



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Selectmen's Message:

MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY: NO LET UP IN TOWN ACTIVITY

Memorial Day Services: Despite overcast skies, a crowd gathered at Central Cemetery on May 29, 2017 for the annual Rye Memorial Day Ceremony. Initiated by a parade which included the NH Police Association Pipes and Drums, Rye Police and Fire Departments, the Rye Junior High Marching Band, Veterans and Girl and Boy Scout Troops, the ceremony led by Bill Epperson focused on those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Reverend Ron Lavoie, Rye Congregational Church, gave the invocation.

Decorated veteran Rye resident Jim Willey was guest speaker. Based on his research, Jim spoke specifically of the experiences and sacrifices of Rye individuals serving in wars going back to the Revolution who are buried at this site.

Music was provided by Kevin Schladenhauffen and Karrie Burnett, the National Anthem was sung by Junior High student Brody Parrott, veteran Phil Winslow placed the memorial wreath accompanied by his grandson, Zach Talbot, and the poster and writing awards were presented by Selectman Priscilla Jenness and Bill Epperson. Reverend Maurice D. Lavigne, St. Theresa Church, Rye Beach, gave the Benediction. The ceremony was concluded with taps and echo played by Cameron Conant and James Buchan respectively.

We are grateful to all of those who contributed to this remembrance: Kevin Schladenhauffen for providing the sound system; Rye Lions Club for donation toward the wreath; Seacoast Power Equipment, North Hampton, for the generator; the Rye Heritage Commission for providing refreshments and all Rye Veterans. We can once again take pride in the flawless preparation and organization of this annual community event by Lee Arthur and

the Recreation Department.

Assessing is a Process: In order to maintain assessing records on a regular basis, our assessor, Scott Marsh, Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), uses a cyclical approach, re-checking data and making any necessary adjustments within neighborhoods to approximately 25% of Rye properties per year.

A full Town wide update of property valuations is required every 5 years by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). The DRA goal is to maintain 100% property valuation throughout the State. Because a town wide property revaluation of Rye was required for 2017, we contracted MRI to assist our Assessing Department. The reassessment work was carried out based on the status of each Rye property as of April 1, 2017.

A letter dated July 14, 2017 was mailed to each property owner stating both the 2016 assessed value and the proposed new assessment. Also provided was information whereby property owners could make appointments to discuss their proposed valuations. During the appointment period in August, 393 property owners made appointments with the assessors. Currently, Rye has a total of 3,163 parcels.

Overall, Rye property valuations went up an average of 14%; but it must be remembered that individual property tax bill amounts will be unknown until the assessing process has been completed.

Rye Harbor Bridge Weight Limit: Condition of the Rye Harbor Bridge has been revisited periodically over the past few years as investigation has revealed that it was not designed to sustain passage of the loads it currently supports such as seawall reinforcement and construction materials.

The June Newsletter provided a

review of the Hoyle, Tanner Rye Harbor Bridge Report and the BOS vote to approve Option 1 (an interim fix): Superstructure Repair estimated to provide 15 years of service life at a cost of \$75,000 (\$50,000: construction, \$25,000: engineering) with Hoyle, Tanner and Associates to continue the engineering work.

Option 1 will allow us to maintain the structure for now to await State funding (80%) with availability for a longer term fix possibly by 2025 to 2026. The Selectmen chose to have Hoyle, Tanner submit a request to the State for inclusion in the NH DOT project list of Option 3 (a superstructure replacement) that would qualify for 80% State funding. Option 3 will cost an estimated \$325,000 and will give the bridge an additional 35 years of service life in lieu of a complete bridge replacement that would cost up to \$1,200,000.

At the BOS meeting of 6/12/17, Aaron LaChance of Hoyle, Tanner and Associates indicated that in keeping with the NH Department of Transportation posting procedure, the bridge should be posted at 15 tons which, he added, is very restrictive. DPW Director Dennis McCarthy stated that using reasonable judgment could allow greater loads under controlled conditions.

A motion to adopt and post the Harbor Road Bridge limit at 15 tons was approved by the Board and the Selectmen also agreed to move forward with engineering for Option 1 and to plan for construction in 2018.

New Castle/Rye Bridge Sidewalk: On May 22nd, NH Department of Transportation spokesperson Victoria Chase informed the Board of Selectmen of Rye maintenance requirements for the sidewalk planned by the State as part of the New Castle/Rye Bridge replacement design.

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The State proposal called for an 11' travel lane, a 4' shoulder and a 5' sidewalk on the bridge. The State does not maintain sidewalks, even those built on State roads; thus we were presented with a sidewalk maintenance agreement to be signed by the Board of Selectmen (New Castle to maintain its side and Rye to maintain ours). New Castle had already executed the lengthy agreement for responsibility for its half of the bridge sidewalk.

While the importance of sidewalks was noted, Rye does not have sidewalk snow and ice removal equipment and a lengthy discussion ensued. On June 19th, having determined that the Wentworth Hotel has no interest in maintaining bridge sidewalks for its clientele, the Board agreed to inform the State that Rye has no sidewalk equipment and suggest that the entire width of the bridge be kept level, marking off a 10' travel lane and allowing the wider shoulder to accommodate a bike lane on each side.

LCHIP Grant Application:

It was noted in the June Newsletter that defeat of Article 30 for \$500,000 to repair, refurbish and improve Town Hall may prevent any efforts to spend taxpayer dollars on maintenance of the building due to RSA 32:10, I (e) 'No means No'.

At the June 12th BOS meeting David Choate, NH Preservation Alliance board member, introduced other members of the Preservation Alliance: Rye resident Jeff Gilbert, Executive Director Jennifer Goodman and Program Director Andrew Cushing for a discussion in support of our Heritage Commission's search for possible funding sources for restoration of the Town Hall. The goal is to find creative ways to "mothball" the building until future use (public, private or a public/private partnership) can be determined.

Discussion included the need for professional assessment of the building by a preservation specialist, the possibility of having a preservation easement on the building and application for an LCHIP Grant. Our

Town Hall was awarded a Seven to Save designation by the NH Preservation Alliance in 2016.

In June, the Selectmen submitted an application to LCHIP for a \$60,000 grant to pay half of the cost to paint the exterior of Town Hall and prepare a Historic Structures Assessment of the building which is a grant requirement. The project agreement contains a number of required activities that must be carried out during the project plus a 5-year stewardship agreement to follow its completion. The Selectmen have received both a legal opinion and an indication from LCHIP that the Town can apply for the grant.

Potential conflict with the Loftus Warrant Article, which proposed demolition of Town Hall and construction of a new building on the site, has resulted in conversations between Town Administrator Mike Magnant and LCHIP which indicate that full commitment to the LCHIP Grant can be delayed until after the March 2018 Town Meeting.

NH Seacoast Greenway:

The Greenway is an urban trail system being developed to extend from Florida to Maine. In New Hampshire it will utilize the old railway corridor which in Rye consisted of approximately 1,200 feet of railway along the Rye/Greenland border. Currently, NHDOT is in negotiations with Pan Am to purchase the corridor.

Scott Bogle, Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) Senior Transportation Planner, gave a presentation and update on the progress of the Seacoast Greenway project at the Selectmen's meeting of June 12th. He reviewed details of the Trail Management Agreement in particular. NH DOT is seeking to enter into a similar agreement with each of the corridor communities for maintenance of the trail.

On June 19th, the Selectmen met where the Greenway will cross Breakfast Hill Road and held a site walk. In addition to Board members and Town Administrator Mike Magnant, DPW Director Dennis McCarthy and State Representatives Mindi Messmer and Dennis Malloy were also in attendance.

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The rails have been removed; but the ties remain. In walking the length of the Rye portion of the former railroad, a number of questions were generated: Who will construct the initial trail?, What materials will be used?, What will be done about drainage? and Who will be responsible for removal and disposition of the many hundreds of old railroad ties?. Also of concern was the fact that a drainage crossing or "stone box" shown on the map provided by the RPC could not be located. Prior to signing a maintenance agreement, we need some answers and possibly another site walk if the drainage crossing can be located.

Full Time Fire Chief Hired:

Since the resignation of full time Fire Chief Richard O'Brien in June of 2007, Rye has been served by part time interim Fire Chiefs William "Skip" Sullivan and, currently, Tom Lambert. The decision to seek a full time Fire Chief was the result of the discussions with Portsmouth Fire Officials as we sought mutually beneficial areas of sharing. Discussions ended when it became apparent that Portsmouth interest related primarily to shared management while our interest focused on the possibility of shared equipment. It was through these discussions, which included our firefighters, that it became clear that a full time chief should be our next step forward.

We turned to Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) for assistance with the recruitment process. Founded in 1989, MRI provides municipal services tailored to individual communities according to need by helping to recruit individuals, either temporary or permanent, knowledgeable about local and state operations and regulations for the delivery of government services.

Rye has utilized the services of MRI on several occasions over the past two decades. In several instances, availability of MRI personnel has avoided lapses in Town services.

The overall recruitment process for Fire Chief was detailed in a presentation to the BOS on May 10th by Alan Gould, MRI Chief Operating Officer, and summarized in the June Newsletter. The BOS chose to use a hiring method whereby MRI would oversee the process to the point where the

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Selectmen would interview the top three candidates. Those interviews were held in June and our decision was unanimous.

On July 29th, we were pleased to announce that Mark Cotreau will become our full time Fire Chief. Mark's first day on the job is expected to be September 11th.

Mark earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Salem State College in 1990, Certification as Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy in 2013 and also has a strong background in emergency management. He is retiring as Chief of the Concord, MA Fire Department where he has been employed for the past 34 years. Mark began his firefighting career in 1981 with the Dover, NH Fire Department.

Assistant Building Inspector Added to Staff: Milon "Chuck" Marsden Jr. has been hired as Assistant Building Inspector. Chuck has been serving the Town of Hampton, NH as Assistant Building Inspector and Health Officer since 2004. He will begin his employment here in September.

Assistant Building Inspector is a new position made necessary by increased building activity in Rye which includes teardown/rebuilds and oversight of developments in which home owners have shared responsibilities. The position was funded for a portion of 2017 through our operational budget.

Full Time Position at DPW Filled: Daniel Barron, who grew up in Rye and worked at our Transfer Station on Saturdays earlier this year, has been hired to fill the full time Driver/Operator/Laborer Position at our Department of Public Works replacing Roy Hill who has retired.

Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector Hired: In August, the BOS approved hiring Lavon Reynolds as Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector. This is a part time (32 hour) position which has been open for several weeks.

Appointments: Two important appointments were made at

our meeting of July 24th. Phil Winslow was reappointed as Rye Representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission for a second 4 year term. Phil will continue to keep the Town updated regarding RPC plans within our area.

Meanwhile, in accordance with passage of House Bill 431 which established a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the seacoast area, we appointed Arthur Ditto as Rye Representative to the Seacoast Commission on Drinking Water. Some of the tasks contained within this bill pertain to individual community water supply, quality of supply during drought periods, quality issues and intermunicipal cooperation among water agencies. As a Rye Water District Commissioner and engineer, Arthur is well suited to the job.

It should be noted that Aquarion Water, which services a portion of Rye, also has a representative on this commission.

We are grateful to Phil and Art for taking on these added responsibilities.

Parson's Creek Watershed Study: In June, we authorized Town Administrator Mike Magnant to sign the contract with Hydro Analysis, Inc. in the amount of \$10,410 for a grant funded study of on-site septic system technology and applicability to the Parson's Creek Watershed. Hydro Analysis will develop recommendations for potential revision of the building code and review available technology that would help to reduce bacterial discharges into the watershed. The intent is to consider whether or not to modify the septic ordinance for sensitive areas of the Parsons Creek watershed based on the recommendations from this study.

Water Quality Impact of Rye's Old Landfills (Breakfast Hill & Grove Road): In March, 2017, the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) requested that Rye sample the test wells at its two old landfills for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a contaminant of emerging concern that has been in the news frequently this year. Rye

responded by taking samples in May, the results of which were provided in early July.

At the Breakfast Hill landfill adjacent to Lafayette Road, which operated for seven years until the early 1980's and was then capped with clay, PFAS concentrations at two of the three monitoring wells downgradient of the landfill, but on the landfill property, showed concentrations above the NHDES drinking water standard of 70 parts per trillion. The monitoring well adjacent to Washington Road further downgradient of the landfill site indicated a concentration of just below that standard. NHDES has subsequently modified the groundwater permit for the site to require annual analysis of the monitoring wells and two private water supply wells in the area for PFAS, beginning in November.

The Grove Road landfill, which operated from the 1930's until 1974, is located about 800 feet from the Rye Water District's Garland well. Two monitoring wells at this landfill site indicated PFAS concentrations above the State standard. The monitoring wells between this landfill site and the Garland well indicated low levels of PFAS, well within the established standard. The Rye Water District has initiated more frequent sampling and analysis of the Garland well for PFAS. To date, the PFAS levels of the Garland well water have been well within the drinking water standard.

Document Scanning: Our Building Department paper filing system has become increasingly burdensome: time consuming to access and use and space consuming due to its sheer volume.

In the interest of moving to a digital document management system, we have issued Request for Proposals (RFPs) to scan historical building and property documents ranging in size from letter to oversized plans and store them in a digital format where they can be searched, retrieved and made available via a search or indexing system in keeping with the recent change in New Hampshire state law that allows local government agencies to store records in a PDF-A format.

The proposals are due at the

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end of August.

Summary Wage and Classification Study: This project is long overdue as our last Wage and Classification Study was done in 2001. The purpose of the study is to review and update both the internal and external equity of our 19 non-union job positions. A contract to conduct the study was signed with Thornton and Associates of Scarborough, Maine at a cost of \$5,490.

Salt Shed Design Consultant Selected: The need for adequate salt storage, safeguarded from the weather, has become increasingly important with protection of ground water a top priority. Solicitation of proposals for professional services to design and administer construction of a salt storage facility resulted in 5 submissions. A committee composed of the BOS Chair, Town Administrator, DPW Director and DPW Foreman rated the responses. On July 24th, following discussion, the Board of Selectmen accepted the proposal of Hoyle, Tanner and Associates, Inc. of Manchester.

Discussion of salt storage facilities included two characteristics of such structures that may be of general interest. To accommodate salt delivery and loading, the facility must be what may be perceived by many as unusually tall. Secondly, many current salt storage facilities are being made of fabric.

For Your Information:
Lang Road/Route #1 Intersection: Selectman Phil Winslow attended the Portsmouth Parking & Safety Committee meeting on July 6th during which a New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) presentation was made regarding plans for the intersection of Lang Road and US Route 1. DOT officials stated that the cost to restructure the intersection to enable Lang Road to go behind the Service Credit Union building and intersect with Ocean Road would be approximately \$600,000, to be split between the State of New Hampshire and the City of Portsmouth. The proposal was unanimously accepted contingent upon an agreement with the Service

Credit Union on the rerouting of Lang Road behind its Route 1 Headquarters and finding sufficient funding by the City of Portsmouth.

Bathhouse at Jenness State Beach: The Jenness State Beach redevelopment project to construct a bathhouse and improve the parking lot was delayed last year due to court action. As a result of input from the Town, abutters and the public, a revised design was presented by representatives of the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) Parks Division at the Rye Public Library on August 8th.

In addition to viewing the revised State design at that meeting, new ideas were put forward by Summer Sessions co-owner Ryan McGill with the assistance of Portsmouth architect Lisa DeStefano. Nothing was decided at the meeting; but the State intends to look at the new information. Throughout this process the greatest objections have been related to the size (mass) of the proposed bathhouse building, the narrowing of the sidewalk and the loss of parking spaces.

Sanders Poynt Right of Way Dispute: Please be reminded that the Town does not comment on matters while they are in litigation and that, in this case, Wentworth Road (Route 1-B) is a State highway under the jurisdiction of NHDOT with high volumes of vehicles, bikers and pedestrians. This case is now over.

In 2012, the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club (WBTSCC) obtained a permit for a fence across the frontage of its property known as Sanders Poynt, closing off access to the water in that area. The permit contained the statement: *The issuance of this permit does not constitute an admission by the Town that there are no public prescriptive rights to use the area behind the fence.*

Residents in the area wanted the land use boards to prevent WBTSCC from installing the fence in the belief that a public prescriptive easement existed there due to past use. Our Town attorney advised that the Town has no legal authority to do this as municipal land use boards have no jurisdiction to decide questions concerning people's ownership or

easement rights in land. Meanwhile, WBTSCC had landscaped the area complicating matters further.

In the initial litigation in superior court, the Town asserted by counterclaim that WBTSCC had violated the Planning Board's site plan review regulations by installing the landscaping at Sanders Poynt without getting site plan approval. On summary judgment the superior court ruled in the Town's favor on this point.

In order to reduce further legal expense and get out of the case before a lengthy bench trial on the scope of the public's easement rights, the selectmen reached a settlement agreement with WBTSCC whereby WBTSCC agreed to cut back its plantings to no higher than the top of the fence rail to restore views of Little Harbor and to remove the large boulders placed between the new fence and Wentworth Road which were a traffic hazard. In exchange, the selectmen agreed that site plan review would not be required and that, if WBTSCC requested NHDOT to restrict parking along Wentworth Road, the Selectmen would support that request.

The superior court ruled and the Supreme Court affirmed that the public has rights to park four (4) vehicles at Sanders Poynt and to access the water via the established "trodden path". The court ordered Sanders Poynt to be restored as it was prior to October 2012. Nowhere in the order did the court say that the area must be restored exactly to how it was prior to 2012.

In fact, the court encouraged the town's participation in discussions with WBTSCC with regard to development of a restoration plan to lessen vehicle safety issues (vehicles had previously backed into the travel lane) and avoid installation of tall plantings that would block the public's view of Little Harbor.

The Town endorsed what was termed Plan B.4 for traffic safety reasons and because the plan preserved the view of Little Harbor. The Town took no position on either the fence or the gate.

Litigation ended with the superior court hearing on August 17th. The judge ordered WBTSCC to

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construct Plan B.4 with larger parking spaces to be located closer to the water, no plantings larger than 3 feet, no fence and no gate on the Trodden Path.

Thank you Tom Lambert:

On behalf of the Town of Rye, we want to thank Fire Chief Tom Lambert for his diligent service to our community since 2014 and for a job well done. We wish him success in all his future endeavors.

Looking Ahead: We can't believe it; but it's time to plan your float entry for the Rye Holiday Parade.

Board of Selectmen,
Craig Musselman, Chairman
Priscilla Jenness, Vice-Chairman
Phil Winslow, Selectman

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's Message

With summer coming to an end, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable one. There are many changes and more to come in the Town Clerk's office to better assist the property owners and residents. Remember we are here for you. I am pleased to announce Amy Thibodeau former Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector has been promoted to Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. At the Selectmen's meeting of August 14th, the Board of Selectmen voted to hire Lavon Reynolds to fill the position of Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

All dogs should have been licensed by April 30th. Starting June 1st, a dollar has been added each month to any unlicensed dog's fee. Any resident that received a letter from us needs to please notify or stop by the clerk's office to either license your dog or let us know if your dog is no longer with you. Dog owners who have unlicensed dogs by September 30th should expect a visit from the Animal Control Officer when he delivers your Civil Forfeiture which advises you of the

\$25.00 fine per dog.

Remember, **no dogs** are allowed on town beaches **after 9:00am and before 7:00pm** from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day. Please be considerate, clean up after your dog.

On August 1st, a lien was placed on any unpaid 2016 outstanding tax and sewer bills. Any property owner with outstanding taxes, please call our office at 964-8562 for interest due at time of payment. Our office is pleased to announce that the total amount of liening in 2017 is the lowest in the last 10 years. This is the first time the total liening has been under \$100,000. This total includes all interest and fees at the time of the lien.

A new tax rate will be set in the fall. Once we receive the tax rate, second issue 2017 bills will be sent out. Our office accepts prepayments and partial payments on property taxes. Be aware beach stickers are still in effect until October 1st or when the signs are taken down.

Visit the town website (www.town.rye.nh.us) for all services the Town Clerk's office offers. Icons will take you to the right place to register your vehicles, pay taxes and sewer bills, and license your dog. Online we accept check or credit card. If you have trouble using the online system, please call our office and we will guide you through it. At the counter, we offer paying by check, cash, or credit card. Please be aware it is a 2.95% surcharge for the use that goes directly to the credit card company. Being a municipality, we cannot absorb the fee; therefore, it is passed on to the customer. When paying by mail (i.e. vehicles, dog license or a receipt of paid taxes) please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Additional information on procedure information, registering a vehicle or dog license requirements can be found on the town website.

Thank you for all your support. Remember, we are here to help you. If you are driving, walking or biking, stop in, say hello and meet our newest staff member.

Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Rye Fire & Rescue - Child Passenger Safety

Car Seats: Information for Families. One of the most important jobs you have as a parent is keeping your child safe when riding in a vehicle. Each year thousands of young children are injured or killed in car crashes.

Proper use of car seats help keep children safe. But with so many different seats on the market, many parents find this overwhelming. If you are an expectant parent, give yourself enough time to learn how to properly install the car seat in your car before your baby is born to ensure a safe ride home from the hospital.

A few car seat facts everyone should be aware of:

- 80% of car seats are either improperly installed or not the correct car seat for the child.
- Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children.
- Every 33 seconds in 2016, 1 child under the age of 13 was involved in a crash.
- From 2012-2016, there were 3,194 children under the age of 13 killed and an estimated 559,000 children injured in car crashes.
- In 2016 alone, an estimated 116,000 children under the age of 13 were injured in passenger car crashes.
- On average, nearly 2 children under 13 were killed, and 319 children were injured every day in 2016 while riding in cars.
- In 2016, the 8-12 age group had the highest number of fatalities (236) among children.

Which car seat is right for your child? The type of seat your child needs depends on several things: including your child's age and size, accommodations for children with special needs and the type of vehicle do you have.

1. Newborns to two years of age and twenty pounds should ride in a rear-facing position until they reach the highest weight and height allowed by the car

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seat manufacturer.

2. Children who have outgrown the rear-facing weight and height limits for their convertible seat should use a forward-facing seat with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight and height limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer.
3. All children whose weight and height have exceeded the forward-facing limits for their car seat should use a belt positioning booster seat until the vehicle's seat belt fits properly, typically when they reach four foot nine inches in height and eight to twelve years of age. All children thirteen and younger should always sit in the rear seat.
4. When children are old enough and large enough for the vehicle's seat belts to fit them correctly, they should always use a lap and shoulder belt as long as the seat belt is able to be positioned properly.

The Rye Fire Department has two certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who can assist you with installation, inspections or even just to answer questions you may have on how to keep your children safe while riding in a car. We can be reached at the Fire Station at (603) 964-6411.

Lt. Charles Gallant
Rye Fire & Rescue

Police Chief's Message

Rye Police Department has a new team member, Officer Carissa Preneveau. Carissa was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, but grew up in Salem, NH. Carissa graduated from Salem High School and went on to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst. During high school and college, Carissa registered in many

French language courses and has an elementary proficiency in French. Carissa graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Anthropology. In the Chief's interview, I asked Carissa how she would use Anthropology in a law enforcement career. Carissa said she would use her education to look at what is important to people and what can be done differently to help. This is what made Carissa stand out from the other applicants. Carissa will be attending the N.H. Police Academy this fall.

School reopened on August 29, 2017. 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, drivers' speed must not exceed 20 mph while traveling through school zones. Please make sure your vehicle slows down before entering the school zones. Always stop for school buses loading and unloading students. 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 and then enter the school parking lot. This will enable the morning and afternoon commuters to continue moving without creating a traffic jam. In addition, please check to make sure your child has his or her seat belt buckled. For your child's safety, we ask that you remind your child to remove his or her backpack before he or she attempts to buckle up.

Tips for students: Always buckle up when you're riding in a car. Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike. If you ride a bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus. Please stay in your seat. If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. Always cross at cross walks and obey all traffic signs. Most important, be a good role model for your younger brothers, sisters and friends. Help them to learn and practice safety rules.

Distractions noticed by your police officers: Cell phone and electronics use, eating, drinking, smoking,

reaching or looking elsewhere, grooming and reading. **Remember: Slow Down. Stay Alert.**

We are looking forward to another great school year and that starts with motorists being mindful of school zones and school buses carrying our children. Our officers will be paying close attention to school zones and safe operation of vehicles throughout the area.

DOGS: Please remember the ordinance for dogs on the beach is in effect until September 9, 2017, the first Saturday after Labor Day. 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 SPCA.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Public Works Message

Anyone who has a yard knows that leaves, weeds, grass clippings, twigs and branches can present a disposal challenge. This has been especially true since the mid 1990's when many state laws banned yard waste from landfills, some of which were seeing a fifth of their capacity consumed by yard waste. This source reduction has become a successful component of municipal waste management, and is one of the reasons why landfill capacity at a national level remains relatively constant. Gone are the days when these materials could be disposed of with your trash.

Proper disposal of yard waste invariably creates costs for the individual, the community and the environment. However, they can be managed in ways that achieve greater overall benefits than was true in the past. We in Rye are quite fortunate to

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have a yard waste disposal site in town, operated by the Public Works Department, which composts the waste and returns it to the environment as a clean and stable compost.

It is imperative that yard waste be handled properly. Yard waste entering storm drains, ditches, streams and other water sources, increases the risk of flooding and adding pollutants to the environment. Not only does yard waste cause blockages to the drainage system which can lead to localized flooding, it can also "super fertilize" streams and ponds leading to algae blooms and aquatic animal kills.

Therefore, it is important not to throw your yard waste into the woods but rather to manage them by reapplying clippings to lawns, by composting at home, or by transporting to the town's facility. Reapplying clippings to yards reduces waste and can decrease the need for fertilizers and water by adding nutrients and limiting evaporation.

Should you use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides on your lawns and gardens they too enter the environment through improper or careless disposal of yard waste. Homeowners should read all product labels carefully and apply any products sparingly.

The Transfer Station is open for the disposal of yard waste Tuesday and Saturday from 7:30 am. to 3:45 pm. Grass clippings and leaves should be separated from branches, twigs and limbs, and deposited in the identified appropriate location, at the rear of the facility. In addition limbs and tree branches should be less than four feet long and less than six inches in diameter.

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

Sewer Department Message



It is important to note that The Town of Rye Sewer Department continues to experience operational problems with the sewage pumping stations throughout the Town. The cause of the problem relates directly to products and materials discharged from property owners to the Town of Rye public sewer mains.

Please do not put paper towels, tissue, newspaper, rags, flushable wipes, diapers, sanitary napkins or feminine products down the toilet.

All of these items have caused havoc with our pumps. The only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper. Kitchen solids can also cause a blockage. Garbage disposals do not always reduce items to the point that they will flush clear of the lateral lines.

Please do not dump cooking grease and oils down the drain. Flushing out the grease with hot water will not work either; this only causes a build up further down the drain and eventually contributes to a stoppage in the lateral or Town sewer pipes. To dispose of cooking grease, pour it into a heat-resistant container, such as a milk carton, and allow it to cool and set. That container should then be disposed in the regular garbage.

The bottom line is that the continued discharge of extraneous debris and grease, oils, and fats into the public sewer system will have a **negative financial impact** and increase the costs for maintenance and repair of Rye's public sewer system and will result in additional costs for the homeowner.

The current Sewer Commission consists of David W. Kohlase, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; and David M. Adams, Commissioner, Lee Arthur is the Sewer Administrator.

The Sewer Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Sewer Commission Office now located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH, above the U.S. Post Office. Office hours are Monday - Friday,

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or for assistance after hours. Please call 964-6815 and we will be glad to assist you.

Historic District News

The Historic District of Rye is that central area of town from the west end of Grange Park to the intersection of Central and Washington Roads, including the Rye Town Hall. This part of the Historic District is comprised of pre-revolutionary, federal and Victorian residential, commercial and municipal buildings. The structures date from 1724. The customary surface construction material is wood clapboard. The roof shape is peaked.

The Rye Historic District also includes the Brackett Road Massacre Site. A little after noon on September 29, 1691, a party of an estimated 40 "Indians" came by canoes from the east to Saltwater Brook and landed near Sandy Beach Garrison. The "Indians" burned one or two houses on Brackett's Lane, killed at least 13 settlers and took 7 women and children captive - Anthony Brackett, Francis Rand and member of their families. Brackett's Lane, now Brackett Road is a part of the first road used by the earliest settlers which extended from the present Washington Road near the old "Seavey House", and is now parallel to Ocean Boulevard. Gravesites at the location are part of a Rye Heritage Commission Adopt a Graveyard Program and are maintained by a descendant of Anthony Brackett.

The Rye Historic District also includes the historic Cable House at 20 Old Beach Road, built during the winter of 1874-75 by Direct United States Cable Co. to provide transatlantic communication through Heart's Content, Newfoundland. The Transatlantic cable to the US began in Baljinskellig County Kerry, Ireland. The Cable House, the first Atlantic cable receiving house, operated 24/7 until 1921, with especially busy times

Historic District News

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during the Russo-Japanese Peace talks in Portsmouth in 1905.

The Rye Historic District incorporates the Isles of Shoals islands which fall within the State of New Hampshire: White, Seavey, Star, and Lunging [also known as Londoners] Islands.

Seven members and three alternates from the Rye community make up the Rye Historic District Commission. We are guided in our actions by the Rye, New Hampshire Zoning Ordinances. This document sets out the several purposes for the Rye Historic District Commission:

1. to **preserve** the unique collections of historically, architecturally and culturally significant buildings and structures which characterize the Town of Rye, New Hampshire,
2. to **encourage** their **maintenance and restoration**, and
3. to **insure** that new buildings and structures and alterations to existing buildings and structures, and uses of buildings and structures within the District are in **visual harmony** with their neighbors in order that a district be preserved which will
 - a. reflect the cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history of the Town of Rye, New Hampshire,
 - b. conserve and maintain property values in such District,
 - c. foster civic beauty,
 - d. strengthen the local economy, and
 - e. generally provide an opportunity to benefit the education, pleasure and welfare of all the citizens of the municipality.

The Historic District Commission is a regulatory land use Commission which votes on exterior changes to the buildings, fencing and signage within the defined District. Citizens residing within the District wishing to construct, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the exterior

of a structure, must obtain a Certificate of Approval from the Historic District Commission before obtaining a building permit. An exception exists for a repair which replaces like materials which only requires notification be given to the Commission. Applications for a Certificate of Approval may be obtained from the Office of the Building Inspector located at Town Hall.

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman
Historic District Commission

Rye Water District News

Water Conservation: The Water District (RWD) would like to once again thank its customers for using water wisely! By following our suggested outdoor watering/lawn irrigation times; **before 8AM & after 6PM** and not during the heat of the summer's day.

Three Water Suppliers in Rye: The Rye Water District supplies water and fire protection to the major portion of the Town of Rye, identified by silver and red painted fire hydrants. Aquarion Water Works, a privately owned company in Hampton, supplies the southern portion of the Town, Jenness Beach and Rye Beach Precincts.

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

Additional Monitoring: The Rye Water District is continuing to test and monitor its source water for PFC's and 1, 4-dioxane, with the initial sampling starting in 2016. Additional samples for PFC's were taken in January 2017 and for 1, 4-dioxane in February 2017. Beginning in July 2017, the RWD intends to sample and monitor PFC compounds on a monthly basis.

Sampling results are posted on the Town of Rye's website.

Fire Hydrants: If you have a hydrant near your property, we ask you to trim off limbs and cut back shrubs, so they will not hamper operation and maintenance of such. Please remember to not plant shrubbery, erect stone-walls, or install mail boxes closer than eight (8) feet from any fire hydrant. This will ease the snow removal process and access for the Fire Department in an emergency.

Outside Meter Reading Equipment: 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/relocation of the outside meter reading receptacle/radio. Failure to do so may result in additional charges.

Did You Know?: The most common reason for lost water and an excessive water bill at your home is from a leaking toilet. A faulty toilet tank seal or an incorrect water level setting can leak up to ¾ a gallon per minute or over 1,000 gallons per day. 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 the dye 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. Dye tablets for toilet leak testing are available at the RWD office.

Lawn Rehabilitation: If your lawn has sustained damaged from the summer's heat 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. Conditions better with proper watering.

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

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 can participate in other programming opportunities, including day and overnight trips, fitness classes and a walking group. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch and \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For more information contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us

LUNCH PROGRAMS

Thursday, September 14, 2017, Life in Paris: Pictures and Stories
Thursday, October 12, 2017, Pleasures of the Parlor: Playlist from a Victorian iPod
Thursday, November 9, 2017, The New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell
Thursday, December 14, 2017, Raptors, Reptiles and Mammals
Thursday, January 11, 2018, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from Sails to Atoms
Thursday, February 8, 2018, Seacoast Science Center's Marine Mammal Rescue
Thursday, March 8, 2018, Songs of Emigration: Storytelling Through Traditional Irish Music
Thursday, April 12, 2018, House on the Bay: Life on 17th-Century New Hampshire's Coastal Frontier
Thursday, May 10, 2018, Liberty is our Motto!: Songs and Stories of the Hutchinson Family Singers

DAY TRIPS

Thursday, September 21, 2017, One Night in Memphis, \$99
Wednesday, November 8, 2017, The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue, \$99
Tuesday, December 5, 2017, Michael Buble Christmas Tribute, \$99
Friday, December 8, 2017, Holiday Pops Christmas Show, \$150
Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Live From Nashville: Country Legends, \$99
Thursday, May 24, 2018, The Everly Brothers and Simon and Garfunkel: Ultimate Tribute, \$99
Tuesday, June 19, 2018, Dancing Dream: Abba Tribute Band, \$99

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

December 3-4, 2017 (Sunday-Monday), Christmas New York Style, \$439 pp double, \$539 pp single
May 18-20, 2018 (Friday-Sunday), New York City, \$619 pp double, \$849 pp single
August 21-23, 2018 (Tuesday-Thursday), Niagara Falls, \$539 pp double, \$719 pp single

FITNESS CLASSES

Live Long and Strong is instructed by Alexis Mason and held at Rye Congregational Church on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., \$68 (Prorated to start date)

Dates: September 18, 20, 25, 27, October 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, November 1, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29, December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 2017, January 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, February 5, 7, 14, 21, 26, 28, March 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28, April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 30, June 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 2018.

Stretch and Balance is instructed by Vivian Lefebvre and held at Rye Congregational Church on Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$37 (Prorated to start date)

Dates: Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2017, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018.

WALKING GROUP

Walking Group meets at the Town Hall Upper Parking Lot to walk Central Cemetery on Fridays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m. No charge, registration required.



Physical: 55 Recreation Road
Mailing: 10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870
Phone: 603-964-6281
Fax: 603-964-1516



FALL PROGRAMS

Mailing: 10 Central Road Rye, NH 03870 Physical: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870
Tel. (603) 964-6281, Fax (603) 964-1516, E-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us, Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us/

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FALL PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 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 5, 2017, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Programs.

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 and overnight 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

LUNCH PROGRAMS



LIFE IN PARIS: PICTURES AND STORIES

Henry Smith will present images and stories from his many years of travel to French soil. Informative and entertaining, he shares his keen interest in life in France, social and political, past and present—the bouquinistes, art and graffiti, the open air markets, cemeteries, and so much more! Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 Lunch: Chicken salad croissant, potato salad, lettuce, tomatoes, olives, pickles, chips, lemon strawberry shortcake and ice cream. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, September 7, 2017 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



PLEASURES OF THE PARLOR: PLAYLIST FROM A VICTORIAN IPOD

Marya Danihel discusses and performs songs middle-class Victorians sang for pleasure at home in New England. Melodious, witty, and touching, this music includes parlor songs, Civil War songs, and selections by Stephen Foster and his contemporaries. Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 Lunch: Vegetarian lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, apple crisp and ice cream. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 5, 2017 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

DAY TRIPS



ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS This concert tribute is inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock-'n'-roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins on December 4, 1956, for the first and only time. True American music

featuring the hits, "Blue Suede Shoes", "Great Balls of Fire", "Don't Be Cruel" and many more. Held at Venus De Milo, Swansea, MA. Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017 Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan or baked scrod, minestrone soup, potato/pasta, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: September 7, 2017 Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



THE CORVETTES DOO WOP REVUE

This incredibly entertaining show is dedicated to preserving and performing the music of the 1950's Doo Wop era. The Corvettes comical stage antics have left many a happy audience screaming for more. Some of the great hits you will hear include "Rock Around the Clock", "Runaway", and "The Twist". Held at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA. Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 Meal: Holiday roasted turkey dinner with all the fixings, potato, stuffing, vegetable, garden salad, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: October 18, 2017 Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



NEW ENGLAND QUILTS AND THE STORIES

THEY TELL Quilts tell stories, and quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Quilting is NOT just an American art; world cultures that have cold weather use quilted textiles.

Pam Weeks weaves world history, women's history, industrial history and wonderful stories into her presentation. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017 Lunch: Baked stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes, Greek salad, roll, fudge brownie supreme. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, November 2, 2017 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



RAPTORS, REPTILES AND MAMMALS

Focusing on animals that live locally, Katie Brodeur of the Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick, Maine, will provide an introduction to the unique differences between raptors, reptiles, and mammals. Do snakes have fur? Why do opossums have pouches? How do each of these animal groups adapt to our changing seasons? Using live animals and interactive displays, the answers to these and other questions will be revealed. Date: Thursday, December 14, 2017 Lunch: Yankee pot roast, roasted red potatoes, carrots, garden salad, roll, Boston cream pie. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, December 7, 2017 *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



MICHAEL BUBLE CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE

Now meet Scott Keo, a fantastic entertainer and vocalist who has established himself as North America's #1 Michael Buble Tribute Artist. He looks like Michael...moves like Michael... sounds like Michael and swings like Michael. Join us at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA to

experience an outstanding show. Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: November 14, 2017 Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



HOLIDAY POPS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Take part in one of Boston's most beloved traditions - a Holiday Pops matinee concert at historic Symphony Hall. Capturing the magic of the season the Boston Pops will perform their signature "Sleigh Ride" as well as other Holiday classics. Enjoy

America's Orchestra and have lunch at Venezia Waterfront Restaurant, Boston, MA. Date: Friday, December 8, 2017 Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan with pasta or baked scrod with potato and vegetable, garden salad, bread, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: November 17, 2017 Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$150 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

OVERNIGHT TRIP



CHRISTMAS NEW YORK STYLE This trip incorporates the Historic Hudson Valley and New York City. Tour the Union Church of Pocantico Hills and the Lyndhurst Castle which overlooks the Hudson River. Take in a Christmas Show at Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre and the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Show. There will be approximately three hours for shopping and lunch on your own. Date: December 3-4, 2017 (Sunday-Monday) Departure Time and Location: TBD Fee: \$439 pp double, \$539 pp single (Includes transportation, 1 night lodging at the Sheraton in Tarrytown, NY, 2 meals (breakfast and dinner), touring and shows. *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. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

Dates: September 18, 20, 25, 27, October 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, November 1, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29, December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 2017, January 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, February 5, 7, 14, 21, 26, 28, March 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28, April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 30, June 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 2018, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: \$68 (Prorated to start date)



STRENGTH & 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. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.* Dates: Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2017, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: \$37 (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. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

Dates: Fridays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Location: Town Hall Upper Parking Lot, 10 Central Road, Rye Fee: No charge, registration required.



ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION is instructed by nationally-certified classical yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Build core strength, flexibility and balance while gaining relaxation tools and healthy living tips. Breathe. Center your mind and cultivate serenity. Learn the ancient practice of combining yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class. Beginners welcome. Held at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye.

Session 1, Tuesdays, September 19, 26, October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Session 2, Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2017, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$99 per session (6 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, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017 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, November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13, 2017 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: \$75 per session (6 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 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 2018. 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 21, 2017.*



RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December 2, 2017 to February 17, 2018. 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 27, 2017 deadline.*

GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE & SCRIMMAGE GROUP is open to girls grades 1-5. Held December 2, 2017 to February 17, 2018. 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 27, 2017 deadline.*



OPEN COURT BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School. Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16, 2017, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 17, 2018 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 27; Thursday, December 28; and Friday, December 29, 2017, 9:30-11:00 a.m.. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance.



ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL will be offered pending Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High, approval and availability. No charge. Participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation so they can be notified of the schedule when it becomes available.



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. Contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 regarding availability.



TOWN OF RYE TRICK OR TREAT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Rye Public Library Fall Events 2017

Remember RPL as your information and entertainment moves back indoors during the cooling weather.

RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

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

9/6 <i>A Dog's Purpose</i> PG 100 min	10/18 <i>Beatriz at Dinner</i> R 82 min
9/13 <i>A United Kingdom</i> PG-13 111 min	10/25 <i>The Lovers</i> R 97 min
9/20 <i>Their Finest</i> R 117 min	11/1 <i>My Cousin Rachel</i> PG-13 106min
9/27 <i>Wakefield</i> R 106 min	11/8 <i>Wonder Woman</i> PG-13 141 min
10/4 <i>Knights of the South Bronx</i> PG 90 min	11/15 <i>The Hero</i> R 93 min
10/11 <i>The Sense of an Ending</i> PG-13 108 min	11/22 <i>The Promise</i> PG-13 min

This schedule is subject to change due to film availability, please check our website to confirm

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!**

9/19 <i>The Boston Girl</i> by Anita Diamant	11/21 <i>Orhan's Inheritance</i> by Aline Ohanesian
10/17 <i>My Name is Lucy Barton</i> by Elizabeth Strout	12/19 <i>The Muralist</i> by B.A. Shapiro

Coloring for Adults: 11am on Thursdays!
Materials provided.

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.
9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7

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

New! Senior Trivia and Social Hour:
second and fourth Mondays from 1-2pm. Call 964-8401 for SeniorSERVE van transport. 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 11/27

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Fall Programming Schedule TBA: 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

Special Author Event ! Thursday September 14 at 6:30PM

Michael Tougias presents “The Finest Hours: the true story of the U.S. Coast Guard’s Most Daring Rescue” A slide presentation and book signing. Sponsored by RPL and the NH Humanities Council

Computer Tutor or Device Advice Sessions –

Monday & Friday mornings or Thursday evenings

Call to Schedule a **1-hour session** and bring in your specific computer or device-related questions including security, how to borrow downloadable content for your device 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 classes.

Sept. 21	“Libby”, Overdrive’s Newest App! Special Thurs. Evening Class at 6:30PM
Oct 25	Intermediate iPad
Nov 15	Windows 10 Files and Folders

Rye Public Library Youth Department

Fall Programming September - November 2017

More Details at ryepubliclibrary.org or call 964-8401

Youth Programs:

Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)

Fridays Sept 1 - Nov 17 10:00 – 10:30am

Dumbledore's Army: All Ages Harry Potter Club

Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 6:00 - 7:30pm

Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Wednesdays 10:00am Sept 6-Nov 29(none 11/22)

YAttitudes Book Club (Grades 6+)

Tuesdays Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 6:30 - 7:30pm

Friday Family Movies (3:10pm unless noted)

Sep 15 & 29/Oct 6 (1:15pm), & 20/Nov 3 & 17

Crazy 8s Math* (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade)

Mondays Sept 18 - Nov 13 3:15 - 4:15pm (none 10/9)

Make Your Own Candy* (Grades 6+)

Sept 19 6:30 - 7:30pm

Turn the Page Café - prep and eat!

Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 3:00 - 3:30pm

Discarded Book Art Project* (Grades 6+)

Sept 26 5:30 - 6:30pm

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 28, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Cupcake Wars* (Grades 6+)

Oct 11 6:30 - 7:30pm

After Hours Book-n-Reel* (Grades 6+)

Oct 13 5:00 - 7:00pm

Zombie Make Up* (Grades 6+)

October 17 6:30 - 7:30

Book Bites Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Thursday Oct 19, Nov 16 3:15 - 4:00pm

Family Pumpkin Carving

October 25 5:30 - 7:30pm

Bead n Read: Beading and Audiobooks* Gr. 5+

Oct 26, Nov 9 3:00 - 5:00pm

***These programs require sign- up!**

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

Water District News

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Portsmouth Herald and posted at public locations in town before actually flushing begins.

Rye Water District Commissioners
Ralph Hickson
Arthur Ditto
Thomas Clifford

Rye Historical Society News

In August the Rye Historical Society (RHS) held its 2017 annual meeting and first member celebration at the home of Garritt and Debbi Toohey in Rye Beach. The weather was perfect for an outdoor party after the President's address, where Alex Herlihy announced that RHS had reached a record number of members, exceeding the 2017 goal of 100, allowing the RHS to expand its programming and enhance the research into Rye's rich history.

Researcher Jen King gave a presentation on her Rye Beach history project to a capacity crowd at the Rye Public Library on August 10. Her research, which was generously supported by a large donation by the Toohey's, was of great interest to the audience, and will be incorporated into an app that allows users to do a self guided historical tour of the area.

On Labor Day the RHS will have its third Rye History Trolley Tour of the year. These 90 minutes excursions into the past have been sold out all summer, and demand has been so high that the RHS is considering extending the schedule into October. Limited space is available and reservations are required. The guided tours bring you to various important historic sites through Rye and give an overview of the development of our special town by the sea.

Also this fall, on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm at the Rye Public Library, Rye resident Steve Clarkson will hold a discussion on his recent book, *The Last Run* Based on an actual 1929 event, when 139 cases of

liquor turned up in Rye Harbor, the historical fiction novel tells of Prohibition era exploits and intrigue right here in our town. Copies of the book will be available for signing and purchase and the RHS will have supporting materials relating to Rye in the time of Prohibition available to view.

In October, fitting with the Halloween season, the RHS will present a program with the ghost hunters Paranormal Reactions. These intrepid paranormal researchers will share their discoveries of hauntings and unusual and unexplained experiences on Star Island. The discussion will be on Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 at the Rye Public Library.

The RHS continues to welcome new members as well as volunteers who share an interest in our local history. Anyone with skills in research, documentation or even assisting with the website and museum maintenance is asked to contact the RHS at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org.

Alex Herlihy, Chairman
Rye Historical Society

Energy Committee News

The Rye Energy Committee and the Rye Conservation Commission have teamed up to bring you Doug Bogen presenting **Blowing in the Wind: The Potential for Offshore Wind to Provide Sustainable Power for the Seacoast and Beyond.**

Date: **Wed., Sept. 20, 2017**

Time: **7:00P.M.**

Location: **Rye Library, large room downstairs**

Town councils, such as, Durham, Dover and Portsmouth have already acted upon this issue. The vision involves the installation of floating offshore wind turbines, as the *"the US Department of Energy found just offshore NH's tiny seacoast there is at least 2,600MW of wind power potentially available--enough to provide current power needs for the entire state"*.

Come find out more about this exciting potential and learn how our

communities and the state of New Hampshire could play a key role in facilitating this sustainable transition.

The Energize 360 Event, a grassroots community based initiative offering programs about solar power, was offered June 15 at the Rye Public Library. Residents were given information about having energy audits of their homes and the opportunity to find out if a solar power installation was appropriate for them. This program was well attended and numerous residents signed up for the audit. If you missed this program and are interested in residential solar power, go to www.energize360.org for more information.

Rye Energy Committee,
Danna Truslow, Chairman
Susan Anderson
Howard Kalet
Tom Pfau

Conservation Commission Update

In the last newsletter, the RCC began a series of articles highlighting properties managed by the Rye Conservation Commission that are open for public use. This newsletter features the **Rand Forest**. The Town of Rye and the Rye Conservation Commission purchased the property in 2016. The Rand Forest has a rich history and was originally owned by the Rand family who founded Rand Lumber in 1905. The conservation property is over 73 acres in size and has a nice mixture of upland and wetland terrain. There are several wide woods roads that are relatively flat and that make for easy walking/hiking. The roads traverse both hardwood and pine forests.

There are two access points to the Rand Forest. The principal access is on Sea Glass Lane in the Sea Glass development off Wallis Road. There is a small public parking lot before the first house on the left that will accommodate 4-5 cars. Walking from the parking lot, go right - staying between the woods line and the lawns - to the entrance to the forest. Please stay off

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lawns of the Sea Glass homes – dogs especially! The other access is at the end of the cul-de-sac on Liberty Common. Park at the end and walk over the stone wall and you will be on one of the old woods roads in the Rand Forest. This access will be improved in the near future as the Rye DPW removes a couple of trees and opens a gap in the stone wall to allow emergency fire vehicles access to the property.

Hiking and biking are permitted in the Rand Forest but motorized vehicles are prohibited. Hunting is not allowed because of the many homes that border the property on all sides. The RCC hopes that the public enjoys and appreciates this beautiful land.

Blowing in the Wind: The Potential for Offshore Wind to Provide Sustainable Power for the Seacoast and Beyond. The Rye Conservation Commission and the Rye Energy Committee bring presenter **Doug Bogen to speak at the Rye Library, Wednesday Sept. 20, 2017, at 7 p.m.**

Doug Bogen has previously worked with the Seacoast Area Renewable Energy Initiative and with Clean Water Action, focusing on issues of combating climate disruption, toxic contamination (particularly mercury and military waste), drinking water protection, cleaning up the state's old fossil-fueled power plants and coastal water quality.

The future is now, come learn about the new technologies in Offshore Wind Power as *The "US Department of Energy's report finds 40,000 MW of wind power feasible within 30 miles of the coast of New England, more than the regions current need"*

Mike Garvan, Clerk
Suzanne McFarland, Vice Chairman
Rye Conservation Commission

Rye Schools: Academic Spotlight

The Rye School District defines "academic challenge" as meeting the individual student's learning needs

while asking him/her to try something new, think deeper, and push him/herself slightly beyond their comfort level. Challenge for the 21st century learner includes a focus on skills for life: critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and leadership, agility and adaptability, initiative and entrepreneurialism, effective oral and written communication, accessing and analyzing information, and curiosity and imagination.

The dedicated teachers and staff in Rye provide students with many opportunities to engage in meaningful projects that are academically challenging. Two excellent examples include the fifth grade science project at Rye Elementary School and the seventh grade argumentative writing curriculum at Rye Junior High.

At Rye Elementary School, the fifth grade students, led by Doris Gianforte, embarked on their journey of becoming young scientists. The diligent work of the students was obvious when they presented to a room full of subject matter experts, teachers and parents on February 17th. Through this project students developed core competencies such as conducting an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence and how cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. This multi-faceted project allowed each child to complete the process at her/his individual interest and skill level.

Specifically, students formulated a "big question" to tackle as it relates to their chosen subject. They gathered research and notes, which led to the development of a hypothesis. Based on their hypothesis, they identified independent and dependent variables and performed experiments with these variables. Controls for their experiments were identified and students learned to create data tables using Google Sheets to record the results. They used these data to create graphs, documented their procedures for the experiments and wrote a conclusion for their study. Finally, they created a display board of their projects and presented their findings to the audience. The subject matter experts, teachers and community members listened to the student's

presentations, asked questions about the scientific process they followed and provided feedback about their research. This feedback was presented to the students who in turn sent thank you notes to those who came to hear the presentations.

Our Rye Junior High seventh grade Language Arts teacher Jennifer Miller guided her students through a module on writing research-based argumentative essays. The students were tasked with looking at the RJH Student Handbook and selecting a policy they would like to see changed or implemented. Writing these essays came after reading a novel in class, *Nothing but the Truth*, where a student decided to break the rules rather than take the appropriate measures to address the issue. After completing the book, students wrote a literary argumentative essay where they were introduced to its proper format. After the students demonstrated an understanding of the format, they were asked to write a research-based essay on a topic that they feel strongly about.

The students presented their essays to an administrative panel that challenged their positions by asking questions. This provided them with an authentic experience addressing a problem and taking the appropriate measures to present their ideas, rather than simply breaking the rules, as seen by the character in the novel.

Congratulations to our teachers and students!

Rye School Board
Scott Marion, Chairperson
Kevin Brandon
Jeanne Moynahan
Margaret Honda
Paula Tsetsilas

Planning Board Update

Over the past several months the Planning Board has been deliberating over the proposed major subdivision at 421 South Road. We, as a board have spent countless hours pouring over various revisions of the plan which started out as a 22 lot proposal, ultimately reduced to 17 lots.

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In addition to subdivision approval the proposal also required a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) because it is located in the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District. The plan was unanimously denied for a variety of reasons. The planning board's 10 page Notice of Decision of August 8 denying both the CUP and the Subdivision Application may be found on the town's website. It is expected that the applicant will appeal to court. Please stay tuned to the Town website and Planning Board meeting minutes for any updates.

As the housing market continues to improve and become more expensive, a new concept for Rye has been proposed. A mixed workforce housing mixed with market rate housing is being proposed for the remaining 10 acres of land adjacent to the Rye Air Field project, also known as White Birch. A concept will be presented to the board at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 12th. This is a public meeting and all are welcome to attend.

The Rules and Regulations Committee has been meeting to review and revise building code changes where necessary. When complete, the committee will submit the proposed amendments to the board for approval. Public hearings will be scheduled and ultimately they will appear on the ballot in 2018.

At the last review of the master plan we concluded that the task was too large to take on all at once. Therefore we decided to keep reviewing on a regular basis and make changes and or additions where necessary. To that end we will add a new chapter on climate change. Additionally, we have updated three existing chapters with emphasis on the changes in town and the climate.

The Board also welcomes Steve Carter as a new alternate to the Planning Board. Steve has a long history with Rye and the background to be a significant asset to us. Thanks!!

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

Heritage Commission Message

RECOGNIZE.....
PRESERVE.....PROTECT
OUR HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL RESOURCES AND
LOCATIONS

From 2011 to 2017, various warrant articles have been brought to the town's voters related to the improvement of our Town Hall. Throughout these six years, the Heritage Commission has been involved in seeking a solution that will save this historic building from demolition. With so many proposals failing approval by the voters, it almost feels like things are at a standstill. A School Feasibility Committee is currently exploring possible options for use of the Junior High School in combining town offices with a more condensed school, but any immediate solution doesn't exist. Meanwhile, the exterior of the building continues to deteriorate. One cannot drive by our Town Hall without feeling it has been terribly neglected. A prominent building in the center of our town needs to be, at least, presentable, while its citizens continue to use it. It is STILL our Town Hall.

While an overall solution seems distant, caring for the existing building should not be delayed. We have applied for an LCHIP grant that will pay for the painting and outer restoration of the building. This is a matching grant, and the Heritage Commission will be responsible for raising matching funds, should we receive this grant to paint the Town Hall. We feel it is our duty and our mission to save this building from further decay. We will work very hard over the next few months to make this happen. We are planning fundraising activities and hope that all of you who care about our history will support these events in the coming months.

The first event will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017. We will have a fall cruise on the Thomas Leighton at 6pm. This will not be your ordinary cruise! It will travel to Great Bay and back, providing a

change from the typical Isles of Shoals trip. And the ticket price is attractive at \$25 per person. Proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to the Heritage Commission. Cocktails and refreshments can be purchased, separately on board if you wish.

Other events and opportunities to support our efforts will be forthcoming!

For further information and to purchase tickets contact Bev Giblin @ 603-767-3991.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US
ON THE FALL CRUISE ON OCTOBER 2ND!

Beverly Giblin, Chairman
Rye Heritage Commission

Rye Senior SERVE Update

Rye Senior SERVE has had a busy summer with an increasing number of riders on the SERVE van for the Tuesday shopping trips and numerous rides to medical and other important appointments. Thanks are due to the crew of three who rotate the weekly van driving duty and the two co-pilots who assist riders with their errands and to the generous volunteer drivers who transport residents to their many appointments. Several riders have said that these transportation services enable them to remain in their homes. This is gratifying to hear because that is the goal of Rye Senior SERVE.

We wish that more residents would take advantage of the Daily Wellness Calls program which offers a call each morning to check on well-being. If you or a family member would like to know more about this program, call Connie Olson at 964-5170.

In the interest of providing more social programs for senior residents, SERVE Board Member and Library Assistant, Gwen Putnam-Bailey, assisted by volunteer Dianne Valentine, has developed and initiated a Senior Trivia Hour. This group will

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meet twice a month on the second and fourth Monday afternoons at the Library. Trivia, refreshments and sociability make up these sessions. Transportation is available, if needed. Call the Library at 964-8401 on the Monday morning to say you are coming and/or to arrange a ride. All are welcome, so brush up on your useless information and come to Trivia Hour.

Connie Olson
Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

Last year's drought and the subsequent water restrictions prompted me to invest in a rain barrel for my garden this summer. Today most rain barrels are designed to exclude mosquitoes from laying eggs thereby eliminating a potential mosquito breeding habitat. I keep a close eye on my watering can and other garden items that hold water to make sure no mosquito larvae are present.

Mosquitoes are well adapted to manmade containers that hold water. Buckets, boats, trash cans and dog bowls all provide a breeding habitat for mosquito larvae in our yards. Every town has catch basins or storm drains along the side of the road or in parking lots. Many hold water in a sump at the bottom of the basin which has become a favorite breeding habitat for a number of mosquito species. This year, the number of mosquito larvae found in these catch basins is very high. Over 600 catch basins were treated in July to control mosquitoes. A second treatment was completed in August. The four species of mosquitoes found in the basins are capable of carrying West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).

Salt marshes are capable of producing millions of mosquitoes after flooding each month. Heavy rain events can trigger additional breeding.

The crew spends a week or more traversing the salt marshes in search of stagnant pools where the mosquito larvae are found. A bacterium called Bti is applied to the water to control the mosquito larvae. Salt marsh mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters and have tested positive for diseases in states south of us.

Surveillance of adult mosquitoes is conducted weekly at five fixed sites throughout town using three different types of traps. Mosquitoes are collected, frozen, sorted and identified to species. Select species are sent to the State Lab in Concord. The State Lab tests the adult mosquitoes each week for WNV and EEE. In early August, mosquitoes from Manchester and Keene tested positive for WNV. No WNV has been found in Rye. As of this writing, no EEE has been found in New Hampshire. Neighboring Massachusetts has seen many cases of WNV in mosquitoes this season.

This is the time of year when diseases like WNV and EEE start showing up in mosquitoes so it's important to avoid mosquito bites. Use repellent. Wear long sleeves and long pants. Make sure the screens at your house fit well and have no holes. In areas that receive occasional thunderstorms, mosquitoes can hatch within 5-7 days. Be sure to empty water from containers in your yard. Be vigilant to reduce your exposure to mosquitoes.

Sarah MacGregor, President
Dragon Mosquito Control

Assessing Department Revaluation Update

Municipal Resources Inc has been conducting informal hearings at the town hall as a part of the revaluation process. Approximately 10 percent of the property owners have scheduled an appointment to review their property and get an explanation of the revaluation process. The Town's overall assessed value increase approximately 14 percent as a result of the revaluation process. The MRI staff will reconcile the information from the informal hearings and arrive at a final value. The final values will be presented to the Select Board for approval. A final notice of value will be mailed to all property owners who have requested a hearing or whose value has changed. The new tax rate will be set around October.

I would like to thank everyone for their input and co-operation during this process.

Paul R. McKenney, CMA, CNHA
Contract Assessor's Agent
Municipal Resources Inc.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, September 16, 2017
9:00 am - 12:00 Noon Place:



Highway Garage,
Route 111A
207 Middle Road,
Brentwood, NH



The students of the second and sixth grades have been enthusiastic participants at the Goss Farm since the town purchased the property in 2010. The students have contributed to the farm's success as an agricultural resource by growing vegetables in the school garden plot. The second graders have planted blueberry bushes yearly in the western field, and there are now over 50 mature berry bushes thriving there thanks to the students hard work and dedication.

17 Photo taken by Sally King, Rye Conservation Commission.

RYE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, October 8, 2017

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



ANNUAL RYE CHRISTMAS PARADE - DECEMBER 3RD

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 3, 2017 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 **"HOLIDAYS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD"**

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

Thank You,

Chuck Gallant
Rye Holiday Parade Chairman

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

September 2017

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3	4 Labor Day Town Offices Closed	5 6:30pm Energy Committee	6 9:00 am 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	14 8:30am School Feasibility Committee 6:30pm CIP Committee	15	16
17	18 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	19 5:00 pm Mosquito Control	20 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	21 5:00pm CIP Committee 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	22 First Day of Autumn	23
24	25 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	26 7:00 pm Technical Review Committee	27	28	29	30

October 2017

1	2 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	3 6:30pm Energy Committee	4 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	5 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day Town Offices Closed	10 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	11 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	12 8:30am School Feasibility Committee 6:00pm Budget Committee	13	14
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22	23 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	24 6:30 pm Budget Committee	25	26 8:30am-4:00pm BOS Budget Work Session 5:30pm School Feasibility Committee	27	28
29	30 Trick-or-Treat 5:00-7:00 pm	31 Halloween 7:00 pm Technical Review Committee				

November 2017

			1 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	7 6:30pm Energy Committee	8	9 8:30am School Feasibility Committee	10 Veterans Day Observed Town Offices Closed	11 Veterans Day
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26	29 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	28 7:00 pm Technical Review Committee	29 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	30		

Library Trustees, first Thursday every month
5:30 pm at the Library

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

34th Annual Rye Lions Car Show

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

(Rain Date Sept. 24, 2017)

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.nh.lions.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.



Back to School

Quick Reminders

School opened August 29, 2017. Please be aware of children riding their bikes and walking to and from school. During the hours of 7:45a.m. and 2:45p.m., driver's speed must not exceed 20 MPH while traveling through school zones.

Kevin Walsh,
Chief of Police



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following committees/commissions have member vacancies.

Rye Demolition Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Rye Energy Committee	3 Member Vacancies
Rye Heritage Commission	1 Member Vacancy 4 Alternate Vacancies
Rye Historic District Commission	1 Member Vacancy 2 Alternate Vacancies
Rye Recreation Commission	1 Member Vacancy
Rye Recycling Education Committee	3 Member Vacancies

Please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 or email jireland2@town.rye.nh.us for more information.

NOTICE TO ALL GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND WITCHES

HALLOWEEN



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

Town of Rye
RYE, NH 03870

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RYE, NH 03870**