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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012

9 A.M.

**Parade from the Veterans
Monument**

**To Central Cemetery for
Services**

See page 20 for details.

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Selectmen Discuss Geothermal Installation plus Action on Warrant Articles

On behalf of the residents of Rye, we extended our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Greenland Police Chief Mike Maloney, his colleagues, and the Community of Greenland following last month's drug-related shootings. This unimaginable event that "doesn't happen in a place like this" has had widespread effects that have engulfed many people.

For your information, our Rye Public Safety Team, led by Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Fire Chief Skip Sullivan were among the first to respond to the unfolding tragedy in Greenland on the evening of April 12, and the Rye ambulance transported Chief Maloney to Portsmouth Regional Hospital. We are also aware

that close proximity and involvement with a tragedy of this magnitude takes its toll on those called upon in the line of duty. Our thanks go to Chief Walsh and our police officers and to Chief Sullivan and our fire fighter/paramedics for their continuing dedication. We applaud their preparedness and spirit regarding the greater community.

More Elections to Come Says Town Clerk

Now that the Presidential Primary and Town Elections are over, we are halfway through this busy election year. We can look forward to the State Primary Election on September 11 and the General Election on November 6.

For those who voted at the Presidential Primary and were dismayed to find you were not listed in the party of your choice, now is the time to fix this problem. Voters who are undeclared going into any primary election may choose to vote in either party. They may also change back to undeclared status right there at the election. If the voter does not change back to undeclared, he or she will be listed in the party she or he voted for at the election. Many voters forget to change back and are disappointed when voting in the next primary election and find they cannot vote in the party of their choice. **The deadline to change your party affilia-**

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Rye Senior SERVE Offers Many Programs

The Rye Senior SERVE van provides a weekly trip on Tuesday mornings to the Portsmouth Market Basket Plaza for grocery shopping, errands at the pharmacy, bank or card store plus an optional sociable breakfast with other van riders. Call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 by noon on Monday to reserve a space on the van.

Volunteer drivers provide transportation to routine medical, dental, and other important appointments. Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 to arrange for rides.

Volunteers also make daily calls to check on the well-being of residents who would like to have this service. Call Tricia Quinn at 964-8401 to learn more about daily wellness calls.

SERVE is cooperating with the Rye

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Town Hall Geothermal/HVAC Installation Underway

In 2010 the Town was awarded \$138,053, funded by the NHOEP Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for a new ground source (geo-thermal) heating/cooling system for our Town Hall. Matching Town funds in the amount of \$20,000, appropriated in 2011, brought the total to \$158,053. Since then, we have received an additional \$20,000 in grant funding.

At the Selectmen's meeting of March 26, 2012, we had reached a crossroad. Town Administrator Mike Magnant stated that the contracts for the geothermal system's successful bidders were ready for signatures:

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Achieve Renewable Energy for installation of the geothermal wells and Ideal for the HVAC work.

The question: Should we move forward with the project, which must be completed by June 30, 2012, in order to use the grant or should we cancel plans, lose the grant, and make decisions regarding renovation, expansion, or other options before moving forward as some have called for us to do.

Following discussion and with the knowledge that regardless of decisions yet to be made regarding the future of Town Hall, the geothermal grant will provide basic heating/cooling for the present building with the capability for expansion at a later date if required, the Board, by a vote of 2 to 1, elected to move forward in the knowledge that regardless of future decisions, we will have secured infrastructure worth in excess of \$160,000.

On May 1, passersby became aware that Phase I, drilling and outfitting of the eight geothermal wells, was underway. Not apparent to residents is the ongoing preparation for Phase II, the internal mechanical work and delivery system, which has literally required the creation of space in an already extremely crowded work environment. Town Administrator Mike Magnant and our Town Hall staff deserve high praise for their continuing cooperation and dedication in this very difficult situation.

Progress on Warrant Article Directives:

A large number of petitioned warrant articles passed in March have required our attention.

Article 20. Article 20 advised the Board of Selectmen that the Town would like to implement televised or on-line streaming coverage of town boards to include a minimum of the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Planning Board. No funding was included in this article.

Despite the lack of funding, the BOS is moving forward to investigate the cost of what compliance with this request will be; but nothing is as simple

as it seems. On-line streaming, which we believe can be implemented for less than televising, will require a minimum of two fixed cameras plus recording/transmitting equipment in the Court Room at Town Hall in addition to technical advice and installation. However, the meetings that spark the greatest interest and gather the largest crowds also cause the aforementioned boards to move to a larger venue (library, school cafeteria, or school auditorium). This means that to comply with the warrant article, portable equipment and technical support will also be required. We are trying to determine what compliance with this article request will cost.

Article 21 requires department heads and administrators to be specifically certified in their professional positions, where required by State law. For your information, there are no State certifications for the following department head and administrative positions: Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator, Building Inspector, Finance Director, Health Officer, Planning Director, Public Works Director, Fire Chief and Recreation Director. That said, these positions in our town are all filled with highly qualified individuals with numerous degrees and certifications among them which, along with background, experience, and references, led to their hiring here because they suited Rye's specific requirements.

Job descriptions for these positions in towns and cities throughout New Hampshire vary widely according to community size and composition (residential, business, industrial), budgets and expectations. Different certifications may be required locally within the job descriptions of individual towns.

We have only two town department head/administrative positions requiring State certification: Chief of Police and Assessor (through the Department of Revenue Administration) and both Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Assessor Norm LeBlond are duly certified in ac-

cordance with State requirements.

Article 22 requires a Town policy whereby no town employee can have an immediate family member as his or her supervisor, (immediate family member defined as parents, children, husbands, wives, siblings, in-laws, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins). The Town of Rye has no immediate supervisor-employee relationships like any described in Article 22.

Over the past 15 years, Boards of Selectmen have discussed a Nepotism Policy on several occasions. We will, in keeping with the affirmative vote on Article 22, establish such a policy in the near future; however, it should be understood that there are a number of circumstances under which such a policy will not hold up in court.

The following is an excerpt from a seven-page response dated May 3, 2000 to inquiry regarding municipal nepotism ordinances written by H. Bernard Waugh, Jr., Chief Legal Counsel for the New Hampshire Municipal Association, to then Rye TA Matt Upton, "Furthermore, a city's policy of not hiring applicants for departments in which a relative of the applicant held a supervisory position has been invalidated where, *inter alia*, such policy contravened the principle contained in the state constitution and the city charter that merit and fitness were the sole criteria for hiring and promotion in the civil service, and the policy penalized applicants for conditions over which they had no control."

Article 26 directed the Town to require that each employee, elected official, and appointed member or alternate of a Town board, committee or commission sign a form that prohibits that individual from participating in any capacity that represents a conflict of interest with the Town to include affirmative duty to disclose any such interests.

For a number of years, town employees have been provided copies of

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the Town policies on Fraud, Computer Use and Conflict of Interest. Employees have been required to acknowledge receipt of this information and a record of this acknowledgement is maintained within their personnel files. Recently, these three policies have been combined into a single document which will go out to employees for their signatures.

With regard to each "elected official, and appointed member or alternate of a Town board, committee or commission", because all elected and appointed members of boards, committees and commissions (including alternates) take an oath, they are all considered to be public officials. In order to comply with Article 26, we are in the process of developing an appropriate conflict of interest form and have asked Town Clerk/Tax Collector Beth Yeaton to have appointed and elected Town officials complete and sign this Conflict of Interest/Disclosure Form at the time they are sworn into office. Beth will maintain this file along with the signed oaths of office.

Article 27. Article 27 asked the Selectmen to address the space needs of town employees, boards, and commissions by a comprehensive pros and cons analysis of all possible options. A report is being compiled.

Prep for Summer

Clean Up. The open winter enabled the Public Works Department to get a jump start on spring activities such as roadside maintenance and brush cutting. The usual amount of discarded debris was apparent along with a relatively new and disgusting phenomenon. A number of plastic bags containing dog feces were also found, apparently picked up elsewhere and then discarded along the Rye roads for someone else to deal with. The proper discarding of pet waste requires taking it home, double bagging it and causing it to be disposed of in a landfill whether by taking it to the recycling/transfer center or via home trash pickup. We are also aware that the cause of this problem extends in part beyond Town boundaries.

Mosquitos/Ticks. We experienced an exceptionally quiet mosquito season in 2011 with unusually low mosquito populations; but no one can predict what 2012 will bring. We do know that this year has already been noted for high tick populations making frequent tick checks important following outside activity.

Remember that if roadside spraying is deemed necessary at some point during the season and you do not wish to have your property sprayed, now is the time to make your No Spray request. Please see the special box with No Spray information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Signs Up. As promised, the new Beach Access signs are in place.

New Ordinances. It is a historical fact that rules and regulations increase in number and complexity as the result of behavior by a segment of the population that places either those individuals and/or others in harm's way. Thus it is, that we recently approved two new highway ordinances.

The width of Rye roads is both varied and finite. We have instituted traffic calming measures by reducing the width of the travel lane to 11 feet as roads have been restriped, and promoted safety by enhancing the width of pedestrian pathways along the road-sides where possible as roads have been resurfaced.

Despite these measures, there is a noticeable increase in the behavior of a few with regard to use of the roads for bicycling and running/jogging/walking that affects the safety of all using the roads. Walking on the wrong side of the road, walking side by side in the travel lane and riding bicycles double or triple forcing vehicles into the opposite lane are a few examples.

On April 9, 2012, the Board of Selectmen, with guidance from Police Chief Kevin Walsh, approved the wording of the following ordinances:

Bicycle Regulations: *Any person propelling a bicycle on any public highway shall ride single file and shall ride as near*

to the right side of the roadway as safely as practical.

Running, Jogging, Walking Regulations: *Any person running, jogging, or walking on the pavement of any public highway, shall run, jog, or walk single file and shall do so as near to the left side of the roadway as safely as practical.*

This is a safety issue. We will hold public hearings shortly. If these ordinances do go into effect following public input, we will observe the results and voters will have the opportunity to make them permanent or remove them by voting next March. It should be noted that approved bicycle races would require a special waiver from the bicycle ordinance. Perhaps we can avert a tragedy; but, at a minimum, discussion of this topic has raised awareness of the problem.

Development of a Website Link Policy.

A growing number of organizations, agencies, and businesses are requesting connection to the Rye Town website via a link. Because a link to the Official Town of Rye website could be misconstrued as a guarantee, sponsorship, or approval by the Town, we are developing a Website Link Policy that will clearly state the process by which the Town will permit and/or terminate a link.

Education Funding

During April, debate was still continuing in our State Legislature over competing versions of CACR12, the education funding Constitutional Amendment. Concerned that placing CACR12 on the November ballot may be our last chance to remove the risk of a return to Donor Towns, we sent letters to our Representatives Brian Murphy and Will Smith and to State Senator Nancy Stiles urging them to persuade their colleagues to seek compromise that will allow "New Hampshire to join the 48 other states that help needy communities through targeted aid, rather than pay the total cost of adequacy for all".

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Encroachment

Encroachment, as the result of landscaping amenities being placed by property owners in the Town right-of-way, has become an increasing problem over the past few years. Replacement of gravel with loam and mulch and installation of rocks, shrubs and sprinkler heads are examples of two separate encroachment issues.

Gravel is used along roadsides to aid drainage, which is necessary to keep the road surface from breaking up, as opposed to loam which holds water in soil and root systems thus promoting frost damage to the road surface.

Secondly, the concept that the right to travel includes parking is established in New Hampshire law. "The highway easement is bought by the public when it is reasonably necessary for public accommodation. The right, when bought, is the right of reasonably using the land as a way." "Travelers upon public highways have the right to do all acts reasonably incident to "a viatic" use of the way". *Opinion of the Justices*, 94 N.H. 501.505 (1947). "Viatic use" includes parking along the road-

side unless restricted by Town ordinance.

Letters addressing encroachment problems in the Town right-of-way have been sent to several property owners. Additional property owners may be notified in the future.

House Numbering

As we approach the summer season, this newsletter issue addressed several safety issues. In closing, we ask you to check on the visibility of your house number. In a 911 situation, possibly at a time when the call could be covered by a neighboring town responder, visibility of your house number could make the difference in the outcome of your call for help.

Arabic numbers a minimum of 3" in height are required. (No script and no brass, which does not show up well, are allowed.) Display should be at the side or over the door and/or at roadside if the house is set back from the road. Homeowners should be alert to the growth of shrubs, vines, or trees that might obscure vision of the house number. In an emergency, every second counts.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy summer season,

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

NO SPRAY

Residents who do not want their property treated for mosquitoes must contact Dragon Mosquito Control in writing at P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries OR visit Dragon's web site www.DragonMosquito.com to register your No-Spray request online. Residents who would like to have their stagnant water checked for mosquitoes may call Dragon's office at 743-4144 or email Info@DragonMosquito.com. There is no charge for this service. Contact Dragon Mosquito for more information on spray dates, location, materials used, precautions, and other concerns.

Rye Water District News

Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting held at the Rye Junior High School on March 31, Ralph J Hickson was re-elected as Commissioner for a three-year term. The District was authorized to raise and appropriate:

\$ 50,000 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Funds; and

\$ 962,728 to defray the Water District's charges for the ensuing year.

The purpose of the System Replacement Capital Reserve Fund now includes maintenance, and the purpose of the Contingency Expendable Trust Fund may have an accumulated balance of no more than \$100,000.00.

Three Water Suppliers in Rye

The Rye Water District supplies water and fire protection to the major portion of the Town of Rye.

Aquarion Water Works, a privately owned company in Hampton, supplies the southern portion of the Town, Jenness Beach and Rye Beach Precincts.

The City of Portsmouth supplies water to the northern part of town along Pioneer Road, Sagamore Avenue, Elwyn Road, and Wentworth Road. The portions of Rye served on Wentworth Road, Harbor View Drive, Heather Drive, Elizabeth Lane, along with a section of Frontier Road are supplied by Portsmouth Water but remain within the jurisdiction of the Rye Water District.

Fire Hydrants

If you have a hydrant near your property, we ask you to trim off limbs and cut back shrubs, so they will not hamper operation and maintenance of the hydrant. Please remember to not plant shrubbery, erect stonewalls, or install mail boxes closer than eight feet from any fire hydrant. This will ease the snow removal process and access for the Fire Department in an emergency.

Outside Meter Reading Equipment

Outdoor renovations, additions, and siding replacement projects sometimes require the outside meter reading pad/radio receptacle to be temporarily

Town-Wide Update of Values in Progress

The Assessing Department announces that the 2012 town wide update of values has begun. Data collectors started in late April measuring and inspecting recent sales. Your assistance with any questions the data collector may have will aid in establishing sound values throughout town. Joanne Drewniak has updated the Assessing page on the town website (www.town.rye.nh.us) and will continue to post up-to-date information. This will be a great resource for you to use to monitor the progress of the project. Joanne has also posted notices at the Post Offices, Library, and outside the Town Hall.

We will be having a taxpayer informational meeting this summer to discuss the update and answer questions you may have specific to the update. Our web page and public locations will have the date for this meeting. All taxpayers will also be receiving a written notice of the new proposed value. The notice will also include dates and times of Informal Hearings. The Informal Hearings will allow you an opportunity to discuss your property, review your card, and correct any potential errors.

The regular cyclical review of 25 percent of properties will take place during the summer and fall. This will continue to assist us in maintaining accurate assessment data. The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) will be reviewing our exemptions, credits, and current use and will spot-check our data for accuracy. Rye has requested the DRA to change the Assessment Review Cycle to coincide with the update.

It will be a busy last half of 2012, but it will be well worth it. Once again Thank You to everyone I have met so far, and remember to keep checking our Web page and public locations for up-to-date information.

Norm LeBlond C.N.H.A

Joanne Drewniak, Assessing Technician

Rye Planning Board Chairman Discusses Zoning Changes

Prior to the elections held in March your Planning Board spent months working on the zoning ordinances in an effort to better reflect the desires of our citizens. A combined effort was made by the Rules and Regulations and Long-Range Planning committees who worked for hours reading, discussing, adding, and changing where necessary, all existing regulations. A complete list can be found on the Rye website, (www.town.rye.nh.us/pages/search). Below are some highlights:

- Rye has a number of tourist motels that may or have become unviable for a variety of reasons. Prior to the zoning change (2012-4), there was a possibility that these properties could be redeveloped in a way that was totally outside the character of the surrounding neighborhoods. The change was written to protect the existing surroundings while allowing the property owner to redevelop their property in an economically viable way.

- Building permits (2012-7) will no longer be issued prior to a driveway permit being issued. This enables the town to better monitor construction in town.

- There is now a prohibition (2012-8) on grading and excavation for foundations and septic systems before a building permit is issued. Again, this gives us a measure of control.

- Some modifications are for safety purposes. 2012-1 requires fire sprinklers in newly constructed or substantially renovated commercial buildings. This makes sense when you take into consideration our existing safety resources.

Other areas under scrutiny are the protection of our aquifers and storm water runoff. Again, the above is a

snapshot of some of the issues the Planning Board has been dealing with.

Another area of concern is the updating of the master plan. With the help of the Long-Range Planning Committee, we are presently working on a rough draft with the goal of completing it and scheduling public hearings this summer. Many of the sections you will be familiar with, such as transportation, civic life, vision, etc. There is one notable addition, energy. Moving into a more volatile period in our country's energy future, it will become more important than ever to execute to a plan that is practical and sustainable.

One important point: All citizens should understand that while a master plan is not absolutely required by the state, a vision plan is. However, without a complete master plan that reflects the intent of the zoning ordinances and vice versa, decisions made by the Planning Board will always be subject to interpretation and challenges by persons or organizations that may not have Rye's best interests at heart. For this reason I encourage all to be aware of the upcoming public hearings on the master plan and participate in its review.

Please remember that the Planning Board is here to help coordinate the desires of the applicants and the vision that the citizens have for Rye. We are governed by our zoning ordinances, land-use regulations, and master plan. We (the Planning Board) will navigate within these documents as best we can to accommodate everyone. As a long-time resident of Rye and your chair of the Planning Board, I am always available to help clarify any issues you may have.

Bill Epperson

Planning Board Chairman

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tion before the September Primary Election is JUNE 5. Just stop by this office or go to the meeting of the Supervisors of the Checklist on June 5 from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall and fill out a brief form. It only takes a few minutes and there will be no surprises at the next primary election.

Absentee ballots for the September 11 Primary will be available by mid-August. You may apply at any time and the absentee ballot will be mailed to you as soon as they arrive.

First Issue 2012 Property Tax bills should be in the mail by the end of May. They will be due **July 2** because July 1 falls on a Sunday. Taxpayers who escrow their taxes should forward a copy of the tax bill to the mortgage company. If you pay by mail and would like a receipt, just include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. We would be happy to get the receipt back to you. Property Tax bills, as well as Sewer bills, can be paid over the internet (www.town.rye.nh.us). Historically, the days at the end of June and the beginning of July are extremely busy in our office. Our summer residents are arriving; people

are registering vehicles, paying taxes, and getting their Beach Parking Permits. If you don't want to stand in line when paying your taxes, consider mailing them or paying them on-line. Remember, as long as your payment is postmarked July 2 or earlier, the payment will be considered timely.

We are continuing to sell **Beach Parking Permits** and will do so until the end of the season. You must be either a Rye resident or property owner to purchase a permit. A vehicle registration **must** be presented for each permit requested. NH privacy laws prevent us from looking up your plate number, so please don't ask. If you have trouble getting in to the office to purchase your permit, you may apply through the mail. Please include a copy of your registration and the \$20 fee for each permit requested. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is also required. You may also purchase your Beach Parking Permit over the internet at the Town of Rye's website (www.town.rye.nh.us).

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

Water District (Continued from page 4)

removed or relocated. Our meter reading equipment should not be removed or tampered with in any way by others. Please call the RWDs office in advance of construction. Our personnel will be happy to remove or relocate the meter reader receptacle at no cost to the homeowner if a prior request is made.

Spring Flushing

The semi-annual water main flushing is now completed.

Water Conservation

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

Effective and Efficient Lawn Watering

Here are a few good basic guidelines to maintain a green and healthy lawn.

- Water your lawn in the early morning hours at daybreak or earlier. This will allow time for the soil to absorb the water and feed the roots of your lawn. A more established rooting system is more resistant to the summer heat and lack of rainfall.

- Never water your lawn in the hot summer sun and on windy days. This will cause evaporation along with magnifying the harmful sun rays that burn up your lawn.

- When the summer's heat arrives, it's best to set your lawn mower cutting height higher and allow the lawn to grow longer (minimum 3") to shade the roots from the sun.

Rye Senior SERVE (Continued from page 1)

Recreation Department to develop and support programs for older adults. Several successful pilot programs have already taken place this Spring. Check the Recreation Department schedule in this newsletter to see what new offerings are available.

An enterprising young citizen of Rye is working hard to form a SERVE Youth Corps to connect teen-agers with senior residents who may need help

with yard work and other chores. Watch your local newspaper for further information about this worthwhile project.

As always, SERVE welcomes volunteers—Rye residents serving our Rye neighbors. Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 if you are interested in volunteering a few hours a month.

Connie Olson
Chair, Rye Senior SERVE

Mosquito Control Commission Reports

With summer upon us, this is a good time to share some tips on home-based mosquito control and bite prevention. Dragon Mosquito Control has been actively surveying and treating our salt marshes since April and so far mosquito breeding activity appears to be normal. Homeowners can play an important role in reducing the number of mosquitoes in their neighborhood by reducing the amount of standing water on their properties. The Mayo Clinic offers these common sense actions to reduce standing water:

- Unclog roof gutters
- If possible, empty children's wading pools at least once a week, preferably more often
- Change water in birdbaths at least weekly. You can also purchase devices to place in birdbaths that keep water circulating so that mosquitoes won't lay eggs there
- Get rid of tires in your yard— they collect standing water
- If you keep unused containers such as flower pots, empty them regularly or turn them upside down so they can't collect water
- If you have a fire pit, drain any collected water regularly

With the potential threat of West Nile Virus and EEE in our area, bite prevention is of the utmost importance. The CDC recommends these preventive measures that you and your family can take to protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellant to exposed skin. Generally, the more active ingredient a repellant contains the longer it can protect you from mosquito bites. A higher percentage of active ingredients in a repellent doesn't mean that your protection is better—just that it will last longer. Choose a repellent that provides protection for the amount of time that you will be outdoors
- When weather permits, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever outdoors
- Place mosquito netting over strollers and joggers when you are outdoors with an infant.
- Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening. These are peak mosquito biting times.
- Install or repair damaged window

Where is the Rye Historic District?

The District is primarily made up of Pre-revolutionary, Federal, and Victorian residential, commercial, and municipal structures dating from 1724.

First voted in by the residents of Rye 46 years ago at the March 1966 town meeting, the original Rye Historic District was defined as beginning at the west end of Grange Park (Just north of the Junior High School) to the intersection of Central and Washington Road ending at the Rye town hall. (It includes properties five hundred feet on either side of the centerline of Washington Road). It was later amended in 1978 and 1979 by Town warrant to further include the Isle of Shoals (the NH islands of White, Star, and Lunging) as well as the 1691 Brackett Massacre Site (605 Brackett Road) and the Cable House (the terminal for the first Trans-Atlantic Cable in the United States completed in 1874), currently a private home, which is located at 20 Old Beach Road.

Look for the small wooden white signs with black lettering that announce that you are entering the Rye Historic District. The Historic District is outlined in green on the map adjacent to the Rye Town Clerks office—it's easier to visualize the area when you see it on the map.

What is the Rye Historic District Commission?

First created by a vote of town residents 46 years ago the selectman were authorized to appoint a seven-member Historic District Commission with up to three alternates to preserve the unique collection of historically, archi-

screens in your home

With so many kids going to camp and playing sports outdoors this time of the year, it's essential that parents implement these measures for their safety. Keep in mind that repellents don't kill mosquitoes; they just make it harder for them to find and bite you!

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Ted Merritt, Chairman
Brian C. Helfrich, ViceChairman/Clerk
Charles Moore, Commissioner

tecturally, and culturally significant buildings and structures in the town. The responsibility of the Commission is to ensure that new buildings and structures and alterations to existing buildings and structures and uses of buildings and structures within the Rye Historic District are in visual harmony with their neighbors in order to preserve the history of Rye.

If you have questions or suggestions for the Commission, please drop them off in a note to the Rye Historic District Commission at Rye Town Hall. Commission members and alternates are listed on the Town of Rye website.

How does the Rye Historic District Commission work?

Any person wishing to construct, alter, remove, move, demolish, or change the exterior appearance of a structure within the Historic District (see section 303 of the Rye Zoning Ordinance for full details) must fill out an application from the Building Inspector's office to obtain a Certificate of Approval for the project. Once received, the Historic District Commission has 15 days to schedule a public hearing or to determine the project is not of interest (would not result in a significant change). If a public hearing is needed, legal notice will be published in the Portsmouth Herald and posted at Town Hall, Rye Public Library and on the Town Website. Abutters will be notified by certified mail. Decisions of approval or disapproval will be issued within forty five (45) days of the filing of the application. A Certificate of Approval is needed prior to obtaining a building permit from the Rye Building Inspector.

The Historic District Commission is updating the inventory of properties within the Historic District. Once updated, the list of all of the properties included in the Historic District will be available at the Rye Town Hall along with the guidelines used by the commission in reviewing applications.

Phil Winslow
Chairman

Rye Historic District Commission

RYE ART IN BLOOM 2012



"Thumper" by Judith Stillwagon, Pastel;
Flower Arranger:
Judith Stillwagon

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club and Rye Art Study Group recently held the 12th annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 31 selected works of art interpreted in flower arrangements. Music was performed by Bob Allison.

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

1. "A Corner of Summer" by Sally Manfredi, Oil; Flower Arranger: Sally Manfredi
2. "Anhinga" by Robert Mitchell, Wood; Flower Arranger: Cindy King
3. "Autumn - Cadillac Mountain" by Linda Szabo, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Carol Moore
4. "Down East" by Jean Hazelton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jean Hazelton
5. "Fish Beach, Monhegan" by Doris Rice, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Kim Devlin-Brytz
6. "Girl on the Dunes" by Muriel Cummings, Oil; Flower Arranger: Kelley Gallant
7. "Go Fish" by Lynn Joslyn, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Beatrice Keddy

8. "Golf 1" by Christine Orliac, Oil; Flower Arranger: Jan Olmstead

9. "Grapes of Tuscany" by Elizabeth Carlsen, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Elizabeth Carlsen

10. "Laundry Lady" by Ann Tolson, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Suzie Hamblett

11. "Leo" by Kate Clifford, Oil; Flower Arranger: Kate Clifford

12. "Misty Fjords" by Priscilla Patrick, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Patrick

13. "Moonlit Wave" by Carol Rodenberg, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray

14. "October in Rye" by Jean Leopold, Pastel & Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Janet Brown

15. "Renee's Sky" by Roger Venden, Oil; Flower Arranger: Sarah Oliver

16. "Sea Smoke" by Priscilla Jenness, Oil; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness

17. "Solitude" by Barbara Ripley, Oil; Flower Arranger: Karen Johnson

18. "Spheres" by Joan Sweeney, Watercolor; Flower Arrangers: Kathryn Job and Jane Jensen

19. "Starry Night" by Shawn Swist, Acrylic; Flower Arrangers: Jennifer Healy and Shawna Healy

20. "Stone Bridge" by Priscilla Brown, Watercolor; Flower Arranger:

Karey Papke Kelly

21. "Summer in New Castle" by Shirley Lyle, Pastel & Watercolor; Flower Arrangers: Beverly Lord and Lisa Arvidson

22. "Tasha Tudor" by Marianne Forman, Oil; Flower Arranger: Linda Gebhart

23. "The Persians" by Angelo Sinisi, Bronze; Flower Arranger: Joan Sinisi

24. "Things That Make Me Happy" by Dorine Gross, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Carol Cortina

25. "Thumper" by Judith Stillwagon, Pastel; Flower Arranger: Judith Stillwagon

26. "Walking the Beach" by Maddie Alana, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Marjorie Smith

27. "Wake Up Call II" by Elizabeth Boynton, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Ana Pickford

28. "Windows" by Terri Donsker, Photography; Flower Arranger: Becca Dixon

29. "Winter Sunset" by Claire Russo, Fabric Art; Flower Arranger: Jane Holway

30. "Wood Duck and Family" by Jodi Adams, Fabric Art; Flower Arrangers: Nancy Littlefield and Matthew Shields

31. "Woodland Falls" by Julie Hyde, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde

RYE HERITAGE COMMISSION IN FULL SWING

The Mission Statement of The Rye Heritage Commission is to promote the preservation, protection, and recognition of the town's historical and cultural resources and locations. In doing so the Commission may advise and collaborate with Rye's boards, local organizations, businesses, and individuals regarding cultural sites, historical buildings, and preservation projects.

After six months in operation, the Rye Heritage Commission (RHC) is in full swing with a varied and challenging agenda.

Town Hall. A focus of the Commission's energy has been the fate of the Rye Town Hall. At a joint meeting in March, the Heritage Commission, the Rye Historical Society, and forty members of the community were educated about the Standards for Historic Preservation promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Peter Michaud, from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, set out the steps for qualifying the Rye Town Hall as a registered historic place for state and national recognition. An application for state recognition is being pursued by the RHC currently and it will seek Board of Selectmen participation in the upcoming months. This recognition would make our Town Hall eligible for state and federal funds to begin renovations, insulation, and preservation efforts.

Plans for the building may include new storm windows to protect the current historic windows that remain in good condition. The Heritage Commission and the Historical Society are in support of restoring the Great Hall on the second floor for meetings and events; however, no decisions in this regard have been made to date. Further study of pros and cons regarding options for town officials and staff in keeping with space needs was approved by voters in the March 2012 Town election.

Goss Farm Barn. Another exciting focus of RHC energy is the fate of his-

toric barns in the Town of Rye. The Heritage Commission recently accepted an invitation from the Conservation Commission to join them in the continuing restoration of the Goss Farm barn. While currently unsafe for access, once renovated, the Goss Farm barn will operate to support a community farm.

This farm remained in the same family from the 1700s until purchased by the Town of Rye in November 2010. It has been listed in the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places since May 2011. Fundraising will be necessary to rehabilitate this historic structure to allow farm and community use and storage in the future.

At this time the Heritage Commission has the Rye Heritage Fund which has One Dollar specified in the creating Article to establish a Fund. Any donation to increase this Heritage Fund in furtherance of the Commission's mission is tax deductible. If you wish to donate, Checks should be made out to the Rye Heritage Commission Fund and sent to Finance Office, Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870.

News. The RHC will participate in the revision of the Rye Master Plan to promote the preservation of our historical and cultural resources.

The RHC has created a local recognition—The Louise Tallman Heritage Award—and will designate an annual recipient who best exemplifies the contribution made to the Town by Louise during her lifetime.

The RHC has openings for three more alternates. Skills in web page design and management, in fundraising, real estate management, and in architecture would be desirable. If you possess any of these skills or have interest in the work of the RHC and its mission, please contact RHC Chairperson Mae Bradshaw at 603-964-6545 or Mae@AttorneyBradshaw.com

Sewer Department: “Don't Pour Grease Down the Drain”

Just as excessive grease in a person's diet can cause problems with the human body's “plumbing system,” grease poured into your drain at home can cause problems with the Rye Sewer System.

When liquid grease is introduced into the sewer system, it begins to solidify as it cools. The grease then attaches itself to the inside of the sewer line. Over a period of time this grease severely restricts the flow in the sewer line and eventually will cause a complete blockage. When a blockage occurs the contents of the sewer line seek the path of least resistance, usually flowing out of a manhole onto the ground or in the worst case into your home. This can cause a very unhealthy condition.

In an effort to reduce this potential problem, we ask that you do not pour grease into your drain, but rather collect cooking grease in a can or jar and allow it to solidify then dispose of it with your trash. It is a good idea to dispose of “all food into the garbage” and not use the under sink disposal as a trash can.

The current Sewer Commission consists of David W. Kohlhasse, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; and David M. Adams, Commissioner. 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 open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

For more information contact Lee Arthur, Sewer Department Administrator at 964-6815

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

Updates from Rye Public Library!

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

June 2012 will mark the release of the Rye Public Library Strategic Plan 2012-2015

Along with our Centennial celebration in 2011, we worked steadily on researching and developing the goals and objectives of our Three Year Strategic Plan. The finished plan is now available for your review. Many of you will already have received an electronic copy of the executive summary report, and a limited number of printed reports will also be available to pick up at Rye Public Library. Reference copies of the executive report, along with all the accompanying documentation, will be accessible both on our website and at the Library. Our planning process was a community-wide activity with public input sessions informing the hard work of our Strategic Planning Committee. This dedicated group was composed of community members, Library staff and Trustee representation. We look forward to further integrating the Rye Public Library into the community, and working cooperatively toward the

lofty goals we've established in conjunction with your input and the guidelines of the Rye Master Plan.

Our popular Wednesday matinee series continues through summer 2012 (see below) and new groups including Drawing Together and Seacoast Mystery Writers join our line-up moving forward. Stay informed about all our activities by signing up for our e-mailing lists on our website. www.ryepubliclibrary.org

As always, this year's Summer Reading theme, Dream Big: Read! will be on our minds through August with music and contests for adult members and an outstanding programming plan for teens and kids (see Youth Department listing) Thank you to The Friends of the Rye Public Library who support our youth summer programming!

Andy Richmond, Director

Ongoing Activities

Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join this lively discussion group here at RPL! Now offering two sessions: Third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. (upstairs) and 7 p.m. (downstairs).

6/19 Homer and Langley by E.L. Doctorow
7/17 The Gardner Heist by Ulrich Boser
8/21 State of Wonder by Anne Patchett

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

6/6 *Birdsong* 165 min
6/13 *Hugo* 127 min PG
6/20 *A Better Life* 98 min PG-13
6/27 *Romantics Anonymous* 80 min
7/11 *War Horse* 146 min PG-13
7/18 *The Artist* 100 min PG-13
7/25 *Iron Lady* 105 min PG-13
8/1 *Albert Nobbs* 113 min R
8/8 *My Week with Marilyn* 99 min R
8/15 *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* 129 min PG-13
8/22 *Open Road* 90 min PG-13
8/29 *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen* 107 min PG-13

Drawing Together Sketchbook Group

Every Tuesday 10–11 a.m. No special art supplies—with paper and a marking implement you are on your way! Learn at your own pace, with plenty of encouragement in a pressure-free environment.

Generations Genealogy Club

First Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL!

6/5, 7/3, 8/7

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.

Knitting with Mary

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

Military Book Discussions

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 6/7, 7/5, 8/2

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! Schedule will be determined based on response and weather considerations.

Sponsored by Friends of the Rye Public Library.

Seacoast Mystery Writers Group

Alternating Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.; confirm schedule at joy@jeseymour.com. Share, critique, and learn from this accomplished group

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

Children's Museum of N.H., Dover • Museum of Fine Arts, Boston • Currier Museum of Art, Manchester • Museum of Science, Boston • Historical New England • New England Aquarium (no summer passes) • Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston • Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA • Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston • Seacoast Science Center, Rye • Museum of Art, Portland, Maine • Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth

Museum Passes Donated

by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.

Updates from Rye Public Library!

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. New members welcome! Congratulations to Holly Galvin RES 4th Grader—winner of the FRPL logo contest!



Library Summer Programming 2012 ~ Summer Reading and Music Abound!

Thursday, 6/14 from 7–8 p.m. *Notes from a Maine Kitchen*
Presenter: Kathy Gunst, Author and Chef.

Join Kathy for a discussion of her latest cookbook: *Notes from a Maine Kitchen*, and share her favorite recipes.

Wednesday, 6/13 from 3–4 p.m. Music with Tom Barron and his band!

Join this popular musical combo for a return engagement. Kick off our Summer Reading program with Tom and the Boys.

Wednesday, 7/11 from 3–4 p.m. Music with Ben Baldwin and his band!

Always a popular event, Ben Baldwin returns to entertain.

Wednesday, 8/15 from 3–4 p.m. Music with the Al Derben Trio!

Back this summer, join local musicians Woody Allen, Doug Bennett, and Bruce Derr

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

June thru September Upstairs: Learning Skills Academy Student Show

June thru September Downstairs: Rye Public Library Art Committee Invitational Show: The Sea

SUMMER COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library with our Technology Librarian Lisa Breton-Eaton! Use our computers or bring your own.

COMPUTER TUTOR SESSIONS Mondays 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call or visit our website to reserve a seat. Here is an opportunity to bring in your specific computer-related questions, such as how to move or copy files and folders, how to create an email address, how to stop spyware at-

tacks (pop-up windows that are a nuisance), tools available to speed up your computer, factors to consider before purchasing a new computer, or to help you determine which Wednesday classes to consider taking.

TECH TALK CLASSES Specific Wednesdays each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.. Classes will consider the following topics. Call or visit our website for more info and to reserve a seat.

Wed. 6/13	Computer Basics: Internet Security
Wed. 6/27	Round Them Up! Managing ALL my Programs
Wed. 7/11	Managing Digital Photos
Wed. 7/18	Computer Basics: Tune it up
Wed. 8/8	Introduction to Windows Computer Basics
Wed. 8/22	Introduction to Mac OS X Lion

DEVICE ADVICE SESSIONS Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Sign up for 15 min. sessions.

Call or visit our website to reserve a seat. Learn to borrow downloadable content for your e-reader, tablet, or audio player through Rye Public Library.

Rye Public Library Youth Summer Reading Program 2012 "Dream Big—READ!"

Kick-Off Party: Incredible Magic Show with Peter Boie!

Tuesday, June 26, 6 p.m.

You won't believe your eyes! Specialty Magician Peter Boie will have you confused—how'd he do that? Sign-up is required. We'll also be selling Dream Big summer reading shirts tonight—INEXPENSIVE and fun designs!

Weekly Trivia—Keep Dreaming!!

Monday–Saturday, June 27–August 4

Each week we'll have new questions to challenge your mind. Correct answers earn you tickets to shop in the DREAM TREASURE STORE. Many new and exciting treasures can be yours! Store is open daily from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. *Please note:* Store closes for the summer at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 4. No sign-up is required to participate.

Drop-In Crafts Monday–Saturday, June 27–August 4
Dream BIG! Each week, we'll feature a dreamy craft for you to make here and take home! No sign-up required.

Story Times Wednesdays, June 27–August 8, 11 a.m.
(Except 7/4)

Preschool/Kindergarten story time is offered every Wednesday during the summer reading program. Join us for great

Library Youth Summer Reading Program

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books, finger plays, songs, and a fun craft! No sign-up is required.

Story Time at the Farmer's Market

Wednesdays June 27 – September 26 (Except 7/4) 2:30–3 p.m.

Join Lisa for some fun informal story times under the pine tree at the Farmer's Market—weather permitting. No sign-up required.

Youth Knitting with Pam

Wednesdays, June 27–August 1 (Except 7/4), 10–11 a.m.

Pam Anthony will work with you on your knitting skills this summer. Come in and cool off while you create some fun projects. No sign-up is required. Recommended for 4th–12th graders.

Read to Hank & Friends (Jada and Pete, too!)

Thursdays June 28–July 26 10:30–11:30

Have your child practice reading to lovable black Labrador retrievers: Hank, Jada, and/or Pete! They will patiently and without judgment listen as your child improves reading skills. Sign-up is required for fifteen minute sessions.

Video Games in the Afternoon

June 28, July 3, 5, 12, 17 & August 14, 23 2:30–3:30 p.m.

These XBOX 360 with Kinect games are so much fun! No sign-up is required; just come on in out of the sun for some video game fun!

Family Friday Flick Movie Fridays, June 29–July 27, 3 p.m.

Each week we offer you the opportunity to get out of the heat and cool off with a movie and some popcorn. All shows are family friendly; we're showing the latest in DVD releases! No sign-up is required.

Lego Mania and Lego Toy Raffle

Mondays, July 2–30 & August 6, 20 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, and each week we'll have a Lego toy raffle—don't miss it!

A Yearly FAVORITE! Our Guessing Jar is back this year

Guessing begins July 9 / Winner Announced July 16

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

5th Annual Outdoor Pet "Show-Off"

Tuesday, July 10, 6 p.m.

We'll be having our fun pet show on the lawn again this year, so get those pets ready! Bring your pet and enter the contest to have your pet win a ribbon! Sign-up is required for you AND for your pet!! (sorry, no rain date)

10th Annual Talent Show Wednesday, July 11, 6 p.m.

Celebrate a decade of talent! Showcase your talent at our 10th annual talent show! Sign-up is required, so call us soon! We'll need to know what your act will be and about how long you think it will take. Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

Edible Book Contest

Tuesday, July 17, 6 p.m.

Enter the contest by creating a food (does not have to be a dessert) that shows a character, scene, or any sort of delicious concoction from your favorite book. Kids and Adults entries are welcome. Sign-up is required.

Star Wars Theme Party

Wednesday, July 18, 6 p.m.

This will be a blast! We'll have all sorts of games, prizes, raffles, and Star Wars themed food—so be sure to come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character. Sign-up is required.

1st Annual STUFFED Animal Pet Show

Thursday, July 19, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

We'll be having our first fun pet show in the community room this year, so get those stuffed animals ready! Bring your pet, and you might win a ribbon! Sign-up is required for you AND for your stuffed pet!!

Boston Museum of Science "Science Magic"

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 p.m.

Remember those magic tricks from our opening kick-off? Well, here you'll learn about the science behind some classic magic tricks. Learn to snatch a tablecloth without disturbing the plates, make a fireproof balloon, and even defy gravity!! Sign-up is required.

Water Balloon Toss

Thursday July 26 2:30–3:30 p.m.

We're heading to the children's garden outside for this extravaganza! Can you stay dry? Sign-up is required.

Closing Party: Creatures of the Night Tuesday, July 31, 6 p.m.

We'll round off our dreamy night theme with a look at some fantastic night creatures. Don't miss the live animals in the library for our last show of the summer. Sign-up is required.

Teen Online Summer Reading Program "Own the Night"

Start Date to Begin Posting on the WIKI: June 25

Teens: Love to read and want to win great prizes? Every 100 pages you read = one raffle ticket to win the best prizes in town! You need only post a short review & synopsis at our WIKI-SO EASY! Go to www.ownthenight.wikispaces.com for more information and to enter the program.

As dates and times are subject to change; please check our website at ryepubliclibrary.org for updated information, or call us: 964-8401.

Rye Energy Committee Activities

Curious about keeping chickens? Come hear Joseph Marquette of Yellow House Farm speak about raising chickens in your backyard on May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rye Public Library. Then join us on Sunday, June 10 for a fun tour of Rye's finest poultry homes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Begin and end at the Goss Farm on Harbor Road, where you can pick up your map, participate in a scavenger hunt, face painting, and other games, or get some lunch. Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, are available at Rye Town Hall, Christine's Crossing, and Nature's Outpost. Proceeds from this event benefit the Goss Farm.

Get ready for fresh, local food grown right here in Rye and on the Seacoast. The Rye Farmers' Market opens June 13 at the Rye Town Center. Markets are on Wednesdays from 2:30-

5:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends! Subscribe to the *Rye Eats Local* Newsletter by visiting our website at www.ryeturninggreen.com to keep informed about Farmers' Market events.

Escape the heat this summer by attending our Summer Film Series in the cool and comfortable Rye Public Library. The series includes *Carbon Nation* on June 21, *Consuming Kids* on July 19, and *Fresh* on August 23. All films to start at 6:30. Snacks will be served. Did you know that the Library has reduced its energy use in the past few years by 22 percent through lighting and insulation upgrades?

Watch for details of our annual fall Stay Warm-Save Money workshop featuring a tour of Rye homes and buildings that have reduced their energy use through energy efficiency projects. Let the owners tell you how

easy and affordable it was.

The Energy Committee has compiled an energy inventory for the Rye municipal sector. Many energy-saving measures have or will be put in place in town buildings to decrease the use of energy. Here is a preview of the detailed report reviewing town energy use to be completed within the next month. The table below shows a 2011 energy summary for the three tax precincts, the schools, and the water and sewer districts.

The Energy Committee is also working with the Planning Board to add an Energy Chapter to the Rye Master Plan.

Do you have a passion for local food, saving energy at home, or helping the town reduce energy use? The Energy Committee is welcoming new members. Contact Susan Anderson at sorazi3@comcast.net.

Summary Report							
	Buildings		Vehicles		Streetlights		
	#	% of total	#	% of total	#	% of total	Grand Total
Annual Fuel Expense	\$319,774	75%	\$79,849	19%	\$24,650	6%	\$424,273
Annual CO2 Emissions (lbs)	2138720	79%	518881	19%	54252	2%	2711853
Annual Energy Use (MMBtu)	11556.9	77%	3272.5	22%	199.5	1%	15028.9

2011 RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN NOW AVAILABLE!

Available on The Town of Rye Website under the Recreation Department Link <http://www.town.rye.nh.us> or in hard copy by contacting Rye Recreation at 964-6281.

Watch for the 2012 Rye Recreation Department Survey that will be distributed this June. Your help is necessary in determining the recreational needs of Rye.



Fire Department Paramedic Offers Health and Safety Tips

Heat and Hydration

As we get closer to the summertime, it is important to remember that which we learn the hard way every year when seasons change. We all must be aware of the very real stresses that heat and humidity can place on the human body. We live in New England, we have extremes of both heat and cold throughout the year, and we all tend to need reminders on occasion of how the weather plays an important role in our general health and well-being. The temperatures in New England are not as extreme as in Arizona or New Mexico, but while those states have higher temperature levels, the humidity there is almost non-existent making the heat easier to tolerate.

In the drier climates the body is able to sweat and with the help of convection (air movement) our body is able to efficiently cool itself. It is not unheard of for temperatures to reach 110 degrees during the daylight hours, but with the low relative humidity it is tolerable to the residents. In New England the temperatures are generally lower than in those states, however, we have a greater amount of relative humidity and at 80-degree temperatures with high humidity, the body's ability to cool itself becomes severely strained, and at 90 degrees, the body's natural cooling is not able to cool the body by convection, so we must rely on alternative methods of cooling to get the job done. The most important way to do so is through proper hydration.

As a society in the United States, we are in a state of perpetual dehydration. The average human being in the United States consumes far less water than what is recommended to maintain good health. The US Center for Disease Control recommends that humans consume eight 8-ounce glasses of water per day when the temperatures are

mild, and 32 ounces of water *per hour* when temperatures are in the 85-90 degree range or when in milder temperatures and performing any physical activity. If we wait until our body tells us we are thirsty, then we are already in the state of dehydration. The body's ability to cool itself is very much affected by the amount of free fluids that are flowing through the body at any one time. Sweat is the primary method that the body uses to cool itself. We lose water from our body on a constant basis, every breath we take we exhale water vapor, we sweat, we urinate, we have tears and saliva that are constantly produced, which uses up the body's internal supply of water. We consume beverages with caffeine and it causes an increase in the loss of essential water from our bodies.

As we age, our body's own signals that tell us that we need to take in more water tend to get depressed and as a result the older we get, the less we drink fluids. Certain medications and alcohol consumption also put us at higher risk for dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke in the hot summer months.

Without proper hydration or with an excessive loss of body fluid, we cannot efficiently operate our muscles to walk down the road or across the kitchen, or drive a car. Without enough bodily fluid we cannot transport oxygen to our brain, we cannot maintain our blood pressure when we get up out of a chair, and we get dizzy and can potentially pass out. The EMTs and Paramedics at Rye Fire Rescue transport about 100 people every year for heat-related illnesses that can be easily prevented with proper hydration.

Vial of Life Program

When an emergency happens, it is seldom at a time that is convenient for

us. What would happen to you if you were alone and suddenly had a medical emergency that rendered you unconscious or incapacitated? Who would be able to be able to relay vital information to emergency responders, such as what medications you take or medical history you may have? The Vial of Life Program has been sponsored by Rye Fire Rescue for several years to help solve this problem directly. The Vial of Life program encourages participants to place critical medical information and medication lists into a ziplock bag and place the bag on the refrigerator, along with placing Vial of Life Stickers on the outside door for responders to see, indicating you are a participant in the program and information is available taped to the refrigerator. The stickers are available free of charge from the fire department, and we strongly encourage everyone to participate in this potentially lifesaving program.

Child Car Seat Installation

As a service to the community, Rye Fire Rescue offers installation of child car seats by Lieutenant Chuck Gallant, who is a certified Child Car Seat Installation Technician. If you have the need for a child car seat to be installed or reinstalled in an automobile, it is extremely important that the seat is properly installed. An improperly installed child car seat can gravely affect the ability of that seat to protect our most precious cargo in the event of an accident.

As a reminder, your firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you find yourself in need of assistance of any kind, do not hesitate to call on us—we stand ready to help out.

Ron Hordon
Lieutenant-Paramedic
Rye Fire Rescue

GOSS FARM UPDATE

The Goss Farm Community garden plots have now been assigned to Rye residents, and Rye Junior High garden plots are set to be ready for planting this spring. This will be the first year for both endeavors. Both plots will be plowed and rototilled by some of the many civic-minded volunteers who are making such a difference in preparing the gardens for planting.

The Goss barn is the sole structure that the Conservation Commission has acquired. Having been purchased by the Commission, it belongs to the people of Rye. We are looking for interested parties to join us in establishing a Goss Farm subcommittee to provide ideas and vision.

We were planning to have a new metal roof installed this spring but our barn preservationist discovered that there are beams that need to be replaced before that can be accomplished. Our revised target date for the new roof is sometime this fall. We intend to restore the barn to make it safe and functional to support our agricultural projects. Over the course of this restoration we will need donations of time, materials, and labor. We hope to enlist community participation in this effort.

There will be a Chicken Coop Tour fundraiser on June 10, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. to raise funds toward the Goss barn restoration project. All coops are in Rye with a lot of variety. We'll have food {courtesy of the Rye Lions Club} and games at the Goss Farm in the afternoon. Tickets are available in the Rye Town Hall, at Nature's Outpost in North Hampton and at Christine's Crossing in Rye. We are also raffling off a customized chicken coop and those tickets will be available at the same locations. Don't miss this fun and educational event, presented for a very worthy cause.

See you at the farm!

Sally King
Rye Conservation Commission

Beach Commission Announces Town Beaches to Open June 23

We are all looking forward to summer, and of course, a big part of the summer in Rye is the opening of the beaches! This year, Saturday, June 23 is the official day.

The Beach Commission held its first meeting of the year on April 12 at Town Hall, led by Chairman Michael Labrie, Secretary Peter Kane, and Commissioner Ed Mallen. The first course of business was to meet with Sonya Carlson of the Department of Environmental Services and review the plan for ocean water testing at the beaches this summer. She led us through the procedures needed if a problem sample is found and how the posting and notification will work. Fortunately, our ocean water has generally been very clean. On most days, the average eight-foot tide that we experience leaves a lot of dry sand at low tide, allowing the sun to retard the growth of bacteria. If runoff is heavier, the water testing will show it and appropriate action will be taken to protect swimmers.

Over the last several years, there has been a constant endeavor by the Commission to improve the lifesaving component at Rye's beaches. We reviewed ways in which we can further improve

lifeguard professionalism. Our first action was to extend the position of Lifeguard Supervisor to Mr. Greg Kendall. Greg is a former Rye police officer, school principal, and manager of the water crew at the Water Country Park in Portsmouth. His background in public safety, law enforcement, and education makes him a great fit for this newly created role. He will work together with Rye Fire Department Lieutenant/EMT Chuck Gallant on beach and lifeguard issues. The Commission greatly appreciates the lifeguard support and assistance it has received over the last few years from the Fire Department, as well as from the Department of Public Works.

Our new Head Lifeguard is Jane Tighe, who was chosen out of a field of some very excellent applicants for the position. Jane is a varsity swimmer at UNH and a veteran lifeguard on Rye's beaches. We are sure Jane will do a superb job leading the lifeguard team.

We are looking forward to June 23 and the best summer on Rye's beaches ever!

Mike Labrie, Chairman
Peter Kane, Secretary
Ed Mallen, Commissioner



Enjoyment of Rye's Beaches is ageless.
A young couple on Jenness Beach. Photo by Mike
Labrie, Beach Commission Chairman

Storm Water Tips from Public Works

Here are ten simple things every homeowner can do to help reduce the amount of pollutants that are carried into streams, brooks, rivers or the ocean.

1. Never dump anything down a storm drain or drainage ditch. The storm drain system conveys storm water directly to a creek or stream, without any treatment.

2. Properly dispose of all trash, rubbish and garbage. Trash that is left in your yard or on the street will eventually end up in the closest creek or stream.

3. Place your cigarette butts in the proper receptacle. Don't throw them on the ground.

4. Recycle used motor oil. The Transfer Station will accept used motor oil. Never dump motor oil, gasoline, or solvents down a storm drain!

5. Wash your car on the grass, or take it to a commercial car wash. Your car has oils and greases that wash off and then flow into the storm drains, polluting the nearby water ways. Commercial car washes have special procedures for treating the water that washes off your car.

6. Clean up after your pet. Place pet waste in a trash receptacle or flush down the toilet. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that will wash into streams and rivers when it rains.

7. Use fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides only when needed. Fertilizers promote algae growth in waterways. When using fertilizers, follow application instructions and do not apply if rain is forecast.

8. Compost yard & grass clippings. Don't dump yard waste in the woods. The Transfer Station accepts yard waste for composting every Tuesday and Saturday.

Rye Police and area police departments are receiving theft from vehicle reports. Consider removing any valuable items from your vehicle at night or when parking at the beach. When parking at the beach, please do not leave cell phones, purses, or wallets in your vehicle. In many of the thefts from vehicles, a single credit card is taken. Very often no one notices a single card missing. By the time it's noticed, many unauthorized purchases may be on your credit card. In any case, always remember to lock your vehicle, even when parked in your driveway.

Dogs on Rye beaches: Starting on May 26, the Saturday before Memorial Day, and ending the Saturday after Labor Day, September 8, dogs are not allowed on the beach between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The law says you must have your dog under control at all times. The Town Ordinance requires that you clean up after your dog and any dog waste must be taken with you and disposed of properly.

Beach parking stickers: When you get your 2012 Beach Parking Permit Sticker from the Town Clerk's office, please put it on the driver's side rear window as soon as you get it. Parking enforcement will ticket vehicles

9. Check your vehicles for leaks and repair them!

10. Tell a friend or neighbor about how to prevent storm water pollution. Get involved in a local community watershed organization.

News at the Transfer Center

Plastic caps from all plastic bottles are now being recycled at the transfer

Chief Walsh Warns of Thefts from Vehicles

without a sticker once the "Parking by Permit Only" signs are posted.

Remember, Rye beaches are dry—NO ALCOHOL. Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcoholic beverages. Beaches are open from sunrise to midnight. Any permits for fires must be approved by the Fire Chief. The person obtaining the fire permit must extinguish the fire before leaving the beach. NO FIRE SHALL BE BUILT ON ANY SAND AREA OF ANY BEACH.

Bicycles: All bicyclists should ride single file and shall obey all traffic laws. Please remember if your children are under the age of 16, they must wear a helmet.

June 1 is the Special Olympics Torch Run. Police officers and community members run torches from different areas in New Hampshire to Durham, NH for the Special Olympics opening ceremony. This is one way communities and police officers support our Special Olympians. Please be patient if traffic is delayed. As always, thank you for your continued support when you drive by.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Kevin Walsh,
Chief of Police

center. Plastic caps should be removed from all bottles and containers and deposited in the five gallon container provided adjacent to the plastic bottle bins.

Dennis McCarthy
Public Works Director

Town of Rye Board Meetings

June 2012

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Town Hall Courtroom (first floor), 10 Central Road. Other board meetings are also held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall for up-to-date information.						1	2
3	4	5 6:30 pm Heritage Commission at Library 7 am Supervisors of the Checklist	9 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment				
10	11 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	12 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	13	14	15	16	
17 Father's Day	18	19 6:30 pm Mosquito Control Commission	20 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High First day of Summer	21 7 pm Conservation Commission	22	23 Town Beaches Open	
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Library Trustees, first Thursday of the month
5:30 pm at the Library

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

TOWN MUSEUM OPENS FOR SEASON

The Rye Town Museum opened its Saturday hours on April 28. From now until the end of October, the museum is open on Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. As always, the museum is open year-round on most Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. and by appointment. Call 997-6742.

► See our expanded maritime exhibit! Watch one of nine different films about Rye and explore the rich collection of photos and stories in our binders arranged by subject. Some of these photos may be seen on our website www.ryenhistoricalssociety.org under the "word press" section.

► RHS will present an expanded presentation on the history and future of the town hall this summer. Watch for publicity.

► RHS Rye History Trolley Tour was a success on April 14th. We will be scheduling other tours this summer and fall; watch for publicity.

RHS along with the Rye Heritage Commission is launching an initiative to protect and care for the 60+ historic graveyards of Rye. Soon, neighbors of these graveyards will receive an invitation to "Adopt a Graveyard," but this invitation is extended to anyone in town who is interested in caring for this important part of the town's heritage. If interested, contact Alex Herlihy, Chair, Rye Historical Society or Mae Bradshaw, Chair, Rye Heritage Commission.

2012 Rye Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

On Monday, May 28, 2012 at 9 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony at Central Cemetery. The Ceremony will begin with a parade from the Veterans Monument, ending on the green at Central Cemetery. Participating in the parade will be New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Junior High Band, the Rye Police and Fire Departments, Veterans, Girl and Boy Scouts, horses, and vintage fire trucks.

The Guest Speaker is veteran Bruce Valley. Music will be provided by Karrie Burnett and the Rye Junior High Band. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Poster and Writing Contests from the Rye Elementary and Junior High Schools. The winning posters will be available for viewing and the winning poems and essays will be read. Rye Clergy will give the Invocation and the Benediction. Immediately after the ceremony, refreshments will

be provided by the Rye Historical Society.

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

All veterans are invited to march in the parade. You do not have to be a member of a veteran's organization to participate. Those with physical limitations may sit among fellow veterans during the ceremony.

In the event of rain, the Ceremony will be held in the fellowship hall of the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road in Rye. For more information, contact Lee Arthur at 964-6281.

This may be done through the Rye Town Museum's e-mail: info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org RHS and RHC will act as a clearinghouse for

(1) Those already caring for graveyards,

(2) Those who will adopt one in the future, and

(3) Any questions as to care and upkeep, crossing private property to access a graveyard and repair of gravestones, etc.

Some have already started on this project. To see the latest effort, go to the Wedgwood enclosed graveyard on Lang Road and take a look at what a neighbor has done to expose the stones.

The Society is seeking residents interested in helping with our many varied and interesting tasks. Please go to our website, where you will find a list to choose from!

Alex Herlihy
Chair, Rye Historical Society

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