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Selectmen's Message:

New Personnel, Town Hall Annex Update, Rye400, Growth and Electrons are Flowing!

Welcome Bob McGrath: The elections in March brought a new member to the Select Board, please join us in welcoming Bob McGrath as our newest Selectman. Bob has previously served in town as our animal control officer and his prior business experience will also help add value to the Board. We appreciate everyone that took the time to vote; it was great to see such strong community engagement.

Thank you Phil Winslow: The Select Board wants to thank Phil Winslow for his six years of dedicated service to the town. We are grateful for all the many contributions he made as a member of the Select Board and wish him well in his future endeavors.

New Deputy Treasurer: Please join us in welcoming our new deputy town treasurer, Susan Philbrick, and in thanking our previous deputy town treasurer, Connie Abell for her years of service to Rye in this role. Connie's resignation created a vacancy, and the town posted notice that a search was being done to assist the treasurer in finding a new deputy. Per RSA 41:29-a "A deputy treasurer shall be appointed by the town treasurer with the approval of the board of selectmen." This search produced four very qualified candidates, from which Town Treasurer Jane Ireland recommended Susan Philbrick to the select board. The select board confirmed the appointment at their April 24th meeting. Susan Philbrick previously served as the town treasurer for Newington from 2010-2022 and is a Rye resident.

Town Hall Annex Update: The Town Hall Annex houses the following offices: the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office, Assessing, the Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator, and the Supervisors of the Checklist. The building also includes a drive-through to make it easier for many residents to conveniently perform transactions at the Town Clerk's Office. Transactions at the drive-through are limited to simple vehicle renewals, sewer/tax payments,

beach stickers, and absentee ballot drop offs. All other transactions will need to be completed inside the building. Please use the inner lane when using the drive-through and check the town's website for the Town Clerk's operating hours prior to visiting. With only a few items left to complete phase one of the project, the project remains under budget and is on track to stay under budget. The Annex exterior will be painted white, and we anticipate this will be done by the end of May. We thank the Rye Department of Public Works, town staff, residents, and everyone else that has assisted with and contributed to the project. We also appreciate the continued input and guidance that the Rye Historic District Commission continues to provide on this project. The town will continue to work with the commission to ensure that the signage, the building, and the landscaping are in visual harmony with other properties in the Rye Historic District.

US RT-1 Development: As you probably have noticed, there has been and continues to be construction along the RT-1 corridor from North Hampton and into Portsmouth. The Rye section of RT-1 is no exception. The recently completed development at the corner of Washington road and RT-1 is complete and fully occupied. Just south where the so-called Hector's property lies, condominiums are under construction and will be finished later this year. To the north along Airfield Drive the Housing Partnership is constructing housing aimed at families. All these residences have been fully vetted by both the Planning Board and where necessary the Zoning Board of Adjustment. As these are multifamily dwellings, Rye zoning requires that 20% of the units be set aside as "work force housing". The assumption is that people of lower income levels will be able to afford one of these attractive homes. Recently there has been questions as to whether Rye water district could continue to supply adequate water for both domestic and fire protection has come

under question. This and other considerations have resulted in a pause for further multi-unit construction along the corridor. These projects will add to the tax base and are an asset to the community.



Rye 400th Anniversary: As most residents know by now, the town of Rye is celebrating its 400th Anniversary since first settlement by English merchants in 1623. The Rye Select Board is partnering with the Rye Historical Society (RHS), under the leadership of Board President Ginna Macdonald, as the lead agency to help organize many events to celebrate this historic occasion. As an officially recognized non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, RHS can receive tax deductible donations. The RHS organized the Rye400 committee which created the logistical framework required to support sponsors and event partners. This committee, which is led by Rye resident Andy Stecher, also created a trademarked logo, an event website, marketing materials and embarked on a fundraising campaign. At the time of this writing, close to 45 different events have already been scheduled and a flyer with currently scheduled events has been mailed to all town residents. You have probably already heard about Rye400 sponsored beach clean-ups, speaker series and a hugely successful Art show. There are many more exciting events taking place all year long so please avail yourselves of these opportunities to celebrate Rye's history. All current information regarding past and forthcoming events can be found on their website at RyeNH400.org. Let's celebrate!

Regional Association Review Committee: It is little known that the Town receives requests for monetary donations annually from

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Regional Association organizations (i.e., Cross Roads House, American Red Cross) that have been previously approved by warrant article. Once approved by town vote, these organizations stay on the approved list indefinitely, applying annually for a specific amount. Over several decades the number has increased to 21 organizations totaling approximately \$56,000 annually. The Select Board determined that this is an appropriate time to review these requests to ensure our tax dollars are being spent appropriately and efficiently. Therefore, the Select Board created a Regional Association Review Committee to analyze all funding requests received from Regional Association organizations and evaluate each request in terms of relevance, proportionality, and benefit to the residents of Rye. The Committee, consisting of Chair Linda Toumpas, along with Susan Cole Ross, Suzanne Barton, Valerie Fagin and Ronnie Werner, all with extensive knowledge of the social services industry, met several times during the year and made suggestions which allowed for improved data collection going forward.

The Committee provided recommendations to the Select Board recently and generously offered to continue their work, if so desired. The Select Board agreed to continue this work and amended the Charter to make this a standing Committee. Several of the recommendations require policy decisions by the BOS, which will be taken up soon. We thank the Committee for all their hard work and willingness to assist us in rationalizing our monetary donations.

TAP Grant: Rye's TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant received final approval last year. This project will construct sidewalks, bicycle lanes, road shoulder expansion, cross walks, and lighting for 1,900 linear feet of Washington Road in the center of Rye. It is designed to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety in Rye's center. This project begins just north of the Rye Junior High School and ends just past the Library. Rye's TAP proposal was approved by the voters in July of 2021 with a commitment of \$300,000 of Town funds along with \$740,000 funded by the State Department of

Transportation (DOT).

The genesis for the Town Center sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and lighted cross walks proposal came from recommendations made during the Town wide Charrette held in May/June of 2019 on a comprehensive vision for the Town Center. Following the Charrette, the Select Board chartered a Rye Town Center Committee (RTCC) to take the input from the Charrette and to come up with a proposal that could be implemented in a timely fashion. Now that all approvals have been obtained, the Select Board split the duties of the RTCC and chartered a new committee, named the TAP Grant Committee, to plan and prepare for implementation of the project. It will advise on the technical aspects of, and contractor recommendations for, the initial engineering phase of the project. Meanwhile, the RTCC, as described above, will continue to focus on the strategic vision of the Town Center.

The Committee held its inaugural meeting in early February with membership consisting of Chair John Loftus, Vice Chair Lydia Tilsley and member Victor Azzi. There are two open positions remaining on this committee so please consider lending your expertise if you are interested.

The Committee recently met with DOT and Town officials to scope out the project and begin the process of selecting a company to provide engineering services. We expect a Request for Qualifications to engineering firms to go out soon. Additionally, in preparation for this project, five committee members and Town officials completed a 2-day webinar on the Local Public Agency (LPA) course and are now certified to manage NH DOT projects. We are excited to have this project finally underway!

Pease Air Cargo: The Procon Kane proposal to build approximately 750,000 sq ft of air cargo warehouses at Pease was withdrawn by them in 2022. That said, another development company, East West Aeronautical, announced that they are committed to bringing an air cargo proposal to the PDA Board. Per an interview by Roger Woods, associate publisher at "In Depth NH", with Eric Anderson, President of East West Aeronautical, Mr. Anderson made it clear that his company was moving

forward with a plan to create a Cargo Facility at Pease. As of this newsletter no further applications to construct a cargo facility have been presented. Your Select Board has continued to speak at PDA Board Meetings against any air cargo facility applications at Pease. The Select Board also continues to follow the PDA meeting agendas and application schedule closely and will update Rye residents on any plan to expand cargo facilities at Pease. An ironic experience occurred during the Rye Tree Lighting Ceremony this last December which made it clear to everyone there what it would be like if an air cargo facility were to be built at Pease. Immediately following the tree lighting the choir began to sing "Silent Night" just as a C-17 aircraft, flying into Pease, flew directly over the ceremony at about 1,200 ft and completely drowned out the singing—all that you could hear and see were the roar of the aircraft engines and the mouths of the choir members opening and closing. Needless to say, it was not "a silent night" in Rye on that December evening. It was however a good example of what would happen multiple times a night and day if an air cargo facility was operating at Pease. 80% of all flights into and out of Pease follow runway 34 approach which bring the aircraft directly over the center of Rye at normally between 1,200 and 1,700 ft. Per Mr. Anderson's interview, cited above, he indicated that to be financially viable between a minimum of 8 to 10 flights a day would be required. Assuming that these flights will be arriving and departing an Air Cargo Facility at Pease could generate well over 5,000 flights per year, most of which would fly directly over the center of Rye causing interrupted sleep and a disturbance in the quality of life that we enjoy in Rye. Additionally, we attempted to obtain representation on the PDA Board this spring through a bill introduced by our NH State Rep Jaci Grote but were rebuffed by the PDA Board. As one of the communities most affected by air traffic at Pease, your Select Board firmly believes that Rye should have representation and will continue to press this effort.

Irrigation Restrictions: We have fortunately had a relatively wet spring this year and the Rye Water District (RWD) has stated that our well

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levels are looking good right now and that irrigation restrictions are not being planned at this time. We do encourage everyone to keep water conservation in mind to preclude possible restrictions. The weather can obviously change and potentially force the RWD to restrict water use to maintain adequate fire safety and drinking water supplies. Additionally, one of the new zoning ordinances that passed this last March also requires backflow preventers on all new irrigation systems.

Community Power: Electrons are flowing! Residents voted in March of 2022 to authorize the Select Board to develop and implement Rye Community Power (RCP). RCP was recently launched and all residents should have received a mailing informing you of your choice about whether to "opt out" or to join and to which plan. Read the Energy Committee article on page 7. The Rye Energy Committee and in particular Lisa Sweet, who is on the Executive Board of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, have done an amazing job bringing this to fruition. This plan saves a significant amount of money in aggregate for our residents. We thank them for their efforts.

Volunteering: Volunteerism has long been held as a tradition here in New England. The evidence is all around us in various monuments and plaques placed strategically along roadways and on buildings. Here in Rye, you can see what the cost of voluntary service can mean by visiting the monument at the intersection of Washington and Central roads. The names of dozens of men and women who gave sacrificially to serve the Town, state and nation are listed there.

While not at the same level of risk as those celebrated on the obelisk, the tradition of volunteering remains strong here in Rye. We are a town with a population of approximately 5500 residents. On average we employ 70 or so full-time employees. It can vary by season with the addition of life-guards, parking control personnel and other part-time individuals. That stands in contrast to the number of people who are on our various boards and commissions. Presently there are approximately 120 individuals who give

their time and talent as unpaid volunteers to assist in running our town. More are needed as there are several positions that are vacant and in need of filling. A complete list of all the positions both volunteer and elected can be seen on the town website (www.town.rye.nh.us) look for Town officials along with the open positions under the "volunteer" link. If there is an interest in any of these positions, you can easily apply by contacting our Executive Assistant in the town office and she will direct you to the appropriate person. We enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in the state. In no small measure it is because of the volunteers. Hope you can help!

Rye Select Board,
Tom King, Chairman
Bill Epperson, Vice-Chairman
Bob McGrath, Selectman

Rye400 Summer Celebrations!

Thank you to all who have attended our events, beach clean-ups, poetry readings, runs and lectures to date. There's so much more to come!

Mark your calendars now and let's see you at these upcoming, community-wide Rye400 programs and events. Be sure to check the Rye400 website — www.ryenh400.org — for the latest details!

- June 11 - St. Andrew's by the Sea Open House and History Tour (**new event!**), 3:00-4:30pm, St. Andrew's by the Sea Episcopal Summer Chapel
- June 15 - Rye Century Walk: 1726 First Parish Rights, 5:00-6:30pm, Rye Congregational Church
- June 21 - Poet Elaine Sexton, 2:00-3:00pm, Rye Public Library
- June 21 - Max Sullivan Band Concert, 3:00-4:00pm, Rye Public Library Common
- June 24 - Beach and Brew Festival, 1:00-4:00pm, Odiorne State Park
- June 30 - Fourth of July Celebration — music, food trucks, fireworks! — 6:30-10:00pm, Parsons Field
- July 3 - Rye History Trolley Tour, 10:00am-12:00pm, Rye Town Museum

- July 6 - Isles of Shoals boat trip: Appledore & Star Islands (**sold out!**), 9:00am-4:00pm, Rye Harbor
- July 13 - Rye Century Walk: The Hotel Era, 5:00-6:30pm, Bass Beach
- July 19 - North River Band Concert, 3:00-4:00pm, Rye Public Library Common
- August 4 & 5 - Founding Family: Locke Family Assoc. Reunion, all day, Rye Public Library Common
- August 3 (**changed date**) — Isles of Shoals boat trip: Appledore & Star Islands (**sold out!**), 9:00am-4:00pm, Rye Harbor
- August 9 - Rye Scavenger Hunt on Foot, 1:00-4:30pm, Rye Town Museum
- August 16 - Poet Mark Decarteret, 3:00-4:00pm, Rye Public Library
- August 17 - Rye Century Walk: Fort Dearborn 1942-1945, 5:00-6:30pm, Pulpit Rock Tower to Odiorne State Park
- August 17 - Lecture: 1942-1945 Fort Dearborn, 6:30-7:30pm, Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne State Park
- August 19 - Rye Day Festival & Entertainment, 11:00am-5:00pm, Parsons Field
- August 26 - A Lesson in Surfing by Summer Session, 11:00am-3:00pm, Jenness Beach

Message from the Police Chief



Rye Animal Control: Animal Control Officer Kacie Post is actively working to educate the public to make dog walkers aware of Town of Rye seasonal ordinances. ACO Kacie

Post will continue to remind dog walkers that beginning May 27th, dogs are not permitted on town beaches between the hours of 9AM to 7PM, & on Saturdays, dogs are not permitted from 9AM to 9PM. The season has begun where no dogs are permitted in any State Park (in the Town of Rye), at any time. All dogs walking in public should always be wearing a collar with tags to display proof of registration. The goal is to

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educate and make dog owners aware of town and State Park ordinances with the goal of voluntary compliance.

Beach parking advice: When you get your 2023 Beach Parking Permit Sticker from the Town Clerk's office, immediately put it on the driver's side back window. Parking enforcement will ticket vehicles without a sticker once the "Parking by Permit Only" signs are posted.



Beaches: Remember, Rye beaches are dry - **NO ALCOHOL**. Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcoholic beverages.

Beaches are open from sunrise to midnight. Any permits for fires must be approved by the Fire Chief. The **Town of Rye property owner** obtaining the fire permit must extinguish the fire before leaving the beach. **NO FIRE SHALL BE BUILT ON THE SAND AREA OF ANY BEACH.**



Bicycles: All bicyclists shall ride single file. Rye has an ordinance requiring bicyclists, runners and walkers to

stay single file. Police Officers are asking people to speak up and say something when they see people riding abreast. We also request parents speak with their children about skate boarding on roads. The main roads, Washington, Wallis and Central Roads are not the safest roads for skate boarding due to the high volume of motor vehicle traffic. Please remember, if your children are under the age of 16, they must wear a helmet.

Speed of vehicles and Motor Vehicle Violations: The Town of Rye recognizes that traffic flow directly contributes to the quality of life within our neighborhoods. Speeding is not simply about fines and endorsements upon a license, it is an aggravating factor in many road deaths, or serious injury collisions. Speeding is a neighborhood issue that has a direct effect on our children's ability to safely play in neighborhoods, in addition to our pets and our own safety. We all want to live in a calm, welcoming place where we know we'll be at ease during an evening stroll or an early morning run. Often, drivers who do speed through our neighborhoods are unaware of the

impact that their actions could have on the peace and comfort of neighborhood streets and residents. Your anticipated assistance in keeping the Town of Rye safe is greatly appreciated. Help us help you by talking with family and friends about the speed and driving habits of vehicles on Rye roads.

Rye Police and other local police departments are receiving theft reports of wallets and purses taken from unlocked parked vehicles. Please remove these items from your vehicle at night or when parked at the beach. Also, when parked at the beach, please do not leave valuable items in your vehicles. In many of the most recent thefts from vehicles, a single credit card is taken. Often, no one notices a single card missing, giving time for someone to make unauthorized purchases on the card. **In any case, always remember to lock your vehicle, even when parked in your driveway.**

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Public Works Update



Dog Waste: Disposal of dog waste continues to be a problem on the beaches, in the parks, and on the roads.

The 78 million dogs living in the United States create 10 million tons of waste annually. Dog waste carries harmful microorganisms that can have a major impact on wildlife and the environment. Picking it up is not only good manners, it's the law. The longer the dog waste stays on the ground, the greater the contamination potential becomes. Bacteria, worms, and other parasites thrive in the waste. Eventually it may be washed into the local water bodies.

Picking up yours and others dog waste and throwing it out properly is a small change that can make a big difference in keeping the local water bodies clean. Individual actions can result in

significant water quality improvements when carried out by many people.

You can help by always bringing a plastic bag when you walk your dog, and properly dispose of your dog's waste. **NEVER THROW DOG WASTE INTO STORM DRAINS OR CATCH BASINS.**

2023 Road Paving Schedule:

This year the following roads will be repaved: Washington Road (Grove Rd to Hunters Run), Hunters Run, Lang Road (Washington Rd to Town Line), Big Rock Rd, Tower Ave, Alder Ave, Oak Ave, Spruce Ave, Powers Ave, Gray Court, Myrica Ave, Baker Ave, Brown Court. Each road will be tack coated then have a shim course of asphalt applied, to restore the road profile. Upon completion of the shim course a one-inch overlay of asphalt will be applied to restore structural value, and finally the road shoulders will be leveled with crushed gravel.

New Payment System at

Transfer Station: The staff at the Transfer Station is offering the residents of the town a new means of paying for facility services. **Only credit card/debit card payments are accepted at the Transfer Station.** An added transaction fee, that the credit card companies charge, of \$2.50 or 2.99% (whichever is greater) will be assessed per credit card transaction. Please see a Transfer Station Attendant prior to disposal of any materials for payment assessment and inspection

Brush Dump Hours Extend-

ed: The new hours for depositing brush, leaves and grass clippings are the same open hours of the Transfer Station: Tuesday – Saturday, 7:30am - 3:45pm. Please see a Transfer Station Attendant prior to disposal of any materials for inspection and permit verification. All contractors are required to possess and display a valid contractor permit prior to use of the facility.

Stormwater Management:

Rye is a great place to live, and your efforts are important to maintain it so. You can help by improving storm water quality. The storm drain system does not provide any treatment for the removal of pollutants; anything which enters the system eventually reaches our waterways. The cleaner the storm water is the less contaminates get flushed into our waterways and the ocean.

The Public Works Department performs a number of activities each

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year to reduce storm water pollution, such as catch basin cleaning, to remove potentially contaminated materials and street sweeping to pick up sand and winter debris before it can enter the storm water collection system.

Cleaning up storm water pollution is a task that the whole community can assist with. Do not underestimate the impact you can have as a homeowner. Following are three activities which can help reduce pollution.

- ⇒ Collect & Harvest Rainwater: A rain barrel is a simple system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise rapidly run off your property and into the storm drains and water courses. Rain barrels are relatively simple and inexpensive to construct and can sit conveniently under a residential gutter down spout.
- ⇒ Install Permeable Hardscape: If you are considering a new patio, walkway or even driveway consider choosing permeable pavers or pavement, which allows the movement of storm water through the surface and into the ground. Permeable surfaces can capture contaminants that may be in the rainwater and keep pollutants in place in the soil.
- ⇒ Replace Part of your Lawn with a Rain Garden: Lawns have shallow roots and offer limited erosion control, in addition lawns require watering and mowing. Rain gardens are designed to hold or slow the runoff and use native, drought-resistant plants which have longer roots to pull water down from the surface. Rain gardens reduce pollution by slowing down the runoff, spreading it out and soaking it in.



WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS TO PROTECT RYE'S WATERS.

MULCH YOUR LEAVES:

Mulched leaves on your lawn add valuable nutrients and organic matter. Grass clippings provide a source of slow-release nutrients reducing the amount of fertilizer needed.

Remove the bag from your lawn mower or use a mulching lawnmower. Leave the clippings to

add organic matter and recycle nutrients. Remember, backyard composting of your leaves, grass clippings and brush reduces the flow of waste, while at the same time, producing valuable organic matter for the soil. It improves your soil and the plants growing on it.

Never dispose of yard waste in surface waters or near wetlands. Decomposing leaves and grass in waterways use oxygen that other organisms need to survive. Yard waste dumped near waterbodies contributes to stream algae and odors. Dumping of yard waste in or near wetlands and waterbodies is against the law.

As always you can pick up informational brochures at the Public Works Department and Transfer Station.

Jason Rucker
Public Works Director

Message from Rye Fire & Rescue

Open Burning Reminder: This year has gotten off to a busy one regarding brush fires. The fire department gave out approximately 490 burning permits of various types last year. Inappropriate and/or illegal outside burning creates an unnecessary chance for additional brush fires.

Please take note of the following reminder of the regulations for safe open burning.

- No burning is allowed between 9:00am and 5:00pm unless it is actively raining or there is significant snow cover at the site of the burn.
- Open burning is granted by the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Rye. Open burning may be curtailed at any time due to high winds or various other conditions.
- A written permit must be obtained from Rye Fire Rescue for any open burning.
- The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste.
- Permits are issued only to the landowner or person(s) having written approval from the landowner. The Permittee must be 18 years of age or older.

- All open fires must always have someone in attendance.
- Permits for beach fires are issued to RYE RESIDENTS ONLY.
- Beach fires are allowed on the rocky areas of the beach only. No fires are allowed on the sand. Beach fires are allowed between 5:00 pm and Midnight. All ash and debris must be properly disposed of once completely extinguished.
- State regulations prohibit open fires on state beaches such as Wallis Sands State Park and Jenness Beach
- The NH Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste.
- This includes personal papers and sensitive documents, whole or shredded.

In addition, recreational fireworks can be a source of brush fires. This is a reminder that firework displays are NOT allowed in Rye unless the display is done by a fireworks company licensed by the Fire Marshal's office and a proper town/state permit is in place.

National Fire Academy Graduation: I am proud to announce that our very own Rye Firefighter Paramedic, Mike Rivet, has completed a two-year officer program at the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Maryland. Only approximately 2% of the nations fire-fighters ever attend the NFA. The courses are of high caliber and provide the students perspective on national best practices they otherwise would not be exposed to. Below is the announcement from the NFA. Mike's capstone project will have a direct positive impact here at the Rye Fire Rescue and involves safety and operational efficiencies in our ocean rescue program. This is not an easy feat, and we are very proud of Mike. If you see Mike around town feel free to extend congratulations to him for a job well done!

FEMA Media Release: EM-MITSBURG, MD — The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) United States Fire Administration (USFA)/National Fire Academy (NFA) announced April 10, 2023, that the following individual, from the state of New Hampshire, successfully completed the Managing Officer (MO) program.

Firefighter Michael J. Rivet,
Rye Fire Rescue,
555 Washington Road,
Rye, New Hampshire 03870

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The Managing Officer program's goals are to promote and enhance the professional growth of fire service leadership while preparing future leaders through a combination of education and linking people and ideas. Participants in this program receive instruction on leadership, community risk reduction, firefighter and community safety, contemporary training issues, and analytical tools for decision making. Students also gain critical insight concerning national response planning and incident management. This important two-year program comprises four unique courses requiring the participant to develop and complete a Capstone project directly benefiting the fire officer's department and community. This Capstone project permits the student an opportunity to demonstrate the application of course theory and concepts to real-life situations. The final project is then evaluated through a formal peer review.

Please help Rye Fire Rescue and the state Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Shark Receivers: Again, this year you will notice we have 4 shark receivers in the waters off Rye. They are identifiable as a large red buoy a few hundred yards offshore. The are located off:

- Sawyers Beach
- Cable Beach
- Foss Beach
- Wallis beach

As a reminder, these are data buoys and not designed for emergency response. They collect data throughout the year and will record tagged sharks that come within 1500 feet of the receiver. The data is recovered every fall and analyzed. Last year's data showed only one shark identified off Foss Beach just one time. These buoys are also part of a network of shark detection running up and down the northeast coast including Cape Cod.

If enough activity of a certain type is detected the scientist will recommend the purchase of a different type of receiver which will notify the lifeguards in real-time. This situation is NOT expected for Rye.

Mark Cotreau
Fire Chief

Mosquito Control Commission Update

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission is pleased to announce the hiring of Dragon Mosquito as our vendor for the 2023 season. On April 10th, Dragon crews began checking swamps, salt marshes, woodland pools and other wetlands for larval mosquito activity. Larval habitats are treated as necessary with a naturally occurring bacterium called Bti. We focus on freshwater habitats where Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) mosquitoes live. Treatments continue throughout the season after heavy rains or tidal flooding. Control of catch basin mosquitoes takes place during the summer to combat mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus (WNV).

Widespread detection of Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) in New Hampshire shows the continuing spread of this disease. JCV is a disease that circulates between deer and mosquitoes. The illness is considered serious, but rare. In 2013, the first human case of Jamestown Canyon Virus was found in the state. There have been 19 human cases of JCV in NH including 2 deaths. A recent study discovered over 70% of NH deer had been exposed to JCV. This year, we're participating in an early detection program for Jamestown Canyon Virus. In June, we'll begin trapping adult mosquitoes in Rye and sending the specimens to the State Lab in Concord where they'll be tested for JCV. As in past years, mosquitoes are tested for EEE and WNV beginning in July. The State Lab stops testing mosquitoes on October 15th.

Homeowners can assist in reducing mosquito populations by; Eliminating places where mosquitoes breed throughout spring and summer by emptying containers that hold water such as buckets, wheelbarrows, pool covers, tarps, toys, trash barrels, canoes and boats; and Changing the water in your birdbath every few days can also make a difference.

We know mosquitoes aren't the only concern as summer approaches. Mild winters enhance tick survival and may account for a rise in tick related diseases. Recent studies confirm ticks are showing up earlier each spring and 40% of blacklegged ticks (deer ticks) in New Hampshire carry at least one disease. Protect yourself and your pets by

thoroughly checking for ticks when you've been outdoors. If you find a tick on yourself or your pet and are worried about disease, there are options for getting the tick tested for diseases. The lab at TickReport in Amherst, Massachusetts will provide you with test results within three business days. Visit <https://www.tickreport.com/> to learn more about tick testing including pricing plans.

If you're interested in reducing your exposure to ticks while you and your dog are getting some exercise, you're in luck. Every spring and fall, the Town has the trails that run between the Rye Recreation Area, Parsons Field and the Cemetery sprayed for ticks. It's still a good idea to check yourself for ticks when you finish walking.

Tim Sanborn, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

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

CONTEST TIME: Best Rye Recycling Practices! Are you a Rye Recycling Superstar? How do you reduce your environmental footprint and keep trash out of the landfill? Share your story with the Rye Recycling Education Committee (RREC) for a chance to win a gift certificate to Common Roots!

Contest Rules: Create a video under 1 minute long showcasing how YOU are helping to keep trash out of the landfill and reduce your environmental footprint. Please email the video to ryenhrecyclers@gmail.com. Include your name, address and phone number within the email to win. Open to Rye Residents Only. Contest Runs through July 31, 2023. Winner will be announced in August and agrees to RREC sharing their video on social media. (A waiver will be provided to sign).

Rye Recycling Education Committee,
Alex Herlihy, Chairman
Pamela Helfrich
Cynthia Bogert
Terri McGee



Energy Committee Update - Community Power

The Energy Committee conducted two public information sessions in April, aimed at informing Rye residents about the launch of the Rye Community Power program. In early May, enrollment began for Eversource supply customers who were automatically enrolled in the program's default service, the Granite Basic rate. However, customers with competitive suppliers and those with solar net metering services were not included. Customers with competitive suppliers have the choice to opt in if they would like to. Solar net metering customers will be able to enroll with Rye Community Power as soon as the utility is able to provide the required data for us to properly serve them.

Rye Community Power provides four rate options. The standard Granite Basic rate offers 23.4% renewable energy (just like Eversource), while Granite Plus has 33%. For more eco-friendly alternatives, Clean 50 and Clean 100 provide 50% and 100% renewable energy, respectively. The rates for all 4 of the products offered are currently below the Eversource rate. To switch to a cleaner energy source or opt-out of the program, please call 866-603-POWR (7697) or visit rye.communitypowernh.gov.

About 2,794 Rye customers are expected to be enrolled in the Granite Basic service, one to be enrolled in Granite Plus, eight in Clean 50, and six in Clean 100. About fourteen customers have decided to remain with their existing Eversource supply, despite its higher cost.

Beginning in June, customers should notice "Community Power" listed as their electric supplier on their bills. Also, they should see a 22% reduction in the supply billing rate, moving from Eversource's rate of 20.2 cents to Community Power's rate of 15.8 cents per kWh. Note that the Community Power rate may adjust when Eversource revises its rates in July and January. Any rate changes will be noticed at least 30 days in advance.

The Community Power Coalition of NH, the non-profit that

manages Community Power, is in the process of filing complaints against electric utilities with both the PUC and the Department of Energy. This is due to their non-compliance with the Community Power law and rules, which resulted in a three-week delay in the program's launch, causing customers to lose potential savings. There is also a delay with the utilities providing all the data needed to serve solar net metering customers.

The solar panels on the Rye junior high school roof are now fully operational following the replacement of a malfunctioning power inverter. The system has so far generated over 25 megawatts of fossil-free electricity for the school. In addition, ReVision Energy installed an electric vehicle charger. If you would like to monitor the power generated by the school's solar panels go to <https://tinyurl.com/RJSsolar>.

ReVision has submitted updated proposals to the school board for a solar system on the elementary school roof. The Energy Committee is currently reviewing these proposals to assist the board in deciding the best financing option. Regardless of the choice, any option seems beneficial. After the school roof replacement this summer, the chosen solar system can be installed.

For several years, we have been exploring the feasibility of installing a solar array on the old Breakfast Hill landfill. Recent discussions with a solar developer, coupled with changes from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Community Power law, have made this prospect more viable. There will be more to report on this front in the coming months.

Rye Energy Committee,
Tom Pfau & Howard Kalet, Co-Chairs
Lisa Sweet, Carl Nicolino
Frank Melanson, Silas Proft
Robert Spork

Conservation Commission Update

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is committed to collaborating with other Town boards, committees and commissions to advance our

mission of natural resource protection and preservation. As part of its mission, RCC has been involved in many projects recently on the Goss Farm property that utilize agricultural opportunities and improve pollinator habitat on the farm.

Did you know that 49% of the Goss Farm purchase was funded by the U.S. Agriculture Department to conserve agricultural lands from development and specifically to protect prime agricultural soils? The remaining 51% was provided by the Open Space town bond fund. With that partnership came the obligation to include farming as one of the primary activities on site. This year the owners of The Carriage House restaurant have contracted with the RCC to grow food to serve at their popular local restaurant. We are excited to welcome them to the farm!

The Community Gardens at the farm are fully subscribed and are being prepared for planting. Several gardeners return year after year to enjoy the camaraderie that comes with digging in the soil, and growing food in this collective pursuit. The garden area has expanded to ensure we can continue to accommodate all residents who are interested. Currently there are 24 plots, split between two fields, which have been rototilled with set-up scheduled for May 20. We look forward to seeing all the gardeners and to another successful growing season.

On April 20, the Rye Fire Department conducted a controlled burn of the Goss Farm's designated pollinator habitat (eastern wet meadow), which will now be tilled to be managed as a pollinator friendly site. (see photo) This



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is the second occasion that we have relied on the Rye Fire Department to burn the field, which is intended to discourage unwanted plants and regenerate the meadow with nectar-rich flowering plants. Fire Chief Mark Co-treau used the burn as a training exercise for his fire fighters who effectively controlled the burn despite the windy conditions. We want to thank them for their help and professionalism.

The RCC partnered with the Rye400 in sharing the cost of a Linden tree that was planted at the Goss Farm in May. The Redmond Linden, commonly called American basswood, is a large native deciduous tree which typically grows to a height of 50 – 80 feet. The Linden tree's collaborative purchase, initiated by Cathy Hodson representing the Rye400, is in honor of the 400th anniversary of the first settlement of European Settlers in Rye. The tree is also an excellent pollinator attractor as well as an enduring symbol of community spirit and cooperation.

RCC members Susan Shepcaro, Sally King, and former member Jaci Grote completed UNH's Taking Action for Wildlife training program and work project. The program is designed to teach commissioners how to engage their communities in actions to protect wildlife and natural resources. The project chosen was to coordinate the pollinator habitat improvements at the farm. In addition to the rehabilitation of the meadow, there will be low, and no mow areas designated to encourage pollinators. There was a workshop held at the Rye library on May 10 to introduce folks to the iNaturalist app designed to photograph and identify flora and fauna and upload sightings to a national/state database. On May 13 a mini bio-blitz was held at the farm to offer onsite instruction. A variety of colorful birds were identified. Among them was a male scarlet tanager, a pair of Baltimore Orioles and two pairs of bluebirds. There were also several warblers. Thanks to UNH Extension's Emma Tutein for mentoring and advising and for lending her expertise as a Natural Resource and Land Conservation Field Specialist to our project.

Please come to the farm to respectfully enjoy all that this beautiful

conservation parcel has to offer.

Finally, welcome to new RCC member Joe Tucker, who will serve out the remainder of Jaci Grote's term. Many thanks to Jaci for her advocacy and continuing efforts on behalf of all Rye residents.

To volunteer with the RCC for trail work, please contact any Commission member: Mike Garvan, Joe Tucker, Sally King, Susan Shepcaro, Danna Truslow, Karen Oliver or alternate Jeff Gardner; or you can email the RCC Chair, Suzanne McFarland at Suzanne.ryeconservation@gmail.com.

Karen Oliver,
Rye Conservation Commission Member

Rye Historical Society Update

The museum is open every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. through the end of October. And as always, you can make an appointment online any time during the week to suit your schedule. Our current exhibit is **Rye Family Connections: How the threads of life connect us through Home, Economics & Community**. Coming up, we have three expanded 2-hour trolley tours that will cover Rye from the Rye Beach area up to Odiorne Point which will run on July 3rd and September 4th. This tour will highlight the new historical markers which are being placed around town this summer. Find out more at www.ryenhistoricalandsociety.org/calendar.

The Rye Historical Society is very busy these days helping with Rye400 celebrations, and working on getting our membership numbers higher. If you are interested in joining please visit our website at www.ryenhistoricalandsociety.org/membership. We love what we do and want to invite you to join us. Already a member and want to do more? Perhaps you would be interested in joining our board of directors. A variety of skills are needed, from technical skills and social media, to conservation and education. Please send us an email at info@ryenhistoricalandsociety.org or call (603) 436-9278 if you are interested in speaking to someone about board service.

The Board of Directors wishes you a beautiful summer that includes learning more about the history of this fantastic community.

GINNA MACDONALD, President
Board of Directors

Heritage Commission Update

The Heritage Commission continues to work to fulfill our commitments month after month, and has recently carefully reviewed our various programs. We are putting special emphasis on several projects.

Our Graveyard Adoption Program is a focal point for this spring and summer. We are fortunate to have several new adoptions this spring and we will be promoting this program throughout this summer and fall. We encourage you to go to our page on the Town website and check out the graveyards that are open for adoption.

The seven beautiful signs from our fundraiser have been completed and will be installed at their locations very soon. We are very excited to see the actual finished project at each location and hope that you will make a point to visit each of the sites. An event will be held to highlight the installation of the signs and will be publicized.

Our Gazebo Project continues to be a challenge. We have had several estimates for construction but have not yet finalized this part of the project. We have most of the elements of this plan completed, but have had several delays. We are determined to finalize this project soon and hope to see this beautiful gazebo on the Town Hall grounds in the near future.



We also continue to have merchandise such as hats, totes and umbrellas, which can be purchased at Town Hall for \$20.00. All the money goes towards funding for future projects and endeavors by the Commission.

Bev Giblin, Chair
Rye Heritage Commission

Rye Water District News

The Rye Water District staff and commissioners are working diligently to continue to provide a high level of service and quality. We continue to focus on water conservation, especially as the summer irrigation season begins. Our main construction project on Wallis Road is wrapping up for the summer months. We are exploring new potential water sources and beginning to plan for a treatment plant to address PFAS, iron, chlorine, manganese, coliform, and other contaminants is an ongoing process in the district. Finally, we are happy to welcome new staff members and a new commissioner.

Commissioner and Staff Update: First, we are proud to announce our new mission statement: Our mission is to provide the Rye Water District community with drinking water that meets and or exceeds all current federal and state drinking water standards, along with excellent customer service and environmental conservation. This is only a slight update from our previous statement, but we work every day to embody this statement.

In addition to a new mission statement, we welcome a new commissioner. Dr. Rosalie Lopresto-Drakatos. Rosalie is taking Art Ditto's place. Art decided not to run for commissioner again after his last term. We are forever grateful for Art's leadership and long commitment to the District, and we're happy to see that Rosalie has already hit the ground running.

We also welcome a new staff member, Dorian Stetser, who joined us a few months ago as an operator. We also congratulate Jacob Madore for passing his distribution license, so now all operators are fully licensed.

Water Conservation: Conservation of our limited resources is always at the forefront of our minds. Even when we are not in drought conditions like last year, irrigation stresses our system every summer. Therefore, we will continue to work with our customers to implement measures to ensure we have enough water for emergencies and everyday use. As of this writing, we are slightly ahead of last year's precipitation total but well behind normal. We are maintaining a

close watch on the skies and will be ready to act if conditions get worse.

As most readers know, we had to implement watering restrictions last summer because of a drought that got progressively worse throughout the summer. Thanks to most of you, we were successful in curtailing water use. As a result, we were recently recognized by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for our work to adapt local regulations to reduce discretionary water use during drought and work with major water users to curtail water waste.

Our superintendent and staff have been working closely with the prominent irrigation companies in our area to ensure that they are appropriately calibrated to water on the appropriate days and time and to shut off if it has rained recently or is raining. We urge all of you to check with your irrigation company to ensure your system is adjusted correctly, or if you take care of your own system, please contact our office if you have any questions.

In addition to voluntary restrictions, the commissioners approved new overage rates for those consuming more than 50,000 gallons per year, with additional increases at 100,000, 300,000, and over 300,000 gallons per year. Given the extra stress and costs to the system caused by this heavy use, the commissioners think these additional charges are fair. We hope they incentivize more conservative behaviors.

Construction: If you've been in the Pirates Cove area this spring, you've seen the Wallis Road water main replacement. We recognize it seems like this has been going on for a long time, and it has. It is very challenging to drill and dig in susceptible areas. The work will pause before Memorial Day weekend and resume after Labor Day to avoid disrupting summer beach traffic.

We are also pleased to have received a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to support our ongoing work to identify if lead service lines exist in our system.

New Water Sources: The Rye Water District is always on the lookout for new water. Thankfully, the Rye Conservation Commission and the Town of Rye recently conserved almost 79 acres on the Rye/North Hampton line (about 53 acres in Rye). The "Brown property" is a beautiful, forested area

with accessible trails for people and pets to explore. Additionally, the Brown property holds promise as a new water source. The Rye Water District and the Rye Conservation Commission are working together to gain permission to drill test wells to evaluate the potential water source. If permissions are granted, we will conduct these tests later this summer and fall, after which we will update our website ryewaterdistrict.com.

Rye Water District Commissioners,
Ralph Hickson
Scott Marion
Dr. Rosalie Lopresto

Rye Library Board of Trustees Update

The Trustees of the Rye Public Library are pleased to announce the appointment of Rachel Bradt McCann to the Board of Trustees. After careful consideration of five interested parties, we unanimously concluded that Rachel would be an excellent addition to the Board. Rachel has had a long and close association with the library. She has been an active member of the Friends of the RPL and carries on the legacy of her parents, Ned and Mary Tate, longtime Library benefactors. Rachel has extensive non-profit board involvement and looks forward to bringing her fundraising and grant-writing interests to the table and working to ensure accessibility and inclusion for all, with respect to both the library and the new outdoor Library Common.

Following Rachel's arrival, the Trustees elected new officers for the 2023-24 term:

- Michael Moody – Chair
- Victor Azzi – Vice-Chair
- Jeff Ross – Treasurer
- Rachel McCann – Secretary
- JoAnn Hodgdon – Trustee

The Board of Trustees continues to plan for further development of the Library Common including meeting with landscape architects as we move forward to create a vibrant outdoor space for all Rye citizens to enjoy. We are excited to support all the great programs, both within and outside the Rye Library this summer, and look forward to collaborating with the Rye 400 Celebration for many events!



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870
Mailing Address: 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 Tel. 603.964.6281
E-mail dmartin@town.rye.nh.us, Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us

2023

RYE SENIOR'S STRAWBERRY FEST



Come join Rye Recreation, Rye Fire Department, Rye Police Department, Rye DPW and Rye Public Library for strawberry shortcake on the Library Common.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMON
581 Washington Road, Rye

This event is free to Rye Seniors; registration is required and seating is limited. Please contact Rye Recreation at 603.964.6281 to register.

REGISTERING FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note that our new software will not be online for registrations, so you must come to the office to register or you can obtain a registration form at www.town.rye.nh.us and mail it to Rye Recreation with a check, payable to Rye Recreation for the total amount.

THE WAVE LUNCH PROGRAMS AND DAY TRIPS The lunch programs are held at The Wave at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH the second Thursday of each month. Lunch is at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$15 for a complete lunch or \$5 for a beverage and dessert only. If you are not having lunch, you can still attend, but we ask that you notify us in advance. Space is limited for the day trips, so it is important to register early. No refunds will be given unless funds can be recovered from the contract provider. Prior to the trip, you will receive correspondence confirming the departure time and location as well as the schedule. No lunch programs in July and August 2023.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

BANJOS, BONES AND BALLARDS WITH JEFF WARNER
Program sponsored by NH Humanities and open to the public.

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023
Lunch: Lasagna, garlic bread, garden salad and dessert
Reservation Deadline: Thursday, June 1, 2023

SENIOR DAY TRIPS

THE GLEN CAMPBELL EXPERIENCE

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Meal Choice: Pan seared pork tenderloin w/apple mustard demis glaze or vegetarian lasagna, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea
Reservation Deadline: June 19, 2023 (space based on availability)
Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Castleton in Windham, NH
Fee: \$115 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive for \$85 (includes admission and lunch)

NEIL DIAMOND AND FRIENDS

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023
Meal Choice: Apple cranberry cornbread stuffed chicken or vegetarian lasagna, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea
Reservation Deadline: August 7, 2023 (space based on availability)
Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Castleton in Windham, NH
Fee: \$115 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive for \$85 (includes admission and lunch)

SPLISH SPLASH—The Music of Bobby Darin

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023
Meal Choice: Apple cranberry cornbread stuffed chicken or vegetarian lasagna, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee
Reservation Deadline: September 19, 2023 (space based on availability)
Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Castleton in Windham, NH
Fee: \$115 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive for \$85 (includes admission and lunch)

RYE RECREATION PRESENTS

4TH OF JULY IN RYE

FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC, FIREWORKS SHOW

MUSIC BY
JIMMY AND THE BARHOPPERS

FOOD BY
THE BIG BAD FOOD TRUCK & NORTHEAST ICE CREAM

JOIN US ON **FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH** AT 7:00PM FOR MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN - FIREWORKS GO OFF AT 9:00PM. SEE YOU THERE!

PARSONS FIELD

For more information call Rye Recreation at 603 964 6281

YOUTH DAY CAMPS

SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS DAY CAMP

Camp begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. This camp is for participants entering Grades K-6 in Fall 2023. Pre-Camp (8:00-8:30 a.m.) and Post-Camp (4:30-5:00 p.m.) will be offered for an additional \$25.00 per week and the participant(s) must be pre-registered for this option.

Pricing: Weeks 1, 4, 6, 7 Full-day only @ \$190/week
Weeks 3, 5, 8 Full-day @ \$190/week and half-day (morning or afternoon) @ \$95/week
Week 2 (no camp 7/4/23) Full-day @ \$152/week and half-day (morning or afternoon) @ \$76/week

Week One: **Wild Wild West** (Rye Recreation) June 26-30, 2023

Week Two: **Patriotic** (Rye Recreation) July 3, 5-7, 2023

Week Three: **Hollywood Stars** (New Castle) July 10-14, 2023

Week Four: **New England Sports** (New Castle) July 17-21, 2023

Week Five: **Outer Space** (Rye Recreation) July 24-28, 2023

Week Six: **Detectives and Spies** (Rye Recreation) July 31-August 4, 2023

Week Seven: **Animals** (Rye Recreation) August 7-11, 2023

Week Eight: **Science and Nature** (Rye Recreation) August 14-18, 2023

Please go to the Town of Rye website (Rye Recreation) and see the 2023 Rye Recreation Summertime HoRYEZons flyer to see a more detailed description of each week or call Rye Recreation for more information.

WIZARDS CAMP WITH FRANK DELMEDICO

Date and Time: July 10-14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Location: Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH
Grades: 3-5 Fall 2023
Fee: \$140

LEGO® REACTIONS CAMP WITH FRANK DELMEDICO

Date and Time: July 17-21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Location: Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH
Grades: 3-5 Fall 2023
Fee: \$140

UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF MAGIC WITH SAGES ENTERTAINMENT

Date and Time: August 14-18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH
Ages: 7-12
Fee: \$470 (includes magic kit, online vault, and fun)

YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS

CO-RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL CAMP WITH COACH PAT QUINN

Grades 2-6, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Grades 7-8, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Dates: July 10-13, 2023 (Monday-Thursday)
Location: Rye Junior High, 501 Washington Road, Rye, NH
Fee: \$140

GOLF

Session 1: July 10-14, 2023

Session 2: August 14-18, 2023

Grades K-4, 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Grades 5-12, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Location: Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH

Fee: \$80 (clubs available if needed)

CO-REC BASEBALL CAMP WITH STEPHEN MCMANUS

Date and Time: June 19-23, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Rye Recreation, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

Grades: 2-8 in Fall 2023

Fee: \$200

CO-REC ALL-STARS PICKLEBALL CAMP WITH COACH PETE

Date and Time: July 6, 7, 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth

Grades: 3-8 Fall 2023 (broken into groups by age and ability)

Fee: \$80 (equipment provided)

ADULT SPORTS

GROUP GOLF LESSONS

ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS (Co-Recreational)

Dates and Time: July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH

Fee: \$149

WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS

Dates and Time: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH

Fee: \$149

FALL RECREATIONAL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Co-recreational and open to 4 yrs.– grades 5; Rye and New Castle residents only. Held September 9 to October 14, 2023. 4 year olds meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:15 a.m. Grade K meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:30 a.m. Grades 1-2 meet twice a week to practice and play a game each day: Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Grades 3-5 meet twice a week to practice and play a game each day: Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location: Rye Recreation Fields, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH
Fee: \$50 for 1st registrant, \$45 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). **Late fee** of \$45 will apply to registrations received after the **July 28, 2023 deadline.**

The above schedule and age groupings are subject to change based on registrations received.



RYE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2023-2024 SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

Registrations will not be accepted prior to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023. Registration will begin on Monday, July 10, 2023, online at www.town.rye.nh.us/recreation from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and at the Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Due to lack of staffing, we will only be accepting the first 45 registrants for each day. Registrations received after Monday, July 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., will be accepted based on availability and should be submitted by mail to Rye Recreation, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 or brought to the Rye Recreation Office (online registration will not be available).



Rye Public Library Events: Summer 2023

“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.” — Henry James

RPL Celebrates Rye’s 400th!

Summer programming continues with joint presentations between RPL, the Rye 400th Committee, and others. Poetry, music, and more abound on the Library Common this summer. Check our website www.ryepubliclibrary.org and the Rye 400th calendar for more details.

Ongoing Activities:

Adult Book Discussion: Please sign up to join these lively discussion groups.

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 pm!

6/28 *Flamer* by Mike Curato

7/26 *Beautiful Country* by Quian Julie Wang

8/23 *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

Coloring for Adults: 11am on Mondays! Materials provided.	Military Book Discussions: First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 6/1, 7/6, 8/3
RPL Knitters: By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	

Monday Movie Matinees will take a summer hiatus and resume in September

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome!

The FRPL meet monthly on Third Tuesdays at 6:00PM

Museum memberships supported by *The Friends*:

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	Woodman Museum, Dover

Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

Drop In Tech Help – Every Wednesday 10am-12pm If you have questions about your computer or how-to on your device [phone or tablet] just drop in on any Wednesday between 10am -12pm for a tech help session. No appointment necessary! If you wonder how to download books and other library materials to your device, create an e-mail account, or manage storage, etc. this session is for you. These sessions are process oriented and not meant to troubleshoot device functionality--if your device just crashed or won’t boot up, that’s beyond the scope here. You can also call RPL at 603-964-8401 to set up an individual help session outside of the drop-ins.

Rye Public Library Youth Department
Programming June – August 2023
More details at ryepubliclibrary.org or (603) 964-9551

Summer Reading Program June 26th – August 5th	
<p>Weekly Crafts, Trivia, and Guessing Jars Available in the library Every week during summer reading</p> <p>Pride Scavenger Hunt Runs the entire month of June Open to all ages</p> <p>Playtime Party Mondays 10:30am</p> <p>Sensory Play Tuesdays 10:30am</p> <p>Teen Nintendo Switch Gaming Tuesdays 3:00-4:00pm; Grades 6+</p> <p>Teen Thursdays <i>Check website for details</i> Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm; Grades 6+</p> <p>Chalk Art & Popsicles Thursdays 10:30am</p> <p>Friday Fun Programs <i>Check website for details</i> Fridays 3:00-4:00pm</p> <p>Story Time Fridays 10:30am</p> <p>Lego Night 2nd and 3rd Tues of the month 5:00-6:00pm</p>	<p>Pokémon Night 1st Tuesday of the month 5:00-6:00pm</p> <p>Grades K-3 Book Club <i>Check website for book titles</i> 3rd Sat of the month 10:30am; Grades K-3</p> <p>Minecraft Night 4th Thursday of the month 5:00-6:00pm</p> <p>Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 26th 3:00-4:00pm</p> <p>Summer Reading Kickoff Party with Magic Fred* Wednesday, June 28th 6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Movie Night Wednesday, July 5th 6:00pm</p> <p>Saturday Touch A Truck Saturday, July 8th 10:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>Seacoast Science Center @ the Lib* Wednesdays, July 12th 4:00-5:00pm</p> <p>Outdoor Tie Dye Wednesday, July 19th 3:00pm</p> <p>Steve Blunt Music Wednesday, July 26th 3:00pm</p>
<p>Summer Reading Finale: Wildlife Encounters* Wednesday, August 2nd 6:00-7:00pm</p>	

***Asterisked programs require signing up! Please visit our website to register.**

A New Van for the Future of Senior SERVE

Rye Senior SERVE is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Charitable Corporation dedicated to serving Rye's seniors by identifying and responding to community needs that will maximize the quality of life for our eldest residents. Senior SERVE was incorporated in 2004. Two years later, we were able to purchase a 13 passenger van to greatly increase our capacity to provide transportation for seniors. Our van service focuses on residents who no longer drive but are still able to live independently.

The 2006 van is 17 years old and will need to be replaced in the near future. The van travels to Market Basket Plaza weekly for grocery shopping, breakfast at Hebert's, errands at TD Bank and occasional other stops for riders. For a voluntary donation of \$2.00 (to help defray fuel and maintenance costs), the van will pick seniors up from and drop them off at home, and assists with bringing purchases into the house. In addition, the van takes riders on planned outings and monthly luncheons. The van service has provided 900 shopping trips for over 9,000 riders and 240 luncheon trips for close to 2,400 riders over the past 20 years.

Senior SERVE also provides personal transportation to medical and other important appointments by volunteer drivers. It has logged rides to 5,900 appointments.

We thank the residents of Rye for their support and donations in helping with the purchase of our van in 2004, and hope you will continue to support our mission in the future as well. Senior SERVE is looking for sponsors to donate \$10,000.00, whose names will be displayed on the side/back of the new van. Partners Bank will match all donations to a maximum of \$2,500.00. We are grateful for any size donation toward our goal. Please submit your tax deductible gift to Rye Senior SERVE, PO Box 902, Rye, NH 03870.

For more information regarding Senior SERVE, visit the Town of Rye website to find the Departments drop down menu for Senior Services link.

With gratitude,
Rye Senior SERVE Board of Directors

Beach Committee Update

Beach Committee's 4 for 400th Anniversary Beach Cleanups: Last winter our Committee voted to hold four beach cleanups during April (Earth Month) to celebrate Rye's 400th Anniversary. We discussed our plans with the **Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation** and they were on board! Big thanks for their leadership! We looked ahead to tides and times and came up with dates that turned out to be sunny and drew enthusiastic participants of all ages from Rye and other towns. Thank you to all the participants and the Rye400 Committee for their support, especially Andy Stecher and Debbi Toohey.



Pirates Cove Beach Cleanup



Foss Beach Cleanup



Jenness Beach Cleanup



Sawyers Beach Cleanup

The Beach Committee has heard from community members on issues, both pro and con ranging from Rye's continuation of the carry-in-carry-out policy and beach access. Two areas of concern for beachgoers are the changes at Foss Beach and a few home owners blocking access points with plants and placing items on the beach that no one is actually using. If you see something, let the Select Board know or use the Beach Committee's email address. At the same time, some beachgoers (usually not local) choose to go around the designated beach access points and cut through private property. The police department dispatcher will take your call if you observe inappropriate behavior. Let's keep the beach safe for everyone and watch for the flags posted by the lifeguards.

The Select Board and DPW are aware of the concerns at Foss. As you may know, 1A and some road parking areas are the responsibility of the State of NH. Rye's DPW works in cooperation with NH and assessment is ongoing. The unusually high tides we had in the fall and winter caused a lot of damage to some beach walls, roads, and homes and boulders were relocated by the force of the tides. Thanks to the DPW and the State for the extensive cleanup.

The Beach Committee met for a site walk on May 15 with Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Fire and Safety Chief Mark Cotreau. The goals were to review beach access and safety.

We welcome community members to join a meeting or send concerns and suggestions to: beachcommittee@town.rye.nh.us. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Town Hall @ 5:30pm and posted on the Town's website. If you are interested, we have two openings for alternates and one member position coming up soon.

The Beach Committee continues to work with the NH Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation to fund water testing at Sawyers during all of the shoulder season.

Beach Committee Update

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Surfrider has an ongoing partnership with the UNH Jackson Estuarine Lab at Adams Point. During our high season, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the NH DES collects water samples and conducts tests regularly at several beaches on the NH coast.

Links:

<https://nh.surfrider.org>

<https://www.blueoceansociety.org/>

<https://bwtf.surfrider.org/explore/65>

<https://www.des.nh.gov>

<https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/>

partnerships/marine-debris-tracker

For the third year, the Beach Committee has partnered with RJHS and RES to collect posters designed to educate beachgoers. Look for them this summer at beaches and businesses around Rye. Once again, many people made it possible. The artwork is laminated at the Town Hall by Janice Ireland, mounted on stakes constructed by DPW, and placed at beach entrances by Beach Committee members. Thanks to all, most notably the students, teachers, grade 4 team, and school principals.

Due to the regular rotation of Select Board Members, we bid adieu to Bill Epperson and welcomed Tom King. Thanks to both of you for your insights, patience and support. Bill and Tom have been key in supporting trial placements of bike racks and dog waste containers. Another valued member, Cybele Grier, moved down the road to Hampton and has resigned from the Beach Committee. Thanks, Cybele, for your hard work and leadership on the Rye400 cleanup draw.

Enjoy our beautiful beaches!

Mary-Ann Sullivan, Chair
Rye Beach Committee

Planning Board Update - Master Plan, Build-Out Analysis, and Housing Survey

On May 15th, the Master Plan Steering Committee met to review and discuss proposals to assist the Town in

creation of a Build-out Analysis (BOA), and a revised/new Master Plan (MP). The task was to evaluate and select, the top candidates for recommendation to the Planning Board. There were four (4) submittals to be evaluated by four different firms. Two firms submitted bids for the BOA, and two firms (one a single entity, the other a consortium of three firms) for the MP.

The selections, after discussion and deliberation, were based on the criteria outlined in the RFP, and were somewhat simplified, as in the first round of evaluations, each member of the Committee came to the same conclusions as to which firms were the best suited to win the bid. Their proposals were deemed to be complete, credible and demonstrative of a deep understanding of the needs of our Town. Resilience Planning & Design, LLC, Plymouth, NH (RPD) was selected for the MP, and FB Environmental Associates, Dover, NH (FBE) for the BOA. The MP effort led by RPD will incorporate assistance from both FBE and Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), bringing together a team of 8 professionals, and FBE's BOA will be supported by RPD and RPC.

With significant history and longevity in serving Rye, RPC and FBE have done substantial work (the former is currently assisting with the Housing Assessment; the latter recently provided our 2021 Natural Resources Inventory). The teams will bring a strong combination of skills and experience to our community in furtherance of our understanding and planning for Rye's future.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the MPSC, and put forward the proposals to the Select Board for consideration on May 22nd. The engagements will commence in June, with completion expected in December 2023 for the BOA, and December 2024 for the MP.

The Long Range Planning Committee met with Jenn Rowden of RPC on May 4th to discuss the recent \$17,750 grant awarded to the Planning Board to conduct a housing needs analysis. This grant from InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program's Housing Opportunity Program will assist the Town in planning for the future of housing in Rye. While Rye is providing housing opportunities, this initiative will allow a deeper dive into this hot

topic. A housing survey will be the first step in engaging our community. The survey will start on May 30th and links will be posted around town, on social media, and the Town website. Paper copies will be available at the Town Hall, the Town Hall Annex, and the Library. Ann Fox, Kathryn Garcia, Brett Mulvey, and Kim Reed are attending the Housing Academy, a program designed to foster our understanding of housing issues and community engagement strategies. Lastly, the Planning Board will apply for a Phase II housing grant assisted by RPC. If funded, the Town will hire a consultant(s) to audit zoning, land development regulations, and local building codes to identify recommendations to facilitate reasonable and realistic housing opportunities.

Rules and Regulations Committee (RNR): 2022 was a busy year for the Committee. With the help of past town counsel Mike Donovan, Rye Land Development Regulations (LDR's) were revised, updated and adopted by the Planning Board in September 2022. Following its work on the LDR's, the RNR moved on, with the help of current town counsel Eric Maher, to revise and update the Rye Zoning Ordinance. The proposed changes to the Ordinance were placed on the town warrant and approved in March at the town election.

This spring the Committee, with the help of town counsel Eric Maher, proposed minor revisions to the Rules of Procedure which were approved by the Planning Board on May 16th. Looking ahead to this summer and fall, the Committee plans to consider the demolition review process in the Zoning Ordinance as well as other issues brought to the Planning Board for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Losik, Chair
Rye Planning Board

What Should the Future of Housing Be in Rye? Planning Board Seeking Input Via Community Survey

Housing is a hot topic everywhere and Rye is no exception. The Rye Planning Board is seeking input via a survey on how housing options can be

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Planning Board Survey

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integrated into Rye in a way that reflects the existing fabric of the community. The survey is a first step in engaging the town in a conversation about housing priorities and what strategies should be taken to accommodate those needs.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN RYE

TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY!

COMING SOON

SURVEY OPEN MAY 30-JUNE 23

THE RYE PLANNING BOARD, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION, IS SEEKING OPINIONS AND INPUT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN RYE.

PAPER SURVEYS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICES, TOWN ANNEX, AND LIBRARY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
KIM REED, PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AT
KREED@TOWN.RYE.NH.US OR 603-379-8081

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

THIS PROJECT IS BEING SUPPORTED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY FEDERAL AWARD NUMBER 51790145 AWARDED TO THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Look for the survey starting May 30 – June 23; links to the survey will be posted around town, on social media, and the Town website. Paper copies will also be available at the Town Offices, Town Hall Annex, and Library.

In February, the Planning Board was awarded a \$17,750 grant from InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program's Housing Opportunity Program Needs Assessment Grant (HOP Grant) to prepare a Needs Analysis and Plan to fund the public engagement, analysis, and documentation of answering the question "what should the future on housing be in Rye?" The Rye Planning Board, with the Long-Range Planning Committee, have selected Rockingham Planning Commission to assist with this effort over the coming months. The discussion on housing will also be integrated into the Rye Master Plan update and buildout analysis recently approved for funding at Town Meeting in March.

For more information about this project, please contact Kim Reed, Rye Planning and Zoning Administrator by email at KReed@town.rye.nh.us or by calling 603-379-8081.

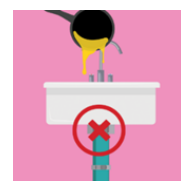
Sewer Department - Sewer System Notice

The Town of Rye Sewer System experiences operational problems when items other than the Four P's (poo, pee, puke and toilet paper) are discharged into the Town's sewer mains. These unwanted items can cause damage to our pumps and blockages in the sewer lines, ultimately financially impacting users.



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

these items have caused our pumps to shut down in the past. The only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper. Kitchen solids, such as fruit and vegetable rinds and peels, corn kernels, eggshells, and chicken bones can also cause blockages. Garbage disposals do not always reduce some of these items to the point that they will flush clear of the lateral lines.



Do NOT dump cooking grease and oils down the drain. Flushing out

the grease with hot water will not work either; this only causes a build up further down the drain and eventually contributes to a blockage in the lateral or Town sewer pipes. Avoid using chemicals that claim to dissolve grease, such as vinegar and baking soda. Those products only dislodge grease clogs and move them further down the pipe, which can lead to similar problems. To dispose of cooking grease, pour it into a heat-resistant container and allow it to cool and set. That container should then be disposed in the regular garbage.

Do NOT connect downspouts and Sump Pumps to the sewer system. The Town of Rye Sewer Use Ordinance strictly forbids the entry of surface water into the sanitary sewer system. While some of the clearwater may enter the sewer system through the system itself, clearwater also enters the system from downspouts and sump pumps which are illegally attached to the sewer system.

The first step we must take is to reduce the problem is to make certain that all downspouts and sump pumps are disconnected from the sanitary

sewer system. *If you have downspouts or a sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer system, those connections are illegal, and you must disconnect such connections as soon as possible.* Failure to disconnect a downspout or a sump pump could result in legal action to remove the connection at the customer's expense and fines for diverting clearwater into the Town of Rye Sewer System. Sewer system inspections to identify illegal connections are ongoing.

Please note per Sewer Use Ordinance § 402 Drains: No person(s) shall maintain or make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Financial Impact of Continued Discharge of Clear Water, Debris, Grease, Oils and Fats: Each sewer customer helps pay for the cost of treating clearwater that is passed through our sewer system to the treatment plant in Hampton. Since clearwater does not need to be treated, the Town of Rye Sewer Customers end up paying for treatment that is unnecessary. The continued discharge of extraneous debris and grease, oils, and fats into the public sewer system will continue to increase costs for maintenance and repair of public sewer pipes and sewage pumping stations. Continued improper discharge of these materials could also incur additional costs for a homeowner because of the cleaning of laterals and basement flooding.

There is an easy way to prevent sewer problems and it boils down to one main effort: Do NOT put things down your pipes that should not go down them.



Only the Four P's can be flushed down your toilet poo, pee, puke and toilet paper. That is it!

The Sewer Commissioners are David Kohlhase, Chairman, Susan Labrie, and John McCune, and the Sewer Director is Lee Arthur. The Sewer Office is located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. For more information, please feel free to drop in or contact us at (603) 964-6815.

Rye School Board Update

In March the School Board welcomed Michelle Wheeler as a new member and elected Matt Curtin as Chair, Susan Ross as Secretary and Katherine Errecart as Vice Chair - following the strong example set by Heather Reed. We consolidated several committees and selected representatives. We celebrated Jeanne Monahan for her 24 years of wise and compassionate leadership and service to the community on the School Board. Her many friends and family joined in the celebration of her service. In addition, during the SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting, we all toasted Ms. Monahan in honor of her service to the entire SAU 50 School District over the last 24 years, especially her diligent work on the policy committee.

With a welcome surge in kindergarten registrations, the Board voted to provide comprehensive screenings for all kindergarteners in June and to determine placement at that time. The Board appreciates the community's commitment to fundraising with events such as the PTO Golf Tournament and the spring Walkathon for our new RES playground, which we hope to have installed in 2024. In another warm community gathering, RJH enjoyed a joyous and successful Wedgewood Festival early this spring.

The School Board welcomed several new administrators to the schools and to the SAU this year and have reaped the benefits of their expertise in improving educational opportunities in our schools, critical upgrades to the physical plant, preemptive special education initiatives, and new updates and advances in user-friendly technology.

Board meetings this year began with enthralling Instructional Core Moments such as when Ms. Gilbert led the Board through a discussion on the Wedgewood Outdoor Classroom. She and her dedicated teachers, staff, and community members provided an in-depth presentation to the Board on many different topics, including the history of Wedgewood and the Town of Rye, the history of RJH, and the outdoor educational opportunities that Wedgewood provides for our students.

In honor of Earth Day, students worked on the RJH grounds and in the community completing a significant amount of yard work. Who knew that they would drag back half a boat and a car bumper? Ms. Pitts also shared presentations from RES, such as, on the Fourth Grade Student's Passion Projects with a bit of a technology twist. To the Board's delight, the students took turns presenting their passions, with topics ranging from Chickens to Star Wars, Cartoons, Pumpkins, and Hockey. Ms. Pitts shared that the students used a variety of creative online programs to create their projects like Canva, Pixton, and Google.

It has been a wonderful year of growth and enjoyment of learning in the Rye Public Schools and the Board has been honored to take part.

Susan Ross, Secretary
Rye School Board

PLANNING A YARD SALE OR AN OPEN HOUSE?

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

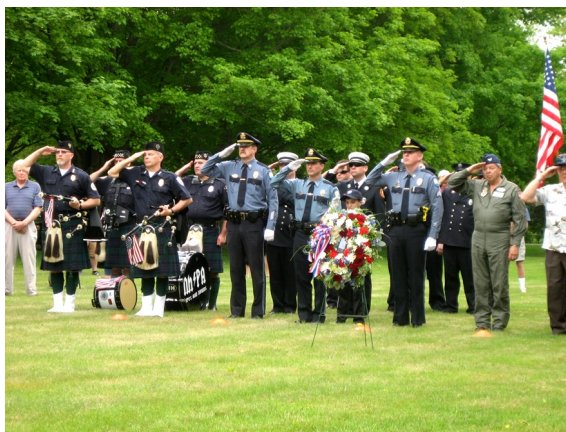
- **Selectmen's approval is required for all signs on town-owned property, including Parsons Field and Town ROW's.**
- **Sign requests will be considered only from non-profit entities holding approved events on Town or School property or are for the benefit of or are sponsored by the Town.**
- **Commercial identification or logos on signs are not permitted.**
- **Sign duration is limited to 7 days.**
- **Size may not exceed 4 square feet. For example: 2' x 2'**
- **State law prohibits signs on utility poles.**

2023 Rye Memorial Day Ceremony

On Monday, May 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. the Town of Rye conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony at Central Cemetery. The Ceremony began with a parade from the Veterans Monument and ended on the green at Central Cemetery. Participating in the parade was the New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Police and Fire Departments, Veterans and a vintage fire truck.

The Guest Speaker was Veteran Philip Winslow of Rye, NH. The music and sound was provided by Kevin Schladenhauffen, Karrie Burnett and the New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums. Songs were sung by Karrie Burnett. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman Bill Epperson and a wreath donated by the Rye Lions was placed in memory of our Veterans.

Awards were presented by Select Board Chairman Tom King, and Selectman Bob McGrath, to participants of the Rye Recreation Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest who attend Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High School. Posters were available for viewing and poems and essays were read. Reverend Jonathan Conant of Rye Congregational Church gave the invocation and Reverend Boniface Agbata of St. Theresa Church gave the benediction. This year marked the 78th anniversary of WWII and the 70th anniversary of the Korean Con-



flikt and there was a special recognition given to those veterans, led by Select Board Chairman Tom King. Immediately after the ceremony, refreshments were provided by the Rye Heritage Commission.

The Town of Rye has lost soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and merchant seamen in armed conflicts and the American Revolution. The Town also remembered on this occasion those firemen and police officers who were lost in the line of duty.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

Spring has sprung and summer is around the corner! That means beach season is here and beach parking violations (are) effective May 1st. Beach Parking Permits are now on sale at our new Town Clerk Office at the Town Hall Annex (the former TD Bank building).

Each property parcel will be allowed three (3) Beach Parking Permits. The cost of the first two Beach Parking Permits is \$30.00 each. If desired, a third Beach Parking Permit can be purchased for \$35.00. Please bring in your vehicle registration for each permit you are requesting. Your status as a resident or property owner will be verified at the Town Clerk's office. Property owners who lease/rent their property year-round may opt to give 1, 2, or 3 of their allotted beach parking permits to their renters. Beach Parking Permit Letter of Release (located at our office, or on the Town website) will need to be completed by the property owner before a Beach Parking Permit is issued. Permits cannot be purchased online or by mail.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Every Friday we close at 12:00 p.m.



All dogs are required to be licensed between January 1st and April 30th. Effective May 1st, a late charge will apply to outstanding license renewals. A current Rabies Certificate is needed for each dog. For your convenience payments can be made on the Town website.

First Issue 2023 property tax bills will be due July 1, 2023. For those taxpayers who escrow their taxes, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company. If you are paying your taxes by mail and would like a paid receipt returned, please mail in the full bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. Payments can also be made online at the Town website and by clicking the red icon – you will be prompted with instructions. We accept cash, credit cards or a check as means of payment. When

using a credit card for ANY Town Clerk/Tax Collector transactions, there is a fee of 2.99% imposed by the credit card company.

Please encourage your returning college students to stop by our office to register to vote. It is a quick process and a great way to encourage civic participation. A government-issued ID is the easiest form of verification.

REMINDER: Our new location is 500 Washington Road (former TD Bank Building). Our drive-thru is open for simple transactions (i.e., tax and sewer bill payments, beach stickers, and simple registration renewals).

Enjoy the Nice Weather.
Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

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

Date: TBD

9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

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



Driver's License
Required as
Proof of Residency

www.srrd53.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Beach Committee	1 Member Vacancy 2 Alternate Vacancies
CIP Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Heritage Commission	2 Alternate Vacancies
Historic District Commission	3 Alternate Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Recreation Commission	2 Member Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee	1 Alternate Vacancy
Rye Town Center Committee	1 Member Vacancy
TAP Grant Committee	2 Member Vacancies
Planning Board	2 Alternate Vacancies
Conservation Commission	1 Alternate Vacancy
Looking for a candidate who is very technically savvy on computers, has excellent writing skills, a good researcher for grant writing and the ability to work through the DES permitting process. Marsh restoration knowledge would be a plus as well as the ability to attend all site walks.	

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

Town of Rye Board Meetings

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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

June 2023

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18 Father's Day	19 6:30 p.m. Beach Committee	20 5:00 p.m. Mosquito Control Commission 6:00 p.m. Planning Board 6:30 p.m. Recycling Education Committee	21 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	22 5:30 p.m. TAP Grant Committee	23	24	
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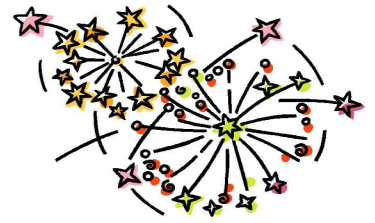
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Library Trustees, first Thursday every month
5:30 pm at the Library

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



TOWN OF RYE



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

PARSONS FIELD



7:00 P.M. LIVE BAND

AT DUSK FIREWORKS BY AMERICAN THUNDER

Weather Permitting - No Rain Date

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