



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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**On May 25 at 9 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at the Central Cemetery. See Page 7 for details.**

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report **Beach Parking Permits and Property Tax Bills Loom**

With summer right around the corner, everyone's thoughts turn to **Beach Parking Permits**. You must be either a Rye resident or property owner to purchase a permit. A vehicle registration must be presented for each permit requested. NH privacy laws prevent us from looking up your plate number, so please don't ask. If you have trouble getting in to the office to purchase your permit, you may apply through the mail. Please include a copy of your registration and the \$20 fee for each permit requested. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is also required.

First Issue 2009 **Property Tax** bills should be in the mail by the end of May. They will be due July 1. Taxpayers who escrow their taxes should forward a copy of the tax bill to the mortgage company. If you pay by mail and would like a receipt, just include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. We would be happy to get the receipt back to you. Historically, the days at end of June and beginning of July are extremely busy in our office. Our

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## **SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE**

# Selectmen Have Been Busy This Spring—Cite Many Items of Interest

## **Town Administrator**

As you are aware, following the resignation of Alan Gould as Town Administrator last September, your Board of Selectmen hired Michael Farrell as our part-time Interim Town Administrator. Last January, the BOS redefined the position of Finance Administrator Cynthia Gillespie to include the responsibilities of Assistant Town Administrator. This realignment enabled us to have an administrator at Town Hall throughout the week, observe the work load on this basis and open the door to employment of a Town Administrator as a part-time position.

Our search for a part-time Town Administrator is underway. The position has been advertised and the time period for applications closed on April 30. As of the May 7 newsletter deadline, we anticipate initiation of interviews shortly.

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## **Assessor Explains Valuations, Sales Ratio, and Tax Rate**

In reviewing abatement applications for the 2008 tax year, several property owners requested reduced valuations based on their recent purchase prices; others because of the troubled economy in general. My response has always been that we didn't increase them during the period when the real estate market was escalating rapidly from 2001 through 2006.

An important factor frequently overlooked or perhaps not realized is that there is an inverse correlation between the valuations and the tax rate. Were the assessments to be increased during a seller's market, the tax rate would be reduced correspondingly. Conversely, when prices

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## **Assessing Clerk**

At our meeting of May 4, we were pleased to introduce Joanne Drewniak as our newly hired Assessing Clerk in the assessor's office on the second floor at Town Hall.

## **No News is Good News**

Locally, the period between March voting and Memorial Day has been relatively quiet. Plans are underway to carry out the instructions of Warrant Articles that received voter approval. Among these articles was a change in the Dog Ordinance that necessitates a redesign of beach signage.

We have reviewed our various types of beach signs with Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Beach Commission Chairman Mike Labrie to update the rules, cover our liability, and eliminate contradiction. A couple of days with record-breaking heat brought large crowds to the beach early this year. It

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appears to be the start of a long and busy season.

While **Carry In—Carry Out** remains the goal, reality predicts non-compliance on the part of some. Thus a few trash barrels will be set out at Cable and Wallis Beaches especially where fast-food containers become a problem. **It should be noted that no dog waste should be placed in or near these barrels. The new ordinance clearly states that, "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." Once again, Carry-In—Carry Out.**

## **Pulpit Rock Tower**

Talks are ongoing with Elizabeth McNaughten, representative of the New Hampshire Department of Fish & Game, with regard to a possible transfer of ownership of this unique piece of Rye history from Fish & Game to the Town of Rye. At the April 20 selectmen's meeting, Peter Michaud, Preservation Tax Incentives and Easement Coordinator of the NH Department of Historical Resources, accompanied Ms. McNaughten. Although the Friends of Pulpit Rock have raised funds for the purpose of cleaning and restoring the tower in part, we have learned that transfer would come with "strings."

The Fish & Game Department seeks a 5- or 10-year lease since they are anxious to turn it over to Rye. We would prefer a longer lease, perhaps 20 to 40 years. An endowment to provide for maintenance costs is required; but Mr. Michaud stated that the Pulpit Rock Tower "does not fit under their program umbrellas." If the Town of Rye assumes the endowment requirement, maintenance will become our responsibility.

Mr. Michaud further stated that Pulpit Rock Tower ownership has a Preservation Easement attached to it as does any federal property trans-

ferred out of federal hands. While the easement protects the resource, it comes with reporting requirements that require base-line documentation. Funding of a preservation professional to supply this documentation would have to be provided by NH Fish & Game, Friends of Pulpit Rock, or the Town of Rye.

Our site walk to the 80-foot reinforced concrete tower on April 23 revealed that the exterior is in need of extensive repair. The concrete has eroded in several places revealing the embedded rebar beneath. Several years ago, we had two estimates each close to \$10,000 to clean the tower and today birds are still able to enter and exit via openings high above the ground. Exposed metal, such as the stair handrails, is completely corroded and exposed wood appears to have deteriorated to the point of disintegration.

Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower have worked diligently to raise funds to save the Tower and we know that it is eligible for the Federal Register of Historic Places, but we also must determine exactly what the associated responsibilities are and how they will impact future boards and future taxpayers. If and when a determination is made by the Board, it must still come to the voters.

## **Energy Audit**

On March 6, Energy Committee members Steve White and David Duskocil, presented the results of their Walk Through and Recommendations for the Town Hall. As the oldest building currently in Town use, over the years the Town Hall has experienced numerous piecemeal adaptations to accommodate changes to heating, air conditioning, plumbing and communication systems and much needs to be done to make the building energy efficient.

As a possible means to remediation at Town Hall and in other Town buildings, Michael Farrell has prepared an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a com-

prehensive energy audit of Town facilities. We are seeking results in time to complete and submit a grant application for federal stimulus money with an application due date of June first.

Funding for the audit will come from Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Funds. The project will be broken down by individual buildings. The new Public Safety Building will be omitted from this process.

## **Don't Relax Yet**

Remember EAST, the legislation containing an option to send sewer discharge via a big pipe from up to 44 communities to the ocean? Last fall, once the prohibitive estimated cost of this option was known, there was little or no further public discussion.

Recently, State Senator Maggie Hassan sponsored Senate Bill 168 which would repeal EAST and replace it with the Coastal Watershed Alliance. Our Representative David Borden is also a sponsor of the bill. SB168 excluded any type of ocean out-fall. The goal is to create an organization that enables and empowers coastal communities to work together to find cost effective ways to improve water quality.

As a bill moves through the legislature, many twists and turns are likely to occur between initial presentation and its final form. As originally written, if Rye (or any of the other coastal community) failed to join this Alliance then that community would receive lower priority for consideration for funding programs administered by the State.

On behalf of the Town of Rye, Selectman Craig Musselman prepared the following comments for presentation at a meeting held on April 28:

1. **Big Pipe Reference**—The initial version of the bill contained a negative statement, indicating that an ocean discharge to the Gulf of Maine would not be considered by

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the newly proposed organization. Newer versions of the bill now circulating resurrect the concept of an ocean discharge as an alternative. This would render this bill controversial for the wrong reasons. It is our view in the Town of Rye that a direct ocean discharge, particularly one as evaluated by the AECOM study for the state of New Hampshire that goes offshore near Odiorne Point, is dead in the water, no pun intended. This is an alternative which is economically, environmentally, and politically unfeasible. It is suggested that the bill revert to its initial form, with its negative statement, or, as an alternative which is perhaps more palatable to everyone concerned, that an ocean discharge not be mentioned at all.

2. **Participation by Municipalities**— Various versions of the bill currently contain an indication that if a municipality does not participate in the alliance, priorities in that community would be reduced with respect to coastal program funding. This threatens less environmental improvement to municipalities that do not participate, which is not the right thing to threaten. It is suggested that the bill be modified to encourage participation with carrots and not sticks, and that, if sticks are used, withholding of funding for environmental improvement projects not be one of the sticks.

### Funding in New Hampshire

Our latest update (4/24/09) from Pat Remick, Coordinator for the Coalition Towns, contained the following statement, "I have spoken with House Speaker Norelli and she believes the homestead exemption bill, HB426, to raise the Statewide Property Tax from \$2.14 to \$5.50 that was tabled last month, is unlikely to appear again this session." If passed, this would have been a huge impact on Rye taxpayers.

In the June 2008 issue of this

newsletter, we noted that the New Hampshire Legislature had defined "adequate" education and determined costing. Senate Bill 539 established base payment, funded it, and enacted accountability. It also reinstated donor towns beginning July, 2011. We will continue to ask our state representatives what they are doing to prevent this. You may find contact information for all of your representatives (local, state and national) in the Town of Rye Annual Report.

### Reminders in Closing

1. The annual **MOSQUITO NO-SPRAY** request appears on page 11 in this newsletter. The 2009 mosquito control contract was awarded to DRAGON, Inc., a new contractor to Rye since the no-spray option was put into effect. It is imperative that if you do not wish to have your property sprayed, you complete the enclosed form and send or take it to the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. Remember that if you request no-spray, your neighbor across the street can not be sprayed.
2. The **TRANSFER STATION** and **BRUSH DUMP** will be CLOSED on Saturday, **JULY 4**. Both Transfer Station and Brush Dump will be open on Friday, July 3.
3. Thanks to our enthusiastic Energy Committee, Rye will enjoy its own **FARMERS' MARKET** this growing season beginning with Opening Day from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, in the parking lot of the Congregational Church at Rye Center and continuing Wednesday afternoons throughout the season.
4. **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES** will be observed at 9 o'clock on Monday, May 25 at Rye Central Cemetery. We thank Jim Cullen, Rye Recreation Director Lee Arthur, and Recreation Program Director Paul Penman for organizing this event.

Hopefully, by the time you receive

## Town Clerk Message

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summer residents are arriving; people are registering vehicles, paying taxes and getting their Beach Parking Permits. If you don't want to stand in line when paying your taxes, consider mailing them. Remember, as long as your payment is postmarked July 1 or earlier, the payment will be considered on time.

By the end of the year, **sewer bills** will be printed on plain paper, similar in style to the tax bills. Changes to the program to allow these changes are being worked on now. The move to plain paper bills is a cost saver. Multi-part bills are very expensive to have printed and are often difficult to read. The new bills will be printed on a laser printer making them much easier to decipher.

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

### Town Auction

**Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m.**

Parking lot of the old police station, Central Road



Computers, bicycles,  
file cabinets, office furniture,  
etc.

Rain date Saturday, July 18

this newsletter, the concern over H1N1 (Swine Flu) will have passed. In the event that you still have questions about H1N1 or other communicable diseases, you can contact the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 or the NHDHHS website at [www.dhhs.state.nh.us](http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us).

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

## Have a Safe Spring and Summer

Finally. . .what seemed to be one of the longest winters on record is over. We can put away our snow blowers, shovels, and emergency generators and dig out the lawn mowers, rakes, and gas grills. Which brings me to the two topics for this newsletter; the use of gas grills and allowable open burning.

With the onset of spring and better weather, we turn our attention to the outdoor use of fuel gas-fired and wood-fired cooking appliances and decorative devices. This informational guide will address the compliance and safety issues with this type of equipment.

Fuel gas-fired outdoor cooking and decorative appliances are regulated through various layers of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) code documents. These code documents mandate certain **minimum** requirements to ensure the safe installation and use of these products. The Town of Rye Fire Department uses the NFPA codes as a town standard.

Open-flame cooking appliances cannot be used on a balcony or under any overhanging portion of a multi-family dwelling and must be located at least ten feet from the building. This is also recommended for single-family dwellings as well.

Propane gas storage in any building is limited to a two-pound maximum storage container. Your typical gas grill tank has a 20-pound capacity. As with any flammable liquid or combustible gas, never store these containers inside your home or attached garage.

Keep flammable liquids and additional propane storage tanks a safe distance from open flame devices. Never use gasoline products to ignite open fires or charcoal grills. After the charcoal has been ignited, never attempt to add any flammable liquids to the coals. Severe bodily injury can occur when fire travels up the liquid stream.

Outdoor cooking appliances must be listed by a recognized testing agency and approved for that use. Check the installation instructions to confirm that the appliance you may be purchasing is designed for that purpose.

## Police Department: Summer Reminders

Rye has a new police officer, David Dumont, 23 years old from Methuen, MA. David is a graduate of Methuen High School and Fitchburg State College with a degree in



New Officer David Dumont

criminal justice and a minor in psychology. The officers and I feel he will continue the tradition of working with citizens and other public safety agencies to best serve our community.

Summer brings great weather and many visitors to the seacoast region. Please take a moment to read the following seasonal reminders:

**Dogs on the beach: Starting on May 23** (the Saturday before Memorial Day) and ending September 12 (the Saturday after Labor Day), dogs are not allowed on the beaches between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The law states that owners must have their dog(s) in sight and under their control at all times. Additionally, the town

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Never kindle open-flame devices that are located upon a combustible surface. An open-flame device that escapes its containment could easily ignite that surface and quickly spread to your home.

The Rye Fire Department is responsible for issuing permits and enforcing the laws of the State of New Hampshire with regard to open burning. Before you burn that pile of brush in the backyard or kindle a cooking fire on a town beach, make sure that you have obtained a written permit from the fire department at the Public Safety Building at 555 Washington Road. We suggest that you call first (964-6411) to see if permits are being granted on the day that you wish to burn.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. It never lasts long enough.

William H. Sullivan  
Chief, Rye Fire and Rescue

ordinance requires dog owners to **IMMEDIATELY** clean up any dog waste and it is to be taken with them (not left behind to be picked up later) upon leaving.

**Beach parking advice:** When you get your 2009 beach parking permit sticker from the Town Clerk's office, please affix it to the outside of your left rear window as soon as you get it. Parking enforcement will ticket vehicles without a sticker once the "Parking by Permit Only" signs are posted.

Remember, Rye beaches are dry: **NO ALCOHOL.** Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcoholic beverages.

**Fire Permits:** Any permits for fires must be approved by the Fire Chief. Since fires on the beach must be built along rocky embankments, check with the Rye Fire Department to see which beaches allow fires upon receiving your permit. The person obtaining the fire permit must extinguish the fire before leaving the beach. **NO FIRE SHALL BE BUILT ON ANY SAND AREA OF ANY BEACH.**

**Fireworks:** The only permissible fireworks allowed are defined in RSA 160-C:1. Fireworks can only be used on private property with the property owner's permission. Refer to [www.rye-police.us](http://www.rye-police.us) or the State of New Hampshire Fire Marshal's office for all rules for fireworks.

**Bicycles:** All bicyclists should obey the rules of the road which include riding single file. If your children are under the age of 16, remind them that they must wear a helmet. Whether you're driving a car or riding a bicycle, the safety of all motorists is a top priority of the police department. With this in mind, we ask that you refrain from talking on your cell phone while operating any vehicle.

We all need to care for our family members while helping our neighborhood to be a safe place for everyone. **If you see or hear anything unusual, call (603) 964-5522.** Nothing is too small.

Thank you for your support, stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

# RYE ART IN BLOOM 2009



"Chianti" by Priscilla Jenness, Oil;  
Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club and Rye Art Study Group recently held the ninth annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 23 selected works of art interpreted in flower arrangements. Music was performed by Debra Wyndham.

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

1. "Baker Library" by Lavinia Jenness, Oil; Flower Arranger: Jane Holway
2. "Bass Harbor Light" by Linda Szabo, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Carol Rodenberg
3. "Blue Dress" by Marianne Forman, Oil; Flower Arranger: Carol Moore
4. "Buoys and Traps" by Julie Hyde, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde
5. "Cactus Country" by Claire Russo, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Kathryn Job
6. "Chianti" by Priscilla Jenness, Oil; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness
7. "Ellie's Chickens" by Susan Chisholm, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Jacquelyn Jarvis
8. "Hot Pink Curls" by Terri Donsker, Photography; Flower Arrangers: Rebecca Dixon & Janice Ireland
9. "Isles of Shoals" by Carol Moore, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Janet Brown

10. "Luscious Berries" by Lynn Joslyn, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jane Jensen
11. "Mom and Me" by Barbara Ripley, Oil; Flower Arranger: Karey Kelly
12. "Moose in Aspen Lace" by Jean Hazelton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jean Hazelton
13. "My Mountains" by Priscilla Patrick, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Patrick
14. "Ol'Willow Creek" by Muriel Cummings, Oil; Flower Arranger: Kelley Gallant
15. "Pintail Duck" by Robert Mitchell, Wood; Flower Arranger: Carol Mitchell
16. "Rooftops of Pisa" by Priscilla Lane Brown, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Lane Brown
17. "Safe Harbor" by Elizabeth Boynton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Ellen Simmonds
18. "Sand and Sea" by Anne Newell, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray
19. "Summer Memory" by Barbara St. Lawrence, Oil; Flower Arranger: Donna Bowlen
20. "Time Pieces" by Sal Allocco, Oil; Flower Arranger: Sal Allocco
21. "View at Odiorne Park" by Jean Leopold, Watercolor and Pastel; Flower Arranger: Carol Cortina
22. "Wicwac Cottage, Monhegan Island" by Doris Rice, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Sandy Brubaker
23. "Woman in a Deck Chair" by Ann Tolson, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Nancy Dannecker

## RYE WATER DISTRICT NEWS

### Results of Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting held at the Rye Junior High School on March 28, Arthur Ditto was elected to a two-year term as Commissioner, Ralph Hickson was elected to a three-year term as Commissioner, and K. Joshua Scott was elected as Moderator for a two-year term. The District was authorized to raise and appropriate:

- \$225,000 for the reconditioning of the Breakfast Hill Water Tank;
- \$385,000 for engineering costs to design a central water treatment/distribution plant;
- \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Funds; and
- \$717,159 to defray the Water District's charges for the ensuing year.

### Project

The reconditioning of the Breakfast Hill tank is almost complete. The tank has its final coat of paint, and it is expected to be back on line at the end of May, ahead of schedule.

### Spring Flushing

Semi-annual water main flushing is now completed.

### Water Conservation

As the warm weather approaches, we ask for your cooperation regarding outdoor water use. Lawn irrigation, car washing, and any other outdoor watering should be done before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. The majority of water from lawn sprinklers left running during the heat of midday just evaporates into the summer air.

### Water Meter Replacements

Letters are being delivered to homes within the system that are due for meter replacements. Your quick response will be greatly appreciated.

Rye Water District Commissioners

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.

# Planning Board Chairman Discusses Current Issues

For those of you who read the local newspapers in addition to the Town Newsletter, you can see that there are issues acting on the Seacoast that may change its very nature. Two significant issues that Rye is addressing concern (1) Workforce Housing, also described as Inclusionary Zoning, and (2) to what extent condominiums can be built from the ground up, versus being converted from existing dwelling units.

Some of the concepts being discussed to address the new state Workforce Housing law are to relax the restrictions on multifamily homes and apartments in certain areas of town. Apartments above businesses are a fairly common occurrence and can add to the stability of the businesses in more difficult economic times. This is an option being evaluated. The law also requires that more than half of the residential land in a city or town be open to the possibility of allowing Workforce Housing being built on it. All New Hampshire cities and towns are addressing the new law, so we are not alone. We are also receiving assistance from the Rockingham County Planning Commission to develop any necessary changes to our Master Plan and our Zoning Ordinance. Due to the challenges in implementing this legislation, HB 321 is pending to extend the effective date to January 1, 2010 from the current effective date of July 1, 2009. This will allow additional time for discussion of any proposed Zoning Ordinance changes at a Town meeting.

The issue of building condominiums is not before the Planning Board as of this writing, but a project was proposed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment that received the several variances it needed to proceed further. The proposed site is currently being used for a non-residential use. Any changes in land use must be carefully evaluated because they can become effectively irreversible once the changes are made. A group of residents filed a request for a re-hearing of the

# Assessor Explains *(Continued from page 1.)*

plummet or valuations are reduced, the tax rate would increase. In the current market, if an abatement were granted to an appellant because that person's or a neighbor's similar property sold for considerably less than assessed, an inequity would be created unless all other properties and all other neighborhoods were also revised. There is insufficient time and staff to conduct such a task and the ensuing tax rate would be higher.

The State Legislature recognized the need for updating at the behest of the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials and passed a law requiring update every five years. For Rye, it will take place in 2010, with the statistical analysis commencing in autumn 2009. There is a mandate for a statistical range from 95 to 105 percent of open market sales. Rye's ratio was 100 percent in 2005; 95.7 for 2006; 97 in 2007 and 100 percent again in 2008. This is indicative of equity and uniformity throughout all sectors of town. Not every valuation will fall into the desired range. This is reflected in a statistic known as the coefficient of dispersion, by which any factor below 20 is deemed good; below

10 is excellent. Rye is 11.6.

Property owners who submitted 2008 abatement requests are reminded that the Town is required to respond by July 1, 2009. If an appellant is not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Selectmen, further appeal may be sought from either the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Rockingham County Superior Court. There is a fee for appeal to the State agency and costs for the judicial approach. At this time there is approximately a two-year waiting period before the case may be heard at either venue.

Data pertaining to information and valuations may be accessed online at <http://data.visionappraisal.com/rye/nh/> The website is updated quarterly; our office updates on a daily basis.

In conclusion, I would like to welcome a newcomer to the staff. Our recently appointed assessing clerk is Joanne Drewniak. She brings an excellent background in property tax management, information systems, and nearly ten years experience as assistant assessor coordinator for the Town of Hooksett.

Howard Promer, CNHA, Assessor

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proposal by the Zoning Board of Adjustment based on a number of reasons.

The purpose of describing these two situations is to request feedback from the citizens of Rye. If you have any thoughts or ideas related to the subjects described above, please provide that information to any Planning Board member, or to the Planning and Zoning Administrator at Town Hall. All information will be considered in the decision making process. Clippings, letters, and verbal discussion are all useful. Being strongly for or against an issue without specific reasons justifying the point of view, is not as useful. We have all experienced different things in our lives and therefore may have a perspective that other people may not understand without additional explanation. There are also

openings for alternate Planning Board members. If you would like to take your civic involvement one step further and become an alternate member, a letter stating your qualifications may be submitted to the Planning Board for consideration.

In closing, anyone is more than welcome to attend Planning Board meetings. They are public hearings. Minutes of the Planning Board meetings and those of its subcommittees are available for review. The Planning Board members do their best to represent the citizens of Rye. Working together, we can make sure that Rye benefits from the best decisions possible after evaluating all of the information available and considering different points of view.

Donald A. Cavallaro,  
Planning Board Chairman

# Rye Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade



On May 25 at 9 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony. The Ceremony will begin with a short parade from the Town Hall to the Central Cemetery. Participating in the parade will be pipers and drummers from The New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Police and Fire Departments, the Winnacunnet Marine ROTC Color Guard, Veterans, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and vintage Fire Department Trucks.

The Guest Speaker is Al Weston, a founding member of the Pease Greeters. Music will be provided by Karrie Burnett. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Poster and Writing Contests from the Rye Elementary and Junior High Schools. The winning posters will be available for viewing and the winning poems and essays will be read. Rye Clergy will say the Invocation and the Benediction. Immediately after the ceremony, refreshments will be provided by the Rye Historical Society.

The Town of Rye has lost Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Merchant Seamen in armed conflicts, including 38 lost in the American Revolution. The Town also remembers on this occasion those Firemen and Police Officers who were lost in the line of duty. In view of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing War on Terrorism, all residents are encouraged to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Members of the VFW extend a personal invitation to all veterans to come and march in the parade. You do not have to be a member of a veteran organization to participate. Those with physical limitations may sit among fellow veterans during the ceremony.

# Beach Time Is Here

Once again we herald the arrival of summer at Rye's beaches. This year the opening day is June 20 for our lifeguard protected areas, which include Sawyer's, Cable Road Extension, and Wallis Road Extension Beaches. This season we welcome some new faces to our lifeguard crew, not the least of which is our new supervisor, Michelle Sazehan, a recent graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation.

She has had extensive experience in swimming, including competing, teaching, and coaching. She held the assistant supervisor's position at a Lake Huron Beach and should prove to be a great drill instructor as the captain of the university's women's rugby club. Michelle will help the Beach Commission enforce our beach policies with and through our guards.

Changes this year will include an expanded flagged no-surfing zone and an effort to improve our already impressive force of guards to ensure vigilance and the safety of our swimming and playing beach goers. In our continuing effort to educate the

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

# Rye Residents Help Rye Seniors

Rye Senior SERVE volunteers feel rewarded when they pitch in to help elderly Rye residents. There are many ways to help: riding the SERVE bus, helping in the supermarket, driving to the doctor, home visits, and more. It doesn't take much time to be a volunteer and they'll tell you how much they enjoy it.

## In their voices:

### A senior resident

"It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to my Rye fellow residents who have taken time out of their busy lives to take me to and from my various appointments and it is much appreciated. It certainly removes a good amount of the challenges of the 'golden years'. (I think of them as my 'Apostles'.)"

### A SERVE volunteer

"As a driver for SERVE, I have met long-time Rye residents who are very knowledgeable about our town's sometimes quirky history and new residents who have had a variety of fascinating life experiences in other places and old Rye friends with whom I had lost touch over the years. Establishing connections with these friends, old and new, has been a great reward in exchange for a few hours time each month."

Please call 964-1728 or the Rye Public Library 964-8401 for more information.

public as to our beach rules, we have designed and are installing a new set of signs at each beach access that clearly spell out the rules and are broken down into three distinct signs. Each sign has a graphic indicating the topic, such as surfing rules, dog rules, and other prohibited beach uses. We expect that these signs, in concert with stepped-up enforcement, will lead to better compliance with our rules and a more harmonious visit to the beach for all.

Michael Labrie  
Chairman, Rye Beach Commission



**NOTICE TO SURFERS**

- Flags indicate no surfing zone
- Surf leashes are required
- Maintain 50' from all persons while surfing a wave

*Failure to follow ordinance will result in a fine. Per Town of Rye Ordinance #1*



**NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS**

- Dogs must be under your control at all times
- Pick up waste immediately, carry it, & take it with you upon leaving
- Dogs prohibited: 9 am - 7 pm from the Saturday before Memorial Day until the Saturday following Labor Day

*Failure to follow ordinance will result in a fine. Per Town of Rye Ordinance #1*



**PROHIBITED**

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACH:

- Leaving trash behind
- Glass of any kind
- Alcoholic beverages
- Fires without permit
- Horses between June 1 and October 1

*Failure to follow ordinance will result in a fine. Per Town of Rye Ordinance #1*

# SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



10 Central Road,  
Rye, NH03870  
(603) 964-9800

Spring in Rye means warmer weather, hanging out with friends, walking, biking, and getting ready for the end of the school year. As you gear up for the summer with whatever plans you may have, the Safe Routes to School Committee

wants everyone to be safe. Here is an update on our recent activities and projects.

Our Second Annual Bike Rodeo, held on Saturday, May 9 in the Rye Congregational Church parking lot was great! We teamed with Rye Recreation and Police and Fire Departments with demonstrations on road safety, helmet checks, bike decorating, bike turn-ups, face painting, riding stations and a parade. Winning logos from the logo contest are pictured below with the names of the winners from each grade level.



**ROW 1:** Kindergarten: Mitra Moody; First Grade: Sophia Foley; Second Grade: Isabella Hillman; Third Grade: Sara Gardner



**ROW 2:** Fourth Grade: Brigit Comeau; Fifth Grade: Betsy Cole and the overall winner: Shanley King from the 5th grade.

Rye SRTS also participated in the NH Green Week by walking to school or biking on Monday, May 11th in organized groups. We continued through the week with adult supervision with prizes given to the children at the end.

The task force has almost completed the Comprehensive Travel Plan with the assistance of Rockingham Planning Commission. This plan identifies where kids are currently walking and biking and how to improve those pathways. It also identifies why they are not walking and biking and come up with steps to get more children out. The plan targets problem areas within the Town and provides solutions

on how to overcome those obstacles. When completed, the plan will be available for the public on the Town Website.

During this process, the SRTS task force worked with Brown and Company on our new logo, which can be used in brochures, fliers and as stencils on the walkways once approved.

Safe Routes will continue throughout the summer preparing for the next round of funding which should be available in the fall of 2009.

Kimberly Reed  
SRTS Coordinator



## FARMERS MARKET opening

**Wednesday, June 24, 2-5 p.m.**  
Upper town parking lot next to  
the Congregational Church



# Many Changes in the Rye Mosquito Control Commission

There have been many changes over the past year with the RMCC. Charles Arcidiacono retired after two terms of distinguished service. His wit and wisdom will be missed as well as his careful recording of the minutes of the meetings. Charlie was also the author of the past three grant applications to the State of NH that resulted in reimbursements to the Town of Rye totaling \$ 34,245 for mosquito control expenses. Thanks for all your hard work.

The RMCC is happy to announce two new commission members, Ted Merritt and Charles Moore. Craig Musselman will continue to serve as liaison to the Selectmen but will no longer be an official member. The RMCC is limited by statute to a total of three members and no alternates.

New also this year is the contractor who will be providing mosquito control service. Dragon Mosquito Control of Stratham, NH has already begun the necessary larval surveys in preparation for the first application of Larvaciding materials. Larvaciding is the safest, most efficient and cost effective

way of control mosquitoes. Once the mosquitoes become adults, they leave their breeding sites and can be controlled only by adulticiding with residual or non-residual pesticides.

Street spraying is a method of adulticiding accomplished by using truck mounted spraying equipment applying a non-residual pesticide. It is done when mosquito populations are high and control is needed. **If you do not want the street in front of your house to be sprayed, you must call the Town office (964-5523) or send in the No-Spray Request Form Coupon below.**

The RMCC meets monthly during the mosquito season and the public is welcome to participate and share your concerns. If you think you may have a mosquito breeding site on your property, you may also call Dragon Mosquito Control at 964-8400. Dragon is also responsible for monitoring catch basins and placing greenhead traps.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman  
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UNVEILS EXCITING NEW EXHIBIT

The Rye Historical Society Museum, 10 Olde Parish Road, is now open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October.

Don't miss our new exhibit "**Rye on the Rocks**". This exhibit tells the story of how Rye people have used our land and water over the centuries and takes a look at current and future efforts to preserve the town we love. We welcome any stories, photos, artifacts, etc. you may want to contribute.

### Upcoming Events:

*Barn Restoration Program:* Author John Porter, Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m., Rye Library

*Strawberry Festival:* (Tentative) Saturday, July 4 in front of the Rye Library before evening events at Parsons Field.

*Antique Appraisal Day:* Saturday, August 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For details on these events and other information please visit our new website, [www.ryenhistoricalociety.org](http://www.ryenhistoricalociety.org)

Alex Herlihy, Chairman  
Rye Historical Society

## 2009 MOSQUITO NO-SPRAY REQUEST

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

### TOWN OF RYE—NO-SPRAY REQUEST 2009

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

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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# All Paths Lead to the Rye Public Library This Summer

On June 23 we will launch our 2009 Youth Summer Reading Program, Catch the Reading Bug! with a special kick-off concert featuring Wayne from Maine. The Adult Summer Reading Program, All Paths Lead to the Library, will begin the same day, and the first 100 residents registered will receive a stainless steel water bottle for participating. This year's program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library in partnership with the Rye Energy Committee and Rye Historical Society. As an optional component, we will encourage participants to walk, bike, and carpool to the library to help reduce our community's carbon footprint. Rye Energy Committee members will track the collective carbon savings for program participants who will be eligible for a special raffle of locally grown produce at our August 12 concluding party. Be sure to visit the RPL often this summer for thematic displays related to gardening, green cleaning products, etc.

Kerry Cronin, Library Director

## Author Visits

- 6/2 at 7 p.m. Jim Cullen, Rye resident, will launch his new book entitled *Finely Carved & Nicely Painted: The Life, Art and Decoys of George H. Boyd, Seabrook, New Hampshire 1873-1941*.
- 8/27 at 7 p.m. Mary Ellen Tuthill will share her poetry, much of it based on the Seacoast area.

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

- 6/16 *Northern Borders* by Howard Frank Moshier
- 7/21 *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- 8/18 *Too Close to the Falls: A Memoir* by Catherine Gildiner

## Summer Music Series—Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

- 6/24 Susie Burke & David Surette—This folk music duo will offer an enjoyable afternoon concert for all ages.
- 7/15 Tom Barron & Friends—This dynamic group returns to entertain audiences with their crowd pleasing big band and jazz tunes.
- 8/12 Ben Baldwin & Kent Allyn—This celebratory concert will mark the end of the adult summer reading program, which we will cap off with an ice cream social.

**Employment Resources**—The Rye Public Library maintains a current collection of titles specific to career planning, resume writing, and interviewing. Also beneficial is EBSCO's *Business Source Premier* database, which offers full-text access to more than 2,300 journals, market research reports, industry reports, company profiles and more. Courtesy of the New Hampshire State Library, this resource is available both in-library and with remote access. The RPL is pleased to offer the follow programs in

support of job seekers:

6/4 **Graduate Career Coaching with Christine Bolzan** in the Community Meeting Room, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Christine Bolzan, Founder of Graduate Career Coaching, will offer various approaches and techniques for launching one's career. This workshop will be particularly valuable to recent college graduates and career changers.

**Networking Meetings**—Every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Join fellow job seekers for informal discussions of employment search strategies and networking. Learn about available library resources to support your search.

## Educational Programs

7/23 **Illustrated Talk on New Rye Historical Society Exhibit with Alex Herlihy** in the Community Meeting Room, 7 p.m.

The Rye Historical Society's new exhibit entitled, *Rye on the Rocks: Stories from 400 Years on the Land*, opened in May. Be sure to attend Alex's talk either before or after viewing the exhibit relative to our Town's natural history.

7/31 **Discovering Rye Roots - A Free One-Day Genealogy Workshop for Beginners**—Locke Family Association

In partnership with the Rye Public Library and Rye Historical Society, the Locke Family Association is pleased to offer this introductory program on researching the history of Rye's founding families. It is a daylong event, 9:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Rye Public Library Summer Reading Program "Catch the Reading Bug"

**Kick-Off Party: Wayne from Maine!!** Tuesday June 23, 6 p.m.

Great music is on the way with WAYNE from MAINE!! Don't miss this fantastic musical performance! Fun for the whole family. Sign up is required, so call today! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.*

**Trivia Questions, Bug Jokes, Faces, Facts and Spider Walk** Monday-Saturday June 28 through August 8

We love giving prizes for answering trivia questions about bugs! Make a bug face on June 29; tell a bug joke on July 13, share a bug fact on July 27, and show us your best spider walk on August 3 to win even more prizes!!

**Drop-In Crafts** Monday-Saturday, June 28 through August 8

Come in to use your creativity! We have fun bug crafts available each week, so don't miss any of them! No sign-up required.

## Rye Public Library Continued

### **Story Times** Wednesdays June 24–July 29

Preschool/kindergarten story time is offered every Wednesday during the summer reading program. Join us for great books, finger plays, songs, and a fun craft! No sign-up is required. Also, look for us at 2:30 p.m. at the Rye Farmer's Market for afternoon stories!

### **Weekly Family Movie** Thursday, June 25–July 30 at 3:15 p.m.

Each week this summer, we offer you the opportunity to get out of the heat and cool off with a movie and some popcorn. All shows are family friendly. No sign-up is required.

### **Read to Hank** Friday, June 26 / Friday, July 10 and 24 / Thursday, July 2, 16, and 30

Have your child practice reading to the lovable black Labrador retriever, Hank. He will patiently and without judgment listen as your child improves reading skills. Sign-up is required. Fifteen minute sessions available beginning at 10 a.m.

### **Knitting with Pam** Friday, July 3 / Friday, July 17 / Friday, July 31

Pam Anthony will work with you on your knitting skills this summer. Come in and cool off while you create some fun projects. 3–4:30 p.m. on each of the Fridays offered. No sign-up is required. Recommended for 4th–12th graders.

### **Cootie Bug Scavenger Hunt and Ice Cream** Tuesday, June 30 at 6 p.m.

Create a cootie bug as you collect parts from clues. This adventure will be fun for the whole family. When you've completed your cootie, enjoy a cold and delicious ice cream! Yummy Fun!! Sign up is required; call us today to get on the list! (Bring bug spray!)

### **2nd Annual Outdoor Pet "Show-Off"** Tuesday, July 7 at 6 p.m.

We'll be having our fun pet show on the lawn again this year, so get those pets ready! Bring your pet and enter the contest to have your pet win a ribbon! Sign up is required for you AND for your pet!!

### **Paperback Book Exchange—For all Ages** Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Bring your gently used paperbacks and exchange them for something you would like to read! Please drop off any books on Friday, July 16. We ask that you take as many books as you drop off! No sign-up required. This is recycling at its best!!

### **Family Garden Club with Pat Ritter** Tuesday, July 14 from 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Our monthly garden lovers meet each Tuesday; join us for a fun summer session. Pat will be providing an excellent learning experience, as always, and you'll have a

delightful time in a natural setting with your child. Sign-up is required. Call ASAP.

### **Nature Walk with Pat Ritter** Tuesday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

Enjoy nature with a guide who knows nature!! Pat Ritter will escort families through the Rye Woods to observe critters and discuss plants. We require that you sign up, so call right away!

### **Guessing Jar** Guesses begin July 13 / Winner Announced July 20

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

### **7th Annual Talent Show** Tuesday, June 28 at 6 p.m.

Sing? Dance? Play an instrument? We want to showcase your talent at our 7th annual talent show! Sign-up is required, so get on the list now. We'll need to know your act and about how long you anticipate the act will be. Call now!

### **Closing Bash: Martha Dana Puppet Show** Tuesday, August 4 at 6 p.m.

If you haven't already seen Martha, you'll have to be sure to make it in for the puppet show. This will be a fun show for all ages. Sign-up is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.

*As times and dates are subject to change, please check our website at [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org) for updated information.*



The Rye Public Library Launches  
A Books for Babies Program  
Library Outreach for Rye's Youngest Readers  
The bag includes a cup, bib, board book, and library info.  
Sponsored by the  
Friends of the Rye Public Library

# FEMA Outreach: Flood Protection Information

In the past five years, the Town has experienced flooding in areas where previously flooding did not occur.

Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded recently. However, if you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. This flyer gives you some ideas of what you can do to protect yourself.

## Rye Flood Services

Check your flood hazard. Visit the Building Department in the Town Hall to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If you are, they can give you more information, such as depths of flooding over a building's first floor, past flood problems in the area, and copies of elevation certificates on buildings built in the floodplain since 1991. They also have a hand-out on selecting an architect, engineer, or contractor. Flood maps and flood protection references are also available in the Rye Public Library. Even if you are not in a floodplain, there still may be some risk of flooding.

If requested, the Building Inspector will visit a property to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. Call the Department at 964-9800. These services are free. If you are in a floodplain or have had drainage problems, check out these sources of assistance.

## What You Can Do

The Town's efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance.

- Do not dump or throw anything into ditches, streams, or catch basins. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding. If you see dumping, contact the Public Works Department at 964-5300.
- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Town has a storm water maintenance program which can help remove major blockages such as downed trees.

- Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, re-grade, or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties.

## Rye Flood-Proofing

First, is to keep water away by re-grading your lot or by building a small floodwall or earthen berm.

Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended for houses with basements or if water will get over two feet deep.

A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. For more information about flood-proofing or retrofitting; check with the Rye Public Library.

**Important note:** Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit. If you see building or filling without a Town permit posted, please contact the Building Department at 964-9800

If you know a flood is coming, you should shut off the gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs. It is unlikely that you will get much warning, so a detailed checklist prepared in advance would help ensure that you don't forget anything.

## Flood Insurance

If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Because Rye participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

At last count there were 301 flood insurance policies in Rye and Rye Beach. If you are covered, make sure



the building coverage is adequate and that contents have coverage. Remember: Even if the last flood missed you or you have done some flood-proofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance covers all surface floods. If you are interested in learning more about Flood Insurance, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), which has more information.

## Flood Safety

*Do not walk through flowing water.* Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths.

*Do not drive through a flooded area.* Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

*Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.* Report downed power lines to PSNH.

*Have your electricity turned off by the Power Company:* Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

*Look before you step.* After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

*Look out for animals, especially snakes.* Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick and turn things over and scare away small animals.

*Be alert for gas leaks.* Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Kimberly M. Reed  
Planning & Zoning Administrator

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

June 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.

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

	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm <b>Board of Selectmen</b> 3:30 pm <b>Rye Water District</b> 60 Sagamore	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7 pm <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9 am <b>Sewer Commission</b> 7 pm <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> <i>Father's Day</i> <i>First day of Summer</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>30</b> 7 pm <b>Technical Review Committee</b>	<b>July 2009</b>			
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# The Rye Energy Committee has two exciting announcements!

## Announcing the New 2009 Summer Rye Energy Project—Home Grown

**Home Grown: the backyard provision garden.** Announcing the new 2009 summer Rye Energy project. In conjunction with the Rye Public Library, the Rye Energy Committee is inviting Rye residents to plant a summer vegetable garden. As a way to save on our carbon footprint and to ensure fresh, healthy foods we are encouraging people in town to take up gardening. And to continue with our commitment to the area artists and because we believe that art transforms behavior, we are inviting area artists to paint or photograph these backyard gardens. We will have a gala opening and show of these works of art at the Rye Public Library sometime next fall. So order those seeds and turn over your dirt. If you are a resident and interested in registering for the Home Grown project, please contact Mimi White at [mimiwhite@earthlink.net](mailto:mimiwhite@earthlink.net) or call Mimi at 964-6586. If you are an area artist and wish to paint, draw, or photograph the gardens, please contact Magi Leland at [magiallis@comcast.net](mailto:magiallis@comcast.net).

## Rye Farmers Market Opens June 24

The Rye Farmers Market will be open for business for the first time on Wednesday, June 24. It will be located at the Town Parking Lot to the right of the Rye Congregational Church where Central and Washington Roads meet. The Market will be open every Wednesday from 2 to 5:30. The aim is to provide one-stop shopping of local fare from vendors, which include Applecrest Farms (vegetables and fruits), White Heron Tea (teas and prepared foods), Joy Lane Farm (goat cheese and goat milk soap), Skip's Cider Donuts, Sea View Farm (bison and chicken), Yellow House Farm (chicken, duck, guinea fowl) as well as many Rye growers who are forming coops to sell vegetables, herbs, eggs and baked goods. There is an effort being made to include seafood. As news of the market spreads, we are sure others will want to become vendors at our Market, therefore, the Market Committee looks forward to receiving applications throughout the season. The Market will run until the beginning of October. For applications, please contact Jaci Grote at 235-6287, Susan Anderson at 431-7775 or Patty Anderson at 436-4444.

Rye Energy Committee

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Saturday, July 4th, 7 pm. Parsons Field**

Karrie and the Rockfish • Dusk—Fireworks by Jack Tobey and crew  
Weather permitting—no rain date

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