

Town of Rye Newsletter



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Rye Farmers' Market



The Rye Summer Farmers' Markets continue to be popular events. The diversity of the markets has been very well received, from lamb, beef, and farm fresh vegetables to cupcakes and waffle lollys to the artists and craftspeople. Members of our Rye Group, including "historian farmers" Mel Low and Herb Drake, Rye Bakers, and Rye eggs, are virtually selling out weekly. The market continues every Wednesday, 2:30-5:30 p.m. through September 28.

> Susan Anderson Rye Energy Committee

Lifeguards' Lives Are Busy Ones

The Town of Rye Lifeguards have been hard at work this summer helping all of us enjoy the beach and the The lifeguards (Supervisor ocean. Collin Drake, Katlyn Alix, Josh Blake, Grace Borches, John Mitchell, Sarah Mitchell, Greg Molloy, Tim Sanborn, Jeff Theodopoulos, and Jane Tighe) are a tightly knit group that work very well together. The beaches were well prepared before opening by Dennis McCarthy, the DPW Director, and his crew, who repaired the storage facilities and lifeguard chairs. The chairs have been reconfigured this year to allow

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Selectmen Pursue Busy Schedule as Usual

You Came Through ... Again

In the June issue of this newsletter, we put out a call for volunteers to serve on the first Rye Heritage Commission, which was established by affirmative vote of Article 18 on the March 2011 ballot. In typical fashion, Rye citizens responded and we are pleased to announce the composition of the newly appointed Rye Heritage Commission as follows: Mae Bradshaw, a three-year term; Jane Holway, two years; Richard F. Davis, one year and Sara K. Hall, one year. What will be come three-year terms must be staggered initially and were assigned in keeping with the order of receipt of each applicant's letter of interest. Priscilla Jenness will serve as selectmen's representative, a one-year term. Alex Herlihy was appointed to a three-year term as an alternate, and one open alternate seat is still

Town Clerk Discusses Next Year's Four Elections

Now that summer is almost over, I want to remind you that Beach Parking Permits will still be required until Saturday, September 10. Beginning on Sunday, September 11, dogs will again be permitted on the town's beaches during the day. Be sure to clean up after your dogs; it's the law. For those of you who are waiting to ride your horses along the beach, you'll have to wait until October 1st to do so.

We expect the new tax rate to be set sometime later in September or October. Tax bills should be mailed by the end of October and will be due on December 1st. Again this year, you will have ability to pay your tax and sewer bills directly from the town's website (www.town.rye.nh.us). Similar to doing your car registrations online, you will provide your bank routing number and your checking account

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available.

In keeping with the Heritage RSA, once membership of the Heritage Commission was complete, memberships on our existing Demolition Review Committee automatically expired. A new Demolition Review Committee was then formed composed of three members who must be members of the Heritage Commission plus two alternates who need not be Heritage Commission members. The Demolition Review Committee is now as follows: Mae Bradshaw, three years; Jane Holway, two years; Richard Davis, one year plus alternates Alex Herlihy, three years and Bob Brown, two years.

Capital Improvements Planning

The Rye, New Hampshire Capital Improvements Plan 2011–2016, chaired by Martin Klenke and presented to the Rye Board of Selectmen 11/23/2010 was well received and has become a valuable town-wide reference and planning tool since that date. Although advisory only, the CIP documents a "snapshot in time" regarding *See Selectmen's Message , page 2*

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the status of items that require capital outlay in excess of \$10,000, which enables better planning over time.

Generally, CIPs are rewritten on a six-year cycle and require a tremendous amount of both time and effort. That said, within any given cycle it is of great value to update the data on an annual basis as proposed purchases are made, postponed, substituted, deleted, or otherwise adjusted to adapt to changing department needs and the economy.

Since 2010, the CIP committee membership has undergone some changes. Fortunately, once again, residents have volunteered to assist in the conduct of Town business. Our Capital Improvements Plan Committee is now as follows: Tom McCormick, representing the Planning Board, and Ned Paul, Budget Committee member, have been appointed to join continuing members Ray Jarvis (Budget Committee), Martin Zivic (former Planning Board member), and Jeanne Moynahan (School Board), along with Martin Klenke (former CIP chairman) who has agreed to stay on one year.

Mosquito Control Commission

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Helfrich to the Mosquito Control Commission to complete the term of Tom Aspinwall, who resigned as of May first. Brian will join Ted Merritt and Charles Moore on the Commission. We are grateful to Tom Aspinwall for his many years of service.

Search for a New Building Inspector

The resignation of Building Inspector Susan Labrie was received in mid-June. We thank Susan for her decade of service to the Town of Rye. Due to the relatively short notice involved, we were fortunate to employ retired Newington building inspector Charlie Smart on a part-time interim basis while a search was initiated for Susan's replacement. The position of building inspector is vital to maintenance of the Town's building codes and related enforcement issues. Filling the position in a timely manner is imperative to prevent hardship for homeowners and others with ongoing or impending projects; also routine business and enforcement cannot be put on hold without serious problems resulting. The position was posted internally, in the newspapers, on our website and with the New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts Municipal Associations, including their websites. The application period closed on July 20, 2011. During that time, 54 applications were received.

A resolution from a "working group" of the Rye Civic League came before our July 11 BOS meeting. It outlined the composition of a review committee to go through the applications for building inspector and offer advice while stating that no one currently employed by the town should serve on the committee. No mention was made of the need to have members of this committee knowledgeable concerning the demands of the job, which include interpretation and enforcement of local, State, and Federal laws, codes and regulations pertaining to zoning, building, and land use.

Meanwhile, our selection process was moving forward in accordance with RSA 41:8, which empowers the Board of Selectmen to appoint new officials. In the past, this process has often included individuals with knowledge of the responsibilities of the vacated position who have been invited to join an internal core committee in order to narrow the initial field of candidates and participate in the interviews.

A revised resolution from the Civic League was on the BOS August 8 agenda continuing their request for formation of a team, still without any permanent Town employees, that would seek ways to involve the public in the process. Meanwhile, our selection committee had been formed, consisting of Town Administrator Mike Magnant, Assistant TA Cyndi Gillespie, Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy, and a representative to be assigned by a town land-use board. In addition, Richard Hopley, Chief Building Inspector for the City of Portsmouth Inspection Department, has agreed to assist us in the screening process. The selectmen have also been reading the applications and, in conjunction with the committee, will ultimately conduct interviews and fill the vacancy. We would be remiss in our duties to do otherwise.

We have extraordinary interest in the position by many experienced building inspection officials from New England communities of varying sizes. This is an important addition to the Town's professional staff, and we are fortunate to have generated such interest.

Two Steps Forward—One Step Back

As you know, the Town was awarded an energy block grant in the amount of \$138,052 for a new ground source (geothermal) heating/cooling system for the Town Hall. This grant must be used by March of 2012. During ongoing planning discussions, it has been decided to pursue a hybrid system that would provide full heating and cooling from geothermal sources, while providing conventional additional heat from oil on the very coldest days. The project is challenging because it needs to provide proper service for our existing, old, leaky building, both in the winter and summer, while providing efficient service in the future if and when we decide to rehabilitate the existing structure and provide new energy efficient building space to meet long-term town needs. Engineering is underway to reasonably satisfy both of these conditions.

Simultaneously, in following through with voter approval of Article 14 of the March 2011 ballot, an ad hoc committee was formed to select an architectural/engineering consultant for a structural study of the Town Hall to

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include function and space requirements to meet the long-term needs of the Town, including rehabilitation/expansion options as opposed to new construction. Funding for the study in the amount of \$40,000 was provided in March via voter approval of Article 14.

Gregg Mikolaities, engineer; Joseph Tucker, builder; Paula Merritt, Historic District Commission chair; and Mel Low, Planning Board member, accepted invitations to serve on this committee along with Priscilla Jenness, selectmen's representative, Town Administrator Michael Magnant, Assistant TA/Financial Director Cyndi Gillespie, Planning Director Kim Reed, and Public Works Director Dennis Mc-Carthy. Thirteen firms submitted proposals and three were selected for interviews. At this writing, the three interviews have been conducted and the committee has prioritized the firms in order of preference for presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

Meanwhile, discouraging news was received from the State of New Hampshire in the form of a letter from the NH Retirement System informing us that the State will not be funding its share (25 percent co-pay) of police and fire fighters retirement for the year. The Town is left to cover the deficit which, as of August 11, is estimated at \$18,000. More than halfway through the year with a budget that contains little discretionary spending and no piggy bank, we are now forced to search for something or things that can be postponed until next year. We are hopeful that this latest fiscal challenge from the State will not result in delay of the much needed Town Hall roof repair for which \$50,000 was budgeted in 2011. Whatever is postponed will, in all likelihood, have to be added to the 2012 budget.

Parsons Creek Watershed

Last summer, funded by EPA through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the Parsons Creek Watershed-Based Management Plan was developed by FB Environmental of Portland, Maine. The plan established 14 water quality monitoring sites throughout the 2.3 square miles of the Parsons Creek ecosystem and compiled data on bacteria concentrations at those locations.

Additional funds are now required to determine the specific sources of high bacteria concentration and determine remediation measures. A grant application was submitted for this purpose prior to the July deadline with emphasis on seeking failed septic systems.

Assessing Errors/Resolving the Problem

You will recall that following the second tax billing of 2010, a flurry of calls from concerned property owners alerted us immediately that something was amiss. We notified the Department of Revenue Administration at once and instructed all taxpayers not to pay their taxes until a new second billing was issued.

It was discovered that the wrong land computer code had been inadvertently applied to 160 properties which resulted in excessive tax bills and, simultaneously, a \$20 million reduction in the tax base.

The Town has been working with DRA since that time to resolve the situation and prevent a recurrence. In July, the DRA presented us with a summary of property assessment issues to be addressed. While DRA recommends that the town update values in 2012, they also indicated that, "because the town has been proactively re-measuring properties on a cyclical basis, a 'complete reassessment' is unnecessary. Rather, a statistical update with a thorough field and neighborhood review and informal hearing should be sufficient." That will be a topic to be addressed town-wide in 2012.

Use 'em or Lose 'em

Use them or lose them could well be the warning regarding public access points to our Rye beaches. Private encroachment and court cases in the past have eroded the number of public access points, and the history of those remaining had never been documented and catalogued until this past spring when Planning Director Kim Reed was tasked with the assignment.

Kim has researched every public beach access point from Bass Beach at the North Hampton line to Wallis Sands to our north. These diverse public access points to the ocean range from wagon paths used by Rye farmers to obtain seaweed for fertilizer during the 18th to 20th centuries to the "alphabet streets" that were part of the Myrica by the Sea development of the 1960s established to ensure beach access for lot owners and residents on the west side of Ocean Boulevard.

As a result of Kim's research, we are in the process of updating and coordinating signage for these beach access points. For your information and possible use, a pamphlet will be developed noting the location of each of our coastal access points as they belong to all of us. It is important for future generations that they remain open.

Ending on a Bright Note

It was literally down to the wire in the NH Legislature before a new education funding formula that eliminates Donor Towns and keeps communities at the same level of State funding for education in FY12 was agreed upon. Also in the legislation, in FY13 no community can receive more than 105.5% of the previous year's total grant.

Without this agreement among House and Senate negotiators on June 16, the current formula would have gone into full effect as scheduled on July first. On that date Donor towns would have returned and Rye would have been obligated to send \$1,426,201 to Concord.

As the dust settles in Concord, the fact remains that only a Constitutional Amendment will allow the State to target aid to communities that are truly in need.

In Closing

On behalf of the community, we wish to thank Jim Cullen for once again See Selectmen's Message, page 4

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only one guard in them, so as not have two guards in the chair, which invites distraction.

The year began with the orientation held at the Safety Building in Rye with all of the lifeguards. Chairman of the Beach Commission Michael Labrie and Beach Commissioner Peter Kane took the guards through the handbook, discussing the expectations for performance and how to best work with the public.

Fire Chief William Sullivan and Lieutenant Chuck Gallant led the next phase, which included communications and the reporting relationship to the Fire Department. (The lifeguards have been issued radios so they can be in immediate contact with the Fire Department.) The Lifeguards began reporting to the Fire Department a few years ago and each year this has brought increased professionalism to the guards and brought the Fire Department closer to the issues that the guards face on a day-to-day basis. The Beach Commissioners and Fire Department also spent a good deal of time on areas where improvement was expected for the 2011 season. Timeliness, attention to the tasks, scheduling, and responsibility to the public were stressed and well understood by the guards.

Every day the lifeguards have a workout to maintain their fitness, which consists of running and swimming and some simulated drills. At 9:45 a.m. there is a briefing between the Fire Department, usually Lieutenant Gallant, and the guards. The Lieutenant passes along any feedback that he gets from beachgoers, as well as any other criticism that may come to his attention. This briefing has turned out to be the best way to provide constructive feedback to Collin and the team.

Thankfully the summer has been uneventful. The surf has been rather calm, the water has been warm and clean and the beachgoers have been great. One thing obvious to any beachgoer is the popularity of the Stand Up Surfboards (SUPs) that now are in use

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conducting the Memorial Day services. Thanks also to all who participated. This observance has grown with each annual gathering as we honor those who have served our country.

We also wish to congratulate Librarian Andy Richmond, his staff, and the Trustees of the Rye Library for their well-attended Rye Library Centennial Celebration held on June 22.

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

when there is surf, as well as when the ocean is flat. It appears that the increased use of these has not interfered with the bathers' enjoyment and the guards are able to stay on top of their use.

In addition to being ready to rescue swimmers, the guards are responsible for advising people of the regulations. The major areas for enforcement are no open containers of alcohol on the beach, no dogs during the restricted hours, and surfing only in the designated areas.

The guards assisted in the return of two lost children in separate instances this summer and attended to a live seal on Cable Road beach. Our guards are ever the diplomats, but there are always a few patrons who like to "test" college-age "kids" when being asked to abide by the regulations.

I can tell you from my own experience as an ocean lifeguard (many years ago!) that the guards have engrained a great trait as public safety professionals. When you speak to them on the beach, they do not look at you as they continue to scan the water and beach while talking to you. If you go to the beach, please continue to be courteous to the guards and be as helpful as possible. And remember, when you talk to them they are not being rude, they are being attentive! They are there to en-

Town Clerk's Message

(Continued from page 1) number. We print your checks here in the office and apply your payment. Many of our residents are using this time-saving feature.

Looking ahead, 2012 will be a big year for elections. Voters can look forward to four elections next year, beginning with the Presidential Primary Election. As I write this article, the date for this election has not been set. Because the date is still unknown, the cutoff time to change your political party affiliation is also up in the air. Any voter who is affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic Party may only vote in that party at any primary election. Those voters who are Undeclared may vote in the party of their choice.

After voting, those voters may return to undeclared status by signing a form with the Supervisors of the Checklist on election day or by coming in to our office anytime after the election. I would urge any voter who wishes to change their party affiliation before the Presidential Primary to do so soon by stopping in at our office and completing the proper form. Many voters are disappointed on a primary election day to learn they are unable to vote in the party of their choice because they neglected to change their party affiliation in time.

> Elizabeth M. Yeaton Town Clerk/Tax Collector

sure a safe and enjoyable beach experience for all visitors, as well as to uphold town regulations regarding beach use. The guards have learned about teamwork and communications and appreciate the opportunity to work in Rye very much.

Finally, some of the guards are performing their own triathlon on Tuesday, August 23. A few of them are using their day off to do a swim from the Wallis Sands extension to Sawyers (a 3.5-mile open-ocean swim), then run back to Wallis, and then finally bike back to Sawyers! Care to join them?

Ed Mallen, Secretary Rye Beach Commission

The Goss Farm End-of-Summer Update

There has been a good deal of progress over the summer on many projects being undertaken to prepare the Goss Farm to be available for productive farming in the near future. A one-acre parcel has been identified to accommodate a farmer that may represent a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) endeavor.

Through our partnership with local resident Mel Low, we hope to qualify for cost-share conservation practices through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for one to two "high tunnels" (which function as green houses and appreciably extend the growing season). Mel has planted a high yielding and delicious crop of potatoes on the Goss Farm property and is well on his way to achieving the \$1000.00 growing requirement for these cost-share dollars. Mel is selling this first crop harvested from the Goss Farm at our local farmers market on Wednesdays.

Supporting our town's community farm is just one more reason to visit the Rye Farmers Market!

We now have water on the farm, thanks to Roger Philbrick. A water line was installed and now has been extended another 200 feet near the middle of the two areas already turned. The availability of water onsite will make the community plots that we hope to have available for Rye residents much more productive.

Holway Electric of Rye has agreed to donate electrical hookup to the farm when appropriate.

The Goss Farm, under the auspices of the Rye Conservation Commission, qualifies as a tax-exempt organization. As such, donations of services, money, and materials may be tax deductible. The Rye Conservation Commission intends to apply for another LCHIP grant for the restoration of the barn this fall. At first review, we may need as much as \$40,000 for the required match to see this historic barn restored for future use. Anyone interested in donating, please contact me or email: thegossfarm@gmail.com and we will assist with required paperwork through the town. The barn is now listed in the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places, which is quite an accomplishment!

Over the summer a portion of the farmland was turned, and cover crops planted to enrich the soil and inhibit the abundant invasive plants on the property. There is interest from a couple of residents looking into housing beehives on the property, and we hope to include planting pollinator plants for them.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have come out to participate in our Volunteer Days. We will post upcoming dates for farm volunteer opportunities on the town web site and at the town recycling center, post office, and town hall, likely on Saturdays in September and October. We are grateful for the support that we continue to receive from the town staff, town organizations, and townspeople of Rye.

See you on the farm,

Sally King Rye Conservation Commission

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The Rye Conservation Commission, in conjunction with the Natural Conservation Service Recourse (NRCS) and Rockingham Conservation District will continue the phragmites eradication at the Marsh Road Marsh, Wallis Marsh, and Awcomin Marsh. This will be a two-phase process with the cutting of phragmites below 24 inches, bailing, and storing in the abutting upland edge until removal to the permitted site. The next phase will be chemical treatment of the cut area, which will reduce growth.

This fall with assistance of Kim Reed and the Junior High School we

Assessing Department News

Where did the summer go? This has been a very busy year so far. The abatements and building permits are finally wrapped up. Cyclical review work is ongoing and will continue for the next few months. I have been to nearly 200 homes so far and have met with many of you. For those of you not home during my first visit, I will be returning for a second attempt soon. I have left my card when no one was home. Please call our office at 964-5523 to schedule an interior inspection if you should find one of my cards.

We have also completed our review of solar power exemptions this summer. We are required by state law to review all exemptions and credits at least once every five years.

The new tax rate will be set by the NH Department of Revenue. Tax bills should be mailed by the end of October and will be due on December 1. If you think you may qualify for an elderly exemption or veteran's credit, call or stop into our office and we can assist you with the forms. You must do so prior to April 15, 2012.

We hope you all have had a safe and enjoyable summer. If you have any questions please call us and we will be happy to assist you.

> Norm LeBlond, Contract Assessor Joanne Drewniak, Assessing Technician

plan to work in the Town Forest, Seavey Acres, Marden Woods, and other town-owned land to clean trails and have them properly marked. Maps will then be available in the Town Hall.

> Jim Raynes Chairman, Conservation Commission

MOSQUITOES... SO FAR, SO GOOD!

With a few exceptions, it has been another good season for mosquito control in Rye. Resident complaints about nuisance, or biting, mosquitoes have been limited to only one or two hot spots this summer. We attribute this lower mosquito population to increased efforts surveying for and treating larvae in the salt marshes before they mature and become airborne.

According to reports from The NH Department of Health and Human Services in Concord, through early August, there was one positive test result for West Nile Virus in the Nashua area and no positive results for Eastern Equine Encephalitis statewide.

Dragon Mosquito Control has been monitoring and treating the almost 600 catch basins in town and reports that activity is lower than in previous years. Catch basins are breeding grounds for mosquitos that bite birds, not humans, but that are more apt to be WNV and/or EEE vectors.

As always, we encourage residents who have questions or concerns about our mosquito control program, to contact Dragon Mosquito Control at info@dragonmosquito.com and/or the RMCC at ryemosquito @gmail.com.

Marsh management continues to be a long-term priority for the RMCC. On July 13, we conducted a site walk through two salt marshes known for higher-than-normal mosquito problems.

Joining the RMCC on this walk was Geoff Wilson from Northeast Wetland Restoration and Sarah Mac-Gregor and Trevor Abbott from Dragon Mosquito Control. The two areas walked were the Wallis Road (south) marsh and the Recreation Road marsh, also known as Awcomin Marsh. Our purpose for this site walk was to gain a better understanding of these particular marshes



This photo was taken on Mosquito Control Commission site walk through Awcomin Marsh, behind the Recreation Area.

and to explore possible remediation methods to improve mosquito and phragmites (pronounced frag-mahyteez) control. Invasive phragmites, also known as common reeds, create tall, dense stands that degrade wetlands and coastal areas by crowding out native plants and animals. It was observed that few fish were seen in marsh pans (pools), indicating insufficient flow of water, insufficient oxygen, or both.

Northeast Wetland Restoration will make recommendations for improving the conditions of these two marshes, a report which will then be presented to the Rye Conservation Commission for consideration.

We are pleased to announce that resident Brian Helfrich has filled the open position on the RMCC.

Charles Moore Vice Chairman Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Police Department Five Years in the New Public Safety Building

In September, the Police Department will celebrate five years in the new safety complex on Washington Road!

As we continue speeding enforcement, we have placed the speed trailer in many different locations in town and feel it has had an impact on speeders. We have also received a grant to pay overtime costs for extra speed patrols. If you feel there is a speeding issue in your area, please let us know.

We've had good summer weather with **very** busy beaches. Our parking enforcement team has issued many tickets and we have had extra patrols along the beaches to enforce the dog and alcohol rules. As a reminder: Alcohol is not allowed on any of the beaches.

Schools are open now. Please take extra care when passing through the school zones. Our children are very important to us.

Many of you are aware that the Rye Police Department has a website, www.ryepolice.us. Notices and alerts will appear there, as well as special events, such as Trick or Treating times on Halloween (always celebrated on October 30th in Rye!) Please take a moment to look it over and let us know what you would like to see posted there.

The men and women of the Rye Police Department want to thank you all for your support over the years. We hope to serve you for many more years from our headquarters in the Rye Public Safety Building.

> Kevin Walsh Chief of Police

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for news and up-to-date information about the Town,

including meeting notices,

agendas, and minutes.

Hurricane Season on the New Hampshire Seacoast Discussed by Fire Chief

It has been many years since the New England seacoast has experienced a major hurricane. Hurricane Carol in August of 1954 was the last major storm to make a direct hit in this area and inflict serious property damage on the town. It is only a matter of time before we see another "tropical cyclone" strike this area. Right now we are in the middle of hurricane season, which officially ends on November 30 of each year.

Many of us have not experienced such a destructive hurricane during our lifetimes, so we might have the tendency to downplay the significant danger that this type of storm would pose to life and property. Should such an event occur, the seacoast region could expect to see high winds between 75 and 150 mph, severe flooding, and even tornados that are sometimes spawned from the hurricane.

Terms that you should know regarding hurricanes

Watch: Hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours.

Warning: A hurricane is expected to strike within 24 hours.

Storm Surge: A dome of water pushed ashore by hurricane force winds.

Storm Tide: A storm surge combined and a normal tide

Some tips to keep in mind to protect you, your family, and your property

• Stay tuned to radio and TV for weather updates and storm track predictions.

• Shutter or board the windows in your home.

• Secure outdoor objects or bring them inside.

• Stock up on food and water in case you must take shelter in your home.

• Fuel up your car in case an evacuation is ordered. • Turn off utilities at the main valves or switches if instructed by authorities.

If an evacuation is ordered:

Leave at once and head away from the coast. Shelter locations will be provided prior to the evacuation order. If you choose to remain in the path of the storm, we may not be able to get to you and rescue you!

• Follow advised or posted evacuation routes.

• Bring with you sleeping bags, blankets, medications, battery-powered radio, flashlights, spare batteries, cell phone, extra house and car keys, change of clothing for each person, and necessary toiletries.

If you do not evacuate, take the following precautions

• Take refuge on the ground floor in a small central room or hallway.

• Get under a table of similar strong object.

• Keep away from windows and glass doors.

• Close all inside doors.

After the hurricane passes:

• Remain in a secure location until it is safe to leave.

• Do not drive unless necessary.

• Stay away from any downed wires and report them to local public safety officials.

• Stay away from beaches with remaining high surf conditions and other waterways until potential flooding threat has passed.

In the event of a major hurricane, you should not expect electric service or other utilities to be restored for up to a week.

And of course, if you employ a portable generator to supply electric power to your home during and after the storm, make sure that it operated in a safe manner and far enough away from the house so as to avoid

RYE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



OCTOBER 9 12 noon–3 p.m. 555 Washington Road

Rye Police Providing Child I.D. Kits

FREE PIZZA !!!!!

Come experience the Fire Safety Trailer. Learn fire safety tips and procedures.

Meet Your Fire , Police , And Emergency Medical Professionals

Event is held rain or shine. Bring the whole family.

the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning to you and your family. And if generators are not properly wired, they can pose a danger to utility employees working to restore power to your neighborhood.

Hopefully this hurricane season will once again pass by and we will see no threats to the New Hampshire coast, but to be informed and be made aware of the possibilities, is to be safe.

> Chief William H. Sullivan Rye Fire & Rescue

Fall Happenings at the Rye Public Library

Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Road Rye, NH 03870 • 603-964-8401 • www.ryepubliclibrary.org Centennial Fun Continues at Rye Public Library through 2011!

Thanks to everyone who took part in our incredibly successful Centennial Town Fair celebration on June 22! A rainy afternoon couldn't dampen the spirits of the more than 500 people who took part in the fun. Our extraordinary volunteers and performers can take pride in a job very well done! If you haven't seen our video birthday card yet, you can click through our website to watch it on YouTube. We thank the many residents, businesses, and Town employees who took time to recognize the library on film. Our sincere thanks go to our video grapher Martha Lardent for her tireless work on the video project! Copies of the video to own are available at the Library.

Our Fall schedule at the Library will round out 2011's Centennial theme with monthly programs aimed at bringing 1911 to life for our audiences. We'll also hold another public special event for the Centennial in September. Our June 22 event commemorated a day of Library dedication and fanfare in 1911, but the building was not ready for business then. Join us from 3 to 4 p.m. on Friday, September 9, for an Open House to celebrate the day in 1911 when the Rye Public Library opened its doors to the public for the first time! We'll have music and refreshments for all who stop in.

Check out our new weekly events schedule this fall for some 21st Century fun as well—we'll have a weekly gaming series featuring our new X-Box Kinect 360 along with our new Meeting Room projection system and screen! In another new offering, you can now borrow a Telescope from the Library to scan the heavens and contemplate the past, present, and future.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

- 9/22 *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake **Third Thursday** in September only!
- 10/18 The Help by Kathryn Stockett
- 11/15 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Movies and popcorn on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.! Enjoy our new projection system!

- 9/7 Country Strong PG-13 117 min
- 9/14 League of their Own PG 128 min
- 9/21 Inside Job PG-13 120 min
- 9/28 Up PG 96 min
- 10/5 Skin PG-13 107 min
- 10/12 Made in Dagenham R 113 min
- 10/19 Rabbit Hole PG-13 91 min
- 10/26 The Fighter R 116 min
- 11/2 *Dream Girls* PG-13 130 min
- 11/9 The Company Men R 104 min
- 11/16 Jane Eyre PG-13 120 min

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.

Generations Genealogy Club:

First Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL! 9/6, 10/4, 11/1

Wentworth Connections Health Clinic

Fourth Tuesdays from 1- 3 p.m. 9/27, 10/25, 11/22

Military Book Discussions

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

Knitting with Mary

By the fireplace at 10 a.m. every Thursday! All skill levels are welcome to join this welcoming group.

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 pm. First and Third Monday of each month through September. Sponsored by Friends of the Rye Public Library

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

Childrens Museum, Dover • Museum of Fine Arts, Boston • Currier Museum of Art, Manchester • Museum of Science, Boston • Historical New England • Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA • Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston • Seacoast Science Center, Rye • Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston • Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth • Museum of Art, Portland, Maine

Passes 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. Help support the Library, make new friends, and have fun! New members always welcome.

FALL PROGRAMMING 2011 ~ Our Centennial Observation Continues!

Friday, 9/9 from 3-4 p.m.

"Opening Day 1911-Library Open House" Music and birthday cupcakes for our 100th year!

Tuesday, 9/20 at 7–8 p.m.

"Dating Your Rye House" with historian Sandra Rux. Learn when your home was built.

Thursday, 10/6 at 7–8 p.m.

"Isles of Shoals : a Historic Perspective" with historian Ann Beattie. Focus on Isles history!

Thursday, 10/20 at 7-8 p.m.

"1909-1911: The Races to the Poles" with climber and author Ed Webster. Historic adventure!

Fall Happeníngs at the Rye Public Library

Sunday, 11/20 from 1-4 p.m.

"Treasures from the Attic: Rye Antiques Roadshow" with auctioneer Dan Olmstead. Bring your unique items for a historic assessment.

Watch our website for a full schedule of other topical and timely programming to complement the Centennial Programming Series throughout 2011. All programs are free and open to the public!

SUMMER COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library with Technology Librarian Sharon Foster

Unless noted, no pre-registration is required for computer classes. Use our computers or bring your own.

COMPUTER TUTOR–DROP–IN Mondays at 9:30 a.m. *First-come, First-served*

This is your chance to bring in specific computer-related questions you may have, anything from learning how to do a Mail Merge in Microsoft Office to getting individual coaching in moving and copying files and folders or using the mouse and the keyboard.

TECH TALK Tuesdays and Thursdays each week *Tuesday classes are from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday classes are from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m*

Register for a five- part Introduction to Computers series Tuesdays in October!

9/6&9/8 Searching the Web in Depth 9/13 & 9/15 Newspapers & Magazines Online 9/20 & 9/22 Managing Digital Photos 9/27 & 9/29 Genealogy Tools: Heritage Quest & Ancestry Tues. 10/4 Introduction to Computers, Part 1 of 5 (Intro enrollment limited to 4, pre-registration is required) Thurs. 10/6 **Government Information Online** Tues.10/11 Introduction to Computers, Part 2 of 5 Thurs.10/13 Introduction to Microsoft Word Tues. 10/18 Introduction to Computers, Part 3 of 5 Thurs.10/20 Introduction to Microsoft Excel Tues.10/25 Introduction to Computers, Part 4 of 5 Thurs.10/27 Blogging Tues. 11/1 Introduction to Computers, Part 5 of 5 Thurs. 11/3 **Government Information Online** 11/8 & 11/10 Mango Languages Searching the Web in Depth 11/15 & 11/17 11/22/ & 11/24 Newspapers & Magazines Online Ebooks and the Kindle 11/29 & 12/1

RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS 2011

Gaming with Lisa First and Fourth Tuesdays Beginning September 6, 3–4:30 p.m.

We'll be alternating really fun games on our XBOX 360 with Kinect for each session. Check the website for each week's game; ratings range from E for Everyone to E 10+ to T for Teen. Please be sure the games are appropriate for your child. Sign-up is required, as space is very limited. Call to reserve your spot!

Story Times Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7, 11 a.m. Preschool /kindergarten story time is offered every

Preschool/kindergarten story time is offered every Wednesday this fall! Join us for stories, music, rhymes, and a fun craft! No sign-up is required.

Story Time at the Farmer's Market

Wednesdays September 7–28 2:30–3:15 p.m.

Join Lisa for an informal story time under the pine tree at the Farmer's Market. No sign-up required.

Friday Flick Movies Second and Fourth Fridays September 9–October 28 3:10 p.m.

Free popcorn and drink with every show! Shows will have various ratings; check our website for the scheduled shows. Please be sure the movie is appropriate for the age level of your child. No sign-up is required.

Theatre Thursdays:Third Thursday/month beginning
September 154-5 p.m.

Join our favorite theatre instructor, Sarah Labadie, for an exciting theatre class! Each class session will be different; check our website or give us a call for details. Sign-up is required due to limited space; grades 1+ please

Knitting with Pam

First and Third Fridays

beginning Sept. 16 3–4:30 p.m. Pam Anthony will work with you on your knitting skills this fall. Come in and create something warm to wear for winter! No sign-up is required. Recommended for 4th– 12th graders.

Lego ManiaFirst and Third Mondays September19-November 213-4:30 p.m.

No need to sign-up for this drop in Lego craziness!! Just come on in and start construction!! All ages; no sign-up required.

Family Garden Club with Pat Ritter Second Tuesday each month begins Sept. 13 3:30–5 p.m.

Our monthly family garden lovers meet each second Tuesday of the month to go through the seasons in the garden. Rain or shine...or snow! We'll move inside for an indoor activity in inclement weather. Pat will be providing an excellent learning experience, and you'll have a delightful time in a natural setting with your child exploring the seasons in the garden. Sign-up is required; please call to reserve your space!

Karaoke Family Night! Tuesday, September 27 6–8 p.m. This could be really crazy, but come on in for a wild karaoke night for the whole family. Sign-up is required due to limited space.

Help the NHSPCA Animals Day! Tuesday, October 18, 6–7:30 p.m.

Join Sarah and the RPL staff in making special treats for the animals at the SPCA. Sign-up required, and plan to bring either soft fleece, shoe boxes, or both!

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Spooky Readings and Stories

Tuesday, October 25, 6–8 p.m. Get your spook on! Plan ahead or join us and grab the microphone for a spontaneous reading of your favorite spooky story—let's get ready for Halloween! Sign up is required due to limited space.

Annual Family Pumpkin Carving Thursday, October 27, 6–8 p.m.

BYOP! Bring your own pumpkin and a few carving tools, and let's light up the night with our spooky jack-olanterns! We'll line them up outside for our annual spooky photo. All ages are welcome—parents help with younger carvers, please. Sign up is required, due to limited space.

Dickens Trivia Party

Tuesday, November 29, 6–8 p.m. Join us for a fun trivia night of all things Dickens—and the holidays, too! Fun and Refreshments, and Victorian costumes, if you wish! Sign up is required due to limited space.

Times and dates are subject to change; please check our website at ryepubliclibrary.org to confirm information.

Rye Lion's Club News

The Rye Lion's Club is happy to announce the recipients of this year's scholarship awards. Rye residents Victoria Blanchard, Sarah Brown, Katherine Kirkpatrick, and Dakota Deters were all awarded scholarships in June to support their continuing education plans following their graduations from Portsmouth High School. This year's Henry Camire Scholarship Award to a relative of an existing member of the club was awarded to Jessica Eisfeller of Newmarket, granddaughter of Joyce Bowden.

Congratulations to all the outstanding awardees!

Don't forget the Rye Lion's Club 28th Annual Car Show and Cruise-IN on Parsons Field Sunday, September 18, with car registration from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and awards presented at 2 p.m. Along with classic cars of every stripe, there will be door prizes and raffles as well as great food and drink! Support the Rye Lions Club and the Rye Community with your participation.

Public Works Director Discusses Paving and Right-of-Way and Stormwater problems

As a reminder, the Town has the rights to maintain a variable dimension beyond the width of the actual paved road surface on all town-maintained roads. This requires the trimming of tree limbs, removal of accumulated winter sand, maintenance of storm water drainage structures, and many other such tasks, all within the right-of-way limits. One issue that comes up frequently is the trimming of abutting shrubs and hedges. Many times, landscape plantings were installed on the right-of-way line. However, as the plantings grow they extend into the right-of-way, creating sight and passage problems. This is especially true of hedges.

As does any abutting property owner, the Town has the right to trim the encroaching growth back to the right-of-way line. The Town's workforce does not include arborists or landscapers; thus it may not always be in the homeowner's best interest to wait until the hedges become a problem. Should the public works staff be required to cut the growth, I like to say "It will be well cut, but not cut well." Therefore, I request that all homeowners maintain their landscape planting in such a way as not to intrude upon the Town's right of way or their neighbor's property.

Paving Projects

I receive numerous requests from residents requesting information regarding paving on town roads. Over the next several Newsletter articles I will provide information about the Town's road paving program.

The price of pavement has more than doubled in the prior decade. Dollar for dollar, less than half as much road surface can be improved as was a decade ago. On top of this, the cost trend is the reduction in state and federal funds associated with this work. I anticipate this trend to continue for the next few years.

All of the town's road paving projects scheduled for this year have been substantially completed as of this date. A base course of pavement was applied to a 1,600-foot section of Washington Road, continuing the road widening program begun by Bud Jordan. This program provides for an increase in paved road shoulders for pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and narrower vehicle travel lanes to provide for passive traffic calming. Next year, it is anticipated that the final section of Washington Road up to Central Road will be widened, and then an overlay wearing course will be applied to the final two sections.

The section of Central Road between Causeway Road and South Road received a similar widening, and the section from Causeway to the Boulevard was repaved. In addition, the final section of Cable Road between Pine Road and Ocean Boulevard was repaved.

Road paving always creates serious impact to abutters and traveling public. I endeavor to have this work performed in an expedited manner so that the disruption and impact is for as short a duration as is possible.

Stormwater Pollution Solution

Washing your car, truck, or motorcycle or degreasing any motor vehicle parts at home can send detergents and other contaminates into the storm water collection system. This has the same effect as dumping directly into a stream or water body. The following simple practices can assist with reducing the potential for this happening.

- Always use a biodegradable cleaning solution
- Rather than wash your vehicle at home employ the services of a carwash facility where wash and rinse water is recycled.
- Wash your car on your lawn where water will infiltrate into the ground.
- Repair fluid leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop off or recycling centers.

As always, the Public Works Department appreciates all the assistance and cooperation we have received from the Town residents and public in general.

> Dennis McCarthy Public Works Director

Rye Historical Society Notes

Town Museum Hours: Open Saturdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m, May through October, most Wednesdays 2–4 p.m., and at other times when the flag and sign are out.

Yard Sale: The RHS will hold a yard sale on Saturday, September 3 from 7–12 a.m. Doors, chairs, books, pictures and frames, museum gift shop items, and many miscellaneous items will be on display in front of the museum beside the library.

Maintaining and restoring your barn: Info session will be held on September 28 at a Rye Center barn. Watch for publicity.

The "Hotels and Boarding Houses of Rye" exhibit is now on view at the Seacoast Science Center through the end of the year.

The new maritime theme has been well integrated into the existing history of Rye exhibit and is still welcoming loans/donations of historic photos, artifacts, and stories. Soon we hope to incorporate a whole section of the exhibit with what historic Odiorne Point looked like before all the buildings were razed in WWII.

Facebook: RHS is looking for someone who is savvy with Facebook and would like to update and manage the RHS site.

School Coordinator Volunteer needed: RHS is looking for a parent or someone else who is interested in the Rye schools to coordinate programs between the RHS and the Rye schools. RHS and the Town Museum have a strong history over the last few years doing programs in the schools and at the museum, but there is so much more that could be done.

Recent donations

• An 18-foot-long historic "ice pick" from the former Drake Farm on Washington Rd.



• A head stone from a member of the Goss family (d. 1859) found at corner of Harbor and Locke roads.

• A 20-foot oar or sweep used on a 19th century working sloop out of Rye Harbor

• An 18-foot sign from the historic Sawyers bath houses that were recently razed

Volunteer opportunities at the society and the museum

- Old house documentation project
- Old graveyard protection project
- Town museum custodian
- Textile collection maintenance
- Technology expertise in film making, power points, etc.
- Grant writing
- Rye schools

Fourth of July Revival Project: RHS is looking for any individual or group interested in helping to revive the full day celebration on the Fourth of July. Most of the pieces are in place. Organization and coordination are what is needed. Watch for publicity about an organizational meeting in September.

For all of the above topics, if you are interested or want to make contact with the museum and or the society, contact director Alex Herlihy at alexherlihy@comcast.net or call 997-6742 or contact the museum directly at info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org.

Alex Herlihy Chairman, Rye Historical Society

Rye Senior SERVE Neighbors Helping Neighbors is the mission of Rye Senior SERVE.

The numbers indicate that SERVE is succeeding in this mission as more residents are taking the Tuesday shopping trips on the SERVE van, attending, via the SERVE van, social events sponsored by the Library, and requesting individual transportation to medical and other appointments.

As more of Rye's senior residents learn about and participate in SERVE's programs, additional volunteers are needed—especially drivers who can help senior residents get to important appointments.

If you can spare a few hours during the month to help by driving your Rye neighbors, please call Connie Olson at 964-5170.

In September, a new season of Seacoast Repertory Theatre sneak previews begins. Tickets for these performances are available at a reduced rate through affiliation with Rye Senior SERVE. Also, a limited number of seats on the SERVE van are available for transportation to the Theatre. The first performance of the season is CABARET on September 29. For more information about this popular program, call Tricia Quinn at the Rye Library, 964-8401.

> Connie Olson President, Rye Senior Serve





Rye Safe Routes to School

Fall is a great time of year to watch the leaves change color, play football and/or soccer, and continue riding bikes as daylight permits. It is also a time to welcome back to school all the children, teachers, and educational support staff. As faithful walkers and bikers head to school, look for the Safe Routes Logo on the sides of Wallis Road.

For those who walk or bike during our annual events, October 5, 2011 is the

date set for the International Walk to School Day. Join kids and families around the globe who walk and bicycle to school on Wednesday, October 5. Notification of walking and biking trains will be come available as the event gets



organized closer to the day. The official logo for the event in the United States is the arrow with the "iwalk" globe shown here.

International Walk to School Day has become International Walk to School Month in some countries. In 2006, the International Walk to School Committee,



consisting of representatives from several countries, was inspired to promote Walk to School for the entire month of October in order to include more countries around the world in participating in this energizing event. For more information about this International event, you may go to http://www.walktoschool.org /faq/index.cfm

Thank you to everyone who participated last October in the rain. Thank you as well to the

Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High for welcoming the children and parents by celebrating this event with food, raffles, and the recognition they deserved. Last year, the walkers and bikers wore smiles even in the rain. Let's hope this year's event is a bit brighter, drier, and has more participants.

> Kimberly Reed Planning Administrator & SRTS



Participants in the 2011 Memorial Day Service salute the flag.

RYE WATER DISTRICT NEWS

Meter Replacements

Our water meter replacement program was quite successful this summer thanks to your prompt replies to our request letters. Our goal of 300 replacements has almost been met.

Freeze Prevention

As a fall and winter precaution, please ensure your water meter is in a warm, dry, accessible location protected from freezing, as required by the District By-Laws. Copies of the By-Laws are available at the District's office at 60 Sagamore Road. Remember to drain and winterize outside faucets, remove/store all outside hoses. Lawn irrigation systems should be winterized prior to the first freeze, which can occur in October.

Seasonal Water Customers

The District highly recommends that all seasonal services be disconnected and drained by November 1. Water meters belong to the District and should not be removed or tampered with by others. Please call in advance to have your service disconnected at the street and the meter removed for proper storage.

Fall Flushing

The semiannual maintenance of flushing the water mains is expected to begin at the end of September through October. This is done to reduce any sediment that may collect in the mains and valves. A notice of flushing dates and times will be published in the Portsmouth Herald and posted at public locations in town before flushing begins.

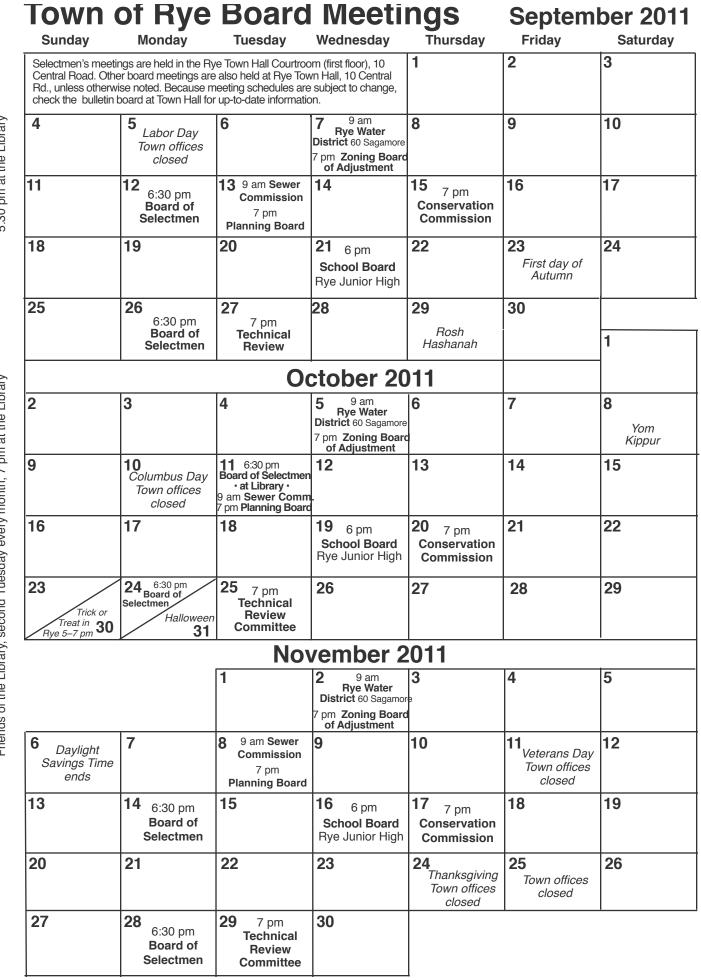
No Hunting Signs

The District's well site property is posted with "No Trespassing" and "No Hunting" signs. Enjoy the hunting season, but please do it responsibly.

Water Main Extension Project

Construction of a water main extension north along Rte-1 will bring fire and domestic service to the Adam's Trailer Park.

Rye Water District Commissioners



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

Friends of the Library, second Tuesday every month, 7 pm at the Library Rye Lions Club, first Wednesday every month, 7 pm at the Rye Library Additional Civic Meetings:

THE RYE LIONS CLUB



28th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Sunday, September 18, 2011 Parsons Field

Registration: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Trophies awarded at 2 p.m. Car entries: \$10 Spectators \$3, under 12 Free

Great food! Entertainment! (Rain date: Sunday September 25th)

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY FOR RYE AND OTHER TOWNS

Saturday, September 25, 2011 9 a.m. thru 12 noon Highway Garage, Rte 111A, Brentwood

Household Disposal Limit: 10 gallons or 10 pounds Required: Current driver's license as proof of residency Sponsored by Southeast Disposal District 53B & NH Department of Environmental Protection

More info at the Rye Recycling Center and Town Hall

RECREATION COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Recreation Commission is currently seeking residents interested in serving their community. Contact the Recreation Department at 964-6281 for more information.

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