



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Selectmen's Message:

Summer in Review

NO EXCUSES

Town Hall: Have you returned your Town Hall Survey? If you reside in Rye, your opinion is being actively sought to help determine a course of action that will move the Town toward resolution of our ongoing Town Hall space and facility problems. Now is the time to contribute your thoughts on this matter, if you have not already done so. Following defeat of Warrant Article 5. last March to renovate the Rye Town Hall and construct additional office space, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Town Hall Committee on June 8, 2015. Committee membership is as follows: Paul Goldman, Ed Hayes, Tim Durkin, Joe Tucker, G. Ritchie White, Scott Rawding, Karen Stewart representing the Historic District Commission, Beverly Giblin representing the Heritage Commission, Planning Board member Jeffrey Quinn and Selectmen Craig Musselman and Joe Mills. Michele Sopher will serve as an advisor from the Energy Committee. The Town Hall Committee also includes non-voting, ex-officio members Town Administrator Michael Magnant and Financial Administrator/Assistant Town Administrator Cynthia Gillespie representing Town Staff. Since then, John Loftus was appointed to the committee on August

10th.

The first item of the Selectmen's Charge to this Town Hall Committee is "to determine the desire and consensus of the community by whatever means possible", hence the survey.

Town Administrator Mike Magnant contacted Andy Smith, Director of the University of New Hampshire Survey Center, who presented an overview of the work of the Center to the Selectmen on June 22nd. This work includes development of a survey specific to the community involved and the process that will enable the town to obtain and compile community opinion and input in a meaningful way.

The new Town Hall Committee began its work in July and moved forward with a plan to produce a mail survey, which provides total community coverage as opposed to a telephone survey that is more costly as it is more labor intensive yet reaches far fewer residents.

The goal of this Town Hall Committee is to provide a report to the Board of Selectmen to include recommendations for appropriate next steps for the Town to take. This report is due no later than December 19, 2015 which will allow time for preparation of a warrant article for March of 2016.

Response to the Town Hall Survey will determine the planning direction of the Committee. At this writing, advance notice of the survey via post card and town wide posters preceded the survey itself and a reminder is planned as a follow up. Your participation is vital to the accuracy of the outcome. In March, hopefully, there will be no excuses from any Rye residents indicating that they did not have an opportunity to be heard.

ALONG OUR SHORES

Beach Use Permit Applications: In addition to the work by the Town Hall Committee, the other significant area of activity this summer has been along our beaches. The season started long before Memorial Day as the Board began to receive Beach Use Permit Applications in March. 2015 is the second year of the Beach Use Permit Application process. An assessment of the process will take place prior to the 2016 beach season. Among changes suggested is alteration of the Beach Use Ordinance to include a date certain for acceptance of all Beach Use Permit Applications which would provide the Town with an overall view of the beach use requested prior to making any decisions and well before the outset of the season.

Lifeguard Shortage: Fire Chief Tom Lambert and his staff continue to oversee the lifeguard program. The glamour of Bay Watch is ancient history and the idea of lifeguarding as a noble public service appears to be insufficient to generate enough lifeguard applicants in Rye and, we discovered, along the entire east coast. In some towns and cities, pools and other swimming facilities have been closed and/or hours restricted due to lack of available lifeguards. College schedules have also changed and many internships and course requirements are undertaken during the summer. We opened our beaches one lifeguard short and

Back to School

Quick Reminders

School opened August 31, 2015. Please be aware of children riding their bikes and walking to and from school. During the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., driver's speed must not exceed 20 MPH while traveling through school zones.

Kevin Walsh,
Chief of Police



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scheduling adjustments were made. The end of the season is another matter as, despite our best efforts, many college age students tend to leave prior to Labor Day.

Rye Police Department on the Job: Summer is always a busy season for our Police Department with the traffic increase and huge influx of beach goers. Chief Walsh has been documenting the issuance of parking tickets and other incidents by day and location which, in general, are directly related to weather. It should not be any surprise that beach related problems increase as the temperature rises.

Chief Walsh also reported that there were few problems with enforcement of our new Fireworks Ordinance, which was approved by voters in March. He attributed this in part to the weather.

Work Along Route 1-A: Annually the State Department of Public Works (NHDPW) has cut back the *rosa rugosa* in the right of way opposite Eel Pond. This year, we requested that they completely remove these thorny bushes which tend to regrow quickly and hang over the pedestrian path forcing walkers into the travel lane. This was done in July.

As the result of our site walk on April 29th and follow up proposal, NHDPW gave permission for the Town to stripe NO PARKING areas at designated locations of egress along Route 1-A. In general, this action provides an additional 20' on the left toward oncoming traffic and 10' to the right of each access point. We will need to be watchful for any unintended consequences that may be the result of losing an estimated 35-40 parking spaces.

Parking Meter Feasibility: At our meeting on June 8th, the Board of Selectmen authorized a study, not to exceed \$5000, to determine the feasibility of installing parking meters along Route 1-A/Ocean Boulevard. John M. Burke, P.E., a parking consultant from Marion, Massachusetts was contracted to carry out the study. Labor requirements, financial

considerations, legal constraints and safety aspects must all be part of this decision making process.

PREP Grant Awarded to Rye: At the Selectmen's meeting of August 10th, the Board voted to accept the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) Grant as presented by Planning and Zoning Administrator Kim Reed in the amount of \$10,000. Matching funds (\$10,000) are primarily composed of Town employee and volunteer project assistance.

This grant will provide for a qualified consultant to help Rye apply for participation in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) which will serve as a means to institutionalize Rye's commitment to better floodplain management. This consultant will assist with gathering technical data, preparing the CRS application and conducting outreach.

Participation in the Community Rating System will create strong incentives among town residents to improve buffer protection and management. This action indicates to FEMA that our community "recognizes the need to protect its assets and resources and appears to support implementation priority action items to improve overall resiliency and reduce future flood risk".

F Street is a Pedestrian Right of Way: The Town of Rye has historically worked to maintain public access to our beaches. Letter streets in the Jenness Beach Precinct are rights of way established during the development of Myrica by the Sea to assure access for those purchasing lots on the west side of Route 1-A.

Recently, a question regarding beach access via F Street was asked by a resident who noticed red cones placed there to prevent parking. The answer is: While there is no public parking on F Street, it is a pedestrian right of way from Ocean Boulevard to the beach.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Administrative Assistant: At the Selectmen's meeting of July 13th, the Board voted to hire Jessica Doucette to fill the Police Administrative Assistant position. Jessica came

highly recommended and has been on the job since July 27th replacing Harriet Goff who retired at the end of May.

Ticks: We all need to remain vigilant and in prevention mode through frequent tick checks, the wearing of light colored clothing to aid our visibility of ticks and appropriate use of spray containing DEET. New Hampshire, Rockingham County in particular, is deemed to have one of the highest tick populations in the country.

House Number Reminder, A Word to the Wise: If you can stand at your driveway entrance and are unable to read your house number, you are at risk of losing valuable minutes during an emergency response situation. Foliage often obscures house numbers at this time of year.

Looking Ahead: Last March the BOS signed an agreement with Portsmouth Public Media Television (PPMTv), a community cable television station, to provide limited coverage of town government meetings. Based in the South End Meeting House in Portsmouth and located at channel 98 on the cable station line-up, PPMTv is community based and run by a Board of Directors. Programming provides a variety of local coverage which includes Portsmouth High School sports and events. We are participating on a trial basis.

Without PPMTv, currently you can access both live and archived public meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Mosquito Commission, Conservation Commission and others by going to the Rye town website and clicking Town Hall Streams. Events at the Rye Public Library are also streamed live and on demand. However, if you do not have an internet connection you cannot access these videos.

PPMTv provides three hours of Rye coverage on Sundays at 1 p.m. As noted above, we are in a trial period. If we feel that this service is worthwhile and we continue beyond the trial period into 2016, PPMTv will charge the town based on the number

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of households in Rye.

This fall, we plan to hold a public hearing to determine whether or not PPMTv is a worthwhile service for Rye. If you are watching the meetings of Town Boards and Commissions on Channel 98, we would like to hear from you.

In Closing: It has been said that each of us is either part of the solution or part of the problem. If you have not done so yet, please become part of the solution by filling out and returning your Town Hall Survey.

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

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's News

There will be four elections held during 2016. They include the Presidential Primary to be held sometime in January or February, the Town Election in March, the State Primary in September and the General Election in November. Absentee ballot applications will be available in this office or can be downloaded from the town web-site. A completed application is required for each election. When applying for a ballot for any primary election, a party must be listed. As an example, if you want a Democratic ballot, you must be a registered Democrat or be listed as undeclared on the checklist to get that ballot. If you are a registered Republican, only a Republican ballot is available to you. Many folks are dismayed that they cannot vote in the party of their choice if they are registered to the other party. To avoid this disappointment in the future, check your party affiliation now and make changes as necessary. Also, if you are undeclared, remember to see the Supervisors of the Checklist after voting in any primary election to change yourself back to undeclared status. If

you vote by absentee ballot, you'll have to wait until you can come into the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office to complete the necessary paperwork to return to undeclared status.

Please take time to visit the town web-site (www.town.rye.nh.us). Icons that take you to the right place to register your vehicles, pay taxes and sewer bills, license your dog, get your beach parking permit and apply for copies of vital records are now located on the home page. Many of you have expressed concern that it was difficult to navigate to the proper area to get the above transactions processed. Hopefully, the new position of these icons will make things much easier for you.

We expect the new tax rate to be set sometime later in September or October. Tax bills should be mailed by the end of October and will be due on December 1st. We continue to offer the ability to pay your tax and utility bills by credit card, either at the counter or on-line. Be aware there is approximately a 3% surcharge for the use of a credit card that goes directly to the credit card company. If you use your credit card at a store, the merchant absorbs this cost. As a municipality, we cannot do this and must pass the expense off to the customer. As an alternative, payment by check or cash is always accepted with no surcharge. The choice is yours.

Now that summer is almost over, I want to remind you that Beach Parking Permits will continue to be required until the signs come down. Beginning on Saturday, September 12th, dogs will again be permitted on the town's beaches during the day. Be sure to clean up after your dogs; it's the law. For those of you who are waiting to ride your horses along the beach, you'll have to wait until October 1st to do so.

This office will be closed on Thursday, September 10th to allow for staff training. The office will re-open on Friday, September 11th at 8:00 am.

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

News from Public Works

Rye is a great place to live and your efforts are important to maintain it as so. You can help by improving storm water quality. The storm drain system does not provide any treatment for the removal of pollutants; anything which enters the system eventually reaches our waterways. The cleaner the storm water the less contaminates get flushed into our waterways and the ocean.

The Public Works Department performs a number of activities each year to reduce storm water pollution, such as catch basin cleaning, to remove potentially contaminated materials and street sweeping to pick up sand and winter debris before it can enter the storm water collection system.

Cleaning up storm water pollution is a task that the whole community can assist with. Don't underestimate the impact you can have as a homeowner. Following are three activities which can help reduce pollution.

Collect & Harvest Rainwater:

A rain barrel is a simple system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise rapidly run off your property and into the storm drains and water courses. Rain barrels are relatively simple and inexpensive to construct and can sit conveniently under a residential gutter down spout.

Install Permeable Hardscape:

If you're considering a new patio, walkway or even a driveway consider choosing permeable pavers or pavement, which allows the movement of storm water through the surface and into the ground. Permeable surfaces can capture contaminates that may be in the rain water and keep pollutants in place in the soil.

Replace Part of your Lawn with a Rain Garden: Lawns have shallow roots and offer limited erosion control, in addition lawns require watering and mowing. Rain gardens are designed to hold or slow the runoff and use native, drought-resistant plants which have longer roots to pull water down from the surface. Rain gardens reduce pollution by slowing down the run off, spreading it out and soaking it in.

Dennis McCarthy
Public Works Director

Police Chief's Message

SCHOOL'S OPEN: School reopened on August 31, 2015. Please be aware of children riding their bikes and walking to and from school. During the hours of 7:30 AM and 2:45 PM, driver's speed must not exceed 20 MPH while traveling through school zones. It will be greatly appreciated if parents who drop off and pick up their children at the Junior High School, drive past the school and turn around at Grange Park and then enter the school parking lot. This will enable the morning and afternoon commuters to continue moving without creating a traffic jam. In addition, please check to make sure your child has his or her seat belt buckled. For your child's safety, we ask that you remind your child to remove their backpacks before attempting to buckle up.

BICYCLES: As a reminder, children under the age of 16 are required by state law, RSA 265:144-10, to wear a helmet at all times. Please make sure your child is wearing his or her helmet. If your child does not have one, the police department has spare helmets.

CAR THEFTS: Rye Police and area police departments are receiving an increase in reports of items being taken out of unlocked cars parked in driveways and along the beach parking spaces. You may want to consider removing these items from your vehicles at night, being extra vigilant at locking your car, or locking valuables in your trunk. Even if your wallet, purse or cell phone are under your seat, these thieves always seem to find them.

A CALL TO ACTION: Rye Police Officers need your help. **Please call 964-5521 if you hear or see anything unusual.** As we investigate crimes, community members are informing us about prior incidents which have occurred in their neighborhoods. Please note: 964-5521 rings 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center. If you have a concern, please tell the dispatcher and he/she will notify

a police officer who will respond to your location. We look forward to your call. It may be the one piece of information we need to solve a crime. **Remember ... In case of an emergency, always call 911!**

Harriet Goff retired after 33 years with the Town of Rye. The officers thank her for all she has done for them. The Town has hired Jessica Doucette as the Administrative Assistant to the Police Department. All references for Jessica described her as a person with great integrity and high moral character. She is known as one who always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. Already we are favorably impressed by her dependability and genuine interest in working with people. We know Jessica will bring a lot of positive attitude and respectability to this position, resulting in excellent service to the townspeople.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Message From the Fire Prevention Office

With the upcoming Fire Prevention Week of October 4th – 10th, the staff at the Rye Fire Department would like to remind you to check your smoke detectors and make sure they are working properly. As we change seasons and turn the clocks back you should also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives! The smoke from a fire spreads fast. A smoke alarm gives you time to get out and increase your chances of survival.

It is recommended that every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement has a smoke detector. In larger homes you may need more alarms.

We also recommend that you test your smoke alarms every month and if your smoke alarms are older than 10 years they should be replaced.

Remember when the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.

Here are some interesting facts from the National Fire Protection Association on smoke detectors:

- From 2007-2011, smoke alarms sounded in half of the home fires reported to the U.S. Fire Departments.
- Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- No smoke alarms were present in more than one-third (37%) of home fire deaths.

As the winter season approaches the staff of the Rye Fire Department would like to remind you of dangers from carbon monoxide and chimney fires.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that is produced by burning wood, coal, charcoal, natural gas, gasoline, propane, oil, methane, kerosene and other common fuels.

In your home the following equipment can be a potential source of carbon monoxide:

- Heating and cooking equipment
- Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage or near a window or door.

To help reduce the risks from carbon monoxide you should have your fuel-burning equipment inspected and serviced by a professional every year. It is also important to keep all vents clear of snow, ice, dirt, leaves and other debris.

Here are some safety tips to reduce the possibility of a chimney fire this winter:

- Use seasoned wood.
- Build smaller, hotter fires that burn more completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, trash or Christmas Trees; these can spark a chimney fire.

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- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional every year.

Please keep these safety tips in mind. If you have any questions or need assistance from the Rye Fire Department, please stop by or call the station at 964-6411 we will be happy to assist you.

Lt. Jeffrey DiBartolomeo
Rye Fire Department

Planning Board News

Surprisingly the third quarter of 2015 has had no major applications. As you will recall during the last quarter we had two major subdivisions approved with conditions.

The first was the development brought by D.D. Cook for a subdivision at 561 South Road. Primarily because of the proximity of town wells and drainage concerns, the negotiations took months to complete. However, due to the hard work among the Planning Board, abutters, the applicant and the Conservation Commission, the application was ultimately approved with lot 5 going into conservation leaving 3 to be developed. The name of the project is "Cedar Run", presumably in reference to the Cedar Run well that abuts the property. As of mid August the project is well under way.

Secondly, a 9 lot major subdivision was approved on Brackett Road. Again this project was vetted and approved with numerous conditions attached. This project differed from the South Road project because it was not in the aquifer or well head protection zones. Major consideration was given to the abutters in this case and there has been extensive blasting and ledge removal. Every effort has been made to minimize the impact to the area. The project has been named "Sea Mist".

The street name will be Starfish Circle. Again, the project is well underway.

The Planning Board now has a new engineering firm. Sebago Technics will be handling all peer and site reviews. Our primary contacts have not changed. They will remain Steve Harding PE and Caitlyn Abbott PE, both of whom have served Rye with outstanding professionalism over the past several years.

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

Summer is rapidly coming to an end with the first day of school fast approaching. It has been a very dry summer and the monthly precipitation totals have been below normal. That is good because mosquitoes must have standing water available to allow them to reproduce. The three primary water sources are rain, tides and artificial containers like discarded tires, kiddie swimming pools and roadside ditches. There is not much we can do about the first two water sources but we can eliminate the latter category. Please check your yards and neighborhoods for breeding activity. Mosquito larvae can be easily seen as they wiggle up and down in the water.

The threat from mosquito borne illness is greater in August and September than at the start of the season. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) are carried in the bird population. There are several species of mosquitoes that predominantly feed on birds. The mosquitoes feed on an infected bird and spread it to other birds. During the course of the summer the virus is amplified throughout the bird population. The mosquitoes that prefer bird hosts will sometimes choose a human host whereby the virus is spread to the human population. It is

wise to take extra precautions against exposure to mosquito bites from August until the first few hard frosts.

The Mosquito Control Program in the Town of Rye is managed by the Rye Mosquito Control Commission. The primary emphasis of mosquito control efforts is on larviciding the mosquito breeding sites. As a secondary precaution we regularly recommend adulticiding treatments when mosquito activity is high. The Rye Recreation Fields have been treated once already this year. Before the first day of school the RMCC recommends adulticiding the playgrounds around the Elementary School and Junior High School. These treatments will control mosquitoes and ticks for up to four weeks.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

RYE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 4th,
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

555 Washington Road

FREE PIZZA!

(Provided by Papa Gino's)

COME TOUR THE
STATION AND MEET
YOUR FIRE, POLICE
and EMT'S



Conservation Commission Update

In 2014, with the Selectmen's support, the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC), contracted to purchase 73+ acres of the former Rand Lumber Company's land. Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) Conservation Specialist Tracy Degnan has worked with the RCC to leverage Open Space Bond funds, which will likely result in approximately \$250,000 in funding awards, and the property will be protected with a conservation easement in perpetuity. We await additional information on each award, but these funds will be applied to the \$1.25 million purchase price. The sellers agreed to favorable sale terms that allow the RCC time to leverage bond monies through grant applications. Additional properties are also being evaluated for permanent protection. If interested in protecting your land, please contact the RCC with any thoughts.

This new acquisition reminds us of wonderful opportunities found at an older acquisition (2010), the Goss Farm. The community and RJH gardens are overflowing again this year, thanks to the care of each community gardener. Sidewalk farms, LLC continues to grow a variety of vegetables using sustainable methods, and produce is sold every week at the Farmer's Market. Please come out and support the Rye Farmer's Market! Take a drive past the farm, and you will see that the hoop house or high tunnel is up, and almost complete, and vegetables will be grown in it, which essentially extends the growing season!

In addition, this past May RCCD/RCC planted 12 new apple trees, as some of the existing apple trees did not fare well over the winter. They are thriving, and thanks to additional deer fencing (orchestrated with Community Gardener's assistance) they are doing very well. They won't likely have fruit for a couple of years, but are off to a great start. A tremendous thank you to the Piscataqua Garden Club for funding those trees, most of which are heirloom

varieties that previously existed at Goss Farm.

At Goss Farm, the eastern field is now being dedicated to pollinator habitat, which will begin this fall. About an acre will be dedicated to pollinator friendly plants, but it is a process; and the field could look rough for at least another year, maybe two. RCCD, RCC and Sidewalk Farms, LLC are working cooperatively with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on this project. RCCD will host an on-site workshop at Goss Farm on pollinators, slated for **Friday October 2nd** that will involve pollinator experts from the NRCS, UNH Cooperative Extension and perhaps a special guest from The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. Look for flyers in town on the event, and pollinator seed packets will be given out to all in attendance.

Don't forget to support Goss Farm with the 4th Annual Goss Farm, Barn Dinner, slated for **Saturday, September 26th**, at Mark and Lindsey Joseph's barn, 540 Washington Road from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Town Hall for \$50.00.

The RCC appreciates that residents continue to support open space,

as well as our agricultural preservation efforts. It all helps to maintain the semi-rural character of our town, which makes Rye so special.

Sally King, Chairman
Rye Conservation Commission



Bees drinking from the bird bath at Goss Farm

Historic District News

Star Island looks to be the location in the Rye Historic District that is planning for the most changes in the next two years. Our charter as a Historic District is to keep the exterior architecture and landscaping as similar to its original style as possible for all buildings in the District. This poses a particularly difficult task when it comes to all of the buildings on an offshore island such as those on Star.

Star Island, 46 acres in size and the second largest of the nine Isles of Shoals, is accessible to the public both for day and overnight visits. It houses the historic Oceanic Hotel, which offers overnight accommodations throughout the summer months including family style meals. Star is without doubt the most frequently visited of all of the nine Islands making up the Isles of Shoals, (five in Maine and four in Rye, NH). Given the opportunity for the public to visit and stay at the Oceanic Hotel on the Island it abounds with tourists from June through September.

On Sunday, July 12, 2015, the Rye Historic District Commissioners traveled to the Island and were given a



Newly planted apple tree/deer fencing at the Community Garden at Goss Farm

Active, Alive and Over 55

The Rye Recreation Active, Alive and Over 55 Club will meet September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch programs 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 opportunities, including day trips, fitness classes and a walking group. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch and \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For more information contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us

LUNCH PROGRAMS

Thursday, September 10, 2015, Familiar Songs - Unfamiliar Stories:
Beloved American Songs and Their Amazing Stories
Thursday, October 8, 2015, Woo's Watching You? Eyes On Owls: Live Owl Program
Thursday, November 12, 2015, The UNH Marine Docent Sea Chantey Singers
Thursday, December 10, 2015, Portsmouth Tugboats
Thursday, January 14, 2016, That Reminds Me of a Story
Thursday, February 11, 2016, A Woman's Take on Courtly Love: The Lais of Marie de France
Thursday, March 10, 2016, Discovering New England Stone Walls
Thursday, April 14, 2016, The Other Side of the Midnight Ride: A Visit with Rachel Revere
Thursday, May 12, 2016, Spring Fling Fashion Show: Thrift Shop Style

DAY TRIPS

Thursday, October 1, 2015, Fall Foliage Day Trip, Rindge, NH; Winchendon, MA; Phillipston, MA, \$84
Wednesday, October 21, 2015, Italian Festival, Danvers, MA, \$89
Tuesday, November 10, 2015, The Manhattan Dolls: Through the Decades, Plymouth, NH, \$89
Tuesday, December 1, 2015, A Christmas Carol, Norwood, MA, \$89
Friday, March 11, 2016, The Young Irishlanders, Swansea, MA, \$89
Tuesday, May 17, 2016, Billy Joel and Elton John Tribute Show, Danvers, MA, \$89
Tuesday, July 26, 2016, The Spirit of Boston, Boston, MA, \$89

FITNESS CLASSES

Cardio and Toning is instructed by Alexis Mason and held at Rye Congregational Church on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., \$70 (Prorated to start date)
September 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, October 5, 7, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, November 2, 4, 9, 16, 18, 23, 25, December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 2015, January 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, February 1, 3, 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, April 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 2016.
Stretch and Flex Fitness is instructed by Vivian Lefebvre and held at Rye Congregational Church on Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., \$70 (Prorated to start date)
October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 2015, January 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, April 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 2016.

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group walks Central Cemetery on Fridays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., No charge. September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016



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FALL PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

Rye and New Castle Residents Only

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Programs.



NATURAL FOODS 101 is a presentation by Sarah Quinn RD, LD. In our modern world, even our food is subject to technological advances. When purchasing food we have so many choices and considerations. What makes natural foods natural? What does organic mean? Are all natural foods organic? Should my eggs be free range or cage free? Please join us as we learn why we should give careful attention to our food choices. Held at the Rye Library. Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No Charge. Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP.



BABYSITTER COURSE provides you with the skills you need to be a great babysitter. 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, October 3, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$95



CPR, AED & FIRST AID teaches you how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies as well as 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. Saturday, October 17 or Saturday, November 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fee: \$50



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

is open to grades K-2 and 3-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F at Rye Elementary School. The cost of the program is \$15.50/day with a minimum of 2 days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.

ACTIVE, ALIVE AND OVER 55 CLUB meets September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch programs 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 a walking group. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch or \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For a registration form and/or more information, contact Rye Recreation at (603) 964-6281 or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us



FAMILIAR SONGS - UNFAMILIAR STORIES

Presented by "Ramblin' Richard", this interesting

and entertaining program brings to light fascinating unfamiliar stories about some of our most beloved American songs. He tells the stories and sings the songs while accompanying himself on the guitar, five string banjo and baritone ukulele. Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015 Lunch: "Salad Bonanza" garden salad, broccoli salad, chicken salad, tuna salad, fruit salad, pita bread, sherbet and cookie. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, September 3, 2015

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



WOO'S WATCHING YOU? EYES ON OWLS: LIVE

OWL PROGRAM Naturalist Marcia Wilson and photographer Mark Wilson will introduce you to the owls of New England and beyond. Learn the signs and skills that you can use to find wild owls. Everyone is treated to a hooting lesson and will be introduced to live owls up close.

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015

Lunch: Caesar salad, vegetarian lasagna, and strawberry shortcake. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



THE UNH MARINE DOCENT SEA CHANTEY SINGERS

Sea chanteys are fun songs - but in the old days of the tall-masted sailing ships they were serious business. They were the work songs by which the sailors labored in unison to hoist the sails, weigh anchor and pump the bilge. The Sea Chantey Singers are volunteers in the UNH Marine Docent Program and bring alive the folklore. Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 Lunch: Caesar salad, chicken parmesan, meatballs, garlic bread and pistachio ice cream. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, November 5, 2015

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



PORTSMOUTH TUGBOATS

A ride on a tugboat is a tour

through history. No local family understands this better than the Holts, whose time on the tugs stretches back far longer than any topline they may use day-to-day to guide ships to safe harbor. Presented by Richard C. Holt, Jr., 4th generation tugboat pilot and general manager of Moran Towing. Date: Thursday, December 10, 2015 Lunch: Yankee pot roast, mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, garden salad, and strawberry cheesecake. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, December 3, 2015

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



FALL FOLIAGE DAY TRIP

Join us for a guided tour and visit to the

Cathedral of the Pines and lunch at JP Stephens in Rindge, NH. Then off to visit Smith's Country Cheese in Winchendon, MA for a tour and tasting. Wrapping up the day at Red Apple Farm, a farm stand and store full of country goodness and charm in Phillipston, MA.

Meal Choice: Roast top sirloin or baked scrod or apple walnut chicken breast, appetizer, potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee/tea

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Reservation Deadline: September 10, 2015

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$84 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Enjoy the incredible duo of Frank Zarba, recording

artist, band leader, and vocalist with Ray Cavicchio singing the music of Italy into our hearts. Great food, tons of fun, in one great day at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA. Come and listen to all of your favorite Italian songs. Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan on penne pasta or baked scrod, soft cheese and crackers, garden salad, rolls, bread, vegetables, mashed potato, dessert, coffee/tea.

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Reservation Deadline: September 30, 2015

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$89 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



THE MANHATTAN DOLLS: THROUGH THE DECADES

This show will take us on a journey of music from the 1930's to the 1960's. The repertoire blends beautiful ballads with your favorite swing-style, toe-tapping tunes. Travel with us to The Flying Monkey in Plymouth, NH and enjoy a special lunch at the Common Man Inn. Meal: Buffet (Yankee pot roast, baked lasagna, Caesar salad, pasta salad, mashed potato, vegetables, breads, cheese cake topped with fresh berry sauce, coffee/tea)

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Reservation Deadline: October 20, 2015

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$89 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Begin the holiday season as this

powerful story of redemption has enchanted audiences the world over with its simple message of selfless giving. Ebenezer Scrooge, a most unrepentant, miserly fellow, is made to see the light as he survives a merciless battery of revelations by the ghost of his own Christmases: past, present, and future. Held at the Norwood Theatre in Norwood, MA with lunch at the Sheraton 4 Points. Meal Choice: Holiday chicken with potato and vegetables or baked lasagna, dessert, coffee/tea.

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Reservation Deadline: November 10, 2015

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$89 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.

OVER 55 FITNESS CLASSES

Cardio & Toning Fitness is instructed by Alexis Mason. Simple moves and combinations for cardio are paired with light-weight strength training for a full-body workout. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: September 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, October 5, 7, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, November 2, 4, 9, 16, 18, 23, 25, December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 2015, January 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, February 1, 3, 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, April 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 2016, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye
Fee: \$70 (Prorated to start date)

Stretch & Flex Fitness is instructed by Vivian Lefebvre. Improve your flexibility and muscle tone with chair-based exercises. This is a simple and easy to follow, low-stress workout. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 2015, January 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, April 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 2016, Tuesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye
Fee: \$70 (Prorated to start date)

OVER 55 WALKING GROUP meets once a week on Friday to walk Central Cemetery. If you enjoy the company of others while exercising, this social group is for you. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: Fridays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Town Hall Upper Parking Lot, 10 Central Road, Rye
Fee: No charge

ADULT YOGA & 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 provided. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye.
Session 1, Tuesdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Session 2, Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15, 2015, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$99 per session (6 classes)

YOUTH YOGA WORKSHOPS provide a fun, empowering, educational and creative boosting experience. Instruction is provided by Magnolia Barrett, a Rye native, and certified Yoga Instructor. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye.

Introduction: Yoga Beginnings focuses on introducing the core principles of Yoga. Participants will learn a variety of yoga asanas as well as breathing games and meditation techniques.

Grades K-2 Co-ed, Monday and Wednesday, September 14 and 16, 2015, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5 Co-ed, Tuesday and Thursday, September 15 and 17, 2015, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Grades 6-8 Girls, Saturday, September 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Physical: How Am I Strong focuses on building a foundation of confidence and strength in participants.

Grades K-2 Co-ed, Monday and Friday, November 9 and 13, 2015, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5 Co-ed, Tuesday and Thursday, November 10 and 12, 2015, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Grades 6-8 Girls, Saturday, November 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Fee: \$55 each workshop

GYROKINESIS® is instructed by Kathryn Londoff. This is a holistic movement exercise that gently works the entire body, opening energy pathways, stimulating the nervous system, increasing range of motion, and creating functional strength, through dynamic, rhythmic, flowing sequences. It lubricates and decompresses the spine, strengthens proprioceptive awareness, and allows one to move more efficiently and freely in space. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. *An introductory class will be offered on Monday, September 14, 2015, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at no charge.*

Session 1, Mondays, September 21, 28, October 5, 19, 26, 2015, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 2, Mondays, November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2015, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$55 per session (5 classes)

LEGO ROBOTICS AND ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

is instructed by Kevin Husson and is for youth entering grades 1-6. Using LEGO Power Functions and Mindstorms Robotics, participants will construct a variety of motorized machines and robotics. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye.
Wednesday, December 30, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25

GROUP TENNIS LESSONS are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Mark Moulton, USPTA Professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink.

Session 1, Wednesdays, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2015

K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 2, Wednesdays, October 28, November 4, 18, December 9, 16, 2015

K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)

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 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 2016. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$255 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for an additional fee of \$60 and helmets for \$15. Helmets are required. *Registration deadline Tuesday, November 24, 2015.*

RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE is co-ed

and open to grades K-5. Held December 5, 2015 to February 13, 2016. Grade K meets once a week to practice and play as a group and grades 1-5 meets twice a week, once for practice and Saturday for games. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval.
Fee: \$30 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). *Late fee of \$30 will apply to registrations received after the Friday, October 30, 2015 deadline.*

GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE & SCRIMMAGE

GROUP is open to girls grades 1-5. Held December 5, 2015 to February 13, 2016. Meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval.

Fee: \$30 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). *Late fee of \$30 will apply to registrations received after the Friday, October 30, 2015 deadline.*

OPEN COURT BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval. Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19, 2015, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2016 following the Recreational Basketball League (time to be determined). No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance.

HOLIDAY RECESS BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School, upon approval. Monday, December 28; Tuesday, December 29; and Wednesday, December 30, 2015, 9:30-11:00 a.m.. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance.

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10, 17, 2015, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays, December 13, 20, 2015, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Held at Rye Junior High and based on availability. No charge. Participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes.

TOWN OF RYE TRICK OR TREAT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

For more information, contact Rye Recreation at (603) 964-6281.

Fall Festivities at Rye Public Library!

Despite our dreams of Endless Summer, all good things move on. We'll have lots of fun activities and events to welcome the wonderful autumn season to New England. Celebrate Oktoberfest with Opa's Oompah Band on Wednesday Oct 14 at 3pm!

RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

Movies and popcorn on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm! State of the art projection system!

9/2 <i>Second Best Marigold Hotel</i> PG 122 min	10/14 <i>The Age of Adeline</i> PG-13 112 min
9/9 <i>McFarland, USA</i> PG 129 min	10/21 <i>Two Days, One Night</i> PG-13 95 min
9/16 <i>Cinderella</i> PG 105 min	10/28 <i>Bessie</i> 112 min
9/23 <i>5 Flights Up</i> PG-13 92 min	11/4 <i>Danny Collins</i> R 106 min
9/30 <i>Far From The Madding Crowd</i> PG-13 119 min	11/18 <i>I'll See You In My Dreams</i> PG-13 92 min
10/7 <i>The 100 Year Old Man</i> 115 min	11/25 <i>Mr. Holmes</i> PG 104 min
Please visit the Library or check our website ryepubliclibrary.org for forthcoming movie selections!	

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).

9/15 <i>Tell the Wolves I'm Home</i> by Carol Brunt	11/17 <i>Man in the Grey Flannel Suit</i> by Sloan Wilson
10/20 <i>Gardens of Water</i> by Alan Drew	12/15 <i>Buddha in the Attic</i> by Julie Otsuka
<i>Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:</i> Every Tuesday beginning at 9 am. Learn at your own pace, with plenty of encouragement in a pressure-free environment.	<i>Mah Jongg Club:</i> Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room. Learn and play American style Mah Jongg with this enthusiastic group
<i>Knitting with Mary:</i> By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	<i>Military Book Discussions:</i> First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 9/3, 10/8, 11/5, 12/3
<i>Learn to Play Bridge:</i> with Skip Page. Every Tuesday 3-5 pm. Beginners welcome!	
<i>Monday afternoon senior visits</i> 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 the 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 NH, Dover	Museum of Science, Boston MA
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester	Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth
Historic New England	Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA	Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME	Seacoast Science Center, Rye
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA	NH State Parks parking pass

Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome! Monthly meetings 2nd Tues @ 6pm

Fall 2015 Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

Historian Dennis Robinson Thurs. Oct. 15 at 7pm	Snowy Owls lecture Thurs. Nov. 12 at 7pm
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All programs are free and open to the public!

RPL FALL 2015 TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION:

<u>COMPUTER TUTOR & DEVICE ADVICE-</u> Schedule a time to bring in your specific computer or device -related questions including security, how to borrow downloadable content for your e-reader or tablet through RPL , or help with your Windows, Mac, Android, or iOS device. <i>Call to make a 20-minute appointment on a Monday or Friday morning, or some Thursday evenings.</i>	
<u>TECH TALK COMPUTER CLASSES</u> Classes are from 9:30 AM - 11 AM . Call 964-8401 to register for classes.	
Wed. Sept. 16	Introduction to Google Cloud Printing
Wed. Oct. 14	Preparing for Windows 10 Upgrade
Wed. Nov. 18	Introduction to Windows 10

Rye Public Library Youth Department

2015 Fall Programming Sept – Nov

More Details: ryepubliclibrary.org 964-8401

Youth Programs:

Crazy 8s Math Club! NEW! (sign-up required) Mondays Sept 14 - Nov 9 3:15pm (not on Oct. 12) Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers Wednesdays 11:00am (not on Nov 11 or 25) Story Time at the Farmer's Market (All Ages) Wednesdays through Sept 30 2:30 – 3:00pm Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months) Fridays 10:00 – 10:30am (not on Nov 27) YAttitudes Teen Book Club (Grades 6+) 2nd Tuesdays Sept 8 - Nov 10 7:00-8:00pm Geek Club (Grades 7+) NEW! 3rd Tuesdays Sept 15 - Nov 17 7:00-8:00pm Dumbledore's Army (Harry Potter Club) NEW! 4th Tuesdays Sept 22 - Nov 24 7:00-8:00pm Teen Advisory Board First Tuesdays beginning Oct 6 7:00 - 8:00pm Friday Night Teen After Hours Movie NEW! Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 20 5:15pm	Friday Flicks Check Website for Featured Films 1st & 3rd Fridays Sept 4 - Nov 20 3:10pm Book Bites Book Club (Grades 2-5) 3rd Thursdays beginning Oct 15 3:15 - 4:00pm Early Release Day Movie "Cinderella" September 16 1:00pm Wonderful World of Bats! Saturday, Oct 17 1:00 - 2:00pm Rainbow Fairy Party -Dress up to attend! Thursday, Sept 24 3:15 - 5:00pm Harry Potter Book Release Party + Cosplay Wednesday, Oct 7 3:15 - 5:00pm Family Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Thursday, Oct 29 6:00-8:00pm Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Release Party Wednesday, Nov 4 3:15 - 5:00pm 2nd Annual International Game Day Saturday, Nov 21 10:00am - 2:00pm
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Please view our website at ryepubliclibrary.org, or call us @ 964-8401 for an expanded list of programming and events, and to check dates and times; not all programs above will run through August.

Historic District News

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guided tour of the Island by Jack Farrell, the Star Island Facilities Manager. Jack toured the entire Island with us and reviewed the planned changes that the Star Island Corporation has for the near future of the Island. These involved a further expansion of the Solar Array Panels that provide power to the Island, expansion of the Island's Power House back up battery array with the addition of an enhanced storage area, enclosure and updating of the Island's sewage treatment plant and covering the exterior fire exit stairwell on the west side of the Oceanic Hotel.

We toured the photovoltaic array (solar panel array) which was installed last year and takes up approximately 10,400 square feet. We had approved this installation of panels to support the Islands objective of producing renewable energy that would replace the need for utilizing a diesel generator which consumed 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually. With this new installation the Island has reduced their reliance on diesel fuel by over 75% and plans to completely eliminate their need for diesel fuel in the next several years. The challenge that the Commission and the Star Island Corporation faced was to install the photovoltaic array of panels in an area on the Island they would maximize their operating effectiveness yet be as visually unobtrusive as

possible. Plans were to attach the panels to bedrock on the south west side of the Island and to allow natural vegetation to screen them as much as possible from view. Unfortunately the bedrock was not consistent so the panels were attached via steel pipes to large concrete blocks which increased the height of the panels above the five feet that was originally planned. Although we worked to screen the panels Jack Farrell has found that as this was the largest "off grid" photovoltaic array in New England that there was substantive interest by visitors to see the installation---as such a wooden visitors platform was installed with a wooden walkway to access the area. Plans are to expand the system to provide for an additional 68KWH of power that would allow the Island to completely wean itself off from the need for diesel power generation.

Our tour also included the Power House which has housed the generators. This building now houses 65,000 lbs of batteries that provides storage of 600KWH of power produced by the solar array. Plans are to expand the battery area and to build a shed roof on the current building that provides additional much needed storage area.

Our tour next proceeded to the sewage storage facility where Jack explained his plans to improve the cleanliness of the discharge water and enclose the treatment system from view---we then proceeded to have lunch at the

Islands snack shack---a lot of laughs on the sequencing of the sewage facilities tour followed by lunch.

We finished our review of the planned facilities improvements by viewing the multiple story open wooden set of fire escape stairs that is on the west side of the Oceanic Hotel. The Rye Fire Chief has requested that the stairs be widened and upgraded with an enclosure that would protect hotel guests and staff who would need to use the fire escape in inclement weather.

Special thanks to Jack Farrell of the Star Island Corporation for taking his time to conduct the tour and to provide boat transportation for the Commission members. His review of his future plans will enhance the effectiveness of the Commission in their responsibilities going forward.

Phil Winslow, Chairman
Rye Historic District Commission

Rye Senior SERVE Update

There is room on the van. Rye Senior SERVE invites residents to take advantage of the SERVE van's Tuesday morning shopping trips to Market Basket Plaza and to Rite-Aid Pharmacy. Be picked up at your door and have help with your purchases. Van riders also plan and enjoy monthly lunch trips to various restaurants around the Seacoast. Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 for information about these activities and other SERVE programs.

The van provides rides to Seacoast Repertory Theater's dress rehearsal performance before each opening night. A dress rehearsal season ticket is required for this program. Call Tricia Quinn at 964-8401 for more information.

SERVE is very appreciative of the community's response to our calls for volunteers that have appeared in this Newsletter. New volunteers for all programs are always welcome. You choose which activity interests you and fits into



*Star Island
Solar Panel
Array
installed in
2014*

Senior SERVE

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your personal schedule. More volunteers mean more connections among neighbors in our community.

Visit Rye's website at www.town.rye.nh.us, click on "Senior Services" to see Rye Senior SERVE's brochure or call Connie Olson at 964-5170 to receive a brochure in the mail.

Connie Olson
Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Water District News

Water Conservation: The Water District would like to once again thank its customers for using water wisely! By following our suggested outdoor watering/lawn irrigation times during the early morning hours and not during the heat of the summer's day, watering restrictions were not necessary.

Water Storage Tanks I & II Exterior Painting Project: Limerick Steeplejacks from Limerick, Maine were contracted to power wash, prime and refurbish exterior top coatings on Tanks I & II Washington Road. Tank I is now completed and Tank II is scheduled for late September/October during more favorable temperatures and less humid conditions.

Water Meter Reading Receptacles: If you are planning an exterior home project such as new siding or addition, please contact the Rye Water District office to arrange for District personnel to stop by and discuss the best way to necessitate removal/relocate the outside meter reading receptacle/radio. Failure to do so may result with additional charges.

Water Main Flushing: The semi-annual maintenance of flushing and chlorinating the water system is planned to begin in September. This is done to reduce sediment that may collect in the distribution system and introduce a small amount of chlorine to help maintain a clean and safe water system. Notices of

flushing dates and times will be published in the Portsmouth Herald and posted at public locations in town before actual flushing begins.

Attention Seasonal Water Customers: EPA and NHDES prohibit installation of stop and waste type curb shut off valves (i.e. self draining) in public water systems. This means, for seasonal customers, when the water valve at the street is shut off for the winter season, the water between your house and the street valve will not self drain. Since the water line going from the street shut off to the house is the responsibility of the homeowner, it is the homeowner's responsibility to drain or pump out the service line to prevent possible freezing damage during the winter months. The District highly recommends that all seasonal services be disconnected and drained by November 1st. Water meters belong to the District and should not be removed or tampered with by others. Please call in advance to have your service disconnected at the street and the meter removed for proper storage.

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

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

Scheduled Meetings: The water commissioner's monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and bi-weekly work sessions on Wednesday's. These meetings are open and residents attendance is encouraged.

Commissioner's email: In the last newsletter our commissioner's new email address was spelled incorrectly. The correct address is: commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net. If you have any issues or concerns with

the water system operations feel free to contact the commissioners via email.

Arthur Ditto
Ralph Hickson
Thomas Clifford

Rye Water District Commissioners

Rye Recycling Education Committee Update

Rye ♻️ Recycling – Let's Do It the Rye-ght Way!

Aluminum Recycling Facts:

Aluminum cans are the ultimate example of recyclable containers. Requiring 95% less energy and water to recycle a can than it



does to create a can from virgin materials. A can that is recycled can be back on the store shelf in just 60 days!

Change at the Recycling Center: The aluminum we collect at the recycling center currently garners a hefty \$1,000.00 per ton sales price. To continue receiving this price – there is now a new stipulation in place that requires that ONLY ALUMINUM CANS be deposited into the ALUMINUM receptacle.

This is crucial, because otherwise, the entire shipment will be rejected and result in lost income.

Don't despair! The "remaining" aluminum (aluminum foil, aluminum pie-plates, aluminum foil trays) may be deposited into the TIN receptacle/s. Questions? - Ask the attendants for further clarification.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

Food Scrap Collection on the rise! Thank you to those participating in this program which is open to all. Because of increased participation 3 to 4 "Mr. Fox" receptacles are now being filled weekly. Keep up the good work

Recycling Committee

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and more receptacles will be added as needed. By recycling this matter into compost we are diverting this tonnage away from the landfill, saving Rye \$ and benefiting the environment.

NOTE - only FOOD SCRAPS and other COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS should be put into these "Mr. Fox" receptacles. (NO PLASTIC BAGS). For more information see the town website or just ask Alan.

Compostable liners (for your 5-gallon bucket) are now available for sale at the *Hungry Horse Cafe*.

Did you know your Styrofoam packaging can be reused? The below local packaging and shipping businesses will gladly accept for reuse your clean Styrofoam packaging materials (this includes packaging peanuts and even Styrofoam blocks):

- ♦ **The Parcel Room**, (Marshall's / Market Basket Plaza) 1465 Woodbury Ave., Portsmouth
- ♦ **UPS Shipping Store**, (L.L. Bean / Lafayette Crossing Plaza) 45 Lafayette Rd., North Hampton.

Reusing whenever possible is even better than recycling!

The Rye Recycling Education Committee – still with an opening for one more member, meets at the Rye Public Library each third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Rye Recycling Education Committee

Deidre Smyrnos

Joan Provencher

John Provencher

Lorrie Platt

Jozef Platt, Student Member



Rye Historical Society News

Trolley Tour Labor Day Sept

7th: Rye Historical Society (RHS) will sponsor a Rye History Trolley Tour on Monday, Sept 7th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. to include stops at St Andrews chapel, Drake House, Rye Harbor and

Goss Farm. Tickets are \$20 and \$18 for over 65 and under 18. Reservation must be made by writing to RHS at: info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org and giving your name, number in your party and telephone number. The tour benefits the museum.

October Program to Feature Oceanside Book: Watch for publicity on our October program where author Tom Clarie will give an illustrated talk from his book: "Oceanside History of Rye Beach and the Farragut" which chronicles Rye Beach and Little Boars Head from the 1860's to the 1950's.

Many New Donations to the Museum: Some of the recent donations include a Brown Bess British musket similar to the kind used against Rye soldiers in the Revolutionary War. It was found in the attic of Wedgwood House

on Lang Road in 1938. We also received a collection of diaries by Supply Foss Trefethen which he kept from 1857 to 1907. The museum has also mounted a new Rye and Beyond shipwreck exhibit.

New Memberships Welcome:

Join RHS for just \$10 (or \$15 for a family) and stay connected to happenings in the society and at the museum. See our website at - www.ryenhistoricalssociety.org.

Museum Hours: Saturdays through October from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., most Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and on request by writing to the above email address or calling (603) 997-6742.

Alex Herlihy

Rye Historical Society

Sewer Department Message



Please note per Sewer Use Ordinance 400 Permits: 400.1 General
No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Sewer Commissioners. No person shall construct, add to, alter, or replace any portion of a building sewer service that leads in any way to a public sewer without first obtaining the written approval of the Sewer Commissioners or their authorized representative.

If you require a sewer permit please contact the Sewer Commission Office now located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH, above the U.S. Post Office. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or for assistance after hours please call 964-6815. We will be glad to assist you.

The Sewer Commissioners are David Kohlhasse, Chairman; Peter Kasnet, Vice Chairman; and David Adams, Commissioner. Lee Arthur is the Sewer Administrator.

Please note, sewer bill payments are only accepted at the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870.

RYE RECREATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS HIRING PART-TIME COUNSELORS FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR:

2:15 – 6:00 p.m., M-F, 2-5 days a week



For more information please contact the
Town of Rye Recreation Department
at (603) 964-6281 or by email at
larthur@town.rye.nh.us

Town of Rye Board Meetings

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 or the Town website: www.town.rye.nh.us for up-to-date information.

September 2015

		1	2 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Town Offices Closed	8 8:00 am Sewer Commission	9	10	11	12
13	14 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	15 6:00 pm Mosquito Control 7:00 pm Planning Board	16 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road	17 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24 7:00 pm CIP Committee	25	26
27	28 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	29 7:00 pm Technical Review Committee	30 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm CIP Committee			

October 2015

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4	5 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	6	7 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	8 7:00 pm CIP Committee	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Town Offices Closed	13 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	14 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	15 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19	20 6:00 pm Mosquito Control	21 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road	22 8:30am-4:00pm BOS Budget Work Session	23	24
25	26 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	27 7:00 pm Technical Review Committee	28	29	30 Trick-or-Treat 5:00-7:00 pm	31 Halloween

November 2015

1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	3	4 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	5 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	6	7
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29	30					

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

Mark your calendars!

Our 4th Annual Harvest Dinner to benefit the Goss Farm will be Saturday, September 26th from 6:00-9:00p.m. at Mark and Lindsey Joseph's barn, 540 Washington Road. Tickets went on sale Monday, August 24th for \$50 and are available at the Town Hall or by contacting Jaci Grote at 603-379-2007. They will also be on sale at the Rye Farmers' Market, Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30p.m. through September 23rd. Be sure to save the date!



32nd Annual Rye Lions Car Show

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015

(Rain Date Sept. 27, 2015)

Parson's Field,
Washington Road, Rye, NH

Registration 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Trophies awarded at 2:00 p.m.

\$10.00 entry fee for car and driver

\$3.00 for spectators

Great Food and Music!

Any questions call Alan at 379-2080 or visit the website at www.rye.nhlions.org. If you would like to learn more about the Lions Club, please come and visit us at a meeting, the first Wednesday of every month in the Rye Public Library at 6:30 p.m.



**NOTICE TO ALL
GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND WITCHES**



**"Trick or Treating" in Rye is Friday,
OCTOBER 30TH, 5:00-7:00 PM**

Visit the Town Website

<http://www.town.rye.nh.us>

For news and up to date
information about the Town,
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