registered Paramedic and recently he coordinated efforts to enable the Derry Fire Department to become the only Nationally Accredited Fire-Based Ambulance service on the East Coast. He is also currently involved in several state and local safety task forces and steering committees as well as working on his BS in Fire Service Management through the Center for Lifelong Learning of the University System of New Hampshire, with an estimated completion date of 2005.

Richard and his wife, Sheila, have two sons, Connor and Patrick. In his "spare time," he can be found coaching Little League teams. Our new Fire Chief plans to be on the job June 14, 2004. We welcome him and his family to Rye.

Visit the Town Web site
<http://www.town.rye.nh.us/>
for news and up-to-date information for the town, including meeting notices, agendas, and minutes.

Rye Public Library Announces Summer Programs

SUMMER ART LECTURE SERIES

(sponsored by Rye Art Study)

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

July 7 Edvard Munch—"A Visual Presentation of What Lives in the Mind," presented by Carol Glaser

July 14 Jackson Pollock—"The Quiet Rebel," presented by Anne B. Antippas

July 21 Oskar Kokoschka—1886-1980, "A Juicy Story," presented by Dr. Gisela Gaensler

July 28 Marc Chagall—"The Man and His Work," presented by Marion Jones

Aug 4 Georgia O'Keeffe—"Bones, Flowers and Abstracts of an American Legend," presented by Joan Dombrowski and Jodi Adams

SUMMER "MUSICAL MOVIES" SERIES for Seniors

(sponsored by the Library)

Thursdays at 4 p.m.

July 8 Carousell

July 15 Kiss Me Kate

July 22 Gigi

July 29 State Fair

Aug 5 Oklahoma

Light refreshments will be served, and if you need transportation, please call the Library.

MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

First THURSDAY Military Book Discussion
6:30 p.m.

Second MONDAY New "Book Review" Group
10 a.m.

Second TUESDAY Stroudwater Book Discussion
1 p.m.

Third TUESDAY Library Book Discussion
7 p.m.

FREE MUSEUM PASSES FOR LIBRARY PATRONS

Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

Boston Museum of Science (small fee)

Peabody Essex Museum in Salem

Currier Museum of Art in Manchester

Strawbery Banke in Portsmouth

Portsmouth Children's Museum

Seacoast Science Center in Rye

ART DISPLAYS

The Library Fine Arts Committee has currently on display in the Community Meeting Room "Decorative Fiber Art" until June 30. The next display of art will be



"Teenage Artists of Rye II," which begins in July. Any teens interested in sharing their art should please call the Library at 964-8401.

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOLD ANNUAL BOOK AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, June 26, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please look through your house for unwanted or no longer needed BOOKS, RECORDED BOOKS, VIDEOS, and DVDS and donate them to the Friends. For this year's sale, the Friends are especially looking for CHILDREN'S BOOKS and COOKBOOKS. Also needed are VOLUNTEER BAKERS.

Please bring your donations to the Library this month, where you may also sign up to donate baked goods!

The Friends of the Rye Public Library along with Rye Library Trustees will host a "welcome party" for the new Library Director, Gary Mason, on Thursday, June 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. Please drop by the Library that afternoon in order to introduce yourself to Gary and welcome him to Rye.

Thank you Rye Airfield...

What do the Rye Airfield and the Rye Public Library have in common? Books! That's right, books! Under the direction of Beau Lambert, General Manager at Rye Airfield, two different Scholastic Book Sales were held. Because of this, the Rye Public Library and more specifically the Youth Department can get over \$600 worth of brand new books from Scholastic. Thank you to all who helped set it up, run it, and take it down. Thank you to the Rye Teen Advisory Board members who helped work the fair as well. We are most grateful for your continued support for the youth of this community whether it be athletic or academic.

Youth Library Activities

Gadzooks!

The Rye Public Library and the Rye Elementary School invite your child to "Check out a Hero" this summer by reading every day. This annual program is designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to keep or increase your child's reading skills. Reading is a skill and without practice the skill can weaken.

Some of the special activities happening this summer at the Rye Public Library include:

The Family Time Summer Reading Kick-off on Thursday, **June 24** at 6:30 p.m. Steve Blunt will entertain with story, song, and surprises. Readers can sign up for the Super Duper Reading Program at the same time.

July 1: The tale of Jeremy Fisher will be told at 6:30 p.m. by Loris Burbine.

TBA: Visit of Service Dog

July 19: Sign-up for annual talent show begins.

July 29: Comic book art workshop with Hector Diaz. 6:30 p.m. Sign up required.

August 3: Local Heroes visit Rye Public Library 6:30 p.m.

August 10: TALENT SHOW 6:30 p.m.

August 13: "Check Out a Hero" Costume Party 3 p.m.

Every week during the "Check Out a Hero" Summer Reading Program, drop in to play the Trivia Game and win a prize.

A **Drop-in Craft** will also be available all summer during the Reading

Report from the New Library Director

I wish to thank those citizens and town officials who have graciously welcomed me to Rye. The library staff has been patient and supportive. As I write this I have been here all of three weeks. Still, it is only fair that I try to give you my first impressions and a couple of thoughts for possible future endeavors.

A library says a lot about a community. The residents of Rye are blessed with a library that has been the focal point of the town for more than 90 years. It wasn't always so. But in the end (thanks to a gift from Mary Tuck Rand) the Rye Public Library was built at the tail end of the time when communities demonstrated a sense of pride by building libraries that were also architectural statements.

The 1999 addition met the requirements of being designed to meet the anticipated needs of the community for the first portion of the 21st century and not have a negative impact on the original building. I believe this new addition actually enhances the site. The Rye community has a building that allows the comfortable use of the materials it houses and offers no barriers to accessibility. It makes a strong architectural statement while maintaining the integrity of the 1911 building.

Without a doubt, the library has a contemporary focus. The best sellers and important new books in most areas of interest are purchased. Many of these purchases are upon recom-

mendations from library users. The current installation of a WiFi network allows wireless fidelity throughout the building and soon to the immediate surrounding area. So you can now bring your properly equipped laptop to the library and access the Internet through our cable connection.

However, over the next few years we will also build a "permanent" collection of the most significant books in both the western and non-western traditions. We will also try to establish core collections of music and film in CD and DVD formats, respectively. For me there is a certain romance in being able to trace a library's history in a somewhat unorthodox way—by the very best books and other materials purchased over the decades.

We would also like to have a bit more of a Rye focus. If you have a yearbook or yearbooks from Rye Elementary School, Rye Junior High School, Portsmouth High School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Berwick Academy, or Exeter Academy and would like to donate it or them to the library, we would be glad to accept.

If we haven't met, please stop in and say hello; if we have met, please stop in again.

Gary Mason

Library Director

HDC Sets Public Hearing Fees

The Rye Historic District Commission has set fees for public hearings required by Section 303.4 of the Historic District Regulations of the Rye Zoning Ordinance. Pursuant to RSA 676:46-a, the Commission held a public hearing on April 21, and established fees of \$100.00 plus \$5.00 for each abutter for each public hearing, effective immediately.

Jane Holway, Chairman

Program; the crafts change weekly.

Call Sharon or Martha 964-8401 for further information.

•One Book, One Community•

Join the legions who read *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor. Then plan on attending a book discussion on either May 26 or May 27. Call Sharon at 964-8401 for more information.



Selectmen Receive Their Copies of *The Cay*.

Building and Planning Department Cites Regulations

The Building Department is bustling already. We have not seen a slowdown in construction or enforcement in over five years.

Please be reminded that you need to get a building permit for all sheds, outbuildings, and fences, and the structure needs to meet the setbacks for the particular district you are in.

No planting is permitted in the town right of way. Several people have planted beautiful trees, bushes, flowers, and even placed landscaping rocks in the right of way. This is dangerous to vehicles, snowplows, and even pedestrians. The right of way belongs to the town and it is necessary to keep it open to maintain a level of safety. Please make sure before you spend time and money on landscaping your property you know where your front property line is.

If you are planning on doing a project soon and you are on sewer, you will need to communicate with the Sewer Department to let them know what you are doing. You may need to get a permit from them in order to complete your project.

If you are planning a large project, please make an appointment with Building Inspector Susan Zarlengo to discuss the process. It is helpful to have a sketch or drawing of what is being proposed so that zoning issues can be addressed.

Please contact Planning Administrator John Elsdon with any questions on planning or commercial development. General questions can be addressed through Sue Dunfey, Office Assistant.

The office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. The afternoons are reserved for inspections, appointments, and research. Thank you for your cooperation, and we all hope you enjoy the upcoming summer season!

The Building and Planning Department

Assessor Discusses Revaluation and Exemptions

Tax Bills

The spring tax bills were in the mail on May 14. For most taxpayers, the valuation is one-half of last Fall's bill. Exceptions are those properties which were previously assessed for vacant land only where prior buildings were demolished and replaced by new. The Spring bill for such will reflect the status of the construction as of April 1, 2004. Also included will be revisions to update or correct data from the 2001 revaluation; these revisions resulted from the recently implemented state requirement for one-quarter of the buildings in town to be re-measured and re-inspected in a four-year cycle. That ongoing process commenced in 2003 and will be updated on this first bill for those properties which were visited. Should the owner disagree with the assessment, the appeal period commences upon receipt of the Fall tax bill up to March 1, 2005.

Property Valuations

Another State requirement is that property valuations must be maintained as close to fair market value as possible. This will require the

Assessor's office to update assessments on an annual or biennial cycle. If possible, such will be undertaken either this year or next and will be based on market analysis.

Senior Citizen's Exemption

We would also like to inform persons eligible to apply for the senior citizen's exemption for the first time that the application is available at the Assessor's office and must be submitted by August 1, 2004. The applicant must be at least 65 years of age as of April 1 of this year and have been a resident of New Hampshire for the prior five years. Income limitations are \$40,000 for a single person, \$59,900 for married, and total assets not in excess of \$199,000 exclusive of the residence.

New Administrative Assistant

This office extends best wishes to our longtime and extremely capable associate, Beatrice Marconi, who has left Rye to assume the position of Administrative Assistant in Greenland. She will be missed by all. We welcome to the staff Heather Austin, who has assumed Beatrice's former duties.

Howard Promer,
Assessor

Public Safety Building Report

In March, the Townspeople voted to approve the completion of the architectural design process, the removal of the Govoni House, and the construction of a new Rye Public Safety Building (RPSB) on the combined existing fire station and Govoni House site. This is the now-familiar building whose design has been developed by the Committee over the past two years, working with the input of many townspeople, officials, departments, and commissions, and presented in many town

meetings, brochures, plans, and models for all to see and appreciate.

The RPSB project process continues with the expectation that construction will commence in the fall of this year, 2004, with construction completion some fourteen months later, in the fall of 2005.

The selectmen are considering four proposals for the Govoni house that have been submitted.

Victor D. Azzi,
for the Rye Public Safety Building Committee

Art in Bloom 2004



"Early Morning" by
Ruth Rarer, Oil;
Flower Arranger:
Ruth Rarer

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and the Rye Art Study Group recently held the Fourth Annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 25 selected works of art interpreted in flower arrangements and music performed by Ray Demarco and Don Fancy.

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 Bumper Crop" by Sal Allocco, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Sal Allocco
2. "Bittersweet" by Carolyn Payzant, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Carolyn Payzant
3. "Early Morning" by Ruth Rarer, Oil; Flower Arranger: Ruth Rarer
4. "Having Fun" by Dorothy Munch, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Phyllis Petruzzello
5. "Heart of the Green Wood Monkey" by Pat DeGrandpre, Mixed Media; Flower Arranger: Barbara Allen
6. "Home" by Julie Hyde, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde
7. "In the NH Woods" by Dorine Gross, Oil; Flower Arranger: Jane Holway
8. "Jellyfish" by Jessica Dickey, Photograph; Flower Arranger: Jessica Dickey
9. "Mellow Earth" by Marianne Forman, Oil; Flower Arranger: Sara Gorstein

10. "Mrs." by Lisa Klane, Mixed Media; Flower Arranger: Paula Klane

11. "My Backyard" by Elizabeth Schimmelpfennig, Oil; Flower Arranger: Marsha Palmer

12. "Overlooking Camden Hills" by Ann Tolson, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Marion Jones

13. "Pemaquid Light" by Claire Russo, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Kimberly Devlin-Brytz

14. "Porch in Dappled Sunlight" by Doris Rice, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Beth Yeaton

15. "Reminiscence" by Jean Leopold, Pastel; Flower Arranger: Alice Provenche

16. "Road to Sunshine" by Priscilla Jenness, Oil; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness

17. "She Sells Seashells" by Judith Shah, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Marjorie Smith

18. "Sir Tobias" by Barbara Ripley, Oil; Flower Arranger: Marilyn Marchant

19. "Snowy Owl" by Robert Mitchell, Wood Sculpture; Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray

20. "Spring Magnolias" by Lynn Joslyn, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla McLane

21. "Strawbery Banke" by Carol Mitchell, Oil; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Flanigan

22. "Swan Song" by Betty Ford-Smith, Wood Sculpture; Flower Arranger: Betty Ford-Smith

23. "The Carousel Ride" by Elizabeth Boynton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Karey Kelly

24. "The Sailing Lesson" by Priscilla Brown, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Janet Brown

25. "Which Way to East Vassalboro" by Tom Argue, Photograph; Flower Arranger: Todd Fernald

TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER SIGN-UP



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2004

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

RYE RECREATION HOUSE, 55 RECREATION RD.

RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

Deadline for registering is **July 31, 2004**. Late Fee of \$25 will be applied to registrations received after the deadline.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH, 2004, PARSON'S FIELD



6:30 p.m. Activities Start

7:00 p.m. The Jim & Karrie Show

Dusk Fireworks by Jack Tobey
& Crew

WEATHER PERMITTING - NO RAIN DATE

SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS DAY CAMP

is a thematically-based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 21st through August 13th. The Camp Director is Jessica Dickey, M.Ed, B.A. and the Assistant Director is Amanda Breton, B.A.. Camp will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, 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. (no additional fee).

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

Fee: Weeks 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

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

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

Week 3 (No Camp July 5th)

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 21 - 25, Carnival-Circus-Magic

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



Week 2, June 28 - July 2, Ocean Commotion

Go on an undersea voyage as we discover the ocean and all its inhabitants- above and below the surface.



Week 3, July 6 - 9, Mystery Detective (No Camp July 5th)

Get those magnifying glasses out! Solve some mysteries as campers turn into detectives. You never know what you might turn up!



Week 4, July 12 - 16, Wild, Wild West

Howdy, partners! We'll kick up even more cowboy and cowgirl fun! Take part in a rodeo, throw some horseshoes, and learn to lasso.



Week 5, July 19 - 23, Let's Go Global

Find out how much we have in common with other nations. You'll feel like you've traveled all over the world by Friday!



Week 6, July 26 - 30, Animal Mineral Vegetable

Mix it up with a science variety. We'll touch on zoology, botany, biology, chemistry and have fun doing it!



Week 7, August 2 - 6, Olympic Escapade

With the 2004 Summer Olympics right around the corner, we thought this theme was fitting! Come join our games and other events!



Week 8, August 9 - 13, Outdoor Adventures

Campers wanted to survive the wilderness! Embark on a fun journey that will teach you tenting, hiking and making the outdoors a home away from home.



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 29, 30, July 1, 6, 7, 8 (T,W, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-3, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-5, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 6-8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Adult, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Session 2, July 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 (T, W, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-3, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-5, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 6-8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; HS, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Session 3, August 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 (T, W, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-3, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-5, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 6-8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Adult, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

SOCCER CAMP

instruction is provided by Play Soccer. This co-ed camp will be held at the Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, 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 12-16

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.	Euro Champs
Entering Grades 5-8, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Advanced Training

Week 2, July 19-23

Entering Grades 3-4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Euro Champs
Entering Grades 5-8, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Advanced Training
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!

FIRST TEE GOLF PROGRAM

is provided by Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton.

This co-ed program is for youth entering grades 2 - HS, and teaches both golf and life skills.

Entry Level - Target, July 27, 28, 29, 30 (T, W, Th, F), 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$85 residents/non-residents

Entry Level - Target, July 27, 28, 29, 30 (T, W, Th, F), 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. &

Advance Level - Par, August 3, 4, 5, 6, (T, W, Th, F), 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$120 residents/non-residents

BASKETBALL CAMP

instruction 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 21-25

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 2, June 28-July 2

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 3, July 5-9 (Camp is held on July 5)

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 4, July 12-16

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

Entering Grades 7-8 Girls, 1:00 - 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

LACROSSE CAMP

instruction is provided by Chris Russo. This co-ed camp will be held at the Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road. 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 21-25, Entering Grade 5-8, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$85/wk residents, \$95/wk non-residents

ADULT YOGA

instruction is provided by Jeanie Ryan (M) and Karin Backstrom (Th.). Designed to link breath and movement this beginner program connects body, mind, and spirit. Held at the Rye Library.

Monday, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

YOUTH YOGA

instruction is provided by Jeanie Ryan. Learn yoga basics and have fun. Entering Grades 5-8,

Monday, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$55 residents/non-residents

RED CROSS BABYSITTER COURSE

is for ages 11 and up. Held at the Rye Library, June 21-22 (M & T) or June 23-24 (W & Th.), 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Limited space available. Fee: \$45 residents/non-residents

BEACH INFORMATION FOR 2004 SEASON

The members of your Beach Commission are pleased to announce the following beach times and regulations for the upcoming season.

Opening Day: Rye's three beaches,

Wallis Road Extension,
Cable Road Extension, and
Sawyers,

are scheduled to open with lifeguard services on Saturday, June 19. The normal hours of the Beach Safety Patrol will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. Please be advised these hours are subject to change based on weather conditions.

Lifeguards: We are pleased to report many of our experienced lifeguards will be returning this year to work on our Beach Safety Patrol. All of our lifeguards meet strict qualification requirements, and receive daily training prior to reporting to the beach. The lifeguards will continue to use the following flag system introduced three years ago: Green Flag = normal conditions, while Red Flag = warning of extreme conditions. You are encouraged to approach any lifeguard with questions regarding surf conditions or any other related beach issues.

Dog Restrictions: Dogs are strictly prohibited from our beaches between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily beginning May 29 through September 30. When you bring your dog during the allowed hours, please remember you are responsible for removing any "beach

Rye Water District News

Main Construction

As you've probably already noticed, construction has begun on Garland Rd. as we are installing a new 12" water main to support operation of our recently completed new well. The new main will run from the intersection of Grove and Garland Roads, approximately 1700 ft. towards West Rd. The excavation work will take approximately three weeks to complete, from May 24 through June 11. Due to the nature of this roadwork, travel on Garland Rd. from either Grove or West Roads will be **restricted to residents only** between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. during this construction period. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Elected Officers

The following residents were elected to Rye Water District positions at our annual meeting held at the Rye Elementary School on March 27:

John Murtagh was elected to a three-year term as Commissioner

and will serve as Chairman for 2004. He joins Commissioners Joe Kenney and Peter Mullaly as the governing body of the Rye Water District. We all look forward to working with John for the next three years.

Marian Mullaly was re-elected to another three-year term as District Treasurer and **Barbara Hansen** was re-elected as District Clerk, also a three-year term. We thank you both for your continued service to the District.

Outdoor Water Use

As the warm weather approaches, we ask for your cooperation regarding outdoor water use. Lawn irrigation, car washing, and any other outdoor watering should be done before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Sprinklers left running during the heat of midday just cost you more money, since the majority of the water evaporates into the summer air. Outdoor watering during this period also requires the well pumps to work overtime in order to maintain a safe level of water in the storage tanks to meet the demands of fire protection.

deposits" left by your dog. "Mutt Mitts" for waste removal will be available as you enter Cable Road Extension and Wallis Road Extension beaches. **You must remove any dog waste, including that in "Mutt Mitts," to your own property for proper disposal.**

Keeping Our Beaches Clean: The Carry-In/Carry-Out policy will be in effect again this summer. **Please be prepared to take trash associated with your visit back home with you for disposal.** For those residents with rental properties, please remind

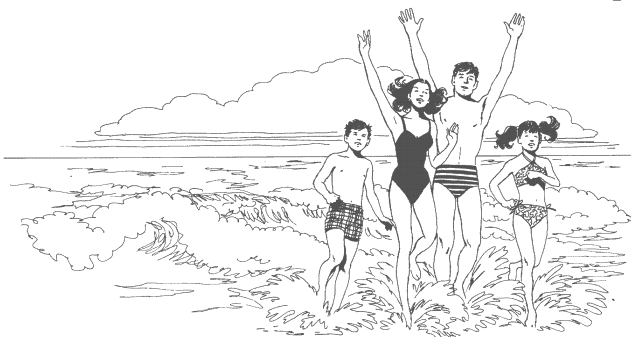
your summer guests of this system.

New this year is the addition of a power cleaning machine for our beaches. This is the same machine used by the state and is on loan to the town at no cost. A schedule for use of this machine is in the works.

Our beaches are a source of beauty and enjoyment. By following the simple posted rules, we will all benefit from our clean beaches throughout the summer season. If you would like to contact a member of the Beach Commission, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523.

Thank You.

Peter Clark, Chairman
Scott McQuade
Tim Sanborn



Elementary School Children Tour Town Museum

Eighteen Rye Elementary School children were enlightened at the Rye Town Museum by Alex Herlihy and Bonnie Goodwin, co-chairs of the Rye Historical Society, on Monday April 5. The children enjoyed a fact-filled, chronological, guided tour of the museum. They learned about Rye's historical maps and explored the book *Rye & Rye Beach* by William Varrell. The visit was fun as well as educationally rewarding.

The following students attended the tour: George Balzano, Evan Betti, David Blass, Alex Blockis, Maddie Cole, Devon Husslage, Patrick Losik, Elizabeth Prend, Blake Purdy, Yannick Rasmussen, Jamie Ritzo, Joseph Rizkalla, Robert Rizkalla, Colby Stevens, Shawn Swist, and



Ashton Vigueras.

Museum Group tours are avail-

able; for more information call Alex Herlihy at 964-9079.

FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

RECYCLING SAVES YOUR TAX DOLLARS

It's **MANDATORY** to recycle in Rye! Bring your newspapers, scrap paper, cardboard, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastics, and glass. Rye has a recycling operation to be proud of and we count on our residents to make it work.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Bring your **trash and recycling** from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. **Brush and leaves: Tuesday and Saturday only.**

THE SWAP SHOP

The **Swap Shop** is open during our regular hours and will accept your unwanted, **usable** items, including clothing. Treasures can be found there, so pay us a visit. Please do not leave items outside the building

CLIP AND SAVE

AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY..... 911
Fire Department – Non Emergency..... 964-6411

POLICE EMERGENCY..... 911
Police (Routine calls only)..... 964-5522
Police Department Fax..... 964-7458

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly. **DO NOT HANG UP** until you are sure that your message has been understood.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....964-9800
Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....964-2964
Cemetery Superintendent.....964-6777
Library.....964-8401
Library Fax.....964-7065
Public Works.....964-5300
Public Works Director/**EMERGENCY** (Home).....964-8263
Recreation.....964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....964-5300
Selectmen.....964-5523
Selectmen Fax.....964-1516
E-Mail: nancyw@town.rye.nh.us
Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us
Sewer Commission.....964-6815
Town Administrator.....964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....964-8562
Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax.....964-4132
Treasurer.....964-8562
Welfare, Overseer of Public.....964-5523

Rye Senior SERVE Gains Nonprofit Status

It's official! Rye Senior SERVE is now a nonprofit charitable organization recognized by the State of New Hampshire. The mission of **Rye Senior SERVE** (Serving Elder Residents through Volunteer Efforts) is to identify and respond to the needs affecting the quality of life for senior residents of our community. Officers and Board of Directors are as follows: President—Jim Cullen, Vice-President—Alan Gould, Secretary—Tricia Quinn, Treasurer—Mel Low, and Board Members—Margaret Carroll, Mary Rizzo, Sally Mirsky, Todd Fernald, and Bob Vincent.

Transportation for seniors continues to be a priority for this organization. The Tuesday shuttle to the Market Basket Plaza for shopping will continue. New riders are most welcome. Just telephone Town Hall at 964-5523 on Monday if you would like to be picked up by the van on Tuesday morning. Another concern is **communication of information** for seniors. If you have a need for service, please contact one of the Officers or members of the Board or telephone the Rye Public Library at 964-8401 and you will be put in contact with someone from Rye Senior SERVE. Affordable senior **housing** is being addressed by the Rye Planning and Land Use Committee and will also be a concern for Rye Senior SERVE.

If you would like to volunteer to be of service to seniors or if you have experience in grant-writing, please send a note with your name and telephone number to Rye Senior SERVE, P.O. Box 902, Rye, New Hampshire 03870.

How Can You help?

BIG ways to help:

- Donate your time as a volunteer to Rye Senior SERVE
- Donate some money to help cover the costs of our programs

Chief Gould Addresses Summer Problems

The warm weather has arrived! The town will now be dealing with the seasonal issues of parking, dogs on the beach, loud motorcycles, and speeding cars. These problems are like mosquitoes—they affect our quality of life and as much as we try to eliminate them, they seem to return to plague us each summer.

We are now in the process of hiring our parking enforcement people for the summer. There will be at least one person from parking enforcement working every day with two working weekends and other heavy-load days. We have continued to refine and update our parking ordinance. Last year we saw some reduction in "permit parking" violations, which can probably be attributed to the increase in the fine and the deterrent effect of the high-visibility orange tickets. We hope this trend continues.

The issue of dogs on the beach takes a considerable amount of our officers' time during the summer months. One of the problems is dealing with dogs on the beach during the prohibited time from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. We received so many complaints last summer that on most days an officer was assigned to check the beaches at 8 a.m. for people with dogs. First offenders were given warnings, and as we tracked the offenders we found that at least half were Rye residents. The other problem with dogs on the beaches is that many of these dogs are not leashed

or under the immediate control of the owner as required by law. If you take your dog to the beach, please do your part to minimize the problem.

Area police chiefs have been meeting throughout the winter putting together a plan to address the problem of loud vehicles, more specifically loud motorcycles. Recent legislation will make it even tougher for law enforcement to "crack down" on loud motorcycles. We will be placing special emphasis on enforcement of the loud vehicle laws and we hope to maintain a high profile in our enforcement of these laws.

Although the problem of speeding vehicles is a year-round issue, it takes on more significance in the summer when residents and their children are enjoying the outdoors.

The problem is further exacerbated by the increased flow of seasonal residents and tourists. The problem of speeding vehicles is twofold. Many nonresidents who are passing through Rye on their way to another destination have no regard for our speed limits. Many of our residents simply need an occasional reminder. We will be doing our part to keep the roads safe and we urge our residents to do the same.

We still have lots of cell phones available for our senior residents who might like to keep one in their car for use in an emergency. If you would like one, please give me a call.

Alan Gould
Chief of Police

SMALL ways to help:

Look across your street or next door and find a senior.

Knock on the front door and ask how you could be of service. For instance:

- Weed a garden
- Change a ceiling light bulb
- Check the battery in the smoke detector

- Hang a curtain
- Fix a clogged drain
- Offer to mail a letter
- or simply leave your name and phone number on a card for them in case they may need your assistance at another time.

Rye Senior SERVE looks forward to making our community an even better place for our seniors to live.

Beach Debris Monitors Active on Wallis Sands Beach

Did you know that for five years a group of dedicated Rye resident volunteers have been surveying a 500-meter section of Pirates Cove/Wallis Sands Beach once a month, year round, for specific land- and ocean-based debris? The data are recorded on a card and then sent to The Ocean Conservancy, which supervises this project in conjunction with the EPA and NOAA.

On a date designated by The Ocean Conservancy, sites on the east, west and Gulf coasts of the US, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico—130 in all—are monitored by volunteers during the same 24-hour period each month. In addition to providing regional impacts, the data are being used to develop a national profile of marine debris pollution. Certain types of debris are more evident in different parts of the country, like lobster traps in New England and hard hats from oil rigs in Texas. An effort to prevent the most egregious pollutants is ongoing.

In 2003, Pirates Cove/Wallis Sands Beach was one of only 14 sites among the 130 to be chosen as a Sentinel Site for the next five years because of the high quality and reliability of the data recorded.

Note that the New Hampshire/Maine seacoast is one of the cleanest in the country. We should all strive to keep it that way.

Many thanks to all who have committed yourselves to this effort in the past and all who will do so in the future.

Paula Merritt,
Survey Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT MOVES FORWARD

The Rye Fire Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Firefighter/EMT John Cots to fill an open position beginning March 1. John is a lateral transfer from Pease Air National Guard Fire Department, where he had worked for 14 years. He has also been a volunteer firefighter in Greenland for many years. John resides in Greenland.

Three full-time and three call (part-time) firefighters are enrolled in an EMT-Intermediate class. A fourth full-time firefighter is one of the instructors.

Another three call firefighters are enrolled in a basic EMT class. Both classes run from early March to mid-June.

Full-time firefighter Chuck Gallant successfully completed a two-week class at the Fire Academy in Concord. This class is required of new employees unless they are a lateral transfer from another N.H. department.

As noted in the last issue, Fire Chief Leon Blaisdell retired March 31, 2004. He was escorted home on his last day by a convoy of fire trucks and greeted on his arrival there by fireworks provided by Jack Tobey.

A well-attended retirement party was held in his honor on March 20 at Yoken's. The Fire Department wishes to thank everyone who helped to make that event a success. Lee seems to be enjoying retirement. It is even rumored that his golf game has improved.

We would also like to note that Lee has become a grandfather since his retirement. We are happy to report that grandson Chandler and his new family seem to be doing fine.

The members of the Rye Fire Department would like to express their sincere gratitude to the citizens

of Rye for their support for a new Public Safety Building. We are looking forward to working out of a new facility.

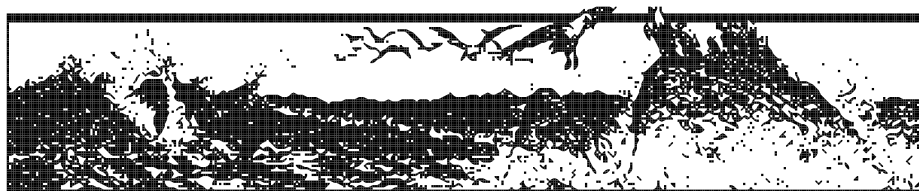
The Fire Department provides a small on-duty force supported by off-duty and call (part-time) personnel. As a result, we are always looking for suitable recruits for the call force. If you have an interest in serving your community in this manner and have the time to participate (often at odd hours), please contact us.

As the Fourth of July holiday approaches the Fire Department is urging everyone to help keep the holiday from turning to tragedy by leaving the use of fireworks to professionals. Even seemingly harmless sparklers cause many injuries. Fascinated by bright sparks, little children are likely to wrap their hands around a stick of fire that may be as hot as 1800° F.

A permit issued by the Fire Department is required for most outside fires in New Hampshire. The material to be burned must be clean ordinary combustibles—clean lumber (not pressure treated or painted) or brush less than 5 inches in diameter. Other materials such as tires, plastics, Styrofoam, and household trash cannot be burned. The fire should be at least 50 feet from an occupied structure and must be attended at all times, until extinguished. A buried fire is not considered an extinguished fire. Permits may also be obtained for campfires on rocky areas of the coast.

The search for a new Fire Chief is now complete. We welcome Richard O'Brien and look forward to a smooth transition and a chance to continue to move forward.

Steven Laing
Lieutenant



The "Hows" and "Whys" of Rye's 2004 Mosquito Control

The mosquito season is upon us once again. After a long cold winter our winged "friends" are returning. These winged denizens have been a scourge to our planet for eons. Their capacity for survival is legendary.

Rye has many areas capable of supporting mosquito development. There are red maple swamps, woodland pools, roadside ditches, catch basins, flooded fields, and saltmarshes that provide shallow, stagnant depressions for mosquito larvae. Mosquito larvae must have water. They are maggot-like creatures with no arms or legs for swimming; instead, they "wiggle" their bodies to move up and down in the water column. Like whales and humans, larvae need to surface to breathe air. Without periodic trips to the surface the larvae drown.

Mosquito control is most effective when directed against mosquito larvae. Larvae are concentrated in small areas and have no means to escape control applications. A winged mosquito (adult fly) is capable of dispersing over large areas. The control of mosquito larvae is called "larvaciding." Our most common larvacide is a bacterium called BTI. Corn particles with BTI are applied to aquatic habitats where larvae are found. The larvae consume the corn particles and are exposed to the bacterium. The bacterium is very specific to mosquito larvae.

Street spraying controls adult flying mosquitos and supplements our larvaciding efforts. Street spraying is called "adulticiding." Adulticiding is useful in eliminating high adult mosquito populations, especially during an elevated threat from West Nile Virus. Adult mosquito populations are monitored to determine the species present and their relative populations. Monitoring results and citizen complaints are used to justify adulticiding applications. Adulticiding is not regularly scheduled since it is dependent upon high mosquito populations and favorable weather

conditions. Adulticiding typically begins around Memorial Day and ends in September.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a bird disease transmitted by mosquito bites. Humans are accidental hosts. Each year WNV has become more prevalent in New Hampshire and the seacoast. The first New Hampshire human cases of WNV occurred in 2003. It is impossible to predict what will occur in 2004. We have adapted our mosquito control efforts to eliminate vector mosquito species in our town. Our catch basin larvaciding program targets the control of *Culex* (bird feeding) mosquitos. Adult *Culex* mosquitos amplify WNV in local bird populations through biting. Other mosquito species then transmit WNV from birds to humans. The elimination of *Culex* mosquitos is important in reducing WNV in local bird populations and thus minimizing the potential for human transmission.

As a homeowner you can make a difference. A clogged gutter can harbor thousands of mosquito larvae at any one time. Draining water from buckets, pool covers, and discarded tires can reduce the potential for being bitten by mosquitos significantly. Notify mosquito control of shallow (less than three feet), stagnant pools you suspect as mosquito breeding sites.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission began a saltmarsh restora-

tion project last fall at the Fairhill Saltmarsh along Ocean Boulevard (near Pollack Drive). This project includes excavation of large pools that will support mosquito eating minnows called mummichogs. Once completed, it is anticipated that this site will no longer require mosquito control applications. Partners in the project include the New Hampshire Coastal Program (NOAA funding), Ducks Unlimited, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Fairhill Saltmarsh will be monitored for many years following restoration efforts and serve as a template for future restoration projects.

In summary, mosquito control is a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Monitoring Rye's mosquito breeding habitats is labor intensive and requires many hours of microscopic identification. To date, all major mosquito breeding habitats have been mapped in Rye. Many residents have helped us identify smaller breeding habitats on their properties. This spring, Mosquito Control has answered many of your requests and inquiries. Our spring freshwater mosquito season is ending and we now will concentrate on saltmarsh breeding habitats. Until we hear otherwise we honor all "no spray" requests from previous years. I can be contacted directly by e-mail: swampfixer@verizon.net.

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Michael Morrison, Entomologist

MOSQUITO NO-SPRAY REQUESTS

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 right or left side of the street. If you select not to be sprayed, your neighbor across the street will also not be sprayed.

TOWN OF RYE—NO-SPRAY REQUEST 2004

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

Town of Rye Board Meetings

June 2004

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 7 pm, Recreation Commission	2 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	3	4	5 <i>Our Town Celebration, Parsons Field, Parade Starts at 10 am</i>
6	7 9 am, Sewer Commission 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore	8 7 pm, Planning Board	9	10 7 pm, Open Space Comm. at Library	11	12
13	14 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen <i>Flag Day</i>	15 6:30 pm, Library Trustees at Library	16 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High 7 pm, Historic District Commission	17 7 pm, Conservation Commission	18	19
20 <i>Father's Day</i>	21 <i>Summer begins</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	29 7 pm, Planning Board Tech. Review	30	July 2004		
				1	2	3

4 <i>Independence Day</i> 6:30 Celebration, Fireworks at Dusk, Parsons Field	5 <i>Independence Day observed</i> Town offices closed	6 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore 7 pm, Recreation Commission	7 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	8 7 pm, Open Space Committee at Library	9	10
11	12 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 9 am, Sewer Commission	13 7 pm, Planning Board	14	15 7 pm, Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19	20	21 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	22	23	24
25	26 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	27 6:30 pm, Library Trustees at Library 7 pm, Planning Board Tech. Review	28	29	30	31

August 2004

1	2 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore	3	4 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	5	6	7
8	9 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 9 am, Sewer Commission	10 7 pm, Planning Board	11	12 7 pm, Open Space Committee at Library	13	14
15	16	17	18 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High 7 pm, Historic District Commission	19 7 pm, Conservation Commission	20	21
22	23 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	24 6:30 pm, Library Trustees at Library	25	26	27	28 11-11:30 am, Supervisors of the Checklist
29	30	31 7 pm, Planning Board Tech. Review	Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Public Library Meeting Room (handicapped accessible) at 581 Washington Road. Other board meetings are held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall for up-to-date information.			

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

Additional Civic Meetings



TOWN CELEBRATIONS



JUNE 5TH

Saturday—OUR TOWN CELEBRATION

Parade at 10 a.m.

All-day events in Parsons Field

Fireworks at 7:00 p.m.

Rye's biggest parade yet starts at 10:00 a.m. at Webster at Rye and continues on to Parsons Field for a fun-filled day. For those who like to jump, there's the jumping castle, and also field games, carnival games, pie auction, cotton candy, free food, pony rides, petting zoo, and so much more! Don't miss the opportunity to have your child fingerprinted through the Ident-a-kid program sponsored by the Rye Police Association. Join us in the evening at 7:00 before the cannons roar and the fireworks light the sky to judge the best pizza contest. Free for all ages. This is a day to celebrate "Our Town." Hope to see you there!

For more information or if you would like to participate in the parade, call 436-6839. We are looking for antique cars, floats, and pies to be donated for the pie auction.

JULY 4TH

Sunday, Parsons Field

6:30 p.m. Activities Start

7:00 p.m. The Jim and Karrie Show

Dusk Fireworks by Jack Tobey and crew

Weather permitting—no rain date

Coming Events at the Town Museum

JUNE

June Weddings. Wedding wear from the 1800s to the 1920s. Exhibit opens with a Tea on June 5 and will be on view for the month of June.

JULY

July 3, Giant Yard Sale. All proceeds benefit the Museum. Donated items for sale may be brought to the Museum any Saturday in June from 12 to 4.

MUSEUM IS OPEN

EVERY SATURDAY—12:00 to 4:00

NO BALLOONS AT THE BEACH PLEASE

Balloons are hazardous to sea birds and marine life. These creatures can suffocate or be strangled by deflated balloons (and plastic bags) and the long ribbons attached to them.

Summer is a time of beach celebrations for many occasions. Instead of releasing balloons to mark these events, please consider alternatives, such as bubbles. Pass the word. Thank you.

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