



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## Please Vote in the September 11th Primary and the November 6th General Election



### Selectmen's Message:

### STAY IN THE KNOW; IT'S YOUR TOWN

#### Memorial Day 2018:

A large gathering was present at Central Cemetery on Monday, May 28th for our annual Memorial Day Ceremony to commemorate the lives sacrificed in defense of our country. Navy veteran Alissa Tweedie was the guest speaker. We thank the numerous Rye participants for their contributions to this annual remembrance as well as our Recreation Department for organization of the event.

#### Town Hall Painting:

The long anticipated award for the painting of Town Hall was made on May 29<sup>th</sup> to JG Painting of Portsmouth. Selected from among the four RFPs received, JG Painting was the low bidder at a cost of \$40,350.00 plus \$55.00 per square foot for carpentry. It should be noted that this company recently completed painting a historic building in York, Maine and provided excellent references. At the time of the painting award, it was decided to schedule the painting for fall in anticipation of the **Historic Structure Report** of the building.

A draft of the Historic Structure Report was presented by the Groundroot

Preservation Group of Cape Neddick, Maine on August 13<sup>th</sup>. They referred to our Town Hall as a "historic treasure with visible evidence remaining of each stage of its use". Their summary states that it is structurally in good condition, that its needs are primarily cosmetic and it can withstand its current level of use into the future. They also discussed code deficiencies, which will require addition of an elevator and code compliant restroom access to correct. Some water drainage issues also need to be addressed.

With regard to the exterior painting scheduled for this fall, discussion was lengthy. It centered on whether low-quality clapboards should be replaced prior to paint application. Groundroot recommended that, as part of the exterior painting, we replace all wooden clapboard siding below the second story windows with a Western Hemlock or an Alaskan Cedar both of which are longer-lasting, dense grained wood that readily take paint. This "upgraded" wood is not in the town hall painting budget. However, Mae Bradshaw offered that the Heritage Commission could provide the \$17,000 currently in the Heritage Commission Town Hall Fund to defray all or much of this cost. An RFP will go out shortly to see if any contractors are available to replace the clapboards at a reasonable cost and without delaying the painting.

#### Rye Water Supply Protection:

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Craig Musselman, CMA Engineers, presented an update on testing for polyfluorinated compounds (perfluorooctanoic acid [PFOA] and perfluorooctane sulfonate [PFOS], together with other related compounds referred to as PFAS) with regard to the Breakfast Hill and Grove Road landfills. These two landfills are very different regarding their history, site characteristics and

testing recommendations. Please refer to your 2017 Annual Report for background on Water Quality in Rye (page 21), and A History of Rye's Trash Disposal inside the back cover.

**Breakfast Hill Landfill:** Craig stated that this site has been well characterized by the data and there are institutional controls down gradient such that it is not impacting drinking water supplies. He recommended that the Board renew the DES Groundwater Permit with sampling to be done on two of the wells with higher numbers every other year.

**Grove Road Landfill:** When the Grove Road Landfill became an issue for polyfluorinated compounds in 2017, the Town did four rounds of testing which showed consistently high levels (which exceed the drinking water standard) of these compounds in one limited area of the site, but low levels at down-gradient monitoring wells. Meantime, Rye Water District continued to monitor its nearby Garland Well, which is showing low levels, on a quarterly basis. While Craig recommended that the Town renew the DES Groundwater permit for the Grove Road Landfill as it relates to a waste site, he also recommended that PFAS monitoring from a water supply perspective become a function of the Rye Water District.

**In Addition:** Craig also advised us to continue to monitor Coakley Landfill activities, confirm past use of Class B foam and consider disposing of it, evaluate fire gear, and maintain transparency of all Rye PFAS data.

#### Environmental Protection

**Agency Meeting:** There is growing awareness that the sources of PFAS contaminants (PFOA, PFOS and other related compounds) are largely found in fire-fighting foam, atmospheric deposition from manufacturing facilities and wastewater. Craig attended a recent EPA meeting in Exeter at which the speakers addressed the Agency's commitment to "set drinking water

### Back to School

#### Quick Reminders

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School opened August 28, 2018. 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



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contaminant levels, designate PFAS as hazardous substances, develop groundwater cleanup recommendations for contaminated sites and collaborate with federal and state agencies to develop toxicity values”.

With regard to PFAS issues in Rye, our focus is on the Grove Road Landfill and the Rye Water District Garland Well, which has relatively low levels to date. Aquarion Water, which serves the Jenness Beach area, is showing relatively the same levels.

## Firefighting Foam:

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fire Chief Mark Cotreau presented a comprehensive report on Rye Fire and Rescue's storage and use of firefighting foam. As his report states, there are two types of firefighting foam: Class A (used for structure and wildland fires) and Class B (for flammable liquids and some solids) with the latter, especially Class B AFFF, receiving the most attention due to PFOA and PFOS compounds. He documented the department's use and inventory of firefighting foam.

We have 35 gallons of Class B foam purchased between 2008 and 2016. Chief Cotreau's report indicated that any US manufactured Class B AFFF produced before January 2015 can be assumed to contain PFOA. Any Class B AFFF US manufactured after that date is, per the manufacturers Foam Fire Coalition and US EPA agreement, considered to be PFOA free.

National Foam, who manufactured most of our current foam, was contacted and indicated that “test results show that none of the National Foam products tested contain levels of PFOs, PFOA or associated compounds above 1 ppm.” Chief Cotreau was assured that our inventory was in this tested batch. He concluded that, given the limited quantities and infrequency of use, our present stock of foam is reasonably suited for continued use at Rye Fire and Rescue. The only improvement we could make is to dispose of all of our foam manufactured prior to 2015 and purchase new product.

## Dredging of Rye Harbor:

In May of 1792, the town appointed a committee of seven to dig out a harbor “betwixt” Ragged Neck and Little Neck (now Locke's Neck).

The list of those who subscribed to dig consisted of 47 names, the number of days each devoted to this task and if they also supplied oxen. The first name on the list was Nathan Goss followed by “15 days and 10 Gals Rum”.

Rye Harbor has served the town well since 1792 and is shared today by commercial fishermen, local and transient recreational boaters and charter boats. During 2017, statistics list 8,657 cars parked, 897 boats launched and 69 commercial boats used the facility. Rye Harbor has 190 moorings and 9 retail business buildings.

Today most of the harbor is an authorized Federal Navigation Project maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The Federal Channel is 2300' long, 100' wide and 10' deep at the entrance. Anchorage areas range from 6' to 8'.

A recent USACE bathymetric survey and sediment sampling indicated that 50,000 cubic yards of sand and silty material should be dredged from shoaled areas within the channel and anchorages.

We have received a commitment from representatives of the offices of Senators Shaheen and Hassan as well as from the NH Port Authority to attend our September 10<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting to discuss what support they can provide to move this project forward.

## Plan NH Charrette Application:

A charrette is a form of meeting held for the purpose of assisting a town/region or group within a town/region to come together with facilitators for the purpose of exploring and developing possible solutions to reach an identified goal. The process is guided by a group of outside individuals with experience and expertise in the matter at hand. Such a process is offered by Plan NH. The results of a charrette are not binding on the town or region.

The cost of a Plan NH charrette is \$6,000 which amount was requested last March to make recommendations for the center of town via Petition Warrant Article 29. Article 29 was defeated. Steven Borne and Paula Tsetsilas subsequently came to the BOS with a proposal to move forward with a charrette by raising the necessary funding privately.

A Plan NH work session was presented by Robin Leblanc at the Public Library on June 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Selectmen Winslow and Roman,

representatives of the School Board, Library Trustees, ZBA, Budget and Energy Committees and Recreation, Conservation, Historic District and Heritage Commissions were in attendance. Ms. LeBlanc detailed the Plan NH charrette process and answered questions.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Steven Borne and Paula Tsetsilas came to the BOS requesting support of the Board of Selectmen in the form of a letter to accompany the application; such a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen is required for a completed application. Upon discussion in public meeting with Mr. Borne regarding the process and purpose, the Board is in agreement that we support the charrette process, however, we cannot provide a letter of support until and unless we review and agree with the completed application document, which will be presented to the Selectmen once the application is complete.

It should be remembered that RSA 32:10, I, (e), sometimes referred to as the “no means no” RSA, applies to the funding for this project. Because Article 29 for funding the charrette was defeated in 2018, no taxpayer dollars can be expended on the subject of the article which includes time of staff for assistance in preparation for the charrette or tours of buildings. The Selectmen, as well as Steven Borne and Paula Tsetsilas, are aware of this restriction and are following it strictly.

## Rye Harbor Bridge:

In the spring of 2017, the Board was presented with 3 options for the repair of the bridge at Rye Harbor. The Board selected Option 1 (an interim fix): Superstructure Repair estimated to provide 15 years of service life at a cost of \$75,000. Option 1 will allow us to maintain the structure for now as we await State funding (80%), engineering firm Hoyle, Tanner and Associates to submit a request for Rye inclusion on the DOT project list of Option 3 (superstructure replacement) that would qualify for 80% State funding and give the bridge an additional 35 years. At that time, Option 3 cost was \$325,000 and the cost of a complete bridge replacement was estimated to be \$1,200,000.

\$75,000 was appropriated in our current budget for the Option 1 remedial repairs to the deck of the Rye Harbor Bridge. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy informed the Board that, due to rising costs of both labor and materials, the cost of this

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project is now closer to \$125,000, leaving the Town approximately \$50,000 short.

We are in agreement that the project should go forward. Dennis has proposed using the remaining \$54,000 of the State of New Hampshire Supplemental Highway Block Grant Funds received in 2017 and seek ways to cover the cost of engineering and project administration from other fund balances.

## Employee Changes:

**Cynthia "Cyndi" Gillespie, Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator:** Early last spring, Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator Cyndi Gillespie informed the Board that she planned to retire effective August 30<sup>th</sup>. Cyndi was hired as Finance Director in May of 2000 and, with the exception of a short period between 2002 and 2005, she has been employed by the Town for nearly 16 years with increasing responsibilities.

Because of the vital nature of this position, the Board authorized Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) to initiate a recruitment/hiring process. The MRI search produced more than 30 candidates. Alan Gould, MRI, reported to us that 15 of those candidates were invited to submit essays, which reduced the number to 7. Eventually, the Selectmen interviewed the top two recommended and made the final selection.

At our meeting of August 13<sup>th</sup>, we introduced the successful candidate, Rebecca Bergeron. Becky comes to us from Eliot, Maine where she has been employed as Town Treasurer. In Maine, the job description for Treasurer and our requirements for Finance Director are quite similar. Becky holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. She brings both background and experience.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved hiring Plodzick and Sanderson, Accountants & Auditors, to conduct a verification and reconciliation of the Town of Rye general ledger accounts as of July 31, 2018. The process is scheduled to begin on or around August 20, 2018. This procedure is common practice and is expected to take 30 days.

## Thank you Cyndi:

As Cyndi Gillespie leaves us, you should be aware that we are losing a truly dedicated employee. Cyndi has

been meticulous in her accounting, fastidious in meeting deadlines, supportive of co-workers and quick to respond to financial inquiries. She has remained positive in the face of voluminous requests under the right to know law and other interruptions to her mandatory routine.

In addition to a high caliber job performance, Cyndi has given generously of her own time. As an example, several years ago she painted her own office as well as several others. As a contribution to the efforts of the 2013 Town Hall Committee, Cyndi prepared an extensive comparative analysis of New Hampshire Town Halls in towns approximately the same size as Rye. She prepared and sent a survey to 44 of the 63 towns initially on her list requesting information on population, town hall staff, job descriptions and staff space allotments. Of these, 14 towns responded. She used her weekends to drive to each of these sites to photograph the facility and then she compiled the results and presented them to the committee. It was a valuable addition to committee deliberations.

We thank Cyndi for her service and wish her all the best in her retirement.

**Michael Rivet, Firefighter/Paramedic:** Michael Rivet was sworn in as a Rye Firefighter/Paramedic at our meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. He comes to us from the Portsmouth, NH Fire Department and has 16 years as a paramedic and 13 years as a professional



(Pictured: Michael Rivet, Town Clerk Donna DeCotis and Maureen Rivet)

firefighter. In addition to fire related certifications and certification as a Hazardous Material Technician, he is also certified in Swiftwater Rescue, US Coast Guard Ocean Rescue and Rescue Boat Operations.



**Toni Suslowicz, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Board voted to hire Toni Suslowicz to fill the Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector position starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. She had been employed by Mass Eye and Ear and has an Associate's Degree in Science of Administrative Assistance.

## Donald Felch, Public Works:

Donald Felch was hired to fill a part-time Buildings and Grounds position at Public Works on June 11<sup>th</sup>. He has work history in the trades, landscaping experience, holds a CDL license and has experience plowing snow.

## Presentation of Boston Post Cane:

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Selectmen, accompanied by other Town officials, met at Webster at Rye to present the Rye Boston Post Cane to Mary Rizzo to honor her as Rye's oldest citizen. Mary celebrated her 102nd birthday last April. Mary, and her late husband Frank, moved to Rye in 1975 following his retirement. She is a member of the Rye Driftwood Garden Club and was a Senior Serve volunteer.

The cane is made of ebony from the African Congo with a 14 carat gold head and a ferruled tip. According to tradition, the cane, one of 700 presented in 1909 to towns in New England by Edwin A. Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, is to be kept always in the hands of the oldest citizen. The head is inscribed as follows "Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of Rye" followed by the words "to be transmitted".

Over the years, many of the 700 towns fortunate enough to have received canes have become cities and, while some canes have been lost, stolen or never returned, the Town of Rye has maintained the tradition. In Rye, a replica is presented and the original is in the Town Museum.

In 2014, 444 towns had contributed information on their canes to the Maynard, Massachusetts Historical Society which gathers data on the canes

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through its website. An update on the current holder of our cane has been forwarded to the Society.

## In Closing:

### Lang Road Reconfiguration:

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Vice-chairman Winslow relayed a conversation with the City of Portsmouth Parking and Transportation Engineer with regard to the realignment of the intersection of Lang Road and Route #1 at the Ocean Road lights. He indicated that Portsmouth was planning to meet with the NH Department of Transportation (DOT) in hopes of moving the project to 2019. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

**Beach Reports:** The increasing number of days with heat above 90 degrees has kept everyone in charge of beach management and safety very busy. Following Labor Day, we look forward to Police, Fire/Rescue and Beach Committee Reports as a basis for assessment and means for implementing or recommending to the Town Meeting improvements in this area and will work with the Beach Committee towards this end.

**West Nile Virus (WNV):** The NH Bureau of Infectious Disease Control reported WNV detected in a batch of mosquitos tested in July from Manchester. It was detected in towns throughout southern New Hampshire in mosquitos and birds the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>. Continue to take precautions (repellant with 20%-30% DEET). Mosquitos can be with us until a killing frost; and ticks, also a disease carrier, do not seem to take a vacation.

Don't forget to vote on September 11<sup>th</sup> in the New Hampshire Primary and on November 6th in the General Election. We look forward to seeing you at the polls.

Board of Selectmen

Priscilla Jenness, Chairman  
Phil Winslow, Vice Chairman  
Kerriann Roman, Selectman

## Police Chief's Message

**SCHOOL IS OPEN:** School reopened on August 28, 2018. Please

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

**BICYCLES: 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 while 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, obey all traffic signs. Most important, be a good role model for your younger brothers, sisters, and friends, help them learn and practice safety rules.

**DEER CROSSING:** During this time of year, deer are on the move. There are several herds in town and they cross the roads frequently. **Please use caution when traveling through town.** Hitting a deer may damage your vehicle, seriously injure the deer, and most importantly, cause severe injuries to you and/or your passengers.

**DOGS:** Please remember the ordinance for dogs on the beach is in effect until September 8th. Police officers have picked up multiple dogs running and walking in the street. We are concerned for their safety and remind you to keep your dog under control and/or secure on your property. Always have your dog licensed and pick up after him or her. When an officer picks up a dog with no license or owner-information tag, the officer is unable to notify the owner and must take the dog to the kennel.

**LOCKING YOUR DOORS AND SETTING YOUR ALARMS:** Rye Police Officers had an interview with a burglary suspect. The suspect plead guilty and offered information

regarding how and why he would break into a home or business. The burglary suspect stated he would forgo a home or business with locked doors, windows, or an alarm system that is activated. He stated that these locations would take too long to burglarize and greatly increased his chance of getting caught.

**A CALL TO ACTION:** Rye Police Officers need your help. We are asking people to please call when they hear or see anything unusual. As we investigate crimes, community members are informing us about incidents which have occurred in their neighborhoods days later. Please note: 964-5521 rings 24 hours a day 7 days a week to the Rockingham County Sheriffs Department Dispatch Center. If you have a concern, please tell the dispatcher and he will notify a police officer who will respond to your location. Always dial 911 in case of emergency. We look forward to your call, it may be the one piece of information we need to solve a crime.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## Rye Fire & Rescue's Message

This past summer we completed our Firefighter Paramedic recruitment process. We found a terrific candidate to fill the existing Vacancy. Mike Rivet reported for his first duty shift here in Rye on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Mike comes to us from the Portsmouth Fire Department where he served for 15 years. Mike is known for his calm, friendly demeanor and team approach. He loves to train and has a reputation as a competent, compassionate firefighter/paramedic. Mike is an ocean rescue technician and enjoys the water rescue aspect of his job. He is also a member of our regional hazardous materials response team.

Mike lives in Stratham with his wife Maureen and 4 children. When you see Mike about town please join us in extending a warm welcome to him. We are looking forward to working with Mike for many years to come!

Together at Rye Fire Rescue, we have refined our mission, vision and values. The entire department was surveyed and asked what THEY see as

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important values to guide us in our mission. Our firefighters also had opportunity for input in the final product. These are not just words but indeed our commitment to us and the community! We would like to share them with you:

## Rye Fire Rescue: Mission, Vision and Values

**Rye Fire Rescue Mission:** The mission of Rye Fire Rescue is to prevent emergencies whenever possible; provide rapid and effective fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the community, and strive to make Rye a safer place for all to live, work, and visit.

**Rye Fire Rescue Vision:** The vision of Rye Fire Rescue is to meet or exceed the expectations of our community by setting a high standard of excellence: guided by the principles of trust, integrity, honesty, loyalty, and respect for all.

**Rye Fire Rescue Guiding Values:** As an organization, we value:

- **Safety:** We will strive to protect the lives and well-being of our community and our coworkers.
- **Professional Excellence:** We believe the pursuit of excellence and demonstrating high professional standards are critical to our work. To ensure the best possible service for our community, we will support continuous training and encourage professional development. We will be dedicated, compassionate, trustworthy, and act with honesty and integrity.
- **Respect:** We will respect our community and ourselves, while consistently exhibiting courtesy and compassion for those in need.
- **Innovation:** We will foster an environment that allows new ideas and positive change to better serve our community.

Our Lifeguard program was very successful this summer! We were fortunate to recruit 13 competent, talented lifeguards to guard Sawyer, Cable and Wallis beaches. These folks were friendly and relatable to beach goers but very serious about their personal fitness and continuous training on rescue operations etc... They train daily and have taken part in several rescues this year. They should be very proud of the

positive impact they made on the beach. A big thank you to the whole group! The group was led by Head Lifeguard Sarah Wade and Rye Fire LT Jake MacGlashing.



(Lifeguard training at Cable Beach)

Rye Fire Rescue continued to respond to a variety of incidents in town and on mutual aid to our neighboring communities. A few of the more noteworthy were 2 structure fires in Rye (luckily both minor in nature), several calls for water rescue, mutual aid to Hampton for a 3 alarm fire, Newington for a 2 alarm fire, Portsmouth for a 2 alarm warehouse fire and Greenland for a major motor vehicle accident. We also received mutual aid 9 times from surrounding communities.



(Rye Fire Rescue coordinating agency response to disabled boat off Rye Ledge)



(Rye Fire Rescue operating off Rye Ledge)

This fall we will be having

another Public Safety Open House. This is a terrific opportunity for children and adults alike to become more familiar with Rye Fire & Rescue and safety issues in general. It is also a great opportunity for us to get valuable input from the community. The date this year is Sunday, October 7th. We hope to see you there!

On a personal note, as I approach my 1 year anniversary as your Fire Chief, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for the warm welcome, trust and support I have received from town officials, fire department members and the public! Thank you!

Mark Cotreau  
Fire Chief

## Public Works Message

**RIGHT OF WAY ENCROACHMENTS:** The Town has the right to maintain a variable dimension, beyond the width of the actual paved road surface, on all town-maintained roads. This area is referred to as the right of way (ROW). This maintenance requires the trimming of tree limbs, removal of accumulated winter sand, maintenance of storm water drainage structures, and many other such tasks, all within the right of way limits. One issue which comes up frequently is the trimming of abutting shrubs and hedges. Many times, landscape plantings were installed on the right of way line. However, as the plantings grow they extend into the right of way, creating sight and passage problems. This is especially true of hedges.

As with any abutting property owner, the Town has the right to trim the encroaching growth, back to the right of way line. The Town's workforce are not arborists or landscapers, thus it may not always be in the homeowners best interest to wait until the hedges become a problem. Should the public works staff be required to cut the growth I like to say "it will be well cut, but not cut well." Therefore, I request that all homeowners maintain their landscape planting in such a way as not to intrude upon the right of way.

**PAVING PROJECTS:** I anticipate at the time of publication of this newsletter, the paving of town roads for

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this year will be in progress. This year four areas will be shimmed and repaved: the remainder of West Road from Garland Road to the North Hampton town line, the final section of Central Road from Perkins Road to Cable Road, Cable Road from Central Road to Pine Street and Locke Road from Central Road to Recreation Road. Next year, it is anticipated that work will continue on Locke Road towards the coast. In addition, Harbor Road and Garland Road are scheduled for work next year.

Road paving always creates serious impact to the abutters and traveling public. I endeavor to have this work performed in an expedient manner so that the disruption and impact is for as short a duration as is possible.

**STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTION:** Washing your car, truck or motorcycle or degreasing any motor vehicle parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants into the storm water collection system. This has the same effect as dumping directly into a stream or water body. The following simple practices can assist with reducing the potential for this happening.

- Always use a biodegradable cleaning solution
- Rather than wash your vehicle at home employ the services of a car wash facility where wash and rinse water is recycled.
- Wash your car on your lawn where water will infiltrate into the ground.
- Repair fluid leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop off or recycling centers.

**TRANSFER STATION:** The attendants at the facility request that residents please rinse out their recyclables prior to dropping off at the transfer station. This will cut down on the number of stinging insects and assist the attendants in maintaining the cleanliness of the facility.

The Swap Shop has become a very large maintenance issue to the staff which requires a minimum of one staff member dedicating a half a day each week to clean out the items which

should not be left in the Swap Shop. Should the current level of inappropriate items continue I will be making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to make drastic changes to the operation of the facility.

There is a large sign on the door of the Swap Shop identifying items which should not be left in the facility. It reads “*SWAP SHOPPE, No Antifreeze, No Computers, No Hazardous Waste, No Large Bulky Items, No Microwave Ovens, No Paint, No Pools, No TVs.*” In addition, the concept of the Swap Shop is to leave good usable items for others to reuse. If the item is broken or inoperable it is as useless to anyone else as it was to you. Please do not leave it in the Swap Shop.

As always, the Public Works Department appreciates all the assistance and cooperation we receive from the town residents and public throughout the year.

Dennis McCarthy  
Public Works Director

## Rye Senior SERVE Update

We hope you have seen the article called “**CALLING ALL SENIORS**” in the August issue of RYE Magazine.

In it Gwen Putnam-Bailey, Secretary of the Rye Senior SERVE Board of Directors, describes completely and concisely the services and programs offered by SERVE to the senior residents of Rye. She includes the process by which residents may participate in programs and the contact information for the SERVE coordinators. Page 21 of the August issue of RYE Magazine is a convenient reference sheet for SERVE programs. Thank you, Gwen!

As in the past, this summer has been a busy time for SERVE with many people scheduling medical and other important appointments. Call Claudia Hackett at 964-5633 for information on rides to and from those appointments.

The Tuesday shopping trips on the SERVE van have seen an increase in riders who have a variety of errands to get done. Call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 by noon on Monday to

reserve a seat on the Tuesday van trip.

Thanks are due to Cooper Walsh who has helped out on the van this summer. We wish him a happy and successful school year.

Rides are available for the Wednesday movie at the Library and for Senior Trivia on the second and fourth Monday each month. Call Dianne at (603)828-6669 to arrange rides for these fun social events.

A daily Wellness Call from a SERVE volunteer is available. Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 for information about this service.

The SERVE volunteers who provide the programs and services described above are all Rye residents.

As more senior residents participate, more volunteers are needed to assist our Rye friends and neighbors. If you have the time (you decide how much time) and interest in this rewarding community service, please call Connie Olson at 964-5170.

Connie Olson  
Rye Senior SERVE

## Planning Board Update

The pace of the applications coming to the Planning Board has not abated.

After approximately a year's worth of negotiations with The Housing Partnership, their project on Airfield Drive has been conditionally approved. We expect construction to commence in the near future. Because of and out of consideration for the abutters, construction times will be limited to specific hours and not on weekends. This corner of Rye is under consideration for additional construction. Please keep up to date with our meeting agendas for more information.

The Verizon cell tower proposed for 120 Brackett Rd. is moving through the process. The Planning Board along with the Zoning Board have held two joint meetings and one work session. A final public hearing will be held on September 13, 2018. The time and location is to be announced. Please see the town website for this information.

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Fall is the time we begin to look at zoning amendments. The Rules and Regulations Committee has met twice and is working on issues and concerns that have arisen through the year. In general these will come from the Building Inspector, ZBA or Department Heads. These will all be vetted in public hearings with the appropriate notification posted publicly and on the Town website [www.town.rye.nh](http://www.town.rye.nh). Look for the Planning Board page and agendas.

The Goss Property negotiations for a 5 lot subdivision have been continued. Our next hearing will be on September 11, 2018. Among other items, the board is looking at the access roads, impact on the marsh, wetlands and the build-out of the lots themselves. This piece of land has important environmental and historic significance. The process will continue until an equitable plan can be established.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Epperson, Chairman  
Rye Planning Board

## Rye Historical Society News

For the past twelve years, Alex Herlihy has served as the President of the Rye Historical Society. Under his excellent leadership the organization has grown to more than 100 members, presented many new exhibits, increased the depth and breadth of the collection, and raised the profile of the Society and the Town Museum. On Monday, August 13, Alex turned over the Presidency to Debbi Toohey, who was elected by unanimous vote of the Board.

Fortunately for the Society and the Town, Alex will continue as a Board member and Museum Director and serve on the Leadership of the Rye 1623 Committee. He will use his "free" time to continue work on his book about the history of Rye, and on continuing work on the exhibits and operations of the Museum. The Board plans a celebration of Alex's service for the fall and

will be in touch with members soon regarding that celebration.

The RHS has had a busy summer of programming, starting with the Memorial Day trolley tour. In June the RHS collaborated with St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea for a very well attended program, led by Junior Warden Greg Kann, on the building, its history and its stunning stained-glass windows, including a Q and A after. The chapel was also the location of the 2018 Annual Meeting on July 15. Alex Herlihy presented the annual report. The members voted to approve the Board slate and plans for the next year.

Fourth of July provided another opportunity for the always popular historical trolley tour. The first program associated with Rye 1623, *Rye Rocks*, an overview of the geological history of the area, was presented on July 9th at the Rye Public Library to a standing-room only crowd.

The next presentation, *Rye's Sunken Forest*, will be held September 13th at 6:30 p.m., location TBD. In this presentation, attendees will learn more about Rye's interesting geology as we explore the Sunken Forest or prehistoric trees, seen occasionally near Jenness Beach.

The Rye 1623 Committee held a community gathering on July 30th. Thirteen attendees discussed opportunities for defining the objectives of the anniversary, and important approaches for the development of vision, programming, and recruitment. Several areas of focus were discussed, including education, sports and recreation, farming and fishing, faith and family, and the business of Rye. The group requested a draft timeline and strategic objectives for review and will meet again in the fall.

There are several new exhibits and artifacts in the Museum, including a presentation of objects from and related to the Farragut Hotel and a dedicated area for the history of Odiorne Point.

We continue to 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.

The Rye Historical Society continues its Summer Hours until October, open Saturdays 10am-12pm and by appointment during other times. Just email us at [info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org)

and we can set up a time.

Debbi Toohey, President  
Anne Richter Arnold, Vice President  
Rye Historical Society

Website: [www.ryenhhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.ryenhhistoricalsociety.org)

## Heritage Commission Message

### What's Happening with Rye Town Hall?

Throughout the last several years, the Heritage Commission has been committed to first and foremost, saving, and ultimately working towards renovating and restoring our Town Hall. It has been a long tough road. There have been many warrant articles brought to our voters concerning the building over the past seven years, regarding building a new facility, tearing down the current building and also several plans to renovate the existing structure. Year after year, voters rejected the various proposals to solve the Town Hall problem with expensive construction projects. So where are we now?

The Heritage Commission is committed to preserving our town's heritage and has long been in support of doing a Historic Structure Report. While we are waiting for the final report, The Groundroot Preservation Group, with Barba and Wheelock Architecture, outlined its draft report on the Town Hall at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting. They said that the building is in good overall condition for its age, and concluded that painting the building and replacing some of the clapboard siding would be fine in the short term. There is much work to do in this historic building, but it can be accomplished over time and within the town's budget, with the help of public-private fundraising efforts and available preservation grants. The 2018 budget includes funds to paint the exterior of the building and replace some of the



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clapboards and other structural damage prior to painting. Painting was scheduled to begin in September. The budget also included funds to complete the previously mentioned Historic Structure Report, which would prioritize rehabilitation and repair projects, as well as help qualify Town Hall for large grants which would help in paying for many future restoration projects.

So it seems we are hopefully on our way! The Heritage Commission has been busy raising funds for Town Hall throughout the last year and will continue to do this important work. At the latest Selectmen's meeting, The Historic District Commission urged the Selectmen to have the necessary woodwork completed prior to painting so that new paint would not need to be stripped at a later date. With the Heritage Commission and the Historic District Commission working together, we hope to begin work on the Town Hall in September!

Bev Giblin, Chairman  
Rye Heritage Commission

## Energy Committee News

The Rye Energy Committee (REC) welcomes our newest members Carl Nicolino and David Helfrich. The Committee now has a full complement of seven members.

**Municipal Building Updates:** REC member Matt Marra has researched oil tank monitors for the library, public safety building and elementary schools. These devices remotely monitor the fuel oil level in the tanks that are outdoors or buried underground. They provide a means for town employees to monitor and to be automatically alerted when oil levels are too low. This avoids running out of fuel at critical times and potential equipment damage. If the departments are interested in having them installed the REC will pay the first year's fees out of its annual budget.

The REC has contacted other municipalities to discuss how they address energy saving measures and solar

installations on municipal buildings in historic districts. After learning what other towns are doing committee members plan to meet with the Historic District Commission to share these findings.

The review of the municipal building audits performed in 2012 revealed there may be opportunities for savings from LED lighting upgrades. Eversource has been contacted to perform lighting audits for the library, public safety building and middle school to determine whether they would qualify for subsidized upgrades.

The audit review also revealed there were insulation and weather sealing recommendations for the public safety building and middle school that were never completed. The committee is pursuing having these tasks completed.

The Energy Chapter of the Rye Master Plan is being revised using updated energy use information collected since the last revision in 2012.

**Electric Car Rebates and Home Energy Savings:** Eversource is offering a \$5,000 rebate on the purchase before September 30, 2018 of Nissan Leaf all-electric vehicles. This rebate is in addition to a \$7,500 Federal tax credit. You can read the details at: <https://www.eversource.com/content/nh/residential/save-money-energy/explore-alternatives/electric-vehicles>

You can learn more about electric cars during Portsmouth Drive Electric Week. On Sunday, September 9 from 12:00 – 4:00 at Portsmouth City Hall lower parking lot owners of electric cars will display their cars and answer questions about them. Get more information at: <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1333>.

Eversource also offers a rebate for energy saving home improvements. Learn the details here: <https://www.eversource.com/content/nh/residential/save-money-energy/manage-energy-costs-usage/rebates-incentives/building-a-house>

If you want to make energy saving improvements to your home, watch this video of a NH Saves Button Up workshop that explains the best things to do: <https://youtu.be/TdkxuanicVI>.



Rye Energy Committee  
Danna Truslow  
Tom Pfau  
Howard Kalet  
Michael Joyce  
Matt Marra  
Carl Nicolino  
David Helfrich

## Rye Recycling Education Committee Update

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

**Falling Recycling Market:** Just a quick note. Even though the recycling market is down right now for selling recycling material, please keep recycling. The biggest reason the market has dropped off are new rules and laws China has passed about contaminated products. China is America's biggest buyer for recycled material. It only takes a few seconds to rinse out cans, plastic bottles, and other recycling products to make those materials a little less contaminated.

**Reusing the Packaging:** Here are a few ideas for reusing packaging. Before you throw them away, get another use for those packaging containers.

When you purchase bed sheets, blankets, curtains, etc.... The zippered bag that they come in can be reused for different storage organization such as for children's toys or clothing. Small bags are great for paperwork, recipes, tiny toys, sewing and craft materials.

Old pillows, blankets, and sleeping bags can be reused for dog bedding. Put the pillows and blankets inside the sleeping bags and you have an instant bed for your pets. Your animals will be warm and cozy for the fall and winter.

When you are ready to take down your old plastic shower curtain you might want to use them again for a paint drop cloth or use them for messy kids projects.

Lastly if you have old latex paint, that is still good, donate those cans of paint to your local schools. The paint can be used for the schools plays for set design and play props.

Remember, think twice before you throw household items away. Most of those items could be reused again or donated.

**We still 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.

Remember, enjoy all that a New England fall has to offer and please recycle. The earth will thank you.

John Provencher, Chairman  
Rye Recycling Education Committee



## Active, Alive and Over 55 Club

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 and individuals younger than 55 years old are welcome to join. For more information contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 or e-mail: [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)

### LUNCH PROGRAMS

Thursday, September 13, 2018, A Guitar and World Music Extravaganza  
Thursday, October 11, 2018, New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on American Society  
Thursday, November 8, 2018, World War II New Hampshire  
Thursday, December 13, 2018, Trinidad and Tobago: Islands of Tropical Splendor  
Thursday, January 10, 2019, Lighthouses of the New Hampshire Seacoast and Southern Maine  
Thursday, February 14, 2019, Gulf of Maine Whales and Ocean Threats  
Thursday, March 14, 2019, "We're all Irish"  
Thursday, April 11, 2019, Contra Dancing in New Hampshire: Then and Now  
Thursday, May 9, 2019, A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story

### DAY TRIPS

Wednesday, September 12, 2018, Kenny and Dolly Together Again, \$99  
Wednesday, October 3, 2018, Simon Pearce Glassblowing and King Arthur Fall Foliage Trip, \$119  
Thursday, November 15, 2018, Rod Stewart Ultimate Tribute, \$99  
Wednesday, December 5, 2018, The Sicilian Tenors: Christmas Amore, \$99  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Celtic Angels, \$99  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Tour, No Charge  
Monday, May 20, 2019, The Edwards Twins: A Day with the Stars, \$99  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019, The Three Redneck Tenors, \$99

### OVERNIGHT TRIPS

September 23-25, 2018 (Sunday-Tuesday), Maine Escapes, \$459 pp double, \$599 pp single  
December 9-10, 2018 (Sunday-Monday), Christmas New York Style, \$469 pp double, \$569 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., \$97.50 (Prorated to start date)

Dates: September 17, 19, 24, 26, October 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 24, 29, 31, November 5, 7, 14, 19, 21, 28, December 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 2018, January 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, February 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27, April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 24, 29, May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29, June 3, 5, 10, 12, 2019.

**Strength and Balance** is instructed by Kim Rivest and held at Rye Congregational Church on Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$55.50 (Prorated to start date)

Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2018, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2019.

**Chair Yoga** is instructed by Jeanie Ryan and held at Rye Congregational Church on Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., \$49.50 (Prorated to start date)

Dates: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019.



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## FALL PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 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 4, 2018, 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 and fitness classes. 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 and individuals younger than 55 years old are welcome to join. For a registration form and/or more information, contact Rye Recreation at (603) 964-6281 or e-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)

### LUNCH PROGRAMS



#### A GUITAR AND WORLD MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

Hailed by the *Boston Globe* as a "sure-fingered guitar virtuoso", guitarist/percussionist, Randy Armstrong performs on instruments from around the world including Africa, India, South America, and Asia. He has performed at such prestigious concert venues as Carnegie Recital Hall and at the Lincoln Center. He is a multi-instrumental musician, composer and teaching artist. Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018. Lunch: Cranberry chicken salad wrap with lettuce and tomato, potato salad, chips, chocolate sundae with chocolate chip cookie. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, September 6, 2018. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



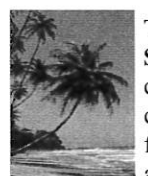
**WORLD WAR II NEW HAMPSHIRE** This is a documentary that tells the story of life in New Hampshire during the Second World War. It was produced by John Gfroerer of Accompany, a video production company based at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH.

Through interviews, historic news film, photos, and radio reports from the battlefields, and discussion facilitated by John Gfroerer, it chronicles how a nation, a state, and the citizens of New Hampshire mobilized for war. Date: Thursday, November 8, 2018. Lunch: Baked stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes, Greek salad, roll, apple crisp and ice cream. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, November 1, 2018. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



#### NEW ENGLAND'S COLONIAL MEETING-HOUSES AND THEIR IMPACT ON AMERICAN SOCIETY

Colonial meetinghouses served as both places of worship and places for town meetings. Using photographs of the few surviving "mint condition" meetinghouses as illustrations, Paul Wainwright tells the story of the society that built and used them, and the lasting impact they have had on American culture. Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018. Lunch: Vegetarian lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic ciabatta bread, Italian gelato. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 4, 2018. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



#### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: ISLANDS OF TROPICAL SPLENDOR

These two small islands, located just off the coast of Venezuela, have a full array of wonderful tropical creatures, toucans, parrots, butterflies, leaf-cutter ants, and fruit trees to name a few. This presentation by Bob Quinn and Becky Suomala includes photos and videos of wonderful palm-fringed beaches, the incredible evening flight of the Scarlet Ibis, plus more amazing tropical wildlife. Join us for a fascinating visit to a special land. Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018. Lunch: Yankee pot roast, roasted red potatoes, carrots, garden salad, roll, and Christmas cake. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, December 6, 2018. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

### DAY TRIPS



#### KENNY AND DOLLY TOGETHER AGAIN

This is an unforgettable tribute to two of the biggest names in Country Music. Wendy T and Marty Edwards recreate the magic of Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. Enjoy their greatest hits such as The Gambler, Lady, Jolene, 9-5, Lucille, We've Got Tonight, Islands in the Stream and many more at the Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA. Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: August 21, 2018. Departure Time and Location: TBD. Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch). *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



#### SIMON PEARCE GLASSBLOWING AND KING ARTHUR FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

This is a unique and culturally rich trip to Queechee Gorge in Vermont for some amazing views. Have lunch at the Mill Restaurant and tour the Simon Pearce Factory. Then travel to the King Arthur Factory and see some tasty pastries being made. Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Meal Choice: Roasted Shetland Salmon, potatoes, peas, watercress and radish, cucumber garlic yogurt sauce or Lamb Burger, baby spinach, mint and feta salad, roasted red peppers, rosemary aioli, olive vinaigrette. Also included cheddar soup, bread, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: September 12, 2018. Departure Time and Location: TBD. Fee: \$119 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch). *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



#### ROD STEWART ULTIMATE TRIBUTE

People stop Rob Caudill in airports for autographs. They stare at him in restaurants. He is a dead-on Rod Stewart impersonator. Vocally, his distinctive, naturally-raspy voice sounds like Stewart, and his range easily nails every note. Join us at Venus De Milo in Swansea, MA to experience an outstanding show. Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018. Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: October 25, 2018. Departure Time and Location: TBD. Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch). *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



#### THE SICILIAN TENORS: CHRISTMAS AMORE

This incredibly entertaining show brings the joy of all our favorite Christmas songs to life. Together Aaron Caruso, Elio Scaccio, and Sam Vitale are known to take their audience from tears to laughter with warm nostalgia and soaring voices. Join us at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA for an unforgettable performance. Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: November 14, 2018. Departure Time and Location: TBD. Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch). *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

## OVERNIGHT TRIPS



**CHRISTMAS NEW YORK STYLE** This trip incorporates the Historic Hudson Valley and NYC. Tour the Union Church of Pocantico Hills and the Lyndhurst Castle. Take in a "A Christmas Carol" 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 9-10, 2018 (Sunday-Monday). Departure Time and Location: TBD. Reservation Deadline: November 2, 2018. Fee: \$469 pp double, \$569 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. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.* Dates: September 17, 19, 24, 26, October 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 24, 29, 31, November 5, 7, 14, 19, 21, 28, December 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 2018, January 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, February 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27, April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 24, 29, May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29, June 3, 5, 10, 12, 2019, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye  
Fee: \$97.50 (Prorated to start date)



**STRENGTH & BALANCE** is instructed by Kim Rivest. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups using weights 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. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.* Dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2018, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2019, Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: \$55.50 (Prorated to start date)



**CHAIR YOGA** is instructed by Jeanie Ryan. This gentle form of yoga is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Have fun with others while learning

postures that help you build strength and flexibility. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.* Dates: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019, Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: \$49.50 (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. 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, Thursdays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018, 8:45-10:15 a.m.; Session 2, Thursdays, November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13, 2018, 8:45-10:15 a.m. The fee is \$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 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 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, October 31, November 7, 14, 28, December 5, 12, 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: \$78 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, on Fridays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2019.



The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$285 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for an additional fee of \$75 and helmets for \$25. Helmets are required. *Registration deadline Tuesday, November 20, 2018.*



**RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December 8, 2018 to February 16, 2019. 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: \$40 for 1st registrant, \$35 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). *Late fee of \$35 will apply to registrations received after the Friday, October 26, 2018 deadline.*



**OPEN COURT BASKETBALL** is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School. Saturdays, December 8, 15, 2018, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2019 following the Recreational Basketball League (time TBD). 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, Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28, 2018, 9:30-11:00 a.m.. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance.



**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL** is Thursdays, November 15, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Rye Elementary School and Sundays, November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. There is no charge; however, participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes.

*\*Please note Rye Recreation basketball programs will be offered pending Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High approval and availability.*



**BABYSITTER COURSE** provides you with the skills and confidence you need to be a great babysitter. Hands-on activities, video, plus discussion on decision making skills and solutions for real-life problems. Participants earn American Red Cross Certification. For ages 11 and up. Participants should bring lunch, a snack and drink. Held at the Rye Public Library, Rye on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fee: \$95



**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. Space in the program is limited. Contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 regarding availability.



**TOWN OF RYE TRICK OR TREAT**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018, 5:00-7:00 P.M.**



# Rye Public Library Fall Events 2018

The hint of Autumn is in the air! Remember RPL for books, films, info and more...

## RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

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

9/5 <i>Suite Francaise</i> 107 min	10/17 <i>Adrift</i> PG-13 96 min
9/12 <i>Book Club</i> PG-13 103 min	10/24 <i>Dog Days</i> PG 113 min
9/19 <i>On Chesil Beach</i> R 110 min	10/31 <i>A Quiet Place</i> PG-13 90 min
9/26 <i>RBG</i> PG 98 min	11/7 <i>Breath</i> R 115 min
10/3 <i>Black Panther</i> PG-13 134 min	11/14 <i>Hearts Beat Loud</i> PG-13 97 min
10/10 <i>Won't You Be My Neighbor?</i> PG-13 94 min	11/21 <i>Ocean's 8</i> PG-13 110 min
	11/28 <i>Mama Mia Here We Go Again</i> PG-13 114 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 6:30 pm!**

9/18 <i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> by Amor Towles	11/20 <i>The Crossing Places</i> by Elly Griffiths
10/16 <i>The Stranger in the Woods</i> by Michael Finkel	12/18 <i>The Atomic Weight of Love</i> by Elizabeth A. Church
<b>Coloring for Adults:</b> 11am on Thursdays! Materials provided.	<b>Mah Jongg Club:</b> Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm. American style Mah Jongg
<b>Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:</b> Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Pressure-free art practice.	<b>Military Book Discussions:</b> First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 9/6, 10/11, 11/8
<b>Knitting with Mary:</b>  By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	<b>Chair Yoga with Amelia:</b> Supported stretch & breath practice. Monday mornings at 9:30 am*
<b>Senior Trivia and Social Hour:</b> second and fourth Mondays from 1-2pm. Call 964-8401 for Senior SERVE van transport. 9/10 & 24; 10/8 & 22, 11/12 & 26	

## FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**New members welcome! Monthly meetings resume in September**

**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
	Woodman Museum, Dover

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

**TECH TALK COMPUTER CLASSES** – Tech Talk classes focus on widely requested topics in a group learning/demonstration atmosphere. Please call to sign up.  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.

**9/20 6:30 PM Managing your Mac Files & Folders**  
**10/25 6:30 PM Windows 10 Tips & Tricks**

### **ASK A LIBRARIAN**

Meet with a librarian to learn about our many electronic resources such as ebooks or audiobooks from our *Hoopla* or *OverDrive (Libby)* collections, or ask specific questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop. Sessions can be scheduled on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM or Friday mornings at 9:30 or 10:30 AM. Call 964-8401 to schedule an appointment.

## **Rye Public Library Youth Department Summer Programming September - November 2018 More Details at [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org) 964-8401**

### **Youth Programs:**

#### **Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)**

Fridays 10:00–10:30am Sept 7 – Nov 30 (not 11/23)

#### **Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers**

Fridays 11:00am Sept 7 – Nov 30 (not 11/23)

#### **Friday Flicks** *Check Website for Featured Films*

1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Fridays of the month 3:10pm

#### **Dumbledore's Army: Up to grade 5**

Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6 5:30 – 6:15pm

#### **Dumbledore's Army: Grades 6+**

Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6 6:30 – 7:30pm

#### **Happy Planner Club**

Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 3:30 – 4:30pm

#### **Bead Club for kids grades 6+**

Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1 3:15 – 4:30pm

#### **YAttitudes Teen Book Club (Grades 6+)**

Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13 6:30 – 7:30pm

#### **Turn the Page Café–Snacks after school!**

Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 3:00 – 3:30pm

#### **Bead Club grades 3, 4 & 5**

Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 3:15 – 4:30pm

#### **Fandom Fridays**

Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9 3:30 – 4:30pm

#### **Teen Programs** (*check website for details*)

Sept 18, Oct 16 6:30 – 7:30pm

#### **Pirate Party\***

September 19 3:30 – 4:30pm

#### **Book Bites Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)**

Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 29 3:15 – 4:00pm

#### **Teen Advisory Board**

Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27 6:30 – 7:30pm

#### **Build a Fairy House/Party\* – all ages**

October 17 3:30 – 4:30pm

#### **All About BATS!\***

October 18 6:30 – 7:30pm

#### **Family Pumpkin Carving**

October 23 6:30 – 7:30pm

**\*Please sign up for asterisked programs!**

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

## Rye Water District News

**Water Conservation:** Although by the weather in the first several weeks of August one might not think so but this summer has been a dry one, especially in the area of groundwater (subsurface water) recharge. The Rye Water District asks that all water users be water wise and use water in a sensible manor, even during non-drought conditions. We recommend that lawn and garden watering be done early morning before 8:00 AM and evenings after 6:00 PM

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

**Lawn Rehabilitation:** If your lawn has sustained damaged from this summer's dry conditions and you're planning to re-establish a lawn, fall is the best time of year for that activity. Grass thrives on fluctuating temperatures, cool nights, warm days, and needs less watering to re-establish.

**Outside Water Meter Receptacles:** For exterior home projects, such as new siding or additions that effect the outside water meter reading receptacle, please contact the Rye Water District office to arrange for District personnel to stop by and discuss the best way to address adjustment or relocation of the outside meter reading receptacle.

**Water Main Flushing:** The semi-annual maintenance activity of flushing and chlorinating the water system is planned to begin in September. This is done to reduce sediment that may collect in the distribution system and introduce a small amount of chlorine to help maintain a clean and safe water system. Notices of flushing dates and times will be published in the Portsmouth Herald and posted at public locations in town before actual flushing begins.

**Freeze Prevention:** Even though it is still warm, please think about late fall and winter precautions by ensuring your water meter is in a warm, dry, accessible location protected from freezing. Also, remember to drain and winterize outside faucets and winterize lawn irrigation systems prior to the first freeze

which can sometimes occur as early as mid-October.

**Additional Monitoring:** The Rye Water District is continuing to test and monitor its source water for PFAS compounds and 1-4 dioxane. Initial sampling was started in 2016 and in July 2017 the RWD has been sampling and monitoring PFAS compounds on a monthly basis. Sampling results are posted on the Town of Rye's website.

**RWD Website Coming Soon:** In the interest of improving communication capabilities, the RWD has initiated action to establish its own website. This site will provide general information and special notices such as; annual meeting date, meeting agendas and minutes, water main flushing dates, emergency notices, posting of PFAS sampling results, and posting of annual Consumer Confidence Report. Also the website will allow for online account review and bill paying.

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

**Scheduled Meetings:** The water commissioner's monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and work sessions on the third (and fifth) Wednesday's. These meetings are open to the public and resident's attendance is encouraged.

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

Rye Water District Commissioners  
Arthur Ditto  
Ralph Hickson  
Thomas Clifford

## Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's Message

There are new faces and new changes in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Newly hired Toni Suslowicz joined our team in June as the Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Our goal is to work together to

streamline paper flow in the office. This will enable us to work more efficiently and provide better customer service to our residents.



This fall we have two busy elections. On September 11<sup>th</sup> is the State Primary Election. Absentee ballots are ready and available in our office. Absentee ballot applications are available in our office or can be downloaded from the town website. When applying for a ballot for the Primary Election, a party must be listed. As an example, if you want a Democrat ballot, you must be a registered Democrat or be listed as undeclared on the checklist to get that ballot. If you want a Republican ballot, you must be a registered Republican or be listed as undeclared. If you are undeclared you have a choice of Republican, Democrat or our third-party Libertarian. If you are Undeclared, remember to sign the **Reverse Back to Undeclared Sheet** on the table as you **exit the polls** to change yourself back to undeclared status. If you vote by absentee ballot, there is a form inside the envelope for 'Undeclared Voters' to change back. Last day to present an absentee ballot yourself to the Clerk's office is September 10, 2018 by 5:00 pm. An immediate family member may bring your absentee ballot to the poles the day of the election or any mailed ballots are accepted until September 11<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm.

November 6<sup>th</sup> is General Election Day. No party needs to be declared. A completed application is required for **each election**. Polls open at 8:00AM and close at 7:00PM at the Rye Elementary School. If you have not registered to vote, please come to the Town Clerk's office to do so.

Please take time to visit the town website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)). There are icons on the main page that take you to the right place to register your vehicles, pay taxes and sewer bills, license your dog and apply for copies of vital records.

We expect the new tax rate to be set sometime in September or October. If all goes on schedule, tax bills should be mailed by the end of October and will be due on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We accept check, cash or credit card. Be aware there is approximately a 3% surcharge for the use of a credit card that goes to the credit card company.



# Town Clerk's Message

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Summer is at an end, please watch signs 'Parking by Permit only'. Parking is enforced until signs are removed.

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

Donna M. DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Historic District News

Your Rye Historic District Commission has had a busy and ambitious year. In January, we formalized our joint application with the Rye Heritage Commission to the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources to participate in the Certified Local Government Program under the National Historic Preservation Act. Membership in the Program will make the town eligible for preservation funds from the federal program administered by the state. The State of New Hampshire has advanced our application to the National Park Service. By the time you read this, we anticipate we will have received the approval for Rye and be planning our first grant application.

In February, the Commission met to consider additions and changes to the property at 546 Washington Road which included a new foundation for the existing barn and a few matching windows to be added. The consensus of the Commission was that the changes proposed were consistent with the period when the building was originally constructed and in keeping with the character of the District.

In April, the Commission welcomed a new member, David Choate, who also serves on the Board of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. **Welcome David!**

The Commission reviewed a request to have solar panels installed on the junior high school roof which faces

the street. The panels would power laptops for students. The Commission is encouraging an alternative location be explored that complies with the District's Solar regulations in the Rye Zoning Ordinance. When the ordinance was passed through the town voters, it stated that as long as the panels could not be seen from the streets passing by the building there would not be opposition to using solar energy in the District.

During the Spring, the Commission worked to put together guidelines and standards for property owners within the Historic District (particularly those properties between the monuments on Washington Road between Central and Wallis). These guidelines and regulations will be reproduced and distributed to the residents at a reception for their benefit to be held at the Rye Museum on September 25, 2018 with guest speaker, Andrew Cushing from the NH Preservation Alliance who will speak on state programs and funding particularly available to property owners who live and work in the Historic District.

Over the summer, several commissioners have been participating in drafting the application for Plan New Hampshire which will study the uses of the town-owned properties in the town center. Of particular interest is the future of the Parsonage. The Housing Partnership will not be renewing its lease which expires January of 2019. This will certainly be a topic of discussion for the town-wide charrette later in the year to be organized by Plan New Hampshire.

The commissioners are also looking ahead to "Rye 1623" events for the month of June 2023 to commemorate the first settlement at Odiorne which will have special exhibits on history, faith, business, farming, fishing, arts, artisans, literature, community and government.

The commission participated in the pre-selection interviewing and subsequent questioning of the team of architects, engineers and historical experts who are producing the Historic Structures Report on the Rye Town Hall, paid-for in part by a grant secured by the Rye Heritage Commission from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. In the presentation to the Selectman of the draft report, Groundroot Preservation Group, LLC with Barba+Wheelock Architects concluded that the building is *structurally sound in its current use and occupancy...and can be easily repaired and*

*remain in service indefinitely.* It is under contract to be painted in the Autumn.

There is much to be happy about in Rye and the community's commitment to historic preservation is a part of the quality of our lives in this town.

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman  
Historic District Commission

## Conservation Commission Update

The Conservation Commission is asking the Board of Selectman for the authority to create two temporary leases required zones in the Town Forest. There have been problems with unleashed dogs running at large and trespassing on private property abutting portions of the Town Forest. This problem has been ongoing for the last two years. Both the Conservation Commission and the abutters have placed signs along the problem areas warning dog owners of the need to keep their dogs under control but this has not had much effect.

This measure is an attempt to address a serious safety and property rights problem. Although hunting is not allowed in the Town Forest, it is allowed and is occurring on private property adjacent to the forest. Additionally, there is legal trapping taking place on private property and some dogs have been caught (unharmed) in the trapping cages. We don't want dogs to be harmed in these areas, so we are trying a leash requirement on the sections of trails where past problems have occurred.

The new leash required zones will be clearly signed and in place before the hunting season begins on September 15th. One zone starts at the kiosk on the Parsons Field access road and ends at the first junction of trails thereafter. The other leash required zone starts about 100 yards after the cemetery entrance and goes partway along the green trail. The Conservation Commission requests your cooperation in keeping your dogs leashed in the designated areas.

The Goss Farm Community Garden is enjoying another productive growing season. The well established garden has 14 designated plots that are rented to

## Conservation Commission Update *(continued from page 15)*

Rye residents with support provided by the Rye Conservation Commission in the form of water, fencing, over seeding and general coordination. This year the beneficiary of the “donation plot” is the Cross Roads House in Portsmouth. Any resident interested in a garden plot for the 2019 season should contact Janice Ireland at the Town Hall by April of 2019.



*Community Garden photos taken by Shawn Frain*

The Rand parcel, formally Rand Lumber Mill on Wallis Road, was purchased in 2016 by the Town of Rye with Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) bond funds. The town funds were leveraged with supporting funding coming from Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the Department of Environmental Services. The easement held by NRCS on the property insures protection of natural resources on the land. There are currently restoration efforts being established that will be coordinated with the development of a forest management plan. The Rand parcel is within the Berry's Brook watershed and allows for the important protection of water resources. There is also an established wildlife corridor that runs through this conservation parcel.

The RCC has been working on developing a trail system for the public to enjoy. The property includes former logging roads that lend themselves to broad walking trails. These roads are being linked with new trails that will encompass a loop trail for access around the upland portion of the conservation parcel. There will be approximately 1 ½ miles of trails available for walking. A “trailgate” event is being planned for October. It is the third in a series of events held on conservation lands and will be hosted by RCC members to introduce the public to the land and trail system. Watch for a date for the event on the RCC website.

There is a designated gravel parking area off of Sea Glass lane with an easement that runs behind the houses to the wooded path. As always please respect private property that abuts conservation lands and if walking with a pet make sure it is under the control of the owner. There is a dog bag pick up station with bags provided located conveniently at the trail head. A reminder that all town properties are carry in carry out.

Sally King, Chairman  
Rye Conservation

Visit the Town Website  
<http://www.town.rye.nh.us>

For news and up to date  
information about the Town,  
including meeting notices,  
agendas and minutes.



## RYE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, October 7, 2018

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**



### Rye School District: Goals and Planning

In July, the Rye School Board and Administration held an all-day planning session to discuss district-wide strategic goals. The desired outcomes for the session included: reviewing our vision, mission and develop clear, attainable goals for the 2018-2019 academic year (and beyond); identify the preferred recommendation from the School Use Feasibility Committee work and map a path forward; and develop a shared commitment for board members and leadership staff pertaining to staff/community engagement.

Our strategic goals for the upcoming academic year include: 1) Increase the depth and rigor of instructional and assessment tasks so students can engage with meaningful content and skills. 2) Improve the capacity of educators to personalize learning and challenge all students. 3) Recruit and retain the highest quality educators by ensuring that Rye Public Schools continues to offer a high quality workplace. 4) To increase the frequency and effectiveness of communication from the Rye School District. 5) Strengthen school climate and promote positive school culture.

An additional School Board level goal identified is to create an Operational Management Plan for the district. Specific action steps to accomplish our goals were presented by principals Suzanne Lull (Rye Elementary School) and Marie Soucy (Rye Junior High). Our strategic plan will be available on each of the school's web sites for ongoing reference.

The Board and Administration

also focused on discussing the district's variable enrollment, our near-term educational priorities based on our current student population and how to better anticipate our variable enrollment and adapt accordingly through ongoing planning. Over the last six months, the results from the School Use Feasibility Committee's (SUFC) final report submitted to the Board in December of 2017, were actively debated during monthly School Board meetings. This report was the result of a six month long investigative initiative by a committee formed due to the passing of Article 3 of 2017 School District Ballot. The School Use Feasibility Committee report can be accessed on each of the school's web site.

Based on the committee's work, which highlighted our variable school enrollment (current and projected) and space availability within our schools, we considered two main configurations suggested by the SUFC: 1) Re-configuring Rye Elementary School (RES) for PreK-Grade 4 students; Re-configuring Rye Junior High (RJH) for Grades 5-8 students and 2) Combining with Greenland so the middle school students from both towns attend Rye Junior High.

It was recognized that our current state of declining school enrollment has repercussions on the school's structure and costs. Discussions with the administration focused on the educational impacts of both options, the projected student population at both Greenland and Rye schools, the upcoming budget cycle, as well as the opportunities for leveraging space for the SAU50 preschool and Rye Recreation.

Based on the SUFC's report/recommendations, additional research regarding school configurations, and the input from the administration, the Board

voted to create a planning sub-committee to pursue Change #1 (Re-configuring Rye Elementary School (RES) for PreK-Grade 4 students; Re-configuring Rye Junior High (RJH) for Grades 5-8 students) for implementation in the 2019-2020 school year.

Through efficient and productive communications with all stakeholders, the district is dedicated to ensuring our academic goals are met and that the changes to the school configurations are a success.

As always, for more information about our schools, please visit the school's web sites or contact our principals for a tour.

Rye School Board  
Margaret Honda, Chairperson  
Scott Marion, Vice Chairperson  
Paula Tsetsilas, Secretary  
Jeanne Moynahan  
Deb Crapo

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

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

Saturday, September 29, 2018  
9:00 am - 12:00 Noon



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

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



## ANNUAL RYE CHRISTMAS PARADE - DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

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 2, 2018 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 GENERATIONS OF RYE FAMILIES “**

***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

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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](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) for up-to-date information.

## September 2018

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

## October 2018

30	1 6:00 pm Recreation Commission 7:00pm CIP Committee	2 6:30pm Energy Committee	3 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	4 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day Town Offices Closed	9 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	10 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	11 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	12	13
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21	22 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	23	24	25	26	27

## November 2018

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4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	6 <u>General Election</u> 6:30pm Energy Committee	7 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	8 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day Observed Town Offices Closed	13 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	14 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	15	16	17
18	19	20 5:00 pm Mosquito Control	21 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	22 Thanksgiving Town Offices Closed	23 Town Offices Closed	24
25	26 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	27	28	29	30	

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

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

# Remember to VOTE

8:00am—7:00 p.m. at the Rye Elementary School

- September 11, 2018  
NH State Primaries: Democratic  
Republican  
Libertarian
- November 6, 2018  
General Election



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

## 35th Annual Rye Lions Car Show

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 (Rain Date Sept. 23, 2018)

Parson's Field, Washington Road, Rye, NH

Registration 8:00-11:00 a.m. Trophies awarded at 2:00 p.m.

\$10.00 entry fee for car and driver, \$3.00 for spectators

Great Food and Music!

Any questions call Alan at 379-2080 or visit the website at [www.rye.nhlions.org](http://www.rye.nhlions.org).

If you would like to learn more about the Lions Club, please come and visit us at a meeting, the first Wednesday of every month in the Rye Public Library at 6:30 p.m.





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

**“Trick or Treating” in Rye is**  
**Tuesday, OCTOBER 30TH**  
**5:00-7:00 PM**

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RYE, NH 03870

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