



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Selectmen's Message:

WORK ONGOING AS YEAR END NEARS

Tax Rate Set: On November 16th, the 2017 Town of Rye tax rate was set by the Board of Selectmen at \$10.11 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. This figure is \$0.57 less than 2016. We were able to apply \$955,000 against the tax rate this year leaving a 5% Fund Balance Account in the amount of \$1,263,042, in keeping with State guidelines.

Rye Beach Precinct, Jenness Beach Precinct and/or Rye Water District taxes will be applied to your bill where appropriate as follows: the Rye Beach Precinct tax is \$0.25 (down \$0.04), the Jenness Beach Precinct tax is \$0.27, which is the same as last year, and the Rye Water District tax is \$0.45 (down \$0.12 from 2016).

Review of Revaluation Update: On September 25th, Contract Assessors Scott Marsh and Paul McKenney provided the Town with a review of the recent revaluation update.

Revaluation is based on market value by analyzing the approximately 300 qualified sales between

April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2017. The appraised values are based on sales and like properties are appraised consistently and equitably. (Assessed value is the appraised value of a property less any exemptions such as elderly exemptions or properties that are enrolled in a current use program.)

Notice of hearings went out on July 14th and 399 appointments were scheduled over the next ten weeks during which 590 value changes were made.

The overall valuation of Rye increased by \$254,425,500, an overall increase of 13%. Although the tax rate has gone down to \$10.11 per thousand, many will see increased tax bills because of the new valuations.

Closure of TD Bank Perhaps an Opportunity: By early September, it was known that the TD Bank branch in Rye Center will be closed as of December first. The possibility that this building could be an answer to future delivery of municipal services immediately came to mind and seemed well worth exploration. Anticipating that the property would come on the market, the Board of Selectmen decided to explore Town interest in its acquisition.

The deed restricts commercial use of this property to banks only; but government uses are not considered commercial. The property is 3.7 acres and it abuts both the Town Forest and Parson's Field.

The Board instructed Town Administrator Mike Magnant to contact the TD Bank representative in charge of real estate and acquisition to discuss the Town's interest in the property. On November 16th, we received a firm price of \$540,000 for the Rye TD Bank property based on a

recent appraisal. This is somewhat less than the Town's 2017 assessed value for the property.

Our next step is to request a viewing of the facility in order to assess the existing space and its potential adaptation to Town departmental requirements.

It has been suggested that sale of the former trolley building/highway department/police station property might be used to defray the cost should investigation of the TD Bank facility be deemed a purchase worth pursuing.

New Fire Chief Sworn In: Fire Chief Mark Cotreau was sworn in by Town Clerk Donna DeCotis at the Board of Selectmen's meeting of September 11th. Chief Cotreau introduced his wife, Priscilla, and members of his family and complimented the Rye Fire Department on its "great reputation".

On behalf of the Town, Chairman Musselman welcomed Chief Cotreau and his family. He then presented a gift of appreciation to Interim Fire Chief Tom Lambert for his steadfast dedication and service to the Town of Rye from August 8, 2014 to September 16, 2017.

Water Quality in Rye: Additional testing of the monitoring wells at the Grove Road Landfill was completed in September. The results were consistent with previous sampling rounds in May and July of this year. The old town landfill, now owned by the Rye Water District, operated as a landfill from 1927 through 1975 when the Water District's Garland Road well was constructed. Monitoring wells have been analyzed regularly for the past 23 years, showing minimal water quality impact for the parameters tested. Testing this year for perfluorinated compounds (PFAS or PFC's) has indicated that some monitoring wells on the site are showing PFAS levels

Holiday Parade

"HOLIDAYS THROUGH
THE EYES OF A CHILD"

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road to
the Rye Junior High School
For additional information
call the Fire Dept. at 964-6411.



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in excess of a recently promulgated drinking water standard of 70 parts per trillion. Monitoring wells located between the Grove Road landfill and the Garland well have shown PFC concentrations at low levels well below the established standard, and more frequent sampling of the Garland well by the Rye Water District is on-going.

The Rye Water District has scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday evening, November 29, 2017 to discuss water quality results from the well and from the water system.

Salt Storage Facility: The proposal from Hoyle, Tanner and Associates, Inc. of Manchester to design and administer construction of a salt storage facility at the Public Works Department was accepted by the Board of Selectmen on July 24th. On September 25th, conceptual plans for the salt storage facility were presented and reviewed. Fabric, impervious to water, with a warranty of 15 years will cover a galvanized steel frame. The building is designed to provide storage for 1000 tons of salt and is needed to protect our water supply by allowing loading salt into trucks under cover, while providing for the efficient purchase and storage of salt. The goal is to have the project ready for a vote next March.

Shoals View Drive: Warrant Article 10 of the 2017 March ballot was approved in the amount of \$125,000 to reconstruct and pave Shoals View Drive. Unfortunately, the lowest design-build price for the work was \$258,000 due in large measure to extensive ledge lying beneath the surface. Following discussion on October 11th, it was decided to reject all bids and proceed as a design/bid/build project rather than stay with the design/build process.

Appointment of Rye Representative to the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation Commission: In August, the Board was tasked with appointment of a representative from the Town of Rye to the

Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation Commission which was established by HB 484. The appointment was delayed for two weeks in order to reach out to the community for Rye residents with experience in the health field who might wish to serve in this capacity.

We were seeking a representative with knowledge of what is already known about the problem as well as awareness of what is not yet known, someone who will not rush to judgment but has the capacity to assess public health needs.

On September 11th, the Board appointed Dr. Tom Sherman to be our Rye Representative to the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation Commission with the proviso that he will report to the Board of Selectmen prior to entering into discussions with the Commission concerning actions that the Town of Rye might take. We are fortunate that Dr. Sherman has the time to assume this responsibility.

Governor's Task Force on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Final Report: At the Board of Selectmen meeting of October 23rd, Dr. Tom Sherman presented the Final Report of the Governor's Task Force on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster. The Task Force held thirteen meetings between June 22, 2016 and October 4, 2017. The Task Force was asked to "coordinate communications and make recommendations for how best to address the concerns of constituents around the health impacts of environmental exposures in the Seacoast" which included the Schiller Power Plant, Seabrook Station, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the Coakley Landfill. Task Force meeting minutes and presentations may be found at www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/gtfsccl/index.htm and highlights of the Final Report as presented by Dr. Sherman are available by accessing the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of October 23, 2017.

Parsonage Proposal from The Housing Partnership: The

Parsonage Apartments in Rye Center has been operated as affordable rental housing for income-qualified senior households by The Housing Partnership (THP) on behalf of the Town of Rye since 1999. The current lease is due to expire in January of 2019.

The future of the Parsonage has been discussed over time by the Board and studied by a Parsonage Committee with recommendations submitted to the Selectmen. Proposals to purchase, demolish, enlarge or add buildings have been rejected.

Based on an understanding that the Town prefers to (1) continue to operate the property as affordable housing, (2) maintain ownership of the property and (3) maintain the existing building configuration, on September 11th, THP proposed preparation of a detailed analysis of the rehabilitation work necessary to improve the property for long-term occupancy to be followed by a revised financial plan which, if approved by the Town, may lead to a lease extension. On September 11th, the Board of Selectmen agreed to allow THP to prepare a financial report by January 15th in order to meet with the Board on January 31st to discuss their proposal.

State Senator Daniel Innis: As you know, Rye is nearly encircled by State owned infrastructure and facilities: US Route 1 on the west, US Route 1-A on the east and US Route 1-B to the north. In addition, Odiorne, Ragged Neck and Rye Harbor State Parks as well as Wallis Sands and Jenness State Beaches are embedded along our shore. Thus it should not be a surprise that many problems that arise in Rye are intertwined with areas of State ownership and responsibility requiring State cooperation and often funding for successful resolution.

State Senator Daniel Innis attended the BOS meeting of September 25th primarily to speak to the Board about the Coakley landfill, Aquarion and Lang Road. In

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welcoming Senator Innis to Rye, Chairman Musselman noted that we have enjoyed a very cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with the State through the work of former State Senator Nancy Stiles. The Selectmen indicated the need for Sen. Innis' assistance on Route 1B bikeway plans, Ocean Boulevard pedestrian/bicyclist safety and drainage issues, Lang Road, and the intersection of Dow Lane and Route 1 at the Rye/North Hampton line.

Aquarion Water Company, which serves the Jenness Beach and Rye Beach Precincts, provides about 35% of Rye's water while the Rye Water District supplies approximately 65%. Senator Innis noted that Aquarion is being acquired. The cost of water treatment plants was brought up. The Senator stated that at this time there is no State funding for water treatment plants.

With regard to a proposed **Lang Road** reconfiguration, the plan to relocate the intersection of Lang Road and Route 1 from its present location to the lights at Ocean Road was reported to you in the September Newsletter. The \$600,000 cost is to be split between the State and the City of Portsmouth. State funds are available but the availability of Portsmouth's share is currently not clear.

As mentioned earlier, due to our unique location Rye has many points of interaction with the State and our discussion with Senator Innis continued. Referring to parking safety along the **Route 1-A Corridor** as a major issue, Chairman Musselman reviewed our efforts regarding installation of parking meters as a means to generate revenue for highway purposes and to gain control of the corridor to enhance bicycle/pedestrian safety. He recalled that the NH Department of Transportation (DOT) declined to permit the Town to install parking meters because it would cut the number of non-resident parking spaces. DOT has expressed willing-

ness to enter into discussions with the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) about the possibility of remote parking to make the corridor safer. Chair Musselman added that safety along the Route 1-A corridor is not yet on the State Ten-Year Plan. Also, there are drainage issues in the Jenness Beach Precinct related to Route 1-A.

The **Route 1-B Bike Lane** is on the State Ten-Year Plan and it is a project that is shared with New Castle.

We strongly support the **Rails to Trails** project; but use of the Rye portion of the old railroad track right of way as part of the Maine to Florida bicycle/pedestrian Rails to Trails project requires the Town of Rye to commit to maintaining our portion of the trail. We need answers from the State with regard to trail construction, drainage issues and specifically what maintenance entails prior to signing a commitment form.

Town wide cell service continues to be an elusive goal. Coastal areas in general and the northern portion of Rye in particular have little to no cellular service. In the past ten to fifteen years, several searches for available property for cell tower installation have been undertaken to no avail. Although the old World War II observation tower at Pulpit Rock might have been ideal; opposition due to proximity to residences has eliminated it from further consideration.

Safety issues related to emergency calls for service or evacuation remain and Senator Innis was advised that there are areas of land in Rye which are owned by the State that might provide a solution to this problem. A private initiative by one of the cell phone companies may be needed to solve this public safety problem.

Dow Lane is the most recent example of our need for State assistance and cooperation. On August

28th, residents of Dow Lane presented a petition to the Board in support of closing the intersection of Dow Lane and Route 1, which would make Dow Lane a dead end road entered from Washington Road only.

Citing narrow road width, disrespect for the neighborhood, speed and other safety issues, the petitioners stated their case but did not anticipate the complexity of their request. Among the issues raised was the fact that Dow Lane, a Town road since 1809, intersects with a State road. If the entrance to Dow Lane was eliminated, it would have unintended consequences regarding traffic on Route 1.

Police Chief Kevin Walsh has worked diligently since September to address each concern of the petitioners and has provided continuous updates to the Board. The goal is to make Dow Lane safer and work with NHDOT to reconstruct the Dow Lane/Route 1 intersection.

The Dow Lane/Washington Road intersection was also of concern but unrelated to State responsibility. As a traffic calming measure, traffic control posts have been installed at that intersection which create a right angle turn from Washington Road onto Dow Lane and prevent a "rolling stop" when exiting Dow Lane.

All Veterans Tax Credit: Many years ago, New Hampshire legislation created the Veterans Tax Credit on primary residences for veterans who had served 90 days on active duty during wartime and were honorably discharged.

On October 23rd, Town Assessor Scott Marsh, explained to the Board that recent legislation, termed the All Veterans Tax Credit, has been passed to extend the Veterans Tax Credit to all veterans, not just those who served during wartime. Rye potentially has 145 "gap" veterans who fall into this category. In order to adopt the All Veterans Tax Credit, it must be approved by voters at town meeting.

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The Board voted to authorize our Town Administrator to prepare a warrant article which, if approved in March, will allow the All Veterans Tax Credit for all veterans in Rye beginning in 2018.

Town Hall:

Use of schools for municipal purposes: In response to a 2017 School District Warrant Article, the School Use Feasibility Committee formed by the Rye School Board in consultation with the Board of Selectmen has been hard at work since April evaluating enrollment projections and alternative means of dealing with declining enrollment, an issue faced by most school districts in New Hampshire. A report from the Committee to the Board of Selectmen is expected in the coming weeks.

Town Hall Exterior Stairway: The exterior stairway to the second floor of Town Hall had deteriorated over time and safety became an issue. At our request, the Building Inspector prepared a sketch for replacement and submitted it to the Historic District Commission as Town Hall is within the Historic District. By November, with assistance from Public Works, the replacement was complete.

Capital Improvement Program: The CIP Committee completed its 2018 – 2023 Capital Improvements Plan and presented the plan to the Board of Selectmen for acceptance at its meeting on November 13th. This plan is updated annually, and presents a coordinated six year representation of capital improvements suggested by Rye's department heads. Our thanks go to the CIP Committee for a job well done.

Annual Rye Holiday Parade: Santa will arrive in Rye on Sunday, December 3rd at 1 p.m. The parade begins at Webster at Rye, proceeds through Rye Center and ends at the Junior High. On behalf

of the Town, we thank the Rye Fire Department Association, the Rye Lions Club and Firefighter Chuck Gallant, Chairman, for their efforts in producing this highly anticipated, annual family event.

We wish you a joyous holiday season.

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

News From The Town Clerk/Tax Collector

The tax rate has been set and tax bills have been mailed out. The due date for the tax bills is December 21st.

The filing period for anyone wishing to run for a town office will be January 24th through February 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM. You must be a registered voter in order to run for office. Filing forms will be available in our office in January and will include the list of available offices. Town election will be held on March 13, 2018. Absentee ballot applications for qualified voters are available in our office and on the town website (www.town.rye.nh.us). Just a reminder, a law has been passed that allows a voter's spouse, parent, sibling or child to return that voter's absentee ballot to the clerk's office. The person returning a ballot for someone else will have to complete a form and present a government-issued photo ID.

After January 1, 2018 you may begin licensing your dogs for 2018. All dogs must be licensed by April 30th. A current rabies certificate is required.

Fee Schedule	
Spayed or neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Senior citizens (over 65) may license one dog at a discounted price	\$2.00

Late fee if done after June 1, 2018	\$1.00/month
Civil Forfeiture (any unlicensed dogs after July 1, 2018)	\$25.00

Beach Parking permits will be available for sale after January 1, 2018. The cost will be \$25.00 per vehicle/motorcycle/moped. Permits went up \$5.00 to cover the cost of the new security feature on the permit to prevent their duplication. You must present your registration and be a property owner or full time renter.

The Town Clerk's office is moving forward. In order to better serve the residents more efficiently, scanners have been purchased to process motor vehicle registrations, boat renewals and licensing of dogs. All renewal letters will have a bar code in place to scan. It should cut processing time.

The Town Clerk's office is helping the Rye Heritage Commission by collection of donations or sale of a hat, umbrella or canvas bag. The money will go towards painting the Town Hall.

Please help the Rye Firefighters Association Toy Drive! Gift Request Cards will soon be here. Make a child's wish come true this Holiday. Pick-up a card at the Town Clerk's office.

Reminder: You can pay over the internet for motor vehicles, dog licenses, property tax and sewer bills (www.town.rye.nh.us). Just follow the colored icons. If you choose to complete the above services by mail, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We do accept checks, cash or credit cards. If using a credit card, municipalities cannot absorb the fees, therefore it is charged to the customer. I have changed credit card services and the rate has dropped from 2.95% to 2.79%. I know it is only .16%, but when paying a tax bill or vehicle registration, it adds up. We in the Town Clerk's office, are always thinking of ways to help the residents. Thank you.

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Our door is always open for any questions.

Happy Holidays from Donna and Amy in the Clerk's office.

Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Notes from the Police Chief

Winter Parking: Winter is here and the snow will soon arrive. We are asking residents and visitors to please park in their driveways during the night and during snow removal to assist the Rye Highway Department with snow removal. The Rye Town Ordinance regarding parking states, "Overnight parking, midnight to 8:00 AM from November 1st to April 15th: Vehicles can be ticketed and/or towed if the parked vehicle interferes with snow removal on public ways."

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

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

Holidays: December 3, 2017 at 1:00 PM, the Holiday Parade will start at Webster at Rye and will travel up Washington Road and end at the Rye Junior High School. As a general reminder, please lock your vehicles at all times. During this time of year, people purchase gifts and store them in their car in their driveway or go to another store. Please secure your vehicle and put any purchases out of sight. Gift cards are also being targeted by thieves; please put the cards out of sight, even when you are at home. Keep your receipts for gift cards. If

a card is lost or stolen, the receipt can help track the card. Do not give out your social security number, including when using the computer to make purchases. Never give out personal information without verifying who you are giving it to.

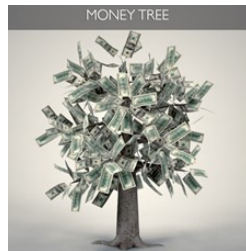
Vacation: If you are planning to go away for a couple of days, weeks or the winter, please make sure your home is locked. Use your security system (if you have one). Talk to a neighbor whom you trust and let them know you are going to be away. Whenever possible, ask a family member to check the house and please let the Rye Police know you are away.

Renovations: After homeowners agree to have remodeling work done at their house, many times, the hired contractor hires sub-contractors. Homeowners should always secure their jewelry, prescription medication, and any other valuables prior to the start of any work at their house.

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

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police



**Pssst....money
doesn't grow on
trees.**

FREE MONEY!!!

Have you ever heard nothing in life is free? That's pretty accurate, unless you are lucky enough to meet the Secret Santa who hands out

\$100.00 bills. What is the point of this post you may ask?

When you fall for the telephone scammer from

- The IRS
- The free government grant/loan
- The free cruise/vacation
- Window's Tech Support
- Fake debt collectors/aged out debt
- Threats of being arrested
- Fake charities
- Your family member has been arrested in a foreign country and needs bail money

YOU give them your MONEY FOR FREE.

We cannot stress enough..... DO NOT give your personal, bank account or credit card information to an unsolicited caller. ITUNES gift cards are not an accepted form of payment to the government. These folks are sophisticated. They have separated many smart people from their money. And, once the money is gone, IT IS GONE! Your local police department does not have the resources to track it and retrieve it.

When in doubt, give us a shout! We would rather you keep your money than to call us after the fact.

The best present you could give to yourself this season is to heed this advice and to SHARE THIS INFORMATION with everyone you know!

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Tips from Rye Fire & Rescue: Winter Is Coming, Be Prepared

As your new Fire Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the folks in Rye, town departments, businesses and the members of Rye Fire & Rescue for such a terrific warm welcome! I am impressed

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with the caliber of firefighters here in Rye. It is obvious that they genuinely care about the community! I, as well as the entire fire department are here for you, whether you have an emergency, fire prevention question, child car seat that needs installation or just want to show your children the fire trucks. Rye Fire & Rescue is your department so please feel free to stop by and say hello! I hope to see you all at the Holiday Parade!

Chris Bohling, one of our firefighter paramedics, offers the below tips to help us all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season:

With all of the stress and running around of the holiday season and with the start of winter around the corner, we at Rye Fire & Rescue want to help people be as safe as possible this season. With that in mind we have made a checklist to help the residents prepare for this winter season.

- As always check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every month to assure they are properly working.
- Check chimney flue and clean as necessary before using to prevent a chimney fire.
- Dispose of ashes from wood stoves/Fireplaces in a metal container away from your house. Remember ashes in a container can stay warm for upwards of a week.
- Keep flammable materials a minimum of 3ft away from wood stoves and fireplaces.
- If running a portable generator, keep the equipment a minimum of 10ft away from the house and make sure the exhaust is pointed away from the house.
- Store fuel for small engines in a safe area.
- Keep snow from building up around furnace exhaust vents which are located on the outside wall of many modern

houses. This will prevent a blocked flue and resulting carbon monoxide build-up.

- Do not warm up a car when it is still in the garage, even with the door open dangerous levels of Carbon Monoxide can build up quickly
- Be careful not to overload outlets
- Be prepared for the cold weather and winter storm. Have extra food and water on hand.
- Remember to check on your elderly neighbors during cold weather and winter storms.

Please enjoy the Holidays with family and loved ones!!

Mark Cotreau
Fire Chief

Planning Board News

The Board is made up of six (6) elected volunteers, a Selectmen's representative and up to five (5) alternates from the town. We come from a variety of backgrounds and levels of experience. The board has the gravitas required to expertly represent our home, the Town of Rye. Additionally, we are aided and advised by town counsel, a professional town planner, and a town engineer. The decisions made by the Board are subject to numerous regulations and RSAs, by which we are governed. We conduct ourselves in an open and transparent way. Anyone can access all business that has been conducted via the archived on-line streaming or meeting minutes, found on the Rye website. It is the law and we follow it absolutely. The three documents by which we are guided are; the land use regulations, zoning ordinance and master plan. The zoning ordinance is amended yearly and amendments are voted on each year by town residents. The land development regulations will be

updated in 2018 and the master plan is currently being amended. When they are updated, legal notices of the public hearings are published and the public is welcome to attend and comment at the public hearings where these two documents are vetted before being adopted.

Presently, we are completing a new chapter on Climate Change and we will have a public hearing for its adoption at the December meeting. Additionally, three other chapters are also under review in final draft; Transportation, Land Use and Natural Resources. We hope to have those finished and have a public hearing in January to adopt those chapters as amended. We are placing a priority on these chapters as we feel they are in the most need of revision as they relate to the Climate Chapter. Please consult the Town calendar for meetings that concern this topic.

The Rules and Regulations committee has been working on our Zoning Ordinance Amendments which include the Building code and Floodplain Ordinance. This process goes on year round and is a living document. It is reviewed and revised as conditions change in regard to State and National regulations. Public hearings are held at the Planning Board meetings on proposed zoning amendments and public input is welcome. Proposed amendments will be placed on the warrant for vote in March.

In other business the Board will hear the Work Force Housing proposal as presented by The Housing Partnership. This project is proposed to be built adjacent to the White Birch project on Airfield Drive.

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

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

Rye Senior SERVE Update

Have you come to Adult Trivia Hour at the Library yet? Initiated in August by Gwen Putnam-Bailey, Rye SERVE Board member, this fun activity tests our knowledge of history, sports, old-time radio and TV shows and so much more. Held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 1:00 PM, Trivia Hour provides good company, stimulating conversation and light refreshments. Transportation, if needed, is available by calling Dianne V. at 828-6669 by 10:00 AM on the Monday morning to arrange a ride on the SERVE van or in a volunteer's personal vehicle. No matter how you get there, all are welcome to come and enjoy Trivia Hour.

One of SERVE's most faithful volunteers has retired after 14 years of making Daily Wellness Calls. Shirley Harper made her first calls on November 14, 2003 (soon after the founding of SERVE) and her last on November 14, 2017. Thank you, Shirley, for your dependability as a volunteer. You have touched the lives of so many of our Rye friends and neighbors with your cheerful voice and pleasant early morning conversations.

SERVE has been busy in 2017 with an increasing number of riders on the van for the Tuesday shopping trips and more residents being transported to their medical and other important appointments. SERVE is so grateful to the many volunteers who provide these services. Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 for more information about SERVE and its programs.

The Board of Rye Senior SERVE thanks the community for its support and wishes all our Rye neighbors a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthful 2018.

Connie Olson
Rye Senior SERVE

Mosquito Control Update

Temperature, precipitation and fluctuations in tidal cycles are three of the primary factors influencing mosquito populations. Sometimes these meteorological events coincide and create a *"perfect storm"* for mosquito breeding. The 2017 weather pattern was challenging but not to the extent of being the perfect storm. The unseasonably warm temperatures in October and the first week of November did allow mosquitoes to have a prolonged period of activity.

Mosquitoes in Manchester, Nashua and Keene tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). No mosquitoes in NH tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or the ZIKA virus. This translated into no serious human illness or deaths from mosquito borne viruses.

It is important for residents to remember late summer and early fall is the time when the infection rate is the highest in mosquitoes and therefore the probability for people to become ill from a mosquito bite is the highest. Two years ago the RMCC began an awareness program for Rye residents to urge that they use caution during their outdoor activities. It is called *"Fight the Bite"*. Through a collaborative creative effort by RMCC commissioner Denis Lipman and Allegra Marketing Print Mail a series of posters were created. The mosquito posters were titled *"Bug them before they bug you"* and *"Wanted – Not!"* They were put up at bulletin boards and business establishments around town.

This year the *"Fight the Bite"* campaign was expanded to take on tick awareness because tick bites are a source of serious viral diseases such as Lyme Disease and Babesiosis. In bold letters the poster exclaims *"Now It's Okay to get Ticked Off"*. The posters are colorful and laminated to be useful for many years. They may someday

become collectors' items so if you have a good place to display them please contact the RMCC. I am sure Commissioner Lipman will be available to sign copies.

In 2018 the RMCC is proposing to treat the walking trail from the Rye Recreation Area to Parsons Field in the spring and fall to help control mosquitoes and ticks. This is all land under the control of the Rye Conservation Commission and their approval is necessary for this plan.

The RMCC extends its best wishes to all for a healthy and happy Holiday Season.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Historic District Update

The Rye Historic District Commission is pleased to announce a new member to the Commission, James Tegeder who will serve until 2020. James was formerly an Alternate to the Commission and is also a former Chair of the Heritage Commission and the Vice Chair of the Board of the Rye Historical Society. The Commission is also pleased to welcome Katharine Brown, a resident of the Historic District as a new Alternate to the Commission. Another Alternate voted by the Commission, pending confirmation by the Board of Selectmen, is Kaitlyn Coffey.

At a joint meeting in September of the Historic District and the Rye Heritage Commissions, the New Hampshire Historical Resources Division educated us about a State-Federal initiative – The Certified Local Government Program [CLG]. The Program presents our town with an opportunity to identify, protect and enhance the educational and economic value of Rye properties with historic, architectural or archeological significance. If our Board of Selectman applies for

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the Program, the Division of Historical Resources [DHR], Rye could qualify for 10% of grant funds allocated to DHR by the U.S. Department of the Interior, historically up to \$25,000.00 per grant. Rye Citizens have demonstrated their commitment to local preservation. They established the Rye Historic District and the Rye Heritage Commissions with members having interest and expertise in historic preservation. As a result, Rye is pre-qualified to make the application for CLG status. Participation for the entire town, not just the residents of the Rye Historic District would become eligible for the CLG grants. CLG Certification provides technical assistance with preservation opportunities such as surveys, planning, education, engineering and even *bricks and mortar*. The DHR would provide funding for professional help with charrettes, with drafting ordinances and Master Plan chapters and with website development to enhance citizen appreciation for preservation in our most historic town...the oldest settlement in New Hampshire [1623]. Designation as a CLG town also enhances opportunities for federal rehab, tax credits under RSA 79-E, qualifying ADA-related work and strengthening town infrastructure. The DHR is supportive of community-wide planning charrettes which could unify our vision for the iconic village center of our town. Citizen enthusiasm and support for the Board of Selectmen application for certification, as an incentive for community revitalization, is encouraged by the Rye Historic District Commission, as well as the Rye Heritage Commission. A public-benefit factor to be considered in the statement of support is that all tax relief incentives to be pursued after certification of Rye for CLG can require that energy efficiency measures be included in the project... a win-win-win. Please write your selectmen c/o Janice Ireland at jireland2@town.rye.nh.us.

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman
Rye Historic District Commission

Conservation Commission Update

A new trail has been established in Marden Woods located on the northside of Washington Road near Long John Road. Trail markers have been ordered to clearly identify where the loop trail has been established. This parcel of land is open to hunting, therefore, wearing blaze orange is recommended when walking on this land during hunting season. In addition, we are opening a pedestrian access to the Town Forest at the juncture of Washington Road and Wallis Road. This trail is on a conservation easement and is for pedestrian access only. Vehicle traffic should enter the Town Forest from Parsons Field access road. This pedestrian access is designed to reduce foot traffic from the Parsons Field access road that can be slippery during the winter months.

New granite posts, rust proof chains and locks have been installed at the entrance of Varrel Woods on Washington Road, Seavey Acres off of Pioneer Road and the entrance to the Rand property at the cul de sac at the back of Liberty Common. This prevents motorized vehicles from entering on these conservation land parcels while allowing access for emergency vehicles. Chains and locks were also replaced at the entrance to the Town Forest behind TD Bank and the end of Parsons Field.

To introduce more Rye residents to conservation land, the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) will host "Open Woods Day" for parcels of land where there is public access. We plan to hold these beginning in early 2018. Stay tuned for more on this and look for announcements on the Town website.

Attention dog owners! Once again there have been numerous reports of dogs running out of control in the Town Forest. This is against New Hampshire law, Rye ordinances and town forest policy. All dogs must be on a leash or under the

owner's control at all times. Control means keeping your dog within 100 feet and under voice control, so your dog will immediately come on command. Dogs have been running on private property abutting the Town Forest and have been seen chasing wildlife.

Free running dogs disturb wildlife nesting and bedding areas; in several instances dogs have been seen running deer and foxes. A deer that has been chased by a dog(s) is weakened and consequently their chance of surviving the winter is decreased. This also affects their ability to produce healthy offspring. Please keep your dog under control. We don't want to have to establish a leashes only policy, so your cooperation is essential.



The RCC would like to thank D.J. O'Brien, Joshua Blaisdell and Lee Adams from DPW for installing the granite posts!

Jaci Grote and Mike Garvan
Rye Conservation Commission

Rye Historical Society News

The cool weather has returned, and the Rye Historical

(See Historical Society's News, page 9)

Historical Society News

(continued from page 8)

Society (RHS) has started its Winter Hours, open most Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00pm and by appointment during other times (just email info@ryenhistoricalociety.org).

We welcome anyone interested in knowing more about the Rye Historical Society and Town Museum to our two public events this winter:

- **Holiday Open House, Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 2-6pm**
- **Winter Tea on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 2-6pm.**

Our programming season for 2017 was incredibly successful and we thank all of you who attended for your support.

Our three holiday Rye History Trolley Tours were sold out! This continues to be one of our most popular events and we look forward to adding to the tour to visit other prominent Rye historical sites. From experiencing Ogden Nash's poetry with Pontine to learning about life in the Piscataqua region in the 17th Century from Prof. Emerson Baker to seeing ghostly evidence on Star Island from Paranormal Reactions, the RHS, with the support of the Rye Public Library, had a banner year of interesting and enlightening programming in 2017.

We are in the process of creating the 2018 Program Schedule so that you can know more about the history of your wonderful hometown of Rye. Ideas include art programs, a historical church tour, Pulpit Rock, World War I, and Seacoast area witchcraft. We value your input and would LOVE to know what you are interested in learning about so that we can provide the best programming possible.

In late 2016, the Toohey family generously donated \$5,000 to the RHS for researching and promoting the history of the Rye Beach precinct. Jennifer King was the research associate for the Rye Beach project. She received her Master's in museum

studies/history from UNH in 2016. The research was presented to a full crowd and currently an app is being created to highlight the interesting and notable location in Rye Beach on a driving/walking tour.

This year the Rye Historical Society started a new program to highlight historically important homes, buildings and roads in Rye and Rye Beach. Called "The House/Road of the Month", a different home or road will be featured in our e newsletter and in Rye Magazine. If your home or road has historic significance, please let us know and we will consider it for highlighting this year.

We were able to reach - and surpass - our goal of 100 new members in 2017. We will begin our 2018 membership drive in January and welcome your support.

While members are incredibly important, we also need volunteers to help with the work of running and maintaining the museum, updating exhibits, spreading the word about the RHS through the community, and organizing events. If you have an interest or a special skill that may be of help, please contact us! We are also in need of additional board members, so if this is of interest, you are welcome to contact us and learn how to become involved.

As part of our Strategic Planning meeting, held in October, we identified the need to collaborate with other organizations in the community. Any local organizations interested in working with the RHS or having a volunteer presence, please contact us. We are also already planning a 400th Year celebration for 2023 and welcome help and input with this venture.

All the research and programming at RHS, as well as upkeep for the Museum building, takes funding, and as a **nonprofit, nongovernmental organization**, we rely on donations and membership to make all this happen.

Become a 2018 RHS

member today! Membership Benefits Include:

- Invitations to members only appreciation events
- Discounts on special events, exhibition previews, and community programs
- Participation and voting privileges at annual board meeting
- 10% discount on items from the Museum's gift shop
- A standing invitation to a personal tour of the museum's collection

Membership Levels:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Business	\$50.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$500.00

ALL levels of donations are gladly accepted! Payment can be made via Pay Pal on our website or by check payable to "Rye Historical Society" and mailed to PO Box 583, Rye NH 03870. Please include your name, mailing address and e-mail. Email us at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org. Website: www.ryenhistoricalociety.org

Alex Herlihy, Chairman
Rye Historical Society

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

Winter is coming, and the summer clothing and summer outdoor accessories are being put away for another season. If you are thinking about getting rid of some of those clothes or old patio furniture and accessories, think about where you can recycle them. This year before just throwing everything away into the packer or dropping them off the Swap Shop, take an extra minute to think where you can recycle those items.

Think before you throw it away!

(See Recycling Committee's Message, page 14)



WINTER PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870

Mailing Address: 10 Central Road Rye, NH 03870

Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516

E-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us, Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us/

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WINTER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Monday, December 4, 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-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 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



PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

FROM SAILS TO ATOMS Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has a venerable heritage and rich tradition. For more than 200 years, Yankee ingenuity and quality have been the keys to the Shipyard's success. Learn about its role and

achievements in times of war and peace from a military historian's perspective. Your guest speaker for the day will be Joseph J. Gluckert or Gary Hildreth.

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018

Lunch: "Breakfast for Lunch" Scrambled eggs, link sausage, home fried potatoes, fresh fruit, and blueberry crepes.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 4, 2018.



SEACOAST SCIENCE CENTER'S MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE

Seals come on to the beach to rest and soak up the sun. But what happens when a seal is in distress and in need of rescue? Learn about the common species of the Gulf of

Maine and find out how the rescue team responds to seals on the beach and learn about some real cases responded to this year.

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, garden salad, biscuit, and blueberry pie a la mode.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, February 1, 2018



SONGS OF EMIGRATION: STORYTELLING THROUGH TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

Through traditional music Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki relays some of the adventures, misadventures, and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants. He will discuss the historical context of these songs, interspersing their stories with tunes from Ireland that made their way into New England's musical

repertoire, played on his fiddle or guitar. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*

Date: March 8, 2018

Lunch: Shepherds pie, spinach salad, roll, and ice cream cake.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018



HOUSE ON THE BAY: LIFE ON 17TH- CENTURY NEW HAMPSHIRE'S COASTAL FRONTIER

One of the Great Bay's prominent families during the latter part of the 17th century was the Wiggin family. Recently, a team of archae-

ologists discovered the home of Thomas Wiggin, Jr. Neill DePaoli demonstrates how bay residents on the periphery of Anglo-American settlement were far less isolated and bereft of the comforts of the more "civilized" world than traditionally portrayed. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*

Date: April 12, 2018

Lunch: Chicken parmesan and pasta, Caesar salad, Italian bread and gelato.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 5, 2018



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

Dates: 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: \$49 (Prorated to start date)



STRETCH & BALANCE is instructed by Vivian Lefebvre. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups and work on balance. A combination of exercises performed standing or seated will challenge you and allow you to work at your own pace. Class begins with a warm-up and finishes with a series of stretches to leave you feeling refreshed and energized. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: Tuesdays, 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: \$28 (Prorated to start date)



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, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2018, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2018, 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, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2018 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, February 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018 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. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was Tuesday, November 21, 2017. However, if space is available, more registrations may be accepted. Please contact Rye Recreation immediately, if you are interested in this program.



DELIBERATIVE SESSION CHILD CARE is for children 4 years old and up. Participants will take part in games, arts and crafts, and a movie. Held in the Rye Junior High cafeteria the length of the Rye Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 3, 2018, with drop off beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents must sign their child in and remain in the building at all times. Fee: No charge!



SURVEY OF INTEREST

The Recreation Commission is currently soliciting feedback to see if individuals are interested in Rye Recreation offering a co-ed flag football program for youth in grades 3-8. If you are interested, please contact Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, at 964-6281 or larthur@town.rye.nh.us



RYE RECREATION COMMISSION VACANCY

The Recreation Commission is currently seeking letters of interest from residents interested in serving on the Commission. The Recreation Commission currently meets once a month on a Monday at 6:00 p.m. Please forward correspondence by December 22, 2017 to Rye Recreation Commission Vacancy, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH, 03870 or e-mail: larthur@town.rye.nh.us For more information contact Lee Arthur, Recreation Director at 964-6281.



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. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was October 27, 2017. Space is not limited; however, the late fee must be paid. You can register today. Fee including late charge: \$60 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).



OPEN COURT BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16, 2017, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2018, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Rye Elementary School. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance. Adults are prohibited from providing instruction on the court unless they have passed a Rye Recreation Background Check.



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. Adults are prohibited from providing instruction on the court unless they have passed a Rye Recreation Background Check.



ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Thursdays, December 14, 21, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2018, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Rye Elementary School. *Please note: No basketball on November 23, December 7 and 28, 2017, March 1, 2018*
Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, 31, 2017, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. *Please note: No basketball on December 24, 2017.* No charge. Participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes.



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

Rye Public Library Winter Events 2017/18

Read a book, watch a movie, listen to some poetry! It's dark at 4:00PM anyway...

RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

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

12/6 <i>Maudie</i> PG-13 115 min	1/17 <i>Tulip Fever</i> R 105 min
12/13 <i>Dunkirk</i> PG-13 106 min	1/24 <i>Harold and Lillian</i> 94 min
12/20 <i>Home Again</i> PG-13 97 min	1/31 <i>Battle of the Sexes</i> PG-13 121min
12/27 <i>Megan Leavy</i> PG-13 116 min	2/7 <i>Victoria and Abdul</i> PG-13 111 min
1/3 <i>The Glass Castle</i> PG-13 127 min	2/14 <i>Stronger</i> R 119 min
1/10 <i>The Good Catholic</i> PG-13 96 min	2/21 <i>Queen of the Desert</i> PG-13 128 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!

1/16 <i>A Man Called Ove</i> by Frederik Backman	3/20 <i>The Aviator's Wife</i> by Melanie Benjamin
2/20 <i>The Japanese Lover</i> by Isabel Allende	4/17 <i>The Laws of Harmony</i> by Judith Ryan Hendricks
Coloring for Adults: 11am on Thursdays! Materials provided. Drawing Together Sketchbook Group: Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Pressure-free art practice.	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. 1/4, 2/6, 3/1, 4/5
Knitting with Mary: By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	Chair Yoga with Amelia: Supported stretch & breath practice. Monday mornings at 9:30 am
Learn to Play Bridge: with Skip Page. Every Tuesday 3:30-5:30 pm. Beginners welcome!	New! Senior Trivia and Social Hour: second and fourth Mondays from 1-2pm. Call 964-8401 for Senior SERVE van transport. 12/11, 1/8, 1/22, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

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

Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

RPL Computer Tutor and 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 basic 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.

Jan. 18	iPhone, iPad User Group Discussion (Bring in your new toys!)
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Rye Public Library Youth Department Winter Programming December 2017 - March 2018 more Details at ryepubliclibrary.org or call 964-8401

Mother Goose Story Time

(Birth to 24 Months)

Fridays Dec 1 - 15, Jan 5 - Feb 23 10:00 – 10:30am

Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Thursdays Dec 7 - 21, Jan 4 - Feb 22 11:00am

Fridays Dec 1 - 15, Jan 5 - Feb 23 11:00am

Friday Family Movies 3:10pm

Dec 1 & 15/Jan 5 & 19/Feb 2 & 16

Harry Potter Alliance

Tuesdays Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 5:00 - 6:00pm

Dumbledore's Army: All Ages Harry Potter Club

Tuesdays Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 6:00 - 7:30pm

Bead n Read: Beading and Audiobooks*

(Grades 4-6)

Thursdays Dec 7 & Dec 14 3:00 - 5:00pm

YAttitudes Book Club (Grades 6+)

Tuesdays Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 6:30 - 7:30pm

Book Bites Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Thursdays Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15 3:15 - 4:00pm

Fandom Fridays (Grades 6+)

Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 3:30 - 4:30pm

Turn the Page Café - prep and eat!

Wednesdays Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14 3:00 - 3:30pm

Happy Planner Club

Wednesdays Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14 3:30 - 4:30pm

Crazy 8s Math* (Grade 3-5)

Mondays Jan 8 - Mar 12 3:15 - 4:15pm (none 1/15 & 2/26)

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday Jan 23, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Third Tuesday Night Teen Program*

Dec 19, Jan 16, (also Jan 30) Feb 20 6:30 - 7:30pm

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

Friday Feb 23 5:00 - 7:00pm

***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

Recycling Committee's Message *(continued from page 9)*

To keep everyday items that are still in good condition such as furniture, clothing, house goods out of the landfills give them a second chance. You can donate those items to local community organizations such as the Salvation Army Store, Goodwill, Operation Blessing, Savers, The Restore, Journey Home to mention a few. Please use the Swap Shop or packer as a last resort. Do you realize that everything you put in the Swap Shop after a week or two gets put into the packer which in turn goes into a landfill? It only takes a few more minutes out of your busy day to bring your old unwanted items to any of the organizations listed above.

Other Recycling Ideas.

Here is a suggestion for recycling old vases. Most florists can reuse old vases that are not chipped or cracked or bring your old vase in for a fresh arrangement for your home.

Tips for using old socks. Use old socks as gloves for dusting around the house. Use old socks for washing and waxing your car. When packing for a trip slip old socks over shoes before putting in the suitcase. It will keep your clothes cleaner. If you are moving, place old socks over glassware before wrapping in paper. A little extra protection for your glassware never hurt.

Remember to save those wood pallets you use for storing fire wood for the winter. They can be recycled into outdoor projects. Use them to make fences around the garden, or they can be made into coffee tables. If you have a green thumb use a pallet to hang on the wall, attach clay pots in the pallet, place herbs or other plants in the clay pots and you have an instant wall garden. And what do you do with the pots and containers that the plants came in? Lowes will recycle empty plant pots and containers.

If you have used medical

equipment that you don't need anymore, call the Rye Lions Club. They recycle medical equipment and loan items out to people that are in need of medical equipment.

The last idea we have is check the "Swap Shop" for containers that can be used to organize around the house. Keep that clutter organized.

We need your help!

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

John Provencher, Chairman
Recycling Education Committee

Rye Energy Committee Update

The Rye Energy Committee (REC) would like to thank REC Secretary Susan Anderson for her seven years of service to the committee. She has not only helped to keep the committee organized but also served as the liaison to the Rye Farmer's Market. Michael Joyce, our newest member, participated at the October and November meeting and will officially join in December.

REC was a sponsor of Energize 360, a consortium of towns in the Seacoast working to encourage residents to measure, reduce and renew energy use. Rye participated in Phase 2 of the project and held several open houses at homes that had installed solar panels and implemented other energy savings measures. Three Rye homeowners have installed solar PV panels and two have installed energy audits as a result of the program. The town will also benefit from the program with a donation of three solar panels for use at a town building.

The REC and Rye Conservation Commission co-hosted a presentation at the Rye Library on Offshore

Wind Power. Doug Bogen, director of the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, gave the presentation, which outlined the pros and cons of using wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine to provide renewable energy to New England. A goal of the presentation was to have each town ask Gov. Sununu to support further research into offshore wind energy. The REC will be surveying town residents to measure their support for this issue.

AND... news you can use - LED light bulbs the latest and greatest light source is now readily available

There is more to choosing a new LED light bulb than you think. First of all they come in different "colors". The traditional bulbs produce what is called warm white also known as 2700 to 3000 Kelvin, a scientific form of measuring color. If you want to replace a bulb, you may want to consider a direct replacement with a warm white bulb. These bulbs have a soft yellow white light. There is also a series of "whiter:" bulbs generally around 4000 Kelvin or known as daylight. These may be too harsh for many areas of the home, but you may want to consider them in certain work areas where a whiter light would be preferred. These bulbs produce a more blue white light. You may notice that some of the newer cars have headlights that are very bright white and produce a similar "daylight" color.

A few other items to consider:

- LED bulbs are not exact replacements, you may find that a LED 60 watt equivalent bulb is somewhat brighter than a traditional 60 -watt bulb and may replace both 60 and 75-watt traditional bulbs. Similarly, a 75-watt LED replacement bulb may be a great replacement for a 100-watt traditional bulb.
- Many LED bulbs should not be used in enclosed fixtures. Please read the

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label on each manufacturer's bulb. Generally bulbs over 60 watts are not rated for use in enclosed fixtures.

- The most economical LED bulbs are the 60-watt; higher wattage are more expensive. Finally, not all LED bulbs are projected to have the same life. The longest life bulbs are over 20,000 hours of use.

Rye Energy Committee
Danna Truslow, Chairman
Tom Pfau
Howard Kalet

Rye Water District News

Hydrants/Snow Removal:

Fire hydrants are now winterized and snow markers have been installed throughout the District. Once again we ask for your help in clearing snow away from hydrants near your property. This will be invaluable in an emergency. Please remind your snow plow operator that clears your driveway, snow should never be pushed or piled up on or near fire hydrants. It's unlawful to do so ref. NH RSA 236:21.

Freeze Prevention: To prevent damage and water loss due to freezing, all irrigation piping needs to be winterized, all outside faucets/spigots should be shut off; hoses removed and properly drained. As part of winterization of irrigation systems, the backflow preventer needs to be drained properly.

If you are going to be away for an extended period, have someone periodically check your home or install a temperature alarm dialer to help prevent property damage from frozen pipes.

Did You Know? The most

common reason for lost water in a home is from a leaking toilet. A faulty toilet tank seal or an incorrect water level setting can leak up to $\frac{3}{4}$ a gallon per minute 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 test tablets are available at the District office free of charge.

Backflow Prevention & Lawn Irrigation: Water systems are designed with the intention of the water flowing in a certain direction, from the (distribution system) to the consumer; however, pressure within the system may deviate from "normal" conditions, causing the water to flow in the opposite direction. This is called backflow. Backflow occurs when the pressure in the distribution system drops, such as during firefighting, water main flushing, or when a water main breaks, which could siphon water from consumer's plumbing, and or irrigation system into the distribution system. It's important your irrigation system's backflow preventer is installed correctly and tested at least once a year. If you're not sure a backflow device is present or installed correctly, contact our office at 436-2596 to schedule a free evaluation for next spring.

Commissioner's email: The Rye Water District water commissioners now have a general e-mail box.

If you have any issues or concerns with the water system operations feel free to contact the commissioners via email at: commissoners.ryewater@comcast.net.

Rye Water District Commissioners
Ralph Hickson
Thomas Clifford
Arthur Ditto

Rye Schools: A Strong Start

The Rye School District's 2017-2018 academic year is off to a strong start. Leading up to the school year, the building administrators and SAU staff worked tirelessly throughout the summer making improvements for our schools.

At Rye Junior High, Principal Marie Soucy is creating a learning environment focused on developing the individual needs of our students and providing them with the necessary tools to successfully prepare them for their secondary education experience. This year at RJH, students will benefit from a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum. Dr. Robin Ellwood has taken on the role as the STEM teacher and in this position is working hand in hand with classroom teachers to integrate science, technology, engineering, and math into the existing curriculum. Through the use of the resources in our building, Dr. Ellwood is utilizing an interdisciplinary and applied approach that allows students to make real-world applications in the classroom. In addition to the academically rigorous opportunities afforded to students through the implementation of the STEM position, students are receiving enrichment instruction two days a week. All teachers are available during this scheduled time for the enrichment periods to provide students learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom. A few of the offerings that students are able to select from include: learning how to use the laser cutter, building your own dog house, and improving your typing and curative skills. The Junior High also welcomed three new staff members this year; Duy Bui, Music Teacher; Chandra Eves, 8th Grade Science Teacher; and Kacie Ferraro, 8th Grade Math Teacher. They each bring some unique experiences and skills with them and we are very

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excited to have them join us.

At Rye Elementary School, Principal Suzanne Lull continues her work developing an innovative learning environment for our K-5 students. Thanks to a grant from the Rye Education Foundation and the energy of our elementary school teachers, RES has a brand new STEAM Studio. The studio is available to all young innovators who want to tinker, create, and collaborate to solve real world problems and teachers are connecting activities from their curriculum to the STEAM Studio. The ongoing effort to personalize learning for all students has expanded this year. A co-teaching model focused on mathematics was introduced for grades one through five. Teams of educators collaborate using pre-assessments for each math unit to determine what each child is ready to learn, and students are then assigned a teacher who will target instruction to their needs. Our math specialist, Maggie Hanna, heads up the team for each grade level. Another exciting addition to our curriculum is the opening of our Outdoor Classroom. Along with our established vegetable garden and the pollinator garden (researched, designed and planted by last year's fifth grade), this year brings greater opportunity for students to leverage the outdoors in their learning experience. This year we also welcomed the SAU Preschool program at Rye Elementary.

Our buildings received a few upgrades this summer as well. For example, at the elementary school part of the roof was replaced, new carpet in the library installed, and strobe lights in the hallways were added. At the junior high, the roof was re-shingled, carpet was replaced in the music/band room, and hallway strobe lights were also installed.

One final improvement to note is that the SAU implemented a new Web site across the four school

districts. The web site brings better functionality and provides the schools more independence by allowing them the ability to update information on a more regular basis.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in starting the school year strong.

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

Sewer Department Update

Financially Speaking

The Rye wastewater collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. The Town of Rye wastewater collection system discharges to the Town of Hampton and is treated at Hampton's WWTP. As part of the current Inter-municipal Agreement that is good until November 16, 2024, Rye is responsible for contributing to The Town of Hampton WWTP upgrades (Rye's share 4%). Please see the table below indicating the current list of capital projects budgeted for in 2017.

Year	Total \$	Rye's Share	2018 Payment	Upgrade Description	Final Payment Year
2000	\$1.4 Million	\$56,000	\$2,213.29	Nitrification, dilution study and outfall study	2020
2005	\$4.75 Million	\$190,000	\$9,842.30	Additional clarifier, dewatering equipment, sludge thickening facility	2025
2009	\$1.38 Million	\$55,200	\$3,096.71	Process/control building, replace generator, upgrade headwork's	2029
2011	1.385 Million	\$55,400	\$3,317.00	Sludge monitoring and handling, NPDES Engineering	2033

It is important to note that Hampton has identified the need to spend millions of dollars on their sewer system. The portion of cost directly related to improvements at their WWTP will impact Rye (Rye's share 4%). It is projected that an initial 13 million is needed for WWTP improvements and that 7 million could be allocated next year, bonded over 5 years. It is anticipated that the Sewer Department Budget would not be impacted until 2019. As information becomes available from the Town of Hampton the Sewer Commission will be informing their customers.



TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES: The Town of Rye Joint Loss Management Committee in conjunction with Club Finz Parrot Head Club of Southern Maine and Seacoast New Hampshire collected hats, socks and mittens for distribution to the following organizations: Families First Health and Support Center, Lids for Kids, Crossroads House, My Friends Place, Connections Peer Support Center, My Turn, and Strafford County Meals on Wheels. All Town Departments participated in the initiative and the results were announced at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon held on November 9, 2017. The Town of Rye collected a total of 410 items.

Sewer Dept. Update

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The proposed Sewer Budget for 2018 is \$258,255 which includes \$44,750 that is recovered by the owner of Adams Mobile Home Park. This is an \$88 decrease over last year's budget.

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

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

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



2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR RYE RECREATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PART-TIME POSITION

COUNSELOR: 2:15 – 6:00 p.m., M-F

2-5 days a week

Rye School District Calendar is followed

The Town of Rye Recreation Department After School Program provides recreation programming to children in Grades K-5. Experience working with children in a similar setting and/or equivalent education preferred. Successful candidates should be comfortable leading group activities, a positive role model for participants and must pass a criminal records check.

A Town of Rye Application is required and is available on the town web site at http://www.town.rye.nh.us/pages/RyeNH_Selectmen/app.pdf or from the Rye Recreation Department Office. Applications should be submitted to:

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

Open until filled

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



This is the time that the Rye Firefighters start to plan for the families of the Rye Community and the surrounding Seacoast Area that will be unable to share in the joys of the season. This is the 12th year that the Rye Firefighters have been able to participate in the Seacoast Area Firefighter Toy Bank and we greatly appreciate all of the support that our local community has offered to fellow residents. The many donations of toys and financial contributions have helped to make the season a wonderful time for various families who would be unable to celebrate on their own. However, it is not only during the holiday season that we are able to help in our community. Throughout the year, the Rye Firefighters toy bank also works to assist families in being able to recover when they have been through such tragedies as a home fire or natural disaster. This is why we once again must ask for your help in preparing for this season. We will be accepting any donations that could be offered from November 1st until December 21st. If you know of a family in need please contact us.

Here is how you can assist:

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

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

Thank You for Your Support WWW.toy-bank.com

Rye Heritage Commission Town Hall Fundraiser

Support the efforts of the Rye Heritage Commission in raising funds to paint the Town Hall! Go to the Town's website www.town.rye.nh.us and under the Heritage Commission page you will find a link to order online if you prefer.



TOWN OF RYE MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE AT RYE TOWN HALL

Makes a great Holiday gift item!

All items 20 dollars each.

Sales to benefit Rye Heritage Commission

Thank you for supporting our town!



TOWN OF RYE
Rye Heritage Commission

10 Central Road
Rye, NH. 03870

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 Road, 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.

December 2017

3 Rye Holiday Parade 1:00 pm	4 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	5 6:30 pm 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 6:30 pm Budget Committee Work Session School Budget	14 6:30 pm Budget Committee Work Session Town Budget	15	16
17	18	19	20 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	21 7:00 pm Conservation Commission First Day of Winter	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day <i>Town Offices Closed</i>	26 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen 7:00 pm TRC	27	28	29	30

January 2018

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	1 New Year's Day <i>Town offices Closed</i>	2 6:30 pm Energy Committee	3 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	4 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	5	6
7	8 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	9 8:00 am Sewer Commission 6:00 pm Recreation Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	10 6:30 pm Public Hearing School Budget Jr. High School	11 6:30 pm Public Hearing Town Budget	12	13
14	15 MLK Civil Rights Day <i>Town Offices Closed</i>	16	17 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	18 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	23	24	25	26	27

February 2018

28	29	30 7:00 pm TRC	31 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road			
				1 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	2	3 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Jr. High School
4	5 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	6 6:30 pm Energy Committee 4:00 pm Precincts – Work Session & Public Hearing Town Hall	7 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	8	9	10 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Snow Date
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24	26 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	27 7:00 pm TRC	28			

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

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following committees/commissions have member vacancies.

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

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



**The Planning and
Zoning Department
now has a new
direct phone
number
603-379-8081**

IMPORTANT OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN MEETING (SB2) DATES

12/13/17	Last day to submit Citizen Petitions to amend Zoning Ordinance, Historic District Ordinance or Building Code (1 st day to submit is 11/13/17)
1/5/18	Last day to submit Citizen Petition Warrant Articles proposing a bond
1/9/18	Last day to submit all other Citizen Petition Warrant Articles
1/24/18	First day to file to run for Town or School District office with Town Clerk
2/2/18	Last day (until 5:00 p.m.) to file to run for Town or School District office
2/3/18	Town Deliberative Session (9:00 a.m., Rye Junior High School)
2/6/18	School District Deliberative Session (6:30 p.m., RJH)
2/7/18	Snow Date for School District Deliberative Session (6:30 p.m., RJH)
2/10/18	Snow Date for Town Deliberative Session (9:00 a.m., RJH)
3/13/18	Town & School Dist. Election (8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Rye Elementary School)

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