



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## NEW POLICY FOR PARSONS FIELD SIGNS

In order to prevent signage clutter at one of the gateways to Rye, Selectmen voted to add a new policy for event signs at Parsons Field.

**Effective August 6, 2007, only non-profit entities holding approved events on Town or School properties will be considered by the Board of Selectmen for approval for signs at Parsons Field.** All other sign requirements still apply: Size is limited to 4 square feet. Duration is limited to 7 days. Commercial identification and/or logos are not permitted. State law prohibits signs on utility poles.

Sign requests must be received in the Selectmen's Office by noon on the Thursday prior to one of the Board's bi-weekly, Monday night meetings. Please call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523, for more information.

## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

# A Lot Is Going on in Rye!

## Fire Chief Resigns/Interim Chief Hired

In June, the Board of Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation of Fire Chief Richard O'Brien. Rich's three years of dedicated, professional service and experience benefited the Town through his involvement in the Rye Public Safety Building project, his successful application for grants in excess of \$300,000, and his leadership response during three natural disasters. On behalf of the Town, we wish him well as he assumes responsibility for a larger fire department in his hometown of Goffstown, New Hampshire.

The search for a new fire chief will require time, and the Board made a decision to seek an interim chief in order to provide seamless oversight of this vital department.

Following interviews, William H. "Skip" Sullivan, former Hampton Fire Chief, was hired. Quick action allowed our new interim Chief to spend a week with Chief O'Brien prior to his departure, resulting in a smooth transition. Chief Sullivan's first duties included completing the resolution of the Star Island violations. He has also continued work on several grant proposals in progress and has initiated a SAFER grant.

A favorable vote on Warrant Article 7 of the 2007 March ballot authorized the hiring of one additional firefighter/paramedic (EMT-P). Our search for an EMT-P, initiated in April, has proven to be lengthy. We are in hopes of making an announcement in this regard within the next month.

## A Robin Lands in the Town Clerk's Office

We are very pleased to report that **Robin Baker** has joined our office family as our part-time assistant. Robin brings to us her friendly disposition, her enthusiasm, and her wonderful work ethic, not to mention her fun sense of humor. Many people will recognize Robin from her previous longtime position at the bank. We are delighted to have her with us, and she tells us she is very happy to be working with us.



## Secrets of the Old Vault

In July our office received a grant from the State of New Hampshire, Vital Records Preservation Grants for City and Town Clerks, for up to \$10,000 to be used for our vital records preservation. A professional assessment of our storage area was done and, as a result, the grant provided us with new metal

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## Missions Accomplished: Cable Road Sidewalk and Central Road Culvert

The origin of the Cable Road sidewalk remains a mystery. Neither Town records nor those of the Jenness Beach Precinct can identify the entity responsible for its construction. Meanwhile, the deteriorating condition of the one-hundred-plus-year-old walkway, exacerbated by the microburst last year, became increasingly apparent.

Following discussions with area residents, the Board of Selectmen requested three proposals from Pike Industries, Inc., the successful bidder for the 2007 Rye paving contract. We

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requested the cost of (1) complete replacement of the sidewalk, (2) removal of the sidewalk and extension of the roadway to provide a bike/pedestrian pathway, and (3) asphalt overlay of existing sidewalk to eliminate safety hazards. Costs ranged from (1) \$96,000 to replace, (2) \$48,956 to remove sidewalk & widen road for pathway, and (3) \$24,350 to repair via overlay.

As no funds were budgeted for this sidewalk work, it was necessary to curtail previously scheduled paving work by a dollar amount equal to any sidewalk update figure selected. With this in mind and input from the Public Works Director, we chose option (3): to tack, shim, and overlay the sidewalk with 2" of asphalt where required in order to provide for public safety. The task was completed in July at a cost of \$20,309.

Meanwhile, a 40" box culvert was installed under Central Road near the dam at Burke's Pond. The culvert it replaced had been damaged extensively during the Mother's Day flooding in 2006 and temporary repairs had been made at that time. It was necessary to temporarily stop the water flow from the pond as well as the traffic along Central Road while the new precast concrete box culvert was installed by the Town's contractor and telecommunications cables and water mains were secured by the appropriate utilities.

### Rye Energy Committee Established

Voter approval of Warrant Article 21 directed the Selectmen in part to consider the appointment of "a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions."

The Rye Energy Committee was established on July 23 by vote of the Board of Selectmen. It will consist of at least three and no more than seven members, all residents of Rye. Members shall be appointed by the BOS for an initial term ending at the

completion of one year on July 23, 2008. *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.*

#### Charge to the Committee

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

At the completion of its mission, the Rye Energy Committee will provide a brief report with recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Mimi White, Stephen White, and Jaci Grote have volunteered to serve on this committee and were appointed on July 23. Additional members (up to four) would be welcome. If you wish to contribute to this effort via Energy Committee membership, please send a letter of interest in care of Nancy at Town Hall.

### Foyes Corner Roundabout and Pioneer Bridge Replacement

The Foyes Corner roundabout construction has begun. Although the project is not scheduled for completion until the spring of 2008, the long-awaited change from confusing

and dangerous intersection to roundabout has been initiated as the reconfiguration of Elwyn Road, upgrading of drainage under the intersection, and repositioning of utility poles in this area are underway.

We look forward to the enhanced safety, ease of traffic flow, and upgraded appearance of this renewed gateway to Rye that will soon replace the temporary congestion and inconvenience of these few months.

Further east, the NH DOT is now in final design on a bridge to replace the wooden plank bridge on Pioneer Road. The design chosen by DOT and supported by Town input will closely resemble the existing bridge, while replacing the rotting wood pilings and decking with a concrete substructure, which won't affect the appearance of the bridge. This needed construction project is currently scheduled for late 2008 and the winter of 2009.

There is a lot going on in Rye!

### Our History Revisited

On June 28, rededication of the monument commemorating the landing of the first settlers in New Hampshire was held at Odiorne State Park. For many years, the stone had rested in an old family cemetery and was unnoticed by most park visitors. The National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of New Hampshire initiated return of the 1899 monument to its original site, believed to be the location of the settlement of David Thompson in 1623. The work was accomplished in large measure through the efforts of our Rye State Representative David Borden and resident Tom Pearson. Both also contributed monetarily. Roger Philbrick was credited with donation of the site work.

When visiting Odiorne, take a stroll or a bicycle ride out to the monument and revisit our history.



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Monument commemorating first settlers' landing in New Hampshire, returned to its original location.

### Heightened Vigilance Important re: EEE, WNV, and Lyme Disease

The July 24 report of the NH Department of Health and Human Services reported no tests positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or West Nile Virus (WNV); but, by the end of the month, mosquito test pools in Newton and Brentwood tested positive for EEE.

The State of New Hampshire saw a growth in both EEE and WNV cases during the 2005 and 2006 seasons. Historically, clusters of human EEE cases have appeared in sequential cycles of two or three years. Mosquito species that will feed indiscriminately

on both birds (called bridge vectors) and humans transmit the disease. Those people under 15 years of age and over 50 are most vulnerable. EEE human cases typically start in middle or late August and go through September, later if the weather remains mild. New Hampshire led the nation with seven EEE cases in 2005, two of which were fatal.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported more than 2600 cases of West Nile Virus nationwide in 2005, New Hampshire has had a low incidence of WNV. This disease affects the central nervous system and, while symptoms vary, approximately 1 in 150 people infected will develop severe illness. People over 50 years of age are at a higher risk of developing serious symptoms of WNV.

Prevention and protection by individuals are key elements of a complete mosquito control program.

Prevent mosquitoes from breeding by removing all standing water around your home such as gutters, old tires, wading pools, stagnant birdbaths or water gardens. Protect yourself and family members by using an effective insect repellent containing DEET, wear protective clothing at dusk and dawn if you must be out, and repair any broken or torn screens. The Department of Health and Human Services has a toll-free hotline at 1-866-273-6453 for questions about EEE and WNV. Fact sheets about EEE and WNV are available on the DHHS website ([www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov)).

Repellent containing DEET is also effective in the prevention of Lyme

disease, a tick-borne disease that usually starts as a large "bull's eye" rash that can lead to meningitis, facial palsy, arthritis, and heart problems. According to State health officials, Lyme disease cases more than doubled last year, particularly in the southeastern part of the State and the Seacoast. We are advised to wear light-colored clothing outside and check for ticks regularly.

### In Closing

Special thanks once again to Jim Cullen, Rye VFW Post 8942, our Recreation Department, and the numerous participants for this year's well attended Memorial Day ceremony at Central Cemetery on May 28. Thanks also to Ed Johnson, Commandant, Marine Corps League, our guest speaker.

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

# Volunteer Opportunities on Town Boards, Commissions, Committees

## Seeking Alternate Members

*"Alternates" attend the meetings and may be seated when called upon. Alternate Memberships provide an opportunity to "learn the ropes." When full memberships open up, Alternate Members are invited to fill them.*

**The Conservation Commission** meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. to discuss issues pertaining to the Town's wetlands and woodlands. Site walks are held as needed. If you are interested in the environment and preservation of Rye's beautiful natural resources, please call Chairman Jim Raynes at 431-6962.



**The Historic District Commission** meets on the third Wednesday of every month (or as needed) at 7 p.m. The Commission works to promote the preservation and maintenance of properties in the Historic District. Alternate members are afforded the chance to learn about and take part in protecting Rye's historic heritage. You are invited to submit a letter of interest to the Rye Historic District Commission at Town Hall.



**The Planning Board** meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Serving as an alternate will help you to become knowledgeable about Rye Land-Use Regulations and land issues within the community. For further information, call Kim Reed, Planning & Zoning Administrator at 964-9800.

## Full Membership Opportunities

**The Long Range Planning Committee of the Rye Planning Board** will meet every other month on the third Tuesday, beginning September 18 at 7

p.m. The LRPC is responsible for the Capital Improvement Program and sets long-term goals in conjunction with the Master Plan. All those interested should send a letter of interest to the attention of Jaci Grote, at the Rye Planning Board Office in Town Hall.



**The Rules and Procedures Committee of the Rye Planning Board** will meet every other month on the second Wednesday of the month, beginning September 12 at 4 p.m.. The RPC is responsible for proposing changes to the Rye Land Use Regulations, Board meeting rules and procedures, site applications, fees, and exceptions. The Committee's work would appeal to those with engineering, organizational, and process backgrounds. All those interested should send a letter of interest to the attention of Sam Winebaum, at the Rye Planning Board Office in Town Hall.



**The Rye Energy Committee** was established by the Selectmen on July 23, 2007 with a one-year charge to study present municipal energy use and to recommend ways to promote and effect energy conservation. Please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 for more information if you are interested in joining the committee.



**The Recreation Commission** meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Commission plays an important role in providing programs and services to Rye residents. If you are interested in becoming a commissioner, you are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen at Town Hall. When an opening is available all letters on file will be considered.

## Town Clerk's Message

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shelving and a fireproof cabinet for our vault, which was built in 1890, as well as a HEPA vacuum cleaner and a system to monitor the environment of the vault.

So we set about the business of cleaning out the vault in preparation for the installation of the new shelving and cabinet. This was quite a task! All the contents were moved to the old courtroom and the old wooden shelves and their iron support rods removed. Our custodian, Paul Hammer, certainly has our heartfelt thanks for all the work he did. The 900-pound fireproof cabinet was delivered and placed in the vault on August 1; the following day the metal shelving was installed. Then began the task of sorting and moving documents and records back into the vault.

As we worked through this process, we discovered many old volumes and documents from the mid-1800s and forward, much of which we felt had historical value but wouldn't qualify as vital records we would be required to preserve in our vault. So we contacted Librarian Kerry Cronin and Historian Alex Herlihy. They were both very helpful and, as a result, many of the documents and/or volumes previously inaccessible and gathering dust will now be archived at the Rye Library or the Rye Museum. We feel this is a far better approach than to once again "bury" them in the dark corners of our vault. Other records are being stored in the new Safety Building storeroom. Those are items such as Resident Tax Warrants, which state law dictates we must preserve indefinitely but which would very seldom, if ever, need to be accessed.

The results of all this activity are very gratifying. Now our ancient and valuable records are neatly stored in a safe environment and easily accessible. We welcome visitors who may like to stop by to see!

Jane Ireland

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**"Community involvement by residents is embedded in the quality and pride that is inferred with the simple statement, 'I live in Rye'."**

—Board of Selectmen, Newsletter, December 2006



## A Message from the Police Chief

### School Is Open! Drivers Take Note!

A reminder to parents of Junior High students: Please remember to turn around at Grange Park and enter the school from the right. This allows the commuter traffic to flow freely and prevents traffic jams in the area. **And, a reminder to all drivers: Remember that the speed limit in the school zones is 20 miles per hour between 7:25 a.m. and 8:25 a.m., and again between 2:35 p.m. and 3:25 p.m.**

### Beach Hours for Dogs Until October 1

Dog owners, please remember that dogs are NOT allowed on the beaches between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. until October 1. When your dog is on the beach, please make sure you clean up after it. The weather remains warm after the summer ends and sometimes we forget that the ordinance remains in effect until October.

### Foyes Corner Construction

I'm sure many of you have noticed all the construction at Foyes Corner. Gove Construction, Public Service, and Portsmouth Water are all working there at the same time in order to finish the project as soon as possible and with as little disruption as possible. Thank you for your patience during this ongoing project.

### Beach Parking

Our parking enforcement people are out and issuing tickets. Many of these tickets are being issued to residents who have failed to get a parking permit or, after they get it, fail to put it on their vehicle. Parking enforcement employees have no way of knowing if they are ticketing a resident or a visitor. We ask that you put your parking permit on your vehicle as soon as you get it in order to avoid any confusion.

### Protection at Home or Away

If you are planning a vacation or going to be away from home for an extended period of time, please let us know either by phone, stopping by or by visiting our Web site

[www.ryepolice.us](http://www.ryepolice.us)

## A Message from Interim Fire Chief, "Skip" Sullivan

A farewell cookout at the Public Safety Building on June 29 marked Rich O'Brien's last day as Chief of the Rye Fire Department. He left to head up the Goffstown Fire Department, a larger community with a larger fire department. During Rich's tenure here he made tremendous strides in the areas of fire protection and emergency medical services delivery to the community. The federal grants that he was successful in obtaining not only provided the town with some modern technology, but also resulted in savings to the property tax payers and residents of the town. Chief Richard O'Brien will be a tough act to follow.

So here I am, William H. "Skip" Sullivan, retired Fire Chief from Hampton, appointed as Rye's interim Fire Chief upon Chief O'Brien's departure. I was involved with the Municipal Fire & Rescue Service for thirty-five years, twenty-two of those years as Chief of the Fire Departments in Claremont NH, Bedford MA, and Hampton NH. I have to say that it feels great to be back in uniform at the helm of the Rye Fire Department.

The voters of Rye took a major life safety step at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting with the approval of an addi-

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Officers will check on the home during their shift. Also, let your neighbors know that you will be out of town. Your neighbors are our best eyes for keeping watch on your home.

An important request to all residents: *Please let us know right away if you see anything unusual in your neighborhood.* Many times people wait to call us until the morning after or days later. Please call us right away, no matter how small it may seem. Sometimes the smallest of tips have solved crimes. **The Police Department "Non-Emergency" number is 964-5522. For emergencies, always call 911.**

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

tional firefighter/paramedic to the fulltime staffing of their fire department. Hopefully, the next three annual town meetings will approve one more firefighter/paramedic per year, which will result in three personnel being on duty at all times. And there will always be at least one paramedic on duty and available to respond with the Fire Department ambulance. We are currently looking at a federal grant that, if awarded, would pick up some of the salary and benefit costs associated with the additional positions.

You probably don't want to hear about winter so early in September, but if you burn wood to heat your home during the winter, now is the time that you should be making an appointment to get your chimney checked and cleaned. And if you heat with oil or gas, it's not a bad idea to have your heating equipment checked by a competent heating specialist prior to the onset of the heating season.

By now you all should know to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency, whether you need police, fire, or emergency medical assistance. If you even THINK you may have an emergency, make the call and let us respond and decide if your situation is an emergency or not. That is why we are here and it is a service you are paying for. *And, because we want to find you as quickly as possible: Please display the number of your residence in a prominent location next to the entrance facing the street; if your home is at the end of a long driveway and cannot be seen from the street, please place some sort of prominent marker with the address at the street end of the driveway.* It is a town ordinance, but I would rather have you consider it a matter of your safety.

I want to express my personal thanks to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for appointing me to this position and to the people of Rye who have welcomed me to the community. Have a great fall season and stay safe.

William H. "Skip" Sullivan  
Fire Chief

# Building Inspector Discusses Emergency Seawall Repairs, New Building Code, Permits

## Dredge-and-Fill Permits

The April nor'easter was devastating to a lot of people living on or near the beaches. The amount of beach debris, rocks, seaweed, logs, and trash that was deposited on properties was staggering. Property owners living close to the ocean were left with having to clean up Mother Nature's fury and damages that were not covered by FEMA, flood insurance, or homeowners insurance.

As a result, many beachfront property owners obtained "Emergency Authorization" from the State to repair or stabilize existing seawalls or to remove excessive debris from their property. This emergency authorization circumvented the lengthy process of obtaining a dredge-and-fill permit,

but did not excuse the property owners, in certain situations, from following up their "Emergency Authorization" with a standard Dredge-and-Fill Application.

Public safety may be compromised if contractors, operating under an Emergency Authorization or other permit while doing work on the beach, utilize the public access ways to the beach to transport material, store material, or to gain access with equipment to the beach area. There is the added concern that material stockpiled and contractor vehicles parked in the access ways prohibit legal beach sticker permit holders from using this area to park.

The Emergency Authorization permit DOES require the permit holder to contact the Board of

Selectmen and Conservation Commission prior to any work being started. In addition, the Board of Selectmen must authorize the use of any of the public beach access ways. Following this request, the Board of Selectmen have the opportunity to discuss the project and balance the property owners' rights to protect their property and the public's right to enjoy safety and peace and quiet on the beaches. The Board of Selectmen may impose restrictions as to which access ways could be used and when. Each project will be reviewed independently.

## New Codes

New codes will be in effect August 17, 2007. The new State Building Code is the International Code Council's International Building Code 2006 and associated referenced codes. If you are interested in reading through any of the changes, feel free to make an appointment with the Building Inspector's Office to look through the codes. A checklist of changes and "most frequently asked code questions" will be available within a few months.

## Building Permits Required

Fences, sheds, patios, tents, and other outside structures require a permit. We need to know if you are on a corner of a street so we can make sure anything you erect will not interfere with the State and Town rules on site distance. Tents require an inspection by the Fire Department for safety reasons.

As always, I welcome your comments, feedback, and questions. We are open for "walk-ins" Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment in the afternoons. I can always be reached through e-mail: [susanw@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:susanw@town.rye.nh.us)

Susan M. Zarlengo  
Building Inspector

### Rye Building Inspector, Susan Zarlengo, emphasizes:

- ° Every *Coastal Emergency Authorization* from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) must be followed by a *DES Standard Dredge and Fill Application*.
- ° You must notify the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Conservation Commission when you have received a DES Emergency Authorization.
- \* Permission is required from the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Conservation Commission *before starting* any work. Both must be notified when work is completed.
- \* Use of Beach Access Ways in any way pertaining to the work requires authorization of the Board of Selectmen.

For more information, please call:

Building Inspector, Susan Zarlengo: 964-9800 or the Selectmen's Office: 964-5523





# Notes from the Beach

This summer has been absolutely gorgeous in Rye. Our town by the sea has been blessed with an abundance of natural beauty and resources. Breathtaking views, cooling and relaxing breezes, and a wealth of recreational opportunities are found at our beaches. Rye has a long and colorful history of welcoming beachgoers from near and far. Today, as in the past, in order that the outing be safe and pleasant and not at odds with the welfare of the beach, rules must be in place and enforced. The total number of people enjoying the beach increases over time as well as the variety of recreational pursuits and a profound impact by technology on how people use the beach. These changes can lead to conflict, potentially unsafe conditions, and need for a periodic review of the rules. On one recent Sunday afternoon in July, any observant beachgoer would have seen swimmers, sunbathers, boogie boarders, kayakers, skim boarders, surfcasting anglers, surfers, dog owners, bocce players, and ball and Frisbee hurlers.

The challenges facing the Rye Beach Commission are not entirely unique but are shared by many coastal communities. Modern innovations in manufacturing and technology contribute to the stresses placed upon our beaches. More and more wetsuits donned by toddlers, teens, and adults turn a half hour in our chilly waters into a three-hour stint. Mass-produced BIC surfboards make them widely available, affordable, and a key accessory for



Beachgoers enjoy Cable Road Extension Beach.

hip beachgoers who have yet to pay their dues in learning surf safety and etiquette. Cell phones allow business to be conducted with one's toes in the sand in a midweek escape from the office. Not only are the numbers increasing but the length of time in the water and on the sand multiplies each person's impact including the amount of food and trash necessary to support his or her extended day at the shore.

The Beach Commission is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the safety and cleanliness of the beach. Our front lines are the lifeguards who man a total of five posts: one at Sawyer's Beach, two at Cable Road Extension, and two at Wallis Road Extension. Our budget allows for these five posts for a ten-week season. Except for the beach parking permits, paid for by Rye residents, and parking tickets, there is no real revenue to the town to offset the increasing expense of safety, clean-up, and policing. On busy days, it is a daunting task to keep the public safe and happy. Rules are put in place to try our best with limited resources. Three years ago the Beach Commission adopted a flag policy in an effort to segregate surfers and everyone else. In three

areas designated by flags at Cable, Sawyers, and Wallis, surfers are excluded and swimmers are "protected." The problem is that along with the swimmers are boogie boarders, skim boarders, and the surfers who must be whistled out. In the "unprotected" areas, which make up the majority of the beach, you have the surfers, swimmers, boogie boarders, skim boarders, and kayakers. It becomes necessary for

the guards to patrol these areas as well in an endless attempt to prevent mishap. Surfers in these areas are supposed to have a leash and stay at least 50 feet from all others but are often seen dodging and weaving their way along a breaking wave. Even boards with a leash can cause injury when used in proximity to others enjoying the surf.

I am not espousing any particular changes to the way we conduct business on the beach except that at some point increased staffing may be necessary. Perhaps we can consider possible revenue streams from our out-of-town visitors to support their growing habit—maybe parking fees like the state gets. Increased and improved signage with threats of stricter penalties for rule breakers is another option to consider. Luckily, the bulk of these problems occur during a relatively short season and fade into the back of our collective minds until the sun shines warm and brightly again and the wave gods send the surfers a nice swell.

Watch for the next newsletter when we discuss dogs, fires, and trash removal.

Michael Labrie, Chairman  
The Rye Beach Commission

# Happenings at the Rye Public Library

An enthusiastic thanks to all Rye residents and visitors who made our 2007 Summer Reading Program such a success. This year we hosted our first reading program for adults, where 317 readers submitted their names in our cooler raffle to win weekly prizes. Many thanks to our program sponsors the Ice House, Lagos Lone Oak, Barone's Steak Shack, the Hungry Horse, the Carriage House, the Potting Shed, and Nature's Outpost for their generosity in donating prizes. Our Children's Department enjoyed similar success with 172 young readers participating in the Reading Road Trip Summer Reading Program. Summer activities ranged from art classes, to concerts, storytelling, author talks, and a very popular wildlife program. We are grateful to the Friends of the Rye Public Library for their ongoing support by underwriting the cost of several children's programs.

Thanks to the Friends of the Rye Public Library, this summer we were also able to complete a significant upgrade to the audiovisual equipment in the library's Community Meeting Room. Improvements include the addition of a new plasma screen television, and the installation of a new sound system and film projection surface. The success of these enhancements has already been realized in the more than 85 adults who attended our film series this summer. We look forward to utilizing this equipment further for the Friends of the Rye Public Library's fall speaker series on global warming.

The Rye Public Library has also been very fortunate to receive a gift of an automated external defibrillator, courtesy of the Ciborowski family. As the community meeting place for many local gatherings and meetings, residents of all ages stand to benefit from having this emergency equipment on-site.

We are pleased to offer the following array of fall programs and look forward to seeing you at the Rye Public Library soon. This fall please be sure to also visit us online at our new Web site

<http://www.ryepubliclibrary.org>.



Charlie Riley's daughter and granddaughter, Beth Ann and Carolyn Ball, from Glenview, Illinois, catch up on their e-mail while visiting Rye.

## FREE MONTHLY COMPUTER SEMINARS

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings with Instructor Judy Underwood

September 11 Making a photo book with Shutterfly  
October 2 Microsoft Word 2007  
November 6 Microsoft Vista

## MOVIES at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays

September 5 *The Constant Gardener*  
September 12 *Sweet Land*  
September 19 *Astronaut Farmer*  
September 26 *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*  
October 3 *Avenue Montaigne*  
October 10 *Driving Lessons*  
October 17 *The Namesake*  
October 24 *Fahrenheit 451*  
October 31 *Three Sovereigns for Sarah*  
November 7 *The Holiday*  
November 14 *Christmas in the Clouds*

## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Sunday October 14 at 3 p.m. with Amare Cantare  
Join us for a pleasant afternoon of a capella choral music.

## MUSEUM TRIPS

Visit the MFA on Wednesday, September 12.

Librarian Gwen Putnam-Bailey will drive the Rye Senior SERVE van to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, leaving from the Rye Congregational Church parking lot at 9 a.m. and returning by 3 p.m. Trip is limited to ten riders. Call the Library to reserve a seat.

## GENEALOGY AT THE LIBRARY— FREE WORKSHOP SERIES

Are you interested in researching your family history, but do not know where to start? Sign up for an exciting ten-session workshop series led by Judith Fleuriel, a local genealogist with over 40 years of experience.

Classes will be held on the second Thursday of each month, beginning on Sept. 13.

## KNITTING WITH MARY SMITH

Come join the knitters by the fireplace every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Bring your knitting questions! All are welcome.

## FRIENDS FALL SPEAKERS

### Global Warming Issues

Special showings of the movie  
*An Inconvenient Truth*

Tuesday, October 16 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 19 at 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

Cameron P. Wake, Ph.D.

Climate Change Research Center at UNH



# Happenings at the Rye Public Library

Thursday, November 8 at 7 p.m.

Denise Blaha

Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space  
at UNH

## Environmental Book Discussion, sponsored by the Town of Rye Energy Committee

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning on  
October 10.

Led by committee members Mimi and Steve White and  
Jaci Grote. The first book to be discussed is *Deep Economy:  
The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future* by Bill  
McKibben

This five-part series continues on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

Tuesdays 9/18, 9/25, and 10/2

Saturdays 9/22, 9/29, and 10/6

Classes are from 10 to noon each week. Fee for each three-  
session course is \$50. Judy Underwood, Instructor

## HEALTH CLINICS with Compass Care

Fourth Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

• September 25 • October 23 • November 27

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Third Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

September 18 *History of Love*

October 16 *Fahrenheit 451*

## New Hampshire Reads *Fahrenheit 451*

Which book would you save from the flames?\* If you  
lived in a society that burned books, which book would  
you want to save from the fire? As part of **The Big Read:  
NH Reads *Fahrenheit 451***, you are invited to tell which  
book you would save and why by visiting the Web site:  
[bigreadnh.blogspot.com](http://bigreadnh.blogspot.com)

\*This is a project of the Center for the Book at the NH State Library in part-  
nership with The NH Humanities Council and is part of The Big Read, an ini-  
tiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the  
Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

## MILITARY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

First Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

**Writers** of the on-line publication **RYE REFLECTIONS** meet  
at the Library on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Editor Jack Driscoll  
continues to extend an invitation to others who may be inter-  
ested 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** visits to the Library on the **Rye Senior  
SERVE van**. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public  
Library. If you need a ride to the Library, give us a call at  
964-8401.



Tom Barron and his friends Larry Garland, George  
Blodgett, Terry MacDonald, and John Milisi, filled the  
Library with music, entertaining patrons and visitors

## \*\*\*\*\*ART DISPLAYS\*\*\*\*\*

The Rye Public Library Art Committee has on exhibit in  
the Community Meeting Room a collection of **FLORALS**.  
These are works by local, seacoast artists.

This exhibit will be displayed through mid-September.

Upstairs in the Library, Claire Russo will be exhibiting her  
work during September and October. Mary Vermeersch,  
art teacher and owner of the Brush and Palette Art Supply  
store in North Hampton, will be displaying her work  
along with her students' art during November and  
December.

## CALL FOR ART

Mid-September through early December, "Autumn  
Foliage" will be the theme. All work must be origi-  
nal, framed, and ready to hang, or must have a dis-  
play pedestal.

## DISCOUNTED MUSEUM PASSES

Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

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

Thanks to the generosity of the garden staff, two com-  
plimentary passes are now available to view this love-  
ly turn-of-the century estate garden.

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

# Fun Programs in the Library Youth Department

## Phyllis Marsh's Art Program

Phyllis will once again offer creative art classes this fall. She had full groups all summer and our young patrons created fascinating and unique art projects!! Lessons will be offered on the third Thursdays of each month from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.; sign-up is required @ 964-8401.

## Friday Flicks—back by popular demand!

This fun way to start the weekend returns this fall! Movies begin at 2:50 in the Community Meeting Room with our new projection equipment—it's even closer to being in a real theatre! Shows will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month; popcorn and drinks included!

First film shown: August 31: *The Last Mimzy*—rated PG / 97 minutes

**PLEASE NOTE:** Occasionally a film will be longer than our 5 p.m. closing time, so be sure to arrange rides accordingly. Check with the library for other featured films through December.

## YAttitudes Book Discussion Group

This dynamic group of young people meets monthly to discuss a particular book. Join us! We always have snacks and an exciting discussion!

In October, the library and Rye Middle School join the New Hampshire statewide reading of *Fahrenheit 451*. That discussion group will be on October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Don't miss it! Check with the library for other titles and meeting times—we'd love to have you!

## Teens 15 to 18 Years Old and their Parents

\*\*\*FREE PROGRAM\*\*\*

Come in to the library for a fascinating presentation! A representative from Gunstock Ski Patrol Global Go-First – Youth First Responder Group will be here at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25 to show you what you could do...for free! Each year, a group of 15- to 18-year-olds heads out to the wilderness of Alaska to learn survival skills.

*Don't miss this exciting opportunity!*

## NEW Story Times!

This fall we're pleased to announce an additional story time. These engaging story times include finger plays, songs, stories, and FUN!

- Baby Lap Sit with Cindy Baker—9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays
- Preschool Age Story Time with Craft—11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays (Margaret and Lisa will alternate these story times)

\*\*Both programs begin on Wednesday, September 26.\*\*

## NEW This Fall: "Read to Hank"—the Black Labrador Retriever!!

We're really excited to continue the "Read to Hank" pro-

gram this fall. Join Hank on Mondays between 3:10 and 4:20 for a 15-minute practice reading session. Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes before your turn to pick out a book, or you can bring one from home!

This is a great choice for beginning readers and dog lovers! Statistics show that reading to a dog increases reading levels significantly. Check with the library for the article. Sign-up is required, so call the library @ 964-8401 right away...this program fills up very quickly.

Also...

- September is "Library Card Month"—why not come in and get a card for yourself if you haven't already?
- See special displays for Banned Books Week—October 1–October 6
- Teen Read Week—check it out! October 15–October 20
- Children's Book Week: November 12–November 17

# Water District Report

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

**No Hunting.** Our property is posted with "No Trespassing" and "No Hunting" signs in order to protect the equipment that provides your water. Enjoy the hunting season, but please do so responsibly.

**Water Losses.** At normal water pressure over a three-month period, a 1/16" hole will lose over 70,000 gallons of water. Lost water adds to your total meter reading which is billed according to the District rate schedule.

To avoid water losses caused by leaking hoses, connectors, or spray nozzles, don't leave hoses pressurized. Turn off the water supply at the outside faucet.

As a fall and winter precaution, please ensure your water meter is in a warm, dry, accessible location protected from freezing as required by the District By-Laws. Copies of the By-Laws are available at the District's office at 60 Sagamore Road.

**Work Sessions.** The Commissioner's work session meetings have changed from Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. to Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcomed.

Rye Water District Commissioners



## Report from the Rye Energy Committee

On July 23, 2007, the Selectmen appointed the first three members of the Energy Committee: Jaci Grote, Mimi White, and Steve White. Ideally, the committee will grow to five or seven members.

### About the Members

Jaci Grote moved to Rye with her husband Otto in 2001 and is a member of the Rye Planning Board. She has a degree in engineering and has enjoyed a successful career in sales and marketing. Mimi and Steve White have lived in Rye since 1973 and bring varied backgrounds in education, writing, and engineering.

### Discussion Group, Projects Planned

The committee's goal is to help the Town and its residents to reduce their carbon footprint. Our initial focus is public awareness and education. To that end, we will be hosting, in cooperation with the Library, a discussion group using *Deep Economy* by Bill McKibben. The discussion group will start in the fall and will meet monthly, discussing different sections of *Deep Economy* each month. **If you are interested in joining the discussion group, sign up at the Library.** In addition to public awareness and education, the Committee will develop energy-related projects.

**If you are interested in working on a project or joining the Committee, or if you have any ideas or input for us, please call: Jaci at 379-2007 or Mimi or Steve at 964-6586.**

Rye Energy Committee

**!!! Energy Fact**—a standard refrigerator uses approximately 140 kwh per month while an energy-efficient model (Energy Star) uses only 60 kwh. Look for the Energy Star seal when buying new appliances. Go to [www.nstar.com](http://www.nstar.com) and [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) !!!

*Senior populations are increasing everywhere. Rye's numbers are surprising: age 62+ = 1617 and age 65+ = 689 are living alone.\**

\*U.S. Census (2000). Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000 Geographic Areas: Rye Town, Rockingham County, NH.

## Elderly say, "I'd prefer to stay in my Home Sweet Home." Rye Senior SERVE responds

Rye Senior SERVE continues to focus on assisting senior citizens who live on their own, by offering care at home. Now we are turning to our neighbors for help.

### To Our Elderly Friends:

Rye Senior SERVE would like to begin to offer assistance with simple tasks. Assistance may include, but not be limited to, reading, writing letters, going for walks, giving a caregiver a respite hour, dropping off a meal, or light housekeeping such as sweeping, dusting, or vacuuming. We promise to guard the dignity and privacy of everyone we serve.

### To Our Neighbors:

Help us to increase our volunteer network by offering some of your time. We will work with you to find an appropriate match or an assignment you can accept. Before you begin, we will give you our support. We are also available to help you while you are on an assignment.

For more information about the offerings that Rye Senior SERVE already has in place or to ask questions about SERVE or to volunteer, please call the Rye Public Library at 964-8401 and leave your name and phone number. Someone from SERVE will be in touch with you.

Margaret Carroll  
President of Rye Senior SERVE

## Assessing Office Upgrades Program for Processing Data

Since 2001, this department has relied on Vision Appraisal Technology Company for data processing of all assessing functions. Recently, we have upgraded their support through installation and implementation of Vision's latest innovation, known as version 6. This enhancement features both new and expanded programs for processing assessment data and generating statistical analyses and comprehensive reports for many facets of estimating valuation. This change has had a minimal impact on individual valuations.

We have completed inspections of all properties where additions, renovations, or other changes have taken place as of April 1. During the same time period, Todd Haywood, CNHA, has been continuing the four-year cycle of measuring and listing one-quarter of the Town each year, as required by state law.

We again express our appreciation to property occupants for their cooperation in enabling this office to verify data and correct any errors that may have emanated from estimating when entry was not gained in previous visits.

The values and property information are available to you on-line; 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

# Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

The Town of Rye is organizing a committee to work with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program. We are looking for information from the community to assist us with this process.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs use a variety of education, engineering, and enforcement strategies that help make routes safer for children to walk and bicycle to school. The primary focus of this program is that there is the opportunity to receive grant monies, and thus we are investigating the possibility of the completion of the sidewalk from the Jr. High to the Library.

A survey for parents of school-aged children from K-8th grade will be sent within the first few weeks of school to better assist us in understanding the needs and/or concerns of children walking and cycling to the Rye Elementary and Rye Jr. High Schools. Once the survey is complete, you may drop it off at one of the following locations:

- The Rye Public Library, Children's Room
- The Rye Town Hall
- Rye Elementary and Jr. High School: drop off in the office or hand to teacher.

There will be a Bike Rodeo, sponsored by the Rye Police and Rye Recreation, in the spring. Look on the Town Web site and in the upcoming Newsletters for the date, location and times of this event.

For more information about SRTS visit: [http://www.nh.gov/dot/bureaus/planning/SRTS\\_home.htm](http://www.nh.gov/dot/bureaus/planning/SRTS_home.htm)

Thank you for your anticipated support for and assistance with this new program for Rye. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 964-9800 Ext. 21.

Kimberly Reed, Town of Rye  
Planning Administrator

## The Rye Lions Club 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show

**Sunday, September 16, 2007**

*(Rain date, Sunday, September 23)*

**Parsons Field**

**Car registrations from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Trophies awarded at 2 p.m.**

**Car entries: \$10.00 - Spectators: \$3.00**

***Kids under 12: Free!***

**Fantastic cars and trucks!**

**Great food! Entertainment!**



*Last year there were more than 300 vehicles on the field!*

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Saturday, September 8, 2007**

**8:30 a.m.—Noon**

**Brentwood Town Garage, Rte 111**

Quantity limit per household:  
10 gallons or 10 pounds.

Informational flyers available at  
Town Hall & Rye Recycling.

Sponsored by SE Regional  
District 53B and NH DES.

Visit the Town Web site  
<http://www.town.rye.nh.us/>

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



# Town of Rye Board Meetings

## September 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.

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Labor Day Town offices closed</i>	<b>4</b> 7 pm <b>Recreation Comm.</b> Rec House 6:30 pm <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>5</b> 3:30 pm <b>Rye Water District</b> 60 Sagamore 7 pm <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9 am <b>Sewer Commission</b> 7 pm <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm <b>Long Range Planning Committee</b>	<b>19</b> 6 pm <b>School Board</b> Rye Junior High	<b>20</b> 7 pm <b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Yom Kippur</i>
<b>23</b> <i>First day of Fall</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7 pm <b>Technical Review Committee</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Columbus Day Town offices closed</i>	<b>9</b> 9 am <b>Sewer Commission</b> 7 pm <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>30</b> 7 pm <b>Technical Review Committee</b> Trick or Treat in Rye 5-7 pm	<b>31</b> <i>Halloween</i>	<b>November 2007</b>		
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<b>4</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	<b>5</b> 3:30 pm <b>Rye Water District</b> 60 Sagamore	<b>6</b> 7 pm <b>Recreation Commission</b> Rec House	<b>7</b> 7 pm <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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Library Trustees, first Tuesday of the month  
6:30 pm at the Library

Additional Civic Meetings: 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

## HALLOWEEN "Trick or Treat" in Rye

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Wondering why?

Here's your answer!

Article 15—Adopted at the 1994 Rye Town Meeting: *"Trick or Treat" will be celebrated, in the*

*Town of Rye, on the night of October 30 for the purpose of consistency. The Selectmen, or any other organized groups, or persons shall not have the authority to change the date, unless brought before a town meeting for a public vote."*

## ANY IDEAS FOR COMCAST?

The Town is currently engaged in renewal of its Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast. *An important part of the process is to hear from members of the public regarding their views on the Town's future cable-related needs and interests.*

### PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ASCERTAINMENT OF

#### RYE'S FUTURE CABLE RELATED NEEDS AND INTERESTS

Date: Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, September 17, 2007  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Rye Library Meeting Room

*What Cable TV services and improvements would YOU like to see?  
Don't miss this special Public Hearing!*

For more information, contact the Selectmen's Office: (603) 964-5523

**Glass bottle recycling saves  
the Town of Rye over \$6000**

## URGENT RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS

When you bring your white, green, and brown/amber GLASS BOTTLES & JARS to the Recycling Center, make sure they go into the matching color-coded barrels.

**BLUE GLASS bottles and jars are accepted too, but they must go in the special BLUE BARREL!**

Sorry, but we can't recycle other glass items: mugs, plates, ceramics, etc. Please do not place these items in the barrels for glass!

**Remember... glass bottles and jars only! We want to keep saving that \$6,000!**

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Everett "Bud" Jordan,  
Director of Public Works

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