



Town of Rye

Newsletter



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On May 28 at 9 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at the Central Cemetery. See Page 4 for details.

Town Clerk: Licenses, Permits, and Taxes Becoming Due

Dog Licenses are required each year between January 1 and April 30. If you haven't yet registered your dog, please stop by our office as soon as possible with proof of the dog's up-to-date rabies inoculation. The cost is \$6.50 for a neutered or spayed animal and \$9.00 for a non-altered dog. Seniors (over 65) can license one dog for a reduced cost of \$2.00. Puppies less than seven months old are \$6.50. Beginning June 1 penalties are added to the cost (\$1.00 for each month overdue). Additionally, after June 1 the law requires us to notify the Police Department of any unlicensed dogs, which means the dog owner could be required to pay a civil forfeiture of \$25.00 per animal.

Beach Parking Permits are on sale at our office at a cost of \$20.00 each. A registration for the vehicle on which the permit is to be placed **must be provided** for each permit requested (one permit per registration). Only Rye residents and/or property owners are eligible to receive Beach Parking Permits. The permits are

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

A Busy Spring for Selectmen

STORM RECOVERY

A BIG "THANK YOU" to those who **did not** drive onto Route 1-A, Ocean Boulevard, to go sightseeing during the Patriot's Day nor'easter. Those who did go down to "see the surf" not only put themselves, their passengers, and their vehicles in jeopardy, but also made repair and damage control much more difficult for emergency responders.

Rye's earliest settlers knew that when astronomically high tides combine with strong northeast winds as they did on April 15-17, one

tide could not fully exit the marshes before the next tidal surge. The result was, is, and will continue to be flooding between the marshes and the shore under these circumstances.

Our Emergency Operations Center was open during this storm and our Emergency Management Team was activated. High winds and branches caused power outages, trees fell on Fern Avenue, and a large pine tree on Big Rock Road crushed a car. The greatest damage was along the shoreline. Rocks, boulders, logs, and floating debris had to be plowed off the Boulevard and the shale pile along the length of Sawyer's Beach, flattened and strewn across the road into Eel Pond by the surf, had to be rebuilt continuously twice each day by the state using heavy equipment.

The cost of this storm to the Town of Rye in overtime, assistance, and cleanup is estimated at \$20,000. On Sunday, April 22, Emergency Management Director Alan Gould guided the FEMA representatives on a tour of our storm-ravaged coastal area. On April 27, President Bush declared Rockingham County a fed-

Town Museum Lists Upcoming Events

EVENTS

- Thursday, June 21 at 6:15 p.m. at the museum:
Steve Clarkson, Rye author of *Patriot's Reward*, about an 18th century Portsmouth slave, will sign books and speak
- July 4, 6 p.m. at the library
Ice cream social followed by a special program before the fireworks
- August (date tba): Second annual Antiques Appraisal Day, watch for publicity!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- Many articles donated by the Goss family, including a 1931 Portsmouth High School graduation picture
- A sea chest belonging to Brackett Berry of Rye dated 1815—acquired at auction

The Museum is now open on Saturdays from 10 to 2.

Alex Herlihy
Rye Historical Society

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eral disaster area, making federal aid available to Rye for damage to infrastructure, including roads and bridges. People with individual damage to their homes are eligible to apply for up to \$28,000 of assistance according to Senator Judd Gregg. The process will be the same as for the Mother's Day Storm flood of 2006.

We applaud the coordinated efforts of our Public Works and Fire and Police Departments during this emergency.

SITE WALKS

The Board of Selectmen deemed several site walks necessary while snow was still on the ground. On May 3, Steve Harding of Oest Engineers was present for a discussion of plans for the reconstruction of the Central Road culvert near Burke's Pond and on-site observation of drainage problems at Douglas Circle in Rye Crest. The Board then did a site walk of the Cable Road sidewalk.

On **Central Road** near the outlet of Burke's Pond, the culvert that allows flow of Cedar Swamp Run from Burke's Pond to Red Mill Lane and Eel Pond, suffered major damage during the 2006 Mother's Day storm and needs to be reconstructed. Although temporary measures were taken immediately to ensure safety, the culvert is scheduled for replacement this summer. This will result in traffic delays. Residents are advised that they will be affected by road closure for a number of days during this process.

The **Douglas Circle** portion of Rye Crest suffers major flooding in heavy rains. The site walk was scheduled in order to determine the most efficient, least expensive means by which this problem can be alleviated.

Who owns the **Cable Road** sidewalk? That has been the question. Photograph documentation indicates construction of the sidewalk early in the 20th century. The Town records hold no mention of action taken or monies expended in this regard. The Jenness Beach Precinct does not have

authority to install or maintain sidewalks. Resident Tom Pearson has researched the sidewalk issue and concludes that it may have been constructed by businesses in order to allow workers on the first Atlantic Cable, housed in boarding houses on Cable Road, to access more easily the store owned by Neil Philbrick on Central Road, which is exactly where the Cable Road sidewalk ends.

The problem is that the sidewalk is in a deteriorating state. Last summer's microburst uprooted a huge tree, the roots of which destroyed a large section of sidewalk. Individuals have cut into and removed or destroyed sections of the sidewalk as they crossed it with driveways. Several sections appear to have sunk while others have cracked due to roots or upheaval by frost. Options are numerous, ranging from removal of the sidewalk to complete restoration, and no decision was made while on site. Once costs have been determined for each option and discussion has been held, a decision will be made.

COMCAST NEGOTIATIONS

The Board was pleased to receive a number of calls from residents willing to serve on the Negotiating Committee with Comcast. Although our current Comcast contract does not expire until June 28, 2009, the process is lengthy and the Board has held one public hearing for input from Rye residents, and committee meetings with Comcast representatives are underway. The Negotiating Committee is composed of the following Rye citizens: Bob Brown, Rick Lewis, Paul Neiman, Ted Papoutsy, Susan Rizkalla, Mike Schwartz, and Town Administrator Alan Gould.

VOLUNTEER ENERGY COMMITTEE

At Town Meeting this year, Rye voters approved a Warrant Article that in part directed the Selectmen to consider the appointment of "a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emis-

sions." In response, the Selectmen intend to form a Rye Energy Committee, with a one-year charge to:

1. Assess current energy use by Town of Rye municipal activities based on currently available information to be provided by Town staff;
2. Evaluate energy conservation and air emission reduction practices recommended by utilities and federal agencies, and in use by other municipalities that may be potentially applicable to the Town of Rye operations;
3. Evaluate and recommend energy conservation and air emission reduction alternatives that might be further considered in detail by the Town of Rye;
4. Evaluate and recommend energy conservation and air emission reduction alternatives that might be considered by individual Rye residents, and recommend actions the Town might take to disseminate information on such alternatives to residents.

The Rye Energy Committee will be requested to complete its deliberations regarding the above charges, with a brief report with recommendations provided to the Board of Selectmen one year after the Committee's formation. It is the Selectmen's initial intent to "sunset" this Committee after completion of its one-year charge, unless the Selectmen vote to continue the Committee with new and different charges.

Some Rye residents have already volunteered to serve on this Committee. The Selectmen request letters of interest from Rye residents interested in serving on the Rye Energy Committee. In addition to those who have general interest in the topics, the Selectmen are particularly interested in encouraging volunteers who have technical knowledge regarding air emissions and reduc-

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tions and volunteers with backgrounds in mechanical or electrical engineering with knowledge regarding energy use and conservation. It is requested that letters of interest be mailed to or dropped off at the Selectmen's office at Town Hall prior to Thursday, June 7.

GREENWAY PROJECT

Late last winter, the Board was asked to submit the name of an individual willing to serve as Rye representative on the Rockingham Planning Commission Advisory Committee for the Greenway Project, a plan to develop an urban Appalachian Trail for bicyclists and pedestrians. Once again, we were delighted with the response from residents. We have appointed David Hickey to serve as Rye representative to the Greenway Project. Donna Ruddy and Sally Baybutt will serve as alternates.

SUMMER'S COMING

Ready or not, summer is coming. Along with sunny days, outdoor recreation, and barbecues come the seasonal issues we all must face.

This is Rye. We are home to both saltwater and freshwater mosquito varieties. Mosquitoes will always be a concern here, but property owners can mitigate the problem by careful observation of their property with an eye to elimination of breeding locations: clogged gutters, stagnant bird baths, unused wading pools and other containers in which water can collect.

Jason Stull, public health veterinarian at the N.H. Dept. of Health and Human Services, has stated that current trends suggest that both EEE and West Nile viruses come in 2- or 3-year cycles. Last season was relatively uneventful (the death of one horse in the state was connected to EEE). In 2005, according to our Health Officer Dr. Gail Snow, there were seven human cases of EEE in New Hampshire resulting in two fatalities. The numbers of carriers have not declined according to trapping surveys. Last summer a mosquito trapped in Rye

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valid at designated areas located at the following seven locations:

- 1) Cable Road Extension
- 2) Wallis Road Extension
- 3) Sawyer's Beach
- 4) Easterly side of Route 1A on the public beach access opposite Petey's Restaurant
- 5) Jenness Avenue Extension
- 6) Atlantic Avenue Extension
- 7) Old Town Way

***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. We cannot do that anymore, for any purpose. This is a state policy brought about because of the new privacy 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 that this applies to obtaining beach parking permits as well as automobile registrations.

Property Tax Bills for the first issue 2007 billing are scheduled to be mailed during the month of May and will be *due by Monday, July 2nd*. For most taxpayers, the amount will be half of the entire 2006 billing. If your property tax dollars are escrowed

through your mortgage company, be sure to send them a copy of your bill. Many mortgage companies contact us through a property tax payment service, but we cannot be sure your bank or mortgage company is included. With all the mortgage changes that are happening, you'll want to be sure your mortgage company is alerted.

Registering a Vehicle in our office is now taking more time than it used to, I'm sorry to say. We want to thank all those who have been so patient while we go about the process of learning the new system and working out the numerous bugs in it. As we've mentioned before, this new system is required by the state. It allows our office to process transactions heretofore not allowed, such as issuing vanity plates, "moose" plates, and other procedures that should be helpful to our customers and make those trips to the Dover Point Motor Vehicle substation very infrequent. We expect to be working out the problems for about a year and we will appreciate your continuing patience and support.

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

Telephone 964-8562 Fax 964-4132
Email janei@town.rye.nh.us

Jane Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

was determined to carry EEE. Residents are urged to use reasonable caution to avoid mosquito bites.

Our mosquito control program is underway. As usual, residents have the option to place their property on the Do Not Spray list. Please find the No Spray form on page 11 of this newsletter.

Summer annually generates complaints regarding dogs on the beach and trash left behind by visitors. Public cooperation, citizen volunteers, and the Police Department have served us well in the past and their continuing efforts are required to make the beach a safe and pleasant

place to be. Flyers and mutt mitts will once again be made available at each of the Town beaches.

Over the winter, two of our Beach Commissioners found it necessary to resign. Alan Gould has been working with the remaining Commissioner to prepare for opening the beaches in mid-June with lifeguards in place. For more information or if you are interested in serving the Town in this capacity, please call Nancy at 964-5523.

We wish a happy and safe summer to you and to your families.

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

Assessing Office Advises on Taxes, Abatements, and Exemptions

Spring Tax Bills Due July 2

Property owners will be receiving the spring tax bill, which will be due by July 2, 2007. 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, 2007. 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. 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, 2008.

Tax Abatement Reminder

The Assessing office reminds

property owners who appealed their 2006 valuation and filed an abatement application by March 1, 2007 that the Town has until July 1, 2007 to respond. If dissatisfied with the decision, you have until September 1, 2007 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.

Low and Moderate Income Property Tax Relief

The State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief forms are available from May 1 to June 30 at the Town Clerk's office. If you would like help filing please call the Clerk's office at 964-8562 to schedule an appointment. If you have filed in previous years, you should receive a new form directly from the state.

Elderly Exemptions

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, 2007. 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 three years. Income limitations are \$40,000 for a single person, \$59,900 for married, and total assets not in excess of \$199,000 exclusive of the residence.

The values and property information are available to you online. Please visit <http://data.visionappraisal.com/ryenh>. The web site is updated four times a year. Our department continues updating on a daily basis for all properties as necessary. For the most recent information please call the office at 964-5523.

Howard Promer, CNHA-Assessor
Heather Austin, Assessing Clerk

RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE TO BE HELD

On May 28 at 9 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony beginning with a short parade from the Town Hall to the Central Cemetery for the Presentation of the Colors. Participating in the parade will be pipers and drummers from The New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Police and Fire Departments, the Winnacunnet Marine ROTC Color Guard, veterans, and Girl and Boy Scouts.

The Guest Speaker is Ed Johnson, Commandant, Seacoast Detachment #394, Marine Corps League. Music will be provided by Karrie Burnett. Awards will be presented to the winners

of the poster and writing contests from the Rye Elementary and Junior High Schools. The winning posters will be available for viewing and the winning poems and essays will be read. Rye clergy will say the Invocation and the Benediction. Immediately after the ceremony, refreshments will be provided by the Rye Historical Society.

The Town of Rye has lost soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and merchant seamen in armed conflicts, including 38 lost in the American Revolution. The Town also remembers on this occasion those firemen and police officers who were lost in the line of duty. In view of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing War On Terrorism,

all residents are encouraged to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony.

The members of the Seacoast Memorial Post #8942 of the VFW, Rye, extend a personal invitation to all veterans to come and march with the veterans in the parade. You do not have to be a member of a veteran organization to participate. Those with physical limitations may sit among fellow veterans during the ceremony.

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

RYE ART IN BLOOM 2007



"Playmates" by Sal Allocco, Alabaster Sculpture; Flower Arranger: Sal Allocco

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and Rye Art Study Group recently held the seventh annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 24 selected works of art interpreted in flower arrangements. Music was performed by Ray DeMarco.

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

1. "A Pair of Pears" by Lynn Joslyn, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Todd Fernald
2. "Autumn Day, Rye" by Jean Leopold, Oil; Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray
3. "Boys will be Boys" by Marianne Forman, Oil; Flower Arranger: Marianne Forman
4. "By the Sea" by Barbara Ripley, Oil; Flower Arranger: Carol Cortina
5. "Farragut Rocks" by Susan Chisholm, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Phyllis Petruzzello
6. "First Blush" by Jean Hazelton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jean Hazelton
7. "First Cut of the Season" by Ann Tolson, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Marjorie Smith
8. "Floral Bouquet" by Anne Newell, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Gwen Putnam-Bailey
9. "Lucky Trout" by Claire Russo, Fabric Art; Flower Arranger: Ellen Simmonds
10. "Max" by Muriel Cummings, Oil; Flower Arranger: Mary Rawson

11. "Playmates" by Sal Allocco, Alabaster Sculpture; Flower Arranger: Sal Allocco
12. "Quiet Cove, Southport Island, Maine" by Judy Sponaugle, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Karey Kelly
13. "Radishes" by Doris Rice, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Kim Devlin-Brytz
14. "Ring Neck Pheasant" by Robert Mitchell, Wood Carving; Flower Arranger: Chris Lokis
15. "Rye on the Rocks" by Lavinia Jenness, Oil; Flower Arrangers: Beverly Lord & Marge Robertson
16. "Rye's Gold" by Carol Schleiter, Oil; Flower Arranger: Janet Brown
17. "Sally Lightfoot" by Judy Underwood, Photograph; Flower Arranger: Jane Holway
18. "Seascape" by Jodi Adams, Fabric Art; Flower Arrangers: Pat Cutshall & Cynthia Muse
19. "Spring Ahead" by Priscilla Jenness, Oil; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness
20. "Summertime" by Ida Alves, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Marilyn Marchant
21. "Surf" by Priscilla Brown, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Brown
22. "The Ever Presence" by Elizabeth Boynton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Nancy Winthrop
23. "The Gazebo" by Julie Hyde, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde
24. "Waiting for Spring" by Brenda Slattery, Oil; Flower Arranger: Conni Scully

Water District Lists New Members, Discusses Work

Results of Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting held at the Rye Junior High School on March 31, John Murtagh was elected to a three-year term as Commissioner, Marian Mullaly was elected to a three-year term as Treasurer, Barbara Hansen was elected to a three-year term as Clerk, and Joshua Scott was elected to a two-year term as Moderator. The District was authorized to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund and to raise \$903,165 to defray the Water District's charges for the ensuing year.

Project

Stonewall Lane now has a new water main with a fire hydrant. Residents will now have an opportunity to connect to our municipal water system. The Rye Water District and Gove Construction thank you for your patience.

Price Increase

The labor cost to install or replace the remote reader (outside meter receptacle) has increased from \$15 to \$20. Please take care to prevent damage to the remote reader during siding installation or repair work to avoid incurring this charge.

Spring Flushing

Semi-annual water main flushing is now completed.

Conservation

The best time to water lawns is before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Excessive water consumption is usually caused from automatic outdoor irrigation systems running too often or for long periods. Please review your system's settings. A leaky toilet can waste hundreds of gallons of water per week. Stop by the office for a packet of toilet leak detector tablets.

Rye Water District Commissioners

Rye Fire Department Utilizes New Technology

The Rye Fire Department recently introduced the latest technology to help our personnel do their jobs more efficiently in the hope of providing better service to our residents and visitors. The first addition can be found in our ambulance. Fire Department personnel can complete patient care reporting utilizing the new tablet-style laptop computer. The computer records all medical data required by the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety. All data is kept secure through data encryption technology and is made available to personnel involved in patient care services.

Technology has also allowed our ambulance crews to send important cardiac monitor data to the emergency room prior to the patient arriving at the hospital. For example, a patient is found at home having chest pain. Our ambulance arrives and places the patient on our cardiac monitor. Our equipment, along with the hospital's equipment, allows us to transmit critical cardiac monitor images over the cell phone in the back of the ambulance. By sending this data and images to the hospital sooner, it gives the staff at the hospital more time to prepare for the arrival of the patient and to provide potentially life-saving treatment faster.

Another addition is laptop computers in our Fire Department vehicles. Currently, the "ruggedized" computers are located in our Engine #3 and the Fire Chief's vehicle. The program is called FirstLook. This program will give Fire Department responders the ability to rapidly access important information for every residence and business. This information includes all aspects of the property including the owner's name, location of the nearest fire hydrants, any specific hazards on the property (i.e., construction, gas, or



Firefighter/EMT Charles Gallant demonstrates the new patient data computer in the back of the ambulance.

chemicals), and emergency contact information. We also have the ability to place photos or diagrams in the program that will help our responders do their jobs faster and safer.

In the next few weeks, residents may also notice our Fire Inspectors and the Town's Building Inspector using new laptop computers. This program is called CodePal. This technology enables Town personnel to perform safety and building inspections as usual; however, the Fire Department and the Building Department personnel will have the ability to access pertinent codes without returning to the office. This program will also allow inspectors to coordinate efforts more effectively and track violations recorded during inspections.

On another note, the Rye Fire Department would like to remind residents that we offer free child passenger safety seat inspections. Throughout the country, safety officials estimate that nearly 80 percent of the already-installed child car seats are installed incorrectly. Our personnel can help you install a car seat that best suits your child and the vehicle he or she rides in. If you would like to schedule an inspection, please contact the fire station at 964-6411.

Once again, I would like to thank the town residents for their continued support of *your* Fire Department.

Richard S. O'Brien
Fire Chief

Now at Full Staff, Police Department Is Developing Web Site

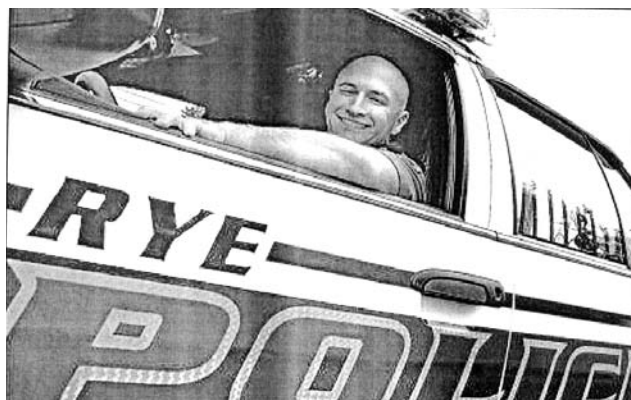
The Rye Police Department is now fully staffed. We recently hired Scott Sullivan, who was a Vermont state trooper before coming to Rye. Scott is in training until the end of June and will finish his training when he attends the police academy in August. Scott has three children and is looking forward to developing a rapport with the children and parents of Rye.

The Police Department is working on a web page for the department. Through this web page we hope to find new ways of serving the Town of Rye. Please take a look at the page and tell us what you think. It can be found at www.rye-police.us.

Warmer weather will bring more traffic to the roads going to and from the beaches. If you feel there is a speeding problem on your road, please call and let us know. We can make sure your area is patrolled at the busiest time of day. Through a state grant, we are able to put an extra officer on the road. With the input from the residents, we can plan the times and locations for this officer.

You would greatly assist the Rye Police Department by keeping the doors to your homes and vehicles locked. We also suggest that you DO NOT leave wallets, cash, credit cards, cell phones, or any other valuables in your vehicles, particularly while at the beach. The safest place for those items is in your home or on your person.

If you leave town for an extended period of time, you are encouraged to call us so our officers can get important information about your home. We also suggest that you contact your neighbors to keep an eye on your property while you are away. If your home has an alarm system, please be sure it is in good working order and use the system whenever you leave.



Rye's newest patrolman Scott Sullivan poses in a cruiser at the Rye Safety Building.

Scott Yeates photo / Seacoast Media Group

We are often asked, "What is the hardest part of being a police officer in the Town of Rye?" Our job would be much easier if people would call

children will be out playing and riding their bicycles about town.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

when they see something unusual. Most people say they do not want to bother the police with something minor. Please call—the simplest, smallest thing someone might see could be the information we need to solve a crime.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that school will be out soon. Please remember that our

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....	964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....	964-9800
Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....	964-2964
Cemetery Superintendent.....	964-6777
Library.....	964-8401
Library Fax.....	964-7065
Public Works.....	964-5300
Recreation.....	964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....	964-5300
Rye Water District.....	436-2596
Selectmen.....	964-5523
Selectmen Fax.....	964-1516
E-Mail:	nancyw@town.rye.nh.us
Town Website:	www.town.rye.nh.us
Sewer Commission.....	964-6815
Town Administrator.....	964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....	964-8562
Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax.....	964-4132
Welfare (Portsmouth Welfare Dept.).....	610-7267

Rec News

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Planning Board Cites Year's Achievements

The last few months have been a time of change for the Rye Planning Board. We have welcomed new members Jaci Grote and Sam Winebaum to the board, and welcomed back Mark Galvin. Sincere thanks and appreciation go to Bob Brown, who has dedicated years of service to the Town as a Planning Board member and Chairman. With the hiring of our full-time Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kimberly Reed, Bob has decided that he can take a break from the chairmanship. It is certain that he will not become a stranger to the Planning Board, however, so his vast knowledge can continue to assist in town planning.

The last few months have seen numerous applications. Some were as straightforward as approving lot line adjustments. Others have been more complex, such as the conversion of the building containing the Rye General Store to condominium ownership. The latter application identified a need to change the town's zoning regulations to address commercial condominiums where only residential condominiums had been addressed previously.

The Planning Board will continue to review the Zoning Ordinance and if changes are required, public hearings will be held to consider these amendments. It was encouraging to see that the Zoning Ordinance-related warrant articles were approved by the voters. Some changes were required to make zoned districts more consistent (i.e., have the entire

White Horse development be in a Single Residence District), and others were to address issues that the town had not seen before (e.g., commercial condominium conversion). It is the goal of the Planning Board to be consistent and clear so that everyone can live with the requirements. It protects the town, businesses, and our way of life in the long run.

On another subject, the 2006 Master Plan will go a long way toward guiding the Planning Board. It reflects a lot of effort by many Rye residents. It also identifies growth and demographic trends that are useful in the planning process. Lastly, it allows the Planning Board to more effectively plan versus having to react to a project that may or may not be appropriate for an area or the town in general. The Master Plan is worth reading if you get a chance.

The pressures for development on the Seacoast will always remain high since it is such a desirable place to live. The Planning Board will continue to look out for the best interests of Rye while complying with New Hampshire state regulations. Residents are encouraged to attend Planning Board meetings that they are interested in. Together, we can make sure that projects are approved in a thoughtful manner, and with all residents in mind.

Donald Cavallaro
Rye Planning Board

The Good News and Bad News About Rye Mosquito Control

The *good news* is that mosquitoes are off to a poor start this spring as a result of two weather-related factors. First, spring temperatures were about 15 degrees below average, which slowed larval development. Many larvae may not be ready to hatch before the temporary pools in which they breed dry up. Second, a late snowfall in April blanketed most of the freshwater breeding sites. Mosquito larvae must come to the surface to breathe and snow cover prevents them from doing that, causing them to suffocate.

The *bad news* is that, despite all natural disasters and the best treatment efforts, mosquitoes will still survive and be a significant nuisance and health threat. The State of NH has continued the public health threat it declared last year for Rockingham and many other counties. The Town of Rye is prepared to go forward with a comprehensive plan that includes monitoring, larviciding, and adulticiding. If you suspect that there is an active mosquito breeding site that is not being monitored and treated, please notify Town Hall.

Residents who elect to not have their property sprayed can place their property on the Do Not Spray list on the facing page and submit it to Town Hall.

Since 2004 the Rye Mosquito Control Commission has been studying other mosquito control methods that are long term, non-chemical, and have many other beneficial results for our salt marshes. If you have interest in learning about salt marsh management methods and how they work, please join us at one of our RMCC monthly meetings. The time and dates are posted at Town Hall.

Tom Aspinwall
RMCC



Senior SERVE Seeking Best Solutions

As the senior population in Rye continues to grow, Rye Senior SERVE Board members have been discussing what focus our group should take to best assist our elderly. We have been questioning seniors and consulting with professionals who work in the field.

Housing is the most complex issue. Our seniors have a variety of preferences when asked what type of living they favor. What we hear repeatedly: "I'd like to remain at home as long as I can. I imagine I'll need some help." The popular phrase these days to describe staying at home is *Aging in Place*. Experts say bringing help into the home is the wave of the future.

Across the country and locally, organizations are responding. Rye Senior SERVE has consulted with a number of groups who have shared their successful practices with us. Their ultimate goals are the same; their approaches are different. Among the consultants who met with us are:

Beacon Hill Village, Boston is internationally known. The Village provides services and practices that make living at home safe and healthy.

Carols Castro of Portsmouth heads up a volunteer group who work neighbor-to-neighbor. Their target groups are the people who

live alone. The goal is to help fix, fetch, and help. The neighbor to neighbor approach has one great advantage. People are known in the neighborhood. Very often the helpers are friends. This is a safety measure, important to consider.

Extended Family is another organization in Portsmouth. Its Members work to help people age on their own terms. Each client has a personal plan after a thorough exam, which looks at physical, psychological, cognitive, social, financial, and legal aspects. Services are mostly done on an hourly basis. A registered nurse is on staff. They have an extensive menu of services, arranged upon request.

TASC (Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens) concentrates on coordinating volunteer drivers with those who are in need of this service since public transportation is limited.

Rye Senior SERVE has been studying a variety of organizations designed to keep people at home. What is best for Rye might be a combination of programs with differences that suit Rye people. As the numbers of seniors grow, collaborative efforts can create retirement plans to suit a large segment of our population with varying financial, medical, and social interests.

Phone numbers for each of the organizations described above are available at the Rye Public Library (964-8401). Please call the library and leave your name and number if you would like to help Rye Senior SERVE or if you would just like to share your ideas with us.

Margaret Carroll
President, Rye Senior SERVE



2007 MOSQUITO NO-SPRAY REQUESTS

If you do NOT want your property to be sprayed, fill out the form below and return it to the Selectmen's Office by mail or drop it off with the Town Clerk. The sprayer can be turned off and on with precision but it cannot be selective as to right or left side of the street. If you elect not to be sprayed, your neighbor across the street will also not be sprayed.

TOWN OF RYE—NO-SPRAY REQUEST 2007

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

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

Happenings at the Rye Public Library

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Weekly prize drawings (June 26–August 10)

Join us for our first annual adult summer reading program. Come see us, read a book, and you may win a prize!

FREE COMPUTER SEMINARS

Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

From 6 to 8 p.m. on the following Thursdays with instructor Judy Underwood:

June 28	Creating a Web Page
July 26	Digital Photography and Software
August 23	eBay Questions and Answers

MOVIES at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays

June 6	<i>Freedom Writers</i>
June 13	<i>The Painted Veil</i>
June 20	<i>The Prestige</i>
June 27	<i>The Constant Gardener</i>

ART LECTURES at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays

July 11, July 18, and July 25

MUSIC PERFORMANCES at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays

August 1, August 8, and August 15

Call the Library (964-8401) for titles of art lectures and names of musical performers or visit us at our website: www.rye.lib.nh.us

COMPUTER CLASSES

Each class will be presented as three 2-hour sessions by instructor Judy Underwood. Cost is \$50 and class size is limited to eight for each group.

Grandparent/Grandchild Digital Photography Class

Tuesdays from 10 to 12 noon—July 10, 17, and 24

Microsoft Word 2007 Plus

Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.—July 10, 17, and 24

BOOK SIGNING AND LECTURE

Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

Rye Historical Society and the Rye Public Library will host Stephen Clarkson, author of the historical novel *Patriot's Reward*.

HEALTH CLINICS with Compass Care

Fourth Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

June 26, July 25, and August 22

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Third Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

Pocketful of Names on June 19

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close on July 17

Peace Like a River on August 21

MILITARY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

First Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

RYE REFLECTIONS—Writers of the online publication meet at the Library on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Editor Jack Driscoll continues to extend an invitation to others who may be interested in being part of this group. Come join them!

RYE SENIOR SERVE MEETINGS

First Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Monday afternoon senior visits to the Library on the Rye Senior SERVE van. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

* * * ART DISPLAYS * * *

- The Rye Public Library Art Committee has an exhibit of FLORALS in the Community Meeting Room. These works by local Seacoast artists will be on display through mid-September.
- Upstairs in the Library, Dorine Gross and her students are exhibiting their work until July. Dorine teaches at Granite State College.
- In July, "Reflections on Hope: Portraits for Children of the Memory Project" will be exhibited upstairs. For more information, please visit:

www.memoryproject.org

A reception for the artists involved in this project will take place upstairs in the Library on Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

* * * DISCOUNTED MUSEUM PASSES * * *

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Boston, MA	Museum of Fine Arts
	Museum of Science
	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
Portland, ME	Museum of Art
Salem, MA	Peabody Essex Museum
Portsmouth, NH	Strawbery Banke
	Children's Museum
Rye, NH	Seacoast Science Center

REMEMBER: If you are under the weather or stuck in the house and can't get to the Library, WE DELIVER. Just give us a call. We will be happy to get materials to you.

Traveling with your family this summer?

Come to see us and check out some audio books, DVDs, and summer reading books for your trip. Also, be sure to check out our large collection of downloadable audio books at <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>.

Please, make a note on your calendar to visit the Library once a week. New things arrive every day!

Happenings in the Youth Department

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

"READING ROAD TRIP U.S.A."

Rev your engines for an exciting road trip experience across the USA! This summer features some really fun evenings for you and your family. Read on to see the great variety of things to do—you may not want to go out of town on vacation!!

KICK-OFF PARTY!! June 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

Our kick-off party featuring the one and only STEVE BLUNT!!! Come on in for music and fun and get yourself signed up for a summer reading program to remember! Fun for the whole family.

ROAD TRIP TO THE BEACH ART PROGRAM

June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Come in after a day at the beach for some amazing art instruction! Long-time art teacher and photographer Phyllis Marsh will work with patrons in grades 2-5 each week for six weeks. Sign up for one, or sign up for them all! Limited to 15 patrons each week, so sign up early!!

DROP-IN CRAFTS

Monday-Saturday, July 1 through August 11



Students share poetry with Portsmouth Poet Laureate Mimi White at the Library.



Ben Baldwin and Kent Allyn share their music with all ages on a Sunday afternoon in the Community Meeting Room at the Rye Public Library.

Head out of the sun and into the air conditioning to cool off! Each week we'll be featuring a fun craft you can do! Check this out in the youth department downstairs.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Monday-Saturday July 1 through August 11

Fun questions on cars and travel to challenge you. Get the answer right and win a prize from the suitcase!!

STORY TIMES

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool/kindergarten: Check our website for information on who will be reading for kids each Wednesday... We'll have Rye Police Officers, Rye Firefighters, and talented Rye Public Library staff engaging kids in books.

GUESSING JAR

July 11th; winner announced July 23

Can you guess how many items are in the jar? Try your skill at guessing; the one who guesses the closest wins the contents!

AUTHOR MARTY KELLEY IS HERE!

July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

Don't miss this fun and funny evening with your family. Marty Kelley, New Hampshire resident and author of *Fall Is Not Easy* and the hilarious *The Rules* and *Winter Woes*, will be here to entertain you. **THIS IS ONE NOT TO MISS!!!** He has presented to capacity audiences all around the state, and to rave reviews!!

ROAD TRIP TO THE ZOO

July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Love animals? Want to hold a HUGE snake? How about seeing a live wildcat? This awesome program is for you. Head in to the library this evening for a fantastic show of amazing animals.

CLOSING PARTY AND TALENT SHOW

August 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up soon for this really fun night of singing and dancing. Whatever talent you have, you can showcase it here at the library. Grab the microphone and let yourself go! Get your reading program certificate of completion tonight, too.

GREAT IDEA!!

We have a large selection of books on audio CD for those long road trips this summer. What a great way for a family to share a book. Check out our many new titles in the youth department. We also have audio cassettes, and check out the many great downloadable audio books for kids at <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>.

Summer Is Coming: Town Beaches to Open

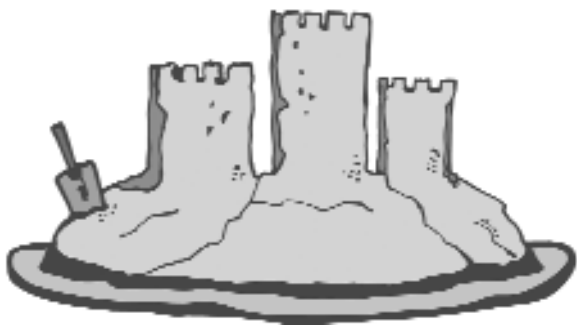
The Beach Commission is pleased to announce the following beach times, reminders, and regulations for the upcoming season.

Opening Day: Rye's three beaches (Wallis Road Extension, Cable Road Extension, and Sawyers) will open with lifeguard service in mid-late June, typically coinciding with the end of school. The normal hours of the Beach Safety Patrol will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. Please note the hours are subject to change (without notice) due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

SAFETY

Lifeguards: We are in the process of hiring our Lifeguard Supervisor and hope to make an appointment shortly. We expect to have a complement of experienced guards returning this summer along with some new faces. All our lifeguards must meet strict qualification requirements, and receive daily training prior to reporting to their posts.

The lifeguards will continue to use the flag system indicating conditions: Green Flag = normal conditions; Red Flag = warning of extreme conditions; and the expandable moveable flag system, designating swimming areas to be clearly marked with an "off limits" to the surfers to ensure the surfers are separated from swimmers for safety. This flag system makes the swimming area easy to expand in order to accommodate increases in swimmers on hotter summer days and all who wish to swim safely.



I remind you our #1 priority is safety; and ask that all swimmers educate themselves on the dangers of rip tides by reading the posted rip tide signs at the beach entrance before entering the water. You are welcome to approach the lifeguards with any related questions.

ORDINANCES

Dog Restrictions: Dogs are strictly prohibited from our beaches between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily beginning May 26 and extending through September 30. When you bring your dog during the allowed hours, please remember you are responsible for removing any "beach deposits" left by your dog. Containers of "Mutt Mitts" for waste removal will be available as you enter Cable Road Extension and Wallis Road Extension beaches. You are asked to take home any dog waste with you.

The Board of Selectmen will review placement of the trash barrels at the above mentioned beach entrances. Regardless of whether our Public Works Department is able to provide this service, to minimize the burden on our DPW, I ask all residents and guests to observe the NH State carry in/carry out policy regarding refuse.

In summary, our beaches are one of our greatest natural resources of beauty and enjoyment. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation in following the simple, posted rules so that we may all benefit from our beautiful beaches throughout the summer



season. If you would like to contact the Beach Commission, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523.

Tim Sanborn
Beach Commission

Swim Parallel to Shore to Escape Rip Tides

Rip tides are strong sea currents that push away from the shore. They are formed by strong winds pushing water towards the shore. The incoming waves create an underwater sandbar close to shore, and the waves push more and more water in between the sandbar and the shore until a section of this sandbar collapses.

All the excess water is forced through this gap, creating an extremely strong but narrow current away from the shore. In fact, rip tides are so strong that trying to swim back to shore against the rip tide current will only tire you out and make it that much more difficult for you to survive. Fortunately, rip tides are narrow enough that if you swim parallel to shore, you can easily escape the current and then swim back to shore.

Town of Rye Board Meetings

June 2007

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.

3	4 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7 pm Recreation Commission	5	6 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	12 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19	20 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	21 7 pm Conservation Commission <i>Summer begins</i>	22	23
24	25 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	26 7 pm Technical Review Committee	27	28	29	30

July 2007

1	2 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	5	6	7
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August 2007

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

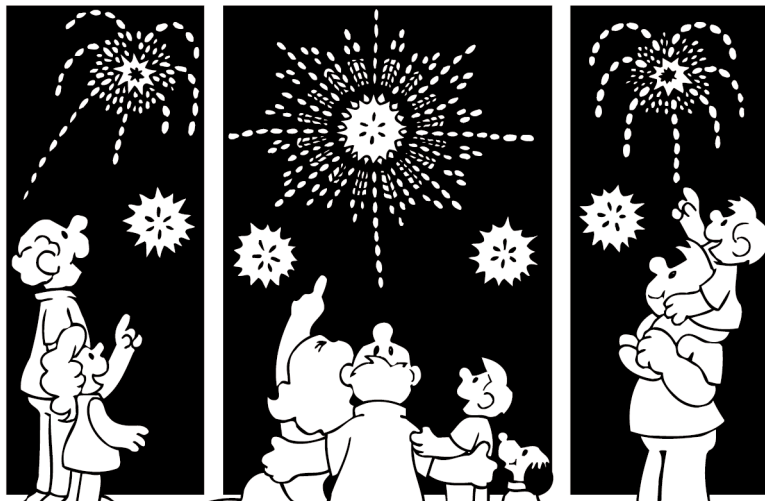
Rye Lions Club, first Wednesday every month, 7 pm at the Rye Library
Friends of the Library, second Tuesday every month, 7 pm at the Library

Additional Civic Meetings

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

July 4th, Wednesday, Parsons Field

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



Help Rye Recreation Plan

The Town of Rye Recreation Commission is preparing a Recreation Master Plan. Your help is needed. In a few weeks, you will receive a questionnaire about recreation opportunities in Rye. Please fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Town of Rye Recreation Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH, 03870. Thank you!

Do You Want to Be Notified of Special Events and Emergencies?

The Selectmen's Office is now providing e-mail notification of special events and emergencies. These announcements will be sent as a courtesy and are not intended as official public notice. If you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution, please send an e-mail to

townmessages@ryenh.us

All e-mails will be kept confidential. If you have questions, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

Mike Schwartz
E-mail Notification Coordinator

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

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