



# Town of Rye Newsletter



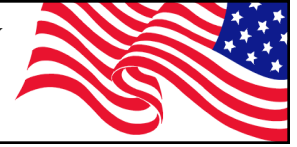
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## Please Vote in the September 13th Primary and the November 8th General Election



### Selectmen's Message:

#### MEMORIAL TO LABOR DAY: A COMMUNITY AT WORK

##### Memorial Day Ceremony

For the first time, our Memorial Day Ceremony was forced indoors due to rain. Although the parade was cancelled, thanks to the community spirit of the Rye Congregational Church and the ability of our Recreation Department Director Lee Arthur and her staff to make adjustments quickly, the program was carried out as planned including participation of the marching units: New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, the Junior High Marching Band, members of our Police and Fire Departments, town veterans, the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. Rev. Ron Lavoie, Rye Congregational Church, and Rev. Maurice D. Lavigne, St. Theresa Church, gave the Invocation and Benediction respectively, Karrie Burnette provided the music and many students were recognized through submission of posters and writing on the topic of What Memorial Day Means to Me. The National Anthem was sung by Junior High student Cailey Morley.

Bill Epperson served as Master of Ceremony. Guest speaker and U.S. Army veteran, Rye resident Richard Jennings addressed a packed church as he described the commitment to service being made by young men and women of today as a "blank check" to the American people which may include giving their lives. Taps with echo, played by Michael White and Michelle Wirth, concluded the memorable ceremony.

##### A Whale of a Tale

Most residents in our area are aware of the demise of Snowplow, the 45 foot long female humpback whale, who washed ashore at Foss Beach on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Most also know that as word spread large crowds of curious onlookers gathered to witness the necropsy and orderly disposal process which removed the 40 ton decaying mammal. Three

days later, the area had been returned to its original state as though nothing had occurred.

The Town had been aware of the dead whale floating off shore for several days prior to its beaching. Just after adjournment of our June 27<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting, Police Chief Kevin Walsh returned to Town Hall following a quick trip to Foss Beach where, by flashlight, he confirmed that Snowplow was now fully beached. Is the disposition of Snowplow Rye's responsibility? What agencies should be notified? What are the options for disposal of 40 tons of decaying whale? What is the price tag? Who receives the bill? These were among the questions before the Town at 9 p.m. on the evening of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

By 8 a.m. the next morning Town Administrator Michael Magnant had been in contact with State Senator Nancy Stiles and the office of Governor Hassan shortly thereafter, seeking both economic and physical assistance to resolve this extraordinary situation. He also reached out to and notified ocean related groups with an interest in marine mammals. Simultaneously, as sightseers began to arrive, Chief Walsh and his department took command of what proved to be an often trying traffic situation along Ocean Boulevard from Rye Harbor north to beyond Washington Road as some seeking to reach the scene left their vehicles in inappropriate, dangerous and illegal places. In addition, an area surrounding Snowplow had to be cordoned off and maintained to enable federal, state and local agencies to do their work. Our Public Works Department was at the site quickly to set up barriers and apply lime as needed in order to negate, to some degree, the odor of decaying flesh.

Thanks to the quick response from Governor Hassan's office, the

following state agencies contributed to the removal process: Departments of Parks, Resources and Economic Development, Transportation, Environmental Services, Justice, Administrative Services, State Police and NH Fish and Game. Other participants included: National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Seacoast Science Center, New England Aquarium, NH Marine Mammal Rescue Team, Blue Ocean Society, Center for Coastal Studies, MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and Brick Ends Farm in Hamilton, MA. We are appreciative for their hard work and ability to coordinate and cooperate to accomplish this immense task quickly.

As the whale was dissected during the necropsy, the material was loaded into lined container trucks contracted by the State and transferred to a farm in Massachusetts for composting. Snowplow's bones have been buried in a secret location. In three to five years, once nature has cleaned the bones, they will be excavated and reassembled for educational purposes at a museum. While we mourn the loss of this member of an endangered species; by this means, Snowplow will live on.

No apparent cause of death was revealed by the necropsy. The results of samples taken for laboratory analysis have not become available yet.

On behalf of the Town, the Board of Selectmen wishes to thank Town Administrator Michael Magnant, Police Chief Kevin Walsh and the officers of his department and DPW Director Dennis McCarthy and his crew for their efforts in the successful resolution of this massive and unusual problem.....in less than 72 hours.

##### At the Beach and Beyond

A look at the summer of 2016 at its midpoint revealed that open containers appear to be a continuing problem and Chief Walsh reported an increasing

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number of skateboarders in the roadways despite the Ordinance. Improper disposal of pet waste remains a concern and the Coast Guard was called to assist in the rescue of a paddle boarder being blown seaward.

Weekends continued to draw big crowds to our beaches while mid-week crowds did not appear to be as large as in some years. Chief Walsh surmised that the huge number of "beach days" may have resulted in this group being more evenly distributed.

## **Shared Fire Services**

You may recall that during the past year the Town of Rye has been in discussion with the Portsmouth Fire Department regarding exploration of areas of mutual benefit from shared services. Following a meeting to consider a proposal to explore administrative oversight of the Rye Fire Department by Portsmouth, Portsmouth withdrew from discussion. The Town, on the other hand, had been thinking more in terms of shared equipment.

Since then, the Board of Selectmen has received a letter from Jim Maggiore, Chairman of the North Hampton Select Board, indicating that the Town of North Hampton is "interested in a discussion of areas of municipal government in which our two towns may cooperate to ensure more efficient and perhaps less expensive delivery of services to our residents". We plan to meet with the North Hampton Select Board this fall.

## **Changes of Note**

**Public Comment:** The Agenda for each meeting of the Board of Selectmen now regularly lists the opportunity for Public Comment as an item immediately following Announcements. This is not intended to be a discussion of items on the agenda but rather to provide residents with a specific time to speak about anything town related of importance to them.

## **Staff Changes**

**Custodial change:** In June, we hired Peter Carroll as part-time custodian replacing Norman Yeaton.

**Office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** The positions of both Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector were advertised and the successful candidates were as follows: Wendy Bookholz is our new Deputy Town

Clerk/Tax Collector and Amy Thibodeau was hired as Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Both are Rye residents.

**Police Department:** John Trainor was appointed part time police officer on March 28<sup>th</sup>. John comes to us from a part time position with the Hampton Police Department.

Edward Hudson was appointed full time police officer on June 13, 2016. Edward is from Arlington, MA and replaced Mark Parr who left in January.

Brendan McKenney was appointed full time police officer on August 22, 2016. A Marine Corps veteran, Brendan was most recently a member of the Franklin County (VT) Sheriff's Department.

## **Committees at Work**

Many residents who volunteer to serve on our various boards, committees and commissions have had a busy summer as several committees have been very active.

**Parsons Creek Watershed Restoration Committee (A Selectmen's Committee):** The Parsons Creek Watershed Restoration Committee is co-chaired by Peter Reilly and John Riley. This committee has been brought up to date on the current status of the watershed, reviewed the work accomplished by the Town to date and is now exploring viable options to reduce and/or eliminate pollution caused by failed septic systems within the Parsons Creek Watershed which includes examination of legal issues, types of replacement septic systems and possible development of an implementation plan leading to enforcement actions by the Town. Recommendation of appropriate next steps for the town to take is due to the BOS by December first.

**Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee (A Selectmen's Committee):** The Charge to the Committee is to assess the space needs for recreation programming and examine all aspects of existing recreation buildings in order to recommend next steps.

The committee has held regular meetings since February with Gregg Mikolaities serving as Chairman. A draft report received from Norman Larson of Christopher Williams Architects was discussed at the committee meeting

of August first. The goal is to finalize the report with appropriate next steps for a September presentation to the BOS.

**Parsonage Committee:** Parsonage Committee Chairman Mel Low and his committee have also been meeting regularly. The Charge to the Parsonage Committee is, "to study and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen as to how to continue to provide quality affordable housing at the Parsonage and to rehabilitate the building efficiently." The Parsonage Committee report is due by October 14, 2016.

## **Other Committees at Work**

**Planning Board Long Range Planning:** The Long Range Planning Committee of the Planning Board, with assistance from Julie LaBranche of the Rockingham Planning Commission, has held numerous meetings this spring and summer for the purpose of developing a chapter on climate change for the Rye Master Plan. The working title is: Coastal Hazards and Climate Adaptation. Also included in the task is an update of the chapters on Land Use, Natural Resources and Transportation in order to align their content with the new chapter.

A Public Forum was held on the new chapter on May 12<sup>th</sup> and another on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for discussion and input relevant to the three associated chapters. Comments made by the forum participants were documented for further consideration by the Committee.

**Heritage Commission Projects:** The Heritage Commission is seeking funds to **Raise the Bell** of the old South School into the belfry of our Town Hall. The South School served children from 1881 until 1934 when our schools were consolidated and the South School became a private residence. The building was demolished in 2015. The bell, our one and only school bell, was gifted to the Town. Funds are needed for structural engineering of the Town Hall cupola/belfry and for precise installation of the bell.

**Farragut Archaeological Dig:** The intersection of Central Road and Ocean Boulevard is the site of the Atlantic House (1846), the first Farragut Hotel (1864) and the second Farragut Hotel (1883-1975). With permission and co-operation of the owner of the property, the Heritage Commission is fund raising to conduct a community archaeology dig

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at the waste dump of these three iconic and renowned hotels. Funds will be required for archaeological oversight, site documentation and ground penetrating radar investigation. Volunteers will be needed to participate in the dig which is being planned for this fall.

**Seeking Consensus on Town Hall Planning:** Few voters/taxpayers would argue with the premise that the Town needs an adequate, sufficiently equipped building within which to conduct the business of the Town of Rye in an efficient and timely manner. We are, as you know, divided on what constitutes adequacy and the role our present Town Hall should play in achieving it.

A review of the 1,132 responses by residents who took the time to complete the University of New Hampshire Survey provides a narrow but solid starting point for future Town Hall planning. Seventy four percent of the respondents believe that Town Hall should remain in the center of town with sixty one percent in favor of preservation of its historical components.

Survey options to "Demolish the existing building and construct a new one in similar style", "Construct a new town hall in a different location and repurpose the existing building" and "Construct a new town hall on a different site" were each opposed by nearly two thirds of the respondents.

Only two of the five options received more support than opposition: "Renovate Town Hall with new addition" (51%) and "Leave Town Hall as is for Town purposes" (46%). Planning public space within Town Hall large enough to enable voting or provide an auditorium was of little importance to the respondents. The survey did not ask the degree of support or opposition for providing space within Town Hall of sufficient size to accommodate the regular meetings of our numerous boards, commissions and committees whose work, along with that of staff, is a vital part of conducting the business of the Town. Energy efficiency was shown to be important. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act did not receive overwhelming support; but ADA compliance is not an option.

The bottom line: The survey

results indicated that in order to be successful, the cost of future plans for Town Hall will need to be reduced significantly from the 4.1 million dollar proposal most recently before the voters.

**Eversource Tree Trimming:** Many years ago Rye roads were designated Scenic Roads by voters via RSA 231:157. This designation in part requires written permission of the Planning Board prior to any repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving work on a road if such work requires damage or removal of trees.

At the Planning Board meeting of August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board voted a Conditional Approval to Eversource regarding its application to trim and remove trees and brush adjacent to and beneath power lines in the Washington Road, Grove Road, Fern Avenue area. A map was provided. Among the conditions of approval are the following: Eversource must receive property owner approval for the work planned in writing and must provide in writing the rights of owners including the right to refuse.

**Congratulations Town Employees:** Employees of the Town of Rye entered a Food Drive Challenge to collect non-perishable food items over a 3-month period for the Seacoast Family Food Pantry. Food items collected were weighed in on July 20<sup>th</sup> by department. A total of 4,462.5 pounds of food was gathered. According to the Seacoast Family Food Pantry, this is the second largest food donation they have ever received. The winning department was Recreation; but we believe you are all winners.

Board of Selectmen

Joseph G. Mills, Jr., Chairman  
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For news and up to date  
information about the Town,  
including meeting notices,  
agendas and minutes.

## New Faces in the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's Office

New faces and new changes in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office: Newly hired Wendy Bookholz, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Amy Thibodeau, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector are both residents of Rye. The goal in our office is to work together to streamline paper flow in the office. This will enable us to work more efficiently and provide better customer service to our residents.

This fall we have two busy elections. On September 13<sup>th</sup> is the State Primary Election. Absentee ballots are now ready and absentee ballot applications are available in our office or can be downloaded from the town website. When applying for a ballot for the Primary Election, a party must be listed. As an example, if you want a Democratic ballot, you must be a registered Democrat or be listed as undeclared on the checklist to get that ballot. If you want a Republican ballot, you must be a registered Republican or be listed as undeclared. If you are undeclared you have a choice of Republican or Democrat. If you are Undeclared, remember to sign the **Reverse Back to Undeclared Sheet** on the table as you **exit the poll** to change yourself back to undeclared status. If you vote by absentee ballot, there is a form inside the envelope for 'Undeclared Voters' to change back. Last day to accept absentee ballots filed in person is September 12<sup>th</sup> or by mail September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.

November 8th is General Election Day. No party needs to be declared. A completed application is required for **each election**. Polls open at 8:00AM and close at 7:00PM at the Rye Elementary School. If you have not registered to vote, please come to the Town Clerk's office to do so.

Please take time to visit the town web-site ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)). Icons that take you to the right place to register your vehicles, pay taxes and sewer bills, license your dog, get your beach parking permit and apply for copies of vital records are prominently displayed there.

We expect the new tax rate to be set sometime in September or October. If all goes on schedule, Tax Bills should

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be mailed by the end of October and will be due on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We accept check, cash or credit card. Be aware there is approximately a 3% surcharge for the use of a credit card that goes directly to the credit card companies.

Summer is at an end, please watch for 'Parking by Permit Only' signs. Parking will be enforced until these signs are removed.

Our office will be closed Thursday, October 20th for a Town Clerk's Conference. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Remember, we are here to serve you as residents and property owners of Rye. If you need any assistance or have questions, please contact our office. It is a pleasure to serve as your Town Clerk/Tax Collector in such a beautiful town.

Donna M. DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Update from Rye Fire & Rescue

During late July and early August, you may have noticed the fire apparatus parked in front of the Safety Complex for an extended period of time. The reason this was happening was the apparatus floor and the floor in the adjoining work space was being resurfaced. The old finish was removed and the floor was ground down to make it porous so the new covering would adhere better. All the cracks and blemishes were filled and repaired. The floor was then recoated in a three step process that will make it stain resistant and more easily maintained. The new floor has a beautiful glossy black, gray and red speckle color and a slip resistant finish!

The contract for the new ambulance was recently awarded to Specialty Vehicles of North Attleboro, MA. The



ambulance vehicle committee has met with company representatives to review the specifications for the truck. Some adjustments have been made to the original specs. They will now be sent out for engineering and draft specifications and drawings will be developed. The drafts will be returned to us, reviewed and finalized. The accepted plans will then be sent to manufacturing and we hope to have a new ambulance in-service by the end of the year.

As you may be aware, the Fire & Rescue Department is charged with day-to-day operation and supervision of the Town Life Guard Program. I would like to publicly recognize and thank this outstanding group of individuals who have come together as a team to provide the residents and visitors to the Rye Town Beaches with a great service and a little piece of mind while visiting our seacoast this summer. They handled the many and varied incidents they faced with skill and professionalism that made the best possible outcomes from each situation. THANKS Team!!

Fire alarm and security systems are becoming more and more popular in residences and business throughout the Town. The smoke, fire and carbon monoxide detectors in these systems need to have regular maintenance. Please follow the manufacturer recommendations for the method and frequency of this maintenance. Additionally, in the event of system activation, please keep the system in the alarm mode. It is more helpful in discovering a cause if the system is in alarm mode than if it is reset to normal mode. Be sure to have reset codes that are easy to remember or readily available for reference and to restore the system to operation.

As we head into the autumn season, please remember to cut and clear dead vegetation from around your home and out buildings to create a wildland interface buffer zone. This will reduce your potential for catastrophic loss in the event of brush or woodland fire!

With the approach of the heating season, have your primary and secondary heating appliances checked and cleaned by a professional technician. This will help to assure they are operating correctly when needed and will reduce the chances of having a fire or CO issue in your home.

Thomas Lambert  
Fire Chief

## Police Chief's Message

**SCHOOL IS OPEN:** School reopened on August 30, 2016. Please be aware of children riding their bikes and walking to and from school. During the hours of 7:45 AM and 2:45 PM, driver's speed must not exceed 20 mph while traveling through school zones. It would be greatly appreciated if parents who drop off and pick up their children at the Junior High, drive past the school, turn around at Grange Park then enter the school parking lot. This will enable the morning and afternoon commutes to continue moving without creating a traffic jam. In addition, please check to make sure your child has his or her seat belt buckled. For your child's safety, we ask that you remind your child to remove his or her backpack before he or she attempts to buckle up.

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

**DOGS:** Please remember the ordinance for dogs on the beach is in effect until September. As a reminder, please keep your dog under control and/or secure on your property. Always have your dog licensed and please pick up after your dog. People have been dropping dog waste bags on roadways and in marsh areas. When an officer picks up a dog with no license or owner information tag, the officer is unable to notify the owner and must take the dog to the kennel.

**LOCKING YOUR DOORS AND SETTING YOUR ALARMS:** Rye Police had an interview with a burglary suspect. The suspect plead guilty and offered information regarding how and why he would break into a home or business. The burglary suspect stated he would forgo a home or business with locked doors, windows, or an alarm system that is activated. He stated that these locations would take too long to burglarize and greatly increased his chance of getting caught.

**THEFTS FROM VEHICLES:** Rye Police have had a continuous amount of thefts from vehicles, many times around the beach areas. Please

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remember to always lock your vehicle and to keep valuables hidden.

**PHONE SCAMS:** Rye residents have been receiving phone calls from people stating they are the IRS. Never give any information to anyone on the telephone. The IRS will ask you to come to an office for an appointment. IRS NEVER asks anyone to give anything over the phone. The scams always ask for someone to wire money. NEVER wire money. That is as good as giving cash. Banks cannot refund wired money.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## Public Works Message

I hate to sound like a broken record but the Swap Shop continues to be an operational nightmare. It would appear that more and more the Swap Shop is being used to avoid paying disposal fees or circumvent normal disposal procedures. Everyone's cooperation is necessary to continue to keep the swap shop open. Should we not be able to use the facility in the manner for which it is intended it may become necessary to close it.

A number of items should never be brought to or left in the Swap Shop, specifically food items, paints, chemicals, mildewed books, electronics, encyclopedias and out of date text books, just to name a few.

Paints and chemicals are considered to be household hazardous wastes (HHW) and should be held until the annual HHW collection. The Town is not authorized to hold or store HHW and, as such, is required to pay to have them removed. This is not a cost the Town should be incurring.

Food products cannot be passed on safely to the public, nor do many want them. If not expired, they should be donated to local food pantries.

In this day and age electronic items are outdated almost from the

minute you purchase them. There is a charge for disposal of all TV's, flat screens, computers, printers, peripherals, VCR players, CD players and pretty much every electronic component. Few are ever taken from the shop for reuse, as is leaving the town on the hook for disposal costs.

Out dated encyclopedias rarely have any reuse demand. They are typically out of date, and in this day and age have been replaced by the internet. In all likelihood that is why they were thrown away to begin with.

Your collection of the last ten years of National Geographic's, People Magazine, Time, Newsweek, or for that matter almost any old periodic magazine is never a desirable item. A few issues of the most current can and will be re-read, the others just become rubbish.

Operational manuals or software for any outdated Microsoft products are pretty much worthless, and if not so will be soon, when Microsoft comes up with yet another upgrade. Remember O/P, Vista, etc., etc.

Finally, broken items: If it was broken for you, it will be broken for everyone else. People assume that if it has been left in the swap shop it is operational and re-useable. Too often that is not the case. Please only leave operational, or at worst, items which can be simply repaired.

On a final note the transfer station attendants want to remind you that this time of year we experience a surge in honey bee and yellow jackets drawn to the recycled container bins. To reduce the number of these insects the operators remind you to wash your plastic, glass and aluminum containers prior to disposing of them in the bins.

Dennis McCarthy  
Public Works Director

## Planning Board News

There has not been an abundance of activity in regard to site developments, save one conceptual presentation off of South Road. An out-of-town builder is proposing a 22 lot subdivision.

The major activity at this time is preparing for a number of proposals to the zoning ordinances. The goal is to bring them to the 2017 warrant. For the interested parties, you may follow the Rules and Regulations meetings to stay up to date on the progress and to see when the meetings are being held. For your convenience, you can sign up for an on-line version of the agendas by going on the town website. [www.town.rye.us/Subsciber](http://www.town.rye.us/Subsciber). Additionally there has been an ad hoc committee formed to study and recommend changes to the Wet Lands and Surface Water ordinances. This committee will begin to meet shortly and prepare a report for the Planning Board. Again the aim is to bring a complete and comprehensive ordinance to the 2017 warrant.

The Long Range Planning Committee has held 2 public hearings concerning the Master Plan. A public forum was held in May on the "Preparing for Climate Change" chapter. Another public forum was held in June for a hearing on 3 chapters of the Master Plan: "Natural Resources", "Transportation" and "Land Use" with the focus on climate change. Follow the agendas of the Long Range Planning Committee to see updates and follow the changes.

There is one additional item of news to report. A representative from The State Division of Parks & Recreation came before the Board in May to present an application for a new bath house to replace the one now located at Jenness State Beach. For more on this project and the proposed time line please go on the following website. [www.nhstateparks.com/jenness.html](http://www.nhstateparks.com/jenness.html).

Bill Epperson, Chairman  
Rye Planning Board

## Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

It certainly has been an unusual mosquito season. Drought conditions have prevailed throughout the spring and summer. However, mosquito breeding in stagnant water habitats still exists. Astronomical (full and new moon) tides have flooded the salt marshes resulting in large areas of mosquito breeding.

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## Mosquito Control Update

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The few rains we have had have resulted in control efforts in freshwater areas. Mosquito numbers are down and the vector species for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis are lower than usual. There have been isolated areas of biting mosquitoes and we have been answering resident requests. No mosquito program can exterminate the mosquito. A control program's goal is to target vector and nuisance species and keep their numbers at low levels. Small outbreaks of biting mosquitoes can happen periodically. Rye has many salt marshes and freshwater wetlands, more so than any other seacoast New Hampshire community. Every person in Rye lives near a salt marsh. Salt marshes are legendary habitats for biting mosquitoes up and down the east coast. We monitor mosquito breeding habitats throughout the mosquito season and provide control applications when necessary.

Rye no longer relies on street spraying to supplement controlling mosquito breeding habitats. Street spraying was used on a weekly basis for many years. It can be used for emergencies and is an option for controlling biting mosquitoes in a short period of time.

Zika is the next mosquito-borne disease on the radar. At this time neither of the two primary vector species are present in our area. However, we are monitoring the situation in Florida at present and have plans in place to start looking for these two mosquitoes should Zika move north. It is not likely either of the two mosquitoes will be present in the northeast this season or in the future. They are tropical in nature and our cold winters pose a larger hurdle for their survival.

Michael Morrison, Entomologist  
Swamp, Inc.

## Rye Historical Society News

**Old House Documentation Project:** The Rye Historical Society/Town Museum is documenting the older

houses of Rye. The Town Museum has recent photos of most of them and they are organized in 3 ring binders and alphabetized by road. In the 1970's, Louise Tallman did research on the oldest houses and that is included, but for the majority of pre-WWII houses we have no information.

We all know that a large part of Rye's appeal is its older homes. They represent most of American architectural history and deserve to be documented. Your cooperation in providing whatever information you have is greatly appreciated. Once the project is done the files will be digitized. The Rockingham County Register of Deeds is one source of information.

For more information please visit the Rye Historical Society (RHS) at [www.ryenhistoricalociety.org](http://www.ryenhistoricalociety.org) or you can contact RHS by email at [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org), by mail at PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870 or by phone at (603)997-6742.

### Old House Questionnaire

- Current owners name
- Address (house number)
- Date house was built, (source of info.)
- Name of builder/ first owner
- Architectural style of house: (central chimney colonial 2 1/2 story or cape, Georgian, Federalist, 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse w/ one or two chimneys, Greek Revival, Victorian, Mansard roof, New Englander, Colonial Revival, other early 20<sup>th</sup> century style, bungalow, Sears mail order house, etc.)
- Subsequent owners who resided in the house for a long period of time
- Description and date of any additions, demolitions, fires, etc.
- Any unique or unusual features of the house
- Any history/anecdotes about the house

Alex Herlihy, Chairman  
Rye Historical Society

## Rye Senior SERVE Update

**HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWLY REFURBISHED SERVE VAN?**

While the van is over 10 years old, conscientious maintenance and low mileage led the mechanics who service it to advise that there are possibly 7 or 8



years of useful life still in it. Extensive body work, however, was recommended to repair and restore the fiberglass chassis and to correct and prevent sources of leakage around windows and doors. Since the van is now parked indoors, the damaging effects of extreme weather are eliminated and this restoration work should preserve the van for several years to come.

The SERVE Board thanks members Jack Reid, Ralph Hickson and Alan Gould for their time and efforts in determining the work to be done and researching companies who could perform this work combining high quality with reasonable cost.

We are very grateful to Webster at Rye for allowing us the use of their van during the month of June so that there was no interruption of the weekly shopping trip for Rye's senior residents. This is yet another example of Webster as a good neighbor in the Town of Rye.

Also this summer we have been fortunate to have the assistance of high school student, Cooper Walsh, on



the van. Cooper's help to both the van riders and volunteers has been invaluable. We thank him and wish him a happy and successful school year.

As always, we welcome volunteers for all SERVE programs. See our brochure at the Town's website, [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us), or call Connie Olson, 964-5170, for more information.

Connie Olson  
Rye Senior SERVE

# Active, Alive and Over 55

The Rye Recreation Active, Alive and Over 55 Club will meet September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch programs are held at Rye Congregational Church with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Members have the opportunity to participate in other programming opportunities, including day trips, fitness classes and a walking group. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch and \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For more information contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 or e-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)

## LUNCH PROGRAMS

Thursday, September 8, 2016, A Visit with Ida  
Thursday, October 13, 2016, Raptor Rehab  
Thursday, November 10, 2016, The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Up Close and Personal  
Thursday, December 8, 2016, Wacky Songs that Made Us Laugh  
Thursday, January 12, 2017, A Theater Near You  
Thursday, February 9, 2017, Life in Paris: Pictures and Stories  
Thursday, March 9, 2017, Rally 'Round the Flag: The American Civil War Through Folksong  
Thursday, April 13, 2017, White Mountain Travels  
Thursday, May 11, 2017, A Visit with Abraham Lincoln

## DAY TRIPS

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, Forever Motown, \$90  
Thursday, November 17, 2016, A "Silver Sizzle" Revue, \$90  
Wednesday, December 7, 2016, O Sole Trio, \$90  
Wednesday, April 19, 2017, Adam Trent, Magician Reinvented, \$95  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, Stayin Alive, Bee Gees Tribute, \$90  
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, Tall Ships 2017, \$95  
Thursday, July 20, 2017, Voices of Legends Show, \$90

## FITNESS CLASSES

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**Dates:** September 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, October 3, 5, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, November 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 30, December 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 2016, January 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, 30, February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, March 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 31, June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28, 2017.

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# FALL PROGRAMS

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2016

## FALL PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH  
Rye and New Castle Residents Only**

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



## TOWN OF RYE TRICK OR TREAT

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016,  
5:00-7:00 P.M.**



**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 two days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.

**ACTIVE, ALIVE AND OVER 55 CLUB** meets September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch programs are held at Rye Congregational Church with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Members have the opportunity to participate in other programming, including day trips, fitness classes, and a walking group. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch or \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For a registration form and/or more information, contact Rye Recreation at (603) 964-6281 or e-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)

## LUNCH PROGRAMS



**A VISIT WITH IDA** Presented by writer/performer Susan Poulin, Ida LeClair, has been called "the funniest woman in Maine." She will crack you up with her insights into love, friendship and the Pine Tree State of mind. Guaranteed to put you in touch with your "innah Mainah," Ida has Moxie, and she's not afraid to drink it! Be forewarned: in the words of one concerned audience member, "You really should have "Depends" by the door for some of us!" Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016 Lunch: Specialty and traditional deli sandwiches from Googie's Sandwich Shoppe, garden salad, chips, and cookie. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, September 1, 2016 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND ELLIS ISLAND UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL** "October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1886 – the Statue of Liberty opens in New York Harbor". Come celebrate the Statue of Liberty's recent 130<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National Park Service with the last residents of Liberty Island. Dave and Debbie

Luchsinger of Greenland, NH will share pictures and recollections of life on Liberty and Ellis Island. Hear about the history, famous visitors, ghost stories, and including the events leading up to and after Hurricane Sandy. Date: Thursday, November 10, 2016 Lunch: Baked stuffed chicken, roasted red potatoes, Greek salad, roll, fudge brownie sundae. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, November 3, 2016 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**RAPTOR REHAB** Jane Kelly, raptor rehabilitator, will introduce you to her feathered friends and discuss the importance and necessity of rehabilitating these amazing creatures. She has turned her home into a refuge for all creatures of the sky. At "On the Wing", injured hawks, owls, crows and even the much maligned vulture are given a second chance. Date:

Thursday, October 13, 2016 Lunch: Vegetarian lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, apple crisp and ice cream. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 6, 2016 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**WACKY SONGS THAT MADE US LAUGH** Popular songs with humorous lyrics have kept us laughing since Colonial times. We need comic relief, and songs provide some of the best. Excerpts from hilarious songs help chart the evolution of musical humor from the 1920s to the 1980s. Selections poke fun at WW II enemies, diets, television, and many other aspects of life. Laugh

as you recall wacky moments from the past with Calvin Knickerbocker. Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016 Lunch: Yankee pot roast, mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, garden salad, roll, and cream puffs. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, December 1, 2016 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

## DAY TRIPS



### FOREVER MOTOWN

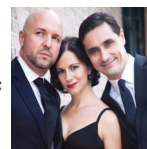
This is a non-stop, high energy trip down memory lane, featuring the best of The Four Tops, The Temptations, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, Stevie

Wonder, Marvin Gaye and more. Performed by veteran entertainers, including former members of The Spinners and The Marvelettes at Venus De Milo, Swansea, MA. Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan or baked scrod, minestrone soup, potato/pasta, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: August 31, 2016 Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$90 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



### A "SILVER SIZZLE"

**REVUE** This show has it all, a splendid mix of dynamic song, thrilling dance performances and gut-busting comedy performed by a cast all of whom are over 50 years old. Bob Goss with his clever wit provides the comedy. Held at Luciano's Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA. Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016 Meal: Holiday roasted turkey dinner with all the fixings (gravy, cranberry sauce, potato, stuffing, vegetable) garden salad, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: October 27, 2016 Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$90 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**O SOLE TRIO** This musical ensemble features the voices of soprano Erin Shields, baritone Giuseppe Spoleitini along with David Shenton on piano and violin. Join us at the Danversport

Yacht Club in Danvers, MA and be taken on a musical journey that reveals how Italian Americans influenced the American popular music scene throughout the decades. Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan served on penne pasta or baked scrod, garden salad, mashed potato, vegetables, cheese and crackers, rolls, bread, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: November 16, 2016 Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$90 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

## OVER 55 FITNESS CLASSES

**Live Long & Strong** is instructed by Alexis Mason. This 'on your feet' fitness program is designed for ages 55+. Low impact, moderately paced aerobic/cardio exercises paired with light strength training... All set to music of bygone eras. No experience necessary! Do what you can do and take breaks when you need them. The only expectation is the one you set for yourself. Please wear sneakers and breathable clothing. We love to laugh - come join us! Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required.



*Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: September 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, October 3, 5, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, November 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 30, December 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 2016, January 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, 30, February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, March 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 31, June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28, 2017, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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

**Stretch & Balance** is instructed by Vivian Lefebvre. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups and work on balance. A combination of exercises performed standing or seated will challenge you and allow you to work at your own pace. Class begins with a warm-up and finishes with a series of stretches to leave you feeling refreshed and energized. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required.



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

**WALKING GROUP** meets once a week on Friday to walk Central Cemetery. If you enjoy the company of others while exercising, this social group is for you.

*Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: Fridays, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

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



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



Session 1, Wednesdays, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 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.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Wednesdays, October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 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.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)

**SKI or SNOWBOARD LESSONS** will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski lessons and snowboarding lessons are for grades 2-8. Bus transportation will leave from both RES and RJH, after dismissal on Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 2017. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$275 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for an additional fee of \$70 and helmets for \$20. Helmets are required. *Registration deadline Tuesday, November 22, 2016.*



**ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION** is instructed by Jeanie Ryan. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Breathe. Learn the ancient practice of yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class and mats are provided. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Session 1, Tuesdays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Session 2, Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2016, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$99 per session (6 classes)



**GYROKINESIS®** is instructed by Kathryn Londoff. This is a holistic movement exercise that gently works the entire body, opening energy pathways, stimulating the nervous system, increasing range of motion, and creating functional strength, through dynamic, rhythmic, flowing sequences. It lubricates and decompresses the spine, strengthens proprioceptive awareness, and allows one to move more efficiently and freely in space. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. *An introductory class will be offered on Monday, September 12, 2016, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at no charge. Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP.* Session 1, Mondays, September 19, 26, October 3, 17, 24, 2016, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Session 2, Mondays, October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$55 per session (5 classes)



**RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December 3, 2016 to February 11, 2017. 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.



Fee: \$30 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). *Late fee of \$30 will apply to registrations received after the Friday, October 28, 2016 deadline.*

**GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE & SCRIMMAGE GROUP** is open to girls grades 1-5. Held December 3, 2016 to February 11, 2017. Meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group. Held at Rye Elementary School.

Fee: \$30 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). *Late fee of \$30 will apply to registrations received after the Friday, October 28, 2016 deadline.*

**OPEN COURT BASKETBALL** is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School. Saturdays, December 3, 10, 17, 2016, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2017 following the Recreational Basketball League (time to be determined). No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance.



**HOLIDAY RECESS BASKETBALL** is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School, Wednesday, December 28; Thursday, December 29; and Friday, December 30, 2016, 9:30-11:00 a.m.. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance.

**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL** Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays, December 11, 18, 2016, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Held at Rye Junior High, upon approval 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.



**VIDEO GAME DESIGN AND CODING WORKSHOP** is instructed by Kevin Husson and is for youth entering grades 4-6. Learn the basics on how to program and create your very own video game. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Participants will need to bring a flash drive, snack and drink. Saturday, December 10, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$30



## Rye Public Library welcomes Autumn!

OK, Summer is great, but you have to give it to Fall for cool temperatures and beautiful New England scenery. Plan your local adventures and find all your info and entertainment needs at Rye Public Library! Here's our Fall schedule:

### ***RPL Wednesday Matinee Series***

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

9/7 <i>A Light Beneath Their Feet</i> R 90 min	10/19 <i>Maggie's Plan</i> R 99 min
9/14 <i>Mother's Day</i> PG-13 118 min	10/26 <i>Genius</i> PG-13 98 min
9/21 <i>The Park Bench</i> 79 min	11/2 <i>Churchill's Secret</i> PG 111 min
9/28 <i>The Jungle Book</i> PG 106 min	11/9 <i>I Saw The Light</i> R 124 min
10/5 <i>Miracles From Heaven</i> 109 min	11/16 <i>Eye In The Sky</i> R 102 min
10/12 <i>Me Before You</i> PG-13 98 min	11/23 <i>Woodlawn</i> PG 123 min

### **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!**

9/15 *Tell The Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifkin

Brunt

10/20 *Gardens of Water* by Alan Drew

11/17 *Man In The Grey Flannel Suit* by Sloan

Wilson

12/15 *Buddha In The Attic* by Julie Otsuka

**Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:**

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Pressure-free art practice.

**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 3:30-5:30 pm. Beginners welcome!

**Mah Jongg Club:** Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm American style Mah Jongg

**Military Book Discussions:**

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

**Chair Yoga with Amelia:** Supported stretch & breath practice. Monday mornings at 9:30

## **FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

New members welcome! Monthly meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues @ 6pm

**Fall 2016 Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library:**

**Rye Outdoors Theme!**

**Kayaking the NH Seacoast, Thurs. Oct. 20th, 7pm – Peter Sawtell**

**Winter Birds, Thurs. Nov. 17th, 7pm – Hillary Chapman, NH Audubon**

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

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

Children's Museum of NH, Dover	Museum of Science, Boston MA
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester	Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth
Historic New England	Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA	Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME	Seacoast Science Center, Rye
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA	NH State Parks parking pass

*Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library*

## RPL Fall 2016 TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION

### Computer Tutor or Device Advice Sessions – Monday or Friday mornings or Thursday evenings

Call to Schedule a 25-minute session and 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. This service is free to anyone.

### Tech Talk Computer Classes

These classes are on Wednesdays from **9:30 AM - 11 AM** and sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library. Call 964-8401 to register for our classes.

- Wed. Sept. 28** Free Tools & Tips for Making Windows 10 User Friendly  
**Wed. Nov. 30** Beware Malware! Free Tools & Tips for Everyone  
**Wed. Dec. 7** Backing up & Managing your Documents, Photos, Videos, and Downloads

### **Rye Public Library Youth Department Fall Programming September - November 2016 More Details at [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org) 964-8401**

**Crazy 8s Math Club!\* K - 2 (sign-up required)**  
Mondays Sept 26 - Nov 21 3:15pm (not on Oct 10)

**Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers**  
Wednesdays 11:00am (No Story time on Nov 23)

**Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)**  
Fridays 10:00 – 10:30am (not on Nov 11 & Nov 25)

**Dumbledore's Army Harry Potter Group**  
First Tuesdays of the Month 6:00-7:30pm

**YAttitudes Book Club (Grades 6+)**  
Second Tuesdays of the Month: 6:30 - 7:30pm

**Teen Advisory Board**  
Fourth Tuesdays beginning Sept 27 6:30-7:30pm

**Teen Writer's Workshop**  
Oct 18 and Nov 15 6:30 - 7:30pm

**Chess Club**  
Third Wednesdays Sept 21 - Nov 16

**Friday Flicks** *Check Website for Featured Films*  
1st & 3rd Fridays Sept 2 - Nov 18 3:10pm

**Book Bites Book Club (Grades 3-5)**  
3rd Thursdays beginning Sept 15 3:15 - 4:00pm

**YAttitudes Book-to-Reel (Grades 6+)**  
Friday Oct 28 5:15pm

**Early Release Day Movie "Jungle Book"**  
September 28 1:00pm Rated PG / 106 mins

**Early Release Day Teen Craft**  
September 28 1:00 - 2:00pm

**Make a Fairy House\* -Dress up to attend!**  
Wed, Sept 14 5:30 - 7:00pm (sign-up required)

**Family Pumpkin Carving/Decorating\***  
Thurs, Oct 27 5:30 - 7:30pm (sign-up required)

**NOTE: \* Program requires sign up!**

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

# Rye Water District News

## ~DRY~DRY~DRY~

This summer has been one of the driest in years. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) indicates a combination of a below average snowpack in the spring, little precipitation to recharge the groundwater and increase of evapotranspiration over the summer and the inability of NH watersheds to store large volumes of water due to their geology has landed the northern half of the state in abnormally dry conditions and the southern half in severe drought. As a result of these current conditions and the long term forecast, NHDES has urged NH residents to conserve water as long as these drought conditions persist. The Rye Water District ask all water users to be water wise and use water in a sensible manor, even in non-drought conditions. **Lawn and garden watering should be done early morning before 8:00 AM and evenings after 6:00 PM.**

The Water District would like to thank customers who use water wisely and following our suggested outdoor watering/lawn irrigation times. Watering mid-day during the heat of the summer's day will only damage your lawn and gardens.

**Lawn Rehabilitation:** If your lawn has sustained damage from the drought conditions and you're planning to re-establish a lawn, fall is the best time of year. Grass thrives on fluctuating temperatures, cool nights and warm days.

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

**Water Main Flushing:** The semi-annual maintenance of flushing and chlorinating the water system is planned to begin in September. This is done to reduce sediment that may collect in the distribution system and

introduce a small amount of chlorine to help maintain a clean and safe water system. Notices of flushing dates and times will be published in the Portsmouth Herald and posted at public locations in town before actual flushing begins.

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

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

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

**Commissioner's email:** If you have any issues or concerns with the water system operations feel free to contact the commissioners via email at [commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net](mailto:commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net).

Rye Water District Commissioners

Arthur Ditto  
Ralph Hickson  
Thomas Clifford

## Rye Recycling Education Committee Update

**Rye ♻️ Recycling – Let's Do It the Rye-ght Way!**  
**Food Scrap Collection on the rise!**

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

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

Latest data from Dennis McCarthy on food scraps collection for this year.

The Town averages 3 tons of kitchen waste per month. Based upon 3 tons per month X 7 months we have diverted 21 tons in 2016 to date. It cost \$75 per ton to have the kitchen waste picked up and processed by Mr. Fox. Currently the tipping fee for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) at Turnkey Landfill is approximately \$65 per ton and hauling is approximately \$15 per ton for a total of \$80 per ton. Therefore the diversion cost is \$5 per ton or \$105 to date.

**NOTE - only FOOD SCRAPS and other COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS should be put into these "Mr. Fox" receptacles. (NO PLASTIC BAGS). For more information see any of the attendants at the Transfer Station.**

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

**Did you know your Styrofoam packaging can be reused?**

The below local packaging and shipping businesses will gladly accept for reuse your clean Styrofoam packaging materials (this includes packaging peanuts and even Styrofoam blocks):

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

**A note about the drought we are having.**

Please conserve water by not watering your lawn during the heat of the day. If you need to water your lawn do it only in the early morning or late in the afternoon. Use rain barrels or rain collectors under your gutter downspouts to collect the rain water to use on your gardens or flowers. Wash vehicles at a car wash not in your driveway. And if you use a dehumidifier reuse that water produced for your gardens and flowers.

And finally the committee would like to thank Richard "Rick" Williams for his hard work reorganizing the recycling areas and redoing the

## Recycling Committee Message *(continued from page 12)*

signs at the transfer station. The area is much more efficient and easier to navigate around the transfer station. It's very much appreciated Rick.

The Rye Recycling Education Committee still has openings for more members. We meet at the Rye Public Library on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Rye Recycling Education Committee



John Provencher  
Joan Provencher  
Jozef Platt

## Historic District News

This fall we will be holding two elections in Rye: Our Primary Election will be held Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and our General Election will be held Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Given the political signage that elections generate and the confusion on what rules apply to the signage in the Rye Historic District it is a good time to review the rules.

The Rye Board of Selectmen voted on April 5, 2010 to reinforce NH State law regarding placement and removal of political advertising as follows: Political Advertising is prohibited from and adjacent to Town-owned property, including highway rights of way in accordance with and subject to the requirements of NH TITLE LXIII ELECTIONS, Section 664:17, Political Advertising, which is printed in its entirety below:

**664:17 Placement and Removal of Political Advertising:** *"No political advertising shall be placed on or affixed to any public property including highway rights-of-way or private property without the owner's consent. All political advertising shall be removed by the candidate no later than the second Friday following the election unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a candidate who is a winner in the primary. Signs shall not be placed on*

*or affixed to utility poles or highway signs. Political advertising may be placed within state-owned rights-of-way as long as the advertising does not obstruct the safe flow of traffic and the advertising is placed with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way passes. No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any political advertising which is placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except the owner of the property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law enforcement officer removing improper advertising.*

Please be mindful that no signs of any kind are allowed to be placed adjacent to town owned property within the Historic District (this includes the intersection of Washington and Lang Road in front of Parsons Field & around the monument at the intersection of Washington and Central Road) unless approved in advance by the Selectman of the Town of Rye.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE  
ON SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AND NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> !!!**

Phil Winslow, Chairman  
Rye Historic District Commission



## RYE RECREATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS HIRING PART-TIME COUNSELORS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

2:15 – 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday,  
2-5 days a week. For more  
information please contact the  
Recreation Department at  
(603) 964-6281 or by email at  
larthur@town.rye.nh.us.

## Jenness Beach Streetlight Project Update

Jenness Beach District residents pay a high annual electricity cost for their 69 streetlights, most of which are 50-year-old obsolete mercury vapor technology. A \$30,000 warrant article was passed at the annual meeting in April for the Streetlight Project, which involves converting the streetlights to newer light-emitting diode (LED) technology for better visibility, reduced nuisance light, and a 70% reduction in electricity use. The conversions are expected to be installed early next spring. Two different test streetlights were installed on Ocean Boulevard, one near the Jenness Beach bathhouse and one at Perkins Road. Utility poles were marked with a sign and yellow ribbon for streetlights slated for removal or to be added. Postcards were mailed to all taxpayers in Jenness Beach to announce the project. A Streetlight Social was held on a July night as a kickoff event for the project to allow residents to view the test lights and ask questions while enjoying some delicious desserts. The Public Comment Period ran from July 13<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Streetlight Committee has been reviewing all of the public comments, and next they will finalize the removals/additions and the type of light for each location and update the map with this information.

For more information:

1. FAQ and map – See the Jenness Beach District page at [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) (under Boards and Committees)
2. For project updates – sign up at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), Cable/Perkins neighborhood (Jenness Beach residents only).
3. Email the Streetlight Committee at [jennessbeachstreetlights@gmail.com](mailto:jennessbeachstreetlights@gmail.com).



The Rye Farmers' Market is going well in it's 8th year! We've had great weather and an increasing number of shoppers as the vegetables keep coming in. We now have Zach's Corn and fresh cut flowers, Applecrest's Silver Queen corn and cider donuts, lots of fresh tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers, summer squash, basil and garlic. Leslie Stevens of Sidewalk Farms (and the gardener at the Goss Farm) brings a friendly hen or bunny every week and the kids love it - along with reading time 2:30-3:00pm in the Children's Corner (in the shade, under the trees, always a cool breeze no matter how hot it is!) We have hand made soy candles, home made jams, scarves and hand made soaps that benefit third world and domestic homeless women, freshly squeezed-while-you-watch lemon/lime/orange juice. You can choose any combination. I get a lemon/limeade every week to go with my Kettlecorn which is so delicious. Check out our Facebook page (Rye Farmers' Market) for pictures of past weeks and to keep up with what is happening at the next market.

The market is every Wednesday, 2:30-5:30pm through September 21st in Rye Center (across from the library).

See you at the market!

Susan Anderson  
Rye Farmers'  
Market Committee



## Conservation Commission Update

The pollinator meadow at the Goss Farm was planted last fall and rewarded the townspeople this summer with a first year generous array of wildflowers. The profusion of poppies was so dramatic that it was common place to see people stopped taking pictures of and admiring the spectacular display.

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation has a website that has information and guides encouraging the "establishing of wildflower habitat as the single most effective course of action to conserve pollinators..." As we have experienced at the Goss Farm, with minimal effort those who have small potting containers through available meadows can plant pollinator gardens and embrace pollinator conservation.

There is also a list available for those looking to enhance wetland buffers from NH DES featuring native species. [http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/vrap\\_native\\_plantings.pdf](http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/vrap_native_plantings.pdf). Many species on this list are also considered important to support pollinators.

The Trail Management Subcommittee met on a monthly basis and has made several recommendations to the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC). The Commission approved the recommendation that no further bog bridges be constructed in the Town Forest but instead wet areas be protected by rerouting trails around the wet areas. The Trails Subcommittee also recommended that the current kiosk be updated with an improved map and information about the welcomed as well as the prohibited uses of the Town Forest. It further recommended that an additional kiosk be added at another key entry point, perhaps at the Rye Recreation access. Additionally small signs on a post could be added at other popular entrances. The RCC will wait until the management plan update for the Town Forest is completed before deciding to make any such changes.

The RCC has ordered small aluminum signs to mark the property boundaries of all the land that the Commission protects. The signs will inform adjacent property owners as well as the public where the RCC protected land begins. The signs will be installed this fall and any volunteer help would be appreciated.

Sally King, Chairman  
Rye Conservation Commission

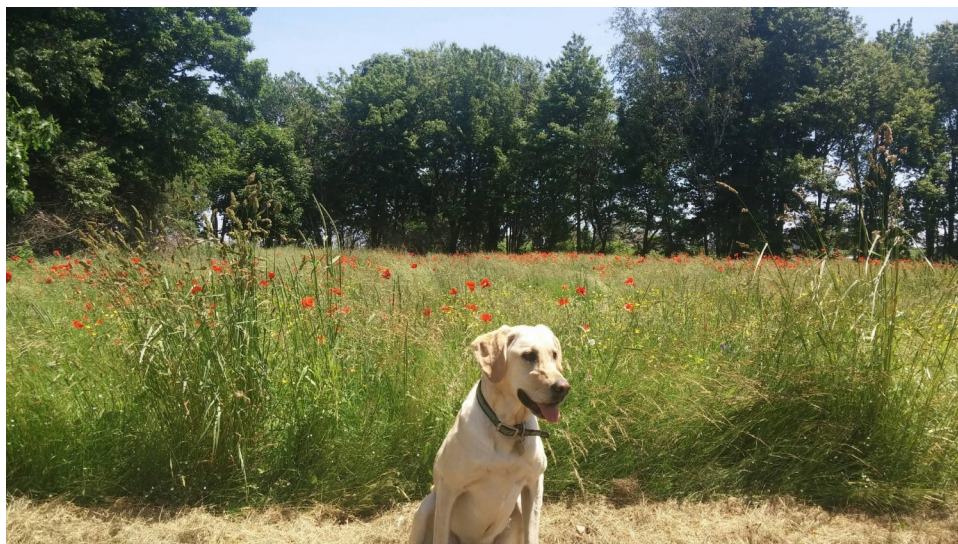
### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

FOR THE TOWNS OF  
KENSINGTON, FREMONT,  
RYE, BRENTWOOD,  
SANDOWN & NORTH HAMPTON

Saturday, September 17, 2016  
9:00 am - 12:00 Noon  
Place: Highway Garage, Route 111A  
207 Middle Road  
Brentwood, NH



Driver's License  
Required as  
Proof of Residency  
Quantity Limit per Car:  
10 Gallons or 10 Pounds



*"Emma" in front of the pollinator meadow full of poppies at the Goss Farm  
Photo by Sally King*

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Town Hall Courtroom (first floor), 10 Central Road. Other board meetings are also held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall or the Town website: [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) for up-to-date information.

## September 2016

					<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Labor Day Town Offices Closed	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm CIP Committee	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	<b>13</b> <u>State Primary Election</u> 8:00 am Sewer Comm. 7:00 pm Planning Board	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee	<b>20</b> 5:00 pm Mosquito Control	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	<b>22</b> First Day of Autumn 6:30 pm CIP Committee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Technical Review Committee	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

## October 2016

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Columbus Day Town Offices Closed	<b>11</b> 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm CIP Committee	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	
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<b>30</b> Trick-or-Treat 5:00-7:00 pm	<b>31</b> Halloween						

## November 2016

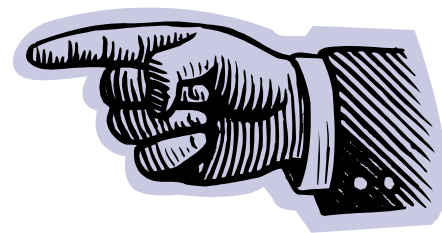
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<b>6</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>8</b> <u>General Election</u> 8:00 am Sewer Comm.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30am-4:00pm Budget Committee Work Session	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Town Offices Closed	<b>12</b>
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Library Trustees, first Thursday every month  
5:30 pm at the Library

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

# Remember to VOTE

- Primary - September 13th
- General Election - November 8th



**Please Bring Your Photo ID With You!**

## **RYE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, October 9, 2016

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

555 Washington Road

**FREE PIZZA!**

(Provided by Papa Gino's)

**COME TOUR THE STATION**

**AND MEET YOUR FIRE,**

**POLICE and EMT'S**



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

# HALLOWEEN



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

## **33rd Annual Rye Lions Car Show**

**Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016**

(Rain Date Sept. 25, 2016)

Parson's Field,

Washington Road, Rye, NH

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

Trophies awarded at 2:00 p.m.

\$10.00 entry fee for car and driver

\$3.00 for spectators

Great Food and Music!

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



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