



Town of Rye Newsletter



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RYE HOLIDAY PARADE “FAVORITE HOLIDAY STORIES”

**Sunday, December 11
1:00 p.m.**

**Washington Road
Webster at Rye
to Rye Junior High School**

All parade entries must comply
with state law. See page 13.

SELECTMEN’S MESSAGE

From Tax Rate to Things You Should Know—Selectmen Cover All

TAX RATE 2011

The 2011 Tax Rate was set on October 25, 2011 with the Town portion set at \$3.24 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, up \$0.36 over the 2010 Town portion of the tax rate.

The overall Rye tax rate (Town, School, State, and County) for 2011 is \$10.60. Precinct and District taxes are in addition.

In order to mitigate rising costs and declining revenues, beginning in 2006 the Board of Selectmen applied varying amounts from the Town’s undesignated fund balance against the Town portion of the tax rate, always mindful of the fact that we must not fall below the five percent retainage figure required in that account.

Amounts taken from the undesignated fund balance account and applied

against the Town portion of the tax rate have been as follows: 2006: \$700,000; 2007: \$875,000; 2008: \$600,000; 2009: \$562,571 and in 2010: \$865,000.

This year (2011) although we applied \$673,549, the maximum amount possible from the undesignated fund balance, the Town portion of the tax rate is up \$0.36 to \$3.24 per thousand of assessed valuation.

The rise is attributable in large measure to increasing cost of health insurance and financial responsibilities passed on to towns by the State.

NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR

At the Board of Selectmen’s meeting held on October 24, we officially welcomed Peter Rowell as our new Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. He had already been on the job for several days.

With more than thirty years background in various phases of the construction industry that includes a New Hampshire Master Electrical License and certificates from the International Code Council, Peter brings

MODERATOR’S MESSAGE

New Hampshire Presidential Primary— January 10, 2012 Rye Deliberative Session— February 4, 2012

The New Hampshire Presidential Primary

After much jockeying for position by other states, the New Hampshire Presidential Primary has been set for **January 10, 2012. The polls will be open at Rye Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.** New Hampshire still holds the first presidential primary in the nation. By voting, you will have the unique opportunity available only to Granite State voters to winnow the field in the 2012 presidential race. Let the nation know who you want to be President. Don’t miss this once-every-four-years chance to influence our democracy!

Registration and Absentee Ballots

If you are registered as an undeclared voter, you may vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary. Otherwise, you must vote in the primary of the party in which you are registered.

The deadline for changing party registration has passed. However, unregistered voters may still register at the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours until January 3, 2012. **You**

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Peter Rowell, Building Inspector
Code Enforcement Officer

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years of experience as a full-time Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, it recently for the Town of Hooksett, NH. I have a review capability, a history of working closely with Zoning Boards of Adjustment, a knowledge of State and Federal laws relating building codes, DES regulations, and I have handled plain issues all served to draw attention to the application.

At the time Peter was hired, the Town had been without a building inspector since mid-2009. On a part-time interim basis, retired Winton Building Inspector Charlie Smart helped us to keep the office open; but could not remain until the position was filled.

We are sincerely grateful to Fire Lieutenant DiBartolomeo and Myrick Bunker, on-call firefighter working toward his Building Inspector's Certification under the Greenland program for filling the gap as Interim Building Inspector and Deputy Building Inspector, respectively.

TOWN HALL PROGRESS

Slowly and steadily we are moving forward toward development of a proposal for your consideration regarding the future of Town Hall. Progress is being made on two fronts: the space/needs assessment and geothermal/HVAC grant.

Space/Needs Assessment. As you know, your approval of Article 14 on the 2011 March vote provided \$40,000 for a Town Hall Space/Needs Assessment. Following a lengthy selection process, the successful proposal to carry out this task was submitted by Architects of Dover, NH. It was necessary to adjust the scope of the proposal slightly in order to stay within budget.

At this writing, the initial three-pronged study of the Space/Needs Assessment is underway with Town Hall staff, groups that utilize space within Town Hall (committees, commissions and boards), and the public. Individuals from each of these assessment committees are being surveyed for detailed input concerning requirements and the interrelationship of departments prior to analysis. It is hoped that you have contributed your thoughts.

Geothermal HVAC Grant. As reported earlier through this newsletter, in 2010 the town was awarded \$138,053, substantially



Rye Town Hall

funded by the New Hampshire Office of Environmental Protection (NHOEP) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, for a new ground source (geo-thermal) heating/cooling system for Town Hall.

This project is separated into two phases. Phase I includes the drilling and installation of the geothermal well system and Phase II is composed of the internal work: internal mechanical components and the delivery system for heating and cooling which must be updated and/or installed.

Achieve Renewable Energy, LLC, of Beverly, MA was the successful bidder for the Phase I/drilling portion of the project with the provision that the contract will be executed only after Phase II of the grant (the mechanical/construction portion) is assured to fall within the funding parameters of the grant (State funds plus matching Town funds in the amount of \$20,000 appropriated in the 2011 budget).

Ideal Temp HVAC of Brentwood, NH was the Phase II low bidder; but Ideal's price exceeded our grant budget. Revisions have been made to bring the proposal within budget. It should be noted that nothing was cut that cannot be adjusted if and when it is desired or required in the future. Phase I and Phase II construction is proceeding, with a spring 2012 completion date anticipated.

SAFETY BUILDING PAINT

It is apparent to anyone passing our Safety Building that the exterior

is in need of paint. This paint is the original and is approximately six years old. Because the surface has developed a problem with mildew, efforts over the past several months have been made to research the best approach to remediation.

Several months ago, in selected areas where the problem is most apparent, sections of clapboards were prepared and different types of paint applied and allowed to weather. A washing process followed by application of a product called Tnemec has produced encouraging results but the cost is high. We are considering painting half the complex at a time over a two-year period.

PARSONS CREEK GRANT AWARD

As noted in the September Newsletter, the Parsons Creek Watershed-Based Management Plan, funded by EPA through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and developed by FB Environmental of Portland, Maine, compiled data on bacteria concentrations at 14 water quality monitoring sites in the Parsons Creek ecosystem. A grant application was submitted by the Town for funds to determine the specific sources of high concentration and determine remediation methods.

This grant is in the 30- to 50-thousand dollar range and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has urged the Town to consider what is termed a "soft match," the major portion of which would be "in kind" work by Town personnel. Such a match would serve to put our grant application in a favorable light. With that in mind and no funds available, the BOS voted to propose consideration of a \$5000 match, the funding for the match to be included in our 2012 budget re-

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quest within the Land Management Account.

Moving forward will require a favorable response to our proposal by the Budget Committee followed by that of the voters in March. Currently the grant is moving successfully through the approval process; but, if the match is deemed critical, even if approved, it cannot begin until after receiving an affirmative March vote.

CIP UPDATE

At the BOS meeting of October 24, Ray Jarvis, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Plan, presented the 2012-2017 CIP Draft Revision. A public hearing was scheduled for our next meeting. Acceptance by the Board of Selectmen and making the plan available for use are the final steps of the revision. The scope of our CIP has grown since its inception and with it the amount of work involved. We would like to thank Ray and his fellow committee members, Recording Secretary Ned Paul, Martin Klenke, Jeanne Moynahan, and Tom McCormick, for their dedication to updating this useful planning tool.

HERITAGE COMMISSION A REALITY

A call was issued in the June newsletter for residents interested in becoming members of Rye's newly established Heritage Commission. By September, the five-person Commission membership was complete and both alternate positions were filled.

The first official Heritage Commission meeting was held on October 19, and officers were elected as follows: Mae Bradshaw, Chairman; Richard Davis, Vice-chairman; and Sara Hall, Clerk. Also present were Jane Holway, member; Priscilla Jenness, Selectmen's representative; and alternates Alex Herlihy and Peter White. Alex will head a Cultural Inventory Committee and Peter will serve as Investment Chairman.

Establishment of a Heritage Com-

mission won voter approval last March as the most appropriate means by which the Town could acquire Pulpit Rock Tower (or any other historical property) if and when appropriate conditions were met. The Heritage Commission was established with one dollar.

Meanwhile, the Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower, Inc. has been continuing to work toward its goal of raising the necessary \$120,000 for repairs and upkeep to enable completion of conditions required prior to transfer of the tower to the Town.

The Friends group was awarded a "Moose Plate" grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources. Using these funds plus donations and monies raised via fundraisers, the Friends continue restoration of the Tower in accordance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties. Meanwhile, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, current owner of the tower, continues to co-operate with the Friends efforts.

SUMMER WRAP-UP

2011 Mosquito Season. By the time you read this, the 2011 New Hampshire mosquito and arboviral season will be over. As of October 11, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services Lab had tested 2,566 mosquito batches, 8 animals and 33 humans for West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). No positive results among animals or humans were detected; but over the season nine mosquito batches tested positive for West Nile Virus, one of which was in Portsmouth. No triple E was found in mosquito batches tested this year.

Beach Access Signage. In July, Planning Administrator Kim Reed presented her report documenting beach access locations along the Rye portion of the New Hampshire coast. Following collaboration with Public

Works Director Dennis McCarthy, on September 26 Kim presented an update to address proposed signage at each beach access location to include name, size, color and style for each sign. Her proposal was accepted as presented and the new signage will be in place for the 2012 summer season.

Our goal is to assure continued public access to our beaches and in order to do that residents must be aware of access point locations and be encouraged to use them.

For your information, the exception to our plan for consistent signage will be found at Old Town Way off of Old Beach Road. Old Town Way is a beach right-of-way; but a 1986 lawsuit, *William McConnor et al vs. Town of Rye and Jenness Beach District*, stipulates that Old Town Way is "for the use of area residents and open to foot traffic only." Furthermore, stipulation 6 of the settlement states, "No sign shall be posted by any party hereto which declares the use of said right-of-way, neither restrictive nor permissive." Hence, there will be no beach access sign at Old Town Way despite the fact that it is a beach access.

Beach Parking. Requests to restrict parking along the roadside in beach areas occurs from time to time. In such cases, we schedule a site walk and generally refer the request to Police Chief Kevin Walsh whose staff monitors the area closely over a period of time. The resulting data combined with width of the travel lane and right-of-way plus other factors specific to the site result in a recommendation to us from Chief Walsh. Decisions are based in large measure on safety and the need to strike a balance between a home owner's request and the need for public access to our beaches.

ONGOING

Encroachment. The width of Rye roadways (travel lanes set within a

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Town right-of-way) vary throughout the town from 1 rod (16 ½ feet), such as Appledore Avenue, to 2, 3, or 4 rods up to Ocean Boulevard, which was laid out at a width of 100 feet in 1900.

Condition of the right-of-way on either side of a paved travel lane is vital to pavement longevity, safety, and maintenance requirements. Obstructions placed in a right-of-way that negatively impact the duties and responsibilities of the Public Works Department cannot be allowed.

Encroachment into the Town right-of-way by home owners is a growing problem throughout Rye. Most encroachment is benign and does not interfere with normal and necessary right-of-way uses by the Town which include drainage, snow removal and storage, sight lines, pedestrian pathways, and sometimes parking.

That said, increasingly we are encountering blatant encroachment in the form of placement of large rocks, replacement of proper drainage swale material with loam, installation of sprinklers and electrical systems, and the planting of large shrubs, hedges, and even trees in the right-of-way.

If you are considering landscaping along the frontage of your property; consultation with Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy can prevent controversy later.

Signs. During November there was a noticeable increase of random signage for yard sales, art & craft shows, open houses, etc. throughout town in the Town rights-of-way, on Town parks and gardens, and on telephone poles. This situation, combined with the approaching political season, has caused us to remind everyone of the following:

1. Selectmen's approval is required for all signs on Town-owned property. Commercial identification or logo on signs is not permitted. Signs at Parsons Field will be considered only from non-profit entities holding approved events on Town or

School property or are for the benefit of or are sponsored by the Town. Sign request applications are available at the Selectmen's office.

2. State Law prohibits signs on utility poles.

3. 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 in accordance with and subject to the requirements of NH TITLE LXIII ELECTIONS, Section 664:17, Political Advertising.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Recognition by Portsmouth Hospital
Emergency Dept. Emergency Room physicians at Portsmouth Hospital were very complimentary to Firefighter/paramedic Mike Hirtle and the Rye ambulance crew recently as the result of actions taken involving stabilization of a shooting victim during transport to the Emergency Room.

Holiday Parade. The Rye Fire Department Association and the Rye Lions Club have once again volunteered to coordinate the Annual Holiday Parade. Chaired by Firefighter/EMT-1 David Kornechuk and Fire Lieutenant Chuck Gallant, the parade will be held December 11, starting at 1 p.m. On behalf of the community, we thank them.

We close with a wish for a happy holiday season to you and yours,

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

Moderator's Message

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can also register at the polls on primary day and still vote. Finally, if you can't get to the polls on primary day, you can get an absentee ballot application at the Town Clerk's office as late as the day before the election. The Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Town of Rye Deliberative Session

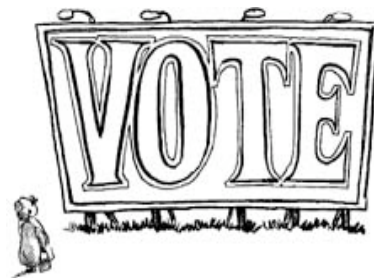
The Board of Selectmen has set the date for the Town Deliberative Session for **February 4, 2012—mark your calendar!** The snow date is February 11, 2012. As usual, the Deliberative Session will be at **Rye Junior High School**, starting at **9 a.m.** and continuing until the Town's business is concluded.

We will again offer child care, provided by the Rye Recreation Commission, and shuttle service from the Congregational Church parking lot. I will send out an email update about the content of the Deliberative Session warrant as soon as it is known.

Last year's turnout was the highest since attendance figures have been recorded, and the debate was better than ever. Please make it a point to come to the 2012 Deliberative Session and play an active role in Rye governance.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING
DEMOCRACY WORK!**

Bob Eaton
Town Moderator



CARBON MONOXIDE DO'S AND DON'TS

This fall, Rye Fire and Rescue has responded to a couple of close calls related to carbon monoxide. I hope everyone will read the following November 2011 press release from Fire Marshall Bill Degnan. Chief William H. Sullivan
Rye Fire and Rescue

New Hampshire Observes Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month During the Month of November 2011

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Carbon Monoxide Work Group today announced the observation of November 2011 as “Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month.” Carbon monoxide is a serious public safety concern, and it poses the greatest risk to people in their homes. November is an excellent time of year to bring awareness to this important health issue as the Northeast heads into the colder, heating months when carbon monoxide exposure often increases. Nationally, carbon monoxide is one of the leading causes of accidental poisoning deaths, and accounts for more than 50,000 emergency department visits each year in the US.

Carbon monoxide poisoning becomes a greater risk during the heating season as people spend more time indoors. Protect your home and family by following these simple do's and don'ts:

DO have your fuel-burning appliances—including oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves—inspected by a trained professional, and make certain that flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition, and not blocked.

DO read and follow all of the instructions that accompany any fuel-burning device. If you cannot avoid using an unvented gas or kerosene space heater, carefully follow the cautions that come with the device. Use the proper fuel and keep doors to the rest of the house open. Crack a window to ensure enough air for ventilation and proper fuel-burning.

DO install at least one CO detector in the living areas of your home, preferably one on each floor.

DO know the symptoms of CO poisoning, which even at moderate levels,

includes severe headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea, or faintness. If you experience symptoms that you think could be from CO poisoning:

DO get fresh air immediately. Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances and leave the house.

DO call 9-1-1 or get to an emergency room immediately.

DON'T idle the car in a garage—even if the garage door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up very quickly in the garage and living area of your home.

DON'T use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time, and

DON'T ever use a charcoal grill indoors—even in a fireplace.

DON'T sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

DON'T use any gasoline-powered engines (mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws, small engines or generators) in enclosed spaces, including the garage.

DON'T ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them. You could lose consciousness and die if you do nothing.

For a comprehensive source of information on carbon monoxide safety tips, emergency generator usage, health risks, and more, please see www.nh.gov/co.

The New Hampshire Carbon Monoxide Work Group is an interagency task force dedicated to keeping the public informed of the many safety and health issues related to carbon monoxide.

The group includes representatives from the state's departments of Environmental Services, Health and Human Services, and Safety, the Poison Center, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, Concord Regional Health Care, and Powers Generator Service.

Notes from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

As I write this article, Second Issue Tax bills and Third Quarter Sewer bills have been sent out. For those of you who receive sewer bills, you can expect your Fourth Quarter bills to be mailed out by late December.

Recently, it was brought to my attention that the Second Issue Property Tax amounts were not available for payment on-line. This problem has been resolved and the amounts are now available on the website (www.town.rye.nh.us).

The Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. As usual, voting will take place at the Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballot applications are now available both here at the office or on the town website. For those voters who apply now, ballots will be mailed out as soon as they arrive. Please keep in mind when you are returning your ballots in person, each voter must return their own ballot. No one else may return your ballot for you. If this is a problem for you, just put your ballot in the mail. Most ballots require 2 stamps.

When renewing your vehicle registrations, it is necessary to present all of your current registrations (copies are acceptable) or the renewal letter we send you. Please do not ask us to look up your plate numbers as we are not allowed to do so by regulations given to us by the NH Department of Motor Vehicles. There will be no exceptions allowed so please do not ask.

Beginning in January it will be time to begin thinking about licensing your dogs. All dogs must be licensed every year by April 30. Please bring an up-to-date rabies certificate for each dog being licensed.

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Police Chief Discusses Home Security, Snow Plowing, Invisible Fences, and Deer.

HOME SECURITY. If you plan to go away for the winter and have a house alarm system, please be sure it has been serviced and is in good working order. If you don't have an alarm, remember to secure your house before you leave. In all cases, even if you are going away for a short time, it's important to let the Police Department and your neighbors know of your plans. Even if you are only going out for the day, be sure your house is secured, doors and windows locked. Burglars will often target the gifts they know are in your home during the holiday season. Don't give thieves a chance! Several area towns have been getting frequent burglary reports.

SNOW PLOWING. One issue arising during winter is plowing snow across the roads. *It is against the law to plow snow across the road.* Please keep this in mind when you plow snow or you hire a plow service. Please notify your plow operator of this. Starting November 1 to April 15 no vehicle can park on streets between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m..

DEER CROSSING. During this time of year, the deer are on the move.

We have several herds in town and they cross the roads frequently. **Please use caution when traveling around town.** Hitting a deer can cause damage to your vehicle, seriously injure the deer and most importantly, cause severe injuries to you or your passengers.

INVISIBLE FENCES. We receive a lot of calls for loose dogs. Please make sure your dog has a collar and tags on at all times. If you have an electric fence, the battery in the collar needs to be replaced regularly. If the dog is wearing the collar and the battery isn't working, the fence is useless. If your dog has his/her tags on, the officer will be able to return your dog to you.

Sgt. Scott Blaisdell and Officer Heather Porciello have set up a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ryepolice. On this page you will find notifications for events, road closures and other pertinent information. Please take a look.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WISHES YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON!

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Non-Emergency Telephone: 964-5522
EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Planning Board Considers Warrant Articles

Although many projects break ground in the spring, it is because extensive planning has occurred beforehand. This makes fall and winter months busy for the Planning Board at times. In addition to applications that are submitted for review, a continual process of review of Rye's zoning regulations occurs in parallel. Based on changes in New Hampshire state laws, or outcomes of court cases, or changes in engineering best practices, Rye's Zoning Ordinance requires changes and alignments to be made.

Changes are reviewed and sent as warrant articles to be voted on in March. This year, significant issues are being addressed. In the past, redevelopment of parcels has been time-consuming and tedious due partially to lack of guidance from the Zoning Ordinance. This has resulted in a bit of back and forth between the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment, which have very different roles.

To bring more uniformity to the process and allow the Planning Board to proactively plan, warrant articles are being considered. If these types of regulations are adopted, they would become useful tools in the planning process.

It should also be known that warrant articles can be put forward using a citizen petition. There is a process to follow and deadlines to meet for submitting petitions. If you have questions about the process, please contact the Board of Selectmen office at the Town Hall.

Lastly, if you would like to become a Planning Board member, there are applications available from the Town Clerk. The filing period for the March election is from January 25, 2012 to 5 p.m., February 3, 2012. Planning Board meetings are typically scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month and meet at the Town Hall.

Donald A. Cavallaro
Chairman, Rye Planning Board

AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY 911
Fire Department—Non-Emergency
964-6411

POLICE EMERGENCY.....911

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department
964-9800
Building/Planning/Zoning,Fax 964-2964
Cemetery Superintendent, John Coscia
817-0066

Library.....964-8401
Library Fax.....964-7065
Public Works.....964-5300
Recreation.....964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush)
964-5300
Rye Water District436-2596
Selectmen.....964-5523
Selectmen Fax.....964-1516
E-Mail: nancyw@town.rye.nh.us
Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us
Sewer Commission.....964-6815
Town Administrator.....964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....964-8562
Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax
964-4132
Welfare (Portsmouth Welfare Dept.)
610-7267

The Goss Farm/Barn Progress and Request

There has been a good deal of progress over the past year and many projects have been undertaken to prepare the Goss Farm so that it will be available for productive farming in the near future.

The Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) holds the conservation easement on the property, and has partnered with the Rye Conservation Commission to achieve considerable land management objectives. Through funding assistance from the NH State Conservation Committee (NH SCC), Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), and the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, Integrated Pest Management Program (NH DAMF) a remarkable amount of work has been completed to ready the land. There is still more work to complete here.

A big thank you goes out to all our local volunteers and to the town staff that have assisted in this clean-up process. There will be more workshops offered to local schools and the community for continued land management objectives in the spring. Now that water is available on site, it is expected that community garden



plots will be offered this spring.

Now onto the barn—the Goss Barn is in need of serious repair. It is a beautiful historic community asset, and is now listed on the NH State Register of Historic Places. It is not a safe structure, and is in need of a roof, footings, main post replacement(s), floorboards, windows, etc., and the southern shed will need to be completed rehabilitated. Assistance from NH LCHIP has been requested, but before the snow flies the roof needs to be tarped and the underpinnings replaced. **We are currently looking for**

a donation of a tarp, and perhaps discounted labor to install it. All this is needed prior to installing a new roof, which is expected to occur next spring/summer.

Please assist in protecting and restoring this wonderful community asset and contribute to the Rye Conservation Commission (Goss Farm account) to restore this magnificent structure so that it may once again be used. The intent is to allow a farmer use of the barn for farming and a possible CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). If the structure is rehabilitated in time, it will be a legacy the community will be proud of for many generations. *The Goss Farm is under the auspices of the Rye Conservation Commission and qualifies as a tax exempt organization. As such, donations of services, money, and materials may be tax deductible.* Anyone interested in donations, please contact Nancy Weiland in Town Hall @ 964-5523 or email: thegossfarm@gmail.com and we will assist with required paperwork through the town.

We are grateful for the support we continue to receive from residents who have assisted with donations and labor, and hope that everyone will visit and enjoy this incredible town treasure.

Sally King
Rye Conservation Commission/
Goss Farm Subcommittee



Winter Happenings at the Rye Public Library

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

Now 100 years young, Rye Public Library continues planning in 2012!

Thanks to everyone who took part in our fun and successful Centennial Celebration throughout the year of 2011! We hope we helped you envision life in 1911 Rye at the time of the Library's inception through the many programs we offered. We won't soon forget the pulse of the community that beat loud and clear throughout the Rye Public Library on June 22 at our Town Fair celebration! Many, many community members have had a part in our ongoing Strategic Planning process. We will complete our three-year plan in 2012, and begin to fulfill the goals set forth with your input. Watch for our defending entry in the Rye Holiday Parade in December. (Stop in to see our current trophy any time.)

Winter/Spring 2012 will see the return to our Friends of the Rye Public Library programming series, supplemented by special programs offered by the Library in cooperation with other community organizations. The Friends focus on the Arts in the coming year and bring speakers from many of the cultural institutions to which we offer passes via Friends' support. (See the Friends' program schedule later in this article) The Friends of the Rye Public Library also sponsored an exciting new membership to the New England Aquarium in Boston that kicked off on November 1. Borrow this pass for reduced entry at the Aquarium just like any other item in the Library with your current library card in good standing!

We got rained out in October 2011, but watch for new Skywatch events in the coming months. The Friends of the Rye Public Library helped the Library obtain a 4.5 inch reflecting telescope via the New Hampshire Astronomical Society's Library Telescope Program. Not only can you check the telescope out like a book, but the Society will come and conduct Skywatch nights for us. We'll try again for a clear night over the next few months and invite you to gather to gaze at galaxies galore!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join this lively discussion group! Now offering two sessions!

Third Tuesday of each month at **at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

12/20 *Before You Know Kindness* by Chris Bohjalian

1/17 *Mothers and Sons* by Colm Toibin

2/21 *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls

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

12/7 *Doc Martin* 90 min NR

12/14 *My Name is Khan* 165 min PG-13

12/21 *The Switch* 101 min PG-13

12/28 *Sarah's Key* 111 min PG-13

1/4 *Midnight in Paris* 94 min PG 13

1/11 *The Help* 146 min PG-13

1/18 *The Town* 125 min R

1/25 *Mother and Child* 125 min R

2/1 *The Debt* 113 min R

2/8 *Crazy, Stupid, Love* 118 min PG-13

2/15 *Another Year* 129 min PG-13

2/22 *The Way Back* 133 min PG-13

2/29 *Larry Crowne* 98 min PG-13

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 2 p.m. in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL! 12/6, 1/3, 2/7

Wentworth Connections Health Clinic

Fourth Tuesdays from 1–3 p.m. 12/27, 1/24, 2/28

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.! Schedule will be determined based on response and weather considerations.
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 • New England Aquarium (NEW!) • Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA • Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston • Seacoast Science Center, Rye • Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston • Strawberry 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. (See Friends' Thank You to the Rye Community elsewhere in this newsletter!)

FALL PROGRAMMING 2012 ~ Arts and Culture Abound!

Sunday, 1/29/2012 from 2–3 p.m.

"Chihuly: Miraculous Glass at the MFA" Presenter: Gerry Ward, MFA Chihuly curator.

Learn more about last year's hugely popular exhibit at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts from the show's curator! MFA passes available at RPL through the Friends of RPL!

Winter Happenings at the Rye Public Library

Sunday, 2/19/2012 from 2–3 p.m.

"Odiorne Point Across the Ages" Presenter: Wendy Lull, Executive Director, Seacoast Science Center.

Wendy Lull shares her expansive knowledge of the unique history of Odiorne Points from settlement, through the World Wars and up to the minute! SSC passes available at RPL through the Friends of RPL!

Thursday, 3/15/12 from 7–8 p.m.

"Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist" Presenter: Margaret Burgess, Associate Curator, European Art, Portland Museum of Art.

Find out more about this exciting show at PMA on view February 23 through May 28, 2012, which will feature compelling works from a private collection that have never been exhibited together publicly. PMA passes available at RPL through the Friends of RPL!

Watch our website for a full schedule of other topical and timely programming to complement the *Friends of the Rye Public Library Programming Series* throughout 2012.

All programs are free and open to the public!

ART EXHIBITS 2012

Jan. thru March. Upstairs: Mary Vermeersch and Students.

Jan. thru March. Downstairs: Rye Public Library Art Committee Invitational Show: *Artist's Choice*

The Rye Public Library Art Committee invites your submission to the *Artist's Choice* show; all media; drop-offs January 2–6.

Upcoming show: *Birds and Blooms*; all media; drop-offs March 27–30, 2012

WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library with our new Technology Librarian Lisa Breton-Eaton!

No pre-registration is required for computer classes. Use our computers or bring your own.

COMPUTER TUTOR-DROP-IN Mondays at 9:30–11 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 Wednesdays each week from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Wed. 12/7 /11 Managing Digital Photos

Wed. 12/14 Introduction to Computers: Basics

Wed. 12/21 Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wed. 12/28 Making the most of Google

Wed. 1/4 /12 Managing Digital Photos

Wed. 1/11 Computer Basics: Files and Folders

Wed. 1/18 Introduction to E-Mail

Wed. 1/25 Making the most of Google

Wed. 2/1/2012 Managing Digital Photos

Wed. 2/8 Computer Basics: Internet Security

Wed. 2/15 Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wed. 2/22 Making the most of Google

Wed. 2/29 Introduction to Microsoft Powerpoint

Wed. 3/7/2012 Managing Digital Photos

Wed. 3/14 Computer Basics: Spring Cleanup- Speed Up Your Computer

Wed. 3/21 Introduction to E-mail

Wed. 3/28 Making the most of Google

RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS 2011/2012

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, limited space.

Gaming with Lisa 1st and 4th Tuesdays, 3–4:30

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, and space is very limited. Call to get on the list!

Story Times Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

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.

Family Friday Flick Movies 2nd Friday, 3:10 p.m.

Just for families! Most shows rated G; please be sure the movie is appropriate for the age level of your child. No sign-up is required. Check our website for the scheduled shows. Please note—there are no Friday Flicks in December.

Teen Friday Flick Movies 4th Friday, 3:10 p.m.

Teen movies—rated PG or PG13. Free popcorn and drink with every show! 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.

Knitting with Pam 1st and 3rd Fridays, 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 Mania 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3–4:30 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.

Teen Advisory Board 1st Tuesday, 6–7:30 p.m.

Our team of young adults meets once per month to discuss library programming projects, collection development, and just to have fun and eat snacks! Please call Lisa H. if you are interested.

YAttitudes: Parent/Student Book Club 2nd Tuesday, 7–8 p.m.

Teens may come with their parent(s) or just themselves to discuss a new book each month, and have delicious snacks. Check the library website for titles, or just give us a call. No sign-up is required.

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Final Garden Club with Pat Ritter!

December 13, 3:30–5 p.m.

Pat will be taking a well-deserved break after this final Garden Club meeting—we hope you can make it!

Theatre Thursdays

December 15, 4–5 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, limited space; grades 1+ please.

Wassailing! December 20, 6–7:30 p.m.

Stroll through the winter wonderland and sing! Join Sarah Labadie and Lisa H. for a fun evening to get you in the spirit of the holiday season.

Beading Euphoria Returns

January and February Dates to be announced...

Create some marvelous beaded jewelry with Lisa H. Please plan to bring your own beading supplies; you can request the list near the beginning of January. Our first session will be a lovely beaded bracelet—you'll be amazed that you made it yourself! Sign-up is required and space is limited to between 6 and 8 participants. Grades 5 and up, please.

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

Stop by and see the newest donation to the museum: A 19th century headstone, which may be viewed against the outside of the front of the museum.



Holiday Open House: Thursday, December 15, 3–6 p.m., refreshments, music, and good holiday shopping in the Museum Gift Shop

The Maritime Exhibit continues during the museum winter hours.

- Most Wednesdays, 2–4 p.m. and occasional Saturdays 9 a.m.–noon, and more often if people will volunteer to staff the museum!

Contact the museum. info@ryenhistorical-society.org to volunteer for this and many other tasks listed on the RHS website www.ryenhistorical-society.org

Fishing Program a Lively Success!

One of the most interested audiences in recent memory heard Sue Reynolds speak about lobstering and Mike Anderson about deep sea fishing. When Mike was questioned about government restrictions on independent fishermen, the program became very lively! Mike and Padi Anderson will give their perspective on the issue in an upcoming publica-

tion of the Rye Civic League's "Town News" (If you would like to receive this monthly E-newsletter on town issues for free, contact editor Alex Herlihy at: alexherlihy@comcast.net)

Projects at the museum and those of the historical society are varied and many! Please see the website and then contact the museum;

Quarterly E-Newslettter available.

The Rye Historical Society is trying to reach a larger audience and will be glad to put you on its mailing list to receive its quarterly newsletter. Just contact the museum—see info above.

"Friends of the Town Museum".

The RHS is encouraging the idea to form a "Friends of the Museum" similar to the one that supports the library: "Friends of the Library."

If you are interested in helping to organize such a group, please contact the museum at: info@ryenhistorical-society.org

Alex Herlihy
Chair RHS



Dear Rye Neighbors,

The Friends of the Rye Public Library wish to thank Rye residents for the generous response to the Friends' 2011–2012 membership drive. This support enables the Friends to supplement many Library programs and provide numerous amenities, including computer equipment, museum passes, youth activities, and the Speaker Series.

The Rye Public Library is an exquisite gem in the center of town; it immeasurably enhances the quality of life in Rye.

The Friends look forward to the continuing support of the Rye community.

With much appreciation,

The Friends of the Rye Public Library

Rye Firefighters Toy Bank



For the past seven years, the Rye Firefighters have participated in the *Seacoast Area Fire Fighters Toy Bank*, collecting toys and donations for Rye and Seacoast Area families. Your gifts of toys and financial donations are needed again this year. Without them, *many* families would be unable to celebrate the holiday season.

Here's how you can help!

- * Donate new, unwrapped gifts of toys, crafts, games, etc. for newborn to 17 years.
- * Donate gift cards for local merchants.
- * Donate financial contributions to "Rye Firefighters Toy Bank"
- * Mailing or hand delivery address: Rye Fire Station, 555 Washington Rd., Rye, NH 03870
- * Toy drop-off locations: Rye Fire Station, Rye Town Hall, Rye Junior High, Rye Elementary School, Depot Honda, Hungry Horse, Saint Theresa Church, Bethany Church & more to come.

For more information, please contact FF Charles Gallant or FF John Klanchesser at 603-964-6411.

Thank you for your support.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE



Sunday, December 11

at 1:00 p.m

Washington Road from Webster at Rye to Rye Junior High School

The Rye Fire Department Association and the Rye Lions Club invite your organization to participate in the annual Rye Holiday Parade. This year the theme is "FAVORITE HOLIDAY STORIES".

The parade will form behind Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road at 11:00 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning entries following the parade at the Rye Junior High School.

For additional information call 964-6411.

Thank you,

Rye Holiday Parade Chairmen, FF David C. Kornechuk and FF Chuck Gallant

Please return entry forms as soon as possible to: Attention: Parade Chairmen, Rye Fire Department Association, 555 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870.

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____ Email _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Type of entry - Please circle: BUSINESS NON-PROFIT FLOAT FIRE APPARATUS BAND
WALKING UNIT EQUESTRIAN

ANY FLOATS CARRYING CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULTS ON BOARD TO SUPERVISE CHILDREN.

RYE SEWER DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Sewer Commission was approached this past May to consider a proposal from the State of New Hampshire to have the North Hampton State Beach tie into the Rye force main. This would increase the load on the line minimally, but have a positive environmental impact. The Sewer Commission is currently in the process of working out an agreement with the State of New Hampshire. The project is subject to a favorable vote of the townspeople of Hampton to receive the additional load under a separate agreement with the State of New Hampshire.

The current Town of Rye Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Hampton is good until November 17, 2019.

The final bond payment for sewer will be made this upcoming year and as a result the capital recovery charge will continue to be billed in 2012. Any changes to the user fee system would take place at in 2013.

Please note per Sewer Use Ordinance § 500 General: No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged to the wastewater facilities any unpolluted or polluted waters such as storm water, ground water, roof runoff, or subsurface drainage.

The current Sewer Commission consists of David W. Kohlhasse, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; and David M. Adams, Commissioner. Sewer Department Staff include Walter J. Parenteau, Clerk of the Works; and Lee Arthur, Administrator.

The Sewer Commission Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the courtroom at Town Hall and the public is encouraged to attend. The Sewer Department Office is located on the second floor of Town Hall and is opened Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.– noon

For more information contact the Sewer Department at 964-6815.

Lee Arthur
Administrator

RYE WATER DISTRICT NEWS

Meter Replacement Project

Once again we would like to thank our customers for responding to our requests for meter replacements. Over 330 manual-read water meters were replaced with a newer touch-read system. These replacements enable more efficient and accurate data collection.

Route 1 Water Main Extension

One thousand feet of 12-in. water main and two fire hydrant assemblies were installed northward along Route 1. This increases fire protection along Route 1 and provides domestic water supply to the Adams Mobile Home Park.

Water Main Flushing

District personnel have completed our semi-annual water-main flushing to ensure clean safe drinking water and fire protection through the winter months.

Hydrants

Fire hydrants are now winterized and snow markers have been installed throughout the District. Once again we ask for your help in clearing snow away from hydrants near your property. This will be invaluable in an emergency. A six-foot radius around all hydrants should also be kept clear of any permanent structures or plantings.

Prevention

To prevent damage and water loss due to freezing, all irrigation piping should be winterized, all outside faucets should be shut off; hoses removed and drained.

Rye Water District Commissioners
Ralph Hickson,
Arthur Ditto,
John Murtagh

FROM THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Assessing Department is nearing completion of the cyclical review of properties. I expect to be out reviewing homes through the end of November. I greatly appreciate the support I have received from the taxpayers I have met during my visits. Joanne Drewniak has been working very hard streamlining our tax and billing software programs. When this is completed, it will save Rye valuable time when we file the DRA forms next year to have our tax rate set.

We have awarded the bid for the 2012 proposed statistical update. If all goes as planned, the work should begin in the spring. I will keep you all posted via our website on the progress of the project. This update will aid in maintaining assessment equity during these difficult times and meeting all statutory requirements set by the State of New Hampshire.

As a reminder, new exemptions and credit applications must be filed prior to April 15, 2012. Forms can be obtained in our office or on the Department of Revenue website. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 964-5523.

The Assessing Department would like to extend to you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Norm LeBlond, Assessor
Joanne Drewniak, Assessing Clerk



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

- ✓ **Budget Committee Meeting—Town/School 2012 Budgets**
Thursday, December 8, 2011, 6:30 p.m. Rye Junior High School
- ✓ **Presidential Primary Election**
Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 8 a.m.–7 p.m., Rye Elementary School
- ✓ **Budget Committee Public Hearing—2012 School Budget**
Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 6:30 p.m., Rye Junior High School
- ✓ **Budget Committee Public Hearing—2012 Town Budget**
Thursday, January 12, 2012, 6:30 p.m., Rye Public Library
- ✓ **Snow Date for Budget Committee Public Hearings Town and School 2012 Budgets**
Saturday, January 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m., Rye Public Library
- ✓ **Deliberative Session (First Session of Town Meeting)**
Saturday, February 4, 2012, 9 a.m., Rye Junior High School
- ✓ **Snow Date Deliberative Session**
Saturday, February 11, 2012, 9 a.m., Rye Junior High School
- ✓ **Municipal Election (Second Session of Town Meeting.)**
Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Rye Elementary School

TOWN EMPLOYEES ISSUED I.D. CARDS

If you are approached at your home by anyone representing him or herself as a town employee, you should know that town employees who go out in the field have been issued Identification Cards.

2012 PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Registered voters in Rye may submit Petitioned Warrant Articles for the 2012 Warrant to the Board of Selectmen until the deadline of Tuesday, January 10, 2012. For more information, please call the Selectmen's Office: 603-964-5523. Instructions are also posted on the Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us —Click on Forms.

WINTER STORM CLOSING INFORMATION

For information on Town offices and school closing, tune in to Channel 9, WMUR-TV

Schools: The ticker will run continuously at the bottom of the screen.

Town offices: The ticker runs twice an hour at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour.

The same information will be found on WMUR's website, www.WMUR.com

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