



# Town of Rye

## Newsletter



Vol. 12, No. 1 A Publication of the Rye, New Hampshire, Board of Selectmen March 2009

# Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 10

### TOWN REPORTS AVAILABLE MONDAY, MARCH 2

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2008 will be available for pick-up on Monday, March 2, 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 one be mailed to you.

### MODERATOR'S MESSAGE Please Vote on March 10

The Town and School elections will be held on March 10, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Rye Elementary School. As I said in the September newsletter, a healthy democracy depends on strong voter turnout. Over the last four years, however, turnout in local elections has declined from an apathetic 34 percent to an abysmal 22 percent. Yet, it only takes a few minutes in the day to stop by the polls and perform your constitutional duty. Even if there's nothing important to you on the ballot, get in the habit of voting and vote anyways. It means something to your fellow citizens, and it means a lot for democracy.

Among other things, this year's ballot contains a much publicized warrant article regarding the presence of

*See Moderator's Message, page 7*

### SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

## Warrant Articles and Their Effect on Taxes Discussed

### 2009 Budget and March 10 Voting

THE 2009 DELIBERATIVE SESSION was held on Saturday, January 31, and attendance was up in comparison to the past several years due primarily to interest in Article #15: to amend Ordinance #1 and rescind Ordinance #23 (as they relate to dogs at the beach).

The 2009 budget was finalized at \$7,956,767, up \$270,152 over 2008 (\$7,686,615). This figure does not contain any Warrant Articles. It does reflect a contractual cost-of-living adjustment of 3.5 percent.

Warrant Articles #5 through #8 and Article #10 were moved to the ballot with little or no discussion. Article #9, the Families First request, was amended downward by the petitioner, was moved to the ballot and will also be voted on Tuesday, March 10. A breakdown of the impact of these money Warrant Articles, based on our current valuation (\$1,815,653,900), is as follows:

		Effect on the tax rate per \$1000 valuation
Article #5	Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund	\$20,000.00 \$ .0110
Article #6	Library Building Maintenance	16,000.00 .0088
Article #7	Highway Equip. Capital Reserve Fund	10,000.00 .0055
Article #8	Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund	5,000.00 .0027
Article #9	Families First Health/Support	1,000.00 .0005
Article #10	Great Bay Services	500.00 .0003

If approved:

Article #5 will add \$20,000 to the Employee Leave Account used to pay severance benefits in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy. The Town's total liability would be \$398,367 if all employees left or retired at once.

### Attention: Beach-goers, Voters, Dog Owners, and Gardeners

We are fast approaching the annual Town Election to be held at the Elementary School on March 10. Voting hours will be from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. For those unable to get to the

*See Town Clerk's Message, page 7*

Article #6 will add \$16,000 to the Library Building Maintenance expendable trust established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under RSA 31:19-a.

Article #7 will add \$10,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*See Selectman, page 6*

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
Town of Rye  
March 10, 2009**

**FOR SELECTMAN**

for three years                      Vote for one  
CRAIG MUSSELMAN

**FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

for three years                      Vote for one  
ELIZABETH M. YEATON

**FOR TREASURER**

for three years                      Vote for one  
LEON C. BLAISDELL

**FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

for three years                      Vote for one  
KENNETH MOYNAHAN  
ROBERT "MIKE" SARGENT, SR.

**FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

for three years                      Vote for two  
L. GARRY LAYMAN  
KAREN W. OLIVER

**FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

for three years                      Vote for one  
KERRY S. POPE

**FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE**

for two years                      Vote for one  
EDWARD NED PAUL, III

**FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE**

for three years                      Vote for two  
RAYMOND J. JARVIS  
DOUGLAS ABRAMS

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**

for three years                      Vote for two  
DONALD CAVALLARO  
PATRICIA M. WEATHERSBY  
WILLIAM W. ZECHEL

**FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER**

for three years                      Vote for one  
PETER KASNET

**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:

Amend Section 801.1 Building Permits Required to remove the \$1500 threshold for alterations of building, structures or subsurface waste disposal systems which require building permits and to also provide that alterations costing less than \$1500 do not require a building permit fee?

Explanation

Currently alterations of buildings, structures or subsurface waste disposal systems costing less than \$1500 do not require a building permit. The amendment would require all such alterations to have a building permit but alterations costing less than \$1500 would not require a building permit fee.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 2:** Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend Section 202.12, A. Adult Estab-

lishments, to add adult cabarets, adult arcades and Body Art establishments governed by New Hampshire RSA Chapter 314-A to the list of Adult Establishments which are regulated in Rye? (The amendment also adds definitions of "adult arcade" and "adult cabarets" to the ordinance.)

Explanation

Adult establishments are not permitted within 500 feet of the Single Residence or General Residence Districts; within 500 feet of a mobile home park; or within 1000 feet of another adult establishment. The amendment adds adult arcades, adult cabarets and body art establishments to the list of adult establishments subject to these restrictions.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 3:** Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Add definitions of "Nursing Facility" and "Assisted Living Facility" to the ordinance and amend the special exception provisions of the Single Residence, General Residence, Business and Commercial Districts to replace the terms "convalescent or nursing home" and "home for the elderly" with "nursing facility" and "assisted living facility," as follows: (**Note:** Proposed new text is in ***bold italic***. Text to be deleted is struck through.)

Uses Allowed by Special Exception.

Hospital, ~~convalescent or nursing home facility, assisted living facility,~~ home for the elderly, religious or educational institution?

Explanation

The terms "convalescent or nursing home" and "home for the elderly" are somewhat outdated and are not defined by the zoning ordinance. The amendment replaces these terms with the terms "nursing facility" and "assisted living facility" and defines the new terms in a manner consistent with the definitions of those terms in state statutes.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 4:** Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Add a new Section 509 Demolition Review which would establish a process for reviewing the proposed demolition of buildings or parts of buildings which are older than 65 years and greater than 500 square feet in gross floor area?

Explanation

The purpose of the amendment is to encourage the preservation of buildings and places of historic, architectural and community value.

The amendment would not prohibit demolitions of buildings or parts of buildings which are subject to the review. It would establish a waiting period before issuance of a Demolition Permit, during which a Demolition Review Committee would review the proposed demolition to determine if it is a potentially significant building. If buildings are determined by the committee to be not potentially significant, a Demolition Permit could be promptly issued, which would result in a waiting period of two weeks or less.

**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 10! 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.**

If the building is determined to be potentially significant, the committee would hold a hearing and determine if the building is significant. If the building is determined to be significant, the committee would explore alternatives to demolition and try and work with the owner to avoid demolition. If alternatives cannot be agreed to by the owner, demolition could proceed after the 49 day review period expires.

In determining whether a building is significant or potentially significant the Demolition Review Committee would be required to consider whether: (1) the building is of such interest or quality that it would meet national, state or local criteria for designation as an historic, cultural or architectural landmark; (2) the building is of such unusual or uncommon design, texture or materials that it could not be reproduced or could be reproduced only with great difficulty and expense; (3) the building is of such historic, architectural or community value that its removal would be to the detriment of the public interest; (4) retention of the building would help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 5:** Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend the ordinance to allow "Small Wind Energy Systems" in all districts except the Conservation District and to adopt a new Section 508 Small Wind Energy Systems to regulate such systems?

Explanation

The purpose of the amendment is to increase local energy independence, reduce pressure on the local electricity grid and reduce pollutants from traditional forms of energy by providing for small wind energy systems in appropriate locations, while minimizing any adverse visual, safety and environmental impacts of a system.

"Small Wind Energy Systems" consist of: (1) a vertical or horizontal wind turbine and tower, or (2) a horizontal or vertical turbine mounted on a building. The capacity of a system is 60 kilowatts or less, and it must be used primarily for onsite consumption.

State statutes enacted in 2008 prohibit municipalities from unreasonably limiting the installation and performance of renewable energy systems, including small wind energy systems. Rye currently does not regulate small wind energy systems. The proposed amendment requires that all small wind energy systems obtain a Conditional Use Permit from the planning board, which will require a hearing and notice to the public and abutters. The amendment includes extensive regulation of matters such as tower height; setbacks from adjacent properties, roads, wetlands and water bodies; noise levels; visual impact; shadowing; safety and other matters intended to balance the benefits of encouraging small scale power production with mitigation of the impact on neighboring properties and the environment.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 6:** Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend 505.3 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District, Map, Note 1, as follows: (**Note:** Proposed new text is in ***bold italic***. Deleted text is ~~struck through~~.)

**Note 1.** At site TC-3 towers and other telecommunication facilities are prohibited within the 400 ft. ***sanitary*** radius exclusion zone of the ***Rye Water District*** production water wells?

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 7:** Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend Section 901.1 Annual (Building Permit) Limitation to correct a typographic error which incorrectly states the annual building permit limitation as 0.75% of the total dwelling units erected as of December 31 of the prior year rather than the correct limitation of 1.75%? (The amendment also updates the information stated in Section 901.1 which explains how the annual limitation is calculated.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

**ARTICLE 4  
BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT  
PROPOSED BY THE RYE PLANNING  
BOARD**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Rye Building Code:

Add a new Section 7.8-A Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters, which regulates such outdoor heaters?

Explanation

*Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters are free standing wood burning devices that heat a liquid (water or antifreeze) which in turn is pumped to a residence or other structure to provide heat. The amendment adopts regulations applying to such outdoor heaters including emission levels, permitted fuels, setback, stack height and safety requirements.*

☐ YES ☐ NO

**ARTICLE 5**

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 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to be added to the Library Building

Art. 5: 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.

Maintenance expendable trust fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a. 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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐YES ☐NO

#### ARTICLE 8

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 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 9

(By petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to help support Families First Health and Support Center, the Seacoast's community Health Center, and the services it provides to Rye families and individuals. Approximately 100 Rye residents each year utilize Families First's services, which include affordable primary care, prenatal care and dental care, with a sliding scale for uninsured patients as well as parenting classes and support groups with free child care, family programs and individualized support for families facing particular challenges. Families First is a nonprofit organization located at the Community Campus in Portsmouth. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐YES ☐NO

#### ARTICLE 10

(By petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) to help support Great Bay Services, a local non-profit organization, and the services it provides to more than 100 people with developmental disabilities and their families from the New Hampshire Seacoast region, including Rye, and Southern Maine. Great Bay

*Art. 6: A Yes vote would add \$16,000 to the Expendable Trust Fund for maintenance of the library.*

*A No vote would not appropriate any money this year.*

*Art. 7: A Yes vote would add \$10,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of future purchase of Public Works equipment.*

*A No vote would not appropriate any money this year.*

*Art. 8: A Yes vote would add \$5,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund.*

*A No vote would add no money this year.*

*Art. 9: A Yes vote would appropriate \$1,000 to help support Families First Health and Support Center, a nonprofit that provides affordable care to Rye's families.*

*A No vote would not appropriate the money.*

Services provides residential housing, a community center, life management skills programs, school-to-work transition services, employment assessment and placement, nursing services, recreational and educational opportunities and community integration for the people it serves. 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

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 nine hundred fifty-six thousand seven hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$7,956,767)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be seven million seven hundred forty-five thousand nine hundred seventy dollars (\$7,745,970) 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 12

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely until special rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose? Prior to the acceptance of a gift valued at over \$5,000 the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. (Majority vote required.)

☐YES ☐NO

#### ARTICLE 13

Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment? (Majority vote required.)

☐YES ☐NO

#### ARTICLE 14

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor.

Resolved: We, the citizens of Rye, NH,

*Art. 10: A Yes vote would appropriate \$5000 to help support Great Bay Services, a nonprofit that provides care to people with developmental disabilities.*

*A No vote would not appropriate the money.*

*Art. 11: A Yes vote would appropriate \$7,956,767 as approved by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, to fund the Town's 2009 Operating Budget.*

*A No vote would not fund the 2009 Operating Budget as proposed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee, but rather, would result in the adoption of a default budget of \$7,745,970.*

*Art. 12: A Yes vote would allow library trustees to accept gifts to the library of personal property without Town Meeting approval.*

*A No vote would not allow trustees to accept gifts of personal property without annual Town Meeting approval.*

*Art. 13: A Yes vote would allow the library to keep and use the money it receives from the photo copier, etc. for library purposes.*

*A No vote would return that money to the general fund.*



believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State Leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 11 of Ordinance #1, the Beach Ordinance, and rescind Ordinance #23, the Animal Beach Use and Waste Removal Ordinance, in its entirety as follows. (**Note:** Deleted text is struck through, new text is in **bold italic**)

11. (a) Dogs are not permitted on Town Beaches before 6:00 p.m. **7:00 p.m.** or after 8:00 a.m. **9:00 a.m.**, from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first day of October **to the first Saturday after Labor Day**. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiorne State Park where dogs and people are allowed between the hours of 12-midnight and 6:00 a.m. when the beach is closed **6:00 a.m. and 12 midnight**.

***During this part of the year:***

***1. All dogs shall be otherwise under the control of their owner or other custodian.***

***2. The owner or custodian of any dog that defecates on Town of Rye beaches shall immediately remove such defecation from public property and dispose of it on their own property or otherwise properly dispose of same.***

#23

#### ANIMAL BEACH USE AND WASTE REMOVAL ORDINANCE

##### A. Authority

In accordance with the authority granted by New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapters 31:39 (b), 47:17 XI, and 466:39, the following ordinance is hereby adopted by the Board of Selectmen and is intended to supplement and be in addition to the provisions of RSA 466:30-a which was duly adopted by the Town of Rye pursuant to Referendum

Art. 14: A Yes vote would send the message.

A No vote would not.

Art. 15: A Yes vote would change the ordinance regarding dogs on the beaches and clean up some redundancies in the existing ordinance..

A No vote would not make any changes.

vote November 4, 1980 as required by RSA 466:30-b:

##### B. Beach Use

1. Dogs are not permitted on Town beaches before 6:00 p.m. or after 8:00 a.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first day of October each year.

2. Horses are not permitted on Town beaches at any time from the first day of June to the first day of October each year.

##### C. Waste Removal

The owner or person having custody of any dog that defecates on Town of Rye beaches shall immediately remove all such defecation and dispose of it on his own property or otherwise properly dispose of same.

##### D. Penalties

1. The owner or custodian of any dog or horse that fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the following:

a. A fine of twenty five (\$25.00) dollars for the first offense and fifty (\$50.00) for each subsequent offense; and

b. In the case of a dog, if it is not under the control of its owner or other custodian, the dog may be impounded in which event the owner shall also be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the Town in impounding the dog, including, but not limited to all boarding fees due the facility where the dog was impounded.

##### E. Conflicting Laws

In the event any provision of this ordinance is in conflict with any applicable State law or any other Town ordinance, the law or ordinance that provides the higher duty or greater penalty shall govern.

Adopted at Town Meeting March 12, 1994

Amended Art. 28, 3/12 02 (Section B, 1)

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 16

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 2009.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Art. 16: A Yes vote would authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment.

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

### AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY..... 911

Fire Department—Non-Emergency... 964-6411

POLICE EMERGENCY..... 911

Police (routine calls only)..... 964-5522

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

#### DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....964-5523

Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....964-9800

Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....964-2964

Cemetery Superintendent, John Coscia .....817-0066

Library.....964-8401

Library Fax.....964-7065

Public Works.....964-5300

Recreation.....964-6281

Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....964-5300

Rye Water District.....436-2596

Selectmen.....964-5523

Selectmen Fax.....964-1516

E-Mail: nancyw@town.rye.nh.us

Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us

Sewer Commission.....964-6815

Town Administrator.....964-5523

Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....964-8562

Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax.....964-4132

Welfare (Portsmouth Welfare Dept.).....610-7267

# Selectmen Discuss Warrant Articles *(Continued from page 1.)*

**Article #8** will add \$5,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund, a major repairs fund for municipal buildings.

**Article #9** will raise and appropriate \$1,000 to help support Families First Health and Support Center, the Seacoast's community Health Center.

**Article #10** will raise and appropriate \$500 to help support Great Bay Services, providing services to N.H. Seacoast people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Town of Rye has historically been frugal in the management of its fiscal affairs. Although budgeting is a year-round process, formulation of the budget for the upcoming year is initiated in late summer and developed through September when the Board of Selectmen meets with department heads to ascertain needs, consider proposals, include items over which we have no control, and develop a sense of priorities on the remainder. Interim Town Administrator Mike Farrell presented us with a report indicating that currently wages account for \$3 million, benefits require another \$1.1 million, and an additional \$1 million is obligated for debt service.

The initial round of budget meetings resulted in a figure somewhat higher than the amount finalized on January 31 at the Deliberative Session. As we moved from September on through the fall, the severity of the economic downturn became increasingly apparent and, following the lead of the school, we revisited the Town budget. Working with department heads, our Interim Town Administrator reconsidered the budget requests of each, revising downward wherever possible before coming back to the Board. We appreciate their cooperation in this often painful process. Some items were postponed and some adjusted (example: cost of gasoline had dropped/line items were reduced). The result is a very tight budget.

## DOGS on the Ballot

Despite the economy, it was not a money article that brought the majority of attendees to the 2009 Deliberative

Session. The dog-on-dog attack early last summer at Jenness Beach was complicated by leash issues, and the incident rekindled an old coastal controversy which has been solved in many towns by banning dogs from the beaches.

We received e-mail, letters, and phone calls: dog owners fearing further restriction of their dogs on the beach and others seeking it. Opinions ranged from all dogs should be allowed on the beach all the time to no dogs at any time. Dog owners stated that leashes defeat the purpose of exercise and claimed ability to have unleashed dogs "under control" while opponents cited increasing number of dogs, urination, fecal bacteria, and fear of being jumped on among the problems.

Our first response was to review existing ordinances regarding beach and dogs. We found some redundancy and conflict, perhaps the inadvertent result of revisiting this issue over many years. We then set out to replace the inconsistency and propose a revised ordinance that everyone could live with.

Several meetings with dog discussions later and hearing no new arguments on either side, we placed Article #15 on the Warrant for the Deliberative Session. From the Saturday before Memorial Day to October first each year, basically our proposal would have added one a.m. hour, to 9 o'clock, for dogs on the beach and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. required all dogs to be on a leash. Please carefully read Article #15 to see the changes made via amendment at the Deliberative Session.

The bottom line: If you approve of Article #15 as amended, vote YES. If you do not approve, vote NO. **If this article is defeated, it simply means that we continue to operate under our ordinances as they were before proposal of this Article.**

## New Position at Town Hall

Effective on January 1, 2009, the Board of Selectmen was pleased to announce the promotion of Cynthia

Gillespie, long time Finance Administrator, to the newly created position of Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator.

This change more realistically recognizes the job Cyndi has been performing as the Town's Chief Financial Officer and will help eliminate any potential administrative gaps while the Town undertakes the search for a full-time Town Administrator. Currently our Interim Town Administrator Mike Farrell is part time.

The new position formally recognizes the responsibilities of the position which include, in addition to the financial duties: chief budget officer, benefits manager, and human resources.

## Education Funding

The funding problems related to education in New Hampshire will not disappear in the foreseeable future. With education adequacy now defined and cost determined, the current transition period will end in 2010. Without substantial change in education adequacy funding methodology, we will experience a return to donor towns as the State's solution in 2011.

In his inaugural address in January 2009, Governor John Lynch again called for targeted aid to education, noting that there has not been a consensus on a constitutional amendment but urging that discussion continue. He further stated that we need to develop a system that holds schools accountable. Governor Lynch continues to support a constitutional amendment.

Our most recent Coalition Communities update outlined two bills related to education funding in process at this writing:

**HB 521:** We have written before that the cost of funding (adequate) education has been determined to be the result of a base amount per student plus differentiated factors added for related needs such as English Language Learner or Special Education.

House Bill 521, co-sponsored by Representatives Judy Day and Nancy Stiles of Hampton, would change the formula by removing a poverty factor,

## Selectmen

(Continued from preceding page.)

in this case children receiving free or reduced lunches, thereby reducing the total amount spent on education. This kind of approach bears careful scrutiny since socioeconomic factors impact whole classrooms. While all communities have some pockets of poverty; other communities have a very large percentage of families that fall below the poverty guidelines. We have long supported targeting aid rather than redistributing it.

**CACR2:** The other bill, CACR2, a constitutional amendment to target aid, is sponsored by Republicans and, due to the make up of the Legislature, is given little chance of passage according to Pat Remick, coordinator of the Coalition Communities of former Donor communities.

For your information, the State has a website with simplified access to N.H. State government. Hearing schedules, text of bills, and status of bills are among the features available. House and Senate sessions (live or archived) can be accessed. The direct legislative website is [www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ie/](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ie/).

Names and contact information for all of our representatives, both State and National, can be found in the 2008 Annual Report.

Make no mistake about the significance of this education funding dilemma. The outcome will impact every property owner in Rye.

## 2008 Annual Report

In closing, we add a reminder that a copy of the Town of Rye Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2008 will be available for you on Monday, March 2, 2009 at the following locations: Rye Town Hall, Rye Public Library, Rye Public Safety Building, Rye Recycling Center, and The Hungry Horse. Last year, for the first time, the Annual Report was available on line: [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us). We plan to do the same with the 2008 report.

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

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report

(Continued from page 1.)

election, absentee ballots are available at this office. A sample ballot and the minutes from the Deliberative Session are posted on the town web site ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)).

If we are discussing the Town Election, it means spring is just around the corner! We've had several inquiries about when **Beach Parking Permits** will be available. The decals will be arriving soon and will be available for purchase beginning March 1. The fee, \$20.00 per vehicle, remains the same as last year. To be eligible for a Beach Parking Permit you must be a Rye resident or property owner. A vehicle registration **must** be presented for each permit requested. NH privacy laws no longer allow us to look up your plate number. If you have trouble getting in to the office to purchase your permit, you may apply through the mail. Please include a copy of the registration and \$20 fee for each permit requested. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is also required.

**All dog owners** are reminded to license their dogs by the end of April. A current rabies certificate is required to license your dog. If you have mis-

placed the certificate, please contact your vet's office for a duplicate. The fees are as follows:

Spayed or neutered dog	\$6.50
Puppies under 7 months old	6.50
Unaltered dog	9.00
Senior citizens (over 65)	
may license one dog at a discounted price	2.00
Late fee if done after May 30	1.00/month

Dog owners may face a Civil Forfeiture of **\$25.00 per dog** if the license is not completed by May 30.

Dog licenses may also be done by mail. Please include a current rabies certificate and appropriate fee for each dog as well as a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Once again this year, **compost bins** can be ordered through this office. They are \$40 each and must be pre-ordered. Forms are available at our office and orders must be received by April 3. Compost bins will be delivered to the Highway Department on Grove Road and must be picked up there.

Elizabeth M. Yeaton  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
603-964-8562

## Moderator's Report

(Continued from page 1.)

dogs on town beaches, and an article that, if passed, would urge our legislators to abandon "the pledge" against broad-based taxes. The ballot also contains articles on the town (\$7,956,767) and school (\$11,838,517) operating budgets. If you don't think your vote makes a difference, you might be interested to know that just 17 of your fellow citizens successfully raised the proposed school budget by \$25,584 at the School Deliberative Session. Also, contested races are being fought for the offices of planning board and cemetery trustee, and there is an open seat for school district clerk—the write-in candidate with the biggest turnout will be welcomed to public service. So remember, even if nothing is on the ballot that interests you, your vote still matters. Please come down to RES,

mingling with your neighbors, talk to your town officials, and exercise your single most important right as an American citizen—**VOTE!**

## Registration & Absentee Ballots

You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours on any day through February 28. **You can also register at the polls on election day.** If you can't get to the polls because (1) you will be out of town, (2) you have a disability, or (3) you must observe a religious commitment, you may get an absentee ballot at the Town Clerk's office as late as the day before the election. State law, however, prohibits absentee voting simply because it is inconvenient to go to the polls.

Bob Eaton  
Town Moderator

## Police Department Spring Reminders

**Attention Dog Owners:** With the arrival of spring, many of you will be bringing your dogs to Town beaches. Please remember that there are two major, simple and unchanging requirements in our Town ordinances pertaining to control of dogs on Town beaches. Simply worded, they are:

1. Dogs must be under the control of the owner or custodian at all times.
2. Dog waste must be removed from the beach/public property and disposed of at the owner's property or otherwise properly disposed of.

We thank all those responsible dog owners who follow the rules. To those dog owners who ignore them, please take note that the Police Department will enforce all dog control ordinances and any applicable fines.

**Protect your dog:** Please make sure your dog has its collar and tags on at all times. If your dog happens to get loose and its tags are on, the officer will be able to return your dog to you.

If you have an electric fence, the battery in the collar needs to be replaced regularly. If the dog is wearing the collar and the battery isn't working, the fence is useless.

**Beach Parking Permits:** Please get your 2009 beach parking permit and put it on the driver's side rear window. Many residents who come in to complain about receiving a ticket admit that they forgot to put their parking sticker on their vehicle!

**The beaches of Rye are dry:** NO ALCOHOL! Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcohol on Town beaches.

**Bicyclists Safety tips:** All cyclists should ride single file. If your children are under the age of 16, they must wear a helmet. If your child does not have a bike helmet, please stop by; we have helmets available. *The bike rodeo for children is scheduled for May 9, 2009 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Rye Congregational Church.*

**Events on Town Roads:** There are always a number of scheduled cycling, running, etc, events in the

## PARSONS FIELD SIGNS POLICY

**Only non-profit entities holding approved events on town or school properties will be considered by the Board of Selectmen for approval for signs at Parsons Field.**

Size is limited to four square feet. Duration is limited to seven days. Commercial identification and/or logos are not permitted. State law prohibits signs on utility poles.

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

spring and summer months. Please look on the Rye Police or Town of Rye web site to keep informed of any delays as these events are going on.

Rye Police Officers continue to evaluate their job performance. We value your input, so please let us know how you think we are doing. This will help us set new goals for the year. And remember to let us know if you are concerned about something, no matter how small or minor. It could be the information we have been looking for to help solve a problem or to make our town safer. Thank you for your support. Stay safe and enjoy the spring!

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## Prescription for Medical Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency involving you or a member of your household, your Rye Fire and Rescue service has a program in place known as the "Vial of Life." This program provides emergency medical responders with your medical history and other important information should you be incapacitated and unable to interact with the rescuers.

By placing a sticker on the door of your residence, you will have indicated that you have filled out a form provided by the Rye Fire & Rescue, placed it in a Ziplock bag and taped it to your refrigerator door. The emergency responders will know to look for that form and will have the information needed to treat your medical condition. They can then relay the information to the hospital as you are being transported in the ambulance. You may also wish to place a copy of the completed form in the glove box of your automobile in the event of an accident or medical emergency while you are driving.

The Fire Department would welcome a request from you for more information on this program. If you are unable to visit the Public Safety Building for whatever reason, we can make an appointment with you and come to your place of residence.

For more information, please call Lieutenant Ron Hordon, the emergency medical services officer, at 964-6411 ext 417.

William H. Sullivan, Chief  
Rye Fire and Rescue

## Rye Schools Collecting Box Tops!

The BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION program offers schools "money for nothing"—almost. We collect and submit "coupons" from the list of participating products and General Mills sends Rye schools a check for the amount collected. Please see the complete list of participating products at the Rye Public Library or visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com). So far this year, we have col-

lected over \$650 versus last year's total of nearly \$400. We're trying to reach \$1000!

You will find collection boxes in the Rye Public Library and in the lobby of Rye Elementary. **Remember: BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION = free money for Rye schools!**

Lucretia Schafbach  
Box Tops Coordinator for Rye PTA

# TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPRING NEWS

10 Central Road Rye, NH, 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516, E-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us) Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/)

Spring 2009

## PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHTS

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



**SPRING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

(Non-resident registration will be accepted on March 18, 2009)



**SUMMER, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009**

(Non-resident registration will be accepted on May 13, 2009)

**2009-10 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009**

(Rye Residents Only)



**FALL SOCCER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009**

(Rye and New Castle Residents Only)

Soccer deadline is July 31, 2009. Late Fee of \$25 will be applied to soccer registrations received after the deadline.

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 25, 2009  
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 17, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, 2009, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

No charge to the public and open to all ages.



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM is open to

grades K-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F. The cost of the program is \$13.00/day with a minimum of 2 days required, there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. The program is currently full. Please contact the Recreation Department to be placed on a waiting list. 2009-2010 After School Program Sign-up Night is Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Rye Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road.



**SPRING BASEBALL SCHOOL** instruction is provided by David Adam, 10 year Pro Pitcher. Learn basic skills, for the beginner to advanced player.

This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Limited space available.

Grades 2-6, April 27, 28, 29, 30, 2009, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$110/M-Th.



## ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL is held

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High School.

No charge



## LESLEY SMITH THEATER OF LIFE PUPPETS

is presented by a world class ventriloquist, singer, puppeteer and comedian who will delight you with her talent. "Lesley's smile and presence is as warm and welcoming as her voice and the life her puppets exude is something even adults relish" Boston Globe. For more information visit [www.sammysnail.com](http://www.sammysnail.com) Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

No charge to the public and open to all ages.



## BICYCLE RODEO - Join the Rye Police Department,

Rye Fire Department, Rye Recreation Department and Safe Routes to School Committee for the 2nd 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 9, 2009, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Parental supervision and bike helmet required.

No charge to the public and open to all ages.



## COACHSMART NH LEVEL I WORKSHOP is designed

by UNH to provide youth sports coaches with the tools, resources and support to enhance coaching effectiveness.

This non-sport specific workshop covers: coaching philosophy, planning, teaching sports skills, and communication. Rye Recreation coaches are encouraged to attend as it will be required in the future. Instruction is provided by Paul Penman and will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available.

Wednesday, March 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

No charge



**ACTIVE, ALIVE AND LIVING IN RYE**

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT** instruction is provided by Lori Hardacker of Dance Parties and Fitness in Motion LLC. Children have fun dancing and singing while working on their motor and memory skills. Stretches, jumps, leaps, improvisations and across the floor and center floor combinations are all included. Music props are implemented into the class to enhance the children's experience. These co-ed lessons will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available.



Session 1

3-5 years old, Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009, 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Session 2

3-5 Years old, Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3 2009, 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per session

**ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS** instruction is provided by a PGA Pro. These co-ed lessons will be held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. Limited space available.



Session 1, Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2009, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2009, 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 is held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. Limited space available. PAR, Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 2009, 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, June 6, 13, 20, 2009, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Fee: \$30, clubs provided.

**JAZZ DANCE** instruction is provided by Lori Hardacker of Dance Parties and Fitness in Motion LLC. Each class begins with a full body warm-up followed by progressions across the floor and basic jazz combinations. Classes focus on stretching, physical coordination and building strength and flexibility. These co-ed lessons will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available.



Session 1

Grades K-2, Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Grades 3-5, Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Session 2

Grades K-2, Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2009, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Grades 3-5, Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2009, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$48 per session

**SKATEBOARD LESSONS** are provided by Rye Airfield.



These beginner lessons are taught by RAMP CAMP instructors who are among the most experienced skateboard instructors in New England.

Participants are taught how to push, fall, pump, kick turn, ollie, drop in as well as skate park etiquette and safety. The 1 hour co-ed lesson is followed by a 45 minute free skate. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and board required (rentals are available). Held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. For grades 1-6. Limited space available.

Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20, 2009, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50 per session (3 lessons)

**SWIM LESSONS** are provided by the Seacoast



Family YMCA. Participants in grades 1 and up are evaluated during the first lesson. The half hour co-ed lesson is followed by a one hour free swim. Held at the Seacoast Family YMCA, 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth. Limited space available.

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2009, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$84 (7 lessons)

**GROUP TENNIS LESSONS** are co-ed and will be held



indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Zoltan Koncz. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink. Limited space available.

Session 1, Tuesdays, March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2009

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, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

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 5, 19, 26, June 2, 2009

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 7, 14, 21, 28, 2009

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: \$50 per session

**ADULT YOGA** is designed for all levels. The practice



of YOGA improves strength, balance and flexibility, an ideal cross-trainor for life! The time-tested asanas/postures, breathing and meditation also develop health and peace in mind and body. These classes are instructed by Jeanie Ryan and held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available.

Tuesdays, March 31, April 7, 14, 21, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$132 (8 Classes)

**TO REGISTER FOR SPRING PROGRAMS:** Complete a registration form. 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 Spring Sign-up Night, Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 6:00-7:00 p.m.. Registration is limited to a first come, first serve basis and will not be accepted from Rye or New Castle Residents prior to the sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m. Non-resident registration will not be accepted prior to March 18, 2009. Registration Forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Town Hall, the Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/) and at the Recreation Department M-Thurs., 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable. For more information contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.

# TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER NEWS

10 Central Road Rye, NH, 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516, E-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us) Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/)

Summer 2009



## SUMMER SIGN-UP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009, 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 13, 2009.

## SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS DAY

**CAMP** is a thematically based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 22nd through August 14th. The Camp Director is Paul Penman and will be based at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road four days a week, and at Jenness Beach on Wednesdays. 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: \$125/wk Half Day: \$65/wk

Week 2 (No Camp July 3rd)

Full Day: \$100/wk Half Day: \$52/wk

\*Fee Includes T-shirt

## Week 1, June 22-26, Rec World Series

We'll try lots of different sports and games this week.

As always the emphasis will be on fun, but this week we'll be focusing on healthy decisions and different sports.

## Week 2, June 29-July 2, Stars and Stripes!

Patriotic and colorful activities all week as we get ready for the 4th of July! (No Camp July 3)

## Week 3, July 6-10, The Really Wild Show

All about nature and the outdoors this week.

We'll explore our local and not-so-local wildlife through games and activities.

## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 2009, PARSON'S FIELD



7:00 p.m. Karrie and the Rockfish

Dusk Fireworks by Jack Tobey & Crew

WEATHER PERMITTING - NO RAIN DATE

## Week 4, July 13-17, All Around the World Rye

Explore our planet and the cultures that live here. Its your own personal round the world ticket with Rye Rec Airways!

## Week 5, July 20-24, Fun Arts and Crafts

Lots of hands-on projects to get you creative and messy. All tailored to different age groups to challenge the most aspiring artists and designers.

## Week 6, July 27-31, Our American Idols

Every dream of being on stage? All week we'll be gearing up for a talent show and your chance to show off your unique skills!

## Week 7, August 3-7, Outdoor Adventure

Shelter building, orienteering and games/activities all based around adventures in the outdoors.

## Week 8, August 10-14, Survivor

Camp will be divided into tribes to compete against each other to be crowned Rye Survivor Champions 2009!

## BASEBALL CAMP

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

June 22-26 Entering Grades 2-6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150/wk



## 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 and drink. Limited space available.

Saturday, June 20, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50



## COACHSMART NH LEVEL I WORKSHOP

is designed by UNH to provide youth sports coaches with the tools, resources and support to enhance coaching effectiveness.

This non-sport specific workshop covers: coaching philosophy, planning, teaching sports skills, and communication. Rye Recreation coaches are encouraged to attend as it will be required in the future. Instruction is provided by Paul Penman and will be held at the Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road. Limited space available.

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

No charge



## BASKETBALL CAMP

instruction is provided by Rye native Patrick Quinn former Division 1 Basketball Coach. Held at Rye Junior High for grades 5-8 and at Rye Elementary School for grades 1-4. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Limited space available. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Week 1, June 29-July 3 (Camp is held on July 3)

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

Entering Grades 5-6 Boys, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Week 2, July 6-10

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

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

Week 3, July 13-17

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

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

Fee: Entering Grades 1-2: \$80/wk, includes T-shirt & Participation Award

Entering Grades 3-8: \$95/wk, includes T-shirt & Participation Award



## ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS

instruction is provided by a PGA Pro. These co-ed lessons will be held at Sagamore Golf Center, 22 North Road, North Hampton, rain or shine. Limited space available.

Session 1, Thursdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 2, Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$120.00 per session, clubs available if needed.



**ACTIVE, ALIVE AND LIVING IN RYE**



## 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 7, 8, 9 (T, W, Th.), 9:00-11:00 a.m. Fee: \$75, 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 6, 13, 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Fee: \$30, clubs provided.

### LEGO ROBOTICS CAMPS

instruction is provided by Kevin Husson. This program is for youth entering grades 2-6 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 6-10

**Session 1, Young LEGO Engineers** This hands-on class provides a fun and exciting experience as young campers learn how motors, gears, and wheels work together to make LEGO vehicles move. Each day campers will work from instructions to construct several motorized projects. Opportunity will also be provided for students to customize their designs. Finally, students will learn first-hand about physics and engineering as they test their projects.

Entering Grades 2-4, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Session 2, LEGO Robotics Mindstorms NXT** Build robots with sensors and motors to explore the environment and perform tasks. Test out your robots through activities and interaction with other students in the class. You'll also learn how to program your bots with software that lets you control their movements. New projects are available for returning campers.

Entering Grades 3-6, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$85/wk one session, \$155/wk two sessions

### SKATEBOARD CAMP

is provided by Rye Airfield. These co-ed lessons are taught by RAMP CAMP instructors who are among the most experienced skateboard instructors in New England. Held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and board required (rentals are available). Limited space available.

Week 1, August 3-7 Entering Grades 6-12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Week 2, August 10-14 Entering Grades 1-5, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$190/wk

### 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 27-31

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: \$75/wk includes T-shirt, Ball, Water Bottle, & Poster

Entering Grades 3-8: \$105/wk 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 22, 2009 and application will be randomly drawn.

## ADULT GROUP SURFING LESSONS

are co-ed and instruction is provided by Summer Sessions Surf Shop. Learn the fundamentals of surfing and ocean safety. Meet at Summer Session Surf Shop, 1209 Ocean Boulevard, Rye, weather permitting. Limited space available.

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$140 (4 lessons), equipment provided.

## YOUTH GROUP 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. Limited space available.

July 20-24, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$195, equipment provided.

## SWIM LESSONS

are provided by the Seacoast Family YMCA. Participants in grades 1 and up and 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, June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$108 (9 lessons)

## ADULT GROUP TENNIS LESSONS

are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility.

Instruction is provided by Zoltan Koncz. Participants will need to bring racket and drink. Limited space available.

Thursdays, July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2009, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50 (4 lessons)

## TENNIS CAMP

instruction is provided by Zoltan Koncz. This co-ed camp will be held indoors at New Castle Recreation Facility. Participants will need to bring racket and drink. Limited space available.

Week 1, July 20-23 (M-Th.) Entering Grades 3-5, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Week 2, July 27-30 (M-Th.) Entering Grades HS, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Week 3, August 3-6 (M-Th.) Entering Grades 1-3, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Week 4, August 10-13 (M-Th.) Entering Grades 6-8, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$95/M-Th.

## ADULT YOGA

is designed for all levels. The practice of YOGA improves strength, balance and flexibility, an ideal cross-trainer for life! The time-tested asanas/postures, breathing and meditation also develop health and peace in mind and body. These classes are instructed by Jeanie Ryan and held at the Rye Library. Limited space available.

Tuesdays, June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$77 (7 classes)

**TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS:** Complete a registration form. 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 Summer Sign-up Night, Wednesday April 22, 2009, 6:00-7:00 p.m.. Registration is limited to a first come, first serve basis and will not be accepted from Rye or New Castle Residents prior to the sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m. Non-resident registration will not be accepted prior to May 13, 2009. Registration Forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Town Hall, the Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/) and at the Recreation Department M-Thurs., 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable. For more information contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.

## Mosquito Control Commission Update

At the February 9, 2009 Selectmen's meeting, on the recommendation of the Mosquito Control Commission Chairman Tom Aspinwall, the Board voted to accept the bid of Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. for the upcoming year. This was the lower of the two bids received. An article from Sarah MacGregor, Dragon's president, follows.

Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. (Dragon) was recently awarded the 2009 Mosquito Control contract for the Town of Rye. Many residents are familiar with Dragon having seen the white pickup trucks around town or the interviews and personnel on WMUR-TV.

Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc., incorporated in 1989, is based in North Hampton. Dragon operates solely in the mosquito control field to ensure your community is our priority. The principal officer of the company, Sarah MacGregor, grew up in Concord and is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Entomology. She has 29 years of mosquito control experience, including all phases of survey, surveillance, and control. Sarah ran the mosquito control program in Rye for 12 years so she has an intimate knowledge of the wetlands and mosquito problem in Rye. Our applicators are state-certified and educated year round in the latest developments in mosquito control. Two of Dragon's applicators are Rye residents themselves.

Preparations are underway to secure a Special Permit for Mosquito Control from the State of New Hampshire. Permits must be secured annually. Support data is added to the permit application as well as current pesticide labels and a comprehensive plan of action for a control program. GIS maps accompany the permit application. The permit application is submitted to the Division of Pesticide Control, where it is reviewed by the Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Environmental Services, DRED, Fish & Game, Division of Public Health, and the Division of Pesticide Control.

Larviciding is the major focus for an effective control program in Rye. Work begins in April and continues through-

out the season. Swamps, salt marshes, woodland pools, flooded fields, shallow depressions, ditches, and other larval habitats are treated with *Bacillus* bacteria (Bti) in the spring, after heavy rains or after flood tides. Catch basins, retention ponds, and other larval habitats are examined throughout the mosquito season for larval activity. Salt marsh mosquitoes are the most significant pest plaguing Rye residents. These species hatch every two to four weeks during the season. They are active during the day assaulting residents whenever anyone ventures outside. They will ruin your summer and drive tourists away. An effective larvicide program will reduce the need for adulticiding.

Any property owner in Rye may contact Dragon to request an inspection of their wetland for mosquito activity. All mosquito species require stagnant water for their survival. Spring is the best time to check stagnant water for mosquito larvae. Treating the water with the bacteria known as Bti is most effective. Call Dragon Mosquito

## Mosquito Control Commission Seeking New Member

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission has an opening for a new member. This is a challenging and important volunteer position, made even more so by the continuing threat of West Nile Virus and EEE.

The Mosquito Control Commission is comprised of three members, one of which is traditionally a member of the Board of Selectmen. The Commission oversees the Town's comprehensive program for mosquito control and works directly with the company contracted to provide the necessary control services.

If you would like more information and have an interest in serving, please contact the Selectmen's Office by phone: 964-5523 or email: [nancyw@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:nancyw@town.rye.nh.us)

---

Control at 964-8400 for more information.

Sarah MacGregor  
President, Dragon Mosquito Control

---

## Exciting New Exhibit at Town Museum

After four years, the Town Museum is mounting a new exhibit which will open in early May.

The general topic is the Land and Water of Rye and how they have been used over the last four centuries. The exhibit will tell selected stories about that use in this unique coastal community and the best part about the exhibit is that it will take contributions from Rye residents after the May opening. Members of the Rye Historical Society will relate and depict some of the stories, but we know there are plenty more out there waiting to be told and you are welcome to participate. If you would like to contribute in the next few weeks please contact the society by going to our new website at: <http://www.ryenhistoricalociety.org> or contact RHS chair at: [alexherlihy@comcast.net](mailto:alexherlihy@comcast.net)

Some examples of stories we intend

to tell will be:

The changing use of the point of land we call Odiorne;

Salt marshes of Rye—harvesting and protecting;

What's in a name?—The roads of Rye; 1900—Modernity comes to a coastal town;

The changing face of Rye Harbor, Rye Center and how it came to be; Serving Rye—The growth of business culture in town;

Post-war Rye—Planning comes to town;

The 1970s—Decade of decision and celebration;

Conserving Rye—Keeping a balance between the human and natural world.

We welcome your comments and contributions. This can be a real community undertaking. Please join us.

Alex Herlihy, RHS Chairman

# Spring Programs at the Rye Public Library

[www.ryepubliclibrary.org](http://www.ryepubliclibrary.org)

As winter draws to a close, consider a daytrip to one of the many museums within driving distance of the Rye Public Library. Courtesy of the Friends of the Rye Public Library, we are pleased to offer free or discount admission to the following museums, all of which can be reserved online via the Library's web site [www.ryepubliclibrary.org](http://www.ryepubliclibrary.org): Museum of Science; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum; Peabody Essex Museum; Currier Museum of Art; Children's Museum of New Hampshire; Strawberry Banke Museum; Seacoast Science Center, and the Portland Museum of Art. Also of note is the addition of a new hobbies and crafts database, which includes full-text information from magazines, books, and newspapers on more than 140 topics ranging from beading and woodworking to bird watching and sailing. This spring explore your next avocation at the Rye Public Library.

Kerry Cronin, Library Director

## Author Visits (Co-sponsored with the Rye Historical Society)

- 5/7 at 6:30 p.m. Bruce Valley, author of *Seahawk: Confessions of an Old Hockey Goalie*, will discuss his memoir set in the 1950s about the championship New Hampshire hockey team, the Rye Seahawks. A reception will immediately precede the program at 6 p.m. at the Rye Town Museum where photos and team memorabilia will be on display. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

## Lectures / Special Events

- **Creative Writing With Aine Greaney** Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. Irish writer Aine Greaney will speak about her homeland of Ireland and the creative writing process.
- **The History of New Hampshire Brewing** Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Glenn Knoblock, author of *Brewing in New Hampshire*, will share the fascinating history of New Hampshire's beer and ale brewing industry from the Colonial days, from when it was home- and tavern-based, to today's modern breweries. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.*
- **The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard—Past and Present** Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. Gary Hildreth from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Public Affairs Office will present the history of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as part of the Friends of the Rye Public Library's *On the Waterfront Lecture Series*.
- **Where do the Children Play—Film Showing & Discussion** Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Pat Ritter of Nature's Wonders will present the documentary, *Where do the Children Play*, about the impact of suburban sprawl on children's mental and physical development, followed by discussion and Q & A.

- **Shipwreck Sites—the Piscataqua and Wallis Sands** Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. David Switzer, History Professor at Plymouth State University, will lecture on local shipwreck sites. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library and the NH Humanities Council.*
- **Resume Writing Workshop** Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. Louise Ewing of the University of New Hampshire's Career Counseling Services will be on site to help you update and enhance your resume. Whether you are between opportunities, seeking career advancement or part-time employment, the skills acquired during this workshop will strengthen your ability to market yourself

**AARP Tax Help** Tuesdays 1-5 p.m. Sign-up required. Tax forms are also available at the Library.

## Adult Book Discussion on Tuesday Evenings at 7 p.m.

- 3/17 *The Thirteenth Tale: A Novel* by Diane Setterfield
- 4/21 *Unaccustomed Earth: Stories* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- 5/19 *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Save Nations One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson

**Knitting with Mary by the Fireplace**—Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Chair Yoga**—Wednesday mornings March 25–April 29 from 9–10:30 a.m. / Community Meeting Room. Rye Resident Amelia McKenney, RN, will lead this six-week series, which will include meditation, breathing, joint warm-ups, and stretching and relaxation techniques for older adults. This series is free of charge. Preregistration is required, as space is limited to 12 people. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.*

**Health Clinic**—Sponsored by Compass Care, the clinic takes place the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1–3 p.m.

**Seniors Visit**—Every Monday from 1-3 p.m. visit the Library via the Senior SERVE Van. Call the Library for details.

**Computer Classes**—Monday nights from 6–8 p.m. Preregistration is required. Please call the library at 964-8401 for details. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.*

**Military Book Discussion**—First Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the New Hampshire Room.

**Movies** Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm

- 3/4 *Plainsong* (Rated PG; 98 min.)
- 3/11 *Bobby* (Rated R; 120 min.)
- 3/18 *Young at Heart* (Rated PG; 107 min.)
- 3/25 *Frozen River* (Rated R; 93 min.)

## Library News continued

- 4/1 *Big Night* (Rated R; 107 min.)  
4/8 *12 Angry Men* (NR; 96 min.)  
4/15 *The Secret Life of Bees* (Rated PG-13; 109 min.)  
4/22 *Breathing Lessons* (Rated PG; 98 min.)  
4/29 *Happy-Go-Lucky* (Rated R; 118 min.)  
5/6 *Sunshine State* (Rated PG-13; 109 min.)  
5/13 *Glory Road* (Rated PG; 118 min.)  
5/20 *Mama Mia!* (Rated PG-13, 108 min)

---

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

---

#### Teen and Youth Knitting with Pam Anthony

First and third Fridays of the month, 3–5 p.m.

Make a project of your own or help us knit squares for “Adopt-Me” dog blankets. The dogs at the SPCA will thank you! Let’s help the dogs find families!! No sign-up required—just drop in!

#### Friday Flicks

Second and fourth Fridays of the month, 3:10 p.m.

This fun way to start the weekend continues! Movies begin at 3:10 in the Community Meeting Room, popcorn and drinks included! Check our website for details on movies, duration, and ratings.

#### Garden Club—Meets All Year ‘Round!

Second Tuesdays of the month 3:30–5 p.m.

Pat Ritter of Nature’s Wonder has generously offered her time and energy to work with families in our new children’s garden. Each month will feature planting, garden

maintenance, and special nature projects. Come in to check out our new scarecrow!! Sign up is required: Call the Youth Department at 964-8401.

#### YAttitudes Book Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays of the month 7 p.m.

This dynamic group of young people and their parents meets monthly to discuss young adult titles. Join us! We always have snacks and an exciting discussion! Check our website for book titles and the occasional change of date.

#### Story Time for Preschool-Aged Youngsters

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Please join Margaret and Lisa for story time! These engaging story times include finger plays, songs, stories, a craft, and FUN!! No sign-up is required. Guest readers may appear, so don’t miss a single Wednesday!

#### Teen Beading

Twice monthly / Check Online For Dates!

Beading Euphoria returns with new beaded bracelet designs including the Right Angle Weave and a Garden Bracelet! When you call 964-8401 to sign up, please supply your e-mail address to get the list of materials you’ll need to bring.

#### Drop-In Chess with Mike Sullivan

March 2 / Tournament on March 14

Mike will be finishing up this year’s drop-in chess sessions! Don’t miss the remaining chances to hone your chess skills! The culminating chess tournament will be held on March 14.

---

## RYE WATER DISTRICT NEWS

### Annual Meeting

The Rye Water District’s Annual meeting will be held Saturday, March 28 at the Rye Junior High School at 10 am.

Items planned for the agenda include:

- Election of a Commissioner for three years
- Election of a Commissioner for two years
- Election of a moderator for two years
- Warrant articles to raise and appropriate the sums of:
  - \$225,000 for the maintenance and painting of the Breakfast Hill Water Tank and to authorize the issuance of a \$225,000 bond or note.

- \$385,000 for the engineering costs to design a central water treatment and distribution plant and to authorize the issuance of a \$200,000 bond or note, with \$185,000 coming from our operating budget.
- \$5,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established to meet the costs of unanticipated expenses during the fiscal year,
- \$5,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established for the purpose of purchase, repair, modification, or replacement of equipment and buildings that support operation of the water distribution system,
- Voting to raise funds to defray the

Water district charges for the ensuing year.

### Thank You

to all customers in the District who took the time to help with fire hydrant snow removal this winter.

### Spring Project

In mid-May through the end of June, the District will be reconditioning and recoating the Breakfast Hill water tank, which supplies water to the west side of town. This required procedure structurally preserves the tank and helps provide clean, safe, drinking water. A reserve pressure unit was installed and tested last year to ensure that water pressure is maintained for proper fire hydrant performance and customer service use during this required maintenance procedure.

Rye Water District Commissioners

# Rye Energy Committee Seeks Feedback from You

The Rye Energy Committee wants feedback from you as to how we can help you and the Town reduce your carbon footprint. There is a short questionnaire below for that purpose. Please take a few minutes to complete the five questions, then drop it off at Town Clerk's office, at the Rye Library, or with any Energy Committee member, or mail it to Mimi White at 166 Locke Rd, Rye, NH 03870.

On March 31 at 6:30 p.m. the Rye Energy Committee and the Library

will be running a book discussion on Barbara Kingsolver's best seller *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. Barbara Kingsolver documents a year of procuring as much of her family's food as she could from neighboring farms and her own backyard. Books are available at the library.

Coming this July and August, there will be a **Rye Farmers' Market**. Emphasis will be on town growers who want to share their bounty. Plan your gardens accordingly. More information will follow in the June Town Newsletter

or contact Jaci Grote at 379-2007.

We urge you to compost your yard and food waste to create rich garden soil. Backyard composters and kitchen scrap pails are available for order. The composter has an 80 gallon capacity, is made of recycled plastic and costs \$40. The kitchen pail costs \$8.

Place your orders by April 1.

Order forms are available at the Town Hall. Return to Rye Town Clerk, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870, or to Mel Low, PO Box 346, Rye, NH 03870.

Rye Energy Committee  
David Daskocil

Jaci Grote

Lucy Neiman

Mimi and Stephen White

## Rye Energy Committee Survey

- How have you heard about the Rye Energy Committee?

☐ Town Newsletter    ☐ Rye Eats Local Newsletter    ☐ Wash Day Project  
☐ Local media    ☐ Energy Comm. Email    ☐ Energy Comm. Website  
☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you taken the NH Carbon Challenge?

☐ Yes    ☐ No Please do so at [www.carbonchallenge.sr.unh.edu/](http://www.carbonchallenge.sr.unh.edu/)

- The Energy Committee's goal is to educate Rye residents in the ways to reduce their carbon footprint.

Please check all areas about which you'd like information.

Conservation	Renewable energy	Local foods
<input type="checkbox"/> NH Carbon Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wind	<input type="checkbox"/> Rye Farmers' market
<input type="checkbox"/> Home energy audits	<input type="checkbox"/> Solar	<input type="checkbox"/> Rye town garden (CSA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Geothermal	<input type="checkbox"/> Local CSAs
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Local farms

- How best can the Energy Comm. help the town and its residents reduce their carbon footprint?

\_\_\_\_\_

- Please indicate which on-going or future project you'd support/attend or would like to work on.

	Support/attend	Work on
Rye Town CSA	_____	_____
Rye farmers' market	_____	_____
Farm to School program	_____	_____
Neighborhood conservation groups	_____	_____
Increased Recycling	_____	_____

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop off at the Town Clerk's Office, Rye Library, with any Energy Committee member, or mail to Mimi White at 166 Locke Rd, Rye, NH 03870.

## Public Works and Recycling Center Hours and Information

### Recycling

Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Recycling is **mandatory** in Rye. The center welcomes newspapers, mixed/glossy paper, glass bottles, aluminum and tin cans, plastic bottles, cardboard, and used motor oil.

### Trash Collection

Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Trash must not include recyclable items.

**\*See an attendant if you have bulky items such as major appliances, furniture, TVs, computers, tires, etc.**

### Brush Dump

Tuesdays and Saturdays only, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Residents may bring yard cleanup material including leaves and other vegetation, brush, small branches and small logs not over six inches in diameter. Compost and wood chips are free for the taking!

### Swap Shop

Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Donate good, usable items you don't need . . . Take home some treasures!

Continued next page

# Managing Our Sewer System

Our sewer system is designed to send sewage to the wastewater treatment plant; however, these sewer pipes are not large enough to handle storm water. When it rains, excess water enters the sewer system and in extreme cases, the sewers can fill to the level where the raw sewage can exit the sewers and cause backups into the streets and people's homes, or flow directly unto ditches and streams. The sewage introduces potentially harmful bacteria and viruses into the environment.

High flows in a sewerage system can be caused by a number of factors. Some of these include non-sanitary flows directed to the sewers, in many cases caused by roof drains. Discharge of these non-sanitary flows into the public sewer is prohibited by the Town of Rye Sewer Use Ordinance 402.

*If the roof drains, gutters, and/or downspouts on your building are connected to the sewer service, the rain that falls on your roof runs quickly into the sewer, using storage and conveyance capacity of the sewer pipe and adding to the problem.*

## How to Correct this Problem

Observe where your downspouts connect into the sewer system. This connection is usually either a pipe that bends and goes into your house, or

goes directly underground with no visible outlet.

1. If the downspout enters your house by a pipe, pull the downspout out of that pipe. Remove the pipe that goes into your house and seal the hole by securing a cap or mortaring it closed with concrete so no rainwater can get into it.
2. If your downspout goes directly underground, dig around the pipe to expose the point where you can pull the downspout out of the pipe. Remove the downspout and either secure a cap or mortar it closed with concrete. You should contact the Town for an inspection before backfilling over the sealed pipe.
3. Redirect the downspout as far away from your house as possible so water funning off it will drain away from your building and windows. You may want to place a concrete or plastic splash pad at the end of the downspout outlet to prevent erosion. Try to avoid running water directly across sidewalks or other walkways.

For those property owners interested in taking this project a step further, we offer this creative solution: Store the water in a trough or barrel and use it to water flower boxes and gardens.

Rye Sewer Commission



*Continued from preceding page*

**\*See an attendant if you have bulky items such as major appliances, furniture, TVs, computers, tires, etc.**

## Sweeping of Town Roads

April 27 through May 8 (weather permitting)

## Cleaning of Catch Basins

Following completion of street sweeping. Please help by keeping catch basins clear of leaves or other debris!

For more information or assistance, please call 964-5300.

Everett (Bud) Jordan  
Public Works Director

# It's Busy at Rye Senior Serve

Serve continues to work toward helping Rye senior citizens in three important areas. For more information or to request our services, please call 964-1728 or 964-8401.

## Transportation

Group trips in the van include those to the supermarket, theatre, lunch, and more places that seniors can find! Individual trips for a person who needs a ride to the doctor or to do an important errand can be arranged. The requests are always increasing. Thanks to our volunteers, we have logged in 174 hours of service to our seniors.

## Communication

Morning Wellness makes daily calls to seniors who live alone. We encourage seniors who live alone to register with Senior Serve or the Police so that they will know someone will check on them in the event of bad storms or other emergencies.

## Housing

Many Rye seniors need help with large and small jobs around the house. We want them to know that there are many organizations in New Hampshire that can offer assistance. David Bordon, State Representative from Rye and New Castle, visited the Senior Serve Board recently. Along with two colleagues, Bob Montmarquet of PSNH and Dan Girard of Rockingham Community Action, they discussed the availability of financial assistance, winterizing houses, energy audits, the Energy Committee of Rye and more. Their overriding message was their willingness to help seniors.

As we hear more, we will share it with you.

Margaret Carroll  
President, Rye Senior Serve

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

The Town of Rye Newsletter is produced by  
Beckwith Bookworks  
2075 Ocean Blvd., Rye, NH 03870  
(603) 964-4800 • [beckbookwk@comcast.net](mailto:beckbookwk@comcast.net)

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

March 2009

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Town Hall Courtroom (first floor), 10 Central Road. Other board meetings are also 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	2 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7:30 pm Recreation Commission	3 7 pm Planning Board	4 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	5	6	7
8 <i>Daylight Savings time begins</i>	9 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	10 8 am-7 pm TOWN ELECTION Rye Elementary 9 am Sewer Commission	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	19 7 pm Conservation Commission	20 <i>First day of Spring</i>	21
22	23 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 7 pm Technical Review Committee	April 2009			
			1 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	2	3	4
5	6 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7:30 pm Rec. Comm.	7	8 <i>Passover begins at sundown</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13	14 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	15 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	16 7 pm Conservation Commission	17	18
19	20 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 7 pm Technical Review Committee	29	30	May 2009	
				1	2	
3	4 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen 3:30 pm Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7:30 pm Rec. Comm.	5	6 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	13	14	15	16
17	18 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	19	20 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	21 7 pm Conservation Commission	22	23
24 31	25 <i>Memorial Day observed Town offices closed</i>	26 7 pm Technical Review Committee	27	28	29	30

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



# SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



## Rye Safe Routes to School

The days are getting longer, warmer and brighter. With the promise of spring, comes the ability to walk and use our bikes (the pedaling kind).



As you may be aware, the Town was awarded a grant by NHDOT for SRTS and the task force has been meeting regularly and working with Rockingham Planning Commission to develop a Comprehensive Travel Plan for the Town. The visioning session at the Rye Public Library on February 12 gained insight from parents, grandparents and residents. Many came to learn about Rye's new Safe Routes to School program (part of a national initiative to encourage kids to walk or bike to school and ensure their safety) and to share ideas, concerns, and priorities around getting kids safely to school on foot or on their bikes. Their input will help shape Rye's Safe Routes to School Travel Plan, which will help the


Town qualify for federal grant funding to make safety improvements and promote walking/biking to school.

The date for the Second Annual Bike Rodeo is set, so mark your calendars for Saturday May 9, 2009 in the parking lot of the Rye Congregational Church from 1-4 p.m. Please join the Rye Police Department, Rye Fire Department, Rye Recreation Department, and Safe Routes to School Committee. This event hosts a bicycle safety clinic offering bike inspections, rules of the road, obstacle course, helmet fitting, demonstrations, prizes, drawings, and a parade. Parental supervision and bike helmets will be required. There is no charge to the public and it is open to all ages. We will hold another logo contest before the event and the winner will have the design posted on a T-shirt.




The International Walk-to-School Day last October was a wonderful success and Rye is looking towards another great turn out for the National Bike to School Event. May 11th to the 15th is designated for biking, walking, and carpooling. Rye will be participating with a bike/walk to school day on Monday, May 11 to kick off the week with a celebratory step. There will be raffles for those who participate.

For more information on these events and the progress on the Travel Plan, feel free to contact Kimberly Reed, Planning & Zoning Administrator and SRTS committee member, at the Town Hall 964-



**Town of Rye**  
**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**  
**Central Cemetery (beside Town Hall)**  
**Monday, May 25, 2009**  
**9 a.m.**



## My Voting Notes

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector,  
3 years (1)

Treasurer, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (2)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 2 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 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

Amendment 7. ☐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

## SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, (1)

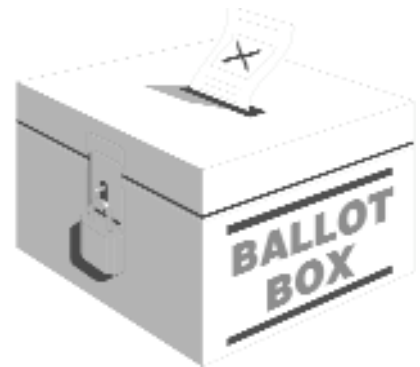
School District Clerk, (1)

Moderator, (1)

Article 1. ☐Yes ☐No

### ELECTION DAY, March 10

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



Town of Rye  
Rye, NH 03870

Bulk rate  
US Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 10  
Rye, NH 03870

**POSTAL PATRON**  
**RYE, NH 03870**