



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## Memorial Day Ceremony Events Announced

On Monday, May 30, at 9:00 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony 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 New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums; the Rye Police and Fire Departments; the Winnacunnet Marine ROTC Color Guard; veterans; and the Girl and Boy Scouts.

Commander Graham S. Stowe from the USCGC *Reliance* will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by Karrie Burnett. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Poster and Poetry Contests from the 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 the Benediction. Immediately after the ceremony, refreshments will be provided by the Rye Historical Society.

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 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. Those with physical limitations may sit among fellow veterans during the ceremony.

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.

## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

# Who's on First?

**P**ERSONNEL CHANGES have been numerous since our last newsletter. In April, the resignation of Grace Collette, our Financial Administrator, was accepted with regret. During Grace's time with us, she successfully brought us through our first audit under GASB-34, the new federal accounting system.

Cyndi Gillespie, our former Financial Administrator, was welcomed back to fill the position. She had been serving Newington as Town Administrator.

Shortly thereafter, Barbara Flynn, Town Treasurer for 23 years, announced her retirement effective May 15. The position was posted in-house for the mandatory time. On May 5, Chairman John Moynahan resigned as selectman and was appointed Deputy Treasurer by Barbara Flynn. The remaining selectmen signed the approval of his appointment. This process assures a seamless transition of financial affairs that will culminate when John is appointed Treasurer effective May 16.

Meanwhile, the position of Town Administrator has remained vacant since last October. With the invaluable assistance of Nancy Weiand and the support of Town Hall staff, your selectmen provided "hands-on" management through

the end of 2004 and have brought the Town through nearly half of the new year. Many ongoing situations have been resolved and others are nearing completion.

It is now time to conduct a job search for a Town Administrator and for the remaining selectmen to appoint a third member of the Board to fill the rest of John's term (to March of 2006).

In moving forward, we have hired an interim Town Administrator in the person of Phil Arel. For eight years, Mr. Arel served as Town Administrator of Gilford, NH, abutting Lake Winnepesaukee. In addition to the duties regularly assigned to TA's, Phil is also familiar with the special problems that summer brings to lake-side/oceanside communities. His contract is open-ended and will terminate with the hiring of a permanent, full-time Town Administrator.

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Selectman Priscilla Jenness presents retiring Treasurer Barbara Flynn with a copy of the *History of Rye*.



Retirement cake for Barbara Flynn, truly "a treasure of a treasurer."

# Selectmen's Message--Who's on First? *Continued from page 1*

## Communications

Strides have been made in the communications area. Created and maintained by Drew Doherty, the Town of Rye website has grown since its inception into a significant means by which Rye residents obtain up-to-date information regarding Town events and services. With Drew's assistance and input from Chief Alan Gould, the original guidelines have now been established as a Rye Website Policy approved by the Board of Selectmen, and we have officially appointed Drew Doherty as Rye Webmaster.

The Website Policy will also serve as the basis for selection of material to be viewed on Channel 22 in the future. Susan Rizkalla and Michael Schwartz, co-chairmen of our Communications Committee, have been working to enable our use of Channel 22 under our current Comcast franchise.

Meeting with Bryan Christiansen, Comcast Manager of Government/Community Relations, we learned that we had four options for Rye use of public television. They ranged in cost from \$2200, which will allow text messages to be shown at specified times, to \$35,000 for studio, camera, and light equipment, but does not include the cost of someone to run the equipment. In any case, Rye Cable 22 viewers would not receive the Portsmouth programming during the Rye transmissions.

We have elected to begin in a small way, possibly one hour twice each day. Each broadcast will be a loop of timely Town information, meetings, and events. The \$2200 annual cost can be paid up front by the Town (nothing was budgeted for this) or amortized at an estimated two to three cents per monthly cable bill for the remainder of the franchise, which runs to 2009. Rye has approximately 1000 cable users. At this writing, we are awaiting determination of the method of approval: public hearing now or warrant article next March.

## Rye Recycling/Brush Dump Enhancement Committee

In response to complaints from several Public Works Department abutters, your selectmen have established an ad hoc Rye Recycling/Brush Dump Enhancement Committee consisting of Mary Smith, Bob Brown, John Provencher, Leon Blaisdell, and Del Record, serving as chairman/scribe.

The charge from the selectmen to this committee is: to reach a consensus on a creative, economical, and visually attractive proposal for consideration by the Board of Selectmen to upgrade the perimeter of the Recycling Center/Brush Dump from the intersection of Grove and Washington Roads east along Grove Road to the property of Zed White, that area encompassing the land from the Grove Road right-of-way to and including the present fence.

The committee was also advised that the charge does not encompass operational activities of the facility or relocation of the current entrance or exit.

For your information, the Grove Road site has long been used for excavation of gravel and dumping of brush and stumps. In 1976 our Recycling Program was initiated at its present location by Bill Jenness, then Highway Agent, with the assistance of a proud and dedicated group of volunteers known as the Dump Committee. Among them were Frances Holway, Mel Low, Judy Patterson, Pete Schiot, and Rick Considine. Over the years, recycling has saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in two ways: receipts for recyclables and the dollars saved that otherwise would have been expended to landfill them.

All present abutters have purchased their land or homes since 1976.

## Question Most Asked

We are frequently asked, "What's happening with Foyes Corner?" Proponents for the once-approved

roundabout have been most vocal in requesting status of the project; but we have no answers. We have been put in a "holding pattern" by the state. We expect to hear just how resolution of this matter will proceed about the time this newsletter is distributed.

## Onward to Summer

Over the past three months, in addition to the routine items that require attention, we have cut the Town's Nextel bill in half and participated in the initiation of a regional Public Health Network.

We have also received earlier and more numerous complaints regarding trash and dogs at the beach. The problem is growing at our beaches as neighboring towns increasingly restrict dogs and enact leash laws.

As summer approaches, our beach-cleaning program in partnership with the state will continue, as will our Carry In-Carry Out Policy. A minimal number of beach barrels will be put out at trouble spots.

Each resident can help curtail the mosquito population by reporting vernal pools and by removing brush, debris in gutters, or odd containers such as old tires that allow standing water. Our annual No-Spray Request Form can be found in this newsletter issue.

Board of Selectmen:  
Priscilla Jenness, Chairman  
Joe Mills, Vice Chairman

## June Road Paving and Lining

**Public Works Director Bud Jordan announces that road paving and painting of center and side lines will take place on town roads in June.**

**Request:** Please, if you can, avoid driving over the newly painted lines until they dry. This will protect your tires and the carefully painted lines.

**Note:** Don't be alarmed if you hear the noise of the line-painting truck late at night.

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## Assessor's Office Discusses State Remeasuring Process

Property owners will have received the spring tax bill by the time you read this newsletter. For most taxpayers, the valuation is one half of last fall's bill. Exceptions are those properties where building construction has taken place on previously vacant land or where structures on improved land were demolished and replaced by new. The spring bill for such will reflect the status of the construction as of April 1, 2005. Also included will be revisions to update or correct data implemented by the state requirement for one-quarter of the buildings in Town to be remeasured and reinspected over a four-year cycle. That ongoing process commenced in 2003 and will continue annually. Updates will be shown on this first bill for those properties that were visited. Should the owner disagree with the assessment, the appeal period begins upon receipt of the fall tax bill up to March 1, 2006.

In the upcoming months the State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) will be conducting an assessment review of the Town of Rye. Random properties will be chosen that the state will remeasure and reinspect for accuracy. This will be an ongoing process throughout the remainder of the year.

Another state requirement is that property valuations must be maintained as close to fair market value as possible. This will require the assessing office to update assessments periodically, commencing with the 2005 tax year. Following market analysis, the valuation adjustments will become effective with the Fall 2005 tax bill. The most recent study by the state in 2004 determined that the Town's ratio of assessed valuation to fair market value was 67.9 percent. The purpose of the update this year is to restore assessments to as close to 100 percent as possible.

We would also like to inform persons eligible to apply for the Elderly Exemption that the application is available at the Assessor's Office and must be submitted by August 1. 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

## Beach Commissioners Detail New Beach Season

Your Beach Commissioners are pleased to announce the following beach times and regulations for the 2005 season:

Rye's three beaches, Wallis Road Extension, Cable Road Extension, and Sawyers, are scheduled to open on Saturday, June 18. The normal hours of Beach Safety Patrol will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. These hours are subject to change based on weather conditions.

We are pleased to report that many of our experienced lifeguards will be returning this year. All 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: *Green Flag* = normal conditions; *Red Flag* = warning of extreme conditions. We are fortunate to have the finest team of guards in the area, and we encourage our residents to approach any lifeguard with questions regarding surf conditions, or any other beach issues.

Dogs are strictly prohibited from our beaches between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, beginning May 28 through September 30. When you bring your dog in the allowed hours, please remember

you are responsible for removing any dog waste left by your dog on the beach. "Mutt mitts" for waste removal will again be available at Wallis and Cable Road Extension beaches. Please remove any dog waste, including the used mutt mitt, to your own property for disposal.

The state-mandated Carry-In/Carry-Out policy will be in effect again this summer. Please take any trash associated with your visit home with you for disposal. For those residents with rental properties, please remind your summer guests of this policy. We are pleased to announce the state-owned power-cleaning machine will again be available to the town of Rye this summer.

Our beaches continue to be a source of beauty and enjoyment. Please do your part by following the posted rules so that we may all benefit from our clean beaches throughout the summer season. You may contact any member of the Beach Commission by calling the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523.

Rye Beach Commission:  
Peter Clark, Chairman  
Scott McQuade  
Tim Sanborn

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## Rye Water District News

### Recognition

We wish to recognize the contributions of Peter Mullaly, who recently passed away. Peter served the people of Rye as a Commissioner of the Rye Water District since 1998. Peter brought to the District his wealth of technical knowledge and practical experience as well as his continually positive and cheerful presence. He will be truly missed and well remembered by us all.

### Results of Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting held at the \$40,000 for a single person, \$59,900 for married and total assets not in excess of \$199,000, exclusive of the residence.

The values and property information are available to you online and updated four times a year. Please visit <http://data.visionappraisal.com/ryenh/> or call the office at 964-5523 if we can help you.

Howard Promer, CNHA- Assessor  
Heather Austin, Assessing Clerk

Rye Junior High School on March 26 the following residents were elected:

- Joseph Kenney was reelected to a three-year term as Commissioner.
- Lawrence Gormley was reelected to a two-year term as Moderator.

The District authorized the expenditure of the residual of the 2004 bond, \$61,072.00, to raise and appropriate \$60,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund, and to raise \$846,290 to defray the Water District's charges for the ensuing year.

All mains connected to our wells have been thoroughly flushed.

Flyers with information on hazardous waste disposal have been hand delivered to homes and businesses in the wellhead protection zone (4,000 foot radius from our wells).

### Water Conservation

It's time to remind customers to conserve water throughout the summer. The best time to water lawns is before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

# Rye Mosquito Control 2005

The mosquito season is upon us once again. After a long cold winter our winged "friends" are returning. Mosquitos have been a scourge to our planet for eons, well before humans walked the earth.

**Rye has many areas capable of supporting mosquito development.** There are red maple swamps, woodland pools, roadside ditches, catch basins, flooded fields and salt marshes that provide shallow, stagnant depressions for mosquito larvae. The entire coast of Rye is dotted with salt marshes. Mosquito larvae must have water. They are maggot-like creatures with no arms or legs for swimming. 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 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. In contrast, a winged mosquito (adult fly) is capable of dispersing over large areas and, therefore, more difficult to control. 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 diminishing high adult mosquito populations, especially during elevated threats for West Nile Virus. 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. 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

# Beach Permits, Dog Licenses, Tax Bills Are Here Again

**Beach parking permits** are on sale at the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$20.00/each. Bring a registration with you for the vehicle on which the permit is to be placed 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: Cable Road Extension, Wallis Road Extension, Sawyer's Beach, easterly side of Route 1A on the public beach access opposite Petey's Restaurant, Jenness Avenue Extension, Atlantic Avenue Extension, and 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. 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 2005 billing 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 2004 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, you'll want to be sure your mortgage company is alerted.

Jane Ireland, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

transmit WNV from birds to humans. A new mosquito, called japonicus, is becoming well established in Rye. It is also found in catch basins from May through October. Japonicus is an aggressive mosquito and is a well documented "bridge vector" of WNV between birds and humans. Another new mosquito, the Asian tiger mosquito, is on our doorstep and will likely be identified in Rye soon.

**As a homeowner you can make a difference.** A clogged gutter can harbor thousands of mosquito larvae at any one time. Drain water from buckets, pool covers, and discarded tires to significantly reduce the potential for being bitten by mosquitos.

**The Rye Mosquito Control Commission** completed a salt marsh restoration project last fall at the Fairhill Saltmarsh, which included excavation of large pools that now support mosquito-eating minnows called mummichogs. Preliminary monitoring indicates that this site will no longer require larvaciding. A 2005 project is planned for another portion of the Fairhill Salt Marsh.

**Michael Morrison has volunteered to investigate the use of dragonfly naiads** to control mosquito larvae in their aquatic habitats. Naiads will be released in small mosquito breeding areas. Mosquito larval populations will be monitored to deter-

mine the effectiveness of the naiads. The dragonfly release will occur when naiads become available in mid to late May. Town volunteers will assist in the experiment.

**In 2005, dead birds (crows and blue jays) and live adult mosquitos will be tested for West Nile Virus** by Rye's mosquito control contractor. Any positives, determined by a 90-minute test, will be forwarded to the Health Lab in Concord for further confirmation.

**In summary,** all major mosquito breeding habitats have been mapped in Rye. Many residents have helped us identify smaller breeding habitats on their properties. Our spring freshwater mosquito season is ending and we now will concentrate on salt marsh breeding habitats. **Until we hear otherwise, we honor all "no-spray" requests from previous years.** Michael Morrison can be contacted directly by e-mail at swampfixer@verizon.net. Look for Municipal Pest Management's new website in June, which is expected to describe the current status of mosquito populations, control activities and agents, and salt marsh restoration.

Michael Morrison, Entomologist  
Mosquito Control Commission:  
Tom Aspinwall, Chairman  
Charles Arcidiacono

# Library Announces Summer Programs

## Welcome to the Camp Wannaread! Summer Reading Program

Dig out your backpack, put on your sunglasses.... The Rye Public Library is inviting young readers of all ages to participate in the 2005 annual statewide summer reading program, Camp Wannaread! Camp Wannaread encourages reading for fun and information, and offers all kinds of reading camp adventures.

Registration begins Thursday, June 23, with our Kickoff Celebration, complete with an interactive performance by Wayne from Maine. Campers can register anytime on or after the 23rd at the Youth Department circulation desk.

Other activities will include a visit from New Hampshire wildlife brought by staff of the Audubon Society, camp-out game night, Wannaread art programs like tie-dyeing and fairy house building, weekly crafts and trivia, rainy-day movies, raffles, and the ever-popular talent show. Steve Blount will sing us through our finale on Thursday, August 11, as we celebrate our summer reading and eat moose tracks and black fly ice cream.

Volunteer opportunities and reading program information are available in the Youth Department, on our website at [www.rye.lib.nh.us](http://www.rye.lib.nh.us), or by calling the Library at 964-8401.

We look forward to seeing you at camp!

## Children's Book & Bake Sale

On Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Friends of the Rye Public Library will sponsor a sale of children's

books, videos, puzzles, and games at incredibly reasonable prices, and the usual array of fine home-baked goodies. Plan to attend and also become a best friend of the Library by joining the Friends. The cost is only \$5 for an individual membership and \$10 for a family.

## Community Survey

During the months of July and August the Library will be surveying the Rye community. This survey will help us define where the Library is now, who are our current users, what are we doing well, and what can be improved. A town-wide survey will provide additional data on which to build a long-range plan. All Rye residents and taxpayers are encouraged to participate.

## Notary Public Services at the Library

For many years staff member Trisha Quinn performed Notary Public services at the Library. This March staff member Pam Woods received her Notary Public certificate. Between Tricia and Pam these services are available almost all the time the Library is open.

## Poetry Reading

The participants of Mimi White's writing workshop will read from their original works on Thursday, June 2, at 7 p.m. in the Library's Community Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to listen and appreciate how talented your neighbors are.

## Museum Passes

The Friends of the Rye Public Library

have funded additional museum passes. They give reduced admission prices to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, the Children's Museum of Maine, and the Portland Museum of Art. Discount passes are also available to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Museum of Science, the Currier Museum of Art, the Peabody Essex Museum, the Portsmouth Children's Museum, the Seacoast Science Center, and Strawberry Banke.

## Volunteer and Bird Carver Extraordinaire

Many libraries have an example of an extraordinary volunteer. In Rye, our example is Bob Mitchell. Every Wednesday morning for the past four years he has been checking the Library's overdue list with the books actually on the shelves to see if any have been returned but not checked in. He has turned this into a game. For each book he finds he wins a nickel and for each book he doesn't find, the Library wins. Bob is also a bird carver and donated a dozen of his birds to the Library, where they are on display throughout the upstairs. And, in case you didn't know, Bob is 92 years old.

## Art Exhibits

The Rye Art Study Group has put together a wonderful exhibit of watercolor paintings by some of the seacoast's most talented artists. The paintings can be seen in the Library's Community Room.

It is anticipated the Rye Art Study Group will also schedule a series of summer art lectures. Visit our website or call for further information. Jean Leopold's watercolors, pastels, and oil paintings are being exhibited in the main area of the Library in an show entitled *Impressions of Nature*. Mrs. Leopold has participated in many juried art shows. She has held one-person shows in many communities and her paintings are in collections from New Hampshire to France.

## How to Contact the Rye Public Library

Address: 581 Washington Rd., Rye, NH 03870

Telephone: 964-8401

Fax: 964-7065

Website: [www.rye.lib.nh.us](http://www.rye.lib.nh.us)

Visit our website for directions.

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## 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 2005

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

You may also call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

# TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER NEWS

10 Central Road Rye, NH, 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516, E-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us) Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/)

Summer 2005



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE HOURS

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

### FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER SIGN-UP



THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2005

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

RYE RECREATION MODULAR, 55 RECREATION RD.

RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

Deadline for registering is **July 29, 2005**. Late Fee of \$25 will be applied to registrations received after the deadline.

### SUMMERTIME HORIZONS DAY CAMP

is a thematically-based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 27th through August 19th. The Camp 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, each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen and label belongings. Limited space available. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

#### Week 1, June 27 - July 1, Incredible Insects

It's all about insects this week! Discover the astonishing study of bugs-entomology-and the incredible things bugs do.



#### Week 2, July 5 - 8, How Things Work (No Camp July 4th)

Find out how everything works from engines to lava lamps to batteries. Campers come up with their own inventions and become engineers by week's end.



#### Week 3, July 11 - 15, Wacky Winter

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



#### Week 4, July 18 - 22, Vivacious Vikings

Who were the Vikings? Get the exciting answer to that question and more as we travel back in time and learn about these notorious pirates.



### JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JULY 4TH, 2005, 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

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 4th)

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

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

\*Fee Includes T-shirt

#### Week 5, July 25 - 29, You are a SUPERSTAR

Become a superstar this week. Sing, dance, act, make your own instruments and more. Campers will participate in a Rye Rec Idol contest/talent show at week's end.



#### Week 6, August 1 - 5, Fine Arts & Fun Crafts

A whole week jam packed with arts and crafts-we'll play some games too. Every camper will find their inner artist this week.



#### Week 7, August 8 - 12, Outer Space Odyssey

To infinity and beyond! This week we'll focus on astronomy and explore outer space-the final frontier-right here in Rye.



#### Week 8, August 15 - 19, Our Big Backyard

Learn more about all the incredible natural resources our environment has to offer. Explore the outdoors and find out how you impact your habitat.





**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 28, 29, 30, July 5, 6, 7 (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 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 (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, July 26, 27, 28, August 2, 3, 4 (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 4, August 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 (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: \$70 per session residents, \$80 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 18-22

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.

Gold Cup

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

Advanced Training

Week 2, July 25-29

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

Gold Cup

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: \$70/wk residents, \$80/wk non-residents

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

Entering Grades 3-8: \$95/wk residents, \$105/wk non-residents

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

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

**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. For youth entering Grades 4-8. Limited space available. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

June 27 - July 1, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$85/wk residents, \$95/wk non-residents \* Fee includes T-shirt & Ball

**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. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Week 1, June 27 - July 1

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, July 4 - 8 (Camp is held on July 4)

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 11 - 15

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 18 - 22

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

**FIRST TEE GOLF PROGRAM** is provided by

Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. This co-ed program is for youth entering grades 3-8, and teaches both golf and life skills.

Beginner/Target, July 12, 13, 14, 15 (T, W, Th, F), 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Intermediate/Par, July 19, 20, 21, 22 (T, W, Th, F), 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$90 residents/non-residents for each level, clubs available if needed

**TOTS GOLF PROGRAM** is provided by Sagamore Golf

Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. This fun introductory program is for youth entering grades K-2.

Wednesdays, July 13, 20, 27, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40 residents/non-residents

**ADULT YOGA** instruction is provided by Jeanie

Ryan (Morning) and Karin Backstrom (Evening). This multi-level program is designed to link breath and movement; connecting body, mind and spirit. Held at the Rye Library.

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

Thursdays, July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 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. For youth entering grades 5-8,

Tuesdays, 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 27 (M) or June 28 (T), 9:00 a.m. -

3:00 p.m. Limited space available. Fee: \$50 residents/non-residents

# RYE ART IN BLOOM 2005



"Kite" by Robert Mitchell,  
Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Barbara Allen

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and Rye Art Study Group recently held the fifth annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 25 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 follow-

ing:

1. "Barbada Seashells" by Terri Donsker, Photograph; Flower Arranger: Laura Simmons
2. "Blue Haven" by Julie Hyde, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde
3. "Cedar Waxwing" by Dwight Hamsley, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Nancy Weiland
4. "Changing Tide" by Jean Leopold, Pastel; Flower Arranger: Alice Provencher
5. "Changsha Tea" by Judy Underwood, Photograph; Flower Arranger: Judy Underwood
6. "Due Gatti Felici" by Elizabeth Boynton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Flanigan
7. "Folding Laundry" by Ann Tolson, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Marg Robertson & Beverly Lord
8. "Harvard Square" by Lisa Klane, Oil; Flower Arranger: Paula Klane
9. "Jellau Orchid" by Carolyn Payzant, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Carolyn Payzant
10. "Kite (Elanus Leucurus)" by Robert Mitchell, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Barbara Allen
11. "Motif #1, Rockport, MA" by Barbara Ripley, Oil; Flower Arranger: Marilyn Marchant
12. "Obsidian" by Janice Mellian, Charcoal; Flower Arranger: Marjorie Smith
13. "Painting Whaleback Light" by Judy Sponaule, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Kathy Maxwell-Fitzgerald
14. "Portifino" by Jessica Dickey, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Amanda Breton
15. "Princess Flowers" by Lynn Joslyn, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Patrick
16. "Sea Conch" by Sal Allocco, Alabaster; Flower Arranger: Sal Allocco
17. "Shady Lane" by Claire Russo, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Janet Brown
18. "St. Andrews By The Sea" by Doris Rice, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Kimberly Devlin-Brytz
19. "Stranger" by Marianne Forman, Oil; Flower Arranger: Jane Holway
20. "The Sentinel" by Ed Wright, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Helene Batchelder
21. "Things That Make Me Happy" by Dorine Gross, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Todd Fernald
22. "Tide Pool" by Priscilla Jenness, Oil; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness
23. "Tuscan Country" by Priscilla Brown, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Karey Kelly
24. "Vase Of Flowers" by Constance Gilmore, Oil; Flower Arranger: Constance Gilmore
25. "Venice Scene" by Carol Mitchell, Oil; Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray

## Open Space Committee Hears You: A Map and Narrative of Publicly Held Lands Is Coming Soon

The residents of Rye voted in March of 2003 to raise \$5 million through a bond issue, thus approving and encouraging the use of public funds for the acquisition of land or conservation easements in order to protect Rye's natural habitats, open space, and scenic and recreation areas.

Over the past two years, members of the Rye Open Space Committee have worked steadily to identify, evaluate, and preserve sensitive lands. Certain of these lands have been identified by the Committee, and others have been brought to their attention by concerned landowners who want to help keep the character of Rye as a

small, semi-rural community. To date, the Open Space Committee has met with 21 landowners to consider incorporating their land into the open space plan. Using a detailed criteria-selection process established by the Committee, nine parcels have been selected thus far.

Of the nine parcels, 70 acres, in aggregate, have been put into private conservation easements of various kinds. An additional 65 acres have been put into public conservation easements. These 65 acres, now owned by the Town of Rye, in addition to over 600 acres that have been purchased or otherwise acquired over

the years prior to the creation of the Open Space initiative, are currently being studied by the Open Space Committee. The Committee plans to develop and make available to the public a map and narrative of all publicly held lands that will include the following attributes: location, size and character, history and previous owner, access points and routes, and activities allowed or disallowed on the land.

We invite and will certainly welcome any Rye resident who would like to participate in this important effort. To help, please call Nancy at Town Hall, 964-5523.

The Rye Open Space Committee



## Police Chief Reports Increased Vehicle Stops and Arrests

As summer approaches, the Police Department is getting ready for its busy season. This presents a challenge since we deal with the increased workload created by the much larger summer population while the size of our workforce stays the same. I've heard estimates that on a nice summer afternoon, we may be serving an additional 10,000 people or more on our beaches and at our state parks. At times this may cause us to prioritize our response to calls, so we ask our residents for their cooperation.

Hopefully, many of you see us patrolling in your neighborhoods or doing motor vehicle enforcement on the roads. We believe that high profile traffic enforcement serves as a deterrent to more serious crimes. As a way of illustrating this activity, our statistics show that we made 43% more motor vehicle stops in 2004 than in 2001 and 59% more arrests during that same time period. These activities must be balanced with neighborhood patrols, investigations, school programs, and calls for service. A simple call like a residential alarm may tie up two officers for 30 minutes each. A loose dog complaint may tie up an officer for more than an hour by the time the dog is located, captured, transported to the kennel, and the report completed.

Did you know that Rye has approximately 1000 dogs registered with the Town Clerk? Most of our dog owners are very responsible, but we would like to remind everyone that loose dogs are a significant problem for us. As mentioned in the previous paragraph we spend a great deal of time on loose dog complaints and when we find them, they are taken to Sagamore Animal Hospital where they are impounded until the owner can be located. The owner can only get the dog back after receiving a release from a police officer and paying the boarding costs at the kennel.

Some of you may have read that the

## Fire Department Updates Equipment and Life-Saving Devices

This past winter and spring have proven to be quite busy for the Fire Department. Along with handling a number of medical emergencies, we have had to respond to several large-scale incidents and fires. Fortunately, because of the rapid notification and response of the Fire Department, no lives or major property were lost. I would like to commend the tremendous work and dedication from our Fire Department permanent and on-call personnel, Police Department, and the many surrounding area departments that assisted us during these incidents.

Throughout the past several months, the Fire Department has updated its equipment to meet the needs of the community. First, with the help and contribution from the Rye Firefighters Association, a new patient "stair chair" was purchased for the ambulance. This device will give our crews the ability to safely transport sick and injured patients down flights of stairs. On the same note, we purchased several other items for the ambulance, including a new scoop stretcher, patient respiration monitors, and a noninvasive airway device. The Rye Fire Depart-

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"Seacoast Chiefs" have been working hard to change the motorcycle noise laws. Several of us testified at the House and Senate Transportation Committee hearings. This legislation was strongly supported by Rep. Jane Langley and Senator Martha Fuller Clark. We are asking the legislature to make unmuffled pipes illegal and simplify the test procedure for decibel violations. Based on the complaints we receive each summer, it is apparent the bikes with "straight pipes" impact the quality of life for many seacoast residents.

We're all looking forward to some great weather and hope everyone has a safe summer season.

Alan Gould  
Chief of Police

ment will be one of just a few departments in the state that will be using this life-saving device. By using forced air rather than tube insertion, this device will allow our EMS personnel to better treat patients that are experiencing breathing difficulties caused by heart failure.

The Department has just completed a total changeover of its mobile radio equipment located in the vehicles. Through a statewide Homeland Security Grant, we have received over \$25,000 in radio equipment, which will give the department the ability to communicate with area fire departments and police agencies during an emergency. We have also received a grant to purchase protective clothing and equipment to fight brush fires. This gear should be distributed by the end of May.

I would like to remind all residents and visitors that if you would like to kindle a fire in the Town of Rye, you must obtain a permit from the fire station prior to burning. The State of New Hampshire has changed the laws (NH RSA 227) regarding fire permits to also include portable fireplaces. Portable fireplaces include units such as chimineas, steel fire pits, and any other device designed to burn permissible combustibles other than gas or charcoal. The Fire Department will answer any questions regarding permitted burning by calling (or stop by) the fire station. You may also call to have a Fire Department representative stop by your residence to inspect a site or portable fireplace.

Finally, the support from our residents is tremendous and is greatly appreciated. I also would like to thank the Town of Rye Firefighters Association for their generosity and commitment to the Town and Department. If members of our Department can ever be of assistance to you, your loved ones, and/or friends please contact us at 964-6411. Thank you.

Richard O'Brien  
Fire Chief

# Safety Building Construction Work Increases

Construction activity continues on the new Rye Public Safety Building.

The site preparation was accomplished in the early winter, followed by major excavation through the winter to create the building foundations, including an "attention-getting" particularly deep excavation for the lower level of the building.

More than a few "sidewalk superintendents" thought we had dug too deeply into the ground. Rest assured, everything is as it should be, with first-class space being developed in all three levels of the building. The foundation walls and the backfilling will have been completed by mid-May.

Construction materials continue to



Foundation and site work, looking north on Washington Road.

arrive on site. Structural steel will be on site by mid-May, and will be erected in the succeeding several weeks. The steel-reinforced concrete floors of the "Administration Building" will be constructed shortly thereafter. Structural steel for the "Apparatus Building" framework should be underway by the beginning of June. As this proceeds, a

brief, modest "topping-off" ceremony will take place, and the residents will begin to get a better measure of the size and character of the building. Final details of the radio, telephone, paging, and security systems, including a new communications tower, are being prepared. Design studies related to providing future access to the potential of several thousand square feet of additional floor space on the floor level above the fire-apparatus bays continue, with the expectation that that space will be shared in the future by a number of Town users or organizations.

The construction completion and moving-in sequence continues on schedule, with the Fire Department being relocated first, and the Police Department being relocated last, once the existing Fire Station is demolished and its site redeveloped as part of this project. Horne Construction is expected to complete this project on time, in December 2005, and on budget.

Victor D. Azzi, Project Manager  
Rye Public Safety Building

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## Senior SERVE Housing Group Drafting Zoning Proposal

Encouraged by the favorable vote of the March, 2005 Town Meeting on Article 20 (663 in favor of senior housing versus 291 against), the Housing Committee of Rye Senior SERVE has been working hard to prepare a zoning amendment that would allow a limited number of active adult communities to be built in Rye. The need exists, since Rye now has more than 30% of its citizens in the 55-and-up age bracket, and the current zoning does not provide for any density greater than single family or duplex residential units.

The Housing Committee has been busy visiting senior housing developments, learning about various developers, investigating ways to encourage affordability, and learning about financing options.

In anticipation of another favorable vote on senior housing in March, 2006, the committee is also providing information to homeowners who might be

interested in building a cluster of senior housing units on their land. A parcel (or combination of parcels) of approximately 10 acres could be considered for up to 16 housing units. The proposed ordinance is flexible, allowing for single unit homes, duplex, triplex, or fourplex, and it may include an existing house on the property.

Interested property owners are invited to contact the Housing Committee of Rye Senior SERVE at the e-mail address: [JoanofRye@aol.com](mailto:JoanofRye@aol.com). Housing Committee members will be pleased to share their knowledge and lend their assistance to Rye homeowners.

### Daily Call Program Is Expanding

The Daily Call Program offers telephone contact seven days a week between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Volunteers place the calls each day for the purpose of providing reassurance to seniors who live alone. All Rye seniors are eli-

gible and will be given a full explanation of the program at their home or apartment by a member of the Rye Police Department before deciding whether to participate. If you would like to be included in the program, please call the Rye Public Library at 964-8401.

### Coming Soon:

#### *Rye Reflections on the Web*

An online citizen publishing group, sponsored by Senior SERVE, plans its first web-magazine issue of *Rye Reflections* this summer and will publish monthly thereafter. Meetings are held every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Rye Library, and more members are needed. The group includes writers, photographers, artists, and editors. Persons with computer expertise are needed, but the ability to use a computer is not a prerequisite for joining. Call or e-mail Jack Driscoll for further information: [driscoll@media.mit.edu](mailto:driscoll@media.mit.edu) or 964-4742 days.

Rye Senior SERVE

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

June 2005

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

			<b>1</b> 4:30 pm, Long Range Planning 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Our Town Day</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore	<b>7</b> 7 pm, Rec Commission Rec. Modular	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>14</b> 9 am, Sewer Commission 7 pm, Planning Board <i>Flag Day</i>	<b>15</b> 4:30 pm, Long Range Planning 6:30 pm, School Board Rye Jr. High	<b>16</b> 7 pm, Conservation Commission	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Town Beaches Open</i>
<b>19</b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>First Day of Summer</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>28</b> 7 pm, Planning Board Tech. Review	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>July 2005</b>	

<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day. Town offices closed. Celebration and fireworks, Parsons Field</i>	<b>5</b> 7 pm, Rec Commission Rec. Modular	<b>6</b> 4:30 pm, Long Range Planning 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>31</b>	<b>August 2005</b>					
	<b>1</b> 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:30 pm, Long Range Planning 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 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 ROCKS

## A Celebration of Our Town

All are cordially invited to attend and participate in this year's **"Our Town"** community celebration on **Saturday, June 4**. We will start the day off with a parade at 10 a.m. and end the day with fireworks at dusk by Jack and Betty Tobey.

This fun-filled day is full of activities including a pie auction, wagon rides, jumping tents, face painting, a baseball speed pitching contest, food provided by the Rye Lions Club, ice cream by the Rye Education Foundation, and even an "Our Town Idol" singing contest, plus much, much more!

Thank you to all Rye Junior High and Rye Elementary School students who participated in the T-shirt contest. This was a contest to design a T-shirt for the "Our Town" celebration. We chose one winner from each school. The winner from the Rye Junior High was a sixth-grader and the winner from the Rye Elementary School was a fifth-grader. This contest was sponsored by the Rye Lions Club. Each winner will receive a \$50 cash prize and their designs will be on the T-shirts that will be sold to help fund next year's celebration. The T-shirts will be available at a cost of \$10 each or three for \$25. You may purchase your T-shirts at the Rye Library's Children's Room, pick up an order form at Rye Junior High, Rye Elementary School, or Rye Town Hall; or call 436-6839.

We need your help. We need pies for

our pie auction. This is a major source of income for this event, so please, if you are able to, donate a pie; call 436-6839.

Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should be at Webster at Rye by 9 a.m. Whether you want to ride your bike, wheel your baby, or make a float—anything's possible. It's your town, it's your parade, please participate!

"Our Town" is made possible by the generous donations from our sponsors and the hard work of our committee. We appreciate any help that is provided so we may continue with the tradition of this special day.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 4th**, to spend a day filled with fun and your friendly neighbors!

For more information or to volunteer please call 436-6839.

Mary Ann Short  
Our Town Committee

### Old Hotels and Boarding Houses at the Town Museum

**Do you remember the Ocean Wave Hotel?**



**Do you remember when it was the Harrington?**

**Do you remember when the Ocean Wave burned in the early 1960s?**

**Have you seen the new exhibit at the Town Museum?**

**Come to the museum and check on all the old hotels and boarding houses. Learn about local support and the beginnings of tourism in our town.**

**The museum is open every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**July 4th, Monday, Parsons Field**

<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Activities Start</b>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>The Jim and Karrie Show</b>
<b>Dusk</b>	<b>Fireworks by Jack Tobey and crew</b>
<b>Weather permitting—no rain date</b>	

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