



# Town of Rye

## Newsletter



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### HALLOWEEN "Trick or Treat" in Rye Sunday, Oct. 30, 5 to 7 p.m.

Did you know that "Trick or Treat" night is held in Rye on October 30 every year?

Wondering why?

Here's your answer!

Article 15—Adopted at the 1994 Rye Town Meeting: *"Trick or Treat" will be celebrated, in the Town of Rye, on the night of October 30 for the purpose of consistency. The Selectmen, or any other organized groups, or persons shall not have the authority to change the date, unless brought before a town meeting for a public vote."*

## Fall Tax Bills Will Reflect Assessment Revisions

Property owners will be receiving the fall tax bill sometime the end of October or beginning of November. Per State requirement property valuations must be maintained as close to fair market value as possible. This has required the assessing office to update assessments beginning with the 2005 tax year. 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. The increase in assessed values will

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### SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

## Moving On

ON JULY 5, CRAIG MUSSELMAN of Long John Road was appointed Selectman by the other two members of the Board to complete the term of John Moynahan to March of 2006. Craig will also serve as Selectmen's representative to the Historic District Commission and the Mosquito Control Commis-

## Senior SERVE Gets \$10,000 Jump Start

The 18-year-old van used to take seniors shopping on Tuesdays is headed for its own well-earned retirement, probably before the snow flies. Spurred on by a major contribution from the Rye Lions Club, a fund-raising campaign to purchase a replacement mini-bus has been kicked off by Rye Senior SERVE.

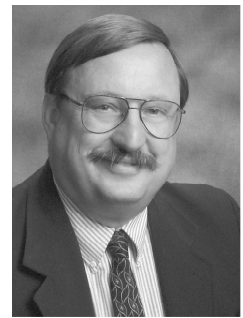
The \$10,000 Lions Club donation goes a long way toward ensuring the continuation of a program begun in 2002 when a committee was established by the Board of Selectmen to look into the issue of senior transportation. The committee partnered with Webster At Rye for use of its van, using volunteers from the Lions Club, the Police Department, and the community to drive and assist as "co-pilots." Since January of 2003 the van has picked up seniors at their homes and driven them to the Market Basket Plaza in Portsmouth where they have access to the supermarket, a drug-store, and a bank. Sargent's Service Center has supplied the fuel. In 2004 Webster donated the 1987 Chevrolet

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sion. Joe Mills will become representative to the Budget Committee and Priscilla Jenness will remain with the Planning Board.

Several years ago, Craig's company, CMA Engineers of Portsmouth, was hired by the Town of Rye to carry out the obligatory semi-annual water testing at the Grove Road and Breakfast Hill landfills. Craig's first act as Selectman was to remove any possibility of conflict of interest relating to this association. Craig proposed that during his tenure as Selectman, the outside company performing the lab testing at both sites will bill the Town direct and he will write the analysis of their reports pro bono. Fellow Board members were pleased to accept this solution.

Now that the Board of Selectmen is complete, our search for a new Town Administrator is underway. The Board has contacted the New Hampshire Municipal Association for assistance and will meet with a representative prior to Labor Day to formulate the process.



Craig Musselman

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# Selectmen Discuss Busy Summer, Ongoing Projects *Continued from page 1*

Meanwhile, Interim Town Administrator Phil Arel settled into our routine quickly on a three-day-per-week schedule. His background as a clerk of court, selectman, and town administrator has enabled him to appropriately lend guidance, propose solutions, and initiate actions. The residents and locations may be different but we often share requirements, situations, and problems within his experience. We are pleased to have him on board.

## Financial Status of the Town

Financial printouts dated June 30, 2005 showed the Town to be in satisfactory financial condition. The first tax billing, representing one half of last year's total tax, had been sent out. It should be remembered that the second bill will be larger to reflect the 2005 approved budget. This is the year for the first payments on both the Conservation bond and the new Public Safety Building bond.

## Recycling Center Enhancement Committee Report

On June 27, Del Record, Chairman of the Recycling Center Enhancement Committee, presented the committee's report and recommendations for upgrading the perimeter of the recycling area along Grove Road from Washington Road to the White property. Committee members Leon Blaisdell, Bob Brown, John Provencher, and Mary Smith were also present. The committee was unanimous in its recommendations as follows:

1. Remove the existing fence along Grove Road but maintain the current entrance and exit.
2. Construct a dry stone wall using existing boulders/stones on site parallel to Grove Road and set behind existing vegetation at a recommended height of four feet.
3. Backfill and compact the stone wall with existing material (gravel/compost).
4. Construct a six-foot cedar fence on top of the stone wall to the

edge of the White property.

5. Plant upright arborvitae on the roadside.

We are grateful to the members of this committee for their service. They worked diligently, considered public input, documented deliberations, and completed the charge from the Selectmen to achieve consensus on a creative, economical, and visually attractive solution to the problem. The scope of work outlined will require an estimate of material and labor for the 2006 budget.

## Foyes Corner Betterment Project

Alex Vogt and Mike Dugas of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation attended the July 11 Selectmen's meeting. This was an informational meeting, not a public hearing. Two plans for Foyes Corner were presented. Both plans realign Elwyn Road. One plan shows a standard intersection with traffic lights. It now includes turning lanes.

The second option is a roundabout. This plan shows small islands in each approach to assist pedestrian crossing plus sidewalks around the corners between each entrance/exit. This change was also a response to concerns regarding bicycles. Neither plan is identical to past choices.

The Board is anxious to move the selection process forward, but we have been notified by Mr. Vogt that a public hearing cannot be held until this fall. Both plans are available for viewing outside the Selectmen's office at Town Hall.

## A Long Hot Summer

Our beaches are a magnet for people and, at times, problems. Police Chief Alan Gould and his officers have been very busy dealing with alcohol incidents and parking violations. Surfing enthusiasts are growing in number due in part to surfing lessons advertised to take place at Jenness State Beach. Our lifeguards must try to limit surfing to approved

areas to protect swimmers. New devices such as skimmer boards and surf kayaks (which are prohibited) are adding to the complexity of keeping our beaches safe.

Following two drownings at Hampton Beach, signs are now posted at our Town beaches when lifeguards are on duty to advise SWIM PERPENDICULAR TO RIP TIDES.

Complaints regarding dogs vary. We have many dog owners helping to police the beaches. Some complaints are from dog owners about the attitude of other dog owners.

Trash continues to be heaviest at Wallis Sands Extension.

Beach cleaning by machine continues but seaweed deposits have been very light to date. We are aware that some communities have banned smoking on their beaches. The cleaning machine cannot pick up cigarette butts; thus, even with cleaning, we are left with a giant ashtray.

Some parking violators are repeat offenders in the Parking by Sticker Only areas and elsewhere. The Board of Selectmen is looking favorably on purchase of a wheel boot for use on scofflaws in particular.

## Signs

From time to time, signs for yard sales, political candidates, and special events seem to pop up overnight like tulips in the spring. Please be aware that such signs are not allowed on Town parks or in the Town right-of-way without approval by the Board of Selectmen. With regard to placement of signs at Parsons Field at the end of Lang Road in the Rye Historic District, an application must be made through the Selectmen's office. Unauthorized signs will be removed and the Town is not responsible for them regardless of the cost of the sign.

## Educational Funding

If you have been following the saga of educational funding in New

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## Selectmen *Continued*

Hampshire, you are aware that the New Hampshire Senate passed HB 616. This law does call for targeted aid but does not eliminate the donor town concept. Under the most current interpretation of this bill, three donor towns remain: Hebron, Jackson, and New Castle. However, confusion reigns as the original intent of the bill would have left but one town in the donor category. A mistake in the wording may be the problem. Stay tuned.

In the belief that this law will be challenged in the courts by communities now receiving less than in past years and that there will be calls for a new formula when the Legislature reconvenes in January, Portsmouth Mayor Evelyn Sirrell has called for continuation of our Coalition for the purpose of monitoring the situation. Portsmouth has borne the major expense of the Coalition's battle against the donor town concept. The city will continue to pay health benefits for coordinator Pat Remick and is seeking support among our 34 Coalition members.

We concur with Mayor Sirrell's assessment of the situation. No town is safe as long as the donor concept is in place. On August 4, the Board of Selectmen voted to send \$1000 of the amount we had budgeted to the Coalition.

As this 2005 summer season passes into history, we are making progress on many fronts. Budget preparation is underway for 2006. The Board of Selectmen has requested department heads to hold the line on spending for next year as we face rising costs in health care, fuel, and so forth that are beyond our control. We have also witnessed the framing of our new Public Safety Building and look forward to observing the enclosed form become an integral part of our landscape.

Rye Board of Selectmen  
Priscilla Jenness, Chairman  
Joe Mills  
Craig Musselman

## Senior SERVE *Continued from page 1*

van to SERVE, a nonprofit established to assist Rye seniors.

SERVE is hoping additional contributions will enable purchase of a newer vehicle this fall. Anyone with questions about the program or wishing to help may contact Nancy Weiand at the Selectmen's Office or Alan Gould at the Police Department.

Also, SERVE invites all who wish to discard a cell phone to do so in boxes provided at the Recycling Center and at the Police Department. Some cell phones that can access 9-1-1 will be loaned to seniors in Rye to be used in emergencies, while others will be recycled with any proceeds going to SERVE. In addition, residents will be helping to protect the environment by dropping off their used cell phones and batteries.

### Polly's Porch Rocks

Rye Reflections, a new online magazine, has already discovered a writer who is getting rave reviews. She is Polly Morton, 96, who is author of a series called "Polly's Porch," chronicling her 65 years of summering on Concord Point.

The publication, which can be found at [www.RyeReflections.org](http://www.RyeReflections.org), hopes to discover even more writers, photographers, artists, and computer-literate men and women. Weekly meetings are held at the Rye Library on Thursdays at 1 p.m. No prior experience in journalism or computing is necessary. Attending meetings is encouraged but is not mandatory to participate. Rye Reflections is published on the first Thursday of every month. For further details call Jack Driscoll at 964-4742 (days).

### Senior Socials Resuming on Wednesdays

The weekly Wednesday social time for seniors will resume on September



From left are: Terry Hemming, Rye Lions Club President; Don Osborne and Bob Vincent, Rye Lions Club; Mel Low, SERVE; Alan Gould, Lions Club and SERVE; and Margaret Carroll, SERVE President.

14 at the Rye Public Library downstairs in the community meeting room. Refreshments will be served from 1:30 to 2 p.m., followed by an informal time for the sharing of oral histories. Tricia Quinn, a staff member of the Library, will help facilitate the sharing. Participants will be given an opportunity to discuss questions each week, including such things as: Do you remember the first house you lived in? What was the first family car you remember? How did you learn to drive a car? What was your first full-time job? How did you meet your mate? Have you done much traveling?

Everyone has a unique story to tell. It is hoped that the stories will be recorded and transcribed. A volunteer is needed to type up a transcript from the recordings each week. Please contact the Library if you would like to help keep a record of the weekly discussions. The sharing of oral histories will continue for ten weeks, ending the week before Thanksgiving.

If you are in need of transportation on Wednesdays, please call the Library and a ride will be arranged for you. If you would like to volunteer to be a driver, you are encouraged to telephone the Library at 964-8401.

Rye Senior S.E.R.V.E

## Planning Board: Summer 2005

The Rye Planning Board has two new people to talk about! Carl Boedecker, is our newest Alternate Planning Board member, and Alison Barker, is working as an intern for the Board this summer.

**Carl Boedecker, Alternate Planning Board member**—Carl is a resident of Rye and also a native of the state. He was born and raised in Wolfeboro. Carl attended a boarding school in western Mass. for college preparation before being accepted to Hartwick College in upstate NY, where he studied business and received a Bachelor of Science in Geology.

Carl and his wife Erika, who live on Washington Road, were married on June 11. When not working, the two spend much of their free time working on their 200-year-old home. They also spend time skiing, mountain biking, and surfing. Carl has been in the financial services business for the past 14 years helping people make educated decisions on retirement planning and helping those in retirement as well. He is the principal of Seaport Financial Planning, LLC.

Carl's interest in becoming involved in the Rye Planning board stemmed from a desire to give back to the community that has been so receptive to him over the years. He is interested in understanding the evolution of our community.

**Alison Barker, Planning Board Intern**—Sometimes we get really lucky. Alison Barker answered our ad for a summer intern and right away it was one of those times. Alison has already reorganized all the files for our recent subdivisions and has now plunged into writing for our updated Master Plan. A graduate civil engineer from Illinois with an MS from Michigan State, she has the tools and knows how to use them.

Although a Midwesterner, she married a guy from Maine and has become a New Englander. Now that their two boys are college age she is taking this intern route to investigating a new career in municipal planning. For now, Alison is splitting her time between helping Rye and her hobbies of gardening, baking, and quilting.

**Planning Board**—The Board has been quite busy this summer with land use applications. Wentworth By The Sea Country Club received an approval from the Board for a small expansion of

## Beach Commission Report

## Summer 2005—Hot Weather and Perfect Beach Days

The Beach Commission reports a busy summer with plenty of hot weather and perfect beach days.

This year, we split the Supervisor position between two highly capable guards. During the week, Keith Svihovec was in charge, and on the weekends Kenny Ambach assumed responsibility. The Commissioners thank Keith and Kenny, as well as the following Beach Safety Patrol Staff Members for their hard work this summer: Jason Schuff, Jack MacAvoy, Emily Tiernan, Ben Blaise, Douglas Cross, Matthew Tighe, Jared Pease, David Naves, Sarah Donahue, and Caryn Capalbo.

Our lifeguards train daily in order to stay physically and mentally fit. On August 8, some of our guards competed in the 26th Northern New England Lifeguard Championships in Ogunquit.

Twelve beaches competed, with Rye being one of the smallest teams entered. In the events Rye entered, our guards placed in the top five in each of the following: David Naves, first in the 2-mile run; Doug Cross, fifth in the run, swim, run; and Caryn Capalbo, fourth in the 2-mile run, fifth in the run, swim, run, and

fifth in the 500-meter swim. Congratulations!!

Rye's three beaches, Wallis Sands, Cable Road Extension, and Sawyers, officially close on Monday, September 5. After this date, there will be no lifeguards on duty. With schools and colleges opening earlier every year, we also run into a shortage of guards for the end of August and early September. Please be aware a beach might have to be unattended due to a shortage of lifeguards. If this occurs, it will be clearly posted.

Please remember all dogs are strictly prohibited from the beaches from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until October 1. Mutt Mitts are provided at Wallis Sands and Cable Road Extension beaches. Dog owners are required to clean up and carry home whatever their dog deposits.

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to serving the residents of Rye next year. In the interim, if you need to contact the Beach Commission, please call the Selectmen's office at 964-5523.

The Beach Commissioners  
Peter Clark, Chairman;  
E. Scott McQuade; Tim Sanborn

parking on the west side of the indoor tennis building, construction of a 20-ft. accessway for the lot, and a change of the location of the 14-ft. accessway off Heather Drive to remove it from an existing easement.

The Board also approved a temporary (six-month) steak sandwich shop (Barone's) at 190 Lafayette Road; approved expansion of a retail use at Gardner Mattress located at 135 Lafayette Road; approved three condominium conversions (2 units each) at 27-29 Wentworth Road, 64 Wallis Road, and 1270 Ocean Blvd.; and approved several lot line adjustments. All of these applications required extensive discussion and modifications.

**The Long Range Planning Committee**, a committee of the Planning Board, is close to completing four chapters of the revised Master Plan. These chapters are Housing, Natural Resources, Transportation, and Land Use. We plan to complete the revision of the Master Plan by this com-

ing winter and have it ready by March, 2006. The Master Plan will be available on cd and at the Town Hall. Alison Barker, the Planning Board intern, has been working with John Elsdon to assist with the demographics and visioning chapters of the Master Plan. She has been a wonderful asset for us.

Another asset has been everyone who helped participate in the visioning sessions last fall and winter. The information we received, in addition to the 2001 Visioning, has been invaluable. We are incorporating it into the revised Master Plan. We welcome the insight and comments of all. The LRP Committee meets twice a month, the first and third Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. If you would like to participate or come and listen, the meetings are open to the public.

We still have two vacancies for Alternate Planning Board members. If interested, please call us at 964-9800.

Bob Brown, Chairman



# Board of Adjustment Invites Applicants for Relief

## **Construction may have stabilized due to the complexity of regulations.**

More and more building permit applications are being denied and applicants are "invited" to apply to the Board of Adjustment for relief to build their dream homes. Last year, the Board of Adjustment heard 23 applications through the August meeting. This year, the Board of Adjustment has had to deliberate on 41 applications. Each case is site specific and the Board members must review carefully each issue and concern.

The number of applications before the Board of Adjustment is indicative of the complexity and thorough review process of varying levels of regulations required of the Building Inspector. Home owners are determined to do whatever it takes to obtain permission to build their houses to fit their needs and desires and have demonstrated the willingness to go through different state and town boards to attempt to receive approval.

Applicants are not guaranteed approvals from the Town just because they apply to the appropriate boards. There is a lot of risk involved. The Board of Adjustment is careful to review each application and has requested very detailed information on each application in order to adequately review and debate the issues at hand. They are concerned about "bulking up" on the beach and allowing expansions that are contrary to the character of the neighborhood.

The Board of Adjustment members meticulously and cautiously review and discuss each application based on the merits of each situation. They try to balance the growing needs of the residents while maintaining the rural character of the surrounding properties.

Beachfront properties are of course the most difficult and complex to expand. Most of the properties require updating the septic systems and receiving approvals from the State Department of Environmental Services (DES) for disturbances within the 100-foot highest observable tide line.

The majority of the lots fronting the beach are also non-conforming, meaning they do not meet the existing requirements for a lot; many existing houses were built in the setbacks. Expanding these houses under these circumstances can be difficult, time consuming, and expensive.

We have seen an increase in applications asking for permission for apartments in a single family house. These require a Special Exception from the Board of Adjustment. The applicants must demonstrate they can meet the specific requirements outlined in the Rye Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Adjustment reviews the information and determines if the proposed apartment meets the requirements.

Applications need to be submitted as complete, collated packages. The requirements for the application have been developed to provide the members with visual information on what the proposed changes will be and how the changes will affect the area. If something is missing from the submission, it will be returned and not put on the agenda. We are willing to sit down with applicants prior to the deadline for guidance.

The Board of Adjustment is comprised of five members and two alternates who are very professional, concerned residents who have selflessly donated many hours of time each month reviewing these complex applications. They keep current with all the state, local, and federal regulations, including several court cases that have altered the decision-making process for the members. They are now expected to deliberate on roughly eleven cases per month, compared to four cases per month last year, which has greatly increased the number of hours they spend on a volunteer basis for the town. They should all be commended on the service they provide to this town and the professionalism and courtesy they show all applicants while attempting to con-

serve the character of the town.

The deadline for submission of applications to the Board of Adjustment is the first Friday of each month.

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## **Building Department Update**

### **Building Growth Has Stabilized**

The number of building permits issued this year has increased to 320 from last year's 288; however, the estimated cost of construction as of August 1, 2005 is down five percent from last year. The estimated costs of the construction you see around town are roughly \$8.8 million. The town has collected approximately \$112,000 in permit fees, which is \$12,000 more than this time last year.

### **What Needs a Permit?**

Please remember that, in addition to obvious activities, fences, decks, sheds, and internal renovations need a permit. If you are paving your driveway for the first time, or changing the location of your driveway, you will need to obtain a permit from the Department of Public Works.

### **Office Hours**

The office is open to the public Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. – noon. The afternoons are reserved for scheduled appointments. The zoning and building restrictions, including state regulations, can be complicated and the majority of the permit applications received demand a detailed review in order to ensure full compliance. We need the time in the afternoons to focus on the issues to adequately and efficiently review the applications.

Permit applications are available outside the office door in a file hanging on the wall during normal Town Hall hours, and approved permits can be found in the bottom of the hanging folder for pickup. Completed applications can be left outside the door if the office door happens to be locked.

Susan Zarlengo

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer

# TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHT

Wednesday, September 14, 2005, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road

Registrations for programs are limited to a first come, first serve basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m.



### From Sea to Shinning Sea Part I: The Golden Gate Bridge to the Mississippi River

is a slide show presented by Dreams Unlimited's Michael Perry. Join us for an inspiring bicycle journey through the Wild West, over the Rockies, across the Great Plains to the mighty Mississippi. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Thursday, September 15, 2005, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.

**Yankee Road Trip** is a colorful slide presentation by Lenny Thomes. This adventure will start at the 19th century seafaring village of maritime America in Mystic, Connecticut and head north through Willamantic, Boston, Charlestown, Marblehead, Salem, North Andover and New Hampshire ending off the coast of Maine. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Thursday, October 13, 2005, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.



**Enjoying the Classics** is a classical piano performance by Bruce Pratt. This is a one hour performance of memorable music and engaging commentary that has left audiences in awe. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Monday, November 14, 2005, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.



**Holiday Craft Making** instruction is provided by Amanda Breton, Assistant Program Director for the Recreation Department. Participants will learn how to create a unique holiday gift from start to finish, including packaging and wrapping. This program will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road, Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21, 2005, Grades K-2, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Grades 3-5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Fee: \$20.00



### After School Program

The After School Program is open to grade K, 11:10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., M - F. The cost of this full time program is \$57.50/week and there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. Participants are also welcome to register for the afternoon program that operates for grades K-5, 2:40 - 5:50 p.m., M-F. The cost of the program is \$57.50/week for full time, \$11.50/day for part time with a minimum of 2 days required, and there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.



### Adult CPR and Infant/Child CPR

teaches you how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children and infants. Participants earn an American Heart Association Adult CPR and Infant/Child CPR Certificate. Instruction is provided by Chuck Gallant, Rye Firefighter and held at the Rye Library. Saturday, November 5, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$35.00



### American Red Cross Babysitter Course

provides you with the skills and confidence you need to be a great babysitter. Hands-on activities, exciting video, fun role plays and lively discussion focusing on decision making skills and solutions for real-life problems. Instruction is provided by Beck Geer and held at the Rye Library. For ages 11 and up. Saturday, December 3, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$50.00



*Town of Rye Trick or Treat  
Sunday, October 30, 2005  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

**Group Tennis Lessons** instruction is provided by John Marlowe. These co-ed lessons will be held at the New Castle Recreation Facility.



Session 1, Tuesdays, September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2005  
Grades 1-2, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 3-4, 5:30-6:30 p.m., HS, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Session 1, Thursdays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 2005  
Grades 5-6, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 7-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, November 1, 15, 22, 29, 2004  
Grades 3-4, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 1-2, 5:30-6:30 p.m., HS, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 2005  
Grades 7-8, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 5-6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$45.00 per session (4 lessons) and rackets are not provided. When registering for tennis you will only be able to sign up for one session and have your name go on a waiting list for a second.



**BodyLift** is a one hour full body workout using inspirational music and alternating weights. It is designed to give each participant an individualized session within a private studio group format. Instruction is provided by

Doreen Whitney La Tourette a Certified Personal Trainer. This adult program will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Rd. Tuesdays, September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2005, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$120.00 (10 classes)  
Thursdays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 2005, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$120.00 (10 classes)

**Core Moves (Pilates)** instruction is provided by Kirsten Iafolla. Pilates helps lengthen and strengthen muscles, improves body alignment and encourage full-body awareness. The Pilates Reformer is used and is a piece of equipment specifically designed to enable the participant to achieve greater movement with added resistance and stability. This adult program will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road.



Wednesdays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 2005, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m. or 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$120.00 (10 classes)



**Yoga** instruction is provided by Dana Lincoln (Monday morning) and Jeanie Ryan (Tuesday morning). This beginner program is designed to link breath and movement; connecting body, mind and spirit. This adult program will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road.

Mondays, September 26, October 3, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$110.00 (10 classes)  
Tuesdays, September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2005, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$165.00 (10 classes)



**Ski or Snowboard Lessons** instruction will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski Lessons and Snowboarding Lessons for grades 2-8. Bus Transportation will leave from both schools, after dismissal on Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 2006. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$185.00 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski Rentals are available for an additional fee of \$50 and Snowboard Rentals for \$60.

Registration deadline **October 14, 2005.**



**Recreational Basketball** is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December, 2005 to February 18, 2006. Grades K-1, meet once a week on Saturday and practice and play as a group. Grades 2-5, meet twice a week, once for practice and Saturday for games. Held at Rye Elementary School. Fee: \$25.00 for 1st registrant, \$20.00 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). Late fee of **\$25** will apply to registrations received after the **October 14, 2005** deadline.

### **Girls Basketball Practice & Scrimmage**

**Group** is open to girls, grades 3-5. Held December, 2005 to February 18, 2006. Meet once a week on Saturday. Held at Rye Elementary School. Fee: \$25.00 for 1st registrant, \$20.00 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). Late fee of **\$25** will apply to registrations received after the **October 14, 2005** deadline.

### **Adult Pick-Up Basketball**

Starts November, 2005 and ends March, 2006. Held Sundays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Elementary School.

### **To Register for Programs:**

Complete a Rye Recreation Department Registration Form indicating specific program(s). If paying by check, make it payable to Rye Recreation. Submit both registration form and payment to the Town of Rye Recreation Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH, 03870. Forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Rye Town Hall or at the Recreation Department. Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable and offered to Rye and New Castle residents. For more information, contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281. Registration will not be accepted prior to the commencement of sign-up night at 6:00 p.m.

## Library Searching for New Director

As the seasons change, so does the Rye Public Library.

Gary Mason has left for a position in northern Vermont, and a search has begun for a new director. Jon has left to work full time at the Middle School (but he'll still be around to fill in and fix stuff).

This fall the Friends of the Rye Public Library and the Rye Historical Society are getting together September 22 for a book signing and discussion on *Just Rye Harbor*, and on October 20 Bruce Parsons will be discussing his book *Star Light*, 30 years of photographing Star Island.

Our many groups are going strong. The adult book discussions are the third Tuesday of the month, the Rye Film Club is the fourth Monday of the month, and the Military History group meets the first Thursday of the month. Upon Mary Smith's arrival, the very popular knitting group will return.

The busiest group of all is Senior Serve, who meet every Thursday at 1 p.m. They have been doing a great job with their website ([www.ryereflections.org](http://www.ryereflections.org)), a must-see publication produced by people who live here. If you are curious, you qualify for membership and should stop in to see what they are up to. We have a hard copy at the front desk for those who like the feel of paper and the smell of ink.

Thanks again to the Driftwood Garden Club for watering the garden over the summer; it looks great. The First Annual Cookbook Sale is coming around this fall, so please donate any good cookbooks!

Our Library survey is out and, when completed, will help the Library improve and respond to the results, so please fill it out and send it back in. Part of the survey was to advertise our services, like did you know you can receive e-mail or text messages to cell phones about overdue books, holds, etc? That you can be notified when new programs are added to our website via RSS? That you can renew items

online? We hope so.

We are looking forward to cool autumn breezes and the sound of leaves being raked, and we hope you stop in soon.

The **Youth Department** experienced yet another successful summer reading program, this year with 147 campers signing the logbook to participate in Camp Wannaread. Each camper received a whistle and compass and set out to explore the mini campsite beneath the indoor trees, and before leaving, discovered some great new books to take home and read. Over the summer months, as campers kept track of their reading, they answered nature-themed trivia questions, created campy crafts such as trail snack necklaces and glittery dragonflies, and ate some S'mores.

Some of our programs included tie-dyeing, fairy house building, a visit from the NH Audubon Society, and the ever-popular talent show. Weekly storytimes were well attended by a variety of ages. Skulls, claws, bark, animal tracks, and rocks added to the environment as well as the birds that hang from the ceiling, created by campers who completed their reading logs. Kicked off with a packed house to see Wayne from Maine, Camp Wannaread's last day ended with a fun performance by Steve Blunt and some Moose Tracks ice cream donated by the Ice House in Rye. Thanks so much to everybody who donated items and time to help make Camp Wannaread such a success, and congratulations to all Camp Wannaread participants for a summer well-read!

Keep an eye out this fall for some good reading to inspire the back-to-school mode, discover why the leaves turn red, and where the geese travel to spend the holidays. Be sure to check out our new bookshelf. Storytimes will resume in September. Next time you find yourself in the Youth Department, please take the time to complete our survey/suggestion questionnaire, available at the circulation desk. Thanks!

Rye Library Staff

## Assessor's Office

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produce a reduction of the tax rate.

Should the owner disagree with the assessment, the appeal period commences upon receipt of the fall tax bill up to March 1, 2006. Applications for abatement are available in the Assessor's Office (second floor, Town Hall). The Town then has until July 1 to respond. If still dissatisfied you have until September 1, 2006 to file further with either the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Superior Court. Local appeal must be made first in order to later file with the State or court.

A reminder as stated in previous newsletters that 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. That procedure is separate from the requirement that one quarter of the town must be remeasured and inspected each year independently of the DRA review.

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

Howard Promer, CNHA—Assessor  
Heather Austin, Assessing Clerk

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

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for news and up-to-date information for the town, including meeting notices, agendas, and minutes.



## Public Safety Bldg.— A Status Report

Construction continues on the new Rye Public Safety Building. The general contractor, Horne Construction Company and its several subcontractors continue their efforts to complete this new building designed to house the Fire Department, the Police Department, and Emergency Services.

The foundations are complete and, largely, back-filled. The wood-framed "Administration Building" has been framed and enclosed, the concrete and wood-framed floor systems have been placed, interior partitions are being framed, and soon the roofing shingles will be applied. The windows are on-site and will be installed once the roof is complete.

The "Apparatus Building," with its framing of structural steel, was the subject of a brief "topping-off" ceremony conducted two months ago by the steel erection crew while they erected the top-most piece of the structural steel in the upper reaches of the roof structure. An American flag was attached to, and hoisted with, that last piece of steel in the roof-framing system. The flag remains there today. The steel-stud wall-framing system is being installed at the present time. The walls will then be sheathed and insulated and made ready for the wood clapboards that will be the final exterior finish material of the Apparatus Building as well as the Administration Building.

As the shell, or envelope, of the building nears completion, other trades, including electrical, plumbing, heating, and security systems, will move to complete their phases of the work. Walls, ceilings, and floors will be finished, and painters, inside and out, will then complete their work as exterior sitework and landscaping are completed.

The shape, the size, and the massing of the building, evolving on a daily basis, represent a realization of the building that has been desired by the residents of Rye. This is the building in plans, renderings, and models

## Police Chief Discusses Summer, Donation Safety Hints

This has been a busy summer season for the Police Department. For the period from July 1 through August 9 we have taken enforcement action against more than 60 individuals for alcohol violations on the beach. These actions included arrests, summonses, and warnings. Enforcement action was taken against approximately 20 individuals for violations of the dog ordinance. All these enforcement activities took place amid the increased number of police calls for service generated by our summer population.

Speeding vehicles continue to be a problem throughout town. In the month of July there were 292 vehicles stopped for violations. This is 100 more stops than in July last year and double the number of stops made in July 2003. The majority of those stops were for speed. We are finding that about 50 percent of the "speeders" are residents, while the other half are commuters or tourists. I strongly urge residents to drive throughout town with the same care they expect of drivers in their neighborhoods.

I'd like to pass along some tips from Rye resident Harold Moldoff regarding making smart donations. Mr. Moldoff is a volunteer Consumer Affairs

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shown to, and approved by, the townspeople to fulfill the needs of the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services departments.

The construction-completion and moving-in sequence continues on schedule, with the Fire Department to be relocated first, and the Police Department relocated last once the existing fire station is demolished and its site redeveloped as part of the project. Horne Construction continues to assure the project team that they will complete the project on the schedule provided in the construction contract, with "substantial" completion by mid-December, and final completion by mid-February. The project is on budget.

Victor D. Azzi, Project Manager  
Rye Public Safety Building

Specialist with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in Concord. We should all heed his advice.

1. Always ask for identification before giving out any information.
2. Always ask for printed material from the charity.
3. Always ask how much of the contribution actually goes to the charity.
4. Beware of high pressure sales tactics and abusive behavior by the solicitor.
5. Keep good records of all donations including receipts and cancelled checks.
6. Beware of solicitations for charities having names deceptively similar to legitimate charities.
7. Never pay cash or give out your credit card number.
8. Call the beneficiaries of the fundraising campaign to see if they are aware of the solicitation.
9. Don't be deceived by the offer of tickets, free merchandise, or other gimmicks in return for your donation.
10. Verify all information with the Rye Police Department.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have questions about the legitimacy of any group soliciting for donations in Rye. I find solicitors using the name of the Rye Police Department particularly troubling because we do not hire any solicitors or make any phone solicitations.

The schools open at about the time you receive this newsletter. For those of you with Middle School students, we will be using a new traffic pattern in an effort to relieve some of the morning congestion. All private vehicles entering the school driveway shall do so from the Wallis Road side. Only buses will be allowed to turn left from Washington Road into the school driveway. We are hoping this will make the area safer and eliminate the gridlock that develops nearly every morning. Officers will be posted at the school exit and entrance to assist with the transition.

Alan Gould  
Chief of Police

# Fire Department Is Busier Than Ever...and Needs Your Help!

July was a busy month for the Fire Department. Crews responded to 80 medical emergency and fire incidents! Because of a number of strong thunderstorms and the increased activity due to the warmer weather, the demand for emergency services surged. With the increase in calls for service, the need for an effective response of department personnel is more important than ever. I would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce the Fire Department to the residents of Rye.

The Rye Fire Department currently provides Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services to the Town through what many fire professionals call a "Combination" system. A "Combination" Fire Department is comprised of full-time and on-call personnel that are specially trained to perform firefighting and emergency duties.

The Rye Fire Department currently employs eight full-time firefighter/EMTs and one Fire Chief. This staffing compliment allows us to ensure that there are two full-time firefighter/EMTs on duty 24 hours a day. Because firefighting and other emergencies require more personnel to control the situation at hand, the Fire Department relies heavily on our on-call firefighters to support the full-time staff to handle emergency incidents as they arise. The Rye Fire Department currently has nearly 15 active on-call firefighter/EMTs.

**With increased demands for Fire Department services, additional on-call firefighters are greatly needed.** If you are 18 years of age or older and are able to commit time and energy to complete specialized fire and emergency training, we encourage you to stop by the fire station on Washington Road and pick up an application. As our community grows, so does the need for more personnel to respond effectively to its public safety needs.

The Rye Fire Department has a limited number of smoke detectors available—free of charge—for Rye residents. They will be given out on a first come-first served basis. The majority of fatal home fires happen at night when people are asleep. Contrary to popular belief, the smell of smoke may not wake a

sleeping person. The poisonous gases and smoke produced by a fire can numb the senses and put you into a deeper sleep. The smoke detectors being offered have batteries with a TEN-year life; however, it is strongly recommended to test all smoke detectors monthly. Please call 964-6411 to reserve your detector(s) and schedule a time for installation.

And last, I would like to remind all residents of the Town of Rye ordinance pertaining to House & Building Numbering:

**All buildings in the Town are to display a street number** issued by the Building Inspector and displayed in the following manner:

- Arabic numerals only, a minimum of three (3) inches high and one half inch (1/2") in width.
- The number to be displayed at the side of, or above, front door if readily visible from the street, or on a sign or marker at street end of driveway or walk leading to the building.
- If the end of the building faces the street, the number to be displayed on the corner adjacent to the front door and readily visible from the street.
- For buildings set back from the street or obscured in any way, the number to be displayed on a sign or marker at the street end of the driveway or walk leading to the building.
- All apartments, cabins, and other dwelling units are to have an on-site numbering system, said numbering to be displayed on or near the entrance to each unit.

Remember, if emergency units cannot see your house number... they cannot find you!

Thank you for your continued support of our great department!

Richard S. O'Brien,  
Fire Chief

# Rye Water District News

## New Commissioner

Ed Stokel has been appointed Commissioner to complete the unexpired portion of Peter Mullaly's term, which ends in March 2006. Ed and his family have lived in Rye for over 30 years. He recently retired from the Portsmouth School Department as its Computer Director after 33 years of service. He also served two terms on the Rye School Board in the 1980s. His prior work as a mathematics, science, and computer educator will be of value to the District.

## Fall Flushing

The semiannual water main flushing is expected to begin at the end of September and run through October. This is done to reduce any sediment that may collect in the mains and valves. A notice of flushing dates and times will be published in the local papers before flushing begins.

## Projects

The replacement of the water system from the intersection of LaMer Drive and Washington Road has been completed. In process is the connection of the water system between the current termination on Cole Noyes Avenue and the existing main on Route 1A.

Rye Water District Commissioners

## Rye Lions Hold Annual Car Show Sunday, September 18 at Parsons Field

The Rye Lions Club will be hosting our 22nd Annual Car Show and Car Raffle on September 18, with a rain date of the 25th at Parsons Field. Come and view the large selection of antique and modern cars, trucks, tractors, military vehicles, and much more. Enjoy yourself with a trip down Memory Lane as we listen to classic songs of yesteryear. Food will be available throughout the day by the Rye Lions Club. This year our raffle car is a 2005 Mercedes Benz C240. Tickets are \$100.00 each or six for \$500.00, and are limited to 1,000 sold. The lucky winner will be drawn at the show around 3 p.m. Tickets are available at TD Banknorth in Rye, Lang's Corner Garage, Rye Town Hall, at the show, or online at [www.nhlions.org/clubs/Rye/](http://www.nhlions.org/clubs/Rye/). For more information call 603-436-6839. Help us help others as all proceeds are donated to various local charities. We hope to see you there.

Terry Hemming, King Lion

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

September 2005

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                                      | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------|----------|
| Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Public Library Meeting Room (handicapped accessible) at 581 Washington Road. 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. |   |   |   | 1   | 2      | 3        |
| 4  | 5<br><i>Labor Day<br/>Town offices<br/>closed</i> | 6 6:30 pm <b>Board<br/>of Selectmen</b><br>7 pm <b>Recreation<br/>Committee</b> | 7 4:30 pm <b>Long<br/>Range Planning</b><br>7 pm<br><b>Zoning Board<br/>of Adjustment</b>   | 8   | 9      | 10       |
| 11   | 12  | 13 9 am <b>Sewer<br/>Commission</b><br>7 pm<br><b>Planning Board</b>            | 14  | 15 7 pm<br><b>Conservation<br/>Commission</b> | 16     | 17       |
| 18   | 19 6:30 pm<br><b>Board of<br/>Selectmen</b>       | 20  | 21 4:30 pm <b>Long<br/>Range Planning</b><br>6:30 pm<br><b>School Board</b><br>Rye Jr. High | 22<br><i>First Day of Fall</i>                | 23     | 24       |
| 25   | 26  | 27 7 pm<br><b>Technical<br/>Review Comm.</b>                                    | 28  | 29  | 30     | 1        |

## October 2005

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|--|--|--|---|--|----|----|
| 2  | 3<br>6:30 pm<br>Board of<br>Selectmen                      | 4<br>7 pm<br>Recreation<br>Committee<br><i>Rosh Hashanah</i> | 5<br>4:30 pm Long<br>Range Planning<br>7 pm<br>Zoning Board<br>of Adjustment    | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9  | 10<br><i>Columbus Day<br/>Town offices<br/>closed</i>      | 11<br>9 am Sewer<br>Commission<br>7 pm<br>Planning Board     | 12  | 13<br><br><i>Yom Kippur</i>              | 14 | 15 |
| 16   | 17<br>6:30 pm<br>Board of<br>Selectmen                     | 18   | 19<br>4:30 pm Long<br>Range Planning<br>6:30 pm<br>School Board<br>Rye Jr. High | 20<br>7 pm<br>Conservation<br>Commission | 21 | 22 |
| 23   | 24   | 25<br>7 pm<br>Technical<br>Review Comm.                      | 26  | 27                                       | 28 | 29 |
| 30<br><i>Trick or Treat<br/>5 pm–7 pm<br/>Daylight Savings<br/>Time Ends</i> | 31<br>6:30 pm<br>Board of<br>Selectmen<br><i>Halloween</i> | November 2005  |   |  |    |    |
|  |  | 1<br>7 pm<br>Recreation                                      | 2<br>4:30 pm Long<br>Range Planning<br>7 pm                                     | 3  | 4  | 5  |

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|----|---|--|---|---|--|----|
| 6  | 7   | 8 7 pm<br><b>Planning<br/>Board</b>          | 9   | 10  | 11<br><i>Veterans' Day<br/>Town offices<br/>closed</i> | 12 |
| 13 | 14 6:30 pm<br><b>Board of<br/>Selectmen</b> | 15   | 16 4:30 pm <b>Long<br/>Range Planning</b><br>6:30 pm<br><b>School Board</b><br>Rye Jr. High | 17 7 pm<br><b>Conservation<br/>Commission</b>         | 18   | 19 |
| 20 | 21  | 22   | 23  | 24<br><i>Thanksgiving<br/>Town offices<br/>closed</i> | 25<br><i>Town offices<br/>closed</i>                   | 26 |
| 27 | 28 6:30 pm<br><b>Board of<br/>Selectmen</b> | 29 7 pm<br><b>Technical<br/>Review Comm.</b> | 30  |   |  |    |

Rye Lions Club, first Wednesday every month, 6:30 pm at the Rye Library  
Friends of the Library, second Tuesday every month, 7 pm at the Library

Additional Civic Meetings

NOTICE TO ALL  
GHOSTS, GOBLINS, AND  
DARTH VADERS:

## HALLOWEEN

"Trick or Treating" in Rye is  
on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
5 to 7 p.m.

### SELECTMEN'S APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ALL SIGNS AT PARSONS FIELD

Signs are not permitted at the end of Lang Road at Parsons Field without prior approval from the Board of Selectmen. Signs in violation will be removed.

A detailed written request must be received in the Selectmen's Office in time to be considered at a Selectmen's Meeting prior to the date of posting. Please call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523, for more information regarding sign requirements.

## New Scoreboard at Rye Elementary School



The Town of Rye Recreation Department is pleased to announce the addition of a new scoreboard at Rye Elementary School. Rye Recreation, with the help of the Rye Education Foundation and a donation made by the members of the 2002 Rye Hurricane team in honor of their coach, Jim Mulvey, made the purchase of this scoreboard possible. We look forward to using the scoreboard in the upcoming basketball season!

### RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Latest Exhibit: Rye's Grand Victorian Hotels

So you think the Wentworth Hotel is fancy? Check out the exhibit at the Rye Town Museum, 10 Olde Parish Road (sharing the Library parking lot). The newest exhibit focuses on the era of Rye's grand Victorian hotels and boarding houses, some of which were the equal of the Wentworth.

The newest book about Rye, *Just Rye Harbor*, by Tom and Rosemary

Clarie, is available at the Museum. A book signing will take place at the Library on September 22 at 6 p.m. with discussion at 7.

The Town Museum is open every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Christmas.

Rye Historical Society  
Co-Chairs: Alex Herlihy  
and Bonnie Goodwin

## Construction Continues on Public Safety Building



Work progresses on the Public Safety Building, as shown in the right photo. Left photo is the architect's rendition of the completed project. See the Status Report on page 9.

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