

Town of Newsletter Dye



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On May 31 at 9 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at the Central Cemetery. See Page 6 for details.

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Selectmen Discuss the Good, the Bad, and the Donor Town

NEW DPW DIRECTOR HIRED

Everett "Bud" Jordan retired as Director of Public Works effective June 1. Bud served the Town in that capacity for ten years. We wish him well as he transitions

to the role of retiree.

Rye's First Retirement Community Development Breaks Ground



White Birch at Rye—an Affordable Retirement Community

After eight years of thinking of the concept of housing for Rye's seniors, the retirement community development by the Housing Partnership finally breaks ground. When the Rye Planning Board held a visioning session in the summer of 2002, a senior issues committee was formed. Some of the areas concerning

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Now that spring is here Beach Parking Permits are available once again. 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

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seniors in Rye were transportation and housing. The Senior Issues Committee evolved into what is now known today as Rye Senior SERVE. This committee has purchased a van and resolved one of the major issues, addressing the transportation needs of the elderly population in Rye.

Since that time, SERVE continued to focus on the housing needs, and one of the original members, Mel Low, sought out the Housing Partnership and worked with them to find land suitable for the needs of the community. During that time, a zoning ordinance was

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Dennis G. McCarthy begins his tenure as Rye Public Works Director on June 1. Dennis has 30 years of experience in the areas of public works management, municipal infrastructure, and municipal leadership, most recently as DPW Director for the Town of Raymond, NH, where he served in that capacity since 1991. His position in Raymond focused on supervision, management, and budget preparation for a DPW department consisting of 12 full-time and 12 part-time employees that, in addition to highway, included fleet maintenance, parks, water, building, and grounds.

GOOD NEWS

As the result of diligence and hard work on the part of a number of individuals, including Town Administrator Mike Magnant, Assist. TA/Financial Administrator Cyndi Gillespie, Energy Committee member Lucy Neiman, and Tim Nichols of ANIX, an Office of Energy Planning (OEP) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant totaling \$377,561 was awarded to Rye for three building efficiency and two renewable energy projects. A variabledrive air-handling system with improved air distribution efficiency and recovery ventilation (\$41,890), a new ground-source heat pump (\$96,162), and installation of 3 PV attic ventilation fans (\$4,649) were approved for the

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Town Hall. The Library received approval for envelope insulation, R-42, in the attic plus wall and ceiling gap repairs (\$67,208) while the Elementary School was approved for a 10 KW CHP System (\$167,652). It is estimated that the Town's share will be between 25 and 30 thousand dollars.

WALLIS SANDS/PARSONS CREEK WATERSHED STUDY

Jessica Devoid, an environmental technician with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has been leading a team working with the Town to develop what is termed a Watershed-based Plan for the Wallis Sands/Parsons Creek Watershed. Such a plan requires detailed analysis of source or sources of bacterial contamination within the watershed area. Multiple sampling stations were established last year and they will continue to collect data moving forward. Local input and cooperation are considered critical to a successful outcome. We will update you as work progresses.

A FEW (NO-NO, THIS MEANS YOU) REMINDERS

Signs on Town Property: No political signs are allowed on Town property. RSA 664:17 states in part "No political advertising shall be placed on or affixed to any public property including highway rights of way or private property without the owner's consent." Also, "Signs shall not be placed on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs." On April 5, 2010, the Board of Selectmen voted to "reinforce the policy that political signs not be placed on or adjacent to Town-owned parcels".

Signs at Parsons Field are considered only from non-profit entities holding approved events on Town or School property. Parsons Field application forms are obtained from and submitted through the Selectmen's office at Town Hall.

By-pass of Pylons, Barricades, or Police Tape: During one of our recent spring wind storms, many trees were damaged or toppled in the Town Forest. Despite the fact that the trail was

officially closed, cleanup was made more difficult and dangerous by those who bypassed the posting and placed themselves and others in harm's way while heavy equipment was at work on the cleanup.

Failure to Scoop: Picking up after Spot or Rover is a year-round, Townwide responsibility. It appears that failure to scoop may impact water quality anywhere. Please carry and use your plastic bags on both the beach and roadside and dispose of them properly upon your return home.

Plant the Right Tree: Negative impact resulting from our actions is not always immediate. Public Service Company of New Hampshire has issued a request that homeowners plant the "right" species of trees under power lines in order to avoid outages and undesired pruning in years to come.

Right, in this case, means short. Arborvitae, dogwood, flowering crabapple, Japanese maple, and magnolia all fit this criterion since none would interfere with power lines at maturity. **Do not plant** maple, oak, pine, poplar, or willow in the area of power lines.

STATUS OF PULPIT ROCK TOWER

Ongoing discussions between the Board of Selectmen and the Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower (FOPRT) as to whether or not the Town will assume responsibility for Pulpit Rock Tower continues. On October 19, 2009, the BOS set forth conditions that included local, state, and federal requirements to be met prior to acquisition of the Tower by the Town. The Friends held an open house at the Tower, conferred with the Conservation Commission, initiated some of the necessary requirements such as cleaning, and obtained estimates on others. On May 3, 2010, represented by Patricia Weathersby, the Friends presented a restatement of the path to acquisition of the Tower by the Town. Unfortunately, this document was not received until just before the meeting. Due to short notice, the Board requested Mike Magnant to develop a comparison of the Friends statement to our original set of conditions.

One major stumbling block was apparent at this most recent meeting. From the outset, the BOS has insisted that acquisition of the Tower have approval of a Town Meeting vote. The Friends group, with a sense of urgency fueled by the NH Fish and Game Department's desire to get rid of the Tower during 2010, is anxious to complete the transaction. We are working to resolve any differences remaining. Meanwhile, FOPRT has been successful in having Pulpit Rock Tower placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Congratulations.

NEW LOOK ON THE WAY

On March 22 approval was given by the Board to move forward with Virtual Town Hall for design and development of the Rye Website. Once the design phase is complete, responsibility for upkeep of the expanded site will be divided among designated, trained Town Hall personnel. The transition to the new format should be completed by June 30.

We would be remiss if we did not take the time to remind everyone of the extraordinary service that has been faithfully provided over the past twelve years by Drew Doherty, originator and Director of the Town's official web site: www.town.rye.nh.us. Drew initiated the site and brought the Town of Rye into the 21st century. He has maintained our website on a daily basis throughout this entire period as a volunteer. It is said that we are all replaceable. In this case, it will take several people to fill his shoes. Thank you, Drew, for leading the way.

LIFEGUARDS

Since Labor Day of 2009, the Board has discussed supervision of lifeguards on several occasions with both the Beach Commission and Fire Chief Skip

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Sullivan. In April, it was decided to place the day-to-day supervision of the lifeguards under the Fire Department. This practice, we have learned, is quite common in other communities as fire-fighters have emergency training. Hiring of lifeguards will be conducted jointly by the Beach Commissioners and the Fire Department. Chief Sullivan assured us that the change will not require additional personnel.

THE BAD NEWS: EDUCATION FUNDING

Since the March newsletter, the Coalition Communities, of which Rye is a member, has worked to support passage of SB465, which would provide a one-year extension of the education funding collar (preventing return to Donor towns until at least July 1, 2012 and establish a study committee to report on the sustainability of the new formula by December 1, 2010.

On May 5, the House passed its version of SB465, which retained the study committee, but did not extend the collar to delay the return of Donor communities. At this writing the Senate must decide to agree with the House version, kill the bill, or request a committee of conference to work out the differences.

Without change, Rye is scheduled as a Donor town to send \$1,403,253 to the State as of July 1, 2011.

You should be aware that RSA 198:57 (from May 1–June 30) can provide relief to qualifying individuals through New Hampshire's Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program. Form DP-8 and a pamphlet containing answers to the most frequently asked questions are available at the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office at Town Hall.

MOSQUITO SEASON IS HERE AGAIN

The mosquito program, under contract with Dragon, Inc., initiated 2010 operations on April 12. Please note the NO SPRAY form on page 14 in this newsletter if non-spraying is your

choice. Remember, if you request no spray on your property, your neighbor across the street cannot be sprayed since the machine sends the mist both right and left when it is turned on.

JOINT WORK SESSION WITH SCHOOL BOARD

A Joint Work Session between the Selectmen and the Rye School Board is scheduled for our regular Selectmen's meeting on June 14, at 6:30 p.m. Although several topics are on the agenda, the impetus for this work session is the need for the after-school program, conducted by our Rye Recreation Program, to be assured of sufficient space at the Elementary School on an annual basis. A large number of Rye parents rely on this program.

WHITE BIRCH AT RYE

Congratulations to the Housing Partnership. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on May 6 at the site of White Birch at Rye on Airfield Road to signal initiation of construction of the first Retirement Community Development (RCD) in Rye.

This is an affordable retirement community. The Housing Partnership spent nearly two years before the Planning Board working through the details of this first RCD application submitted to the Board. The Housing Partnership has managed to weather the downturn in the economy and hopes to see completion of the project by December of this year.

If you seek further information or wish to be put on a waiting list, contact Marty Chapman, Executive Director, Housing Partnership at 1555 Islington Street, P.O. Box 466, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Telephone: (603) 766-3125

FARMERS MARKET

The Rye Farmers Market opens for its second season on June 30. Hope to see you there.

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

Town Clerk's Message

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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.

Something new has been added this year; you can purchase your Beach Parking Permit over the internet at the Town of Rye's website (www.town. rye.nh.us). Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page and press either the dog licensing or motor vehicle buttons. I know this seems strange; please pardon us as our website will soon be revamped.

First Issue 2010 **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 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.

Once again, the State of NH is offering the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or can be downloaded from the state's website (www.nh. gov/revenue). The form must be completed and returned to the state no later than June 30, 2010. If you need assistance completing the form, help is available by calling this office at 964-8562.

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

Assessor Discusses Tax Bills and Revaluations

By the time this article is published, property owners will have received the spring tax bill. For the majority of taxpayers, the valuation will be one-half the amount of the bill sent in the fall of 2009. There will be some exceptions, such as properties where construction has taken place on previously vacant land or where structures on improved land were demolished and replaced by new. Similarly, there will be first-time bills where condominium construction has occurred and purchasers of units have become owners as of April 1, 2010. Also included will be revisions to update or correct data in conjunction with the State requirement for onequarter of the buildings in Town to be remeasured and reinspected during a four-year cycle. We extend our appreciation to home owners who have admitted the data collector for interior inspection. It only takes a few minutes but it has resulted in reduced valuations for many properties because erroneous estimating when no one was home had occurred and now had been rectified.

As has been the pattern for many years, we received relatively few appli-

cations for abatement of 2009 taxes from the time the fall bills were sent until the statutory deadline of March 1, 2010. The Board of Selectmen is in the process of reviewing those appeals, and will meet with appellants who requested a hearing. If an appellant is dissatisfied with their decision, further appeal may be made until September 1, 2010 to either the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals or to Rockingham County Superior Court. Either venue requires that an appeal must first have been made to the Town.

Please be further informed that Rye is scheduled for its five-year update this year, the last having been done in 2005. All real estate will be reviewed and revised where appropriate to reflect current values. It is no secret that real estate prices have been falling during the downturn of the economy. Fortunately, Rye has not been impacted to the extent of many other sectors of the nation. However, it is somewhat of a double-edged sword: as valuations decrease, the tax rate will increase. To what extent is unknown at this time.

Howard Promer, CNHA, Assessor Joanne Drewniak, Assessing Clerk

Rye Water District News

Results of Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting held at the Rye Junior High School on March 27, John Murtagh was reelected as Commissioner, Marian Mullaly was reelected as Treasurer, and Barbara Hansen was reelected as Clerk. All were elected for three-year terms. The District was authorized to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be placed in existing Capital Reserve Funds and \$1,184,521 to defray the Water District's charges for the ensuing year.

The Commissioners received authorization to seek a utility easement for access to District-owned land and authority to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source.

Spring Flushing

The semiannual water main flushing is now completed.

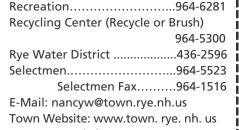
Water Conservation

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



Library......964-8401

Public Works......964-5300

Library Fax.....964-7065

Sewer Commission......964-6815 Town Administrator.....964-5523 Town Clerk / Tax Collector....964-8562

Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax

Welfare (Portsmouth Welfare Dept.) 610-7267

AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

| 964-6411 |
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| POLICE EMERGENCY911 |
| 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. |

AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY 911

Fire Department—Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Building/Planning/Zoning Department 964-9800 Building/Planning/Zoning,Fax 964-2964 Cemetery Superintendent, John Coscia 817-0066

Assessing Department......964-5523

Fire Department Kept Busy Last Winter

First of all, the members of your fire and rescue service would like to thank the residents of Rye who came out to vote on Tuesday, March 9. Your support of the warrant articles, including the Town's operating budget, allows departments to provide you with basic public services throughout the year.

The winter months were busy for the fire and rescue service and as of the first of May, our emergency responses were up more than 25 percent over the same time period in 2009. A large number of these emergency calls occurred at the end of February this year caused by the heavy rains and hurricane force winds the area experienced.



This storm resulted in our department responding to over 50 calls for trees and wires down all over town, as well as localized flooding. It was during this period that the major fire on Hampton Beach destroyed an entire city block and required the mutual aid assistance of over 40 fire departments from three states.

Personnel and apparatus from Rye responded to Hampton's request for aid shortly after midnight on February 26 and operated for almost 12 hours at the scene of the fire. Rye Engine Three and its four-member crew led by Lieutenant Steven Laing, was assigned to work with crews from Stratham, Exeter, and Portsmouth to keep the fire from jumping the street and destroying more property—just one more example of the fire mutual aid system's effectiveness.

So much for the winter of 2010. We are well into spring, and summer is just days away. Soon the beaches will

Police Chief Walsh Lists Seasonal Reminders

Summer brings good weather and many visitors to our Seacoast. Please take a moment to read the following seasonal reminders:

Dogs on the beach: Starting on May 29 (the Saturday before Memorial Day) and ending September (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 owners must have their dog(s) in sight and under their control at all times. Additionally, the town ordinance requires dog owners to IMME-**DIATELY** clean up any dog waste. Upon leaving it is to be taken with you, not left behind to be picked up later. Do not attach the bag to the outside of your vehicle. The bags fall off vehicles. If an officer sees a bag fall off a vehicle, the driver will be issued a summons for littering.

Beach parking advice: As soon as you get your 2010 beach parking permit sticker from the Town Clerk's office, please affix it to the outside on the left side of the rear window. 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.

be full, the lifeguards will be on duty, and we will all be enjoying the nice weather.

Just a reminder. For any open burning, whether it is a small cooking fire on the rocks at Sawyer's beach or a pile of brush in your backyard, a permit must be obtained from the fire department. Also, watch that gas grille. Keep it away from combustibles, including the exterior of your house, balcony, porch, or garage.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

William H. Sullivan Fire Chief 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. 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: Permissible fireworks are defined in RSA 160-C: 1. Fireworks can only be used on private property with the property owner's permission. Refer to www.ryepolice.us or the State of New Hampshire Fire Marshal's office for fireworks rules.

Bicycles: All bicyclists should obey the rules of the road including riding



single file and stopping/yielding at signed intersections. All bicyclists shall stop or yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and pedestrian traffic. If your children are under the age of 16, remind them they must wear a helmet. Whether you're driving a car or riding a bicycle, the safety of all is a top priority for the police department. With this in mind, we ask that you refrain from talking/texting on your cell phone, reading, applying makeup, or any other distraction while operating any vehicle.

We all need to care for our family members while keeping our neighborhoods safe. If you see or hear anything unusual, please call; nothing is too small.

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

Kevin Walsh Chief of Police

"... it's difficult to predict just how bad things will be this summer ..."

There has been a lot in the news lately about the potential for higher than normal mosquito populations this coming season. Speculation is that the heavy rains over the past two months will provide more than ample grounds for breeding throughout the region but especially in the town's marshes.

The latest report from Dragon Mosquito Control is that the marshes are actually fairly dry for this time of the year so it's difficult to predict just how bad things will be this summer mosquito-wise. Dragon's crews have been out in the field early this spring, surveying and then larviciding where needed.

In the last newsletter, we listed some tips for reducing the potential for mosquito breeding on your properties, draining pools of standing water being the most important step. But what can you do to protect yourself from biting mosquitos when you and your family are outdoors? The American Mosquito Control Association suggests the following:

- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing. Some mosquito species are attracted to dark clothing and they can bite through tight fitting clothes. When it's practical, wear long sleeves and pants.
- Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered by the EPA. Registered products have been reviewed, approved, and pose minimal risk for human safety when used according to the label directions. Three repellents that are approved and recommended are:
 - 1. DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
 - 2. Picaridin (KBR 3023)
 - 3. Oil of lemon eucalyptus (pmethane 3,8-diol or PMD)

Some rules to follow when using repellents:

Read the directions on the label carefully before applying.

Apply skin repellent sparingly, only to exposed skin (not on clothing). Keep repellents away from eyes, nostrils, and lips. Never use repellents on wounds or irritated skin. Use repellent sparingly and reapply as needed. Saturation does not increase effectiveness.

Wash repellent treated skin after coming indoors. If a suspected reaction to insect repellents occurs, wash treated skin and call your physician.

The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that DEET-based repellents can be used on children as young as two months of age. Generally, the AAP recommends concentrations of 30 percent or less.

Avoid applying repellents to portions of childrens' hands that are likely to have contact with eyes or mouth. Pregnant and nursing women should minimize the use of repellents.

We will be posting detailed progress reports on mosquito control activities throughout the summer on the Town of Rye web site (www.town.rye.nh.us).

Rye Mosquito Control Commission Tom Aspinwall, Chair Ted Merritt Charles Moore



Reminder: If you do not want your property to be sprayed, submit the No-Spray request on page 14.

Attend the Rye Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

On May 31 at 9 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony, which will begin with a parade from the Veterans Monument to the Central Cemetery. Participating in the parade will be pipers and drummers from The New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Jr. High Marching Band, the Rye Police and Fire Departments, the Winnacunnet Marine ROTC Color Guard, veterans, the Girl and Boy Scouts, horses, and vintage fire department trucks.

The Guest Speaker is Captain Mike Edgar USN (Ret.) of Hampton. Music will be provided by Karrie Burnett and the Rye Band. 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.

All veterans are invited to 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.

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.

White Birch at Rye

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drafted and adopted by the Rye residents, which is "SECTION 401 RETIRE-MENT COMMUNITY DEVELOP-MENTS (RCD'S)" (Adopted 2006).

The Housing Partnership found land suitable on the site owned by John Rickert next to the Skateboard Park. A four-lot subdivision was planned, with one parcel to be sold to the Rye Conservation Commission, one parcel to be for the RCD, and Mr. Rickert to retain two of the other lots. The subdivision and RCD took several months of hearings and revisions before the Rye Planning Board and eventually, the plans were agreed on by the board(s), applicant, and public. During that time, there were many site walks and Zon-



Susan Labrie, Mel Low, Marty Chapman, and Kim Reed

ing Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board hearings to work out the many details that were associated with the division of the land and the construction of the 22 units and club house. This process lead to some changes to the Zoning Ordinance of 2006, and the final approvals were issued in December 2007 and February 2008 for Rye's first Retirement Community Development.

The reasons for the delay from the date of the approvals and the ground-breaking were due to the economy and the Housing Partnership's running into troubles with financing. After a long journey, they purchased the land from Mr. Rickert and on Thursday, May 6, 2010, held their ground-breaking ceremony. They hope to have White Birch at Rye units completed by late fall, 2010. If you are interested in learning more about this project and

Planning Board Explains Missions, Seeks New Alternate Members

The April showers that bring May flowers are arriving in March as of late. Rivers and streams can overflow and poorly drained areas can collect water. To make sure that this does not occur with new developments, the Planning Board reviews drainage studies submitted with larger development proposals. For example, one important point is the amount of impermeable surface (such as a parking lot where the water is not absorbed) versus amount of soil on a site. When the Planning Board asks questions about drainage for a site plan, it is not to burden an applicant with difficult questions, but out of a genuine concern that the project proposal may affect water flow and potentially impact abutters or the project itself. This is only one facet of the Planning Board review process.

The mission of the Planning Board is to assist applicants who have commercial and residential development projects in meeting the zoning ordinances and land use regulations. Subcommittees of the Planning Board include Technical Review, Long-Range Planning, and Rules and Regulations. The Technical Review Subcommittee meets monthly and reviews all plans for completeness and compliance to regulations. The Long-Range Planning Committee periodically updates the Master Plan while Rules and Regulations updates the Rules of Procedure, Zoning Ordinances, and other related regulations.

A good example of the type of work done by the Planning Board is the 22-unit Retirement Community Development (RCD) under construction on Airfield Drive, which is lo-

how to get on the waiting list, please contact Marty Chapman, Director of Real Estate for the Housing Partnership at marty@housingpartnership.org cated off of Lafayette Road/Route 1. The town voted in favor of the RCD zoning ordinance and this clustered housing model was used to guide the development site plan. The ground-breaking for "White Birch at Rye," an affordable retirement community was held on May 6. Those Rye residents 62 or older who would like to remain in Rye in an affordable setting should contact the Housing Partnership in Portsmouth.

The Planning Board wishes to thank Don Cavallaro for his years of hard work as Chair. Everyone has appreciated his quiet leadership and thorough guidance.

We welcome Tom McCormick, who will be taking Mark Galvin's position for the remainder of the year. Mr. Galvin recently resigned from the Planning Board and we will miss his experience and contributions.

The Planning Board has opportunities for five alternate members. The Planning Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. The members are from diverse backgrounds and experience, but we all share in our dedication to Rye. An alternate is an excellent start if you wish to contribute to Town activities.

Jaci Grote, Chair, Planning Board

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.

Rye Town Beaches Officially Open on Saturday, June 19

We have survived not such a bad winter and now summer is almost upon us. Hopefully this coming summer won't bring the endless rain that we experienced early last summer. As summer approaches many of you will be making plans for a little fun in the sun on Rye's beautiful beaches. I feel that more and more folks are catching on to the fact that our town has eight miles of the most beautiful beaches in the State. The beaches are becoming more crowded each year and our resources are being stretched thin. By adhering to a few basic rules, everyone will have a more enjoyable visit to the beach.

Here are a few tips and reminders for a successful day at the beach:

Trash—Always take your trash home with you when you leave the beach! Rye beaches are strictly "Carryin/Carry-out".

Dogs—Dogs are prohibited from town beaches from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. beginning the Saturday before Memorial Day and ending the Saturday after Labor Day. Dog waste must be picked

up immediately, placed in a plastic bag or other disposable container, and removed from the beach for a trip home for proper disposal.

Surfers—Always surf in control and in the conditions that you can safely handle. Stay in the designated surfing areas and always use a leash with your board.

Swimmers—We are lucky to have some the best swimming beaches on the NH coast. Always remember that conditions can change in a matter of seconds. Be aware of rip currents, which are powerful, channeled currents of water flowing away from shore.

Important—Always comply with directions from lifeguards. Their mission is to keep our beaches a safe place for everyone. If there is no lifeguard on duty, you are swimming at your own risk.

Alcohol—No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the beaches or in any parking lots on the easterly side of Ocean Boulevard at any time.

Town beach Parking—From May 1 to October 1, there are areas of parking by town permit only. The Town Clerk will provide you with a list of these areas when you obtain your parking permit. Please follow posted signs and do not park on the traveled portion of any roadway. Town beaches and parking lots are closed from midnight to sunrise.

A staff of certified, experienced lifeguards will be at their posts on Sawyers Beach, Cable Road (Ext.), and Wallis Road Ext. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from June 19 through Labor Day.

Collin Drake, who served with distinction as a Rye lifeguard in last year, has been hired as the Beachfront Director/ Lifeguard Supervisor this summer.

Collin, the Beach Commission, the Rye Fire Department, and the lifeguard staff will all work together this summer to ensure safe and happy days at the beach for everyone!

> Peter E. Kane Rye Beach Commissioner



Rye Safe Routes to School

The committee for the Bike Rodeo; Rye Recreation, Police, Fire, and SRTS would like to thank everyone for assisting us in coordinating efforts for the third annual bike rodeo. Unfortunately, Mother Nature won this round and the rodeo had to be cancelled due to the rains and threat of thunder showers. The team is considering rescheduling and at this time, there is no date set, it may be either in June or in the fall. We will notify everyone of the date and time.

When the weather is nice, walkers and bikers of all ages should take to the roads. Officer Scott Blaisdell and Firefighter Chuck Gallant had a reminder for the kids at Rye Elementary School







on Friday, May 9, on the rules of the road and bicycle safety. They reminded the Kindergartners and First Graders of the importance of helmets, which side of the road to ride on, and the proper hand signals. For more information on bicycle safety, please contact officer Blaisdell at the Rye Police Station.

Rye School Board member Michael Schwartz is working with the Rye Jr. High on coordinating the painting of the stencils with the new logo from the Jr. High to the Elementary School. If you would like to assist with that effort, please contact Michael Schwartz at michaelschwartz@usa.net.

The date has been set for the next International Walk to School Day. It is Wednesday, October 6, 2010! Mark your calendars and enjoy the spring and summer.

If you are interested in finding out more about SRTS visit: SRTS Web site: http://www.nh.gov/dot/bureaus/pla nning/SRTS_home.htm

RYE ART IN BLOOM 2010



"Moonshine and Shadows" by Jean Hazelton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jean Hazelton

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and Rye Art Study Group recently held the 10th annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 30 selected works of art interpreted in flower arrangements. Music performed by Ray DeMarco.

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

- "A Ray of Sunshine on a Grey Day" by Priscilla Patrick, Watercolor;
 - Flower Arranger: Priscilla Patrick
- "Afternoon Tea" by Dorine Gross, Hand Colored Lithograph; Flower Arranger: Kathryn Job
- 3. "Blue Chair" by Julie Hyde, Watercolor;
 - Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde
- "Blue Elbe" by Terri Donsker, Photography;
 Flower Arranger: Sarah Oliver
- 5. "Downtown Portsmouth" by Maddi Alana, Watercolor;
 - Flower Arranger: Becca Dixon
- "Faultline" by Andrew Richmond, Assemblage/Collage; Flower Arranger: Janice Ireland
- 7. "Fishing Shack" by Anne Newell, Watercolor;
- Flower Arranger: Janet Brown 8. "Forest in Winter" by Doris Rice,
 - Flower Arranger: Kim Devlin-Brytz
- 9. "High Point, Star Island" by Priscilla Jenness,

Monotype;

Oil;

Flower Arranger: Pricilla Jenness

- 10. "Lily Pond" by Linda Szabo, Watercolor;
 - Flower Arranger: Marjorie Smith
- "Marshall Point Light"
 by Carol Rodenberg,
 Watercolor;
 Flower Arranger: Carol Cortina
- 12. "Monhegan Doorway" by Elizabeth Boynton, Watercolor;
 - Flower Arranger: Susan Oliver Whitney
- 13. "Moonshine and Shadows" by Jean Hazelton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jean Hazelton
- 14. "Mute Swan" By Robert Mitchell, Wood;
 - Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray
- 15. "Native American" by Angelo Sinisi, Mild Steel;
 - Flower Arranger: Joan Sinisi
- "Paddle Boat Dining" by Muriel Cummings, Oil;
 - Flower Arranger: Kelley Gallant
- 17. "Pear and Apple"by Joan Sweeney,Watercolor;Flower Arranger: Ellen Simmonds
- 18. "Rye Beach" by Sal Allocco, Watercolor;
 - Flower Arranger: Sal Allocco
- 19. "Rye Sunrise" by Carole Schleiter, Oil;
 - Flower Arranger: Donna Bowlen
- 20. "Springtime" by Betty Carlsen, Watercolor;

- Flower Arranger: Nancy Dannecker
- 21. "Springtime in the Hamptons" by Carole Chanasyk, Watercolor; Flower Arrangers: Jillian Cauthorn and Katelyn Kern
- 22. "Stormy Sailing" by Priscilla Lane Brown, Watercolor;
- Flower Arranger: Priscilla Lane Brown 23. "Streams in the Desert"
- by Lynn Joslyn,
 Watercolor;
- Flower Arranger: Jane Jensen
- 24. "String with Bruce" by Marianne Forman, Oil;
 - Flower Arranger: Ernest Johnson
- 25. "Sunset" by Jillian Swist, Pastel;
 - Flower Arranger: Shawna Healy
- 26. "Sunset at Great Bay" by Jean Leopold, Pastel;
 - Flower Arranger: Nancy Littlefield
- 27. "Sunset over Water" by Jodi Adams, Quilted Art;
 - Flower Arranger: Carol Moore
- 28. "The Sentinel" by Barbara Ripley, Oil;
- Flower Arranger: Jane Holway 29. "Through My Window"
- by Claire Russo, Fabric Painting; Flower Arranger: Karen Johnson
- 30. "Two up a Tree" by Ann Tolson, Acrylic;
 - Flower Arranger: Suzie Hamblett

Summer Happenings at the Rye Public Library

Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Road Rye, NH 03870 • 603-964-8401 • www.ryepubliclibrary.org

The Rye Public Library will celebrate this year's National Library Summer Reading Program theme: *Make a Splash—Read* throughout the Summer. Join us for children's and adult programming to celebrate Summer Reading. We'll have performers, authors, musical events, contests, prizes, and more to help us *Make a Splash* for Reading! The Town of Rye couldn't be better situated for a celebration of water in the Summer time. You'll find beach reading, Internet access, museum passes, local and regional information and much more inside our doors and through our website. While our Youth Department *Makes a Splash for Reading*, adults can *Catch the Wave of Reading* with their own contests, prizes and events. Join us at Rye Public Library for a Summer of fun!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Volunteers invited to help with the Children's Garden here at Rye Public Library. Our Children's Garden celebrates its third year in 2010. Adjacent to the Children's room of the Library, the garden area supports our Children's Garden Club, teaching kids about their environment and the natural world. The Garden plan was developed using grant monies received from the Rye Driftwood Garden Club. Their continued support has sustained the project over its lifetime. We've already made some great strides in 2010, with the garden area becoming registered as a Monarch Butterfly Way Station, and all Library lawn treatments going organic. Now we need interested volunteers to help with some of the other plans we have for the garden this year! We'll be making paths, composting, planting, mulching and more. Please contact Andy at the Library for more information. Thanks!

Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join this lively discussion group!

Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

....going with our "water" theme for the Summer Reading Program:

6/15 North River by Pete Hamill

7/20 The House at Sugar Beach: In Search of a Lost African Childhood by Helene Cooper

8/17 That Old Cape Magic by Richard Russo

Job Networking Meetings

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

Wentworth Health Clinic

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 1-3 p.m.

Military Book Discussions

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Knitting with Pam (while **Mary** is sailing to Celia Thaxter's garden over the summer)

By the fireplace at 10 a.m. every Thursday.

Monday afternoon senior visits to the library with pick up by the Rye Senior SERVE van. Please call the library if interested in joining the group! 2 p.m., each Monday through August.

Sponsored by Friends of the Rye Public Library.

Writers of the on-line publication RYE REFLECTIONS meet at the Library on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Editor Jack Driscoll extends an invitation to others who may be interested in being part of this group.

Discounted Museum Passes: Borrow our passes for reduced or free entry to the following:

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Museum of Science, Boston Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Museum of Art, Portland, Maine

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Childrens Museum, Dover

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

Historical New England

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. New members welcome!

Summer programs at Rye Public Library include:

• Thursday, 6/10, 7–8 p.m.

"Sketchbooks of John Samuel Blunt" Deb Child, Author. Cosponsored with the Rye Historical Society.

• Tuesday, 7/13, 7–8 p.m.

"The Wreck of the Lizzie Carr" Dr. David Switzer, Plymouth State University. *Presented through a grant by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, Cosponsored with the Rye Historical Society.*

• Wednesday, 7/14, 2–3 p.m.

"The Adventures of Creekman Gary Sredzienski, musician and Isles of Shoals Swimmer.

• Thursday, 8/12 7–8 p.m.

"Coldwater Crossing" David Faxon, Author. Discussion of the Smuttynose murders on the Isles of Shoals.

ART EXHIBITS—Currently showing:

- Garden Art—Art display upstairs through July
- Rye Public Library Art Committee "Art in Bloom" Exhibit currently in the Community Meeting Room, downstairs, through August.

Summer Happenings at the Rye Public Library

COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 4 p.m..

Ongoing computer classes include Computer Basics Parts 1&2, Internet Basics, E-mail Basics, Free Software and Services on the Web, Downloadable Audiobooks, Finding Newspaper and Magazine Articles, Create Your Own Website Using Free Tools, Word Processing Basics, Spreadsheet Basics, and More! Tell us what you're interested in by completing a survey at http://www.ryepubliclibrary.org/computer-class-survey.html

Registration: Hands-on classes are limited to six participants and will be open for registration by phone or in person. Lecture classes are open to all and no registration is required. Please check our website for schedules and complete descriptions. Remember, you can always make arrangements for individual tutoring, too!

Summer Youth Department Programs

"Make a Splash" — Call to sign up for program: 964-8401.

All programs subject to change; please check our website for updated information: ryepubliclibrary.org

• Summer Reading Program Kick-Off! June 29 at 6 p.m.

Don't miss Toe Jam Puppet Band. This is one night you will never forget—laughs, music, challenges, puppets, these guys have it all! Sign up is REQUIRED, so call now!

• Save Your Tuesday Nights for the Library! All Shows at 6 p.m. unless noted.)

June 6: Annual Outdoor Pet show / June 20: Puppet Making Workshop with the Famous Martha Dana, 5:30 p.m. / July 27: Wildlife Encounters—Large Reptile Show **AT Rye Junior High Gym, 5:30 p.m. / August 3: Eighth Annual Talent Show / Closing Party with Incredible Magician Norman Ng. These shows require that you sign up, so call right away—we're ready to add your name to the light.

• Crafts and Trivia daily!

Each week a new craft will be offered, and you can win prizes when you answer the trivia questions!

• Lego Mania Mondays 3-4 p.m.

We can't get enough Legos! This year 'round program continues this summer on Mondays. Join us for fun Lego challenges!

- Gary Sredzienski —Accordianist July, 2–3:30 p.m. You have to see it to believe it! This show is great fun for the whole family.
- Guessing Jar—Back by Popular Demand! Begins July 19; Winner announced July 26.

Yup, we have the famous guessing jar back this summer! What do you win? Well, whatever's in the jar, of course! Everyone can take a guess.

• Whale Week! July 27, 28, 29 at 3 p.m.

Make a fun papier mache whale with Andy on Tuesday, paint it on Wednesday, and see a special "Seacoast Science Center Whale" presentation on Thursday. Great fun!

• Thursday Family Movies: July 1—August 5. Please note: no movie will be shown on July 29.

Please join us for these family friendly movies all summer—get in out of the heat! All movies will revolve around our water theme. Shows begin at 3:15 p.m.

- Read To Hank: Canine-Assisted Reading. Alternate Thursdays and Fridays beginning July 2, 10 a.m. Improve your child's reading level for the fall by practicing reading with Hank, our beloved Black Labrador Retriever. Each session is 15 minutes long. Sign-up required.
- Carol and Crew Puppet Show: Wednesday, July 21, time TBA.

Carol Sanborn will delight patrons with her fantastic puppet show—don't miss it!

- Garden Club with Pat Ritter: June 13, 3:30 5 p.m. Pat Ritter of Nature's Wonder continues offering her time and energy to work with families in our beautiful children's garden. Projects include building a sunflower house, among others! Sign up is required.
- **Story Time for Preschool-Aged Children:** Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Please join Margaret, Lisa, and Puppeteer Pat Spalding for story time! These engaging story times include finger plays, songs, stories, a craft, and FUN!! No sign-up is required.

• Story Time with Lisa for Preschool-Aged Children: Wednesdays at the Farmer's Market 3 –3:30. Garden related stories as well as new picture books will b

Garden related stories as well as new picture books will be read—you shop, your children can have a fun story time! No sign-up is required.

• Teen and Youth Knitting with Pam Anthony: July 9, 23, and August 6.

Make a fun project of your own like a snazzy case for your electronics, or maybe you have a more ambitious project in mind? Pam Anthony will be on hand to help. No sign-up required—just drop in!

• **Read 'n Bead with Lisa:** Fridays, July 2–August 6 from 1:30–3.

Grades 5 - 12: Join Lisa to make fun beaded jewelry while "listening" to a book that we choose together. Sign-up required.

From the Rye Energy Committee: HONOR YOUR HOME: small steps matter

What better way to honor your home and our home, the earth, than to tighten up where you live. Once again area artists will be painting in Rye during the summer months and into early September. This time they will be painting a portrait of your home, or new storm door or beautifully chalked windows.

The art work will be exhibited at the Seacoast Science Center November 12–December 16. Proceeds will go to support the SSC, the REC, and the area artists. We believe that art transforms behavior. Small steps matter.

It's easy to participate. We are inviting Rye residents to take three actions to button up their homes. A great first action would be to take the NE Carbon Challenge at necarbonchallenge.org.

The first Saturday of each month, starting in May and running through September, the Seacoast Science Center in collaboration with the Rye Energy Committee will be running programs aimed at helping you take these actions, from hearing how other home owners tightened up their homes, to lectures on local and sustainable foods. Here's another chance to reduce your carbon footprint and honor where you live, your home and the earth.

If you wish to participate please con-

Report of the Rye Sewer Department

Town of Hampton Intermunicipal Agreement

At this year's Hampton Town Meeting the townspeople voted favorably to rescind the non-renewal direction of last year's article and instead authorized the Board of Selectmen to renew the Town of Hampton and the Town of Rye 1989 Inter-municipal Agreement regarding treatment and disposal of wastewater for an additional five years after November 17, 2014 on the same terms. This has alleviated concerns regarding identifying a new solution to the treatment and disposal of Rye's wastewater.

Grease Wars

Fats, oils. and grease (FOG) can cause serious problems in the sewer system. FOG sticks to the walls of the pipes when put down the drain. It is problematic because it solidifies, reduces capacity and blocks flow. The EPA has identified that grease from restaurants, homes, and industrial sources are the most common cause of reported sewer

tact Mimi White at 964-6586 or email at mimiwhite@earthlink.net

This project is collaboration with The Rye Energy Committee, the Seacoast Science Center, and Clean Air Cool Planet. blockages and overflows.

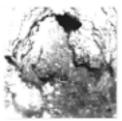
Keeping FOG from going down the drain prevents sewer overflows and blockages, which can impact public health and the environment, and can result in expensive clean-up cost, unpleasant damage, fines, and unnecessary sewer maintenance that can result in sewer rate increases.

Special requirements for the handling of grease is addressed in the Town of Rye Sewer Use Ordinance. For more information on the proper disposal of FOG, contact the Rye Sewer Department at 964-6815.

Rye Sewer Commissioners



Clean pipe



Grease clogged pipe

2010 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 2010

Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 You may also call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523

| NAME_ | PHONE |
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| PROPERTY ADDRESS_ | |

Library Trustees, first Thursday of the month 5:30 pm at the Library

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 Additional Civic Meetings:

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| 13 | 14 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen Flag Day | 15 | 16 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High | 17 7 pm Conservation Commission | 18 | 19 |
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Rye Senior SERVE Asks: Can You Volunteer?

Rye Senior SERVE continues to provide weekly trips to the grocery store and bank. We respond to requests for trips to the doctor and can provide limited hairdressing service to housebound seniors. But, there are other needs and requests we would like to meet: a variety of light housekeeping chores, a friendly visit with someone who is home alone.

Can you help? Can you spare an hour or two a week? If you have questions about volunteering, or if you would like to take advantage of our services, please call 964-1728.

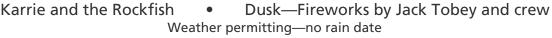
> Thank you, Margaret Carroll Rye Senior S.E.R.V.E

The Rye Farmers Market opens for its second season on Wednesday, June 30.

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 2:30 to 5:30.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION







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