



Town of Rye

Newsletter



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March 2008

Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 11

TOWN REPORTS

AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2007 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 4, at the following locations: Town Hall, Rye Public Safety Building, Rye Public Library, Recycling Center, and The Hungry Horse. If you are unable to pick up your copy at one of these locations, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 to request that one be mailed to you.

Town Clerk Discusses Election, Dogs, and Permits

Election. The Town Election is Tuesday, March 11. Polls are at the Elementary School on Sagamore Road and are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at this office for any voter who cannot get to the polls on Election Day. A sample ballot is included in this newsletter.

Dogs. Another year has rolled around, and it's once again time to license your dog! Stop by our office with the dog's up-to-date rabies certificate. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.50; non-neutered dogs are \$9. Puppies can be licensed for \$6.50. Dog owners over 65 years of age can license one dog at a

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Warrant Articles and Their Effect on Taxes Discussed

THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION was held Saturday, February 2 and was poorly attended despite clear skies. Approximately 50 voters availed themselves of this final opportunity to make changes in the 2008 Warrant Articles prior to voting on Tuesday, March 11. Discussion of the first article was delayed briefly to allow Chairman Joe Mills, speaking on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town, to express appreciation to Dan Hoefle for ten years of dedicated service as our Town moderator. He then presented a plaque which encased a gold gavel and read the inscription, "Presented to Daniel C. Hoefle, Esq. who ably served the Town as moderator from 1998 to 2008 by the grateful citizens of the Town of Rye, February 2, 2008." Moderator Hoefle accepted graciously. He has chosen not to run for moderator this year.

The longest discussion of the Deliberative Session, led by Budget Committee member Bob Eaton, concerned whether or not it is permissible to print the statements "THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN. THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE" following Article #23, which pertains to raising and appropriating the operating budget. It was determined by Town Counsel that to do so is not illegal, although it is

not normally done. Mr. Eaton requested addition of these two lines to Article #23, just as recommendation or non-recommendation follows other money articles, in the belief that the budgetary process had been thorough and successful, the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee had each worked hard and that both groups were in agreement with the final product.

The 2008 budget was finalized at \$7,686,615, up \$365,246 over 2007 (\$7,321,369). This figure does not contain any 2008 Warrant Articles. It does reflect a contractual cost of living adjustment of 2.5%.

Warrant Articles #4 through #22 were moved to the ballot to be voted

See Selectman, page 6

Meet the Rye residents running for elected office in 2008!

CANDIDATES NIGHT 2008

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

at 7 p.m.

**The Rye Public Library's
Community Meeting Room**

(Handicapped accessible)

Each candidate will be invited to make a three-to-five minute introduction. A question and answer session with all candidates will follow.

*Refreshments will be served.
(Hosted by the Rye Public Library.)*

*For more information
call 603-964-8401*

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
March 11, 2008

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES

FOR MODERATOR

for two years Vote for one
 KAREN W. OLIVER
 ROBERT G. EATON

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years Vote for one
 JOE MILLS
 ROSALIE POWELL ANDREWS

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for six years Vote for one
 MADELINE L. CHICHESTER

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for two
 SARA ANN MACKIE
 DEBORAH G. GENESTRETI

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years Vote for one
 JEFFREY BALBONI

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years Vote for two
 MELVIN R. LOW
 WILLIAM W. ZECHEL
 MARTIN G. ZIVIC

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years Vote for two
 PAUL GOLDMAN

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
 ROGER P. PHILBRICK

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years Vote for one
 DAVID KOHLHASE

ARTICLE 3
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
QUESTIONS

Amendment 1: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

To add an Aquifer Protection District to the zoning ordinance. The Aquifer Protection District is intended to protect groundwater resources by regulating land uses which might contaminate aquifers or reduce the recharge of aquifers. A copy of the proposed amendment establishing an Aquifer Protection District is posted at the town hall and will be posted at the polling place.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 2: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

To amend Section 401.4 C Re: Frontage Requirement for Retirement Community Development (RCD)), as follows:

C. Frontage: An RCD shall have a minimum contiguous frontage on a ***Class V Road or better town road or street*** of 150 feet. Each dwelling within an RCD

shall face upon either an existing ***Class V Road or better town road or street*** or on a private way constructed within the RCD.

(Note: Proposed new language in ***italics and emboldened***. Deleted text is ~~struck through.~~)

Explanation

Class V Roads are town roads. Roads better than a Class V Road are state highways or state roads of Class I to IV. The effect of the amendment is to clarify that the requirement for frontage is that the frontage must be on a town road or a town street. The amendment also would allow an RCD to have frontage on a state highway or state road.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 3: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

To amend the definition of "Garage" found in Appendix A, Definitions, as follows:

GARAGE: An accessory building, joined or attached or entirely separate from the dwelling or main building it serves, ***and having a garage style door(s)***, the primary use of which is the storage or parking of not more than three motor vehicles. ***If the garage is used in conjunction with a multi-unit dwelling, the number of bays shall not exceed the number of units.***

(Note: Proposed new language in ***italics and emboldened***.

Explanation

The amendment clarifies that a garage must have a garage style door. The amendment also allows garages used in conjunction with multi-unit dwellings to have a number of spaces equal to the number of units in the dwelling.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 4: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

To amend Section 401.4 Requirements for Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) by adding the following new subsection:

P. ***Bonus for Cluster Layout:*** The planning board, at its discretion, may approve an RCD of up to twenty (20) dwelling units if the proposal is for a cluster layout of streets and dwellings and if at least 50% of the parcel is preserved as common open space. Recreation and Community Facilities with impervious surfaces, any community buildings and all permanent structures will not be considered as part of the open space calculation for Cluster Layout. The area computation of the open space for the Bonus for Cluster Layout shall not include road rights of way, public or private.

The open space shall be permanently protected using a conservation easement as open space or common land for the purposes of recreation, conservation, park, trails or public easement forestry or agriculture. The Planning Board at its discretion may require that the open space or some portion be publicly accessible via easements.

The open space of an RCD shall be visible from a Town or state road wherever possible. The clustered buildings should

A REMINDER

If you study the ballot at home and fill in the checklist on the back page of this issue, you'll save yourself lots of time in the voting booth on March 11! But don't forget to take your checklist with you. (And don't leave it in the voting booth!)

If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523.

Amendment 1 of Article 3 is discussed in the Planning Board article on page 16.

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not be seen from a town or state road or from a town street.

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

Explanation

The amendment would encourage developers of RCD's to provide a layout which maximizes open space preservation.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 5: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

To amend Section 401.4 re: Requirements for Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) by adding the following new subsection:

Q. Recreation and Community Facilities. An RCD may include recreation and community facilities intended for the use and enjoyment of residents and their guests, such as tennis courts, swimming pools, picnic/cookout areas and facilities; outdoor sitting areas; gardens; gazebos; and community buildings. The total surface area of community buildings within an RCD, footprint and any stories above, shall not exceed 100 sq. feet per bedroom.

Based on the scope of the facilities, additional considerations may need to be evaluated, for example, if the number of guests could be substantial, parking calculations and septic loading must be considered with the anticipated use.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 6: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

To amend Section 303 Historic District, as requested by the Historic District Commission to prohibit "Services By ..." signs (i.e. advertising signs such as "Painting By ...", "Roofing By ...", etc.) in the Historic District and to make several other editing changes to the text of the district. The complete text of the Historic District as changed by the proposed amendment is posted at the town hall and will be posted at the polling place.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 4

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

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2008	\$10,800.70
2009	\$15,661.60
2010	\$16,447.52

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,800.70 for the 2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior

Art. 4: A Yes vote would approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and The Rye Town Employees Association.

A No vote would result in the rejection of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 5

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

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 6

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

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Police Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2008	\$ 19,625.81
2009	\$ 17,399.70
2010	\$ 18,900.29

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,625.81 for the 2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 7

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

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 8

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

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye affiliated with International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4411, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2008	\$ 16,889.44
2009	\$ 18,239.80
2010	\$ 20,898.30

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,889.44 for the 2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in

Art. 5: A Yes vote would authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting to address the cost items of Article 4 if defeated.

A No vote would result in no special town meeting in the event Article 4 is defeated.

Art. 6: A Yes vote would approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and The Rye Town Police Association.

A No vote would result in the rejection of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Art. 7: A Yes vote would authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting to address the cost items of Article 6 if defeated.

A No vote would result in no Special Town Meeting in the event Article 6 is defeated.

Art. 8: A Yes vote would approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye.

A No vote would result in the rejection of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 9

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

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only?

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 10

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to purchase a new rescue ambulance for the Fire Department to replace the existing 1999 ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) from Special Revenue Fund 14, *The New Ambulance Vehicle Fund* created in 2005 for this purpose and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) from the *Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund* created in 1996 for this purpose. The balance of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) is to come from general taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 11

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand eighty dollars (\$125,080) to purchase a new, heavy six-wheel plow/wing/sander truck for the Department of Public Works to replace a 1996 International dump truck and to authorize the withdrawal of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for that purpose. The balance of forty-five thousand eighty dollars (\$45,080) is to come from general taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 12

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$67,000) to be added to the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established in 1965. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

Art. 9: A Yes vote would authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting to address the cost items of Article 8 if defeated.

A No vote would result in no Special Town Meeting in the event Article 8 is defeated.

Art. 10: A Yes vote would allow the purchase of a new rescue ambulance to replace the existing 1999 ambulance. \$153,000 would be withdrawn from two existing funds, leaving \$22,000 to come from general taxation.

A No vote would not allow the purchase.

Art. 11: A Yes vote would allow the purchase of a new plow/wing/sander truck to replace an existing 1996 dump truck. \$80,000 would be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund, leaving \$45,080 to come from general taxation.

A No vote would not allow the purchase.

Art. 12: A Yes vote would add \$67,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 13

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of installing and purchasing equipment for a new playground at the Rye Recreation Area, of which thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) will come from withdrawal of funds in the Recreation Commission *Youth Recreational Athletics Account*, which receives monies from fundraising and private donations. The balance of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) is to come from general taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 14

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

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 15

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

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 16

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dol-

Art. 13: A Yes vote would allow the purchase of equipment for a new playground at Rye Recreation Area. \$35,000 would be withdrawn from funds in the Youth Recreational Athletics Account, leaving \$15,000 to come from general taxation.

A No vote would not allow the purchase.

Art. 14: A Yes vote would add \$25,000 to the Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 15: A Yes vote would add \$20,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund, which pays contractual severance benefits to Town employees.

A No vote would add no money this year.

lars (\$10,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Ambulance Fund established in 1996. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 17

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

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Ambulance Fund established in 1996. (Majority vote required.)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 18

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 18, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the expendable trust fund known as The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund established in 2007 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of creating a major repairs fund for municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 19

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 19, as follows:

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 20

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 20, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire/Police Station Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund created in 2002. The reason for discontinuing the fund is that the land purchase has been completed. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required.)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 21

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 21, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1990 for the purpose of future revaluation. Said funds, with accumulated interest to

Art. 16: A Yes vote would add \$10,000 to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 17: A Yes vote would allow the selectmen to act as agents for the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund.

Art. 18: A Yes vote would add \$10,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 19: A Yes vote would add \$5,000 to the Expendable Trust Fund for maintenance of the library.

A No vote would not appropriate any money this year.

Art. 20: A Yes vote would discontinue the Fire/Police Station Land Acquisition Fund, since the purchase has been completed. The remaining balance in the fund would be transferred to the general fund.

A No vote would keep the fund open.

date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required.)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 22

(By petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 22, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) to help support Rye Senior SERVE, a local non-profit organized to respond to the needs of Rye seniors. Incorporated in 2004, Rye Senior SERVE, Inc. is dedicated to identifying and responding to the needs of our senior residents. To that end, the focus and efforts are in three different areas identified as being important to our seniors: transportation, communication and living independently in their homes. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 23

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 23, as follows:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling seven million six hundred eighty-six thousand six hundred fifteen dollars (\$7,686,615)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be seven million four hundred thousand thirty-five dollars (\$7,400,035) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 24

(By Petition) Are you in favor of the Adoption of Article 24, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to continue to improve the appearance of the Recycling Center/Transfer Station on Grove Road.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 25

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 25, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2008.

☐YES ☐NO

Art. 21: A Yes vote would discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund for future evaluation, since it is no longer necessary. The remaining balance in the fund would be transferred to the general fund.

A No vote would keep the fund open.

Art. 22: A Yes vote would appropriate \$1500 to support Rye Senior SERVE, a non-profit that provides assistance to Rye's seniors.

A No vote would not appropriate the money.

Art. 23: A Yes vote would appropriate \$7,686,615 as approved by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, to fund the Town's 2008 Operating Budget.

A No vote would not fund the 2008 Operating Budget as proposed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee, but rather, would result in the adoption of a default budget of \$7,400,035.

Art. 25: A Yes vote would authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment.

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

Selectmen Discuss Warrant Articles (Continued from page 1.)

on Tuesday, March 11 with little or no discussion. A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles, based on our current valuation (\$1,129,269,200) is as follows:

			Effect on the tax rate Per \$1000 valuation
Article #4	Town/Collective Bargaining	\$ 10,800.70	less than \$.01
Article #6	Police/Collective Bargaining	19,625.81	.02
Article #8	Fire/Collective Bargaining	16,889.44	.015
Article #10	New Ambulance	22,000.00	.02
Article #11	Public Works/Dump Truck	45,080.00	.04
Article #12	Fire Truck Capital Reserve	67,000.00	.06
Article #13	Playground/Rec Area	15,000.00	.013
Article #14	Salt Shed Capital Reserve	25,000.00	.02
Article #15	Employees Leave Fund	20,000.00	.02
Article #16	Ambulance Capital Reserve	10,000.00	less than .01
Article #18	Buildings Maintenance Fund	10,000.00	less than .01
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Article #19	Library Maintenance Fund	5,000.00	.005
Article #22	Senior SERVE	1,500.00	.002

If approved:

Articles #4, #6, and #8 will fund the first year (2008) of the Rye Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Employees Association, the Rye Town Police Association, and the Rye Professional Fire Fighters Association, respectively. These agreements would take effect April 1, 2008.

Article #10 will raise and appropriate funds for a new rescue ambulance (\$175,000) to replace the old ambulance by authorizing withdrawal of \$95,000 from Special Revenue Fund 14 (which receives the cell tower rent and is dedicated to ambulance replacement) and \$58,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, plus \$22,000 to be raised by general taxation.

Article #11 will authorize withdrawal of \$85,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established to purchase heavy equipment for the Public Works Department and add \$45,080 in general taxation for a total of \$125,080 to purchase a new, heavy six-wheel plow/wing/sander truck.

Article #12 will add \$67,000 to the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Article #13 will raise and appropriate \$50,000 to equip a new play-

ground at the Rye Recreation area through application of \$35,000 from the Youth Recreational Athletics Account, plus \$15,000 from general taxation.

Article #14 will add \$25,000 to the Capital Reserve Account to move forward on the site selection, design, and construction of a new salt shed at the Public Works Facility. Our goal is to protect water resources.

Article #15 will add \$20,000 to the Employee Leave Fund used to pay severance benefits in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy. The Town's total liability would be \$384,000 if all employees left or retired at once.

Article #16 will add \$10,000 to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. If voters approve Article #10, little will remain in this Capital Reserve Fund.

Article #18 will add \$10,000 to the Buildings Maintenance Fund for the purpose of funding major repairs to municipal buildings.

Article #19 will add \$5,000 to the Library Maintenance Fund. The original article requested \$10,000 and was reduced to \$5,000 on the floor of the Deliberative Session by the Library Trustees.

Article #22 will raise and appropriate \$1,500 to help support Rye Senior SERVE, a local non-profit organization dedicated to identifying and responding to the needs of senior residents.

Article #23, requesting a number of enhancements to the Recycling Center, contains no funding. None of the petitioners spoke to this article at the Deliberative Session. It was explained by Selectman Craig Muselman that, following a study two years ago, enhancement of the facility had been estimated at \$50,000 and that in lieu of placing that burden on taxpayers, we decided to accomplish the goal as time, manpower, and the Public Works budget allows.

EAST (Estuary Alliance for Sewage Treatment)

Through this newsletter, we have continued to report our concerns regarding EAST, established through State Senate Bill 481 in 2004, because it has the potential to deliver the treated wastewater of up to 44 communities to our shores. The December newsletter informed you that the Great Bay Estuary Commission is seeking communities desirous of full membership in EAST and that approval of only two towns would activate EAST legislation, **which contains the power of eminent domain, without review, negotiation, or permission from local communities.**

The Board of Selectmen has enlisted the assistance of State Senator Martha Fuller Clark and our representatives. The result of these efforts is the introduction of **Senate Bill 523**, sponsored by Senator Fuller Clark, Rye Representatives Borden and Grote, and Representative Stiles of Hampton. If passed, this bill will require land taken and held by the estuary alliance for sewage treatment to be within the boundaries of municipalities that are members of the alliance. At this writing, no hearing date has been set for SB523.

As you may know, the N.H. Seacoast Region Wastewater Man-

Selectmen *(Continued from preceding page.)*

agement Study by Metcalf & Eddy resulted in ten alternatives, which were reduced to four in 2007: #1 no action, #2 treatment and discharge to the Gulf of Maine, #3 upgrade of existing facilities, and #4 treatment and discharge to land application.

A Great Bay Estuary Commission panel discussion was held in Newington on the first of February. Despite the estimated cost of option #2/"the big pipe" (\$589 million plus according to Bob Scherph, vice president and project director for Metcalf & Eddy) and protests that included a proposal to remove Option #2 from consideration by Erik Anderson, President of the N.H. Commercial Fishermen's Association, supported by details of potential damage to ocean waters, fishing and aquaculture, the panel determined its job is to study all four alternatives and bring them to EAST for a decision. We will continue to maintain surveillance of potential consequences resulting from this legislation.

Education Funding

The Town of Rye, through its membership in the Coalition Communities, is closely monitoring the work of the Legislature regarding education funding and its potential impact on the Statewide Property Tax. On February first, the 10-member Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Costing an Adequate Education voted 6-3 to pay every school \$3,456 per child as **universal state aid**. Schools could get additional sums for children on lunch subsidies, require English as a second language, or have learning impairments. Chris Dornin, a newspaper writer following this story in Concord stated in a *Portsmouth Herald* article on February 4 that lawmakers are guessing that the final price tag could fall between \$900 million and a billion dollars. A lot depends on how the full Legislature targets aid. According to Pat Remick, coordinator of the Coalition Communities, if Rye received only its **universal** aid, it would lose \$1.7 million compared to

current law. Regardless, no new funding formula will be in effect before FY2010.

The problem is complex. If the State must pay the same amount for adequacy for every schoolchild as the Supreme Court has ruled, rather than targeting aid to communities that most need it, the per-pupil cost of adequacy could be so high that it requires increased statewide property taxes and possibly a return to Donor towns. This is the reason that we support Governor Lynch in pressing the Legislature to approve a narrow constitutional amendment so the State can target aid rather than send funds to communities that can well afford to educate their own schoolchildren.

A bipartisan constitutional amendment designed to fix the education-funding dilemma was introduced in the State Senate the week of February 8; but the problem is far from being resolved, as any constitutional amendment must be evaluated against the backdrop of the Claremont and Londonderry Supreme Court cases. This is a good start; but there is still much work to be done.

Reimbursement for Mosquito Control

At their regular meeting on February 11, the Selectmen held the required public hearing to consider acceptance and expenditure of the funding reimbursement for mosquito control in 2007 awarded by the NH Dept. of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$16,692. This amount is up from the reimbursement of 2006 (\$9,961); but it is not anticipated to increase annually since the number of towns applying for the money allocated is increasing with the continuing threat of EEE and WNV statewide.

Assistant Treasurer Needed

The Town continues its need to fill the position of Assistant Treasurer. We seek an individual interested in being trained in the treasurer's position and

Town Clerk's Message

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reduced price of \$2. The deadline for getting your pet licensed is April 30.

Beach Parking Permits. 2008 beach parking permits are now available. The cost for each is \$20.00. *Be sure to bring the registration(s) for the vehicle or vehicles on which you want to place the permit. To be eligible you must be a resident and/or property owner in Rye.

***Please note!** In the past we have had the capability of looking up license plate numbers in our computer system, which was helpful to those who forgot to bring in the registration for their vehicle. **BE AWARE, we cannot do that any more,** for any purpose. This is strict state policy brought about because of privacy regulations such as we're all coping with at banks, our doctors' offices, and at the pharmacy. So while we want to be helpful, we are now prevented from researching that information. Keep in mind, this applies to vehicles you may want to register, as well as for obtaining a beach parking permit.

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

able to assume the responsibilities of Treasurer in the event of illness, vacation, or other absences. If you are interested in assisting the Town in this capacity, please contact Town Administrator Alan Gould at 964-5523

2007 Annual Report

In closing, we add a reminder that a copy of the Town of Rye Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2007 will be available for you on Tuesday, March 4 at the following locations: Rye Town Hall, Rye Public Library, Rye Public Safety Building, Rye Recycling Center and The Hungry Horse. We are also striving to make the Annual Report available on line.

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

Upcoming Programs at the Rye Public Library

The Friends of the Rye Public Library's Lecture Series on Leadership—Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m.–4 p.m.

"The Ubiquitous Winston Churchill" with lecturer Robert Stevens, Principal, York Senior High School

"We Stayed Together For the Puppets" Stand-up Storytelling for Adults—Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Pat Spalding, veteran puppeteer, will present a humorous program of adult storytelling about the backstage drama of two touring performers who were partners both in marriage and the unholy bonds of puppetry. True life stories include: "Hot Tales—Summer in the City," "From Inside the Bear Suit," and "Whopping Crane's Debut at the Audubon."

Visit with Judy Ringer, author of *Unlikely Teacher: Finding the Hidden Gifts in Daily Conflict*—March 26 at 7 p.m.

An expert in conflict and communication, Ms. Ringer blends various communication and conflict resolution models with insights from more than a decade of aikido practice, business ownership, and mind/body training.

"Leave No Child Inside" Discussion with Teacher and Naturalist Pat Ritter—Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

Pat Ritter will lead a discussion of the benefits of connecting with nature, some of the challenges facing parents and children, and ways for families to connect with the natural world. The discussion will incorporate Richard Louv's book entitled, *The Last Child in the Woods*.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Us!—Thursday, April 17th @ 7 p.m.

Share your favorite poetry with the Rye community at this open mic for adults.

"Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books"



With Ken Gloss, Owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, Mass.

Thursday evening—May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Owner of one of the oldest and best known antiquarian book shops in America, Ken Gloss will lecture and answer questions about old and rare books. He will then appraise books from members of the audience. Mr.

Gloss has appeared as an appraiser on PBS' *Antiques Roadshow*, so this opportunity to have your books evaluated by an expert is not to be missed!

"Better than a Poke in the Eye" with humorist, Rebecca Rule Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

Named "Thalia, Muse of Comedy" by *New Hampshire*

Magazine, Rebecca Rule tells funny, true(ish), close-to-home stories, collected all over the state. Get the inside scoop on dump protocol, town meeting, blue-winged-teal, Perley's dump sticker and septic lagoons . . . This program is made possible through the support of the N.H. Humanities Council.

Program with Mystery Writer Felicia Donovan Tuesday evening, May 6 at 7 p.m.

The Black Widow Agency, is based on the author's experience in law enforcement technology. Felicia Donovan has worked on the forensic recovery of computer crime files, assisted the FBI, and currently works for a police department.

Movies at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays

(3/5) *The Waitress* (3/12) *Vitus* (3/19) *A Mighty Heart* (3/26) *La Vie en Rose*

(4/2) *Once* (4/9) *Man Push Cart* (4/16) *Away from Her* (4/23) *Becoming Jane* (4/30) *3:10 to Yuma*

(5/7) *Gone Baby Gone* (5/14) *Alex Haley's Queen*

(5/21) *Resurrecting the Champ* (5/28) *Reservation Road*

Tax Help is available every Tuesday through April 15. Call the Library at 964-8401 for a 45-minute appointment today.

Art Displays—The Rye Public Library Art Committee will display an exhibit entitled *Seascapes* by local artists in early March through May in the Community Meeting Room. Artist and teacher, Frannie L. Schwab, of Greenland, N.H. is currently exhibiting her paintings upstairs through March. Sally Mitchel's artwork will be featured during April and May.

Knitting with Mary Smith—Every Thursday by the fireplace at 10 a.m. Questions are always welcome.

Book Discussion Group—Meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New Members are always welcome! (3/18) *Without a Map* by Meredith Hall; (4/15) *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson; (5/20) *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts

Military Book Group—Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (March 6, April 3, and May 1)

Health Clinic with Compass Care—Held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1–3 p.m.

Rye Reflections—Writers meet in the RPL's Community Meeting Room every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Senior Visits to the Library via the Senior SERVE van continue on Mondays at 1 p.m. Call the Library for details.

Friends of the Rye Public Library—Meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Rye Public Library Youth Department News

Teen Knitting with Pam Anthony—Meets the first and third Fridays of every month at 3 p.m.

This is not your grandmother's knitting! Join our group to make fun projects. Bring your own yarn or use some of ours!

Phyllis Marsh's Art Program—March 13 from 3:15–4:15 p.m.

A unique art project will be featured in this fun art class. Registration is required. Please call 964-8401 to sign-up today.

Drop-In Chess Instruction and USCF-Rated 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 final sessions will be held on Monday, March 10 and Monday, March 17 from 3–4:30 p.m.



Mike Sullivan coaches a young chess player at the Rye Public Library.

The USCF-rated tournament will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

(There is a small fee for the tournament as it is "rated." The fee will permit you to enter tournaments for the year.)

For Additional Program Information, Visit
<http://www.ryepubliclibrary.org>

YAttitudes Book Discussion Group—Meetings are held at the Rye Junior High library at 7 p.m.

Join the book group and get ready for fun! We have snacks and great discussions.

(3/20) *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak

(4/22) *Wabi* by Joseph Bruchac

(5/22) *Samurai Shortstop* by Alan M. Grat

Story Time—All Ages Story Time with Craft—11 a.m. on Wednesdays

This fun and engaging story time includes music, finger plays, rhymes, and terrific books.

"Read to Hank"—the Black Labrador Retriever!!
Schedule a 15-minute session Mondays between 3:10 and 4:25 p.m.

This Canine Assisted Reading Program makes reading fun for your child. Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early to pick out a book, or you can bring one from home! Sign up required; call 964-8401.

Russian Spiral Bracelet Workshop—Learn to make these beautiful bracelets at the library. Call 964-8401 to sign-up.

Gaming at the Library?? You Bet! Check our website for details about playing your Nintendo DS in a tournament (one video card per four players) and competing with Dance Dance Revolution and Guitar Hero III. Don't miss out!

Assessing Department Discusses Abatements and Exemptions

TAX ABATEMENT REMINDER

The Assessing office reminds property owners who appealed their 2007 valuation and filed an abatement application by March 1, 2008 that the Town has until July 1, 2008 to respond. If dissatisfied with the decision, you have until September 1, 2008 to file further with either the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Rockingham County Superior Court. Local appeal must have been made first in order to later file with the State or Court.

LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

The State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) Low

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

ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

We would also like to inform persons eligible to apply for the Elderly Exemption that the application is available at the Assessor's office and must be submitted by August 1, 2008. The applicant must be at least 65 years of age as of April 1 of this year and have

been a resident of New Hampshire for the prior three (3) years. Income limitations are \$40,000.00 for a single person, \$59,900.00 for married and total assets not in excess of \$199,000.00 exclusive of the residence.

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

TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPRING NEWS

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Spring 2008

PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHTS

RYE RECREATION MODULAR, 55 RECREATION ROAD, 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

 **SPRING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008**

 **SUMMER, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008**

2008-09 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

 **FALL SOCCER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008**

Soccer deadline is July 31, 2008. Late Fee of \$25 will be applied to soccer registrations received after the deadline.

RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

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

**Town of Rye
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
Central Cemetery
(beside Rye Town Hall)
Monday, May 26, 2008
9:00 a.m.**



RYE ART IN BLOOM - Join the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, the Rye Art Study Group and Webster at Rye for Rye's own Art in Bloom. This spectacular display of flower arrangements interpreting selected works of art will be held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road on Friday, April 18, 2008, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, 2008, 1:00-4:00 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.

ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS instruction is provided by Brian O'Hearn, PGA Pro. These co-ed lessons will be held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. Session 1, Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2008, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Session 2, Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$120 per session, clubs available if needed.



YOUTH GROUP GOLF LESSONS

THE FIRST TEE GOLF & LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

teaches youth golf skills (including set-up, putting, chipping, pitching, bunker shots, full swing, the rules of golf and etiquette) as well as valuable life skills (such as goal setting). This co-ed program is for grades 3-12 and held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. PAR, Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 2008, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$75, clubs available if needed.

THE FIRST TEE INTRODUCTORY TARGET SNAG PROGRAM

is a fun introductory co-ed golf program for youth entering grades K-2. Held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. Limited space available. Saturdays, May 31, June 7, 14, 2008, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Fee: \$30, clubs provided.

BICYCLE RODEO - Join the Rye Police Department, Rye Fire Department, and Rye Recreation Department for the 1st Annual Rye Bicycle Rodeo. This bicycle safety clinic will feature bike inspections, rules of the road, obstacle course, helmet fitting, demonstrations, prizes and drawings. Held in the Rye Congregational Church Parking Lot, Saturday, May 17, 2008, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Parental supervision and bike helmet required. 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.



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. Must register for program. Limited space available. Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2008, 1:00-4:00 p.m. No charge

LEGO ROBOTICS WORKSHOP instruction is provided by Kevin Husson. Lego Mindstorms RCX Robotics Invention System as well as the new Lego NXT Mindstorms will be used. Participants will be able to build and design a variety of robots that interact with the environment. Open to new and returning students. This workshop is for grades 3-6 and will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space is available. Saturdays, March 29, April 5, 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$75



SPRING BASEBALL SCHOOL instruction is provided by David Adam, 10 year Pro Pitcher. Learn basic skills from the beginner to the advance player. This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road. Participants should bring snack & drink each day. Limited space available. Grades 2-6, M-Th., April 28, 29, 30, May 1, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$110



YOGA is designed to link breath and movement; connecting body, mind and spirit. Find inner peace by relaxing the mind and building strength and flexibility to the body. No prior yoga experience necessary. These adult classes will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, May 6, 13, 27, June 3, 2008. Instructor, Jeanie Ryan: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$132. Instructor, Lauren Bradt: 6:30-7:45 p.m. Fee: \$110



HERSHEY'S TRACK & FIELD PROGRAM is for youth between the ages of nine and fourteen (age is as of December 31, 2008). Directed by Janet Stevens, competitive runner and coach. This program teaches basic running, jumping and throwing skills. Participants will prepare for the Hershey's Regional Track and Field Meet, Saturday, June 28, 2008. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays, May 28, June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 2008, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fee: \$75



KNOWATOM SCIENCE PROGRAMS
SCIENCE FAIR: MOLECULES TO MOON MUD is for youth grades 1-3. This class features a broad selection of topics that get students excited about the fascinating world of science. Topics will include: skyscrapers, prisms, kaleidoscopes, DNA, flight, bubbles, molecular "moon mud", cells, weather stations and polymers! Held in the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available. Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008, 3:45-5:00 p.m. Fee: \$180



CRIME SCENE SCIENCE is for youth grades 4-6. 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, April 1, 8, 15, 22, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008, 5:05-6:20 p.m. Fee: \$180



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM is open to grades K-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F, Rye School District Calendar followed. The cost of the program is \$13/day with a minimum of 2 days required, and there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space is available. 2008-2009 After School Program Sign-Up Night is Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Rye Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road.



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. Lessons are held at the Seacoast Family YMCA, 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth. Limited space available. Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2008, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$84



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. May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28, June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 2008. Fee: \$100



GROUP TENNIS LESSONS are provided by Lisa Packard at the New Castle Recreation Facility.



Session 1, Tuesdays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 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, March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 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, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008
Grades 3-4, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Grades 1-2, 5:00-6:00 p.m., HS, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Session 2, Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008
Grades 7-8, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Grades 5-6, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Adult, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45 per session 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.

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL is held Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2008, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High School. No charge



TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

Complete a Rye Recreation Department Registration Form indicating specific program(s). If paying by check, make it payable to Rye Recreation. Submit both registration form and payment to the Town of Rye Recreation Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 or bring to the particular sign-up. Registration is limited to a first come, first serve basis and will not be accepted prior to the particular sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m. Registration Forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Town Hall, on the Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us/ or at the Recreation Department M-Thurs., 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable and offered to all Rye and New Castle residents. For more information contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.

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TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER NEWS

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Summer 2008



SUMMER SIGN-UP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

RYE RECREATION MODULAR, 55 RECREATION RD.

RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

Registration is limited to a first come, first serve basis and will not be accepted prior to sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m. Non-resident registration will be accepted on May 12, 2008.

SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS

DAY CAMP is a thematically based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 23rd through August 15th. The Camp Director is Jonathan Carleton, B.S. Camp will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Full Day Campers need to bring two snacks, drink and lunch each day and Half Day Campers need only snack and drink. Prior to arrival, each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen and label belongings. Limited space available. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Hours:

Full Day: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Half Day: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Pre-Camp: 8:30-9:00 a.m. Post-Camp: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Fees:

Weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Full Day: \$120/wk residents, \$140/wk non-residents

Half Day: \$65/wk residents, \$75/wk non-resident

Week 2 (No Camp July 4th)

Full Day: \$96/wk residents, \$112/wk non-residents

Half Day: \$52/wk residents, \$60/wk non-residents

*Fee Includes T-shirt

Week 1, June 23-27, Down on the Farm

Moo, oink, quack. Learn what it takes to live on a farm. Put on your overalls and let's have some fun!

Week 2, June 30-July 3, Mystery Detective

Mysteries await campers this week! Learn how to solve cases and crack codes! (No Camp July 4th)

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH, 2008, PARSON'S FIELD



6:30 p.m. Activities Start

7:00 p.m. The Jim & Karrie Show

Dusk Fireworks by Jack Tobey & Crew

WEATHER PERMITTING - NO RAIN DATE

Week 3, July 7-11, Space & Beyond

Take a trip to the moon and back in just one week! Let's have fun with aliens and asteroids!

Week 4, July 14-18, Carnival Circus Magic

Enjoy the fun and magic of the carnival all week long. Guaranteed to amuse all.

Week 5, July 21-25, Stars on Stage

Everyone is seeing stars this week! Create a play and musical number for a big show at the end of the week.

Week 6, July 28-August 1, Fun Arts & Crafts

Express yourself creatively and artistically all week long. Tie-Dye, ice designs, and origami are all part of the fun!

Week 7, August 4-8, Our Big Backyard

This week is all about being outdoors! Build a shelter, go on a hike, and clean up the environment.

Week 8, August 11-15, Olympic Escapades

Join in the excitement of the Olympic Games.

Participate in events and learn about different cultures.



KNOWATOM SCIENCE CAMPS are for youth entering grades 2-6. Held in the Recreation Area Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available.

MODEL ROCKETRY Learn to build pressurized water rockets, solid fuel aerial rockets and rocket cars. Weather permitting, students will be able to launch their rockets and observe them in action.

July 7-11 Entering Grades 4-6, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Entering Grades 2-4, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$180/wk residents, 190/wk non-residents

ELECTRICITY@WORK Nearly every home has a door buzzer; with common items such as a paper clip, wire, a magnet and a battery you can build one! Discover how some traffic lights work to switch from color to color with reliable timing. Learn about each of these things and more while creating a working model of each one.

August 4-8 Entering Grades 2-4, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Entering Grades 4-6, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$180/wk residents, 190/wk non-residents

LEGO ROBOTICS CAMPS instruction is provided by

Kevin Husson. This program is for youth entering grades

3-6 and held in the Recreation Area Modular, 55 Recreation Road.

Campers attending more than one session need to bring a snack, drink and lunch each day. Limited space available

July 21-25

Session 1, Lego Robotics RCX Construct a variety of robots using the original Lego Mindstorms Invention System. Projects will include a tankbot, bumper car, and a roverbot. 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Session 2, LEGO Robotics NXT Build and program many exciting robots that can interact with the environment (see, touch and hear) using LEGO Mindstorms NXT. 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Session 3, Robotics Star Wars Edition This is the ultimate robotics class for any Star Wars fan! Construct the L-3GO Trainer Droid and R2-D2. Choose from over 10 different Star Wars robotics projects! 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

Fee for two sessions: \$155/wk residents, \$165/wk non-residents

Fee for three session: \$215/wk residents, \$225/wk non-residents



SOCCER CAMP instruction is provided by Play Soccer. This co-ed camp will be held at the Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, rain or shine. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day apply bug spray and sunscreen. Limited space available.



July 14-18

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

Fee: 4 yrs to Entering Grade 2: \$70/wk residents, \$80/wk non-residents

* Fee includes T-shirt, Ball, Water Bottle, & Poster

Entering Grades 3-8: \$100/wk residents, \$110/wk non-residents

* Fee includes T-shirt, Water Bottle, & Poster

Host a coach for a week and registration for one is free!

Application forms are available at the Recreation Office. The deadline is May 23, 2008 and application will be randomly drawn.

BASEBALL CAMP instruction is provided by David Adam, 10 year Pro Pitcher. Learn basic skills from the beginner to the advance player. This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road. Participants should bring snack & drink each day. Prior to arrival each day apply bug spray and sunscreen. Limited space available.



June 23-27 Entering Grades 2-6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS instruction is provided by Brian O'Hearn, PGA Pro. These co-ed lessons will be held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. Session 1, Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Session 2, Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fee: \$120.00 per session, residents/non-residents, clubs available if needed.



YOUTH GROUP GOLF LESSONS

THE FIRST TEE GOLF AND LIFE SKILLS PAR PROGRAM

is provided by Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. This co-ed program is for youth entering grades 3-12, and teaches both golf and life skills. Limited space available.

July 29, 30, 31 (T, W, Th.), 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$75 residents/non-residents, clubs available if needed.

THE FIRST TEE INTRODUCTORY TARGET SNAG PROGRAM

is provided by Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. This fun introductory co-ed golf program is for youth entering grades K-2. Limited space available.

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$30 residents/non-residents, clubs provided.

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. Lessons are held at the Seacoast Family YMCA, 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth. Limited space available.



Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$96 residents/non-residents

SURFING LESSONS instruction is provided by Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Company. Learn the fundamentals of surfing and ocean safety. These introductory co-ed lessons are for youth entering grades 6 and up. Held at Jenness Beach, weather permitting.



July 28-August 1 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$190/wk residents, \$200/wk non-residents, equipment provided.

ADULT YOGA is designed to link breath and movement, connecting body, mind and spirit. Find inner peace by relaxing the mind and building strength and flexibility to the body. These adult classes are instructed by Jeanie Ryan and held at the Rye Library. Tuesdays, June 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Fee: \$66 residents/non-residents



RED CROSS BABYSITTER COURSE provides you with the skills you need to be a great babysitter. Held at the Rye Library. For ages 11 and up. Participants should bring lunch, snack & drink. Limited space available.



Saturday, June 21, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50 residents/non-residents

BASKETBALL CAMP instruction is provided by Rye native Patrick Quinn former Division 1 Basketball Coach and will be held at Rye Elementary. Participants should bring snack & drink each day. Limited space available. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a T-shirt.



Week 1, June 23-June 27

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

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

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

Week 2, June 30-July 4 (Camp is held on July 4)

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

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

Week 3, July 7-11

Entering Grades 7-8 Boys, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

Fee: Entering Grades 1-2: \$75/wk residents, \$85/wk non-residents

Entering Grades 3-8: \$85/wk residents, \$95/wk non-residents

* Fee includes T-shirt & Participation Award

GROUP TENNIS LESSONS - INDOOR instruction is provided by Kevin Christian, USPTA Certified and Wentworth By The Sea Country Club Pro. These co-ed lessons will be held at New Castle Recreation Facility. Participants will need to bring racket and drink. Limited space available.



Session 1, July 8, 10, 15, 17 (T, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-5, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 6-8, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Adult, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Session 2, July 22, 24, 29, 31 (T, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-5, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 6-8, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; HS, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Session 3, August 5, 7, 12, 14 (T, Th.)

Entering Grades 1-3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-5, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 6-8, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Adult, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45 per. session residents, \$55 per. session non-residents

Spring Means Open Burning Season Is Upon Us

Today is one of the coldest of the year and with the strong winds, it feels even colder still, but have no fear. Spring will arrive in Rye just as it does every year. And when everybody rids themselves of the "cabin fever" and starts to clean up the yard, they will be looking to burn some of that debris.

So, the Rye Fire Department wants to remind the residents of the open burning rules.

- A permit must be obtained from the Rye Fire Department before any open fires are kindled on any property in the Town of Rye.
- No burning is allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless it is actively raining or significant snow cover is present at the burn site. A written permit must still be obtained from the Rye Fire Department.
- Permits may be rescinded or not issued if weather is unfavorable or the State of New Hampshire places a ban on open burning. Unfavorable weather conditions shall be determined by the Rye or the State Forest Warden.
- Materials being burned must be a minimum of 50 feet from any structure, highway, or right-of-way. Cooking fires are excluded.
- Permittee must have proper suppression equipment on hand to maintain control of the fire at all times
- Cooking fires are allowed at certain beaches in the Town of Rye, but only on the rock areas and only between the hours of 5 p.m. and midnight. Fires are NOT allowed on the sand. A written permit is also required.

The Rye Fire Department will provide residents with a complete list of the open burning rules and what your responsibility and liability is with regard to open burning.

For further information, please call 964-6411 and speak to the duty officer or stop by at the Public Safety Building to talk to one of the firefighters on duty.

Chief William H. Sullivan
Town of Rye Fire and Rescue

Take the Carbon Challenge

The environment needs your help to reduce greenhouse gases. Forty percent of all greenhouse gas emissions come from the household—vehicles, home heating, and electricity. The NH Carbon Challenge is an easy way to see how much your household is responsible for and provides many easy ways to reduce your output of greenhouse gases. You need your energy bills and last year's mileage. It takes about 15 minutes to go through the on-line calculator. The challenge is then to commit to reduce your output by 10,000 pounds per year which, typically, is about 20%. The website is <http://carbonchallenge.sr.unh.edu/>, click on "Take Action". Reducing your greenhouse gas emissions also saves you money.

In March, the Energy Committee and the Rye PTA are starting a town-wide Carbon Challenge through a competition at the elementary and junior high schools. Students will be rewarded for sending their parents to a March 18 presentation by the NH Carbon Challenge team at Rye Junior High School at 6:30 pm. Then all school families have a month to take the online Carbon Challenge. For those who want some

Police Department Invites You to Visit Its New Website

The Rye Police Department is continuing to update its web site: www.ryepolice.us. We now have an Alzheimer's/elderly alert form, suggested by a Rye resident. This allows immediate family to send us information to help emergency services in the care of family members.

Please visit our website and continue to give us feedback about ways we can better serve you.

Thanks to the parents who drop off and pick up their children at the Junior High for driving past the school, turning around at Grange Park, then entering the school parking lot. This has helped the morning and afternoon commute to keep moving without creating a traffic jam. Parents, please check to make sure your child has his or her seat belt buckled. Some children leave their backpacks on and are not connecting the seat-belt properly. Officers continue to find children not buckled-in.

For several years, there have been numerous reports of credit cards and cash being taken from locked and unlocked cars parked along the beach. Even if your wallet, purse or cell phone is hidden under the seat, these thieves always seem to find them. These stolen credit cards are used at the large chain stores long before the victim knows they are missing. **A good way to keep thieves from using your credit card is to write "Photo ID Required" on the back of the card.**

Rye Police and area police departments are taking reports of GPS systems and satellite radio systems being removed from unlocked cars parked in driveways and along the beach parking spaces. You may want to consider not keeping these items in your vehicle at night or when parked at the beach. **In any case, always remember to lock your vehicle, even when parked in your driveway.**

About dogs on beaches: Starting on May 24, (the Saturday before Memorial Day) and ending October 1, dogs are not allowed on the beach from 8 a.m. until after 6 p.m. Please remember, the law says you must have your dog under control at all times. Town Ordinance requires that you clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste **in a trash receptacle.**

Beach parking advice: When you get your 2008 Beach Parking Permit Sticker from the Town Clerk's office, don't forget to put it on the driver's side rear window as soon as you get it! Parking enforcement will ticket vehicles without a sticker once the "Parking by Permit Only" signs are posted.

And, remember, Rye beaches are dry—NO ALCOHOL. Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcoholic beverages.

Thank you for your support. Stay safe and enjoy the spring!

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

help with the on-line calculator, the Energy Committee will be offering assistance at the Library, March 27, 6–8 p.m.; March 29, 9–11 a.m.; and March 31, 1–3 p.m. Students will get extra credit in the competition if they encourage other town families with no school age children to take the challenge. The challenge will end on April 22, Earth Day, and the classes at each school with the highest participation will be rewarded.

"If every household in Rye took the Carbon Challenge, we'd keep 27,200,000 pounds of CO₂ per year out of the atmosphere." We can make a difference.

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Rye Recreation Announces Survey Results

The Recreation Commission conducted a Rye Recreation Survey in the summer of 2007 to assist with the development of a comprehensive master plan to address the community's future park and recreation needs. The returned surveys totaled 243 representing 685 individuals, including the respondents. It is expected the final Recreation Master Plan document will be available in the spring of 2008.

Brief Summary of Survey Results:

Question #1. *Have you or your family visited any of these parks or recreation facilities in the last year? If yes, please rate the parks or facilities on their quality.*

- The ten highest rated facilities were: Parsons Field, Cable Road Extension Beach, Sawyers Beach, Wallis Road Extension Beach, RES Gymnasium, Town Forest Trails, RES K-3 Upper Playground, RES 4-5 Lower Playground, Flash Jenness Memorial Little League Field, and Lang Corner Athletic Field.

Question #2. *Please rank ten facilities listed below that you would like to see developed or expanded.*

- Top fifteen listed: biking trails/lanes, walking/jogging paths, public open space for walking and wildlife, outdoor tennis courts, indoor pool, outdoor pool, outdoor ice rink, community center, neighborhood parks, improvements to the recreation area playground, picnic areas, running track, indoor tennis courts, soccer and lacrosse fields, and outdoor basketball courts.

Question #3. *What Rye Recreation programs listed below have you or any family member participated in over the last 5 years?*

- The highest rated programs were: Memorial Day Ceremony, babysitting course, Soccer Camp, Yoga, After School Program, tennis lessons, Recreation Basketball, Adult Pick-up Basketball, Basketball Camp, July 4th Celebration, Rye Art in Bloom, Recreational Soccer League and Pilates. Those with the highest participation included: July 4th Celebration, Recreational Soccer League, Memorial Day Ceremony, After School Program, Soccer Camp, tennis lessons, Summertime Horye-zons, Recreational

Basketball League, Yoga, and Rye Art in Bloom.

Question #4. *Please list any other recreation programs that you or any family member would like to see offered in Rye. Include any programs that you are traveling outside of Rye to participate in.*

- Respondents listed over 94 program ideas. The most frequently mentioned programs were: swim lessons, bus trips, fitness opportunities, kayak lessons, surfing lessons, senior activities, ice hockey, toddler programs, community garden, volleyball program, and outdoor tennis lessons.

Question #5. *Please rank the types of trails needed in Rye for Recreational purposes.*

- The highest ranking was: First, on-street (shoulders) bicycle lanes throughout town. Second, unpaved trails for mountain biking, walking, x-cross country skiing. Third, paved off-street trails for bicycling, mountain biking, walking, in-line skating, etc.

Question #6. *How do you usually hear about Rye Recreation Programs? [Please check all that apply.]*

- Most respondents obtain recreation news from the Town Newsletter: Town Newsletter (204), flyers distributed through schools/ organizations (92), signs (73), word of mouth (67), newspaper (41), Town Website (31), and stop in or call the Recreation Office (12)

Question #7. *How would you prefer to register for Rye Recreation programs?*

- Online and mail-in registration methods were preferred by most respondents: register directly on-line (281), mail-in registration information (233), come into the Recreation Office at Town Hall (123), use a drop box located outside the Recreation Office (95), designated sign-up night (60), use a drop box at the Library (6), and register at the activity (2).

Question #8. *Please rank what would be the most convenient payment process for you.*

- The preferences in order from the most popular were: credit card, check, debit/bank card, and cash.

Question #9. *Do you feel that the programs that you or any family member has*

participated in are a good value?

- The respondents answered overwhelmingly yes.

Question #10. *Why do you or any family member not participate more frequently in Rye Recreation programs?*

- The top five reasons were: lack of time, no interest in the programs offered, lack of information, program time is not convenient, and the respondent is a member of a private club that fulfills recreation needs.

Many additional comments were shared. The following are a few of the comments offered:

- The Recreation Area needs better drainage, bleachers, playground, basketball court, improved buildings for programs, and a Town Forest path map.

- Cable Road Ext. and Wallis Road Ext. Beach areas need parking improvements, accommodation for bicycles, and better trash pick-up.

- Parson's Field could be used for plays and concerts with a new bandstand gazebo.

- The school fields need turf improvements, Lang Corner Field could be improved with the addition of portable bathrooms, backstop, and seating.

- More advertising for programs and more programs for older children.

- A community center, tennis courts, and swimming facilities are needed.

- The Rye Recreation Department was universally praised for excellent service to the community.

The Recreation Commission thanks all residents who responded to the survey. Please contact the Recreation Department or visit the Town of Rye Website for the full survey results and Master Plan as it becomes available.

The Recreation Commission is a voluntary board that meets monthly. Meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcomed. Current commissioners are Bob Blanchard, Stephen King, Mark Luz, Paul Mackey, Gregg Mikolaities, Jim Sullivan, and Janet Stevens, Chairman. Full-time employees include Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, and Jonathan Carleton, Program Director.

Protect Our Water Says Planning Board

Based on the growth of the Seacoast Area and in accordance with the 2006 Rye Master Plan, an amendment (Amendment 1) to add an Aquifer Protection Overlay District to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed for the March 2008 ballot. Rye has substantial water resources on the west side of town recharged by surface water. This zoning amendment is consistent with protections found in the zoning of other nearby communities and has the goal of protecting the water quality of private and Town water wells. Rye is fortunate to have adequate water resources at this point in time. Thoughtful development backed by the proper zoning requirements will go a long way towards preserving our water resources into the future.

There are state requirements that protect groundwater, but they are not tailored to provide specific protections to specific towns, each of which has its own unique characteristics. Listening to concerned citizens, there are some questions that have come up. One is related to prohibiting animal feed lots. Feed lots are where hundreds or thousands of animals are fed to prepare them for market. The resulting waste can end up in streams and groundwater when washed away by rain. Rye's picturesque horse farms, which make Rye what it is, are not feed lots. Furthermore, their operations are exempt from the proposed ordinance because what they do is not considered harmful.

Another common question is related to the Town's Transfer Station being exempt from the proposed ordinance. As the Transfer Station is already in the wellhead protection area of the Garland Wells, it is inspected by the Rye Water District to ensure that operations do not adversely affect the aquifer. This makes the proposed ordinance somewhat redundant in regards to the Transfer Station and could potentially increase costs to the Town due to administrative issues.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is not to make life more difficult for people who are doing reasonable things. Its purpose is to be thoughtful of the growth of the Town, so that when more water is needed in the future, which it will be, areas with underlying aquifers will be available to allow for

Rye Mosquito Control Commission Reports

Again in 2008, it is important that residents of Rye and those in other towns in and around Rockingham County stay aware of the dangers of mosquito-borne illness. The Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) is continuing the Public Health Threat Notice from 2007 to 2008. This is the third consecutive year of the health threat and there may be a tendency for people to be complacent about the problem. It would be a mistake for anyone to let down his or her guard. Please stay informed about the Town of Rye's efforts at mosquito control and the best preventative measures to take to reduce risk.

There are fact sheets and answers to frequently asked questions concerning Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) available at www.dhhs.nh.gov. You may also go to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov for more information. The Mosquito Control Commission will be requesting that arboviral illness warning posters be placed at all town building, schools, and public buildings. Remember, the threat from EEE peaks in late summer and ends in mid-October after the first hard frosts.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission is planning on presenting educational outreach programs for local residents and students. Adult programs will include a seminar on EEE, WNV, Lyme Disease (ticks), and mosquito con-

trol. School programs will include topics on marsh ecology and mosquito biology with many live specimens to observe.

Mike Morrison, entomologist and owner of Municipal Pest Management Services reports the following:

- **GIS Mapping**—A GIS map of the entire town of Rye is being completed before the upcoming mosquito season. The aerial map will show specific breeding habitats of mosquitoes associated with West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. These maps will be presented to the RMCC this spring.

- **EEE Mosquito breeding habitats**—The vector species of EEE in our region is a mosquito called *Culiseta melanura*. Melanura is difficult to locate since it is only found in subterranean cavities under the roots of hemlock and red maple trees. Our mosquito control contractor has located many of these sites throughout town. These sites are controlled each spring and late fall.

- **Snow and mosquito breeding**—It is impossible to predict the effect of heavy snowfall this winter upon mosquitoes next summer. In my opinion, the biggest concern is how deeply the ground is frozen. When the ground is frozen, stagnant pools form creating ideal areas for mosquito breeding each spring. Once the ground thaws snowmelt water percolates through the soil and the pools disappear.

Tom Aspinwall
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Carbon Challenge *(Continued from page 14)*

The Energy Committee also has on going events at the library.

March 12 is the last Deep Economy book discussion. We'll be discussing *Apollo's Fire* on April 16 and May 21. Book discussions are from 7 to 8 p.m.

On March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rye

expansion of the Town's ability to provide water.

Again, the need for the aquifer protection was identified during the development of the Town's current Master Plan. Your Planning Board has worked to provide each of you with the opportunity to adopt these protections.

Donald A. Cavallaro
Chairman, Rye Planning Board

library, Professor John Carroll will present a talk entitled: **"Oil Before Food? How to Support Local Food from Local Farms: A talk on sustainable agriculture and eating locally"**

John E. Carroll is Professor of Environmental Conservation at the University of New Hampshire. He has directed and taught in the university's undergraduate natural resources and environmental degree programs for many years. In recent years Prof. Carroll has engaged in research in sustainable agriculture and in agricultural ethics and values. In 2005, he published a book *The Wisdom of Small Farms and Local Food: Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic and Sustainable Agriculture* (UNH Agricultural Experiment Station Publication #2260).

Building Department Warns of New Building Code and Shoreland Requirements

The Building Department will "Spring" into action getting a handle on the barrage of changes to the regulatory environment. The layers of State-permitting involvement have increased, complicating even the simplest of projects. Although many of us spent time at the State level hoping to positively influence the implementation of the new regulations and changes, the legislation took precedence and we are faced with a maze of new rules and regulations.

The Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) has been in effect for some time, and enforced under the NH Wetlands Bureau. There are restrictions to specific activities within 250 feet of a protected Shoreland. If a project has the potential to impact the buffer zone, the NH Wetlands Board staff review the activity and either deny or waive the CSPA regulations.

As of April 1, 2008, the regulations and procedures change. The State has staffed the CSPA department and initiated a permit process for any work done within 250 feet of the Shoreland. The permit fees can be expensive; \$100 plus 0.01 per square foot with a cap of \$3,750. Requirements include a survey, detailed inventory of vegetation on site, and a calculation of the percent of impervious coverage.

The new regulations establish impervious surface limitations within 250 feet of the Shoreland at 20 percent, with a few exceptions. A property owner can increase the percent coverage if the vegetation meets optimum vegetative criteria, tree cutting is restricted, a storm water management plan is submitted and approved and a deed restriction is in place.

This regulation impacts a majority of property owners in Rye. After April 1, 2008, any work, construction, dredging, filling, or tree-cutting within 250 feet of the Shoreland will require the applicant to apply to either the DES Wetlands Bureau or the CSPA. If the work is limited in the 100-ft buffer to the Ocean, only one permit application to the DES Wetlands Board is required.

Also, the DES Subsurface Bureau has revamped their regulations pertaining to septic system designs. They hope to be more involved in the building permit process. We are anticipating documentation from the State shortly with an explanation of the implication, enforcement, and intent of the regulations.

Building Codes are also changing. The *Electrical Code ed. 2008*, goes into effect July 1, 2008, with some major changes, including requiring the wiring of a single family house with arc-fault protection and ground-fault-interceptors, and all the receptacles will have to be "tamper-resistant type" (child proof). This office has a book delineating the changes to the Electrical Code. With all the complexities required by this code, I strongly urge every homeowner to hire a licensed electrician for any work in and around the house.

As of January 2008, a new **State Gas code** and licensing went into effect. Any person working on a gas installation must be properly licensed with the State, and have obtained a permit from the Fire Department.

I strongly suggest to anyone thinking of starting a project to draw up a rough sketch and come see us. There are so many changes that are challenging to understand and apply that we prefer you take the time to discuss it with us to avoid any construction delays.

If you are in the process of buying property in town, please do not hesitate to come talk to us and peruse the file. We have lots of knowledge that we love to share and we may be able to help you understand the potential of the property.

We hold office hours open to the public 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The afternoon is reserved for inspections, research, and appointments. Please drop in to see us in the morning or make an appointment in the afternoon to discuss any issues you may have.

Susan Labrie
Building Inspector

Public Works and Recycling Center Ready for Spring Cleaning

YARD AND GARDEN

The Brush Dump at the Recycling Center is open Tuesdays and Saturdays to receive leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, flowers, vegetation, brush, branches, and small logs, not over 6 inches in diameter. Compost and wood chips are available and free for the taking!

HOUSE AND GARAGE

The Swap Shop is for items that you no longer use, but are still in good condition for someone else to use such as clothing, books, toys, kitchen items, tools, knick knacks, etc.

Do not leave bulky items, major appliances, furniture, TVs, computers, paint, tires, etc. There are special areas for these items and some require a small fee to cover the Town's cost for disposal. **Please see an attendant for assistance.**

TOWN ROADS

Sweeping of Town Roads will take place between April 15 and May 1 (weather permitting) followed by **catch basin cleaning**. Please help by keeping catch basins clear of leaves and other debris.

The Recycling Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for trash collection and recycling of mixed glossy paper, glass bottles, aluminum and tin cans, newspapers, plastic bottles, cardboard, and used motor oil. For more information or assistance, please call 964-5300.

Everett (Bud) Jordan
Public Works Director

BOA Congratulates Ben King

Congratulations to Ben King for receiving the *Manchester Union Leader* "40 under 40" award for the top 40 professionals who are under the age of 40 who provide outstanding service and volunteerism to the community. Ben King has served on the Board of Adjustment since 1999, was an alternate previously, and is currently the Vice Chairman. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated professional committed to providing a valuable resource to the town.

The Dog Days of Winter

While these days are short and chilly, the shoreline of the seacoast affords dog owners from near and far the ideal venue for a morning or afternoon getaway. The early risers know the serenity of the first steps on the clean sandy palette; the residue of the dynamic evening tides. And the late-morning to mid-afternoon crowd revel at the meeting place, where old and new friends from all breeds gather. Free and unleashed, man's best friend scampers and trots on that endless pristine track that interfaces with the sea.

If this sounds like uninterrupted tranquility, there are caveats. Dog waste and aggressive unleashed dogs pose a threat to the privilege that we all share at our shores. The Town of Rye does not have a leash law, but local and state laws require that dogs be under control at all times. This means that if a dog is not leashed, it must be under the direct control of its handler at all times. Additionally, the town does require owners to pick up and remove dog waste from the beach. Unfortunately, failure to comply with these simple measures by the few can lead to more than a disappointing misstep at the beach.

Untreated pet fecal matter, like human sewage, is harmful to the waterways. When pet waste is not properly disposed, it can be carried by rain, snow, and the tides directly into nearby waterways and storm drains. Untreated animal fecal matter and wastes can become a source of harmful bacteria and nutrients in water. The environmental impact of dog waste has gone unrecognized for decades. Dogs can be significant hosts of disease causing organisms including Giardia and Salmonella, which are protozoan and bacterial infections transmitted to humans by animals. A new lab technique for fingerprinting DNA to match bacteria found in the water to the bacteria from specific animals, demonstrates that dogs are a significant contributor of bacteria in several New Hampshire surface waters. Some swimming beaches and shellfish beds in New Hampshire are commonly shut down due to bacteria contamination.

As a pet owner, I enjoy the privilege of walking my dog unleashed on the beaches of Rye. Alternately, I also enjoy walks and runs with friends and family. Recently, I witnessed an unleashed dog

attack two people within five minutes of each other, driving one person into the sea up to their knees on a bitter cold day. Clearly, the owner could not control the dog and the unsuspecting pedestrian paid the price. I considered this an exception until I was victimized twice within thirty minutes by two different dogs while running.

It would be a shame if the overwhelming majority of responsible dog owners were penalized because of the indifferent few. So what can be done? Always carry a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog; a plastic grocery bag works well. Using the bag like a glove, pick up the waste, turn the bag inside out around the waste, seal the bag and dispose of it only in a trash receptacle. More than one dog means more than one bag. A leash at hand is always a good idea for all dogs. If your dog is aggressive, a leashed walk on the beach is the answer. While "pricey," an electric collar with a handheld remote is very effective for recalling your dog at a distance. Night walks require a flashlight to locate your dog's waste and a small strobe light on your dog's collar makes tracking easy.

As more towns enact restrictive ordinances towards unleashed dogs, the beaches in the Town of Rye remain a favorite destination for citizens from surrounding environs. The preservation of our seaside oasis depends on us. Inform friends and neighbors that scooping your pooch's poop isn't just a courtesy, it's the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do. Encourage fellow dog owners on the beach to clean up after their pets and dispose of the pet waste properly. Education via year-round signage at points of entry to our beaches will be an invaluable vehicle to explain the rules for pets on the beaches of Rye. And finally, aggressive dog behavior that is threatening to dogs or people and not addressed by the dog owner should be directed to law enforcement.

The rules regarding control of dogs and waste pickup are in effect year-round. The goal is 100% compliance and perhaps the best approach may be through a Pet Waste Outreach Campaign. I am heartened by the many concerned and responsible people I have met along the beaches of Rye who share

Rye Senior SERVE Holds an Information Night

In January, Rye Senior SERVE held an Information Night to help potential volunteers get to know each other and acquire some knowledge of what volunteering with seniors entails. A good number of people responded. It was gratifying to hear so many say they want to help. We explained that potential volunteers would go through a screening process, including a personal background check, training, and an interview. Interested helpers were asked to take applications home, read, and return to Rye Senior SERVE. If you would like to volunteer, applications are available at the Rye Public Library.

And What Do We Need Now? PEOPLE

Most of all we are looking for seniors who need help with simple tasks or assignments, large or small. If you are in need of assistance, please call the Rye Public Library at 964-8401 and leave your name and phone number. A member of Rye Senior SERVE will contact you. Or you may send us a note at the following address: Rye Senior SERVE, P.O. Box 902, Rye, N. H. 03870

Our **Daily Call Program** is looking for more seniors to participate. This wellness check for seniors who live alone assures your safety when our volunteers make a phone call to your home each morning between 8 and 9 and ask "Are you okay?" Please phone the Library (964-8401) if you would like to be included in this program.

Our **Transportation Program** continues to grow. If you would like to arrange an outing for a small (up to 12) group of seniors, please call the Town Hall at 964-5523.

And Other Good News!

Rye Senior SERVE has submitted a warrant article to see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,500 to support Rye Senior SERVE. **Warrant Article 22**, recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, will be on the ballot March 11, 2008.

Margaret Carroll
President of Rye Senior SERVE

a common commitment to their dogs, their neighbors, and the environment. Bring on the dog days of summer!

Jack M. Panopoulos, D.O.
Rye Beach Commission

Town of Rye Board Meetings

March 2008

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Public Library Meeting Room (handicapped accessible) at 581 Washington Road. Other board meetings are held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall for up-to-date information.

1 11-11:30 am
**Supervisors of
the Checklist
in session**

2	3 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore	4	5 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	6	7	8
9 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	10 6 pm Board of Selectmen 7:30 pm Recreation Commission	11 8 am-7 pm TOWN ELECTION Rye Elementary 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 6 pm Mosquito Control Commission 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	20 7 pm Conservation Commission <i>First day of Spring</i>	21	22
23 <i>Easter</i>	24 6 pm Board of Selectmen	25 7 pm Planning Board Technical Review Committee	26	27	28	29 10 am Rye Water District Annual Meeting Jr. High

April 2008

30	31	1	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	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	17 7 pm Conservation Commission	18	19
20 <i>Passover begins</i>	21 6 pm Board of Selectmen	22	23	24	25	26
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11	12	13 7 pm Planning Board	14	15 7 pm Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19 6 pm Board of Selectmen	20	21 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day observed Town offices closed</i>	27 7 pm Technical Review Committee	28	29	30	31

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

My Voting Notes

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 year (2)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Budget Committee, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 years (1)

Article 3.

Amendment 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 2. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 3. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 4. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 5. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 6. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 4. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 5. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 6. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 7. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 8. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 9. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 10. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 11. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 12. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 13. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 14. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 15. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 16. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 17. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 18. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 19. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 20. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 21. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 22. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 23. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 24. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 25. ☐Yes ☐No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, (2)

School District Clerk, (1)

Article 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 2. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 3. ☐Yes ☐No

ELECTION DAY, March 11

Vote at the Elementary
School on Sagamore Road.
Polls are open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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