



Town of Rye

Newsletter



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Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 14

TOWN REPORTS

AVAILABLE

MONDAY, MARCH 6

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2005 will be available for pick-up on Monday, March 6, at the following locations: Town Hall, Police and Fire Stations, Rye Public Library, Recycling Center, and the Hungry Horse. If you are unable to pick up your copy at one of these locations, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 to request that one be mailed to you.

Town Clerk Warns: Bring Your Registration

Beach Parking Permits. 2006 beach parking permits are available the first of March. The cost for each is \$20.00. **Be sure to bring the registration(s)** for the vehicle or vehicles on which you want to place the permit. To be eligible you must be a resident and/or property owner in Rye.

Please note! In the past we have had the capability of looking up license plate numbers in our computer system, which was helpful to those who forgot to bring in the registration for their vehicle. PLEASE BE AWARE that we cannot do that any more, for any purpose. This is a state policy brought about because of the new privacy

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

"What's the Effect on My Taxes?" and Other Items Discussed

PRIOR TO PREPARATION of the 2006 Operating Budget, department heads were requested to "hold the line" and your selectmen did likewise. Consequently, the budget was finalized at **\$6,992,540**, up \$421,826 over 2005 (\$6,570,714). This figure does not contain any of this year's Warrant Articles. It does reflect contractual obligations and higher fuel costs as well as a cost of living adjustment of 4.3%, up from 2.6% in 2005.

A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 14, based on Rye's current valuation (**\$1,774,525,400**), is as follows:

		Effect on tax rate per \$100,000 valuation	
Article # 5.	Fire Dept. Pickup w/water tank	\$40,926	No impact/ Capital Reserve
Article # 7.	Salt Shed Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$.014
Article # 8.	Employee Leave Fund	\$20,000	\$.011
Article # 9.	Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$.006
Article #10.	Library Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,000	\$.003
Article #11.	(Petition) Town Hall/Historic	\$ 3,000	\$.002

Public Safety Building Update

Our new Rye Public Safety Building is behind schedule. The good news is that it is within budget. We are assured that, upon completion, we will have a quality building suited to the purposes for which it was designed.

It is planned that both Fire and Police Departments will be operational from this new facility in June.

The Deliberative Session was held Saturday, February 4 and was poorly attended, perhaps due to lack of controversial topics. Discussion focused almost exclusively on petitioned articles.

Article 11. (By petition) asks voters to approve nomination of the Rye Town Hall to the State and National Registries of Historic Places. While the Selectmen recognize that placement on these registries is an honor and a point of pride, we are concerned at this time with the possibility of restrictions imposed by an outside agency on adjustments that

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
March 14, 2006

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES

FOR MODERATOR

for two years Vote for one
DANIEL C. HOEFLE

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years Vote for one
JOHN W. MOYNAHAN
CRAIG N. MUSSELMAN

FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

for three years Vote for one
JANE E. IRELAND

FOR TREASURER

for three years Vote for one
(Write-in)

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years Vote for one
KERRY S. POPE

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
DAVID S. BROWN

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years Vote for two
ROBERT T. BROWN
DONALD CAVALLARO
MARK GALVIN

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years Vote for two
DOUG ABRAMS
RAY JARVIS

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
JOHN W. PATRICK

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for six years Vote for one
SALLY S. KING

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years Vote for one
PETER G. KASNET
WILLIAM J. LADRIE

ARTICLE 3
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
QUESTION

Amendment 1. Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

To add a new Section 202.4a to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

202.4a. Lots with two or more dwelling units

A lot which has two or more dwellings is a nonconforming use. On such lots, the following are prohibited expansions of a nonconforming use. (See Section 602.1).

- Increasing the building footprint of a dwelling.
- Enlarging the bulk of a dwelling.
- Adding decks, porches or other appurtenances to a dwelling, including roof decks.
- Enlarging decks, porches or other appurtenances of a principal building.

This provision applies to all lots which have two or more dwellings, including lots having such dwellings in the condominium form of ownership.

Add the following to Section 602.1

In the SR and GR Districts, a lot which has more than one dwelling is a nonconforming use, and expansions of such dwellings are prohibited. See Section 202.4a.

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 2. Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

To amend Section 503 Condominium Conversions by changing the requirements of 503.3 Criteria for Special Exceptions.

G. For condominium conversions involving detached dwellings, if the amount of land designated as common area is less than ~~4/3~~ **[90%]** of the area of the parcel **[not designated for buildings and individual unit owners' vehicles]**, each limited common area assigned to a detached dwelling shall meet the minimum lot area and frontage requirements of this ordinance. (Note: Proposed new language is in brackets and in bold print. Deleted language is struck through.)

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 3. Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following Section 401:

SECTION 401 RETIREMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS (RCD'S)

401.1 Authority. This section is adopted as an Innovative Land Use Control, pursuant to RSA 674:21.

401.2 Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide flexibility of zoning regulations in order to encourage the construction of small residential neighborhoods spread throughout Rye which are designed and constructed to meet the unique needs of people 62 years of age and over, while ensuring compliance with local planning standards, land use policies, good building design, and the requirements for the health safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of Rye.

401.3 Special Use Permit Required. Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) require a Special Use Permit from the planning board. The planning board may approve a Special Use Permit for an RCD which complies with the requirements of this section and the requirements of the planning board's *Land Development Regulations* for major site developments. Applications for a Special Use Permit shall be submitted to the planning board and reviewed in accordance with the planning board's procedural requirements for major site developments. The planning board may amend its *Land Development Regulations* to include special requirements for the review and approval of RCD's.

401.4 Requirements for RCD's.

A. Location. An RCD may be located in any zoning district in Rye, except within the Rye Beach Precinct. An RCD shall not

The Amendments of Article 3 are discussed in the Planning Board article on page 6, immediately following the ballot in this newsletter.

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be located within 1/2 mile of another RCD, as measured between boundaries of the RCD parcels, along existing street lines.

B. Parcel Size. The minimum parcel size for an RCD shall be 10 acres, which may include wetlands.

C. Frontage. An RCD shall have a minimum contiguous frontage on a town road or street of 150 feet. Each dwelling within an RCD shall face upon either an existing town road or street or on a private way constructed within the RCD.

D. Number of Dwelling Units. An RCD shall have a minimum of eight (8) dwelling units, but not more than sixteen (16) dwelling units.

E. Density. The density of an RCD shall not be greater than four (4) dwelling units per contiguous upland acre. No single contiguous area of uplands on a parcel shall have a density greater than four (4) dwelling units per acre. The density is the maximum allowed, and it may be reduced by the planning board if the characteristics of the site; or the configuration of the site plan; or the relationship of the RCD to its environs so warrant.

F. Bonus for Affordable Housing. At its discretion, the planning board may approve a maximum number of dwelling units up to twenty-two (22) and a density not to exceed eight (8) dwelling units per contiguous uplands acre, provided that at least 15% of the total dwelling units are affordable housing units. To be considered as an affordable housing unit, a dwelling shall meet the following requirements.

1. Occupancy by a person(s) who would meet the income and asset limitations established by the Town for the elderly property tax exemption program.

2. If owned, the principal, interest, taxes and condominium association fees shall not be more than 40% of the income of the occupants.

The planning board may enact such regulations as are necessary to administer the affordable housing bonus provision and the continuing compliance with it.

G. Types of Dwellings. Dwelling types shall be of an architectural type and style deemed by the planning board to be compatible with the neighborhood and may include single family detached dwellings, duplexes and multi-family dwellings. There shall be no more than four (4) dwelling units in a single building. An RCD may have more than one type of dwelling. Site development review (i.e. site plan review) shall be required for all RCD's including RCD's composed of single and two family dwellings.

H. Homeowner's Association. All RCD's shall have a Homeowner's Association. The Condominium Declaration and By-Laws shall be approved by the planning board in accordance with the planning board's Land Development Regulations.

I. Bonus for Excellence in Design. The planning board may award a bonus of one or two dwelling units, total, beyond the 16 dwelling units allowed by Section 401.4 D., for excellence in design. In awarding the bonus the planning board may consider factors including but not limited to preservation of rural character, provisions for walking trails from the site to community facilities, innovative use of open space; and architecture. The planning

board may enact amendments to its Land Development Regulations relative to the process and criteria by which the bonus may be awarded.

J. Building Spacing/Setbacks.

1. Building Spacing. All buildings in an RCD, including parking structures and accessory buildings, shall be separated by at least 25 feet.

2. Setbacks. No principal or accessory building or structure shall be located closer than 75 feet to a property line or street line. However, the planning board may reduce this requirement to 50 ft. upon a determination that the scale and location of a building will not be incompatible with or detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the adjacent parcel.

K. Buffer. The perimeter of all RCD's shall be a landscaped buffer zone at least 25 feet in width, which may consist in whole or in part of existing natural tree growth.

L. Occupancy. The occupancy of an RCD shall be restricted solely to persons age 62 or older, with no exceptions.

M. Bedroom/Floor Space. There shall be no more than two (2) bedrooms per dwelling unit. The minimum square footage of living space per unit shall be 800 sq. ft. and the maximum square footage of living space per unit shall be 1800 sq. ft.

N. Parking. Each dwelling unit shall be provided with a one car garage attached or in close proximity to the unit and one other parking space. Additionally, a plan for an RCD shall include adequate parking for visitors, as determined by the planning board.

O. Town Wide Limitations. RCD's are exempt from the Growth Management limitations of Article IX. A Special Use Permit shall not be approved for any RCD which would result in the total number of dwelling units in RCD's in the Town of Rye exceeding 2% of the total year round dwelling units in town, exclusive of units located within an RCD. (Explanatory Note: As of December 31, 2005, this would allow 51 RCD units in the town).

401.5 Determinations Required for Special Use Permit Approval. Prior to approving a Special Use Permit for an RCD, the planning board shall determine, by a vote on the record, that the RCD meets each of the following standards.

1. All requirements of Section 401.4 have been met. (This may be a single vote on the record).

2. The granting of the Special Use Permit will not be detrimental to adjacent property or the neighborhood.

3. The granting of the Special Use Permit will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare.

4. The granting of the Special Use Permit will not be contrary to the public interest.

5. Unless otherwise prohibited by State or Federal law, the applicant will make reasonable provisions to assure that residents of Rye will have an opportunity to reside in the RCD.

401.6. Conditions. In approving a Special Use Permit, the planning board may attach such conditions to its approval as it deems necessary to further the objectives of this section, the zoning ordinance and the public health, safety

and general welfare.

401.7 Variances. Approval of an RCD is a privilege, not a right. The requirements of Section 401.4, A, D, E and O, which regulate the location, size, and density of RCD's and of Section 401.4, O, which regulate the total number of RCD units in town are fundamental to the intent of this innovative zoning provision. Any variance from the provisions thereof is hereby deemed to be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance and contrary to the public interest.

401.8 Waivers. An applicant may apply for waivers to the requirements of Section 401.4 C, E, J or K provided such waiver does not deviate from the requirement by more than 20% and provided that 2/3 of the planning board members present and voting determine that:

1. A unique and identifiable specific circumstance of the land warrants the granting of a waiver.

2. The granting of the waiver will not be detrimental to adjacent property or the neighborhood.

3. The granting of the Special Use Permit will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare.

4. The granting of the Special Use Permit will not be contrary to the public interest.

401.9 Fees. The planning board shall charge an application fee for a Special Use Permit for an RCD, in addition to its fee for site plan approval and any fees for investigation and review allowed by RSA 676:4, I.(g).

401.10 Conflicts. Where the provisions of this section conflict directly with a requirement of the zoning ordinance or a requirement of the planning board's Land Development Regulations, the provisions of this section shall govern. Otherwise, all other requirements of the zoning ordinance and the planning board's *Land Development Regulation* shall apply to an RCD.

401.11 Appeal. Pursuant to RSA 676:5, III., appeals of any planning board decisions made pursuant to this section shall be taken to the superior court, not to the board of adjustment.

401.12 Webster at Rye. Webster at Rye is not an RCD. None of the provisions of this section apply to Webster at Rye.

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 4. (By Petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4, as follows:

To amend Section 203.1 as follows:

Section 203.1 of the Zoning Ordinance (Permitted Uses in the Single Residence District – SR), paragraph H, (pertaining to Golf Courses that was added in 1999) be removed and that paragraph I be re-designated as H.

The Planning Board Disapproves of this Petitioned Amendment

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 4, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with RSA 31:95-d, IV(a) and (b) to rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c and abolish the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund that restricts revenues

from Police Department special details for the purpose of compensating personnel and administrative costs. 100% of the balance remaining in the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund as of March 31, 2006 will lapse into the Town's General Fund.

And, furthermore, to see if the town will vote to create a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. And furthermore, to appropriate fifty six thousand dollars (\$56,000.00) into this fund from unreserved fund balance. Such sum represents the balance from the discontinued prior Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose of compensation of personnel, administrative costs, vehicles and other related safety equipment for police department outside details for which the fund was created. No amount will be raised by taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 5, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand nine hundred twenty six dollars (\$40,926) to purchase a new pick-up truck and its associated equipment including fire pump and tank for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of forty thousand nine hundred twenty six dollars (\$40,926) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. *No amount will be raised by taxation.*

This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 6, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as the agents to expend from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 7, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thou-

Art. 4: A Yes vote would allow the Town to take advantage of a recent law change to more efficiently handle police outside detail funds.

A No vote would not change the funding method.

Art. 5: A Yes vote would allow purchase of a new fire department pickup truck equipped with water tank and pump with funds from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The new truck would replace the 1990 pickup.

A No vote would not expend the fund money to purchase the new truck and equipment.

Art. 6: A Yes vote would allow the selectmen to act as agents for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would not allow selectmen to act as agents for the fund.

sand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund established pursuant to RSA 35:1, by Article 11 of the 2005 Rye Town Meeting, for the purpose of site geo-technical investigation, site permitting, design fees and construction of a salt/sand storage building adjacent to the existing Public Works Facility. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 8, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting. The Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund pays severance benefits to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 9, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 10, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 11, as follows:

(By petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000) to contract with an historic preservation consultant to complete the project of nomi-

Art. 7: A Yes vote would add \$25,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for a future salt/sand storage building on Public Works.

A No vote would not appropriate the money for the fund.

Art. 8: A Yes vote would add \$20,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund, which pays contractual severance benefits to Town employees.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 9: A Yes vote would add \$10,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 10: A Yes vote would add \$5,000 to the Expendable Trust Fund for maintenance of the library.

A No vote would not appropriate any money.

Art. 11: A Yes vote would appropriate \$3000 to hire a historical preservation consultant to nominate the Town Hall to the State and National Historic Registries.

A No vote would not raise the funds required to hire the consultant.

nating the Rye Town Hall to the State and National Registries of Historic Places. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 12, as follows:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling six million nine hundred ninety two thousand five hundred forty dollars (\$6,992,540). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be six million six hundred eighty thousand fifty seven dollars (\$6,680,057) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 13, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of Library Trustees from three (3) to five (5) pursuant to RSA 202-A:6. If this article is enacted, two additional trustees will be elected at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting to staggered three year terms ending in 2009 and 2010, respectively. (Majority vote required.)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 14

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 14, as follows:

(By Petition) To see if the town will vote to study the merits of a Heritage Commission. The Heritage Commission shall have five (5) members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen plus one ex-officio member who is a member of the Historic District Commission (HDC) and who is appointed by the HDC. The Heritage Commission may have up to three (3) alternate members appointed by the Heritage Commission. All terms shall be for three years, with the initial appointments staggered.

Towns may establish heritage commissions for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts. The Heritage Commission would not replace the HDC. It would operate town-wide, whereas the HDC only operates within the Rye Historic District.

Art. 12: A Yes vote would appropriate \$6,992,540 as approved by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, to adequately fund the Town's 2006 Operating Budget.

A No vote would not fund the 2006 Operating Budget as proposed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee, but rather, would result in the adoption of a default budget of \$6,680,057.

Art. 13: A Yes vote would add two additional members to the Board of Library Trustees.

A No vote would keep the number of library trustees at three.

Art. 14: A Yes vote would allow the town to study establishing a Heritage Commission.

A No vote would mean the town would not study such a commission.

The Heritage Commission shall have advisory and review authority as set forth in RSA 674:44-b, I., and it shall have the authority as set forth in RSA 674:44-b, II, to acquire, in the name of the town, but subject to the approval of the board of selectmen, such interests as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly use the cultural resources of the town, and to manage and control the same.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of adoption of Article 15, as follows:

(By petition) To see if the Town will vote to allow the Rye Selectmen to broadcast town news on Comcast's local public cable channel. The broadcast will appear as text messages and will be scheduled as to maintain current Portsmouth Broadcasts. Rye news would be aired at a time when Portsmouth news is idle. While there is no cost to the Town of Rye, the passage of this article will result in a monthly franchise related cost to Comcast customers to reflect a one time purchase of dedicated software and hardware required to air Rye news. This franchise related cost is expected to be no

Art. 15: A Yes vote would allow the Selectmen to put text messages on the Comcast local public cable channel for a small fee to cable customers.

A No vote would mean the town would not use the public channel for text messages.

more than 9 cents per month for Comcast subscribers over a 30 month period totaling \$2.70 per subscriber. Comcast is contractually bound to give Rye broadcast time on its public channel. It is also protected under Federal law to pass through the cost of providing such service to its subscriber.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 16

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 16, as follows:

(By petition) To see if the Town will vote to request that the Rye Selectmen send periodic email notifications to town residents who request such notifications. The email notifications will update town residents on town events, meetings and activities. All email will be approved by the Selectmen.

☐YES ☐NO

Art. 16: A Yes vote would allow e-mail notices from the town to be sent to residents who request them.

A No vote would mean the messages would not be sent.

ARTICLE 17

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 17, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2006.

☐YES ☐NO

Art. 17: A Yes vote would authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment.

A No vote would not authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment.

Planning Board Explains Article 3

For voting season this year in Rye, the Planning Board has several zoning amendments for your consideration. Here is a summary of the items you will be voting on March 14. An important one is the creation of a new section of the zoning ordinance that would allow small-scale senior housing in Rye—see item 3 below.

1. Lots with two or more dwelling units

[Article 3, Amendment 1]

This amendment clarifies the description of lots with two or more dwelling units to certify the lots are nonconforming and reinforces the rule that expansions of these nonconforming lots is prohibited. This amendment was proposed and approved by the Planning Board.

2. Common area requirements for condominium conversions [Article 3, Amendment 2]

This amendment requires that 90 percent of the parcel area, except land designated for parking, be reserved as common area in condominium conversions involving detached dwellings. This amendment was proposed and approved by the Planning Board.

3. Retirement Community Developments (RCDs) [Article 3, Amendment 3]

This item will encourage the construction of small residential neighborhoods in Rye designed to meet the needs of people 62 years of age and over. An RCD may be located in any zoning district, except for the Rye Beach Precinct.

It will allow a minimum of eight dwelling units, but not more than 16 dwelling units, on a minimum lot of 10 acres. A bonus may be allowed to raise the total number of units up to 22 if the developer prices 15 percent of the units as affordable. This amendment was proposed by and approved by the Planning Board.

4. Golf courses in the Single Residence District (By Petition) [Article 3, Amendment 4]

This amendment, which is by petition, has been **disapproved** by the Planning Board. It would remove the amendment passed in 1999 which allowed golf courses as a permitted use in the SR district.

If you would like further information on these proposed amendments, please come by Town hall for copies of the full amendments or e-mail sued@town.rye.nh.us for an electronic copy. See you on voting day!

Update on Webster at Breakfast Hill. The Planning Board has kicked off the special committee that will do an in-depth evaluation of the zoning change proposed to allow the expansion and continued presence of Webster in Rye. This committee will report back to the Planning Board by September 1, 2006 with information to allow an informed decision on subsequent possible zoning changes for a continuing care retirement community in Rye.

Bob Brown
Chairman, Rye Planning Board

Selectmen's Message

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might be necessary while this building is still our primary place of business. Our Town's history of occupancy of this building has been one of integrity and protection. Today, despite the need for space that has come to all towns as the result of growth and the computer age, the beautiful front staircases, the tin ceiling on the second floor and the stage, complete with its proscenium arch, are all still intact. While on its face, acceptance to the registries imposes no restrictions; one selling point is that the Town can apply for restoration and maintenance grants. It is the belief of the Board that the limitations come with acceptance of state and/or federal funding.

Article 14. (By petition) asked voters to establish a Heritage Commission. Following lively discussion, this article was amended to see if the town will vote **to study** establishment of a Heritage Commission.

Article 15. (By petition) asks Selectmen to allow broadcast of town news on Comcast's local public cable channel. Our Communications Committee, co-chaired by Susan Rizkalla and Michael Schwartz, has been seeking to diversify the means available for you to become informed about municipal meetings, special events and deadlines. This must not place a burden on Town Hall employees. If voters agree to give this proposal a try, it will be put in place and updated by the Committee. No money is requested in the budget for this project.

Earlier this year, the Selectmen, with the assistance of Drew Doherty, approved a Web Site Policy. We also appointed Drew as Rye's Website Director. As a volunteer, Drew has provided us with an invaluable service for a number of years. The Communications Committee will only place items on Channel 22 that have been approved for the Rye Web Site and they will be aired at specified times in a continuous loop, probably two or three times each day. When

Rye news is being aired, Portsmouth transmission will not be seen.

Under our current franchise, Comcast is obligated to allow the Town of Rye to broadcast over the public channel. The reason for the Warrant Article is that the obligation cannot be activated until special equipment is purchased to include a computer and scheduler to receive our information and time the Rye broadcasts. Comcast must make this one-time purchase in order to insure compatibility with their equipment. If approved, 9 cents will be added to the bill of every Rye cable user each month for 30 months, a total of \$2.70.

Article 16. (By petition) If approved, this article will deliver via e-mail the same information as Article 15.

Emergency Management Update

On December 29, 2005, the Selectmen received the resignation of Mark Zartarian as Rye's Director of Emergency Management effective at noon on December 30, 2005.

Aware of an Emergency Management exercise scheduled for January, it was imperative that the opening be filled immediately. Police Chief Alan Gould was asked to serve as Acting Director of Emergency Management and he accepted this responsibility effective January 1, 2006.

On January 23rd, the Board appointed Fire Chief Rich O'Brien as Deputy Director of Emergency Management. Kenneth Moynahan continues to serve as a Deputy Director. These appointments provide the Town with strong emergency management team leadership that includes both full time employees and residents of the community.

Planning/Zoning Administrator Resigns

The resignation of Planning/Zoning Administrator John Elsdon, effective Friday, February 17, 2006, was received and accepted with regret on February 6. John has

worked diligently on Rye's behalf during his time with us.

House Numbering

It has come to our attention that currently many properties in our town do not have house numbers displayed in a manner that provides "at a glance" identification for emergency purposes. **In a true emergency, every second counts.** Please ask yourself: Can my house number be seen from the street both **day and night**? Is the number at a location that police, fire apparatus, or ambulance driver would expect to see it? Is it large enough and legible enough (script is often difficult to read from the street)? If the number has been in place for a long time, have bushes or trees grown in to obstruct it from view?

If you have questions with regard to appropriate size or placement, please contact the fire station for assistance.

Recycling in Rye Is Mandatory

Several trends appear to be driving the cost upward for the disposal of our collective trash. Tonnage of recyclables is down somewhat, perhaps the result of numerous manufacturers switching from glass containers to plastic. Cost of disposal is up. The tipping fee at Turnkey has taken another jump. Fuel cost to transport is another factor. It appears that a number of households have cancelled their commercial haulers in favor of coming to the Recycling Center. But some residents may not realize that recycling is mandatory. This may also be the case for those who have recently moved to Rye. In addition, certain items such as TVs, computers, appliances, and other household items not only do not go into the packer but also require a disposal fee. **Protect your right to use the recycling area;** ask if you are uncertain.

Preparation of your recyclables will save you and your fellow recy-

See Selectmen, page 8

Mosquito Control Report

There is increased awareness in the Town of Rye and other coastal communities this year with regard to mosquito control because of the rising threat of mosquito transmitted illnesses such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). State and local authorities will be monitoring the situation to inform residents as to the proper precautions. The 2006 Rye Mosquito Control budget request has been increased to reflect the cost of additional inspections, monitoring, and treatments related to the threat of EEE and WNV.

The Town of Rye is in an advantageous position with regard to mosquito control for several reasons. Rye already has an established mosquito control program that has been very effective. Municipal Pest Management has successfully provided services to Rye for several years. The owner of the company, Mike Morrison, has the professional training and more than twenty years of experience to make him uniquely qualified for the job.

Because Rye has been proactive and adopted a well-managed mosquito control program we have the opportunity to partner with Ducks Unlimited and the NH Coastal Program. Working with these organizations will enable the Rye Mosquito Control Commission to develop a long-term Wetlands Management Program.

Why is wetlands management an important part of mosquito control?

Effective wetlands management can significantly reduce the size of mosquito breeding sites. If the marsh no longer is an important breeding site it no longer needs to be treated, thus saving time and money. Our neighbors in Greenland have recently benefited from this type of program.

What is wetlands management?

The primary goals of wetlands management are restoring pool habitat, eliminating invasive plant species,

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clers time at the facility. In advance, separate the newspapers from glossy ads, cut or collapse the cardboard, and sort colored glass if you have a large amount. Those behind you in line will appreciate your efforts.

The bottom line is that due to the diligence of those using the recycling area, many hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved over the years. Periodically, it is necessary for each of us to renew our efforts by becoming aware of new opportunities for recycling, revisiting household organization for recycling, and reminding family and informing guests that **recycling is mandatory in Rye**.

Priscilla Jenness, Chairman
Joe Mills, Vice Chairman
Craig Musselman, Selectman

and reducing the need to larvacide salt marsh sites. Restoring pool habitat allows minnows, which consume over 90 percent of the mosquito larvae, to become permanent inhabitants of the marsh. Eliminating invasive plant species (Phragmites) that cause water stagnation reduces standing water in which mosquitoes breed. These methods are effective and their beneficial results are well-documented.



LARVAL SURVEYS BEGIN IN APRIL

Starting the first week of April, the town's contractor for mosquito control, Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc., will begin surveying the stages of mosquito larvae in marshes and standing water areas. These surveys determine when treatment of mosquito breeding sites should begin. Residents who have concerns about standing water and mosquito breeding sites are urged to notify the Mosquito Commission by calling the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523.

Rye Town Museum Opening Schedule Announced

The Rye Town Museum will open for the season the first weekend in May—Saturday, May 6. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A new exhibit will recall the Rye Bi-Centennial celebration of 30 years ago. Does anyone have slides, photos, or memorabilia from that summer that they would like to share, on loan, for this summer? Please call Alex at 964-9079 or Bonnie at 436-5101. "Summering in Rye—Over a Century by the Sea"—an exhibit of hotels and boarding houses—continues to be in place at the Museum. Be sure to plan a visit.

Does anyone have aerial photos of Rye? Especially from 1977. Call the above numbers or bring them to the Museum when it is open. We would like to make copies for the archives.

Watch for a special Antiques Day this summer to benefit the Museum. More details in the next Newsletter.

Rye Historical Society

Why do we need wetlands management?

Healthy coastal wetlands are productive ecosystems that are home to hundreds of animal and plant species. Traditional wetlands conservation efforts at restricting development and illegal filling alone cannot save or fix degraded salt marshes. Salt marshes are sensitive living systems that have been compromised by decades of unwise and unregulated human activity. The Town of Rye needs to do its part by developing a Wetlands Management Program with a clear set of goals and priorities. The Rye Mosquito Control Commission is actively partnering with the Rye Conservation Commission, Ducks Unlimited, and the NH Coastal Program in the development of a plan.

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Tom Aspinwall, Chairman

Town Clerk Warning

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regulations such as we're all coping with at banks, our doctors' offices, and at the pharmacy. So while we'd like to be helpful, we are now prevented from researching that information. Keep in mind, this applies to vehicles you want to register or obtain a beach parking permit for.

Election. The Town Election is Tuesday, March 14. Polls are at the Elementary School on Sagamore Road and are open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at this office for any voter who cannot get to the polls on Election Day. A sample ballot is included in this newsletter.

Dogs. It's time to license your dog! Stop by our office with the dog's up-to-date rabies certificate. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.50; non-neutered dogs are \$9.00. Puppies can be licensed for \$6.50. Dog owners over 65 years of age are able to license one dog at a reduced price of \$2.00. The deadline for getting your pet licensed is April 30.

Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feel free to call us with any questions at 964-8562.

Jane Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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

Historic District Commission Presents Shield to North Hampton 7th Graders for White Island

Forty years ago the Historic District Commission was created by town vote, on petition of Elizabeth A. Green. Norman C. Kent served as the first chairman of a seven-member commission appointed by the Selectmen. The District, which includes the town center, has since been expanded to include the Brackett Massacre Site, the NH Isles of Shoals, and the Cable House.

Historic areas are fragile. Preservation of any historic site requires the active participation of its citizenry. These areas are community treasures and should be protected from development and growth that could alter the entire seacoast forever.

A shield has been given to the seventh grade Lighthouse Kids in North Hampton School. This shield identifies that White Island is a part of Rye. It will be placed at the lighthouse this spring. It is through the efforts of sev-



White Island lighthouse

enth grade students over the past few years that the lighthouse has been restored and saved. Sue Reynolds, the North Hampton teacher who directed the efforts of her students in this remarkable project, is a resident of Rye.

A similar shield was erected on Star Island in 2005.

HDC meetings are scheduled as needed. The meetings are legally posted at the Library, Town Hall, and Post Office. Public input is welcome.

Jane Holway
Chairman

Annual Catch Basin Cleaning to Start May 1

Early in May, trucks will be coming through Rye for the annual cleaning of the catch basins. Catch basins are the openings in the roads that allow rainwater to drain into the underground storm drain system, so it's very important to keep them in good working order.

- They are a vital part of the Town's emergency network to prevent flooding.
- Clogged basins attract rodents and insects.
- Clean basins mean cleaner rivers, streams, and ocean.

Here are some ways you can help:

Don't litter on town roads or into catch basins.
Don't over-water lawn and garden and be careful with pesticides.
Sweep driveways and sidewalks—
Never use a hose.
Pick up after your pets.
Wash cars on grass or gravel surfaces.
Report trash dumping on town roads. Call 964-5300.
Remove leaves from the top of a catch basin.

Remember, . . . storm drains are for rainwater only!

Everett (Bud) Jordan
Director of Public Works

TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPRING NEWS

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Spring 2006



SPRING SIGN-UP, MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

RYE RECREATION MODULAR, 55 RECREATION ROAD, RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

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



Rye Art in Bloom - Join the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, the Rye Art Study Group and Webster at Rye for Rye's own Art in Bloom. This

spectacular display of flower arrangements interpreting selected works of art will be held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Rd. on Friday, April 7, 2006, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 8, 2006, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages.

Sea Chantey Singers will entertain you

while you learn how the early ships were sailed to the old tunes of the chanteyman's rhymes and verses. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages.



From Sea to Shinning Sea Part II:

The Mississippi River to the Liberty



Bell is a slide show presented by Dreams Unlimited's Michael Perry. Join us for the inspiring conclusion to a 4,000 mile bike journey across America. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Thursday, March 30, 2006, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages.

Adult Group Golf Lessons instruction is

provided by Brian O'Hearn, PGA Pro. These co-ed lessons will be held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine.

Session 1, Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2006, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Session 2, Wednesdays, May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2006, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$100.00 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.



Adult Pick-Up Basketball is held Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Rye Elementary School. **No charge**



Arts & Crafts instruction is provided by

Amanda Breton, Assistant Program Director for the Recreation Department. Participants will learn how to create fun and unique crafts. This program will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006, Preschool 3-4 yrs, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., Grades K-2, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Grades 3-5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Fee: \$25.00



After School Program

The current After School Program

for the 2005 - 2006 school year 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. Details regarding program offerings for the 2006 - 2007 school year have not been determined at this time. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 964-6281.



Town of Rye MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Central Cemetery

(beside Rye Town Hall)

Monday, May 29, 2006

9:00 a.m.



Core Moves (Pilates)

instruction is provided by Kirsten lafolia. Pilates helps lengthen and strengthen muscles, improves body alignment and encourages 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.

Mondays, April 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 2006, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, April 12, 19, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2006, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Fridays, April 14, 21, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2006, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m. or 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Fee: \$96.00 (8 classes)



Yoga is designed to link breath and movement; connecting body, mind and spirit. Find inner peace by relaxing the mind and building strength and flexibility to the body. No prior yoga experience necessary. These adult classes will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road.

Instructor, Karin Backstrom: Tuesdays, April 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2006, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fee: \$88.00 (8 classes)

Instructor, Dana Lincoln: Mondays, April 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 2006, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and/or Wednesdays, April 12, 19, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2006, 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. and/or Thursdays, April 13, 20, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2006, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$88.00 (8 classes) or \$154.00 (16 classes) or \$220.00 (24 classes)

Please note: The two classes above are taught with an athletic approach for an invigorating yoga experience.



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.

Mondays, April 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 2006, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and/or Thursdays, April 13, 20, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2006, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$96.00 (8 classes) or \$168.00 (16 classes)



The Hershey's Track and Field

Youth Program is designed to introduce children between the ages of nine and fourteen to physical fitness (age is as of December 31, 2006). The Rye Recreation preparation program is directed by Janet Stevens, competitive runner and coach. The program teaches basic running, jumping and throwing skills. Participants will prepare for the Hershey's Regional Track and Field Meet on Thursday, June 29, 2006, Spaulding High School, Rochester. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 15, 17, 22, 24, 31, June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, 2006, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50

Group Tennis Lessons provided by John Marlowe at the New Castle Recreation Facility.



Session 1, Tuesdays, March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2006
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, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2006
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, May 2, 16, 23, 30, 2006
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, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2006
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.

To Register for Programs: Complete Rye Recreation Department Registration Form indicating specific program(s). If paying by check, make it payable to Rye Recreation. Submit both registration form and payment to the Town of Rye Recreation Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. Forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Town Hall or at the Recreation Department M-Thurs., 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable and offered to all Rye and New Castle residents. For more information contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281. **ACTIVE, ALIVE AND LIVING IN RYE!**

TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER NEWS

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Summer 2006



SUMMER SIGN-UP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

RYE RECREATION MODULAR, 55 RECREATION RD.

RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

Registration is limited to a first come, first serve basis and will not be accepted prior to sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m. Non-resident registration will be accepted after April 26th, 2006.



FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER SIGN-UP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

RYE RECREATION MODULAR, 55 RECREATION RD.

RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

Deadline for registering is July 31, 2006.

Late Fee of \$25 will be applied to registrations received after the deadline.



JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, 2006, PARSON'S FIELD

6:30 p.m., Activities Start; 7:00 p.m., The Jim & Karrie Show; Dusk, Fireworks by Jack Tobey & Crew

WEATHER PERMITTING - NO RAIN DATE

SUMMERTIME HORIZONS DAY CAMP

is a thematically-based day camp for youth entering grades K-6.

This year's camp runs June 26th through August 18th. The Camp Director is Jonathan Carleton, B.S. 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.

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 1, June 26 - June 30, Kids in the Kitchen

It's all about food this week! Creating fruit smoothies to ice cream.

Learning your way around the kitchen and how to make special treats.



Week 2, July 3 - 7, The Road to Rye (No Camp July 4th)

Take a trip that leads you around the world and back to Rye in just one week! We will visit places like South America, Australia, and Asia!



Week 3, July 10 - 14, Radical Reptiles

Lizards, turtles and snakes, oh my! Examine the different types of reptiles and learn what makes them so special.



Week 4, July 17 - 21, Carnival Circus Magic

Enjoy the fun and magic of the carnival all week long, play games and perform magic tricks. Come join the amusements we have in store for you.



Week 5, July 24 - 28, Happy Holidays

We are taking a year's worth of holidays and packing them into just one week! Join us for everything from the 4th of July to Thanksgiving.



Week 6, July 31 - August 4, Kids Creations

A week full of the best arts and crafts for everyone to do! Express yourself creatively and artistically throughout the week.



Week 7, August 7 - 11, The Great Outdoors

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



Week 8, August 14 - 18, Stars on Stage

Everyone is seeing stars this week! Creating plays and musical numbers is just part of the fun. Show off your talent at the end of the week in a big show.



POTTERY CLASSES are instructed by Jessica Dickey, B.A. in Studio Art, M.Ed. Beginning Pottery: Learn the basics of handbuilt pottery including pinch, coil and slab building. Pottery Workshop: Take the skills learned in Beginning Pottery (prerequisite) to the next level. Held at either Rye Elementary or Junior High School. Limited space available.

Week 1, June 26, - June 30

Entering Grades 1-3, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Beginning Pottery

Entering Grades 4-6, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Beginning Pottery

Week 2, July 10 - 14

Entering Grades 7-9, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Beginning Pottery

Entering Grades 10-12, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Beginning Pottery



Week 3, July 17 - 21

Entering Grades 7-12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pottery Workshop

Entering Grades 1-3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Beginning Pottery

Week 4, July 24 - 28

Entering Grades 4-6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Beginning Pottery

Entering Grades 1-6, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Pottery Workshop

Beginning Pottery Fee:

Entering Grades 1-3: \$100/wk residents, \$110/wk non-residents

Entering Grades 4-12: \$150/wk residents, \$160/wk non-residents

Pottery Workshop Fee:

Entering Grades 1-12: \$150/wk residents, \$160/wk non-residents

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 27, 28, 29, July 5, 6, 7* (T, W, Th.) *July 7 is a Friday
 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 - 6:00 p.m.
 Session 2, July 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 (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 - 6:00 p.m.
 Session 3, July 25, 26, 27, August 1, 2, 3, (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 - 6:00 p.m.
 Session 4, August 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 (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 - 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 17-21

4-5 yrs, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Soccer Tots
Entering Grades 1-2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Soccer Tots
Entering Grades 3-4, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	World Cup
Entering Grades 5-8, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Advanced Training

Week 2, July 24-28

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

ADULT YOGA is designed to link breath and movement, connecting body, mind and spirit. Find inner peace by relaxing the mind and building strength and flexibility to the body. Held at the Rye Library.



Instructor, Jeanie Ryan: Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$82.50 per session, residents/non-residents

Instructor, Karin Backstrom: Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Instructor, Dana Lincoln: Wednesday, July 12, 19, August 2, 9, 16, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Please note: Wednesdays class is taught with an athletic approach.

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

BASKETBALL CAMP instruction is provided by Brett and Dan 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 26 - June 30

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

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

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

Week 2, July 3 - 7 (Camp is held on July 4)

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

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

Week 3, July 10 - 14

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 17 - 21

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

BASEBALL CAMP instruction is provided



by David Adam, 10 year Pro Pitcher. Learn basic skills from the beginner to the advance player.

This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road. Participants should bring snack & drink each day. Prior to arrival each day apply bug spray and sunscreen. Limited space available.

June 26 - 30 Entering Grades 2-7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150/wk residents, \$160/wk non-residents

* Fee includes T-shirt

VOLLEYBALL CAMP instruction is provided by



Mike Ferguson, RJH Coach. This co-ed camp will be held at Rye Junior High. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Limited space available. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

July 24 - 28 Entering Grades 5-6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

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

* Fee includes T-shirt

RED CROSS BABYSITTER COURSE



provides you with the skills you need to be a great babysitter. Instruction is provided by Beck Geer and held at the Rye Library. For ages 11 and up. Participants should bring lunch, snack & drink. Limited space available.

Saturday, June 24, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50 residents/non-residents

Happenings at the Rye Public Library

Monthly Book Discussion—Every Third Tuesday at 7 p.m.

- March 21 *The Ginger Tree* by Oswald Wynd
 April 18 *Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant
 May 16 *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder

Military Book Discussion—Every First Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Film Discussion—Every fourth Monday at 1 p.m.

- March 27 **Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress:** a movie with a seductive narrative flow and humane, sympathetic performances.
- April 24 **The Tunnel:** the film portrays the devastating, life-altering hardships and restrictions that the residents of the divided Berlin endured.
- May 22 **Kings and Queens,** like poetry, this rich and suggestive film is about people trying to cope with their lives and attempting to grasp and articulate what seems beyond expression.

Monthly Health Clinic by Compass Care—Every Fourth Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

March 28 April 25 May 23

- Blood pressure checks, medications review
- Help with managing diabetes and other chronic illnesses
- Lifestyle changes—exercise, nutrition, stress management

Knitting Assistance with Mary Smith every Wednesday at 10 by the fireplace



Our knitters meet every Wednesday morning here at the Library and sit by the fireplace. Mary Smith arrives at 10 a.m. and is joined by anyone who wants help with their knitting or just wants some company while knitting. Pictured are from left to right, Laura Walsh, Mary Smith, Jean Bell, and Sheila Staveley.

Rye Reflections, an online publication, is produced and directed at the Library **every Thursday afternoon** at 1 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Editor Jack Driscoll invites new writers to join the group. Call the Library at 964-8401.

FREE Tax Help: VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provides FREE tax help. Volunteers help people with basic tax returns. **Tuesdays** from 2 to 6 p.m.

FRIENDS SPEAKER SERIES continues with

A Visit with the McClure Family Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

"What is the biggest lesson this family of four learned after a year spent trekking through far off lands, surviving a tsunami, sleeping in tents, hostels and pensiones the world over?" (*Portsmouth Herald* 7/31/2005) Come meet the McClures and discover the answer to this question and more. They will pay us a visit and bring their slides from their 365-day adventure around the world, budgeting \$100 per day for the whole family.

WHAT IS HOME? A Visit with Mimi White—
Portsmouth Poet Laureate

Come join members of our community to explore the question "What Is Home?" We will write, share, and discover what it is that makes us feel like home. Everyone is welcome. Bring the family and come to share your feelings about home.

Wednesday April 19 6:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Committee invites everyone to come see the art currently exhibited in the Community Meeting Room entitled "Winter in New Hampshire" through the end of March.

CALL FOR ART

Seacoast artists are invited to participate in the next art display, "**Fiber Arts**," which may include any type of art using fabric material, yarn, or thread. The exhibit will run from **April 3 to June 30**. Examples of fiber art include, but are not limited to, the following: batik, hooked rugs, quilts, needlepoint, weaving, embroidery, tatting, etc. Applications may be picked up at the Library and are also available on the Library website at www.rye.lib.nh.us.

SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer Basics using XP Apr 6, 13, 20, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Beginning Word Processing using MS Word Apr 6, 13, 20, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

Intermediate Word Processing May 9, 16, 23, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Digital Photography May 11, 18, 25, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Using Adobe Photoshop Elements 4.0 May 11, 18, 25, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

Sponsored by The Friends of the Rye Public Library

Happenings at the Rye Public Library

QUILTS QUILTS QUILTS

New Hampshire Quilt Documentation—Saturday, May 20, 9:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee in conjunction with the Fiber Arts exhibit. Bring your antique quilt to the Library. Appointments for appraisals will be necessary.

Please call: Claire Russo at 436-4951 or Carol Poitras at 659-6559

New Hampshire Quilt Documentation Project Phase 2 (NHQDP11) has undertaken a survey of all quilts in the state of New Hampshire. The organizers have chosen to include quilts made before the quilt revival of the 1976 US Bicentennial. They will then identify quilts made in NH and research the stories of the quilts and their makers. Planned outcomes include a book about NH quilts and their makers and an exhibit or series of exhibits of significant NH quilts. The archives of the project will be placed in a public institution accessible to future researchers. (Appraisal services are available at Documentation days for a separate evaluation at an extra fee, normally \$35-40.) **There is no charge** for the historic documentation service, but there is a \$5 fee for a photocopy of the documentation and a photograph.

For more information: www.nhquilt.doc.org

DID YOU KNOW!

If we don't have the library material you need, we can borrow it.

If you can't get into the Library, we can deliver materials.

If you have a long commute to work, we have books on CD/cassette.

If you don't want to pay for renting DVDs, we have a wonderful collection.

If your eyes can't read fine print, we have **LARGE PRINT** books.

If you want to visit a museum, the Friends provide discounted/free passes.

Our hours have changed and we're open every day at 9 a.m.!

Monday—Wednesday—Friday 9 to 5

Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 8

Saturday 9 to 3

Please visit us at our website: www.rye.lib.nh.us

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Homework help and board/card game time—

TUESDAYS at 3 p.m.

Story times for all ages—**WEDNESDAYS** at 10:30 a.m.

Friday Flicks for ages 9 and up—**FRIDAYS** at 3 p.m.

Week-long Make and Take Crafts

MARCH 19-24—Spring Things

APRIL 24-29—Vaca Make a Craft

MAY 8-13—Gift for Mom

Teen Craft program, third **WEDNESDAY** of each month—sign up at the desk

MARCH 15—Soap Carving

APRIL 19—Journal Sketchbook Creations

MAY 17—Wind Socks

YATTITUDES book discussions, second **THURSDAY** of each month

MARCH 9 @ RPL

APRIL 13 @ RJH

MAY 11 @ RPL

Enjoy our new kid-size table, play place tent, children's computer games, online research resources, new board books, teen fiction and picture books, reading and voting for your favorite Ladybug, Great Stone Face, Isinglass, and Flume Award books, over 30 current magazine titles, listening to a growing collection of DVDs, music, books on CD, and even feeding the fish!

Look forward to afternoon story times, school fliers with library program info, kids' artwork on the walls, guest performers, the annual Talent show, and the "Treasure Reading" Summer Reading Program!

NEED A LIBRARY CARD? WE'LL MEET YOU AT THE POLLS ON THE 14TH!



Police Department Members Are Active in Other Town Affairs Also

As you may know, most of my time is now spent at Town Hall as the Acting Town Administrator. Lieutenant Kevin Walsh has been appointed as the "Officer in Charge" of the Police Department. With Kevin's experience and commitment to the Town there will be no change in the level of service the Police Department is providing to the community.

You may not know that your Police Department is active in the schools. Through the cooperation of the



Officer Heather Porciello speaks with students.

school principals, Sgt. Scott Blaisdell and Officer Heather Porciello present a program to grades 1 through 8. The curriculum is "age appropriate" and includes topics such as risk taking, drug/alcohol use, Internet safety, and respect for family. We feel this partnership is important for the community.

We are seeing an increase in burglaries and thefts from vehicles throughout the Seacoast. Rye has been no exception. Nearly all of the crimes have occurred at night involving **homes and cars with unlocked doors**. We have a very safe community but ask everyone to do their part by **locking their doors**.

Parents of middle school and high school students may be shocked to see what their children or children's peers are posting to a website called "myspace.com". You will have to take a minute to set up a profile that will then allow you to check out the site. If you are not inclined to check it out yourself, the topic could provide some interesting dinner conversation!

Respectfully,
Alan S. Gould
Chief of Police

Fire Department Reminds Residents to Watch for the "Invisible Killer"

The Rye Fire Department would like to remind all residents to re-familiarize themselves with the "Invisible Killer"—carbon monoxide. During the winter months when we use our furnaces and heating units, the risk of being exposed to deadly carbon monoxide gases increases. Carbon monoxide is a byproduct of fossil fuel (wood, oil, gas, gasoline, kerosene) combustion. It is colorless, odorless, and poisonous. The gas enters the body through the lungs where it's delivered to the bloodstream. Carbon monoxide prevents the blood from carrying and using oxygen properly—starving the body's brain and organs.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning begin with flu-like symptoms (but without fever or runny nose). Symptoms may include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

If you feel you have been exposed to carbon monoxide, get to fresh air immediately. Call 9-1-1, or if you are unsure if you have been exposed to the poisonous gas, you can call either the Northern New England Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 or the fire station at 964-6411.

The best way to protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning is through detection and prevention. Every structure that is heated with a furnace that burns fossil fuels should have a carbon monoxide detector installed. Always install the units according to manufacturer's recommendations AND in a location where it will be heard by occupants that may be asleep. You can prevent carbon monoxide from entering your home by ensuring that all appliances and heating systems are installed and serviced by professionals, and by having your furnace and chimney cleaned and inspected annually.

The Rye Fire Department is proud to announce the promotion of two of its employees. Ronald Hordon and Jeffery DiBartolomeo have been promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. The latest promotions are in keeping with our mission and vision to ensure that the community can receive prompt, high-level service regardless of the time of day or night. Once again, I would like to thank the town residents for their continued support of a Fire Department they can be proud of.

Richard S. O'Brien
Fire Chief

Town of Rye Board Meetings

March 2006

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 4:30 pm Long Range Planning 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	2	3	4
5	6 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	7 7 pm Recreation Commission	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 8 am-7 pm TOWN ELECTION Rye Elementary 9 am Sewer Comm. 7 pm Planning Board	15 4:30 pm Long Range Planning 6:00 pm School Board, RJH	16 7 pm Conservation Commission	17	18
19	20 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 7 pm Technical Review Comm.	29	30	31	

April 2006

2 Daylight Savings Time begins	3 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	4 7 pm Recreation Commission	5 4:30 pm Long Range Planning 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	6	7	8
9	10	11 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	12 Passover begins at sundown	13	14	15
16 Easter	17 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	18	19 4:30 pm Long Range Planning 6:00 pm School Board, RJH	20 7 pm Conservation Commission	21	22
23	24	25 7 pm Technical Review Comm.	26	27	28	29

May 2006

30	1 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	2 7 pm Recreation Commission	3 4:30 pm Long Range Planning 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	4	5	6
7	8	9 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	16	17 4:30 pm Long Range Planning 6:00 pm School Board, RJH	18 7 pm Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Town offices closed	30 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen 7 pm Technical Review Comm.	31	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.		

Library Trustees, first Tuesday of each month
6:30 pm at the Library

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

Rye Senior SERVE: Community Responds, New Van to Transport Seniors Is Already in Operation

The new senior van is a reality. It was put into service in February, and the riders and drivers love it.

Special thanks to our major sponsors: Rye Lions Club, Mark H. Wentworth Home, Shanley Realtors, and Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Thanks also to the many smaller donations received from members of the community. In the end, we had just enough money to buy and register the van, so without just one of those donations the project would have fallen short. Port City Nissan has very generously offered to service the van for the next five years at no cost to Rye Senior SERVE.

The van will be lettered in the next few weeks. If you would like us to drive your senior group of six or more on an outing, please call Alan Gould at Town Hall, 964-5523, to make arrangements.

A resource book on small senior developments is available for perusal at the Rye Public Library's main desk. Materials gathered from daytrip visits to nearby communities have been organized for viewing by SERVE's Housing Committee as part of its research leading to the Planning Board's proposed proposed zoning amendment that's on the March 14 ballot. It calls for the enabling of senior housing on sites of approximately 10 acres.

Originally called the Land Use Committee, SERVE's housing group was the product of the June, 2002, Rye Visioning Session.

You're 65 years old or older. You live alone. Or you have a relative or friend who meets that description. Have we got a deal for you! And it's free. Rye Senior SERVE has volunteer callers at the ready to make daily reassurance phone calls every

Consider the Building Department in Planning Spring Projects

Now that Spring is upon us and thoughts turn to landscaping, pools, sheds, and fences, don't forget to come in and share your excitement with us! You need a building permit for all of the above, and the patio surrounding your in-ground pool counts as a "structure" and needs to meet setbacks too! The fence around the pool (above and in-ground) needs to be at least 5 feet high and erected prior to the water being put in your pool.

When you are planning your plantings, make sure you are aware of where your property line is. And no, it is not to the edge of the pavement. Your property line is generally 25 feet from the centerline of your road. Although we appreciate you trying to make the town right-of-way more beautiful with your plants, it is town property and your efforts may be damaged by the snowplows in the winter. But thanks in advance for maintaining and mowing the town right-of-way. All efforts towards making our town beautiful is appreciated.

When planning your spring project, prioritize three things: zoning, zoning, and zoning. Once you discover zoning is okay, check your septic plans. Hopefully we have these plans for you to review in the office. Otherwise, you will need to prepare some new ones before a building permit can be issued, if additional living space is part of your project.

Bathrooms in basements sound convenient, but can wreak havoc on your septic system. State law requires that the injector pump, which

is typically required in basement bathrooms to pump the sewage into your septic tank, be connected into a septic tank with twice the volume otherwise required. You can also just add another septic tank or compartmentalize the existing tank.

And for all the commercial businesses out there, any change in the use or tenant requires permission from this office! We have a form you can complete that will be reviewed for compliance. This step was created to avoid cluttering the Planning Board with simple, straightforward applications. However, we may decide your new tenant or use does not comply with zoning or does require a site plan review by the Planning Board. Please do not assume your new tenant will be permitted.

New, changed, and refaced signs all need permits. We have a new sign permit application that clearly states the zoning rules, including political signs. You do not need a permit from us for political signs; they just need to be on placed on private property with the property owner's permission.

Remember, the town right-of-way is owned by the town and we do not give permission for political signs. Also, Foyes Corner is a magnet for signs but the majority of the land with the ability to support a sign is private property, including the parking area located to the east of Foyes Corner, and you must get the owner's permission prior to placing a sign there. Last year the corner became cluttered with signs. We all need to be respectful of private property owners.

General questions can be addressed through Sue Dunfey, Office Assistant. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 12:00. The afternoons are reserved for inspections, appointments, and research. Thank you for your cooperation and we all hope you enjoy the upcoming season!

The Building Department

morning—365 days of the year—to Rye seniors. If you make one phone call—to Tricia Quinn at 964-8401—we will set the system in motion to make daily calls. The program operates in conjunction with the Rye Police to help assure the well-being of seniors living alone.

Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Water District to Hold Annual Meeting

The Rye Water District's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25 at the Rye Junior High School at 10:00 a.m.

Items planned for the agenda include:

—warrant articles to raise and appropriate the sums of:

- \$50,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established for the purpose of replacing the District's existing distribution system's buildings and equipment.
- \$5,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established to meet the costs of unanticipated expenses during the fiscal year.
- \$5,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established for the purpose of purchase, repair, modification, or replacement of equipment and buildings that support operation of the water distribution system.

—election of a Commissioner (3-year term).

—to see if the District will vote to raise funds to defray the Water District charges for the ensuing year.

Projects

In 2006 we are planning to improve service on Odiorne Drive by replacing the existing water main and extending a new section of water main to the end of the street.

Rye Water District

Assessing Department Discusses Valuation and Exemptions

The spring tax bills will be in the mail around May. 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, 2006. Also included will be revisions to update or correct data implemented by 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 commences upon receipt of the Fall tax bill up to March 1, 2007.

The Assessing office reminds property owners who appealed their 2005 valuation and filed an abatement application by March 1, 2006 that the Town has until July 1, 2006 to respond. If dissatisfied with the decision, you have until September 1, 2006 to file further with either the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Rockingham County Superior Court. Local appeal must have been made first in order to later file with the state or court.

The State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) has commenced its independent review of the Town's Assessing Department compliance with equalization standards and practices in January and February 2006. A sampling of properties had been randomly selected by the DRA to be remeasured and reinspected for accuracy. This process has been completed and the results are pending. The DRA procedure is separate from the four-year cyclical review being conducted by the Town.

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, 2006. 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 (5) years. Income limitations are \$40,000.00 for a single person, \$59,900.00 for married and total assets not in excess of \$199,000.00 exclusive of the residence. You do not have to apply anew each year.

The values and property information are available to you online. It is updated three 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

CLIP AND SAVE

AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

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

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

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly.

DO NOT HANG UP until you are sure that your message has been understood.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....	964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....	964-9800
Cemetery Superintendent.....	964-6777
Library.....	964-8401
Public Works.....	964-5300
Public Works Director/EMERGENCY (Home).....	964-8263
Recreation.....	964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....	964-5300
Selectmen.....	964-5523
Sewer Commission.....	964-6815
Town Administrator.....	964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....	964-8562
Treasurer.....	964-8562
Welfare, Overseer of Public.....	964-5523

My Voting Notes

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector,
3 years (1)

Treasurer, 3 years (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (1)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Budget Committee, 3 years
(2)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist,
6 years (1)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years (1)

Article 3.

Amendment 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 2. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 3. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 4. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 4. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 5. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 6. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 7. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 8. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 9. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 10. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 11. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 12. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 13. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 14. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 15. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 16. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 17. ☐Yes ☐No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School District Moderator (1)

School Board Member (1)

School District Clerk (1)

Article 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 2. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 3. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 4. ☐Yes ☐No

ELECTION DAY, March 14

Vote at the Elementary
School on Sagamore Road.

Polls are open from
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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