



Town of Rye

Newsletter



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RYE HOLIDAY PARADE JOY TO THE WORLD

Saturday, December 15, 1 p.m.

Parade Route: Webster at Rye
to Rye Junior High School

Attn: Organizations wishing to
participate: There is an entry
form on page 12.

2007 RYE TAX RATE SET at \$8.91

Town:	\$2.25 (down \$.06 from 2006)
School Local:	\$3.54 (up \$.40)
State Ed.:	\$2.22 (down \$.14)
County:	\$0.90 (up \$.05)
TOTAL RATE:	\$8.91 (up \$.25 from 2006)

Precinct/District tax rates added:

Jenness Beach:	\$.18
Rye Beach:	\$.43
Rye Water Dist.:	\$.48

Taxes, Assessments Discussed

The 2007 tax rates have been set for Rye and second-issue bills have been mailed out. To avoid interest and penalty, remember the due date of December 7, 2007.

Any property owner who does not receive a tax bill may contact Town Hall for a duplicate. Real estate transfers are current through September 30, 2007. Thus changes after this date in ownership may not be indicated on some mailings. Accordingly, it would be greatly appreciated if former owners of a property that has since been

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Many Items Deserve Resident Concern

ABOUT OUR 2007 TAX RATE

ON NOVEMBER FIRST, the Board of Selectmen met with Department of Revenue official Jeane Samms to set Rye's tax rate for 2007. Also present were our Financial Administrator Cyndi Gillespie, Town Clerk Jane Ireland, Rye Beach Precinct representative Frank Drake and Joe Kenny, representative of the Rye Water District. No one was present from Jenness Beach Precinct.

At the outset of that meeting, the unapproved approximate rates, based on net appropriations for town, county, local and state school, and precinct taxes were presented by our Financial Administrator. The financial data is what it is.

An adjustment to the Town tax rate available to Selectmen at this time involves application of a portion of the budgetary unreserved fund against Town appropriations to lower that portion of the total tax rate.

For the second year, your Selectmen chose to do this and we voted to apply \$875,000 of the unreserved fund balance to reduce the 2007 Town portion of the tax rate. You should also know that a little more than 1.3 million dollars remains within that account. This amount complies with state guidelines.

THIS AFFECTS YOU

Due to the New Hampshire Supreme Court ruling, the cost of what the state has now defined as an adequate education must be paid for in its entirety by the state. Determination of that cost is expected by February 1, 2008.

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THIS JUST IN

The Foyes Corner Roundabout is open!

The NH Department of Transportation has announced the opening on November 20 of the new roundabout at Foyes Corner. For more information, please go on the Town website: www.town.rye.nh.us

A Primer on Primaries from the Town Clerk

With all the TV ads and news coverage going on, it's probably not news that there is an election coming up. At this writing the date for the Presidential Primary has not been set, while Secretary of State William Gardner endeavors to keep New Hampshire the first in the nation, as NH state law dictates.

Primary elections evoke confusion for many voters when it comes to party affiliation. Presently this state recognizes just two political parties, Republican and Democrat. *At a Primary, a voter can only get a ballot for the party in which he or she is registered.* (The deadline for changing affiliation prior to the Primary was October 12.)

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Selectmen's Message—Many Items Deserve Resident Concern (Continued from page 1)

The Rye Board of Selectmen, through our continuing membership in the Coalition Communities, supports a narrow constitutional amendment that targets aid to communities in greatest need. A constitutional amendment appears to be the single means to avoid reinstatement of the Statewide Property Tax and donor towns. Estimates are that without a constitutional amendment the Statewide Property Tax will double.

For further information regarding this evolving situation, please view the Coalition Communities site at www.CityofPortsmouth.com.

EAST: ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN

EAST is the acronym for Estuary Alliance for Sewage Treatment. In 2003, we first noted our concern regarding then Senate Bill 70 when, under the mantle of Great Bay Estuary protection, it proposed regional sewer planning for up to 44 communities that would discharge wastewater by means of a pipe to the ocean.

In 2004, the New Hampshire legislature passed Senate Bill 481 establishing EAST (Estuary Alliance for Sewage Treatment), a voluntary association of Great Bay Estuary watershed communities.

A Great Bay Estuary Study Commission was established to prepare a compilation of regional approaches to solve the wastewater problem. One million dollars and many meetings later, a charrette (meeting) was held in 2006 for the presentation of 10 plans to representatives from the estuary communities. Although there did not appear to be any charrette attendee support for ocean outfall, the final report contained ocean outfall as one of the four final possibilities, along with treatment and land application, upgrade of existing facilities, and doing nothing.

The Great Bay Estuary Commission is currently seeking communities desirous of full membership in EAST, which requires individual Town

approval via a warrant article. It will take approval by only two towns to activate the EAST legislation.

In addition to the specter raised by the potential volume of wastewater delivered to our shores along with attendant concerns for our fishing and lobstering industries, **EAST legislation also contains the power of eminent domain, without review, negotiation, or permission from local communities.**

State Senator Martha Fuller Clark attended our selectmen's meeting on October 29, and our concerns regarding EAST were discussed at length. Senator Fuller Clark stated that she has filed a "place holder" in terms of legislation for EAST to "allow time for parameters to be built around the duties, responsibilities, and authority that EAST currently has."

Senator Fuller Clark further stated that she absolutely supports our concerns and expressed the need for assistance in the preparation of the correct language to be used in her legislative effort. This we have provided through our Town Counsel.

DRAINAGE/WATER ISSUES

Since the last newsletter, the Board has scheduled numerous site walks to observe drainage issues. Often the source of the problem is apparent, such as the expansion of impervious area in the vicinity, loaming and seeding of area adjacent to the blacktop, or a crushed culvert pipe. Remediation was feasible in most situations. Installation of catch basins is a last resort since they create ideal mosquito breeding sites and hasten the exit of water that should be allowed, if possible, to seep away as it recharges the aquifer.

Whether the result of past damage, concern related to climate change or fear of the perfect storm, over the past several years many coastal homeowners have sought to increase the barrier on the ocean side of their properties. In planning and following the proper procedure for this, it is

also necessary to remember that the areas of public beach access cannot be encroached upon by the project or blocked or used as staging area during the process.

While we seemingly have water, water everywhere, protection of safe drinking water must be a top priority for all residents. It should be no secret that the water discharged on your property, directly via rain, hose, or sprinkler and indirectly through your septic system, will ultimately find its way to your public water system, to your well, or to your beach. The most common contaminants include lawn chemicals, garden chemicals, gasoline/motor oil, and household chemicals. The result of contamination ranges from beach closure to loss of wells. The choice is ours as individuals.

STATUS: SEAVEY CREEK BRIDGE AND FOYES CORNER

Discussion of the approach to Seavey Creek Bridge on Route 1A was held at a recent Selectmen's meeting with Alex Vogt, New Hampshire DOT Highway Design Project Engineer. Of the several designs presented regarding the guardrails along the approach to the bridge, the selectmen favored modification of the original proposal to allow one property owner better access to his property and to provide some roadside parking.

The question of lighting the Foyes Corner roundabout was also discussed. During the early hearings and again recently, the question of decorative lighting, such as the lampposts along the Route 4 Dover/Durham Scammel Bridge, has been brought up.

Decorative lighting has never been in the state plans but Mr. Vogt agreed to look into the matter. His response is as follows: "Instead of the two regular street lights that have already been installed, it would require a total of four lights to adequately light the islands and area. Ornamental lighting would have to be paid for by the

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Town including maintenance and electric costs. A meter would be placed on a service pole and conduit would have to run to four lights—that would require trenching across the roadway in three places. This could be done as the final pavement will not be placed until next spring; however, it does increase the cost. I have done a preliminary estimate of about \$60,000 to fully install the lighting (ornamental lights, bases, conduit, pull boxes, trenching, removal of existing lights, etc.). If the Town wishes to proceed we can draft a design and have the costs provided by our contractor."

After further discussion, we decided that if decorative lighting is the desire of taxpayers, it should be the result of approval of a petition warrant article in March.

HOLIDAY PARADE:

December 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Rye Fire Fighters David Kornechuk and Chuck Gallant for serving as the 2007 Rye Holiday Parade Co-chairmen. They are assisted by the Rye Fire Department Association, Rye Lions Club, and the Seacoast VFW Memorial Post.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Board of Selectmen:

Joe Mills, Chairman

Craig Musselman, Vice Chairman

Priscilla Jenness

If winter comes, can snow-plows be far behind?

Please make sure the town right-of-way in front of your property is free of any and all obstacles. Clear them now, before the snow begins to fly!

The men who drive the snowplow trucks thank you!

Everett "Bud" Jordan
Director of Public Works

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Town Clerk's Message

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For example, if you are a registered Democrat, you can only receive the ballot for the Democratic Party candidates. *If you are undeclared or independent, you can choose whichever ballot you prefer; however, you should know that action immediately "registers" you in that political party.* You can regain your independent status by proceeding to the Supervisors of the Checklist table (at the polls) right after you vote. You'll need to fill out a short form. If you're not an independent or undeclared voter on primary day but want to become one, you can come to our office *after* the day of the election to change your party affiliation. If you have any questions, please call our office at 964-8562.

In Rye, we vote at the Rye Elementary School on Sagamore Road. The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots for the election will be available at this office. **For those who obtain absentee ballots, some words of caution:** The marked ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office either in person or by mail no later than 5 p.m. the day *before* the election. If delivered by mail, absentee ballots can be accepted no later than 5 p.m. on Election Day. We cannot accept any hand-delivered absentee ballots at the polls on Election Day.

If you have not yet registered to vote, you can do so at our office any-time. You can also register and vote at the polls on Election Day. Bring photo I.D. and proof of your residency.

The second-issue property tax bills were mailed on November 7 and are due by December 7. If your property tax dollars are escrowed through your mortgage company, be sure to send them a copy of your bill. Many mortgage companies contact us through a property tax payment service, but we cannot be sure your bank or mortgage company is included. And, of course, with all the mortgage changes that are happening, you'll want to be sure your mortgage company is alerted.

Our office is open Monday through

VOLUNTEERS Are Needed for Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Senior SERVE continues to focus on assisting senior citizens who live on their own by offering care at home. We wish to thank those who have offered to volunteer their time to help our seniors. *There will be a special meeting for volunteers held downstairs at the Rye Public Library on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. (snow date will be the following Tuesday, Jan. 29).*

Please 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. **More volunteers are needed so please call the Library if you are willing to join us.**

This winter, everyone can help take care of our senior neighbors! With snow on the ground, the walkway to mailboxes and porches may be very treacherous. We are asking you to let your neighbors know you are willing to help by providing them with your name and phone number and an offer to clear snow from their paths. **They may not want to ask you, but a phone call or a note would let them know you are able to help.**

Margaret Carroll
President, Rye Senior SERVE

Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feel free to contact us with any questions. (Phone 964-8562; Fax 964-4132; e-mail janei@town.rye.nh.us)

Jane Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Rye Fire and Rescue Does Not Go It Alone

The next time there is a structure fire in the Town of Rye, take a close look at the names on the fire trucks at the scene. Along with RYE, you will see NEW CASTLE, PORTSMOUTH, NORTH HAMPTON, and HAMPTON. And sitting in the Rye fire station covering the town in case of another emergency will be the trucks from GREENLAND and PEASE ANG BASE.

This will be happening because your fire department here in Rye is a member of the **Seacoast Chief Fire Officers Mutual Aid District**, consisting of 41 area fire departments located in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. When an emergency occurs in any of the member communities, including the Pease ANG Base and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, there are millions of dollars worth of equipment and several hundred firefighters available to respond and assist the host department should the event be beyond its capability. And should a hazardous materials incident such as a leak or a spill occur anywhere on the seacoast, there is a specialized regional team ready to respond and mitigate the hazard. When we wear our other hat, that of the local emergency medical services, one call to our dispatch center could bring up to fifteen or twenty ambulances to a mass casualty incident in Rye.

Because it is a multi-agency district, the mutual aid system has been the recipient of hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal grants. There is a pumping system that by itself can pump as much water as five conventional fire engines. There are three mobile breathing apparatus trailers located within the mutual aid district to refill compressed air cylinders that firefighters need while engaged in firefighting. The Rye Fire Department houses and operates one

Safety Tips from the Chief of Police

HOME SECURITY. If you plan to go away for the winter and have a house alarm system, please be sure it has been serviced and is in good working order. If you don't have an alarm, remember to secure your house before you leave. In all cases, even if you are going away for a shorter time, it's important to let the Police Department and your neighbors know of your plans. Even if you are only going out for the day, be sure your house is secured with doors locked. Burglars will often target the gifts they know are in your home during the holidays. Don't give thieves a chance!

COPPER THIEVES. You may have read in the newspapers about copper being stolen from houses in the Seacoast area. The thieves are entering empty houses, parking in the garage, and removing the copper pipes. When you leave your house, keep your garage door closed, and again, be sure to notify your neighbors and the police if you plan to be away for an extended period of time.

SNOWPLOWING. One issue that arises in the winter is plowing snow across the road. *It is against the law to plow snow across the road.* Please keep this in mind when you snowplow and, if you hire a plow service, please notify your plow operator of this.

DEER CROSSING. During this time of year, the deer are on the

move. We have several herds in town and they cross the roads frequently. **Please use caution when traveling around town.** Hitting a deer can damage your vehicle, seriously injure the deer, and most importantly, cause severe injuries to you or your passengers.

INVISIBLE FENCES. We are receiving a lot of calls for loose dogs. Please make sure your dog has its collar and tags on at all times. If you have an electric fence, the battery in the collar needs to be replaced regularly. If the dog is wearing the collar and the battery isn't working, the fence is useless. If your dog has its tags on, the officer will be able to return your dog to you.

TAILGATERS. There have been some complaints from resident drivers who feel they have been followed too closely through town. If you are traveling through town and feel that a vehicle is tailgating you, please let the Police Department know. If you find yourself tailgating, check your speedometer. The person in front of you is probably going the speed limit.

The Police Department wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Non-Emergency Telephone: 964-5522
EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

of these trailers and responds with it to major fires in the seacoast area.



Mutual Aid System Air Unit housed and staffed by the Rye Fire Department.

Nowhere in municipal government is there another agency that has just about erased all city and town boundaries and works with its neighboring departments as well as the Fire and Rescue Service. At the scene of any major emergency, you will see firefighters from several different communities, as well as chief fire officers, all working together with one common goal: Getting the job done. And who benefits from that? Every resident and taxpayer in the seacoast area.

Chief William H. Sullivan
Town of Rye Fire and Rescue

Assessor's Office

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sold would kindly forward the bill to the new owner inasmuch as this office does not receive the deeds recorded each month at the Registry until approximately the middle of the following month. By the time they are processed, the bills have already been prepared. **It is important to note that the property owner is responsible for paying the taxes, regardless of who got the bill or even if no one got the bill. There are no exceptions.**

With the sending of the bills, the appeal period has commenced. Appeals must be in writing or on the application form available from the Assessor's office at Town Hall. The filing deadline is March 1, 2008.

Our 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, generating statistical analyses, and creating comprehensive reports for many facets of estimating valuation.

As is typical whenever change occurs, the new does not always replicate the old. Specifically, in about two percent of properties where no physical alterations had taken place, there were instances of valuation differences in a range from approximately negative 22 percent (lowered assessment) to positive 22 percent (increased assessment) in 66 parcels out of a total of 3,094 properties in town.

A reminder that Todd Hayward and Virginia Merrill, our field appraisers, will again be around town conducting the **state requirement that one quarter of the town be remeasured and inspected each year.** Your courtesy in allowing them to view the interior has resulted in accurate data beneficial to property owners whose homes may have had incorrect information because of prior estimating when entrance could not be obtained.

The values and property information are available to you online. It is updated four times a year. Please visit

Rye Energy Committee Reports

We kicked off our Education and Awareness campaign with a study group at the Rye Public Library discussing Bill McKibben's book, *Deep Economy*. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. to discuss one chapter. There were 11 participants at the first meeting in October. The November meeting was rescheduled to accommodate our Speakers Series that we are co-sponsoring with the Friends of the Library. The next meeting will be on **December 12 at 7 p.m.** to discuss Chapter 2. The subsequent dates are **January 9, February 13, and March 12.** All are welcome even if you can't make all the sessions. Books are available at the library and at RiverRun Bookstore.

The Friends of the Library and the Energy Committee co-sponsored a fall Speakers Series on the Environment. On November 14, Dr. Cameron P. Wake, Research Associate Professor from the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space at the University of New Hampshire lectured on climate change in the Northeast. On November 29, Denise Blaha and Julia Dundorf, co-directors for the New Hampshire Carbon Challenge, talked about what we can do in our homes to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

The library showed Al Gore's movie *An Inconvenient Truth* in October, and the Energy Committee is showing the movie *The End of Suburbia* on January 17 at 6:30 p.m. *The End of Suburbia* explores the American Way of Life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era, as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply... and what can be done NOW, individually and collectively, to avoid "the end of suburbia."

An Energy Committee Web site has been developed and will be linked

<http://data.visionappraisal.com/rye/nh/> or call the office at 964-5523 if we can help you.

Howard Promer, CNHA-Assessor
Heather Austin, Assessing Clerk

soon to the Town Web site. The Web site has information about the Committee, upcoming events, energy-saving tips, and energy projects in Town.

An energy audit of Town Hall was started in October. Several recommendations came out of the first walk-through. Further review and evaluation is continuing. Once Town Hall is done, other Town buildings will be audited.

We are also working on providing information on buying local foods from local farms that practice sustainable farming. A committee will be forming soon to look into the best ways to connect Rye residents with local growers and farms.

If you would like to join this "food" committee, or have any questions or comments for the Rye Energy Committee please contact any of the members: Mimi and Steve White at 964-6586, Jaci Grote at 379-2007, or David Daskocil at 964-5801. David recently joined the Rye Energy Committee. A trained energy auditor, David's expertise is invaluable and we welcome him wholeheartedly.

Rye Energy Committee

Rye Water District News

Fall Flushing. The semiannual water main flushing has been completed.

Hydrants. As winter approaches, hydrant markers have been installed on all hydrants within the District. Once again we ask for your help in clearing snow away from hydrants near your property. This will be invaluable in an emergency. A 6-foot radius around all hydrants should also be kept clear of any permanent structures or plantings.

Irrigation. Now is a good time to be sure all irrigation piping has been drained or blown dry.

2006 Annual Meeting. A petition request has been submitted for a warrant article to extend service from the intersection of West and Garland Roads to the end of the existing main just south of the Garland Well Station. Based on a preliminary assessment of the costs, this project will require authorization of a bond.



TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS



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PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHT

Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road

Rye & New Castle Residents Only

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



TRICKY DICK'S MAGIC SHOW is a combination of comedy magic, mystifying illusions, and amazement for everyone. This show will leave you with your jaw open and your cheeks sore from laughing. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.

DOWNEAST STORYTELLING focuses on a mix of old favorites and contemplative stories. The wry wit and humor of the Downeast character is presented by Ben Fowler, Ph.D., of the University of New Hampshire. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.



BIRDS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS is a colorful slide and audio presentation on birds of the White Mountains. Presented by Stephen Hale, Ph.D., of the University of New Hampshire. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 6:30-7:30 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.

KNOWATOM SCIENCE PROGRAMS



CRIME SCENE SCIENCE is a program for youth grades 1-3. Students will learn about basic evidence collection, mapping crime scenes, fingerprinting, latent fingerprints, blood typing and DNA, footprint impressions, dental impressions, detecting counterfeit currency and more! This program will feature age appropriate topics, discussions, and props. Held in the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available. Tuesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18, 2008, 3:45-5:00 p.m. Fee: \$180 (8 classes)



MODERN INVENTIONS is a program for youth grades 4-6. Students will build and learn about a number of modern inventions. Over the course of the program, students will build and investigate devices surrounding: automation, fiber optics, hovercraft, magnetic levitating trains, pinhole cameras, steam engines, telegraphs, thermostats, turbines, and zoetropes (early motion picture machines). Held in the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available. Tuesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18, 2008, 5:05-6:20 p.m. Fee: \$180 (8 classes)



LEGO ROBOTICS NXT WORKSHOP instruction is provided by Kevin Husson. Participants will construct and program a variety of robots using the new Lego Mindstorms NXT. Projects include a scorpion that actually stings its enemies, a spider, and a tribot that can actually see and interact with its environment using an ultrasonic sensor. Opportunity will be given to program the robots using NXT software. This workshop is for grades 3-6 and will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space is available. Saturdays, January 5, 12, 19, 2008, 9:00-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$75 (3 classes)



IDENTITY THEFT Learn how to protect yourself against identity theft. Participate in an informational session facilitated by Sergeant, Scott Blaisdell of the Rye Police Department. Held at the Rye Public Safety Building on Thursday, February 21, 2008, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No charge to the public open to all ages.



MAHJONG is a classic Chinese game which involves skill, strategy, and calculation as well as a certain degree of luck. The object of the game is to build complete suits usually of threes from tiles. The first person to achieve this goal wins the game. Come and enjoy the game in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Beginners are welcomed. Held in the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. For Rye and New Castle residents only. Limited space available. Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Fee: \$5



SWIM LESSONS are provided by the Seacoast Family YMCA. Participants in grades 1 and up are evaluated during the first lesson. The half hour lesson is followed by a one hour free swim. Participants 3-5 years of age learn to move about in the sea horse position and gradually work their way to a more horizontal position in the water. During their half hour lesson floatation devices called bubbles are used. Lessons are held at the Seacoast Family YMCA, 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth. Limited space available. Session 1, Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2008 Session 2, Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008 3-5 yrs old, 10:45 - 11:15 a.m, Grades 1 and up, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$96 per session (8 lessons)



ACTIVE, ALIVE AND LIVING IN RYE!



DANCE LESSONS are provided by The Music Studio

and held at 150 Lafayette Road, Rye, NH. Limited space available.



INTRO TO BALLROOM DANCING: Mambo, Salsa, Cha Cha, Waltz,

Quick Step, Swing

Session 1, Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2008, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Session 2, Thursdays, February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 2008, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Session 3, Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2008, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$125 per couple, per session (4 lessons)

HIP HOP DANCE

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 2008

Grades K-3, 4:00-4:45 p.m., Grades 4-12, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$75 (5 lessons)



YOGA is designed to link breath and movement; connecting body, mind and spirit. Find inner peace by relaxing the mind, building strength and flexibility to the body. These adult classes are instructed by Jeanie Ryan and held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available. Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18, 2008, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$165 (10 classes)



GROUP TENNIS LESSONS instruction is provided by Lisa

Packard. These co-ed lessons will be held at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Limited space available.

Session 1, Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008

Grades 1-2, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 3-4, 5:00-6:00 p.m., HS, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 1, Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2008

Grades 5-6, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 7-8, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Adult, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, February 12, 19, March 4, 11, 2008

Grades 1-2, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 3-4, 5:00-6:00 p.m., HS, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Thursdays, February 14, 21, March 6, 13, 2008

Grades 5-6, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 7-8, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Adult, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45 per session (4 lessons) and rackets are not provided.

When registering for tennis you will only be able to sign up for one session and have your name go on a waiting list for a second.



YOUTH RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December 8, 2007 and ends February 16, 2008.

Grade K meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group.

Grades 1-5 meet twice a week, once for practice and Saturday for games.

Held at Rye Elementary School.

Fee including late charge: \$50 for 1st registrant, \$20 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL is held Sundays, December 9, 16, 2007 and January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2008, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High School. There will be no basketball on December 23, 30, 2007 (Other black out dates may be added later). Held at Rye Junior High.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM is open to grades K-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F. The cost of the program is \$13.00/day

with a minimum of 2 days required, there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. The program is currently full. Please contact the Recreation Department to be placed on a waiting list.



YOUTH FIT gives youth grades 5-9 a solid base on which to build a lifetime of health and fitness. Classes focus on individual goals along with a full range of exercise concepts, nutrition, health concepts, and weight room workouts. Meets twice a week Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Held at the Seacoast Family YMCA, 550 Peverly Hill Road Portsmouth. Limited space available.

Session 1, January 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, February 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 2008, Fee: \$112.50 (15 classes)

Session 2, March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 2008, Fee: \$120 (16 classes)



PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY is a perfect opportunity

for children to explore their artistic side through ceramics. Instruction is provided by Jonathan Carleton and held in the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available. 3-4 years old, Tuesdays, February 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008, 11:00-12:00 p.m. Grades K-5, Wednesdays, February 20, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$65 (5 classes)



KNITTING WORKSHOPS are instructed by

Beth Yeaton. Limited space available.

BEGINNER RIBBED SCARF: Create a stylish ribbed scarf.

Learn casting on, knitting, purling, and binding off. No knitting experience necessary. Held in the NH Room at the Rye Library, Tuesdays, January 22, 29, 2008, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$50 includes pattern, yarn and needles (2 classes)

BASIC MITTENS: Enhance your knitting skills by making a pair of colorful mittens for any size. Techniques include casting on, reading a pattern, knitting, and purling. Basic knitting skills required. Bring pencil and ruler to class. Held in the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Tuesdays, February 12, 19, 2008 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$60 includes pattern, yarn and needles (2 classes)



SKI or SNOWBOARD LESSONS instruction

will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski Lessons and Snowboarding Lessons are for grades 2-8. Bus transportation will leave from both schools, after dismissal on Fridays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2008. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$200 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and Snowboard Rentals are available for an additional fee of \$60 and helmets for \$15. Helmets are required.



Limited space available

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

TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 10 CENTRAL ROAD, RYE, N.H. 03870
TEL (603) 964-6281 FAX (603) 964-1516

WINTER 2008
REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____
Month / Day / Year

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Program - very important, please see reversed side and check the appropriate box(es)

Medical (or other) considerations which may affect participation in this activity: _____

Mother/Guardian First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Father/Guardian First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact if different from above:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

I give my permission for myself/my child _____ to participate in the above named Recreation Department activity. I realize it is my responsibility to consult a physician, to assess my child's health relating to participation in this activity. I agree to hold harmless the Town of Rye, the Recreation Commission, it's employees, volunteers and agents for any/all injuries and damages incurred during the course of the above mentioned program.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registration fees are not refundable and registration is not secured until completed form and payment are received.
Please make checks payable to Rye Recreation

Amount of payment enclosed: _____

For office use only: Paid _____ Paid Date: _____ Method: _____

SUMMARY SHEET First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Please check and fill in the appropriate fee for each program:

KNOWATOM SCIENCE PROGRAMS (\$180) Tuesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18, 2008				
Crime Scene Science, 3:45-5:00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		Modern Inventions, 5:05-6:20 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
LEGO ROBOTICS NXT WORKSHOP (\$75) Grades 3-6, Saturdays, January 5, 12, 19, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.				<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
MAHJONG (\$5) Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008, 1:00-4:00 p.m.				<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
SWIM LESSONS (\$96)				
Session 1, 3-5 yrs old Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2008, 10:45-11:15 a.m.	Session 1, Grades 1 and up Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2008, 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Session 2, 3-5 yrs old Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008, 10:45-11:15 a.m.	Session 2, Grades 1 and up Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008, 4:00-5:30 p.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	
BALLROOM DANCING (\$125 per couple/per session)				
Ballroom Dancing Session 1 Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2008, 7:15-8:30 p.m.	Ballroom Dancing Session 2 Thursdays, February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 2008, 7:15-8:30p.m.	Ballroom Dancing Session 3 Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2008, 7:15-8:30p.m.		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
HIP HOP DANCE (\$75) Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 2008				
Grades K-3, 4:00-4:45 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	Grades 4-12, 5:15-6:15 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
YOGA (\$165) Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18, 2008, 9:00-10:30 a.m.				<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
GROUP TENNIS LESSONS (\$45 per session)				
Session 1, Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008 Grades 1-2, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 3-4, 5:00-6:00 p.m., HS, 6:00-7:00 p.m.		Session 2, Tuesdays, February 12, 19, March 4, 11, 2008 Grades 1-2, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 3-4, 5:00-6:00 p.m., HS, 6:00-7:00 p.m.		
Session 1, Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2008 Grades 5-6, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 7-8, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Adult, 6:00-7:00 p.m.		Session 2, Thursdays, February 14, 21, March 6, 13, 2008 Grades 5-6, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 7-8, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Adult, 6:00-7:00 p.m.		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL CO-ED				
\$50 for first registrant <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		\$20 for each additional registration from the same family <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
YOUTH FIT Mondays and Wednesdays, Grades 5-9 (Session 1, \$117 for 15 classes/Session 2, \$120 for 16 classes)				
Session 1, January 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, February 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 2008, 4:30-5:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		Session 2, March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 2008, 4:30-5:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY (\$65)				
3-4 Years old, Tuesdays, February 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008, 11:00-12:00 p.m.		Grades K-5, Wednesdays, February 20, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008, 5:00-6:00 p.m.		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
KNITTING WORKSHOPS Beginner Ribbed Scarf (\$50), Basic Mittens (\$60)				
Beginner Ribbed Scarf, Tuesdays, January 22, 29, 2008, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Basic Mittens, Tuesdays, February 12, 19, 2008, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
SKI OR SNOWBOARD LESSONS (\$200 lessons and transportation, ski and snowboard rentals \$60, helmets \$15) Fridays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2008				
Ski Lessons and Transportation (\$200)	Snowboard Lessons and Transportation (\$200)	Ski Lessons, Transportation & Rental (\$260)	Snowboard Lessons, Transportation & Rental (\$260)	Helmet Rental (\$15)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____

FEE SUMMARY

Knowatom Science Programs	\$ _____	Hip Hop Dance	\$ _____	Paint Your Own Pottery	\$ _____
Lego Robotics NXT Workshop	\$ _____	Yoga	\$ _____	Knitting Workshops	\$ _____
MahJong	\$ _____	Tennis	\$ _____	Ski or Snowboard Lessons	\$ _____
Swim Lessons	\$ _____	Recreational Basketball Co-ed	\$ _____	OVERALL TOTAL	\$ _____
Ballroom Dancing	\$ _____	Youth Fit	\$ _____		

Happenings at the Rye Public Library

The Rye Public Library recently launched a professionally designed new Web site at

www.ryepubliclibrary.org

which has a clear navigational design and facilitates 24/7 access to the wealth of information available in the Library's downloadable audio book collection and other electronic resources. In addition to its functionality, the new site showcases the Rye Public Library's building design in several photographs by local photographer and Rye resident, Don Osborne. Timed to coincide with the announcement of our new Web site, we have licensed three new electronic databases including the Learning Express database of more than 130 test-preparation E-books and 300 academic and vocational practice exams, and the Grolier Online suite of databases including the *Encyclopedia Americana*, *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, the *New Book of Knowledge*, and the *New Book of Popular Science*. A third database for business enthusiasts is Reference USA, which offers detailed information on more than 14 million U.S. businesses. All of these resources are available with direct access within the Library or by remote access from home with a library card.

A **holiday open house** is scheduled at the Rye Public Library on Sunday, December 2 from 12–3 p.m. All Rye residents are invited to attend a festive afternoon with holiday bell ringers, registering for library cards, and learning more about the many new collections and services available to you at the Rye Public Library.

Kerry Cronin, Library Director

UPCOMING PROGRAMS @ THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Rye Public Library

Lecture Series on Leadership

"Contrasts in Leadership: Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant"
Richard D. Schubart, Philips Exeter Academy
Sunday, February 10, 3–4 p.m.

"The Ubiquitous Winston Churchill"
Robert Stevens, Principal, York Senior High School
Sunday, March 9, 3–4 p.m.

Movies at 1 p.m. Wednesdays

January 2	<i>The Namesake</i> PG-13
January 9	<i>Amazing Grace</i> PG
January 16	<i>Catch & Release</i> PG-13
January 23	<i>Nicholas Nickleby</i> PG
January 30	<i>Paper Clips</i> G
February 6	<i>Ashes to Glory</i> NR
February 13	<i>All Passion Spent</i>
February 20	<i>Music of the Heart</i>
February 27	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>

Holiday Sing-a-long Thursday, December 20 @ 7 p.m.

Free Writer's Workshop

"Once Upon Your Life" Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Award winning Irish writer Aine Greaney will help you craft your true family stories into short fiction.

Currier Museum Art Talk "From Anonymous to Aponovich: NH History and Art" January 31, 7 p.m.
Experience NH through artwork that captures daily life and geography in the Granite State.

Special Movie Presentation of *Magic Happens* February 21, 7 p.m.

A film written and directed by Spanish filmmaker, Carmela Sainz de Baranda, set at the Rye Public Library featuring librarians Pam Woods and Tricia Quinn. Come meet the director and watch this delightful short film, which celebrates the importance of libraries.

Book Discussions at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month

New members always welcome! Books are available for loan at the Library. Please call the Library at 964-8401 for details.

Town Energy Committee Book Discussion

"Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future" by Bill McKibben
Discussions take place the second Wednesday of each month (12/12, 1/9, and 2/13) at 7 p.m.

On January 17 at 6:30 p.m. the Town Energy Committee will also host a special showing of the film, *End of Suburbia*.

Art Displays

The Rye Public Library Art Committee will display an exhibit entitled "The Human Figure" by local artists in early December through February downstairs in the Community Meeting Room. Artist and owner of the Brush and Palette, Mary Vermeersch, and her students will exhibit their oil paintings upstairs. A reception for Mary and her students will take place on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS NEW!! Teen Knitting with Pam Anthony

This is not your grandmother's knitting! Join our group to make fun projects. We meet on the first and third Fridays of the month at 3 p.m. with a few extra dates as well, December 7 and 12. Bring your own yarn or use some of ours! Be sure to check our Web site for more details.

Phyllis Marsh's Art Program

Unique art projects will be featured in this fun art class.

Rye Public Library

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Lessons are offered on the third Thursdays of each month from 3:15–4:15 p.m.; sign-up is required. Call 964-8401.

YAttitudes Book Discussion Group

Join the book group and get ready for fun! We have snacks and great discussions. Meetings are held at the Rye Junior High library at 7 p.m. Please call the Library for monthly discussion titles.

Story Times

These fun and engaging story times include music, finger plays, rhymes, and terrific books.

- o Babbling Books for Babies with Cindy Baker—9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays
- o Preschool Age Story Time with Craft—11 a.m. on Wednesdays (Margaret and Lisa alternate these story times)

“Read to Hank”—the Black Labrador Retriever!!

This Canine Assisted Reading Program makes reading fun for your child. Join Hank on Mondays between 3:10 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. 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! Sign up required; call 964-8401.

Drop-In Chess and Tournament with Mike Sullivan

Mike Sullivan will be here to play and teach chess...don't miss this fun opportunity to learn from the best! Mike's first session will be held on Monday, January 28. Check our Web site for details on the rest of the sessions. A tournament will be held March. (There is a small fee for the tournament as it is “rated.” The fee will permit you to enter tournaments for the year.)

Russian Spiral Bracelet Workshop

You can learn to make these fascinating and beautiful bracelets right here at the Library! Check our Web site for the dates and times of the workshops. Limited to six patrons; sign up required. Call us at 964-8401.

Valentine Pet Photo Contest: “We Love our Cool Cats and Hot Dogs!”

Take a fun photo of your pet, enter the contest, and win! The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Petco; honorable mention wins a \$10 gift card. Entries will be accepted between February 1 and February 18. A team of pet lovers will judge the photos; winner to be announced February 22. Start planning those photos today!

Cake Decorating

Come slurp up some icing in this fun decorating workshop! Try your skills at making fancy designs on Nilla Wafers. All tools and icing will be provided. February 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Just in time for Valentine's Day!!

Planning Board Explains Process

This year has been a busy one for the Rye Planning Board. Your Planning Board has been working hard to make sure that each application is given a fair, proper, and thorough review. Even though development projects are typically about buildings and land, there are an infinite number of situations that can arise concerning different projects. Each application has its own unique issues that usually touch on many state and local requirements. Although it can seem like a slow process, the Planning Board has to take the time to make sure that all the laws and rules that apply to an application are considered. Sometimes things seem to be a good idea based on common sense and intuition. When you look deeper, however, you may discover that a process that you were not even aware of may have a big impact on the end result. An example of this would be the drainage of water. Even though land may be level to the eye, it may have a slope to it. A surveyor can make a much more accurate measurement of the actual slope. Gravity, being what it is, makes the water flow downhill every time. What you may not know from just looking is that the water table may be high in that area as well. Maybe only a little rain will saturate the soil and cause a small pond or river to form. This could result in a new mosquito breeding area or unexpected erosion. This is an example of the thought process that the Planning Board goes through. Something may seem like a small change, but everyone may not realize that many other small changes have added up and caused the one additional change to tip the balance. The goal is to not create a potential problem for a neighbor who is not involved with the project, but may be affected by it.

When people have ideas for projects, they are typically optimistic and genuinely believe that they have included every detail. Some proposals are very detailed and others are more general in nature. It is the job of the Planning Board, comprised of a number of people with different backgrounds and points of view, to decide if an important detail has been missed or not. Filling in details is a normal part of the process. If issues are discovered early on, they can be more easily compensated for. If issues come up later, it can become frustrating for all involved, but at least everything will get considered and properly evaluated before it is actually built.

If you visit a meeting, you may get the impression that things seem rigid sometimes. Planning Board meetings are noticed public hearings that result in decisions recorded in legal documents. With that in mind, certain procedures have to be followed. Each member is also aware of his or her duties and responsibilities and swears an oath when elected or appointed to the Board. The Board works to be a reasonable and fair while being consistent and thorough.

The Town of Rye is truly a beautiful place to live. Please know that your Planning Board, comprised of fellow citizens, is doing its best to preserve that beauty into the future for all to enjoy.

Donald A. Cavallaro

Chairman, Rye Planning Board

Notes from the Beach

A visit to the beach is like a trip to Disneyland for a dog. At the very first indication of the journey, they begin to lose their mind. At the beach, their senses are overwhelmed with exotic aromas, sounds, and sights unlike any other place. They can run at breakneck speeds chasing birds, balls, other dogs, or for no apparent reason other than for the joy of it. They can dig furiously into the sand for rocks or for some other unseen treasure. They can gallop into the waves over and over again. It is a place to meet and greet many dogs of various shapes, sizes, and smells. And people, too: the place is full of people that some dogs love to approach seeking a loving pat.

The majority of the dogs on the beach and their owners are responsible and depart the surf, sand, and the other visitors without incident. As with other users of this great and beautiful resource of ours, conflicts can arise and some will use and abuse it irresponsibly. Don't get me wrong. I love dogs. Some of my best friends are dogs, but once again, we must seek balance. The balance we seek is between the rights of dog owners bringing their pets to the beach and the rights of all others who would use the beach for other purposes.

By rule, dogs are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day until October 1. Outside of these dates and times, dogs must be under the control of their owners. The owners are further required to remove from the beach any solid waste created during the visit. It is the failure of a great number of owners to observe these rules that has an increasing number of residents calling for restrictions on canine beach rights in Rye. In just the past few months, I have been contacted by those promoting changes including leash laws, limiting dog usage to a "dog beach," and even an outright ban of dogs on our beaches. It is the minority of dog owners causing these

problems, but with more and more seacoast towns implementing such restrictions, the targeting of free beaches by those travelling here with their dogs increases the size of this minority each year.



While it is apparent that some offending dog owners openly disregard the rules because it is more convenient and often think no one is watching, others,

I'm sure, simply need some clarification. Having control of your dog means first of all that it is within your sight at all times. It is not trailing some distance behind you, leaving presents that you never see. Your dog is not harassing other dogs that are under control or even on a leash. It is not running at other beachgoers, children and adults alike, who may be terrified by dogs not knowing the approaching dog's intentions. If these conditions can't be met, then your dog needs to be on a leash. Removing dog waste from the beach means that you don't bring your dog unless you bring your baggie as well. At most entrances to the beach, we have gone as far as providing you with "Mutt Mitts." It is not acceptable to bury the waste in seaweed or sand with your foot. It is not acceptable to put it in the baggie and leave it on the sand as if to pick it up after your walk, never to return for it.

I must admit that years ago I had a dog named Henry who I would bring to the beach and I was guilty of some of the above. Unless and until one spends a lot of time at the beach, however, they may not realize the sheer number of these problem owners and the accumulation of their offenses. It is important that these rules are adhered to. Educating the dog public will be part of the solution both with improved signage and hopefully by word of mouth. It would be a shame if a minority of dog owners caused a closure of many a dog's favorite outing.

Michael Labrie,
Chairman, Rye Beach Commission

Don't Get Burned by the Holidays

With the approach of the holiday season, the Rye Fire Department has some tips for your safety.

CANDLES. Candles have become one of the leading causes of fires in the home. If burning candles for religious or decorative reasons, make sure that they are extinguished before retiring for the night or before leaving the house.

DECORATIONS. Strings of lights for exterior or interior use should be carefully checked before hanging them to ensure that there are no bare wires that could cause a fire or an electric shock to a family member or a pet.

SMOKE DETECTORS. If you have not already done so, make sure that the batteries are replaced in all of your smoke detectors.

Your Rye Fire Department wishes all of you a very happy holiday season.

Call for Toys, Donations

This is the fourth year that the Rye Firefighters have been able to participate in the Seacoast Area Firefighter Toy Bank, and we greatly appreciate all of the support from our local community. The many donations of toys and financial contributions have helped to make the season a wonderful time for families unable to celebrate on their own.

Beginning November 14, we will be accepting donations that can be offered until December 23rd. Here is how you can help:

- Donate new, unwrapped toys for age groups from newborn to 17 years old. We are always looking for ideas for the 11-17 age groups.
- Donate gift cards for local merchants.
- Make financial contributions. Make checks to the Rye Firefighter Toy Bank.

Please drop off or mail donations to the Rye Fire Station. Toy Drop-Off boxes will be located at: Rye Fire Station, Depot Honda, Hungry Horse, and the Rye Airfield, with more to come. Just look for the Seacoast Firefighter Toy Bank Drop-Off signs.

Feel free to contact FF Charles Gallant or FF John Klanchesser at (603) 964-6411.

Thank you for your support,
www.toy-bank.com

Town of Rye Board Meetings

December 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.

2	3 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore	4	5 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment <i>Hanukkah</i>	6	7	8
9	10 6 pm Board of Selectmen 7:30 pm Recreation Commission	11 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	12 6 pm Mosquito Control Commission	13	14	15 <i>Holiday Parade 1 pm</i>
16	17 6 pm Board of Selectmen	18 7 pm Planning Board Technical Review Committee	19 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	20 7 pm Conservation Commission	21	22 <i>First day of Winter</i>
23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day Town offices closed</i>	26	27	28	29

30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>	January 2008				
		1 <i>New Years Day Town offices closed</i>	2 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	3	4	5

6	7 6 pm Board of Selectmen 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7:30 pm Recreation Comm.	8 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	9 6:30 pm Town Budget Public Hearing Rye Jr. High	10 6:30 pm School Budget Public Hearing Rye Jr. High	11	12
13	14 6 pm Board of Selectmen	15 6:30 pm Town and School Budget Public Hearing Snow Date, RJH	16 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	17 7 pm Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21 <i>MLK Civil Rights Day Town offices closed</i>	22	23	24	25	26

27	28 6 pm Board of Selectmen	29 7 pm Technical Review Committee	30	31	February 2008	
					1	2 9 am <i>Deliberative Session Rye Jr. High</i>

3	4 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7:30 pm Recreation Comm.	5 9 am Sewer Commission	6 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	7	8	9 <i>Snow date Deliberative Session</i>
10	11 6 pm Board of Selectmen	12 7 pm Planning Board	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>Presidents Day Town offices closed</i>	19	20 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	21 7 pm Conservation Commission	22	23
24	25 6 pm Board of Selectmen	26 7 pm Technical Review Committee	27	28	29	

Library Trustees, first Thursday of the month
5:30 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

A Reminder to Residents

Remember to mark your 2008 calendars NOW for the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. The Town Election will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

An Invitation from the Rye Historical Society

**Rye Town Museum Holiday
Open House
Saturday, December 15, 2007
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Please join us for a festive day at the Museum with refreshments, music, holiday shopping in our gift shop, new

items in our collection, a last look at the "Hotel/Boarding House" exhibit, and sharing ideas for our new "History of Land Use in Rye" exhibit.

Alex Herlihy
Rye Historical Society

Call for Parade Entries

The Rye Fire Department Association, Rye Lions Club, and the Seacoast VFW Memorial Post would like to invite your organization to participate in the annual Rye Holiday Parade. Date/Time: Saturday, December 15, 2007 at 1 p.m. The parade will form behind Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road at 11 a.m.

Judging of entries will take place at 12:00 p.m. All parade entries will be included in the judging. Trophies will be awarded to the winning entries following the parade at the Rye Junior High School. This year's theme will be Joy to the World. For additional information call 964-6411

David C. Kornechuk, Chuck Gallant
Rye Holiday Parade Co-Chairmen

Please return entry forms as soon as possible to: The Rye Fire Department Association, 555 Washington Road, Rye, N.H. 03870. Attention: Parade Chairmen.

Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Contact person: _____
Phone: _____

Type of entry (Please circle one:)

BUSINESS NON-PROFIT FIRE APPARATUS
FLOAT BAND WALKING UNIT EQUESTRIAN

**ANY FLOATS CARRYING CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULTS ON BOARD
TO SUPERVISE CHILDREN—NO EXCEPTIONS**



**Rye Professional Firefighters
Local 4411 &**

Rye Fire Department Association

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

Dec. 2,7,8,9,15,16

**Depot Honda
Lafayette Road**

For more info contact the
Rye Fire Department
(603) 964-6411

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

for news and up-to-date
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