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Selectmen's Message:

'TIS THE SEASON FOR BUDGETS AND MORE

The Selectmen's annual all day budget work session for the 2016 Town Budget was held on October 22nd. With the exception of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, all department heads presented their budgets during that day and, cooperatively, cuts were made in nearly every department. The budget process is ongoing; but many other activities of local importance are occurring simultaneously.

TOWN HALL PROGRESS

Survey Results: The Town engaged the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to help develop and conduct a survey of residents with the combined goal of finding common ground concerning the future of our Town Hall building and preferences regarding the physical setting within which the business of the Town is to be conducted in the years ahead.

Surveys and follow-up reminders were sent to 2,981 Rye households and completed surveys were returned by 1,132 Rye residents which equates to a 39% response rate. Participants are to be congratulated as this is a very high response rate by survey standards.

Information gathered is assisting the current Town Hall Committee as it

seeks to coordinate and balance Town Hall space needs with expressed respondent input.

Compiled survey data revealed some surprises. The results of the survey may be seen on the Town website at www.town.rye.nh.us.

New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places & Seven to Save Designation: Within the past two years our Town Hall building has received two significant historic designations. Based on the application work of Heritage Commission member Sara Hall, the Rye Town Hall was placed on the State Register of Historic Places in 2014. Plaques indicating this recognition were unveiled at Town Hall during a brief ceremony organized by the Heritage Commission on September 28th.

Our Town Hall has also been selected by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance as one of New Hampshire's 2015 Seven to Save endangered properties. The award was accepted by Heritage Commission Chair Mae Bradshaw in Concord on October 21st. Placement on this list helps draw attention and resources to irreplaceable New Hampshire landmarks.

CHANGES IN THE ASSESSING OFFICE

On August 14th, the Board of Selectmen terminated the Town's contract with Certified New Hampshire Assessing Services, LLC under the terms of Section VI of the contract during a non-public session held in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, III.

It was necessary to hire a consultant to address concerns raised by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) relating to assessing practices. In addition, we needed to move quickly to find a temporary assessor as time for the second tax billing was rapidly approaching.

As a result, 2 votes were taken in non-public and later ratified in public session on August 26, 2015. The first vote was to retain Rex A. Norman, CAE, to audit the Town's assessing records for accuracy and compliance and the second to retain Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) to provide the Town with temporary assessing services for a period of two to three months.

As this newsletter goes to press, responses to our Request for Proposal (RFP) for assessing services by contract have been received and are under consideration.

ONGOING DISCUSSIONS

Future of the Parsonage Apartments: In 1999 with a Community Block Grant partnered with a loan totaling approximately \$300,000, the Town of Rye entered into a lease arrangement with The Housing Partnership (THP) to manage the Parsonage Apartments, located at the corner of Washington Road and Merrymeeting Lane, as affordable housing. A moderate rehabilitation of the property was done at that time.

More than 15 years have elapsed and, although the grounds have been maintained and day to day repairs have been undertaken, need for a number of major updates has become increasingly apparent and the lease with THP is due to expire in 2019. The Board was in agreement with THP that the time had come for a comprehensive reassessment of the condition of the entire property. The reassessment was conducted in June.

At the BOS meeting of September 28th, Marty Chapman, Executive Director of The Housing Partnership (THP), presented a General Physical Condition Assessment on the Parsonage Apartments. Mr. Chapman discussed the findings of the June property assessment by Lassell Architects which included the condition of the site and buildings, interior and exterior, and the mechanical and electrical systems. Special needs conditions were also assessed. Critical, recommended and capital improvement

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Holiday Parade

"A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS"

Sunday, December 6, 2015,

1:00 p.m.

Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road to the Rye Junior High School

For additional information
call the Fire Dept. at 964-6411.



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repairs were separated and itemized and a financial overview was included. In concluding the report, THP proposed options for the future of the property.

Mr. Chapman was invited to return for a lengthy discussion of the proposed options via a work session held on November 9th prior to the Selectmen's meeting. Given the extensive amount of work to be done on the Parsonage and with economy of scale considered, the Board of Selectmen is unanimous in our decision to have Town Administrator Michael Magnant work with THP Executive Director Marty Chapman and Town Attorney Michael Donovan to draft a Warrant Article for the sale of the Parsonage land and buildings to The Housing Partnership. This would allow THP to take advantage of grant money, low interest loans and tax credits to fund the much needed renovations. The article is to be formulated to allow THP to rehabilitate the Parsonage, possibly demolish the "stand alone apartment" and add 6 to 8 new units. All units on the property will be senior affordable housing in perpetuity and the property will be returned to the tax rolls.

Once the Board approves the Warrant Article, it will be presented to the voters in March. While the Board of Selectmen has the power to buy and sell property, traditionally, Rye selectmen have opted to obtain voter approval for such transactions. If approved, THP will comply with our building and zoning regulations, in this case obtaining approval of the Historic District Commission and working through the lengthy process of securing funding.

There will be much more to come on this topic.

Rye/Portsmouth Fire Departments: Nationally, over the past several decades, many factors including building codes, inspection and code enforcement have served to reduce the number of structure fires. Meanwhile, calls for medical emergencies have risen. Calls to the Rye Fire Department for service have paralleled this national trend.

In response to this changing

emphasis in type of service, we have been striving to gradually achieve staffing that provides at least one firefighter/paramedic on every shift while across the nation there is growing pressure, backed by research, for 4-man crews. The goal is 2-fold: reduce response time and increase safety. Meanwhile, the cost and complexity of firefighting and medical emergency response have increased.

Against this background, a work session was held last February between Rye and Portsmouth officials to initiate exploration of the possibilities of shared fire services in areas beneficial to both communities. As a result of this meeting, a working group was formed to look at some type of cooperative relationship that increases effective service while reducing redundancy costs. This group was composed of Rye Town Administrator Mike Magnant, Rye Fire Chief Tom Lambert and former Rye TA Alan Gould.

An eight page report was presented to the Selectmen on October 28th. This report contained an overview of both fire departments which included staffing, number and type of calls for service, response times and equipment of each. Perceived opportunities and challenges of shared services were also enumerated.

The report described two levels of aid among communities: mutual aid and automatic aid. Rye is currently under a traditional mutual aid agreement which means "you call me and I will come" and it involves several agencies within our geographic area. Automatic aid is a higher form of reciprocity between fire departments.

The Rye Fire Department has been administered by a part-time fire chief for a number of years. Following the resignation of Fire Chief Skip Sullivan in September of 2014, we hired retired North Hampton Fire Chief Thomas Lambert as part-time interim Rye Fire Chief. Need for a full time Chief of the Rye Fire Department is part of the ongoing discussion.

A second work session was held by the Selectmen on November

12th. In addition to Rye and Portsmouth fire officials, Lieutenant Charles Gallant, representing Rye firefighters, was invited to join the discussion. Many questions were posed and the responses served to elaborate on and clarify details of our current relationship with the Portsmouth Fire Department and provide an overview of what supervision of the Rye Fire Department by Portsmouth Fire Department Command Staff would entail.

There is much to consider regarding change of any kind including legal questions relating to process. Both Rye and Portsmouth officials concur that if and when agreement for any degree of consolidation of fire services is approved, it will be put into effect for a trial period of one year with either of the parties able to terminate the agreement at its conclusion. Exploration of this matter will continue.

PARSONS CREEK WATERSHED: "NO SMOKING GUN"

Bacteria monitoring has been ongoing in the Parsons Creek Watershed since 2008. In 2011, the Parsons Creek Watershed Plan identified storm water and septic as the primary sources of bacteria and, in 2012, Phase I of the Parsons Creek Watershed Management Implementation Plan was undertaken which resulted in the installation of 4 Best Management Practices (BMPs). This work developed a septic database and produced a risk factor priority map.

Recently, the Town was awarded a second NH Department of Environmental Services Grant to continue this project with Phase II which includes 2 to 4 BMPs, drafting a septic ordinance and additional water sampling.

At the Selectmen's meeting of October 26th, Planning Director Kim Reed introduced Forrest Bell of FB Environmental accompanied by Sally Soule and Barb McMellan from NHDES and Richard Claytor of the Horsley Whitten Group. A review of data compiled to date makes it abundantly clear that "there is no smoking gun" in the form of a single source of bacteria in the Parsons Creek

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Watershed. Sources are multiple and wide-spread. Correction will require additional time, data collection, public education and cooperation, planning and financing.

This presentation was followed by introduction of the possibility of obtaining a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan. This fund provides low interest loans to finance eligible storm water and wastewater programs such as a Parsons Creek Community Septic System Feasibility Assessment. Funded by a combination of 80% town funds and 20% state matching funds, a CWSRF loan provides financial savings as opposed to borrowing through banks or the municipal bond bank.

Rye is on a preapproved list to borrow CWSRF funds. If we decide to move forward with a loan for a feasibility study, approval of voters via a warrant article will be required. The anticipated project cost is approximately \$80,000. We believe that more information and further discussion will be required prior to any action.

STAFF CHANGES AT THE SAFETY BUILDING

Police Department: On September 28th, the Board appointed Mark Lynch as a full time patrol officer in the Rye Police Department in keeping with voter approval of Warrant Article 9 last March. Mark is a U.S. Navy veteran and a 2011 college graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice.

On October 26th, the Board appointed Daniel Fuglestad to the Rye Police Department replacing Officer Shawn Carlson who resigned in September. Officer Fuglestad served as a part-time Portsmouth Police officer prior to being hired in Rye.

Although often suggested as a means to ease our seasonal beach problems, hiring part time police officers has long been a challenge and most within our area who are currently part time are seeking full time employment. Greg Kendall retired from a part time position a while ago and Randy Tompkins, also part time, gave his notice recently. Both had previously served the Town of

Rye as full time police officers. Both part time positions are open at this writing.

Fire Department: During the Selectmen's meeting of August 26th, Jacob MacGlashing was promoted to Lieutenant/Paramedic of the Rye Fire Department. Jacob fills the position left open by the retirement of Steve Laing in April,

Two Firefighter/Paramedic appointments were approved on September 28th. Kevin Wunderly comes to Rye from the Chester, NH Fire Department where he was a full time Captain. Christopher Bohling joins our Fire Department as a full time Firefighter/Paramedic following concurrent service as a part time employee in the Hollis Fire Department and a paramedic with Amherst EMS.

RYE RECREATION FACILITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee has been formed with membership as follows: Gregg Mikolaits, Beverly Levesque, Garritt Toohey, Shawn Crapo, John Provencher, Doug Abrams, Randy Crapo, Tom Degnan and Priscilla Jenness, selectmen's representative.

On November 9th, the following Charge to the Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee was approved:

To work with Christopher Williams Architects throughout the process as necessary, to define the Recreation Department facilities and space needs, including future needs.

Christopher Williams Architects scope includes the following tasks: 1. Evaluation of existing recreation buildings at the Recreation Area to survey, analyze, and evaluate the facilities with respect to their physical condition, functionality of existing mechanical and electrical systems and their adequacy for public uses. 2. Assess space needs for recreational programming and Recreation Department functions, both currently and in the future. 3. Provide recommendations including a preliminary layout for a recreation building with

suggested size and cost estimates, to allow the Town to decide whether to proceed to subsequent preliminary design layout. 4. Provide a brief report with executive summary to document the findings.

To insure that the public is provided opportunity for input and is informed throughout the process through the use of various tools and methods to include: public meetings, presentations, and electronic media.

To report back to the Board of Selectmen on the process and the committee recommendation for appropriate next steps for the town to take, no later than April 2016.

AT THE BEACH

No Lifeguards at Close of Season: In August, we received the following notice from Fire Chief Tom Lambert: "As of August 23, 2015, there is no longer any Lifeguard coverage on any Town Beach". Appropriate signs were posted to inform the public.

Commitments to education were cited as the cause for early departure which has been an increasing problem over the past decade. It appears that there is a growing shortage of qualified lifeguards throughout New England.

Rosa Rugosa: A number of people have expressed appreciation for the removal of the Rosa Rugosa growing over the bike path from Jenness State Beach to Eel Pond. This was accomplished through cooperation with the State Department of Transportation.

Summer of 2015: Appropriate statistics compiled during the 2015 summer beach season will be used for future planning. They include beach use as the result of our application process, data regarding tickets and warnings issued, dog incidents, open container problems, arrests and the extent of parking on peak beach days.

It appears that the largest number of 2015 summer visitors came from elsewhere in New Hampshire. Massachusetts is second in number and only a few visitors were from Canada.

Police Chief Kevin Walsh is working to ensure that we will have all

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Beach Use Applications by March first of 2016.

Parking Meter Report: A report from John Burke, consultant for the Ocean Boulevard Parking Meter Feasibility Study, was received at the end of August and it raised a number of issues that will require resolution prior to bringing this matter to the voters.

Although State Senator Nancy Stiles indicated that the Town would be permitted to install metered parking on a State road, formal approval must be obtained. The State Attorney General has indicated that approval must be obtained from the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and, due to a resignation, the position was vacant for a period of time.

Without sidewalks or curbing along Ocean Boulevard, safety tops the list of issues to be addressed. Kiosks, or pay stations, as well as bollards to protect them and their users will need to be temporary. In areas where shoulders of the roadway are close to the marsh, a pad for each kiosk and the associated bollards will be necessary. The State will also require the Town to maintain the road surface used for this purpose.

The initial Tighe & Bond Study identified two areas for potential installation of pay stations: Marsh Road to Highland Park Avenue and Harbor Road to Perkins Road. Width of the overall roadway varies within these areas due in part to encroachment and the exact number of parking spots possible has yet to be determined.

Last but not least will be consideration of unintended consequences. For example, will metered parking on Ocean Boulevard cause roadside beach parking to move inland along side roads?

We have the funds to hire a consultant to develop cost and revenue projections; but there will not be a Warrant Article to install metered parking on Ocean Boulevard on the 2016 March ballot. More time is needed to develop details and obtain State concurrence.

Walter Parenteau: We were saddened to learn of the death of Walter Parenteau on October 29th. Walter

owned and operated his own plumbing business from 1947 to 1987; but we knew him as clerk of the works for the Rye Sewer Commission. Although he had many interests that took him outdoors, Walter's passion was skiing. His last day on the slopes was in 2005 at the age of 87. Never seen without a smile, Walter will be missed.

Job Well Done CIP Committee: In closing, we would like to thank our 2015 Capital Improvement Program Committee chaired by Ned Paul. We also thank our employees, the department heads and staff members, who contributed time and effort to this project. The 2016-2021 CIP Report was accepted by the Board of Selectmen at our regular meeting on October 14, 2015. Each update and revision of this document has increased its value as a planning tool for the Town of Rye.

We wish a happy holiday season to you and yours,

Board of Selectmen,

Priscilla Jenness, Chairman
Joe Mills, Vice Chairman
Craig Musselman, Selectman

**RIISING TIDES NATIONAL
CONFERENCE
Ashworth Hotel,
Hampton Beach,
October 23, 24, 25, 2015
A Brief Report**

Sponsored by Portsmouth Mayor Bob Lister and State Senator Nancy Stiles and organized with the assistance of the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Rising Tides National Conference brought together elected officials from 18 of our 23 coastal states. The conference was bi-partisan and, although we in Rye are used to bi-partisan local politics, this conference appears to have been precedent setting on a national level. Participants, all elected officials, were enthusiastic

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about this format.

Rising tides are well documented by scientists and there were many stories shared by the conference participants of coastal disasters and how they managed during the aftermath. Dawn Zimmer, Mayor of Hoboken, NJ, recalled the catastrophe within her city with nearly 60% under water following Superstorm Sandy in 2012. The work undertaken since then, not only to recover but to prevent a recurrence through development of a resilience and readiness plan to protect the city from flooding, power outages and other impacts of climate change, was both educational and inspiring.

The conference speakers were impressive. Among them was Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Her message included the following statement: "What happens on the coast does not stay on the coast". Applied to New Hampshire, we are reminded that 25% of the state's population and a strong economic engine are located in our coastal area. If a disaster occurs here, there will be a ripple effect that will negatively impact the entire state.

FEMA Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation Roy Wright addressed legislative areas which included putting teeth in building codes particularly when it comes to building in storm sensitive locations.

A presentation by Deputy Director of the Army Corps of Engineers Lawrence Cochieri placed emphasis on the value of multiple lines of defense such as berms and dunes.

We have been extremely fortunate in Rye to date. What we have experienced as the result of rising tides over the past several decades is termed minor or nuisance flooding; but we need to keep in mind that without storms in the area, on October 28th, date of our most recent King Tide (highest tide of the year), we witnessed tidal encroachment and minor splash over onto the roadway at various points along Ocean Boulevard. That said, with storms increasing in both frequency and

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duration, it is just a matter of time until we face a "perfect storm".

Our Rye Planning Department has been proactive in areas deemed important by speakers at the Rising Tides Conference. Planning Administrator Kim Reed arranged for the workshop series titled Tides to Storms which was presented in our community recently. These workshops on coastal climate adaptation and hazard mitigation planning, conducted by the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) and funded by NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) through a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from FEMA, brought local officials and residents together to enhance preparedness and to raise community awareness.

The Rising Tides Conference urged update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan of every coastal town and city. Planning Administrator Reed informed the BOS on October 28th that the scheduled 5-year update of our Hazard Mitigation Plan is nearing completion. Remaining current is important because this plan determines how FEMA will approach any rebuild or mitigation following storm damage.

Meanwhile, the Planning Board, through its Rules and Regulations Committee chaired by Keriann Roman, is working cooperatively with the Conservation Commission and Rockingham County Conservation Specialist Tracy Degnan to develop zoning amendments and revisions to further protect our wetlands and buffers. When completed, changes will be brought to voters for their consideration and approval.

For more information please go to: the Town of Rye website: www.town.rye.nh.us and click on FLOOD MANAGEMENT and/or RisingTides2015.com.

Priscilla Jenness, Chairman
Rye Board of Selectmen

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

News From The Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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. You may also expect 4th Quarter Sewer Bills to be sent out sometime in December.

The date for the 2016 Presidential Primary Election has also not been set yet. I expect it to be held in February. Absentee ballot applications are available in our office and on the town website (www.town.rye.nh.us). When applying for an absentee ballot for any primary election, it is necessary for the voter to state their party affiliation. This is particularly important if the voter is Undeclared. A new law has been passed that will allow a voter's spouse, parent, sibling or child to return that voter's absentee ballot to the clerk's office. The person returning a ballot for someone else will have to complete a form and present a government-issued photo id.

The filing period for anyone wishing to run for a town office will be January 20th through January 29th, 2016. You must be a registered voter in order to run for office. Filing forms will be available in our office in January and will include the list of available offices.

Our office is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The state Motor Vehicle Department is typically closed on any Saturday in conjunction with a holiday. Since the majority of our work on Saturdays deals with motor vehicles our office will be closed on those Saturdays. To accommodate customers who find it difficult to get here during our normal hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., we will be open until 6:30 p.m. on any Tuesday when the office will be closed that week on Saturday. For the balance of 2015 the office will be closed on Saturday Nov. 28th and Dec. 26th.

You can begin licensing your dogs in January, 2016. All dogs must be licensed by April 30th. 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 resident or property owner. Beginning in November, Transfer Station Permits will be available in our office. A registration must be presented for each vehicle you would like a permit for.

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.

A reminder: Only one check, made payable to Town of Rye, is necessary when registering vehicles or boats. If we receive both a town check and a state check, it will be impossible for us to process your registration and it will be returned to you. 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). 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

For the last quarter of the year the Planning Board has not seen any

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notable applications. Most have been regarding routine events such as lot line adjustments, driveway permits and a number of conceptual consultations.

The subdivisions approved during the last quarter are either completed or well underway. The project off Brackett Road now known as "Sea Mist Landing" is essentially complete and home building is in progress. "Cedar Run", off South Road is under construction with the infrastructure in and the road partially paved.

This has left the Rules and Regulations committee time for looking and evaluating if and where the land development and zoning ordinances should be altered or in some cases rewritten. By far the most time has been committed to the wetlands and what will be permitted within this area. This is an important topic of conversation as Rye has an inordinate amount of wetland within its boundaries. Some other areas of discussion include clarification of the method in which interior area of buildings is measured for assessment purposes.

Upon completion of these changes they will go before the entire Planning Board to be vetted along with public hearings to get feedback from the public. After all legal and procedural conditions are met they will go on the warrant and voted on during the next election cycle. All public meetings are posted on the website and published in our local paper and all residents are encouraged to attend.

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

Notes from Public Works

With winter just around the corner the highway department is preparing the roads for winter plowing. This preparation consists of a number of tasks, such as the installation of grade stakes at select locations to delineate the edge of the road shoulders, removal of encumbrances in the road right of ways,

patching pot holes in the pavement, removing low hanging branches, and adding gravel to low road shoulders. Homeowners should remove any sports equipment such as basketball hoops, skate board jumps and street hockey nets, from the road right of ways. Residents who desire marking the edge of their lawns to minimize plow damage may install thin plastic road delineators which can be purchased at any local hardware store or building supply. These delineators may be installed along your road frontage but must be at least three feet off the edge of road pavement towards your property. The use of items not intended for plowing delineation, such as metal rods, stones, and granite posts, should not be employed for road delineation. Delineators not properly located or constructed of unacceptable material will be removed by the public works staff. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

At the recent Household Hazardous Waste Collection held in Brentwood a number of attendees questioned the proper method to dispose of old medications and used hypodermic needles.

The Federal Department of Agriculture and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy recommends the following:

- ◆ Follow any specific disposal instructions on the prescription drug label.
- ◆ Do not give your medications to others.
- ◆ Do not flush medications down the sink or toilet.
- ◆ Take advantage of community take-back programs.
- ◆ When in doubt of proper disposal, talk to your pharmacist.

Locally, a number of police departments have established Prescription Drug Drop Boxes. While the Rye Police currently do not have a drop box, the following local departments do.

- ◆ Exeter Police Dept. 20 Court Street Exeter, NH 03833
- ◆ Newington Police Dept. 71 Fox Point Road, Newington, NH 03801
- ◆ North Hampton Police Dept. 233 Atlantic Avenue, No. Hampton, NH 03862

- ◆ Portsmouth Police Dept. 3 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Used hypodermic needles referred to as "sharps" should be stored in a mail-back container. When not possible, sharps may be disposed of at the Rye Transfer Station, if packaged and handled in accordance with the following instructions:

- ◆ Place sharps in a rigid, thick-walled, sturdy, puncture proof plastic container such as a bleach or laundry detergent bottle with a tight fitting screw type lid.
- ◆ When the container is half full secure screw-type lid on to the container.
- ◆ Seal the lid to the container with heavy duty tape.
- ◆ Mark the container on the outside in bold clear letters with the words **"HOUSEHOLD SHARPS DO NOT RECYCLE"**.
- ◆ Dispose of the container in the compactor, with your regular household rubbish.
- ◆ Do not deposit the container with any recyclables.
- ◆ Do not throw loose sharps into the trash or toilet.
- ◆ Do not leave sharps anywhere they could injure someone.
- ◆ Do not store sharps in glass bottles, milk jugs, cans or bags of any kind.

Dennis McCarthy
Public Works Director

Notes from the Police Chief

Winter Parking: Winter is here and soon the snow will arrive. Residents and visitors are asked to please park 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.

Holidays: Please lock your vehicles. This is the time of year when

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people keep gifts in their cars and thieves target vehicles with valuables in plain sight. Gift cards are also 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, even for just a few days, please make sure your home is locked. If you have a security system, use it; let your neighbors know you are going to be away. Always make sure the driveway and walk ways are maintained. Please let the Rye Police know you are away and whenever possible, ask someone to check the house.

Online Payments: We are currently in the process of installing an online and in person credit card payment system. Once completed, people will be able to pay for an assortment of fees with credit cards both online or in person at the department. Credit card payments will be accepted for accident report requests, police report requests, pistol permits, detail requests, and parking fines. We expect this new feature will be up and running within the next few weeks.

New Officer: The police department has hired Mark Lynch to replace Shawn Carlson. Mark was born in Lawrence, MA and grew up in Seabrook, NH with his mother, step dad and sister, Telya. He graduated from Winnacunnet High School in 2007 and started his college education at St. Anselm College. Mark graduated from Hesser College in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 2011 and was honorably discharged in 2015. Mark was a Military Police Officer and was stationed at the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia from 2011 to 2012. He was assigned out of the country to do naval support activity in Bahrain from 2012 to 2013. Mark was then assigned to the U.S. Naval Station in

Newport R.I. from 2013 to 2015. Mark's friends and family all say he is a hard worker and dependable. I feel he is a good addition to our Department and Town.

New Officer: The Town approved a new police officer position. The police department hired Daniel Fuglestad. Dan was born in Boston, MA and grew up in Medfield, MA. He graduated from Medfield High School and attended UNH from 2008 to 2012. Dan graduated in May of 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Criminal Justice Studies. At UNH, he played on the Lacrosse team. Playing on a team, Dan learned how he can use cooperative efforts of a group to achieve a common goal. Dan decided in college that he wanted to have a career in law enforcement. During the summer of 2012, he completed an internship with the Dover, NH Police Department. Dan worked at the Dover Teen Center; there he worked with at risk youths. In 2013, Dan applied and was hired as a Portsmouth Auxiliary Police Officer where he gained experience and training as a police officer. After speaking with Dan's references, neighbors and family, all say he is a hard worker and dependable. Dan possesses qualities which will make him a great fit for Rye. He is cheerful, has a friendly attitude and the ability to work independently.

Rye residents have been reporting phone calls from the IRS stating they owe money. The person then instructs the victim to purchase a Green DOT card, put money on the card and mail the card to them. This is a scam. Call your local police or the IRS to confirm any requests.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Mosquito Control Update

The mosquito season of 2015 may be characterized with one word,

dry. The fresh water breeding sites in the red maple and white cedar swamps dried up quickly especially when you consider the amount of snow on the ground into April. Since the precipitation levels were low there was less water entering the salt marshes from the upland ecosystems surrounding the marshes. The lack of standing water hindered the reproductive capacity of both types of mosquitoes. Together with the diligent efforts of our mosquito control contractor, Swamp, Inc., the Town received very few complaints from residents about high mosquito activity and there were no reports of EEE or WNV mosquitoes in Rye mosquito pools.

Approximately 40 swallow nesting boxes have been built and placed in the marshes prior to nesting season. This year the first 19 nesting boxes inspected had been tampered with and the nesting materials and eggs were gone. The most likely culprits are raccoons. The boxes were modified to be more tamper-resistant but the damage was done for this season.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission (RMCC) discussed the pros and cons of swallow nesting boxes and it was decided to suspend involvement with the project, the cons outweighed the pros. Phil Auger of the South East Land Trust was not in favor of having the nesting boxes on marshes he manages. Matt Tarr, a wildlife specialist from UNH was of the opinion that the nesting boxes did little to positively affect the bird population and even less to negatively affect the mosquito population. The RMCC felt this project was off mission and budget cuts for 2016 require we deal with essential tasks.

A word of caution about other biting insects that transmit disease, ticks. They have a multi-year cycle and are active in New England for 9 months a year with spring and fall being the highest level of activity. Ticks love tall grass and low woody brush found on the road sides where you walk with your children and pets. Also along woodland trails and the edges of your lawns. Treating tick habitat with



WINTER PROGRAMS

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WINTER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Monday, December 7, 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-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs.



5 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STAY HEALTHY THIS YEAR is a presentation by Sarah Quinn RD, LD. As the holiday season fades away and we begin a new year with resolutions and good intentions, many of us may feel we need to get "back on track" making sound diet and lifestyle choices a priority. Your health allows you to keep moving in your busy life. What can you do today to increase your health and longevity? Learn how to achieve and maintain optimal health by applying 5 simple tips to your daily routine and start the year off on the right foot. Held at the Rye Library. Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No Charge. Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP.

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 programs, 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



THAT REMINDS ME OF A STORY Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. She'll tell some of those stories - her

favorites are the funny ones - and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016

Lunch: Baked haddock, rice pilaf, garden salad, roll and fudge brownie sundae.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2016.

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



A WOMAN'S TAKE ON COURTLY LOVE: THE LAIS OF MARIE DE FRANCE

The conventions of courtly love have colored the discourse of romance ever since the Middle Ages. In the *Lais* of Marie de France, we find her adaptations of tales she heard from minstrels or "the folk", charming love stories with a touch of supernatural. Clia Goodwin will explore questions of love in a context of courtly ideals.

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, garden salad, hot biscuit, apple crisp and ice cream.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, February 4, 2016.

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



DISCOVERING NEW ENGLAND STONE

WALLS Why are we so fascinated with stone walls? Kevin Gardner explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry

stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time and their significance to our famous landscape. He has been a stone wall builder for forty years, and author of *The Granite Kiss: Traditions and Techniques of Building New England Stone Walls*.

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016

Lunch: Shepherds pie, spinach salad, roll, blueberry pie a la mode.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 3, 2016

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



THE YOUNG IRELANDERS DAY TRIP

The Young Irelanders comprises eight sensational performers who have Irish traditional music, song and dance running through their veins. The sound the band creates is fresh and exciting. Join us for a great Irish day out of song and dance at Venus De Milo, Swansea, MA.

Date: Friday, March 11, 2016

Meal Choice: Corned beef and cabbage or baked scrod, minestrone soup, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Reservation Deadline: February 19, 2016

Departure Time and Location: TBD

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

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



OVER 55 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: 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: \$50 (Prorated to start date)



OVER 55 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: 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: \$54 (Prorated to start date)



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, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2016, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2016, 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, 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, January 4 and 6, 2016, 3:30-6:00 p.m.; Grades 3-5 Co-ed, Tuesday and Thursday, January 5 and 7, 2016, 3:30-6:00 p.m.; Grades 6-8 Girls, Saturday, January 9, 2016, 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 Wednesday, March 7 and 9, 2016, 3:30-6:00 p.m.; Grades 3-5 Co-ed, Tuesday and Thursday, March 8 and 10, 2016, 3:30-6:00 p.m.; Grades 6-8 Girls, Saturday, March 5, 2016, 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, January 4, 2016, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at no charge. Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP.*

Session 1, Mondays, January 11, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2016, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Session 2, Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2016, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$55 per session (5 classes)



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, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 2016; 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, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016; 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)



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



DELIBERATIVE SESSION CHILD CARE is for children 4 years old and up. Participants will take part in games, arts and crafts, and a movie. Held in the Rye Junior High cafeteria the length of the Rye Deliberative Session on Saturday, January 30, 2016, with drop off beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents must sign their child in and remain in the building at all times. Fee: No charge!



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. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was Tuesday, November 24, 2015. However, if space is available, more registrations may be accepted. Please contact the Rye Recreation immediately, if you are interested in this program.



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. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was October 30, 2015. 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 5, 2015 to February 13, 2016. Meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group. Held at Rye Elementary School. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was October 30, 2015. 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. Grades K-5, Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19, 2015, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2016 following the Recreational Basketball League (time to be determined) at Rye Elementary School. Grades 6-12, Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2016, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Rye Junior High School. 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. 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, 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.



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.

Seasons change at Rye Public Library!

Rye Public Library is a tremendous resource for inspiration as you create, entertain and share over the coming festive season. We'll look for you at the Rye Holiday Parade! You'll find plenty at RPL as we spend more time reading, viewing and listening to our favorites in the colder weather. We've got it all, and your library card gives you access!

RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

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

12/2 <i>A Little Chaos</i> R 113 min	1/13 <i>He Named Me Malala</i> PG-13 88 min
12/9 <i>Jurassic World</i> PG-13 124 min	1/20 <i>Meet The Patels</i> PG 88 min
12/16 <i>Mr. Holmes</i> PG 104 min	1/27 <i>Ricki And The Flash</i> PG-13 101 min
12/23 <i>Miracle on 34th St</i> G 97 min	2/3 <i>Infinitely Polar Bear</i> R 90 min
12/30 <i>Love, Rosie</i> R 102 min	2/10 <i>Miracle</i> PG 136 min
1/6 <i>A Walk In The Woods</i> R 104 min	2/17 <i>Learning To Drive</i> R 90 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 afternoon and evening sessions: Third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm and 7 pm!

12/15 *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka 2/16 *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

1/19 *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:

Every Tuesday beginning at 9 am.

Learn at your own pace, with plenty of encouragement in a pressure-free environment.

Knitting with Mary:

By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.

Learn to Play Bridge: with Skip Page. Every Tuesday 3-5 pm. Beginners welcome!

Monday afternoon senior visits to the library with pick up by the Rye Senior SERVE van. Please call the library if interested in joining the group! Schedule will be determined based on response and weather considerations.

Mah Jongg Club: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room.

Learn and play American style Mah Jongg with this enthusiastic group

Military Book Discussions:

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/3

Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

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

Children's Museum of NH, Dover

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Historic New England

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA

Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Museum of Science, Boston MA

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

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

Spring 2016 Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

**John Gilbert Winant, NH Statesman Thurs. Shoals Lab with Jen Seavey Tue. Apr. 12 7pm
Mar. 17 7pm**

All programs are free and open to the public!

RPL WINTER 2015/16 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. Dec. 16	Facebook Privacy Settings and Security
Wed. Jan. 13	Internet Safety Tips for Seniors
Wed. Feb. 17	Windows 10 Basics

Rye Public Library Youth Department

2015 Winter Programming Dec 2015 - Feb 2016

More Details: on the web at ryepubliclibrary.org or call at 964-8401

Youth Programs:

Crazy 8s Math Club! Grades K-2 (Sign-up Req.)

Mondays Jan 4 - Mar 7 3:15pm (no mtg. Jan 22)

Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Wednesdays 11:00am (none on Dec 23 or Dec 30)

Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)

Fridays 10:00 – 10:30am (none on Dec 25 or Jan 1)

Teen Advisory Board

First Tuesdays Dec 1 - Feb 2 6:30 - 7:30pm

YAttitudes Teen Book Club (Grades 6+)

2nd Tuesdays Dec 8 - Feb 9 6:30 - 7:30pm

Dumbledore's Army (A Harry Potter Club)

4th Tuesdays Dec 22 - Feb 23 6:30 - 7:30pm

Chess Club - All Ages

Third Wednesdays Dec 16 - Feb 17 3:15 - 5:15pm

Friday Flicks *Check Website for Featured Films*

1st & 3rd Fridays Dec 4 - Feb 19 3:10pm

Book Bites Book Club (Grades 2-5)

3rd Thursdays Dec 17 - Feb 18 3:15 - 4:00pm

Early Release Day Movie *Check website for films*

December 9; January 13; February 10 1:00pm

Star Wars Party (sign-up required)

Monday, Dec 14 3:15 - 4:30pm

Snowy Day Story Time (sign-up required)

Wednesday, Jan 27 3:30 - 4:30pm

Harry Potter World Book Night (sign-up req.)

Thursday, Feb 4 3:15 - 7:30pm

COMING IN MARCH! Dr. Seuss Celebration

Wednesday, March 2 3:30 - 4:30pm

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.

Mosquito Commission Update

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Bifenthrin in the spring and fall is 90% effective in reducing population for a year. Treating your shoes, socks and pants with Permethrin gives you over 70% control from ticks. Permethrin stays effective for five washings. Permethrin treated socks and other outdoor garments can be purchased at many camping stores. Be aware of ticks and take care.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Rye Senior SERVE Needs Volunteers

The Town of Rye Newsletter is Rye Senior SERVE's most dependable resource for enlisting new volunteers for SERVE. We are very grateful for this help. We wish a happy, peaceful holiday season to those who participate in SERVE'S programs and to all Rye residents.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SERVE DOES FOR RYE'S SENIOR RESIDENTS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

In the past five months SERVE volunteer drivers have driven people to 66 important (mostly medical) appointments. **Do you have time to drive a Rye neighbor as often or as seldom as your personal schedule allows?**

Riding the SERVE van on Tuesday mornings allows people to get grocery and other shopping done with door to door service and other help as needed. An added bonus is the friendly social aspect of these weekly shopping trips with the congenial van riders. **Do you have one or more Tuesday mornings free to help out on the van?**

Senior residents who request it receive a call each morning to check that all is well with them. Each volunteer makes a few calls one morning per week. **Can you volunteer for this program either on a one day a week basis or as a substitute for a regular caller?**

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, COULD YOU BENEFIT

FROM ONE OR MORE OF THE PROGRAMS DESCRIBED ABOVE? SERVE EXISTS TO HELP YOU.

Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 for further information about SERVE'S programs.

Connie Olson
Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Heritage Commission News

The Rye Heritage Commission members had a very busy autumn. On September 28, 2015, as part of the Board of Selectmen meeting, we hosted a ceremony to unveil two plaques commemorating the Town Hall's placement on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places. We were accompanied in the pledge of allegiance by Boy Scout Troup 181 who enjoyed some light refreshments after the event.

Also in September, the Commission submitted an application to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for their Seven to Save Program. The application is 195 pages of information on the Rye Town Hall and is available on the Commission web page on the Town website. It is also available on Facebook and a hardcopy is available at the entrance to town hall and at the Rye Library. The application describes in detail the history of the building and its uses over time. It illustrates the structural issues with the building which require renovation. It highlights the historic features of the curvilinear staircases, tin ceiling over the second floor former meeting room, proscenium stage and the monumental windows. The criteria for selection to the Seven to Save program are the property's historical or architectural significance, severity of the current threat and the extent to which the Seven to Save listing would help in preserving the property. On October 21, 2015, at Annual Meeting of the Preservation Alliance, the Commission was honored by the selection of the Rye Town Hall as one of the most historic properties in the State of New

Hampshire worthy of rescue. The Chairman of the Alliance stated: "These highly visible places are extraordinary examples of architecture and craftsmanship, significant to their communities, and important for their connections to local and state history."

Our 1839 Greek Revival meetinghouse has served as the Rye Town Hall since 1873. It was a great day for Rye because the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island, which is also in the Rye Historic District, was designated as one of the other seven to save in the state. The Seven to Save Program stated its rationale for the selections: "Voters in Rye are divided on whether to invest in rehabilitating their town hall, and the Star Island Corporation needs much more help to stabilize and upgrade their sprawling older facility perched on a rocky coastline." The Alliance will provide networking and fundraising support to the town on these projects. The program has saved half of the projects it has selected over the past ten years. Maggie Stier, coordinator of the Seven to Save Program has suggested that "obstacles to the continuing or new use of many of these landmarks can frequently be overcome through creative planning, new investment, and the hard work of local advocates." We, on the Heritage Commission, welcome their help and guidance and the support of our community to leverage this honor into funds for the renovation of our town centerpiece.

The results of the survey of the town concerning the fate of the Rye Town Hall indicate that a majority of those responding want the existing building renovated and the construction of a new addition on the building for town office use. Further, 57% do not want the current Town Hall building to be torn down. As many as 22% are undecided, while at least 74% cite the importance of keeping the Town Hall in the Town Center Area. There is much to be done. Volunteers who support the effort to save Rye Town Hall are being sought by the Rye Heritage Commission.

The Heritage Commission and the Historical Society have created the

Heritage Commission's Message *(continued from page 12)*

Adopt-a-Graveyard program to honor the early families of Rye, to enhance the town, and to preserve the history of Rye. Building on the excellent work of the late Louise Tallman and Dr. Michael Mittelman and fellow workers of the Rye Historical Society to identify and photograph every burial ground in Rye from the Brackett burial ground to those on Star Island and record their locations, we have attempted to contact any descendants about burial ground maintenance. Photographs of the town burial grounds compose two large photo albums available in the Rye Town Museum. As part of our Adopt-a-Graveyard initiative, the Commission members had an entertaining day on Halloween at the Dow Family Burial Ground on Washington Road. Members of the Commission joined with members of the community who are among the adopters in the Adopt-a-Graveyard Program and were supported by members of Boy Scout Troop 181. We were educated by the current Treasurer, Richard Maloon, for the New Hampshire Old Gravestone Association. Current alternate from the Commission, Peter White, "stoned the stone" by digging under a fallen stone, righting it and holding it in place as the Boy Scouts filled the area with crushed stones. The other members of the Commission then got busy washing and brushing the stones clean and removing lichen. The Commission members are available for consultation of burial ground upkeep for anyone who wishes to adopt a gravesite.

The Heritage Commission is always seeking new members to join us in our work. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this interesting and gratifying work. Visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ryeheritage> and on our webpage on the Town of Rye website www.town.rye.nh.us.

Mae C. Bradshaw, Chairman
Rye Heritage Commission
MaeBradshaw@comcast.net

Rye Recycling Education Committee Update

Rye Recycling –

Let's Do It the *Rye*-ght Way!

Recycling plastic film and plastic bags

According to Trex Customer Care and their Materials Resource Coordinator - all of the below (clean/dry) **plastic film and bag materials** can be taken to nearby "recycling partners" <http://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/>



- Grocery bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Produce bags
- Bread bags
- Ice bags
- Bubble wrap
- Case overwrap
- Wood pellet bags
- Salt bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Ziploc type bags
- Cereal bags

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue

Recycling partners in our area include: **Market Basket, Hannaford and Shaw's.**

Did you know these facts about plastic bags?

- ♦ A typical plastic bag is used for an average of 12 minutes before it is thrown away.
- ♦ Each year the United States uses 100 billion plastic bags requiring approximately 12 million barrels of oil.
- ♦ Plastic bags will take up to 1,000 years to degrade.
- ♦ Plastic bags cause over 100,000 sea turtle and other marine animal deaths every year when animals mistake them for food.
- ♦ The average family accumulates 60 plastic bags in only four trips to the grocery store.

REUSABLE BAGS

- ♦ A reusable bag used 11 times has a lower environmental impact than using 11 disposable bags.
- ♦ Each high quality reusable bag you use has the potential to eliminate an average of 1,000 plastic bags over its lifetime.
- ♦ If not using reusable cloth bags, reuse the plastic bags as many times as possible. When your remaining plastic bags become completely worn out, recycle them.

Remember - reducing and reusing whenever possible is even better than recycling!

The Rye Recycling Education Committee, which has an opening for one more member, meets at the Rye Public Library each third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. (In December we are meeting on Monday December 7th at 3:00 p.m. at the Rye Junior High.) All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Rye Recycling Education Committee
Deidre Smyrnos
Joan Provencher
John Provencher
Lorrie Platt
Jozef Platt, Student Member



Tips from Rye Fire & Rescue: Winter is coming, be HEART safe!

New Hampshire winters are fun but they can also be very dangerous. With winter fast approaching, we need to be thinking about our heart health. According to the American Heart Association, winter brings 54% more heart attacks than summer, with December being the worst month for heart attacks.

There are several risk factors for heart disease. Some risk factors are controllable while others are not.

Uncontrollable risk factors include:

- ◆ Gender (men are at a greater risk)
- ◆ Older age
- ◆ Family history of heart disease
- ◆ Post-menopausal
- ◆ Race (African Americans, American Indians, and Mexican Americans are more likely to have heart disease than Caucasians)

Controllable risk factors include:

- ◆ Smoking
- ◆ High LDL, or "bad" cholesterol and low HDL, or "good" cholesterol
- ◆ Uncontrolled hypertension (high blood pressure)
- ◆ Physical inactivity
- ◆ Obesity (more than 20% over one's ideal body weight)
- ◆ Uncontrolled diabetes
- ◆ High C-reactive protein
- ◆ Uncontrolled stress and anger

Coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death for both genders. According to the CDC, there are about 610,000 deaths each year from heart disease, and every year approximately 735,000 Americans will have a heart attack. (www.CDC.gov/heartdisease/facts.htm) The winter is a bigger problem because the body is more prone to being cold and creates more work for the heart and constricts the arteries. This is why we hear about people having heart attacks while shoveling snow. Shoveling in the cold is very hard on the body and staying warm while doing so is very important. Taking breaks

while shoveling can be a huge help as well. Talking to your doctor about heart health and having a physical once a year is a good step in the right direction. (www.webmd.com)

"Most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help." (www.heart.org)

Signs and symptoms of a heart attack are:

- ◆ Chest pain
- ◆ Shortness of breath
- ◆ Non traumatic arm pain
- ◆ Jaw pain
- ◆ Sweating and nausea

If you have the signs and symptoms of a heart attack please call 911 or seek medical attention immediately.

Lieutenant Jake MacGlashing
Town of Rye Fire & Rescue
EMS Coordinator/Paramedic

Rye Water District News

Water Main Flushing

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

Hydrants/Snow Removal

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. Please remind your snow plow operator that clears your driveway, snow should never be pushed or piled up on or near fire hydrants.

It's unlawful to do so ref. NH RSA 236:21.

Freeze Prevention

To prevent damage and water loss due to freezing, all irrigation piping needs to be winterized, all outside faucets/spigots should be shut off; hoses removed and properly drained. If you are going to be away for an extended period, have someone check

your home or install a temperature alarm dialer to help prevent property damage from frozen pipes.

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.

Did You Know?

The most common reason for lost water in a home is from a leaking toilet. A faulty toilet tank seal or an incorrect water level setting can leak up to $\frac{3}{4}$ a gallon per minute. A simple test can be performed by removing the tank cover and add a few drops of food coloring. If you see water in the bowl develop color, this means the bowl seal needs attention. This is a very simple test which can save you water and help prevent premature septic system failure.

Backflow Prevention & Lawn Irrigation

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

Rye Water District Commissioners
Arthur Ditto
Ralph Hickson
Thomas Clifford

Rye Energy Committee Update

We all see signs of the rapid expansion of solar installations all around us. This growth is driven by three reasons: the uncertainty in electric prices, the desire to generate green energy, and the reduction in installation costs in recent years. Recognizing this change, The Rye Energy Committee organized a Primer for Residential Solar Energy on May 13, 2015, which was well attended by 45 area residents. This workshop was presented by Kate Epsen, Executive Director for the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association.

For additional information this presentation can be viewed at your convenience on the Rye Energy Committee link on the town of Rye, NH webpage. Go to Home Energy, then Solar for Homeowners, there you can find two presentations: Solar Power 101 and Homeowners Guide to Solar Financing. The direct link is: http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNH_BComm/Energy/Solar_for_homeowners.pdf/.

Feel free to contact the Rye Energy Committee if you are looking for more information.

Additionally, The Rye Energy Committee has openings for any Rye residents who are interested in becoming members. These meetings are also

open for any interested resident to join in on the discussion.

Below is the Rye Energy Committee's latest poster, showing the savings in energy and money made at the Town Hall.

This summer the Rye Energy Committee hired a summer intern to help gather and organize town, school and neighborhood association data on energy use as part of our semi-annual energy evaluation. The funding for this work came from a grant from New England Grassroots Environmental Fund.

Our intern, Max Eberhart, a physics major at Colby College, worked closely with Energy Committee co-chair Michele Sopher to obtain the data from many town and school departments and to organize the information for input into a USEPA energy tracking database and our own database here in town. This data is used to help various departments understand their energy use and make changes to save energy and money. We also provide this data on posters displayed at the library, Town Hall and the schools. We thank Max for his hard work this summer!

Rye Energy Committee
Danna Truslow
Michele Sopher
Susan Anderson
Lucy J. Neiman
Howard Kalet

Harvest Dinner to Benefit the Goss Farm was a great success!

The Rye Farmers' Market Committee would like to thank the many supporters we had every week at the farmers' market. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces as well as new shoppers, summer visitors, and friends who just discovered the market!

A sincere thank you to the guests who came to the Rye Farmers' Market Harvest Dinner to benefit the Goss Farm. Fifty-eight people enjoyed a delicious dinner in Mark and Lindsay Josephs' beautifully decorated barn.



Each course was prepared by a member of the committee - from the cheese and fruit plates on the patio, the butternut squash soup (squash from Mel Low's farm), gorgeous tossed salad (vegetables courtesy of Applecrest Orchard), grilled chicken and fingerling potatoes (from Jaci Grote's garden), to the finale of homemade apple cake (apples from Goss Farm) with ice cream donated by Lago's.

The Rye Farmers' Market presented a total of \$3000.00 to the Conservation Commission for the Goss Farm.

Thank you all so much!! See you next year!

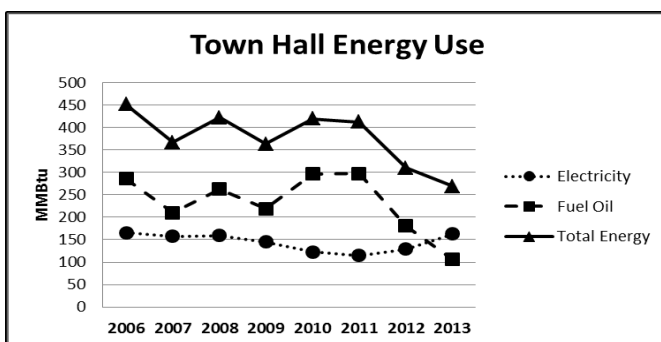
Rye Farmers' Market Committee



Rye Town Hall Saves Energy and Money

Geothermal heating and cooling installation (June 2012) reduces average energy use by **29%** and costs by **16%**.

Large **fuel oil** reductions offset a modest **electricity** increase. Geothermal installation cost reduced to \$23,135 by leveraging grant funding.



Next step: Insulation of building would dramatically reduce energy costs.

Historic District News

The last three months have been exciting ones for the Historic District!!

On October 21st the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance announced their selection of the "Seven to Save" buildings in the State. This honor is given to seven historic buildings or historic sites in the State of New Hampshire that are in need of repair and whose future is in question. Seven to Save is a highly sought after designation that helps places in crisis to get broader attention, a boost from investors, and an opportunity to engage more people in creative solutions for important historic places.

Of the "Seven" sites selected this year, two are in the Town of Rye Historic District---a true honor-- as well as a challenge.

The sites are the Rye Town Hall and the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island.



As many of the readers know the site of the Rye Town Hall was used as a place of worship beginning in 1725. The current Greek Revival Style building was built in 1839 as a Methodist Episcopalian Society Church and was purchased by the Town of Rye in 1873. The Town Hall has since gone through multiple forms of usage for both Rye town business and for social occasions. (Many thanks to Mae Bradshaw for her efforts in successfully applying for this recognition on behalf of the Rye Town Hall by the New

Hampshire Preservation Alliance).

The Oceanic Hotel on Star Island was originally



opened in 1876; however, the first hotel on this site burned to the ground shortly thereafter. The current Oceanic Hotel is over 100 years old and has hosted many distinguished artists and writers longing for the peace and quiet of this bucolic venue. It is now open to the public throughout the summer months for guests looking to relax and enjoy an opportunity to bask in the cool ocean breezes. The hotel is in need of substantive cosmetic, structural and safety renovations. The owners, the Star Island Corporation, are in hopes that the recognition as one of the "Seven to Save" will help them in obtaining funding to accomplish these needed tasks.

On a separate note we have filled our last vacancy on the Commission and are pleased to announce that John Loftus has joined the commission as an alternate. We look forward to benefiting from the addition of John given his background as a custom home builder for over 25 years and his strong interest in New England Colonial Architecture. He is also a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy, has commanded ships up to 950 feet long and has circumnavigated the globe. Welcome John!!!

Phil Winslow, Chairman
Historic District Commission

Rye Historical Society Needs Archival & IT Help

The town museum has received many interesting donations this year and in recent years which require archival and cataloging assistance. If you have such interest and skills and would like to help with these town treasures, please contact the museum by email at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org or call

(603)997-6742.

The museum is also in need of IT assistance as the demands for our services increase. Again we are looking for volunteer assistance but will also consider a part time paid position that fits our budget.

The annual Holiday Open House will be held on Thursday, December 17th from 3:00-6:00 PM. Stop by for last minute holiday shopping from our gift shop which you may also view online at: www.ryenhistoricalociety.org. There will be refreshments, music and a chance to see our Rye history exhibit that gives

both a chronological and thematic view of the town's past.

There are many exciting activities happening at the museum including renewed work with the curriculum of both Rye schools.

The museum is open all year by request. Please call the number above or write to the museum at the "info" email address above.

If you would like a complimentary copy of our latest newsletter just write and request it. Membership is only \$10 or \$15 for a family.

Happy Holidays!
Alex Herlihy, Chairman
Rye Historical Society

Conservation Commission News

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) has continued to work on the closings for two conservation land purchases. These parcels are being acquired thanks to the voter's support of the 2014 Conservation Open Space Bond, and by leveraging those funds through successful grant applications. The two properties that are being purchased are 73 acres of the former Rand Lumber Company off of Wallis Road, and 27 acres of the former Rye Farm property off of South Road. Both properties share common characteristics in that they are wildlife corridors, are valuable as water resources, and have farm/logging roads that offer easy access. We anticipate that they will be available to the public for passive recreational opportunities by early spring. To enhance access there will be a few parking spaces designated specifically for public use of these properties.

The Commission has been working with Tracy Degnan from Rockingham Conservation District and the Planning Board to update the town's wetland regulations. Some of the existing language is vague and antiquated so we are working on improving the language to strengthen the protection of our wetland resources at the local level.

There has been an interesting bog bridge project being slowly undertaken in the Town Forest with participants from the Appalachian Mountain Club, a youth leadership group from PHS, the RCC and dedicated volunteers coordinated by members of Southeast Land Trust. The project's goal is to build bridges that will traverse wetlands and allow easier access through the wetter forest trails while protecting our wetlands from damage caused by enthusiastic use. There have already been bridges constructed on the lower marsh trail and the trail that runs between the cemetery parking and Rye Recreation. We would like to thank all the volunteers involved and Ricci Lumber for donating the lumber to keep our feet dry.

Another ambitious project that

is currently underway is the 1 acre pollinator habitat that is being established in the eastern wet meadow at the Goss Farm. The field was burned to control grasses and invasive plants and has been seeded and raked in preparation for what we hope will be a healthy habitat that will be a good resource for a variety of pollinators as well as our resident bees. Thanks to the Rye Fire Department for helping us with this project!

The Rye Farmers Market Committee hosted the fourth annual Goss Farm fundraiser dinner at the barn of Mark and Lindsay Josephs. It was a true community event and another unequivocal success! Thanks to the Committee, Mark and Lindsay, the plethora of volunteers, Deb Hayden for transforming the beautiful barn into a magical space and the community members who attended this event. A special thank you to the many people in Rye that have supported this event yearly.

Sally King, Chairman
Rye Conservation Commission

Sewer Department Update

Financially Speaking: The Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. 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 projects budgeted for in 2016.

The proposed Sewer Budget for 2016 is \$261,514, which is a \$4,673 increase over last years budget. 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. It is important to note that \$3,725 of the budget increase can be attributed to a 5% rate increase in the sewer charges set by the City of Portsmouth for Adams Mobile Home Park and will be fully recovered.

The original bond for Rye's sewer service in the amount of \$4.4 million, 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.

Lee Arthur
Sewer Administrator

Year	Total \$	Rye's Share	2016 Payment	Upgrade Description	Final Payment Year
1996	\$2.7 Million	\$108,000	\$1,503	Sludge transfer and storage	2016
2000	\$1.4 Million	\$56,000	\$2,364	Nitrification, dilution study and outfall study	2020
2005	\$4.75 Million	\$190,000	\$10,403	Additional clarifier, dewatering equipment, sludge thickening facility	2025
2009	\$1.38 Million	\$55,200	\$3,245	Process/control building, replace generator, upgrade headwork's	2029
2011	1.385 Million	\$55,400	\$3,454	Sludge monitoring and handling, NPDES Engineering	2033



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 10th 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 1st we will be accepting any donations that could be offered until December 21st. 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

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE - DECEMBER 6TH

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 6, 2015 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 **"A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS"**

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



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

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 for up-to-date information.

December 2015

		1	2 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	3	4	5
6 1:00 pm Rye Holiday Parade	7 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	8 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	9 6:30 pm Budget Committee Work Session School Budget	10 6:30 pm Budget Committee Work Session Town Budget	11 5:00 pm Heritage Commission Town Museum	12
13	14 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	15	16	17 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21	22 First Day of Winter	23	24	25 Christmas Day Town Offices Closed	26
27	28 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	29 7:00 pm TRC	30	31		

January 2016

3	4 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	5	6 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	7 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	8	9
10	11 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	12 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	13 6:30 pm Public Hearing School Budget Jr. High School	14 6:30 pm Public Hearing Town Budget	15	16
17	18 MLK Civil Rights Day Town Offices Closed	19	20	21 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	22	23
24	25 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	26 7:00 pm TRC	27	28	29	30 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Jr. High School

February 2016

31	1 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	2 6:30 pm Precincts – Work Session & Public Hearings Town Hall	3 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	4 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	5	6 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Snow Date
7	8 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	9 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	10	11	12	13
14	15 President's Day Town Offices Closed	16	17	18 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	23 7:00 pm TRC	24	25	26	27
28	29					

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



Something New at the Recycling Center Swap Shop!

The Thrift Store Library is full of very interesting books including novels, non-fiction books and memoirs, "how to", cookbooks, crafts, health, gardening and lots more. It was recently re-organized and many books were sent to the trash. Books that don't pass the "Library Test" are books that smell like your cellar, books missing the front cover, and reference books that are over 5 years old. E.g. a 2005 book with a title of "All About Computers" is probably not ALL about computers, given the speed of development of the internet. And a 2000 dictionary is missing 15 years of new words. While we want our children to learn how to use real books for reference, the reality is, if they need reference information, the most up-to-date information is on the internet. As for the "smells like your cellar (or attic)", here's the test: flip through the book. If a small cloud of dust or the scent of mustiness is obvious, then you could probably not picture reading it in bed! Regular paperbacks that fit this description can go in the paper bin, along with out-of-date magazines.

Children's books are in the front room on the shelves to the left of the dish ware. When bringing books in, please put only children's books there. Today, a book on home brewing was found and it didn't even say Home Brewing for Children.

We will continue to try to keep the Thrift Store Library organized. Thank you very much for your donations and your help in keeping it neat.



Walter J. Parenteau

We are saddened by the recent passing of the former Clerk of the Works of the Sewer Department, Walter Parenteau on October 29, 2015 at the age of 97.

Walter served as Clerk of the Works from 1994 – 2012. He was an avid skier and golfer. Proud of his French heritage, he was a founding member of the Club Richelieu in Manchester. He lived life to the fullest and was a true inspiration to all that were fortunate to know him. Our condolences to his family and friends.



We are seeking your input for new program ideas and to see if there is an interest in participating in unstructured open gymnasium opportunities, including open court basketball. Please contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 or e-mail Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, at larthur@town.rye.nh.us

Thank you!

The Rye Cub Scout Troop 181, Brownie Troop 11235, and Junior Girl Scout Troop 12032 would like to extend their gratitude to our community in recent support of New Hampshire's **Scouting for Food** campaign. On Saturday, November 15th these troops collected 1,291 items of food from our community, which were packaged and delivered, to various NH food pantries. Our young scouts were so proud of all the items they were able to contribute to the campaign. The generosity of so many neighbors in our community allowed us the opportunity to demonstrate to these young people what hard work and a positive scouting spirit can accomplish. Thank you for your commitment to help those in need.

2016 PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Registered voters in Rye may submit Petitioned Warrant Articles for the 2016 Warrant to the Board of Selectmen until the deadline of Tuesday, January 12, 2016. For more information, please call the Selectmen's Office: 603-964-5523. Instructions are also posted on the Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us under "Selectmen's Office".

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