



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## Selectmen's Message:

### TOWN HALL, BEACH AND BEYOND

#### Become Involved Now

We invite you; we urge you to become part of the journey as collectively we develop a vision that will guide renovation of our historic Town Hall as an integral part of the solution to our desperate need for additional space within which to conduct the business of our town.

Study of the old Trolley Barn provided a comparative analysis of potential uses and associated costs for renovation of that site; information deemed prerequisite to development of restoration and schematic design plans for Town Hall.

A Town Hall Committee (THC), detailed in the September Newsletter, was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and this committee has been meeting regularly since July 25<sup>th</sup>. Victor Azzi was elected Chairman of the THC, Paula Merritt was elected to serve as co-chairman and Beth Yeaton as clerk.

The first major task of the THC was selection of an architectural firm to carry out the current phase of the Town Hall project set forth in Article 4 of the 2013 Warrant which calls for preparation of two schematic designs with cost estimates that include restoration of the Great Hall and curvilinear stairways, construction of office space in keeping with the Town Hall Space Needs Study and consideration of long-term Recreation Department needs that might be accomplished via utilization of a restored Great Hall and/or use of the old Trolley Barn. The development of two schematic designs requires that one be designed as an addition to the Town Hall and the second as a building that is either separate or connected to it in some fashion.

Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architectural, Inc. (SMP), of Concord, NH, was selected by the THC from among five submittals. SMP specializes in municipal work with an emphasis on and experience with historic buildings and Town Halls.

SMP and the Town Hall Committee have collaborated to clarify constraints presented by the size and shape of the site, determine the interrelationship of departments within the design plan and seek a design resolution compatible with the desired relationship of mass to either an attached or a separate building adjacent to our existing Town Hall, which all agree should remain the dominant feature on the site.

The Energy Committee,

through the expertise of member Michele Sopher, is providing input regarding energy efficiency during this project and the Recreation Department has been invited to discuss its plans for the future at a November meeting.

Time has also been devoted to development of outreach methods which include invitations to Town boards, commissions and committees and Town organizations to engage their memberships in participation, use of print and other media and development of an online site which is now in place via Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rye-Town-Hall-Committee/206239632891618>.

At the time that you receive this newsletter, the next Public Session of the Town Hall Committee will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Rye Public Library. Please join us there.

#### Status of Beach Problems

Rye residents are generally in agreement that both summer crowds and associated problems have increased dramatically over the past few years and many are aware that the adjacency and, in some cases, overlapping of Town and State jurisdictions has resulted in gray areas with regard to supervision, management and enforcement. Thanks to the initiative of State Senator Nancy Stiles, cooperation between the Town and State regarding beach issues is at an all-time high.

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### Holiday Parade

"Old Fashion New England Holiday"

Sunday, December 8, 2013,  
1:00 p.m.  
Washington Road, Webster at Rye  
To Rye Junior High School  
For additional information  
call the Fire Dept. at 964-6411.

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**Second Meeting with Senator Stiles:** The Selectmen have the authority to propose installation of parking meters on a State road. State Senator Nancy Stiles reported this finding at the outset of a follow up beach issues meeting held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rye Public Library. First suggested at her initial gathering of local and State officials on July 25<sup>th</sup>, she had contacted the Office of the Attorney General for confirmation. She further stated that while expense for the meters, installation, maintenance signage, road marking and enforcement would be the responsibility of the Town, the Town would retain all revenue.

Another revenue related topic concerned a Memorandum of Understanding regarding enforcement by Rye police on State properties within our Town: Odiome State Park, Wallis Sands State Beach, Jenness State Beach and Rye Harbor State Park. This document was signed by the Rye Board of Selectmen on September 23, 2013. It affirms Rye police authority on State property and allows all fines resulting from enforcement by the Rye Police Department to be retained by the Town.

The results of other action items from our initial meeting with Senator Stiles include the trimming of bushes along the State right of way, verification of posted speeds on Route 1-A (Ocean Boulevard) and discussion of arrangements to coordinate repainting of 1-A crosswalks and side road approaches prior to the 2014 summer season. We also received valuable assistance through undercover work of New Hampshire Liquor Enforcement personnel.

Noting the work done recently at North Hampton State Beach, Senator Stiles has indicated that she plans to work toward upgrade of the rest room facilities at both Jenness and Wallis Sands State Beaches.

Another meeting is planned for early April of 2014.

**Rye Beach Ordinance Proposal:** Throughout the past three months, our Beach Ordinance Committee, chaired by Mike Labrie, has worked to prepare an ordinance for your approval that will allow management of commercial beach activities by the Town in a manner that will facilitate safe, enjoyable and accessible use of public beach resources by all beach users.

In the proposed ordinance, activities conducted for fee or rent have been carefully defined as have the locations to which they apply. If approved, these activities must conform to requirements set forth in the ordinance which ensure safety for the participants and protect the Town from liability.



*A family searches for crabs at Jenness Beach, Photo by Michael Labrie*

**Going the Extra Mile:** In response to the enormous influx of visitors to our shores during July and August, Police Chief Kevin

Walsh worked tirelessly throughout the summer to provide the best beach coverage possible with the manpower available without short-changing the needs of the rest of the town. His report of police activity speaks for itself. We wish to acknowledge Chief Walsh's dedication to Rye and its people.

### **Municipal Records Committee Formed**

Over the past two years, considerable Town Hall committee discussion devoted to space needs has been focused on the universal municipal problem of burgeoning mountains of paper records/documents and the inevitable storage dilemma resulting. Adding to the problem, each type of record has its own retention requirement. Currently, our records are stored in many parts of the Town Hall as well as at the Public Safety Building.

Approval of Article 8 in March provided \$25,000 for the purpose of retaining a company specializing in New Hampshire records/documents management and improvement of records retention systems. We reported earlier that Town offices were closed for three Fridays in April, except for emergencies, to allow staff to examine cartons of old records stored in the attic of Town Hall in an effort to focus the work approved by Article 8.

In accordance with RSA 33-A3, in August the Board of Selectmen established a Municipal Records Committee (MRC) to govern disposition of town records and appointed Assist. Town Administrator Cyndi Gillespie to head the committee. Also appointed to the MRC were Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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Beth Yeaton, Town Treasurer Leon Blaisdell and Assessor David Hynes as designated by the RSA. Other members may be added in the future.

Request for Proposals (RFPs) were sent out to hire a company to reconfigure the archive room at the Public Safety Building, develop an indexing system for the Town and provide training for its use. At this writing, four proposals have been received.

### **Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission**

Following establishment of the State of New Hampshire Commission on Coastal Risks and Hazards (CCRH), we posted a request for a volunteer to serve on this commission. Phil Winslow, Vice Chairman of the Planning Board and a Rye representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission, answered the call. His detailed reports of CCRH meetings concerning the threat of sea level rise, related uncertainties and potential consequences have provided a survey of the work being undertaken by this commission.

### **Staff Changes**

Following the resignation of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Robin Baker in August, Town Clerk Beth Yeaton appointed Donna Decotis, with approval of the BOS, to that position. Donna had been serving as Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The resulting vacant position of Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector has been filled recently by Andrea Morrissey and we welcome Andrea to the Town Hall Staff.

### **What is a Resident?**

If an individual lives in Rye

a portion of every year, can that individual serve on our boards, commissions or committees when these positions require residency? That is the question.

The answer is provided by Town Clerk Beth Yeaton as follows, "During the past few months much discussion has taken place regarding residency. A resident is a person who claims Rye as their principal address for ALL purposes. A resident will have a NH driver's license, register their vehicles in Rye, be a voter in Rye and send their children to Rye schools (unless a private school is utilized). In addition, a resident must file their Federal and State tax forms using a Rye address. Under no circumstances can a NH resident hold a driver's license from another state per State of NH law."

### **Town Seal**

The date on our Town seal is incorrect. The seal states "Incorporated 1726" when in fact that is the date that we were designated as The Parish of Rye.

In an effort to fix the problem, two proposals were suggested. Input from the Historic District Commission, the Heritage Commission and the Rye Historical Society has resulted in a total of four proposals all of which retain the central design with Town of Rye, N.H. at the top.

We have three important dates to consider: Settled in **1623** (a date we share with Portsmouth as in 1623 the Odiorne Point site of the first settlement was part of what became Strawberry Banke), Parish of Rye **1726** (the first time that the name of Rye, replacing Sandy Beach, is used in our history but it only included a portion of the pre-

sent town) and Incorporated **1785** (when we actually became a town, the Town of Rye, N.H.)

It is the belief of the Board of Selectmen that because this is a Town seal, the date of our incorporation as a Town is significant. That said, we also believe that the other two dates are important markers in our history and should be included in the design.

### **Town Flag**

Dr. Michael Mittleman has been working throughout the year on his proposal to have an official Town of Rye flag. A flag design contest was held and many ideas were received. Three have been brought to the Board of Selectmen, one of which features the Town seal on a field of color. We plan to resolve the Town seal design question and then consider the flag design proposals.

### **Public Works Employee Memorial Underway**

All too frequently, we hear or are even personally involved with the loss of firefighters or police officers in the line of duty. Less publicized are the incidents that take the lives of public works employees, workers who dedicate their lives to keeping our roads and highways open in the worst of weather and maintained, usually in the midst of traffic, even during the hottest days of summer.

On June 15, 2009, Governor John Lynch signed into law House Bill 608 which established a committee to oversee the design and construction of a memorial for those public works employees who died in the course of performing their public duties. The legislation also established a special account for deposit of funds donated to con-

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construct this memorial which will be sited at 7 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH in front of the State of NH Department of Transportation building.

On October 28, the BOS voted to donate \$50.00 from the Town of Rye to the Public Works Employee Memorial Fund. For more information, contact the Memorial Office Website: [www.nh.gov/dot/nhmemorial](http://www.nh.gov/dot/nhmemorial).

## Message to Our All-Stars

Congratulations to Rye 2013 Little League 11/12 year old All-Stars State Champions Dylan Chase, Will Gerrish, Nick Guerin, Tripp Hindle, Dylan King, Cal Kobylinski, Matt Leger, Spencer Leger, Max Malila, Joe Nadeau and Jonathan Swenson.

You had a great season, you represented your home town well and we are proud of you, your coaches Derek Malila and Chris Guerin and manager Ron King.

## Holiday Parade is December 8<sup>th</sup>

We wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

Board of Selectmen,  
Joseph G. Mills, Jr., Chairman  
Craig N. Musselman, Vice Chairman  
Priscilla V. Jenness, Selectman

## News From The Town Clerk/Tax Collector

We continue to work through the transition of personnel in this office. It is with pleasure that I announce Donna Decotis has been promoted to Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Donna has worked as our very able assistant for 5 years and has been fully trained to take over the position of deputy. To replace Donna in the position of assistant, Andrea

Morrissey has been hired. Her first day was October 17<sup>th</sup>. Many of you know Andrea, a longtime resident of Rye, from her work at TD Bank and Rye Recycling Center. Congratulations to both ladies as they begin working in their new positions.



As I write this article, the tax rate has not yet been set. The tax bills will go out as soon as we get the new tax rate and I have a signed warrant from the selectmen. No matter how late the bills go out, be assured you will have 30 days from the date of the mailing to get your tax bills paid. Third quarter sewer bills are late going out due to problems with water usage figures received from Aquarion Water Company. I expect to have 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sewer bills out by the end of the October providing I get a warrant from the Sewer Department. Again, the bills will be due 30 days after the mailing date. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sewer bills should follow in December.

You can begin licensing your dogs in January, 2014. All dogs must be licensed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. A current rabies certificate will be needed. Beach parking permits will be available soon after the beginning of the year. A registration will be required for each vehicle you want to put a beach parking permit on. The fee will again be \$20 per vehicle. In order to obtain a parking permit, you must be a Rye resi-

dent or property owner.

Earlier this year, I informed you that we had begun processing boat registrations. The State of NH sends out renewal notices for boats in December. Owners can begin renewing their boats in January. Remember that we can process your boat renewals right here in our office. Most of the money generated from boat registrations transacted in this office stays in Rye to help offset your property taxes.

The changeover from doing away with payments to both town and state for motor vehicle and boat registrations has gone very smoothly. Requiring only one check, made out to the Town of Rye, has simplified the process. As promised, the ability to pay by credit card for all transactions completed in this office will take place very shortly; it may even happen by the time you receive this newsletter. It is exciting to be able to offer this service since so many of you have asked for it. Remember, a driver's license must be presented by anyone registering a vehicle. It doesn't matter if the vehicle belongs to someone else; the person actually doing the registration will have to show his/her id. This is a state regulation that we must follow.

## A few reminders

You can pay over the internet for motor vehicle and boat registrations, dog licenses, beach parking permits, as well as, property tax and sewer bills ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)). If you choose to complete the above services by mail, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Thank you.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season,

Elizabeth M. Yeaton  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



## Planning Board News

Going into the fall season, your Planning Board continues to be busy. In addition to proposing new zoning amendments and updating the Master Plan, numerous applications have come before the board. The most important and perhaps the most visible is the proposed retirement community development (RCD) on the Rand property on Wallis Road. Presently the applications is in the preliminary stage and will be back on the agenda in the near future. On October 26<sup>th</sup> the public was invited to a site review with the representatives of the



*Chairman Bill Epperson and Christian Smith from Beals and Associates reviewing plans of the proposed development.  
Photo courtesy of Kim Reed*

proposed development. The weather cooperated and approximately 30 residents of Rye attended. As this was a public hearing, the attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions of the board and the principals of the project. Based on the feedback we believe that all the questions were adequately answered and the application will proceed with additional scrutiny from the Planning Board. According to the engineering firm, they would like to break ground in the spring of 2014. This, of course, is contingent on the application being approved. We have set up an escrow account in order for the town's engineering firm to validate

the information presented to the Planning Board.

In addition to the Rand property application there is also a proposal for a major site development for Foye's corner. Presently there are several old buildings that are scheduled to be razed and replaced by a family style restaurant. The Planning Board's technical review board has seen the application and has declared it to be complete and therefore capable of being presented to the full board in November.

The Board has also been presented with a number of "consultations" that will, if they come to conclusion have an impact on Rye. If and when these applica-

## IMPORTANT OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN MEETING (SB2) DATES

12/11/13	Last day to submit Citizen Petitions to amend Zoning Ordinance, Historic District Ordinance or Building Code (1 <sup>st</sup> day to submit is 11/11/13)
1/14/14	Last day to submit all other Citizen Petition Warrant Articles
1/22/14	First day to file to run for Town or School District office with Town Clerk
1/31/14	Last day (until 5 p.m.) to file to run for Town or School District office
2/1/14	Town Deliberative Session (9 a.m., Rye Junior High School)
2/5/14	School District Deliberative Session (6:30 p.m., RJH)
2/6/14	Snow Date for School District Deliberative Session (6:30 p.m., RJH)
2/8/14	Snow Date for Town Deliberative Session (9 a.m., RJH)
3/11/14	Town & School Dist. Election (8 a.m.-7 p.m., Rye Elementary School)

Bob Eaton  
Town & School District Moderator

tions come before the Board they will be public. We expect these types of applications to become more common in the months to come. Be assured that as they are presented they will be completely vetted and will be approved or denied based on the zoning, master plan and LDR regulations.

Bill Epperson, Chairman  
Planning Board

## Historic District Commission

Rye is one of many towns in the State of New Hampshire that has a Historic District Commission.

# Historic District's Message

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In 1966 the residents of Rye voted to create a Historic District Commission with a charter *"To preserve the unique collection of historically, architecturally, and culturally significant buildings and structures in the town. 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."*

This charter not only insures the continuing legacy of those before us who strived to build the homes and structures within the District but it also serves as an effective tool for maintaining and enhancing property values within the District.

Rye's Historic District is defined as Rye Center—extending from the War Memorial at the intersection of Washington and Central Roads to the Grange Park at the intersection of Washington and Wallis Roads and within 500 feet either side of Washington Road. It also includes the Cable House at 20 Old Beach Road (the Terminal for the First Trans-Atlantic Cable in the United States, the Brackett Massacre site (1691) at 605 Brackett Road and the New Hampshire Isles of Shoals, annexed to Rye by the New Hampshire Legislature in 1876, which include Lunging, Star, Seavey and White Islands.

The Historic District Commission has updated an information brochure which includes a complete background on the Town Warrants establishing the District, State of New Hampshire Statues establishing a Historic District, an inventory of all buildings in the Rye Historic

District, and the Rye Zoning Ordinance covering the Historic District. A hard copy of the brochure is available to owners of property within the District at no charge upon written request to the Historic District Chair. In addition, an electronic copy may be viewed or downloaded by all residents of Rye from the town website—go to the Town of Rye web site and select Town Boards and Committees. Select Historic District Commission and open the section called Historic District Book to view the brochure.

As a housekeeping issue please be mindful that no commercial signs are allowed in the Historic District without prior approval of the Commission and in accordance with the Rye Zoning Ordinance 303.5 section F. In addition no "garage sale", auction or event announcement signs may be placed on Town property without the advance approval of the Rye Board of Selectman. We appreciate everyone's cooperation so that we can continue to enhance the positive image of our community for residents and visitors alike.

Phil Winslow, Chairman  
Historic District Commission

## Rye Heritage Commission

Establishment of the Rye Heritage Commission [RHC] was in large measure the result of a need to provide an appropriate means for transfer of the historic World War II Pulpit Rock Tower from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to the Town of Rye. The

Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower continue to raise funds for the renovation of the tower. The Rye Heritage Commission will acquire the tower if and when conditions of transfer are met. A Selectmen's article on the March 2011 ballot to establish a Heritage Commission was approved by voters. The Commission consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one of whom is a representative of the Board of Selectmen, plus five alternates.

The RHC promotes the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts. The RHC has the authority to survey and inventory cultural resources conduct research and publish findings, assist the Planning Board, as requested, to review cultural or historic resource related sections of the Master Plan and advise, upon request, local agencies and boards on matters affecting or potentially affecting cultural and historic resources.

The RHC can also publish its activities, hire consultants and contractors, receive gifts of money and property, hold meetings and hearings as necessary and consult and collaborate with the Historic District Commission [HDC]. A number of concerns brought forward during the 2005 Visioning Sessions fall under the purview of the newly established Heritage Commission. Unlike the HDC which has a finite area of responsibility, Heritage Commission powers apply to the town as a whole.

Since holding its first meeting in November of 2011, the

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Heritage Commission has developed a program with goals to undertake: the updating of the Town's Historic Resource Inventory; the Old House Project; the Graveyard Project; preservation/restoration discussion of Town Hall; and continued interest in Goss Farm and in Pulpit Rock Tower. Collaboration with the Rye Historical Society and the State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, as well as the use of its archives, will provide important background and documentation for these ongoing projects.

The Graveyard Project is of particular importance to the Commission in the upcoming year. There are approximately sixty historic graveyards on private property throughout the Town of Rye. The plan is to identify which graveyards have been abandoned by the families of the deceased and encourage the adoption for perpetual care of these historic sites.

The RHC continues to devote time and energy to the developing plan for the Rye Town Hall by attending Town Hall Committee meetings, providing input and consulting with experts in historic preservation.

The RHC has worked closely with the Rye Planning Board to include an expanded contribution to the Rye Master Plan currently being revised. While some proposals derived from the 2005 Master Plan Visioning Sessions have come to fruition, such as the establishment of a Heritage Commission, and progress has been made on others, some suggestions of merit remain on the to do list. Among them:

- ♦ Creating a map of key sites in town and interpretive signs for each location;

- ♦ Offering an historic homes walk-through; and
- ♦ Publicizing that the Isles of Shoals National Historic District is a Rye historic asset.

The Rye Heritage Commission has one opening for an alternate to join the nine other participants in these exciting and challenging projects.

If you are interested, please contact Chair Mae Bradshaw at [MaeBradshaw@comcast.net](mailto:MaeBradshaw@comcast.net).

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman  
Rye Heritage Commission

## Conservation Commission News

In keeping with the Conservation Commission's mission to protect and properly utilize Rye's natural resources, the Commission is planning to ask the townspeople to support a second Open Space initiative.

The last Open Space bond was passed in 2003 and 5 million dollars in land acquisition funds was approved by voters. With these funds the Commission acquired 307+/- acres of land easements and purchases 252+/- acres of land, with a total value of \$10,683,245. This was accomplished by leveraging town funds with previously conserved land values and grant funding. One example was the protection of agricultural land at the Goss Farm through a partnership with the USDA Wetland Reserve and Ranch and Farmland Protection Program.

This upcoming Open Space

initiative will ask the voters for 3 million dollars to protect some important large tracts of land that are becoming available. This is opportune timing since the land owners are actively courting conservation partnerships. This valuable land includes contiguous watershed areas, wildlife corridors and land with the potential for passive recreational uses. The continuing preservation of open space honors Rye's rural character and is consistent with our town's Master Plan. We are hoping for citizens' support for this initiative in the next election cycle in order to expand the protection of open spaces that make Rye unique.

The Commission is pleased that we will have two new farmers at the Goss Farm in 2014. They will join the already established community and RJH gardeners and will start by planting the main farm fields this spring. We are excited that both farmers are Master Gardeners and share backgrounds in education. With their backgrounds come an interest and commitment to further engage the Rye schools in sustainable farming curriculum enhancement.

The Goss barn renovation is on schedule for completion. The Commission plans to host an open house for those interested in exploring the barn in the spring. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to make this a productive year at the farm. We would also like to acknowledge the many volunteers who combated invasive species at several locations in Rye. Through their efforts several organized pulls in the Town Forest and a large scale native species planting in the marshes were accomplished. We appreciate their commitment and enthusiasm.

Sally King  
Rye Conservation Commission



# WINTER PROGRAMS

10 Central Road Rye, NH 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516  
E-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us), Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

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## SIGN-UP NIGHT

**Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Rye Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road, Rye  
Rye and New Castle Residents Only**

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m., except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Programs, Basketball and Ski and Snowboard Lessons.

**ACTIVE, ALIVE AND OVER 55 CLUB** meets October - May on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of September when the meeting was held on the second Friday of that month. Meetings are held at Rye Congregational Church with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Members have the opportunity to participate in other programming, including day trips, fitness classes and pickleball learn-to-play clinics. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are taken and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch and \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For a registration form and more information, contact the Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281 or e-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)



**HISTORY OF RYE** explores the long and colorful history of Rye through old photographs of Rye Center, churches, hotels, seascapes and more, with Alex Herlihy of the Rye Historical Society. Come and share your memories of Rye and how it has changed over the years.

Date: Thursday, January 9, 2014

Lunch: Clam Chowder (alternate soup available), Garden salad w/choice of dressing, cornbread and strawberry shortcake

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 2, 2014.

*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**CONTAINER AND RAISED BED GARDENING** is presented by Ron Christie, UNH Cooperative Extension, Program Coordinator, with the assistance of a Master Gardener. Do you envision a yard with raised garden beds of beautiful, thriving vegetables? A deck

where you can pluck a tomato from its container? If so, come and learn some pointers on how to make this vision a reality.

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014

Lunch: Roast turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, ice cream and a cookie.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 6, 2014

*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**LOVE SONGS** just in time for Valentine's Day. Sing along with Rye Junior High Students and their Music Director, Michelle Wirth, as they perform traditional American folk love songs like "You are my Sunshine", "Red River Valley", "My Darling Clementine" and many more.

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2014

Lunch: Shepherd's pie, spinach salad, roll and blueberry pie a la mode.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, February 6, 2014

*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS BOSTON** is one of the largest museums in the United States. It contains more than 450,000 works of art, making it one of the most comprehensive collections in the Americas. With more than one million visitors a year, it is the 31<sup>st</sup> most visited art museum in the world. You are responsible for your own museum admission (\$23-\$25) and lunch.

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2014

Departure Time and Location: 9:30 a.m., Parking lot to the right of Rye Congregational Church.

Reservation Deadline: February 13, 2014

Fee: \$30 (Includes transportation and driver tip only)

*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

**OVER 55 FITNESS** is instructed by Alexis Mason. This cardio and toning class is designed for participants 55+. Simple moves and combinations for cardio are paired with a light-weight strength training format for an energizing, full-body, low-stress workout. Breathable clothing and sneakers are a must. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Please see below for a complete list of dates. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

Dates: December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 2013, January 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29, February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28, June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 2014., 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye

Fee: \$54 (Prorated to start date)

**ADULT, CHILD & INFANT CPR/ADULT & CHILD AED** teaches you how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. Participants earn American Heart Association Certification. Instruction is provided by Chuck Gallant, Rye Firefighter and held at the Rye Safety Complex. For ages 11 and up.

Saturday, January 18, 2014,  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40



**FIRST AID** teaches rescuers to effectively recognize and treat emergencies in the critical first minutes until emergency medical services personnel arrive. Participants earn American Heart Association Certification. Instruction is provided by Chuck Gallant, Rye Firefighter and held at the Rye Safety Complex. For ages 11 and up.

Saturday, February 15, 2014,  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40



**BABYSITTER COURSE** provides you with the skills and confidence you need to be a great babysitter. Hands-on activities, video, plus discussion focusing on decision making skills and solutions for real-life problems. Participants earn American Red Cross Certification. Held at the Rye Library. For ages 11 and up. Participants should bring lunch, snack and drink.

Saturday, March 22, 2014,  
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$85





**ADULT YOGA AND MEDITATION** is instructed by Jeanie Ryan. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Breathe. Learn the ancient practice of yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class and mats are available, if needed. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Session 1, Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2014, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Session 2, Tuesdays, February 18, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$82.50 per session (5 classes)



**SKATEBOARD FAMILY NIGHT** is provided by Rye Airfield. Learn to skateboard as a family and have fun. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, board and instructor included. Held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. Session 1, Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Session 2, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Session 3, Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Fee: \$25 per session



**GROUP TENNIS LESSONS** are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Zoltan Koncz, USPTA tennis professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink. Session 1, Fridays, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2014 4yrs-K, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Grades 1-3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Grades 4-6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Grades 7-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Session 2, Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2014 4yrs-K, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Grades 1-3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Grades 4-6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Grades 7-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)



**TOURNEY GROUP TENNIS TRAINING** is co-ed and for Juniors and Adults. Held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility and coached by Mark Moulton, USPTR Professional. All participants must have rating, ranking, or an evaluation by Coach Moulton to train in these classes. Please contact the Rye Recreation Department prior to registering in order to arrange an evaluation.

Saturday, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2014 Level 2 (10 & Under), 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Level 3 Advanced (12 & Under), 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Advanced (14 & Under), 11:00-12:30 p.m.; Advanced (Adults) and Advanced (18 & Under) 12:30-2:00 p.m. Fee: \$112.50 (9 lessons, 1 hour)

**ARTFUL SCARF ADULT KNITTING WORKSHOP** is instructed by Beth Yeaton. Create a stylish scarf for any occasion. Techniques include casting on, reading a pattern, knitting and purling. Basic knitting skills required. Course includes pattern, yarn and needles. Held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road, Rye. Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 2014, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$10 (2 classes)



**LEGO ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS** are instructed by Kevin Husson and are for youth entering grades 1-6. Held in the Recreation Area Modular, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Participants do not take LEGOS home.



- 1. LEGO Minecraft Workshop** Participants will construct a Minecraft Micro World by creating and customizing their own Minecraft Village, the Minecraft Obsidian Portal and The Nether. Saturday, February 1, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 2. LEGO Robotics & Engineering** Participants will use LEGO Power Functions and LEGO Mindstorms to construct a variety of different LEGO projects, including a racecar, top-spinner, and a remote controlled car. Saturday, March 1, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$24 per workshop

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** is for grades K-2 and 3-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F at Rye Elementary School. The cost of the program is \$14/day with a minimum of two days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.



**SKI or SNOWBOARD LESSONS** will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski lessons and snowboarding lessons are for grades 2-8. Bus transportation will leave from both RES and RJH, after dismissal on Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2014. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$250 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for an additional fee of \$60 and helmets for \$15. Helmets are required. *This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was Friday, November 29, 2013. However, if space is available, more registrations may be accepted. Please contact the Recreation Department immediately, if you are interested in this program.*



**RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December 7, 2013 to February 15, 2014. Grade K meet once a week to practice and play as a group and grades 1-5 meet twice a week, once for practice and Saturday for games. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was extended to Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Space is not limited; however, the late fee must be paid. You can register today. Fee including late charge: \$60 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).



**GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE & SCRIMMAGE GROUP** is open to girls grades 1-5. Held December 7, 2013 to February 15, 2014. Meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval. Space is not limited; however, the late fee must be paid. You can register today. Fee including late charge: \$60 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).

**OPEN COURT BASKETBALL** is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval. Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, 2013, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2014 following the Recreational Basketball League (time to be determined). No charge; however, participants are required to register with the Rye Recreation Department in advance.



**HOLIDAY RECESS BASKETBALL** is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval. Monday, December 30; Tuesday, December 31, 2013; Thursday, January 2; and Friday, January 3, 2014, 9:30-11:00 a.m.. No charge; however, participants are required to register with the Rye Recreation Department in advance.



**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL** Sundays, December 8, 15, 22, 2013, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014. Held at Rye Junior High, upon approval and based on availability. Over 40 years, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; 18-40 years, 10:00-11:00 a.m. No charge.



**TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:** Complete a Rye Recreation Department General or Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Registration Form indicating specific program(s). If paying by check, make it payable to Rye Recreation. Submit both registration form and payment to the Town of Rye Recreation Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 or bring to Sign-up Night Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Registration is limited to a first-come, first-served basis and will not be accepted prior to Sign-up Night commencing at 6:00 p.m., except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Programs, Basketball and Ski and Snowboard Lessons. Registration forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Rye Town Hall, on the Rye Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/) or at the Rye Recreation Department M-F, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Programs are non-refundable and offered to all Rye and New Castle residents. All other non-residents should contact the Rye Recreation Department for eligibility. For more information, contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.

# Rye Public Library Winter 2013 News!

As the weather turns colder, make sure to get the most from all the resources at Rye Public Library. Pull up to the fireplace with your favorite book, DVD or CD, and more. Our calendar of scheduled events and speakers is always available at [www.ryepubliclibrary.org](http://www.ryepubliclibrary.org)!

## Ongoing Activities:

**Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join these lively discussion groups here at RPL!**

**Now offering two sessions: Third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm (upstairs) and 7 pm (downstairs).**

12/17 <i>The Lost Wife</i> by Alyson Richman	2/18 <i>The End of Your Life Book Club</i> by Mary Anne Schwalbe
1/21 <i>Still Life</i> by Louise Penny	

## *A Touch of Grace* the Grace Putnam Memorial Film Series

**Movies and popcorn on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm! Enjoy our new projection system!**

12/4 20 Feet From Stardom PG-13 91 min	1/29 <i>Dr. Zhivago</i> PG13 197 min
12/11 <i>Love is All You Need</i> R 116 min	2/5 <i>The Butler</i> PG-13 132 min
12/18 <i>The Way Way Back</i> PG-13 103 min	2/12 <i>A Walk On The Moon</i> R 107 min
1/8 <i>Fill The Void</i> PG 90 min	2/19 <i>Blue Jasmine</i> PG-13 98 min
1/15 <i>No Place On Earth</i> PG-13 83 min	2/26 <i>Kon Tiki</i> PG-13 118 min
1/22 <i>Enough Said</i> PG-13 93 min	
Please visit the Library or check our website <a href="http://ryepubliclibrary.org">ryepubliclibrary.org</a> for forthcoming movie selections!	

<b>Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:</b> Every Tuesday 9:15- 10:15am in the RPL Meeting Room. 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.	<b>Generations Genealogy Club:</b> First Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL! 12/3, 1/7, 2/4
<b>Knitting with Mary:</b> By the fireplace at 10 am every Thursday! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	<b>Military Book Discussions:</b> First Thursday of each month in the New Hampshire Room at 6:30 pm. 12/6, 1/9, 2/6
<b>Chair Yoga:</b> Every Monday 9:30am in the meeting room. Practice seated breathing, joint warm-ups, stretches and postures with expert facilitation.	
<b>Mah Jongg Club:</b> Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30pm in the Community Meeting Room. Learn and play American style Mah Jongg with this enthusiastic group	
<b>Monday afternoon senior visits</b> 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. <i>Sponsored by Friends of the Rye Public Library</i>	

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

Children's Museum of N.H., Dover	Museum of Science, Boston
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester	New England Aquarium, Boston
Historic New England	Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston	Seacoast Science Center, Rye
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME	Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	

*Museum 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 pm. New members welcome!*

## Friends' Fall Programming

12/4 3pm <i>World Holiday Music: Musique de Bois</i>	2/14 <i>Book Giving Day 2014</i>
1/12 2pm <i>Sea Level Rise: Dr. Cameron Wake</i>	3/22 <i>Tech Fair II</i> 12-3pm

**All programs are free and open to the public!**

**Special poetry discussion series:** *Conversations: Poems of the Earth* with local poet Mimi White  
Third Thursdays in February, March, and April (2/20, 3/20, 4/17) 6:30-7:30pm

## COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library with our Technology Librarian

Lisa Breton-Eaton!

**MONDAY COMPUTER TUTOR-** Bring in your specific Windows or Mac computer-related questions for a 25 minute individual session. Call to make an appointment for Mondays between 9:30–11 AM.

### **2013 Winter TECH TALK COMPUTER CLASSES**

*Specific Wednesdays* each month from 9:30-11 AM. Call 964-8401 to register for classes.

12/4 **Data Back-Ups:** How to and what to back up

12/18 **Spyware and virus software:** learn more

1/8 **Windows 8 intro:** the basics

1/22 **Gadget Users Group:** *Kindle Fire!*

2/5 **Intermediate Windows 8:** customize

2/19 **Gadget Users Group:** *iPad and iPhone!*

**FRIDAY DEVICE ADVICE** –Learn to borrow downloadable content through our website for your e-reader or tablet in a 25 min. session. Call 964-8401 to make an appointment for Friday mornings **9:30-11**

## Rye Public Library Youth Department Winter Programming 2013/14

### *Ongoing Activities:*

<u><b>Youth Programs:</b></u>	
<b>Story Time for Toddlers &amp; Preschoolers</b> Wednesdays 11:00 – 11:30 AM	<b>Friday Movies</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month @ 3:10 PM
<b>Book Bites Book Club &amp; Snacks (Grades 3-5)</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15 PM	<b>Lego Mania Monday</b> Monday December 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3:00 – 4:30 PM
<b>Y-LA Teen Advisory Board</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights 6:00 – 7:30PM	<b>Sew What? Crafts and Sewing Projects</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 3:00 – 4:30 PM
<b>Mother Goose Story Time (birth to 24 months)</b> Fridays 10:00 – 10:30 AM	<b>YAttitudes Book Club (Discuss your favorite book &amp; snack)</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7pm
<b>Teen Crafts and Cupcakes 3:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Nov. 13, 21 / Dec. 11, 19 / Jan. 8, 22	<b>Pajama Story Time- starting in January</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 6:30 – 7:00 PM
<b>Petite Players Acting Group for Kids</b> Thursdays Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> – Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 PM	<b>CHECK OUR WEBSITE for more programs!</b>

*We look forward to serving you in 2014! Thanks for your patronage.*

*Please review our website at [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org) or call us: 964-8401 for expanded lists of programming and events, and to check dates and times.*

## Sewer Department News

**Financially speaking** the Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. This past spring 2.8 miles of sewer line was inspected using Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), a point repair was made on Old Beach Road and 33 manholes were inspected. The Sewer Commission plans on inspecting the last portion of the pipeline next year.

This summer, the generator at Jenness Beach Station failed unexpectedly and was replaced at a cost of \$24,782. In addition, the Sewer Department was notified last minute by the State of NH of paving on Route 1A and incurred the cost of purchasing and installing manhole risers. The current budget was adjusted to accommodate these unexpected expenses.



New generator at  
Jenness Beach Pump Station

The Town of Rye wastewater collection system discharges to the Town of Hampton and is treated at Hampton's WWTP. As part of the current Inter-municipal Agreement that is good until November 17, 2019, Rye is responsible for contributing to The Town of Hampton WWTP upgrades (Rye's share 4%). Please see the table below indicating the current list of capital pro-

jects budgeted for in 2014.

The proposed Sewer Budget for 2014 accounts for the Town of Hampton's waste water treatment rates, increasing from \$1.49 to \$1.84 per thousand gallons and a rise in the sewer usage and operation and maintenance charges set by the City of Portsmouth. The Sewer Department administers the billing and operation of Adams Mobile Home Park on Lafayette Road which is connected to the City of Portsmouth Sewer System. However, it is important to note that 100% of the charges from the City of Portsmouth are recovered by the owner of Adams Mobile Home Park.

The original bond for Rye's sewer service in the amount of \$4.4 million that was shared 40% to Town general funds and 60% to the users of the sewer services was paid off at the end of 2012. It is important to note that 100% of the Sewer Department Budget is covered by fees to users.

The Sewer Budget operates out of fund 2. Revenues received from fees and charges are deposited into the fund and department costs are expended from the fund. The monies are able to accumulate from year to year and are not deemed part of the general fund; the fund has to be self-supporting.

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

Year	Total \$	Rye's Share	2014 Payment	Upgrade Description	Final Payment Year
1996	\$2.7 Million	\$108,000	\$1,637	Sludge transfer and storage	2016
2000	\$1.4 Million	\$56,000	\$2,516	Nitrification, dilution study and outfall study	2020
2005	\$4.75 Million	\$190,000	\$10,964	Additional clarifier, dewatering equipment, sludge thickening facility	2025
2009	\$1.38 Million	\$55,200	\$3,393	Process/control building, replace generator, upgrade headwork's	2029
2011	1.385 Million	\$55,400	\$3,592	Sludge monitoring and handling, NPDES Engineering	2033
2013	\$100,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	Facilities Study	2014

### Rye Historical Society News

Friday Dec. 5th, 5PM, at the Rye Town Museum - Rye Heritage Commission presents the Louise Tallman Award; refreshments; R S V P to :

[info@ryenhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalsociety.org).

Wednesday, Dec 11th, 7PM,  
Rye Public Library - Films about Rye - Part II with Sue Reynolds - NH.

Thursday, Dec 19th, 3-6PM,  
Rye Town Museum Holiday Open House; refreshments, music,

new photo themed exhibits of different parts of Rye history; opportunity to discuss how you can contribute to the new history of Rye.

Make your mark on the new history of Rye - there are many tasks which need to be accomplished to realize completion of the new his-



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tory of Rye; what can you do to help? What interests and skills can you offer? To pass on your ideas or to make inquiries, write to - [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org) or call 997-6742.

Volunteers Needed - if you would like to contribute to any aspect of the museum or the society, please contact R H S at: [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org) or call 997-6742; For example - Volunteers to staff the museum would result in it being open more often.

Museum Hours: November through April. Museum open on request - call 997-6742. Museum also open most Wednesdays 2-4; occasional Saturdays 10-12 and on other occasions. If the flag is out, the museum is open.

Alex Herlihy, Chairman  
Rye Historical Society

### Assessing Department Update

Hope all of you are in great health for the upcoming festive holiday season. As the calendar year comes to an end the tax rate has been set by Department of Revenue Administration and bills have been sent on their way. Joanne and I have started reviewing our data and found some projects that need to be done for tax year 2014. Don't be alarmed, most of these projects will not affect your assessment, they are just house-keeping items.

Our first project will be updating all properties in the "current use" program, according to; RSA 79-A: Current Use Taxation. With regard to this particular program only

64 property owners are involved, although it does translate into around 1500+/- acres of land to categorize and value. We will start by sending out letters with instructions on what needs to be done to your specific property. To that resolve there are many different categories in the program and many different pieces of documentation needed to qualify. If your land is **not** in the "current use" program you still may be contacted for reasons that may affect how we appraise your land. Primarily, conservation restrictions and easements are valued using the "current use" valuation tables established by the Department of Revenue Administration and adjusted for your particular piece of property. As part of this process many of you who abut one of the many marshes many need to work with us, not only for our benefit but also yours.

A reminder for all of you who are getting up in your years: we have an Elderly Exemption available that if you qualify could reduce your tax liability. In addition to the Elderly Exemption we have an Exemption for the Blind and the Veteran's Credit available. Please take the time to read the qualifying information to see if any of these tax reducing programs work for you.

With the assistance of Joanne Drewniak the Assessor's Assistant and all the other knowledgeable town employees we will work our hardest to be as brief as possible when looking for your assistance.

FYI: I drive a silver Jeep Liberty with the town seal affixed to my vehicle and a town issued ID around my neck while in the field. So please be aware that I will be out

there and truly identifiable. The Town's website has my picture on the Assessing Department's page if you would like to verify that any individual at your property is truly me.

David M. Hynes, CNHAS  
Town Assessor  
Joanne Drewniak,  
Assessing Assistant

### Mosquito Control Update

The mosquito season has ended as colder temperatures prevail. The risk of contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or West Nile Virus (WNV) exists until there have been two killing freezes. There was significant disease activity in the state in 2013. There were three horses and 24 mosquito pools that tested positive for EEE while one human, one horse and 14 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV. There was no EEE or WNV found in Rye. EEE was found in mosquitoes in North Hampton and Greenland while WNV mosquitoes were trapped in New Castle. Go online to see all the test results for NH in 2013. <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/cdcs/arboviral/documents/arbotestresults2013.pdf>

Dragon Mosquito Control of Brentwood, NH has been providing comprehensive mosquito control services to Rye for the past five seasons. Some of the services we provide include the preparation of the NH Special Permit application, mosquito surveillance, larval surveys, GIS mapping of mosquito habitats and appropriate control

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measures.

The control program begins in April and consists largely of larviciding freshwater wetlands and salt marsh habitats. Sites are examined for larval mosquito activity to determine if the action threshold has been met. New sites are mapped and larvae are identified to determine if the species bites humans or may be a potential vector of disease. If sufficient numbers of mosquito larvae are found, then treatment may begin. A bacterium called Bti, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, is the primary means of controlling larvae in the water. Catch basins are another habitat utilized by numerous disease vector mosquitoes. In 2013, there were 645 catch basins treated to reduce the number of potential disease carrying mosquitoes.

The majority of our effort is spent on the salt marshes where several species may hatch every two to four weeks depending on the tides and rainfall. Salt marsh mosquitoes are known for their painful bite often chasing their victims during the day in full sun. Salt marsh mosquitoes have tested positive for diseases in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Another insect that lives in the salt marshes and harasses residents is the greenhead fly. A relative to the horse fly, this salt marsh inhabitant is easy to control using boxes set at intervals on the marshes during the summer. The flies are attracted to the blue color, enter the trap and cannot escape. They die in the hot sun or are eaten by a variety of insects such as wasps, praying mantis and spiders. Many birds use the greenhead traps as a perch site or a place to eat. We

find many mouse skulls and other bones left over from their dinner.

In 2013, tree swallow houses were placed on Awcomin Marsh to replace decades old houses which had fallen into disrepair. Eighteen of twenty houses were used by tree swallows and eventually house sparrows as the season progressed. More tree swallow houses will be built for the 2014 nesting season.

Mosquitoes are trapped in five locations throughout Rye beginning in July. Select species are sent to the State Lab in Concord where they are tested for diseases. Nearly 8000 mosquitoes were collected in Rye, identified to species, sorted and processed. The State Lab tested 180 batches of mosquitoes from Rye. None of the mosquitoes collected in Rye tested positive for any disease in 2013. This season, the State Lab tested mosquitoes until mid-October.

Spraying was done at Parsons Field in preparation for the Fourth of July fireworks. Emergency spraying was conducted at the schools, Parsons Field and Recreation Area in response to disease activity in nearby towns and prior to the start of the school year. Routine road spraying is no longer conducted. The Rye Mosquito Control Commission has decided that town wide road spraying will be reserved for severe disease outbreaks.

Overall, the mosquito population was average this past season. The snowy winter followed by a dry spring negatively impacted the mosquitoes. Dry periods punctuated by heavy rains created mosquito breeding opportunities throughout the summer. A mild fall kept mosquitoes active allowing EEE and WNV to spread through-

out the State. It's always difficult to make predictions for next year. Dry, hot summers favor WNV while wet summers favor EEE. One thing is certain: mosquitoes will be back.

Sarah MacGregor  
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.  
603.734.4144  
[www.dragonmosquito.com](http://www.dragonmosquito.com)

## Rye Water District News

### 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.

### Freeze Prevention

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

### Backflow Prevention & Lawn Irrigation

Water systems are designed with the intention of the water flowing in a certain direction, from the distribution system (water source) to the consumer; however, pressure

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within the system may deviate from "normal" conditions, causing the water to flow in the opposite direction. This is called backflow. Backflow occurs when the pressure in the distribution system drops; such as, during fire fighting, water main flushing, or when a water main breaks, which could siphon water from consumer's plumbing and/or irrigation system into the distribution system. It's important your irrigation system's backflow preventer is installed correctly and tested at least once a year. If you're not sure a backflow device is present or installed correctly, contact our office at 436-2596 to schedule a free evaluation for next spring.

## Retiring Commissioner

The Rye Water District would like to thank John Murtagh for his ten years of service to the District as a District Commissioner. He recently tendered his resignation effective October 31, 2013. John has provided great insight over the years resulting in improvements to District operations and infrastructure enhancements. He said his time with the District has been a very rewarding experience. Well, the Rye Water District's customers have really benefitted the most from John's "rewarding experience". The District wishes the best of luck to John in his more carefree days.

Rye Water District Commissioners  
Arthur Ditto  
Ralph Hickson

## Safety Tips from the Fire Chief

This year's fire prevention

theme is focused on the prevention of kitchen fires and with the upcoming holiday season, a lot of time will be spent in kitchens here in Rye, so this information could possibly save someone from injury and a home from a loss due to a kitchen fire.

Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you do not practice safe cooking behaviors. Unattended cooking remains the leading cause of fires throughout the US. With this in mind, here are some ways to reduce your risk of kitchen fires by offering the following tips.

- ◆ Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave, turn off the stove.
- ◆ If you are simmering, roasting, baking or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- ◆ Keep combustible items away from the cooking area and appliances in your kitchen. Don't place towels, pot holders, pizza boxes or paper goods on the stove or near hot appliances.
- ◆ Clean any grease build-up from the stove, oven and exhaust fan on a regular basis.

Cooking grease and oil ignite easily and burn intensely. Use a lid or bigger pan to smother a small pan fire. *NEVER PICK UP THE PAN AND ATTEMPT TO RUN TO THE SINK OR OUTDOORS WITH IT. THIS IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF SEVERE AND PAINFUL BURNS TO PEOPLE!*

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- ◆ Avoid reaching over the stove for anything while cooking. Instead, store frequently used items in other areas of the kitchen.
- ◆ Keep young children and pets away from cooking areas entirely.
- ◆ Keep pot handles turned inward and out of the reach of children and pets.
- ◆ Do not allow appliance cords to hang over the side of counters. Keep them on counter tops and check them regularly for frayed or cracked insulation. Replace damaged cords and appliances.
- ◆ Dress for fire safety in the kitchen – wear short, tight fitting sleeves when cooking. No night dresses, pajamas or other loose fitting clothing.
- ◆ Shield yourself from steam when uncovering food, especially microwave servings. Steam can cause serious burns.

And finally....If you did not change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you set the clocks back on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, DO IT RIGHT NOW!

Chief William H. Sullivan  
Rye Fire & Rescue

## Notes from the Police Chief

### Winter Parking

Winter is here and soon the snow will arrive. We are asking residents and visitors to please park

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in their driveways during the night and during snow removal to assist Rye Highway Department with snow removal. The parking ban is from November 1st to April 15th.

### Snow Plowing

If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, please remind the contractor not to push snow across the road from your driveway.

### Deer Crossing

During this time of year, deer are on the move. We have several herds in town and they cross the roads frequently. Please use caution when traveling around town.

### Holidays

Please lock your vehicles. People purchase gifts, put them in the car then go to another store. Please secure your vehicle and put any purchases out of sight. Gift cards are also being targeted by thieves; please put the cards out of sight even when you are at home. Keep your receipts for gift cards. If a card is lost or stolen, the receipt can help track the card. Do not give out your social security number, including when using the computer to make purchases. Never give out personal information.

### Vacation

If you are planning to go away for a couple of days, weeks or the winter, please make sure your home is locked. Use the security system, if you have one, talk to a neighbor and let them know you are going to be away. Always make sure the driveway and walk ways are maintained. Whenever possible, ask a family member to check the house and please let the Rye Police know you are away.

One problem the Rye Police

consistently encounter is people do not always call us. When we talk with people they tell us they don't want to bother the police with something they feel is small. Please, nothing is that small - call us. Police are only as effective as the people who support them. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Police Department has hired a new officer to replace Jeff Peirce, his name is Shawn Carlson. Shawn is a certified full time police officer and has been working as a full time police officer for the Town of Fremont, NH since 2010. During that time he achieved the rank of Detective, while continuing his duties as a police officer. Prior to Shawn being a police officer he was in the United States Army from 2002 until 2010 and served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from August 2003 to May 2004. He was deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2005 to July 2006. The rest of his military career was served in Baumholder, Germany and the United States. Shawn achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. Shawn is married and has three children. We feel he will be a good addition to our Department and Town.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## A Sad Year for Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Senior SERVE has experienced a very sad year with the loss of: Margaret Carroll, a SERVE founder and longstanding Board member; Don Osborne, an original SERVE volunteer and much loved van driver; Sylvia McKenney, a Board member and faithful daily caller; Gil Dailey, a more recent but most dependable volunteer driver. The SERVE Board and the residents we serve miss these fine community-minded people more than words can express.

A description of SERVE's programs can be found at the Senior Services link of the Town of Rye's website, [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us). Link from there to the SERVE Brochure 2013. Learn if we can help you or if you can help your community.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 to learn more about our programs and how you can contribute a few hours a month to help your Rye neighbors.

Connie Olson  
Rye Senior SERVE

### AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

#### AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY..911 OR 964-8683

Fire Department – Non Emergency.....964-6411

Fire Department Fax.....964-9894

#### POLICE EMERGENCY.....911 OR 964-5521

POLICE (ROUTINE CALLS ONLY).....964-5522

Police Department Fax.....964-7458







## Summer is over & the holiday season is on its way...

This is the time that the Rye Firefighters start to plan for the families of the Rye Community and the surrounding Seacoast Area that will be unable to share in the joys of the season. This is the 8th year that the Rye Firefighters have been able to participate in the Seacoast Area Firefighter Toy Bank and we greatly appreciate all of the support that our local community has offered to fellow residents. The many donations of toys and financial contributions have helped to make the season a wonderful time for various families who would be unable to celebrate on their own. However, it is not only during the holiday season that we are able to help in our community. Throughout the year, the Rye Firefighters toy bank also work to assist families in being able to recover, when they have been through such tragedies as a home fire or natural disaster. This is why we once again must ask for your help in preparing for this season. Beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be accepting any donations that could be offered until December 21<sup>st</sup>. If you know of a family in need please contact us.

Here is how you can assist:

- ♦ Donate new, unwrapped toys for age groups from newborn to 17 years old. We are always looking for ideas for the 11-17 age groups. Some good ideas for donations are Toys, crafts, games, Dolls, inflatable sleds, footballs, basketballs.
- ♦ Donate gift cards for local merchants to aid in purchasing items such as clothing and toys.
- ♦ Donate financial contributions to assist in making certain wishes come true. Donations should be made to the Rye Firefighter Toy Bank.
- ♦ Please drop off or mail any of your donations to the Rye Fire Station located at 555 Washington Road.
- ♦ Toy Drop-off Locations will be located at: The Rye Fire Station, Depot Honda, Hungry Horse Café, Rye Airfield, TD Bank, Rye Congregational Church, St. Theresa's Church, Rye Junior High and Elementary Schools, Outdoor Pride and Lang's Corner Garage

Please feel free to contact FF Charles Gallant or FF John Klanchesser at (603) 964-6411

**Thank You for Your Support**

[WWW.toy-bank.com](http://WWW.toy-bank.com)

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## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE - DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

The Rye Fire Department Association and The Rye Lions Club would like to invite your organization to participate in the annual Rye Holiday Parade.

Date/Time: **Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.**

The parade will form behind Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road at 11:00 a.m. and will march along Washington Road to the Rye Junior High School.

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

This year's theme will be "Old fashion New England Holiday "

***Please return entry forms as soon as possible to: Attention: Parade Chairmen, Rye Fire Department Association, 555 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870. For additional information call 964-6411.***

Thank You,

Rye Holiday Parade Chairmen

David C. Kornechuk

Chuck Gallant

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ANY FLOATS CARRYING CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULTS ON BOARD TO SUPERVISE CHILDREN.**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

This parade is a town event coordinated by the Rye Fire Department Association

## Rye Energy Committee Update and Activities

First, some good news! Since our efforts began in 2008, we're showing significant progress in our town's energy efficiency. Energy usage data is now available for 2012. Below is just one chart showing energy usage reductions for many of the municipal buildings since data was first collected a few years ago. Pretty impressive so far and there is much more planned! These reductions have resulted in avoided heating oil costs of close to

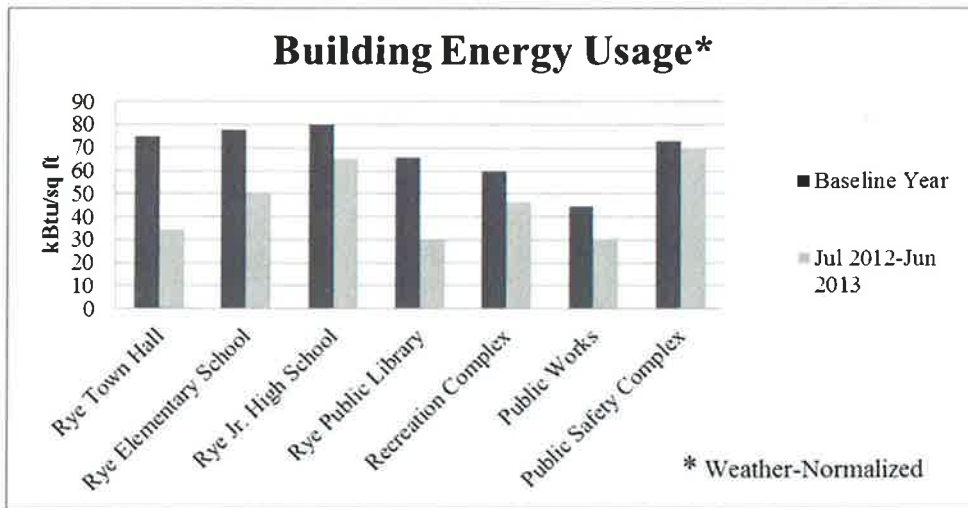
\$100,000 compared to the baseline year. Improvements include ground-source heat pumps for the town hall, new boiler and controls in the elementary school, and other lighting, insulation and efficiency improvements, largely with little expense to the taxpayer. In 2012 alone, municipal energy use decreased by 25% versus 2011. Other charts are available in the library, and the full report is available on the REC website. Work continues

as many other opportunities are available.

For our residents, the popular "Stay Warm-Save Money" program continues. Watch for news on our January event. Also, don't forget that the Rye Public Library has two meters that will help residents analyze home energy uses and losses. A watt meter will show energy uses from all plug-in equipment, and a thermal leak detector can show energy "leaks" around doors, windows, etc.

Check out the Rye Energy Committee website to see what you might be able to do to save energy in your own home. Also, the REC is open to one more member to help us move the town's energy efficiency efforts forward. If you are interested, please contact Susan at [sorazi3@comcast.net](mailto:sorazi3@comcast.net).

Tom Archibald  
Rye Energy Committee



## RYE SAFE ROUTES



## Rye Safe Routes to School

We had a great turn out for National Walk to School Day on October 9, 2013. The weather was clear and crisp and a record crowd at the schools. Hope you all enjoyed it as well. Thank you to all the staff at the Elementary and Middle School who assisted and a special thanks to the children and parents who came out and either walked or biked.

As it gets colder, walking is still a good way to stay fit, enjoy the outdoors and have fun. If you continue to ride your bike, make sure you are prepared for cold weather bicycling by protecting your face, hands, toes and body. A tip from Active Magazine is to layer and for a cold weather ride is to start off just a little cold, because after about 10 minutes of pedaling, you'll warm up quite nicely. If you overdress, overheating can be uncomfortable, so you may have to experiment a little before you get it right. <http://www.active.com/cycling/articles/cold-weather-riding-tips-to-stay-warm-on-the-bike-875480>.

National bike to school day is in May and as we get closer to Spring, the date will be posted at the schools and on the Town website. In the meantime enjoy the winter and all that comes with winter fun (sledding, skiing, ice skating, whatever makes you happy).



Kimberly Reed,  
Planning & Zoning Administrator

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

## December 2013

**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.

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Town Hall Committee Public Discussion Rye Library	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Town Hall Committee	<b>6</b> 5:00 pm Heritage Commission	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Rye Holiday Parade	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	<b>10</b> 8:00 am Sewer Commission Meeting 7:00 pm Planning Board	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Budget Committee Work Session – School Budget	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Budget Committee Work Session – Town Budget	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Town Hall Committee	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> First Day of Winter
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Town Offices Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm TRC	<b>31</b>	<b>January 2014</b>			
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day Town offices Closed	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>February 2014</b>						<b>1</b> 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Jr. High School
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Precincts – Work Session & Public Hearings Town Hall	<b>5</b> 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 6:30pm School District Deliberative Session Jr High School 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm School District Deliberative Session Snow Date 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Snow Date
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Library Trustees, first Thursday every 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, 7pm at the Library

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- ♦ **PLANNING BOARD:** One (1) vacancy & two (2) alternate vacancies, please contact Kim Reed at [kreed@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:kreed@town.rye.nh.us) for more information.
- ♦ **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** Three (3) alternate vacancies, please contact Kim Reed at [kreed@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:kreed@town.rye.nh.us) for more information.
- ♦ **HERITAGE COMMISSION:** One (1) alternate vacancy, please contact Chairman, Mae Bradshaw at [maebradshaw@comcast.net](mailto:maebradshaw@comcast.net) for more information.



Rye now has a Recycling Education Committee! The members are Deidre Smyrnos, Lisa Moll, Alan Bucklin, Mel Low and Susan Anderson. We'll be meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 at the library. All residents are welcome to come and share their ideas and/or questions. Improving recycling in Rye conserves energy and resources, benefits our environment and saves money!



*The Joint Loss Management Committee issued a check for \$500 to Special Olympics  
Pictured: Charles Gallant, Ryan Polson and Ashley Lawson of Special Olympics, Fire  
Chief William Sullivan, Joanne Drewniak, Michael Magnant, Police Chief Kevin Walsh,  
Lee Arthur, Victoria Loring, Kelley Gallant and Kim Reed.*

Visit the Town website  
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For news and up to date  
information about the  
Town, including meeting  
notices, agendas  
and minutes

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