



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## Selectmen's Message:

### CELL TOWER, TOWN HALL ANNEX, AND MORE

**New Select Board Member:** We would like to welcome Tom King as our new Select Board member. Tom, an Air Force Academy graduate, recently retired Delta pilot, and longtime Rye resident prevailed in the Rye Town election on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Tom's commitment is to collaboration and transparency in approaching his new responsibilities.

In addition, we would like to thank Mae Bradshaw for all of her hard work as a Select Board member over these past ten months. Mae was selected to complete Keri Roman's term on the Board following Keri's resignation in 2020. Mae will continue to serve Rye as a member of multiple other boards and commissions.

**TD Bank Building Update:** The long-anticipated conversion of the former TD bank building into annex town offices has begun. We envision the renovation to be in three phases. The first, which the voters approved, consists of configuring the interior into offices for a number of town employees. Preliminary preparations such as removing carpets and ceiling tiles are being done by our DPW personnel. Additionally, tests are being conducted for asbestos and lead contamination. These are forthcoming. The town has applied for a demolition permit to remove interior walls. As soon as that is issued, the

main work on the building will start. The final working drawings are being completed by Charles Hoyt, a former Rye resident and noted designer. Once these are received the Select Board will review and offer any suggestions before the schematics are approved. Once the schematics are completed, an RFP will be issued for construction of the renovations. We anticipate the Request for Proposal (RFP) will go out the first week of October. The RFP will be open for 30 days and due back by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. Upon receipt we will convene meetings with the affected committees and move forward as time and funds permit.



*(Tower in progress. Photo credit: Arik Jones)*


**Cell Tower Update:** At long last the cell tower located at 0 Port Way is under construction. The land has been cleared and the base installed. The electrical conduit is in. The generator has been installed. The first two links of the tower have been installed with the third link awaiting installation. Verizon is awaiting Consolidated to make upgrades to the surrounding poles to continue with the necessary connections.

At its inception, Verizon was the only interested party to the tower and the coverage it will provide. We have since been notified that Cingular will also be a co-carrier. Great care was needed to place this tower on town owned land as it creates significant revenue for Rye. As noted in previous newsletters, the tower now located on Garland Road yielded \$64,000 last year which went into the

**Back to School**  
Quick Reminders  
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School opened August 31, 2021. Please be aware of children riding their bikes and walking to and from school. During the hours of 7:45a.m. and 2:45p.m., driver's speed must not exceed 20 MPH while traveling through school zones.

Kevin Walsh,  
Chief of Police




*(View of the tower over the marsh. Photo by Phil Winslow)*

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Ambulance & Fire Special Revenue Fund. We expect additional income from 0 Port Way albeit smaller for a period of time. The town has needed complete cell coverage not only as a convenience to the residents and visitors but as a safety issue as well. To that end, additional locations are being investigated for at least two additional towers. When completed the Town will be fully covered.

**TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Grant Update:** At the July 13<sup>th</sup> Town Election, Article 6, (which supported the Town funding portion of the TAP grant) overwhelmingly passed by 70% to 30% (827yes--360 no). Thanks to the Town Center Committee for all of their hard work in drafting this application and supporting the warrant article. This provides the needed \$300,000 of funding from the Town with \$740,000 coming from the Federal/State grant if we are successful in obtaining the grant. Designed to substantially improve the safety of pedestrian and bicycle traffic for the center of Rye (intersection of Wallis/Washington Roads to the intersection of Washington/Central Roads) this grant application has been submitted to NH DOT for consideration. Rye's TAP application was voted as the #1 application in Rockingham County by the Rockingham Planning Commission. That said, all TAP applications are now being considered by the NH Commissioner of Transportation with winning applications, which will receive funding, to be announced this September.

**Recreation Director Update:** This past May, long-time Recreation Director, Lee Arthur announced that she had accepted the full-time position of Sewer Director. Almost immediately the recruitment process began, to hire a new Recreation Director. The job description was updated, and the vacancy was posted internally and externally. Forty-three individuals applied for the position. All forty-three resumes were initially reviewed based solely on education, experience and certifications by a selection panel consisting of (4) Recreation Commission members, (1) Select Board member and the Town Administrator. The pool was then narrowed down to seven



highly qualified candidates who were interviewed in-depth by the selection panel over two days. From those seven interviews, two candidates emerged as clear front runners for the position. A second interview was conducted for both candidates at the Wave Community Center. At the conclusion of

the process, the Town was pleased to extend a conditional offer to Meghan Spaulding, who accepted the offer and was appointed to the position by the Select Board. Meghan (pictured above) comes to Rye with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Her previous roles include Recreation Program Manager for Teton County in Jackson, Wyoming and Recreation Programmer for Keene, NH Parks & Recreation Department. Welcome Meghan!! Rye is extremely fortunate to have you as part of the team. And a huge THANK YOU to Lee Arthur for her many years of hard work, dedication, and support of not only the Recreation Department but the Town of Rye.

**Assistant Building Inspector Recruitment Update:** More than a year ago, long-time Building Inspector, Peter Rowell, retired from the Town of Rye for the second time. Peter's retirement left a part-time, 24 hour per week position vacant, that the Town tried unsuccessfully to fill for nearly ten months. During this time, it became clear that the increased needs of the department, due to a multitude of factors (increase in construction due to COVID-19, more complex conditions of Planning Board approvals and the ongoing need to become more digitized) had created a need for a second full-time position which both the Select Board and the Budget Committee endorsed. The Town is currently in the final stages of interviewing candidates, and it is expected that the position will be filled by the end of September.

**Town Counsel Retirement and Recruitment Plan:** On July 1, 2021, long-time Town counsel, Michael Donovan announced that he would be officially retiring as Town counsel effective October 31, 2021. Attorney Donovan has served as Town counsel since 1993. Prior to that, he had been representing the Town in land use litigation since 1988 and advising the Planning Board since 1984. Attorney Donovan has been an invaluable resource to the Town of Rye over his 37-year tenure and will be sorely missed. Thank you, Attorney Donovan for dedicating many years serving the interests and residents of Rye.

In order to ensure that the Town of Rye continues to receive superior legal services, the Select Board with input from the Planning and Zoning Boards, developed a comprehensive Request for Proposal (RFP) for municipal legal services. That information was published on the Town of Rye website, the NH Municipal Association website in the Portsmouth Herald, as well as sent to several well-known NH firms, specializing in municipal services. Proposals are due at the Rye Town Hall by 2:00 pm, Thursday, September 9, 2021 at which time they will be opened in a public meeting.

**Trolley Barn Closing and Status of Proceeds:** Article 27 of the March 13, 2018 Town Election, gave the Select Board authority to sell the Old Trolley Barn/Old Police Station located at 37 Central Road. The process took more than three years to finally complete, but on June 29, 2021 the Town was able to sell the property to Bruce Valley for the sum of \$411,000. The proceeds from the sale will be used to make renovations to the Town Hall Annex, located at 500 Washington Road.

**Lang Road/US1 Intersection:** NH DOT has delayed the construction of rerouting Lang Road behind the Service Credit Union pending a proposal to contract for an engineering manager to lead the work. Expectations are that once the engineering manager is approved by NH DOT the site work will begin with blasting and storm water work done this fall and with the completion of the intersection the first half of 2022. The completed work will result in westerly Lang Road traffic,

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planning to turn right (north) onto US1, to be able to do so at the current intersection of Lang and US1. Westerly Lang Road vehicles which plan to take a left (south) on US1 will be rerouted behind the Service Credit Union to connect to Longmeadow Road and take a protected left onto US1 directed by the traffic signal there. Traffic planning to travel west on Ocean Road will follow the same route. This long overdue work will substantially improve the safe access onto US 1 and Ocean Road for Rye residents traversing Lang Road.

Rye Select Board  
Bill Epperson  
Phil Winslow  
Tom King

## Assessing Department Update

The firm of Municipal Resources continues to handle the assessing functions for the Town. The primary members of the staff working in Town office are, Ed Tinker and Paul Moreau. Additional staff members may be assisting. It is requested that if any of the appraisers come to your property, you support the Town's efforts to keep assessments equitable by answering their questions and allowing them to inspect to verify the data of your property.

Municipal Resources personnel are available to meet with taxpayers. If an appointment is desired, please contact Joanne Drewniak in the Assessing Office at (603)379-8270.

The State requires that all communities update assessments at least as often as every five years to bring them in-line with market value. As the Town was last updated in 2017, the Town is scheduled for a revaluation for the 2022 tax year. The Town has been continuing the process of cyclical inspections where a percentage of the properties are viewed each year to ensure data accuracy on the property record cards and as such a statistical revaluation will be completed.

There are four major phases to a

revaluation which we will be utilizing: Market Analysis, Valuation, Field Review, and Informal Hearings. The following is a brief description.

**PHASE 1: MARKET ANALYSIS:** A variety of resources will be used to analyze the real estate market. Revaluation personnel will be analyzing sales that took place over the last few years to determine which market factors influenced property values. All properties that have sold in the last two years, from April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2022, will be viewed. Personnel will measure the exterior of all buildings. Interior information will be verified via written or on-line survey and/or interior inspection. Staff will have a picture ID as well as a letter from the town to identify them, their information is also registered with the Police Department. Once all the sale data is collected and reviewed, a determination of land values and neighborhood codes that rate the desirability of locations throughout the Town will begin.

**PHASE 2: VALUATION:** Valuation is done using one of the three recognized methods: Replacement/Market Cost, Income Approach and Sales Comparison Approach. The Sales Comparison is the most widely used approach, and most easily explained. During this phase, individual characteristics of the improvements are analyzed using information gathered in phase 1. Each property is compared to other comparable properties with similar characteristics. Then the market values of the improvements are added to the land value that was determined. This value is the final estimate for each parcel of property, building and land.

**PHASE 3: FIELD REVIEW:** Field Review is the method of checking and re-checking the proposed assessed values that have been determined and the data. During this review, properties are viewed in the field by experienced appraisers who double-check for uniformity and accuracy of information.

**PHASE 4: INFORMAL HEARINGS:** Once the Field Review is completed, a notice of new values will be mailed to each property owner. At this time, anyone with questions concerning the revaluation process or about the data on their property will be offered an opportunity to meet to discuss any question or provide any information regarding the assessed value.

That information is then reviewed and if applicable, adjustments are applied. The property owner is provided a letter regarding the outcome of the meeting.

In addition to updating assessments, the Department of Revenue requires that properties receiving property exemptions and/or tax credits are reviewed to ensure that they continue to qualify. The assessing office will be mailing out information to property owners having these items later this year or early next year. It is important that if a letter is received that the requested information is returned to the assessing office.

Additional information regarding the status of the revaluation process will be provided as it progresses over the next year.

Scott Marsh, CNHA  
Municipal Resources, Inc.

## Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's Message

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office is open to the public M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and closes **promptly at 4:30 p.m.** Transactions that are not able to be processed **after 4:00 p.m.** include but are not limited to: marriage licenses, motor vehicle renewals, titles, new plates, out-of-state transfers, and new resident transfers. Please visit the town website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us), as you may renew your registration, dog license, beach parking permits, as well as make property and sewer payments there. On the front page of the website, under "Online Registration & Payments", look for the color icon that pertains to the transaction you will be doing. Payments made online can be done by check or credit card.

We expect the new tax rate to be set sometime at the end of October beginning of November. Tax bills should then be mailed out by the end of November and taxes due sometime in December. We accept checks, cash or credit cards, but please be aware that there is approximately a 2.79% surcharge for the use of a credit card that goes to the credit card company.

Coming soon there will be

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changes in the Town Clerk's office. The Select Board approved for our office to have two part-time employees, up to 20 hours each. This will give us better coverage and allow us to provide better customer service. We will be in the process of hiring soon. If this is of interest, please watch for the job posting or contact the Town Administrator or the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office.

In 2022, we have three elections, the Town Election in March, a State Primary in September and State General Election in November.

If you turned 18 years of age, please come to the Town Clerk's Office to register to vote before returning to school. Please bring your driver's license or passport with you. You are the upcoming generation; it is important that you vote.

Delinquency notices have gone out to residents with any outstanding balances. 2021 liens were placed on properties with any 2020 unpaid tax or sewer balances. The Town of Rye deed date is set for November 1, 2021. Any unpaid 2019 liens are in jeopardy of being deeded. Please contact our office at (603) 964-8562 if you have any questions.

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

I realize COVID-19 has caused much stress for everyone, remember, we are here to serve you as residents and property owners of Rye. If you need any assistance or have questions, please refer to our office. It is a pleasure to serve as your Town Clerk/Tax Collector in such a beautiful town.

Stay Safe.  
Donna M. DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Police Chief's Message

Every day the Rye officers and I take poor driving behavior complaints. These include following too close, not

stopping at stop signs and driving too fast. Rye residents send letters to the Police Department expressing how they feel unsafe due to vehicles speed and other driving behavior. Some of the points highlighted in a letter included South Road, Washington Road, the center of town, Central Road, and Wallis Road being used as an access to get from one end of town to the other. The most frequent motor vehicle violations were noted daily between the hours of 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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 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. Often drivers who speed through our neighborhood are unaware of the impact that their actions could have on the peace and comfort of neighborhood streets and residents.

The officers and I are asking all drivers to take an active role in changing driver behavior on our streets by helping raise public awareness about the impact that unreasonable speeds have on our neighborhoods. Recently an officer stopped a Rye citizen for driving over the posted speed limit on the street they live on and have complained about speeding vehicles. Help us help you by talking with your family and friends about speed and driving habits of vehicles on Rye roads.

School reopened on August 31, 2021. The police officers and I would like to thank the Rye School Board, SAU 50 Superintendent Sal Petralia, SAU staff, Principals Soucy and Lull, all Rye Teachers, Custodian Supervisor Jim Gordon and custodial staff, Chief Cotreau, Rye Fire Department and Town of Rye Health Officer Dr. Gail Snow for coming up with a healthy school re-opening plan. The Officers and I are ready to adjust how police manage safety to ensure parents, students, and staff stay healthy and safe.

**Here are some important reminders for parents:**

- Please be aware of children riding

their bikes and walking to and from school.



During the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. when the school zone light is flashing, driver's speed must not exceed 20 mph

while traveling through school zones. Please make sure your vehicle slows down before entering the school.

- Always stop for school buses loading and unloading students.
- It would be greatly appreciated if parents who drop off and pick up their children at the Junior High drive past the school, turn around at Grange Park then enter the school parking lot. This will enable the morning and afternoon commutes to continue moving without creating a traffic jam.
- In addition, please check to make sure your child has his or her seat belt buckled. For your child's safety, we ask that you remind your child to remove his or her backpack before he or she attempts to buckle up.

**Here are some tips for students:**

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

Types of distractions that are being noticed by your police officers include: use of cell phones and other electronics, eating, drinking, smoking, grooming, reaching or looking behind while in motion, and reading. **Remember: Slow Down. Stay Alert. We all have a responsibility for safe practices behind the wheel.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## Rye Fire & Rescue Update

### Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic:

We are pleased to announce that Rye Fire Rescue will be hosting a Covid-19 vaccination clinic for those who want to be vaccinated but have yet to do so. The clinic will be held at the Rye Public Safety Building, 555 Washington Road on September 21 from 2-7 pm. All three manufactured vaccines will be available free of charge and no appointment is necessary. If you are looking for a convenient local place to get your first or second Covid vaccine shot we would love to see you at the Rye fire station on September 21<sup>st</sup>! Please call the fire station with any questions.

**Mini-Pumper:** We are grateful to Rye residents for supporting the purchase of a mini pumper to replace our aging Engine 1. Utilizing the mini pumper as part of our response model gives us efficiencies resulting in reduced fuel consumption, maintenance, and future repair cost. We will also be able to lessen the wear and tear on our larger more expensive vehicles and extend their life expectancies by running the mini pumper to the more frequent less emergent calls. These are significant efficiencies we are creating while maintaining the same pumping capacity of the larger vehicles. This will also allow us to maintain the surge capacity needed to respond to multiple calls and large-scale incidents.



We will finish our newsletter submission with a story readers may find interesting. Our very own long-time call force member Bryan Yeaton has taught wilderness first aid with the SOLO organization for the past 30 years. Bryan recently had the rare opportunity to travel abroad with SOLO to teach Wilderness first aid to missionaries in Livingstone, Zambia. The students will use their first aid skills

while on assignment in very remote areas where access to higher level medical care is often not available. Students in the photo below are training for wound care. The second photo is Bryan with his new friends! Strong work and making a positive difference Bryan!

Be well!  
Mark Cotreau  
Fire Chief



## Public Works Message

It is hard to believe, but it won't be long before we start to think about cleaning up our lawns, raking the leaves, and all the many tasks we associated with fall activities, and preparation for winter. Therefore, it is an appropriate time for the yearly yard waste reminder. As part of the Town of Rye's permit with the Department of Environmental Protection, in order to discharge rainwater to the waters of the United States, the Town is required to disseminate a number of public information messages to the town residents each year. The following are a few of those notices. If they sound somewhat familiar, please forgive me as there is only so many ways to

message proper disposal of yard waste, leaf litter, lawn clippings, dog waste, and septage to name but a few.

**YARD WASTE:** Yard waste consists of lawn clippings, leaves, fallen fruits, and dead plants. We almost all have some. Your yard waste can be either a valuable resource or a source of water pollution, it is up to you which it will be. When mulched leaves and lawn clippings are added back onto your lawn, they add valuable nutrients and organic matter. When yard waste is dumped near waterways, water bodies, wetlands, and streams they contribute to stream algae and odors. You choose.

Yard waste and grass clippings may be disposed of by town residents at the Rye Transfer Station, located at 309 Grove Road, any Tuesday, or Saturday, between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:45 pm.

**WHATS SO BAD ABOUT 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, but also 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 your 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.**

**LAWN CARE:** Following please find two short online videos which address proper fertilizer and lawn seed selection and application:

**Fertilizing A Lawn:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VF0oP12CyZU> This video focuses on how to fertilize a lawn properly. This includes how to test your soil, how to

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read fertilizer bags to better understand the different nutrient ratios within them, spring vs fall fertilizing, and also talks about water quality degradation due to the overuse of fertilizer.

### Lawn Seed:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0S0FA9FljJ8> This video discusses choosing the right kind of grass seeds for the New Hampshire climate along with the homeowner's yard conditions. The video also talks about the different fertilizer and water needs of different types of grasses along with highlighting which types work best for different conditions. It also helps you to understand what grass types to use on lawns so less water and fertilizer have to be used after the lawn has fully grown in.

Dennis McCarthy  
Public Works Director

## Beach Committee Update

As the summer winds down, the Beach Committee continues to stay active. This summer was spent diligently reviewing, researching, and discussing a plethora of issues to determine areas to prioritize and focus (and enjoy the beach when it was not raining incessantly). At the same time, the Committee focused on "in the moment" concerns in and around the beach, including: water quality/closures at beaches, parking at and around the beach as well as public beach access, carry-in/carry-out communication, understanding of commercial interests/impact at the beach and more.

This summer, many residents probably noticed the increase in beach closures due to elevated fecal bacteria (Enterococci) counts. For example, Wallis Sands Beach at Pirates Cove had more than 12 days of closures this summer. The Beach Committee has worked closely with NH DES and NH Surfrider Foundation to continue the water sampling efforts into the off season from

post Labor Day to Memorial Day. This year-round testing will provide a baseline of data for future evaluations. The public can always find more about these alerts and advisories on the DES website [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) under advisories.

Residents and visitors may have also noticed the wonderful artwork from



Rye Elementary and Rye Junior High students decorating our beach entry points. The signs educate and continue to remind beachgoers of the importance of Rye's carry-in and carry-out policies. Our gratitude again to the Rye Junior High staff, Marie Soucy, the Rye Elementary School Fourth grade staff, Suzanne Lull, the Rye Select Board, Dennis McCarthy, the Department of Public Works, and all the students who participated in this effort. With the success of this program, we look to annualize these efforts.

Going into the fall, the Committee will focus on four major concerns to research and create recommendations to bring forward into 2022. These are: A) Beach Permits/Parking including promoting alternative forms of transportation, B) Water Quality/Impacts of Climate Change, C) Commercial Activities and D) Educating and Informing the Public. We welcome and encourage comments from the Rye residents.

Lastly, look for more information on an upcoming Beach Clean up in September organized by the Beach Committee.

The Beach Committee needs YOU. We need residents to reach out, preferably via email, to ensure the voices of town residents are heard. You can reach the members of the Committee via email at [beachcommittee@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:beachcommittee@town.rye.nh.us).

Frank Hwang, Chairman  
Rye Beach Committee

## Rye Senior SERVE Update



The Rye Senior SERVE van is finally back on the road. We are happy to be able to continue with our weekly Tuesday shopping trip to Market Basket for our Rye seniors. And for those who might enjoy some breakfast before starting their grocery shopping, we make sure to schedule a stop at Hebert's Restaurant.

Additionally, on the third Thursday of each month, we will again be offering a lunch trip to one of the excellent restaurants in the Seacoast area. Of course our volunteers will continue to provide individual transportation for Rye seniors to necessary medical appointments.

If you are interested in joining our weekly Tuesday shopping group, please call me at 603.436.6041. If you require a ride to medical appointments, please contact Claudia Hackett at 603.964.5633.

Jim Delaney, President  
Rye Senior SERVE

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

## Rye Conservation Commission - NH Conservation Legacy Award

In honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NH Conservation Districts, Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) received a Conservation Legacy Award representing Rockingham County. The Legacy Award honors “those who embody the mission of sustained commitment to stewardship of natural and agricultural resources in their respective counties”.

RCC’s longstanding commitment to protecting and restoring our natural resources was recognized in July in a ceremony conducted via zoom. Here is an edited version of the presentation that was made.

RCC members have participated in public processes before the New Hampshire Wetlands Board regarding dams, docks, and construction work that took place on the beaches as well as residential and minimal commercial projects. Even in the late 1990’s there were often over 30 wetland applications that the Commission reviewed and commented on each year; currently the number of wetlands applications is closer to 100! Under the chairmanship of James Raynes for over thirty years, the Commission was a conservation force in town, and that continues to this day with Suzanne McFarland and Sally King at the helm. Residents and visitors alike have benefitted from the steady hand and commitment this group has shown to conservation and restoration of our natural resources.

The Commission has always opposed inappropriate project designs, and had thoughtful responses to design flaws. From the early 1990’s Rye’s wetland regulations were by all standards rather strict. The Commission advocated leaving wetland buffers intact and minimizing negative impacts. The Commission worked tirelessly with applicants, came up with compromises, and kept the conservation of natural resources at heart. RCC acted swiftly to protect many of our open lands and natural resources forever.

RCC members began communicating with landowners on how to protect land in town, as early as the late

1970’s. Those protection efforts took many different forms. Sixty acres were protected with a conservation restriction in 1998 to ensure the farmland and forest would remain open, and then in the early 2000’s RCC began to purchase lands, often receiving matching/donated gifts of lands or conservation easements. RCC worked side-by-side with the Parsons Creek Corporation/Parsons Park group as they combined several parcels in the center of town to finally create the Rye Town Forest, and soon thereafter drove the process by which a conservation easement, held by the Rockingham County Conservation District, was placed to ensure the Town Forest’s resources would be protected in perpetuity. The Commission manages the Town Forest to ensure the conservation values and natural resources are protected. The Commission members always understood how important natural resources are, and assisted the townspeople with long-term water quality protection goals.

RCC often purchased conservation properties adjacent to existing wells and significant waterways, which benefitted the Rye Water District equally with the RCC. Water was and is a critical natural resource worthy of protection.

The significant saltmarshes in town became another target for conservation efforts. Many saltmarshes were degraded due to previous management practices or undersized crossings. Following a plan produced by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (formerly Soil Conservation Service) in 1991, several inappropriately sized tidal crossings (culverts) were replaced with town funds and matching grants. Another saltmarsh restoration effort included the restoration of the 25 acres of the Awcomin Salt Marsh, which began in the mid-1990’s. This effort began to restore the saltmarsh to appropriate elevations, and removed over 100,000 cubic yards of dredge spoils that were placed on it when Rye Harbor was originally dug in the 1941 and again in the 1960’s. This restoration effort, completed in 2003, was sponsored with funding assistance from the New Hampshire Coastal Program, and advocacy by Congressman Sununu and Senator Gregg. In addition, two observation platforms and trail systems on the berm off of Route 1A were created with educational plaques outlining the importance of saltmarsh ecosystems.

2003 was a great year for the

Commission as the town’s first open space bond in the amount of \$5 million dollars was overwhelmingly passed in the March 2003 Town Meeting. The Open Space Committee, formed as a subcommittee of the Commission, met regularly and reviewed the Rye Build-out completed by the Rockingham Planning Commission and came up with prioritized areas of importance to create greenways and natural wildlife corridors throughout town. The Open Space Committee paid particular attention to farms and open space that are integral to Rye’s semi-rural seacoast character. With these open space bond funds available, grants began to flow in. Several significant properties were protected and the acreage of conserved spaces in Rye was essentially doubled over a decade. Organizations that partnered with the RCC included Trust for Public Lands, Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD), New Hampshire Coastal Program, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NRCS. This list also includes several generous landowners, donating land that in the end was available for use as match for other grants.

The Commission then partnered with the RCCD to implement several conservation practices at the Awcomin salt marsh and town forest through the NRCS, and those cost-share conservation practices lasted for over ten years. No more Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) is in Awcomin salt marsh, thanks to those early conservation efforts. Every few years the Commission ensures that maintenance takes place to keep that highly invasive plant at bay. The Commission also worked with the Rye Mosquito Control Commission and endorsed use of dragonflies to help with Rye’s mosquito problem. The mosquito problem continued in town, and again the NRCS stepped up to assist with opening up the brook flowing into Awcomin saltmarsh to allow the freshwater-saltwater interchange more regularly. The Awcomin salt marsh restoration effort also included salt marsh elevation work and native salt marsh plantings, all so critical for salt marsh health.

The Commission continued to manage the Town Forest adjacent to Awcomin salt marsh, and hired a licensed forester to complete a forest management plan to assist with natural resource and forestry recommendations,

## Conservation Commission

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who also assisted with clearing out (by hand) many of the glossy buckthorns (another highly invasive plant) found in areas not generally accessible. Volunteer days at the Town Forest followed, with great success in education and hands-on invasive control work, as well as native plantings. Then landowners adjacent to the Town Forest and other areas adjacent to Wallis saltmarsh approached the Commission with requests to protect their land, and over 80 acres of open space was added to the Town Forest in 2003. Additional forestry work was completed in 2010 in the Town Forest after a severe winter storm downed more than 100 trees. The Commission's forester was quick to respond to clear the damaged trees and salvage lumber, which in the end only cost the town about \$500.

Land protection continued in earnest well into the mid 2000's, with RCC spending bond funds and getting matching grants and using protected property values as leverage along the way. Indeed, the original open space bond doubled in value using values of donated lands, and grants, and significant acreage that was permanently protected. The Goss Farm, acquired with assistance from the NRCS, was a prize acquisition, containing over nine acres of a former salt marsh farm, that was originally slated for more "McMansions." Goss Farm was permanently protected for agricultural uses in 2010. It has become one of the gems of the town, with many funding applications and donations to restore the historic barn, restore the unmanaged fields for use for farming and establish community and Rye Junior High gardens. Cost share NRCS dollars were also used to implement many conservation practices, including the purchase of a hoop house. Additionally, the Goss Barn was listed as a historic site, and then renovated after the town supported a warrant article to see that the renovation was done correctly. The Rye Farmers' market assisted with several fundraisers (including barn dinners) and lots of other volunteers worked on splitting and selling cords of the invasive Norway maple trees on the farm, all to benefit the management of the Goss Farm. The Commission engaged two different farmers over a period of eight years, to sustainably farm a portion of the western

field and use the hoop house for growing produce. A pollinator garden was initiated with a controlled burn and assistance from NRCS and XERCES in 2014 and persists to this day. In 2019 Goss Farm served as the location of an open house for the community and visitors and hundreds of folks to tour the farm, enjoy live music, and sample the wares of local food venues. This celebration was the introduction to the unique agricultural jewel for the many whose support made the acquisition and maintenance of Goss Farm possible.

With all these great conservation efforts, there were still wetland impact requests, including individuals wanting to place elevated walkways over significant portions of salt marshes. The Commission stayed true to its mission, always strongly opposing projects that negatively impacted natural resources; in recognition of this, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) most often sided with the Commission.

Land protection with the original open space bond, continued into 2012 with the purchase of a scenic 50 +/- acre farm along Washington Road and additional acres adjacent to the Town Forest. The Commission knew it had to keep that momentum going. In 2014 the Commission was pleased to see a \$3 million-dollar open space bond pass, portions of which are still available to this day. These funds enabled the Commission to purchase and permanently protect over 70 acres from a former forested lumber company, protecting the Berry's Brook watershed, and another 80 acres of wetlands protecting the Bailey's Brook Watershed. Both purchases took several years to accomplish and involved other funding sources including NH DES, Aquatic Resource Mitigation and NRCS, as well as Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) funds. Happily, these projects provide public access and parking. Not content to sit on its laurels, the Commission is following up on protecting additional sensitive resources as it continues to move forward.

The Commission actively manages its conservation properties, either by installing access control gates or posts, conducting trail maintenance, or completing invasive species control work. In 2016, the Commission re-hired the forester for the Town Forest to complete an updated Forest Management

Plan, that offers new recommendations, including relocating inappropriate trail systems. The Commission began hosting "trail gate parties" at some of the town's conservation lands, inviting residents and visitors to explore Rye's conservation properties.

As the Commission continues its priority protection projects, it has engaged with UNH Cooperative Extension to assist with mapping to promote natural resources and land conservation with an emphasis on climate adaptation. This effort has involved well-attended workshops with municipal land use boards and interested residents. The Commission's hard work and dedication to its mission of conserving the natural resources of the community truly benefits all.

The RCC would like to thank the County Conservation Districts Board of Supervisors for this honor. It is especially meaningful because the award recognizes the dedication of RCC members past and present and as importantly the unwavering support of Rye's townspeople for land protection and conservation.

Sally King, Vice-Chair  
Rye Conservation Commission

## Library Trustees Message

The Rye Public Library Board of Trustees has been working to develop a long-term plan for the open space adjacent to the library building. To that end, the trustees have already met three times with members of the public—once in late June with all comers and twice with a smaller group who have accepted their role as members of an advisory committee that will continue to meet and work toward completion of a plan.

The advisory committee consists of about fifteen members, some who are members of other town boards such as the Rye Town Center Committee, the Historic District Commission, and the Rye Historical Society, former library trustees, as well as members of the public with an interest to get involved.

The committee's work has produced the following direction for the





Greetings Town of Rye!

It is a great pleasure of mine to introduce myself to the community of Rye. My name is Meghan Spaulding and I am the community's new Recreation Director. I come to Rye after spending two years out in Jackson, Wyoming working as their Program Manager. Before I took off for Wyoming I worked and lived in Keene, NH and spent eight years as their Recreation Programmer for the City. Over the last ten years working in recreation I have had the honor to serve two great communities and focus on program development from youth to active agers.

As I get settled into the department, I encourage everyone to check out what we are doing! We have fall programs starting up for youth this September and for adults this October. As we get rolling we hope to get programming to involve the whole community. Also, keep your eye out for information on the Wave Community Center. As we prepare the space, we are getting excited for what this will offer.

Thank you everyone for welcoming me into the Rye community. I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the programs or just throughout town.

Enjoy what is left of summer.  
Meghan

## Central Cemetery Gravestones and Benches Restoration Projects

Logan Kelly of Troop 162 in North Hampton, NH cleaned gravestones at the Rye Central Cemetery and restored and replaced benches as part of his Eagle Scout project. He was assisted by fellow scouts, friends and other volunteers. The project was funded by donations from local businesses.



*Logan Kelly and Central Cemetery Superintendent John Coscia sit on one of the finished benches!*

## Sewer Department Message

**Sewer Permits:** No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or openings into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Sewer Commissioners. No person shall construct, add to, alter, or replace any portion of a building sewer or building service that leads in any way to a public sewer without first obtaining the written approval of the Sewer Commissioners or their authorized representative. (Sewer Use Ordinance 400 Permits: 400.1 General)

If you require a Sewer Permit please contact Lee Arthur, Sewer Director at (603) 964-6815. The Sewer Commission Office is located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH, above the U.S. Post Office.

The Sewer Commissioners are Chairman David Kohlhase, David Adams and Susan Labrie.



**Employment Opportunities!**  
Rye Recreation is hiring for a part time Program Assistant and part time After School Program Counselors!

For more information please contact the Recreation Director, Meghan Spaulding at 603-964-6281 or by email at [mspaulding@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:mspaulding@town.rye.nh.us)



**Volunteer Opportunity!**  
Rye Recreation Commission Member Vacancy

For more information please contact the Recreation Director, Meghan Spaulding at 603-964-6281 or by email at [mspaulding@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:mspaulding@town.rye.nh.us)



# FALL PROGRAMS

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Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us

2021

## FALL PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH and Online [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

### THE WAVE LUNCH PROGRAMS AND DAY TRIPS

The lunch programs are held at The Wave at Rye Congregational Church the second Thursday of each month except when there is a holiday. 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 just 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 schedule.

#### LUNCH PROGRAMS



**HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSES OF NEW ENGLAND** This presentation by author and lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont will focus on some of the macabre tales of New England's coastal beacons, including the lovelorn spirit known as Ernie at Connecticut's New London Ledge Light and the piano playing ghost of Maine's Seguin Light. Also included will be accounts of strange happenings at America's oldest light station, Boston Light, and at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse in New Castle, NH. Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Lunch: Homemade macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, Caesar salad, apple crisp with whip cream.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 7, 2021

Fee: \$15 complete lunch; \$5 beverage and dessert only.



**NATURES NIGHT SHIFT: NOCTURNAL ANIMALS** Focusing on creatures of the night, Bob Dale of the Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick, Maine, will provide answers to the following questions. How does a bat find thousands of tiny mosquitoes in the dark? Why would an opossum choose to lumber around at night? How can an owl see its way through the forest? Using live animals and hands-on materials find out how nocturnal mammals utilize all of their senses to find food and shelter at night.

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021

Lunch: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, dinner roll and apple pie.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 28, 2021

Fee: \$15 complete lunch; \$5 beverage and dessert only.



**OLD TIME FROLIC** This is a captivating performance by Jeff Warner of Portsmouth, NH. His songs and stories are rich in history and bring us the latest news from the distant past. Join us while we experience fun songs and old time banjo tunes from the Tin Pan Alley period. Get ready to have a toe tapping educational experience.

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Lunch: Yankee pot roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll and Christmas cake.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Fee: \$15 complete lunch; \$5 beverage and dessert only.

#### DAY TRIPS



**YESTERDAY ONCE MORE!** This dynamic show stars four performers whose lush harmonies interpretations are featured as an ensemble and individually. From The

Carpenters Close To You, Abba's Dancing Queen ... and the Mamas and Papas' California Dreaming to the 5th Dimension's UP UP and Away, you will enjoy non-stop hits, colorful choreography and informative and humorous banter at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA.

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan or baked scrod, salad, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Reservation Deadline: October 7, 2021.

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$100 (includes transportation, admission and lunch).



**THE SICILIAN TENORS: CHRISTMAS AMORE** This incredibly entertaining show brings the joy of all our favorite Christmas songs to life. Together Aaron Caruso, Elio Scaccio, and Sam Vitale are known to take their audience from tears to laughter with warm nostalgia and soaring voices. Join us at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA for an unforgettable performance.

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Reservation Deadline: November 9, 2021.

Departure Time and Location: TBD.

Fee: \$100 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch).



**FALL BASEBALL** is co-ed and instruction is provided by Stephen McManus, former coach at the University of Rhode Island and pro player in Europe. Learn basic skills for the beginner to

advanced player. Players in grades 2-8 will be broken out into groups based on age and ability. Held on Sunday at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH. Please bring your glove, drink and apply bug spray.

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$180



**STRENGTH & BALANCE** is instructed by Kim Rivest. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups using weights and work on balance. A combination of exercises performed

standing or seated will challenge you and allow you to work at your own pace. Class begins with a warm-up and finishes with a series of stretches to leave you feeling refreshed and energized. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing.

Classes are held on Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dates: September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15, 2021 (12 classes)

Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye

Fee: \$36 (Prorated to start date)



**CHAIR YOGA** is instructed by Amelia McKenney, Rye resident, volunteer and life-long athlete. This gentle form of yoga is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. Build inner and

outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Have fun with others while learning postures that help you build strength, flexibility and balance. Focusing on the relaxation response to reduce stress and promote health. Please wear comfortable clothing. Classes are held on Tuesday and Friday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Dates: September 21, 24, 28, October 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, November 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30, December 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 28, 31, 2021 (25 classes)

Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye

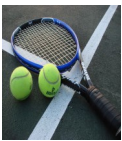
Fee: No cost (Registration required)



**SKI or SNOWBOARD LESSONS** will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski lessons and snowboarding lessons are for grades 2-8. Bus transportation will leave from both RES and RJH, on Fridays, January 7, 14, 21, 28,



February 4, 2022. The cost is \$350 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for an additional fee of \$90 and helmets for \$25. Helmets are required. *Registration deadline Friday, November 19, 2021.*



**GROUP TENNIS LESSONS** are co-ed and will be held at the North Hampton Tennis Courts. Instruction is provided by Mark Moulton, USPTA Professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink. Lessons are held on

Wednesday. September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 2021; Grades 1-4, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 5-8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$75 (5 lessons)



**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** is open to grades K-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F at Rye Elementary School. The cost of the program is \$17.50/day with a minimum of two days

required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Space in the program is limited. Contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 regarding availability.



**GYROKINESIS®** is instructed by certified Gyrokinesis® and Gyrotonic® teacher Joni Day. This class will introduce the principles of Gyrokinesis® Method of Movement.

Some benefits of regular practice include a healthier, more supple spine; increased range of motion; greater joint stability; improved agility and athletic performance; and deep internal strength. The Gyrokinesis® Method can accommodate all levels of fitness and age groups. Classes are conducted on a mat and stool. (Stools are provided). Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat and water. Classes are held on Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Session 1, September 22, 29, October 13, 20, 27, 2021

Session 2, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 2021

Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye

Fee: \$75 per session (5 classes)



**ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION** is instructed by nationally-certified classical yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Build core strength, flexibility and balance while gaining relaxation

tools and healthy living tips. Learn the ancient practice of combining yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class. Beginners welcome. Please bring your own yoga mat. Classes are held on Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Session 1, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

Fee: \$99 per session (6 classes)

Session 2, November 4, 18, December 2, 9, 16, 2021

Fee: \$82.50 per session (5 classes)

Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye



**RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL**

**LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to grades K-4. Held December 4, 2021 to February 19, 2022. Grade K meets once a week to practice and play as a group at Rye Elementary. Grades 1-4 meets twice a week, once for practice and Saturday for games. Held at Rye Elementary School.

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 Friday, October 29, 2021 deadline. \*Please note the Recreational Basketball League will be offered pending Rye Elementary School approval and availability.*



**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL** is

Wednesday, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2022, TBD p.m. and Sundays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2021, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. There is no charge; however, participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes. *\*Please note Adult Pick-up Basketball will be offered pending Rye Junior High approval and availability.*

## Ongoing Activities:

**Adult Book Discussion:** All are welcome to join these lively discussion groups. At this writing meetings are held in-person with physical distancing. Last Friday of each month at 1 pm!

Sept. *Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware

Oct. *Hamnet* by Ruth Hogan

Nov. *The Lions of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue* by Fiona Davis

**Military Book Discussion:** Currently meeting in-person with physical distancing on the First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

9/9, 10/7, Nov date TBD due to holiday [please call], 12/2

## FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome!

The Friends currently plan for in-person meetings resume in September.

Second Tuesdays at 6:00PM [call RPL for details]

Museum memberships supported by *The Friends*:

Children's Museum of NH, Dover

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Historic New England

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA

Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Museum of Science, Boston MA

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

NH State Parks parking pass

Woodman Museum, Dover

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

Many of the Museums listed above are using alternate scheduling arrangements due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Just search for the museum by name in any search engine and click to find details.

## ASK A LIBRARIAN about Technology:

If you have questions about our new catalog, or how-to on your device [computer, phone, or tablet] call RPL at 603-964-8401 or email Lisa Breton [tech@ryepubliclibrary.org](mailto:tech@ryepubliclibrary.org). to set up a one-on-one session for a Tuesday afternoon or evening slot. These sessions are process- oriented rather than to troubleshoot device functionality. If you wonder how to download books and other materials to your device, create an e-mail account or manage storage, etc. this session is for you. If your device just crashed or won't boot up, that's beyond the scope here.

## Rye Public Library Youth Department

Programming March – May 2021

*more details at ryepubliclibrary.org (603) 964 – 8401*

All of the following events will be held remotely. For access links and information please contact us by email at [contact@ryepubliclibrary.org](mailto:contact@ryepubliclibrary.org), visit [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org), or call (603) 964-8401

### Youth Programs

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

Thursdays 10:30am

#### **Summer Reading Challenge!\***

Monday, June 28 - Tuesday, August 3rd

#### **Outdoor Tie Dye**

Wednesday, July 7 12:00-1:00pm

#### **Youth & Teen Take and Make Kits**

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month

Summer change: available every week June 28 - August 3

**Chapter and Picture Book Bundles: request and pick-up! Visit the RPL website to request a curated collection on a favorite topic or by a favorite writer**

**\*We're raffling off two Kindle Fire tablets for our summer reading grand prizes. For more information and registration links, please visit our website!**

#### **RPL Teen and Adult Writers' Group,**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

6:00-8:00pm

#### **Chalk Art & Popsicles**

Tuesdays 1:00-1:45pm, runs June 29 - August 3

#### **Wildlife Encounters Presentation**

Tuesday, August 3 6:00-7:00pm

#### **Teen Book Box Subscriptions Available**

2nd Wednesday of the month

**Rye Public Library Youth Department  
Programming September – November 2021  
More details at ryepubliclibrary.org or (603) 964 – 9551**

### Youth Programs:

#### **Outdoor Toddler Sensory Play**

Mondays 10:30-11:00am

#### **Outdoor Open Art, Chalk Art, and Popsicles**

Tuesdays 3:00-3:45pm

#### **Teen Book Box Release\***

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

#### **Gardening Club\***

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 4:30-5:15pm

#### **Writers' Group\***

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month via Zoom

6:30-8:00pm

Grades 6+

#### **Graphic Novel Book Club\***

*Check website for book titles*

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 3:15-3:45pm

Grades 5-8

#### **Happy Planner**

Thursday, September 16 4:30-5:15pm

Grades 2+

#### **Outdoor Story Time**

Thursdays 10:30am

#### **Coloring Club**

Saturdays 11:30-12:30pm

#### **Youth and Teen Take & Makes**

Available starting the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month while supplies last

#### **YAttitudes Book Club\***

*Check website for book titles*

Wednesdays, October 6 & November 10

6:00-7:00pm

Grades 9-12, Dinner Provided

#### **Outdoor Games and Snacks**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 3:15-4:00pm

Grades 5+

#### **Paper Bag Book Club\***

*Check website for book titles*

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 4:30pm

Grades K-3

#### **Outdoor Pumpkin Carving**

Wednesday, October 27 4:30-5:30pm

**\*Asterisked programs require signing up! Please visit our website for registration links.**

## Library Trustees

### Message *(continued from page 8)*

space thus far:

- It should be developed as the “Library Common” to provide the town with a place to gather - a dynamic space that contributes to Rye Public Library’s role as community center and reflects the idea of a traditional New England common.
- The design should be, in the words of the committee, “simple, sustainable, and iconic,” making use of materials and plants native to New Hampshire and Rye.
- The Common should connect with the Historical Society Museum and contribute to the library’s role as an information center for the town. The Library Common should be a place to go to learn about the town’s history, beaches, conservation areas, etc.
- It should include different areas for different types of programming and activities—passive, play, and performance—and include furnishings and permanent features to accommodate each of them.
- The plan for the Common should consider the future expansion of the library building itself.

The committee’s ideas for the Library Common also dovetail with several important goals established by the updated Rye Public Library Strategic Plan and for which the trustees are responsible.

The trustees are also happy to report that the landscaping work contracted for with Green Penguin Landscaping to grade, loam and hydro-seed the lot was substantially completed in late July, and the tree work done earlier this summer is complete for the time being.

Additional work this summer may include removing some of the arborvitae to create a view of the Historical Society Museum and transplanting the lilacs on the corner of the walkway near the Library entrance to better express the view of the building now enjoyed by passersby.

Next steps are for the trustees to meet with the architect in late August and then meet with the advisory committee on September 15 to consider ideas, options and concepts for a design of the common.

There are also plans to hold Library programming on the common in the near future, and we hope to host an event early this Fall to welcome you to the common and celebrate our town’s new gathering place.

Rye Public Library Board of Trustees

## Historic District Update

The Historic District Commission has had a busy summer working with Dominique Hawkins, owner of Preservation Design Partnership, LLC, a planning and design practice that specializes in professional services for clients with nationally significant historic sites and buildings. Dominique has an extensive portfolio in which she has pioneered work to develop guidelines for historic districts throughout the country. Last Fall the Historic District Commission embarked on the project of rewriting their guidelines with the professional help of Dominique. Dominique was able to visit Rye and explore both the town and the Isles of Shoals. For several years the Commission was independently working on refreshing the guidelines but it was proven to be a herculean task. With the support of funding from a Certified Local Government (“CLG”) grant, the HDC was able to move forward with the professional expertise of Dominique.

Rye is a unique town in which the HDC has jurisdiction over two very different landscapes, the historic town center and the Isles of Shoals. A thoughtful amount of time and consideration has been spent to develop a working standard that the Commission can reference when evaluating proposed changes to properties in the district.

Together as a Commission it is our hope that these guidelines will be met with enthusiasm from homeowners in the district as a clear and concise resource. The guidelines will describe the process of coming before the HDC for renovations or changes to their home or business and serve as a resource for recommended materials. The personalized guidelines that Dominique developed for Rye are visually attractive and easy to use. Homeowners will be able to learn

more about their properties and the best way to preserve them for years to come.

Upon completion of the guidelines the HDC plans to hold a reception for members that live in the district to pick up a copy of the new resource. If you are interested in learning more about the guideline project or future HDC grant projects please join us for one of our regular monthly meetings, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaitlyn Coffey, Chair  
Rye Historic District Commission

## Ways you can support the Heritage Commission in Town!

As I indicated in a previous newsletter, Commission is taking over for the Historical Society on the commissioning of house plaques. If you would like a plaque to designate your home, an application can be found on the Heritage Commission page on the town website. Plaques are \$95.00, payable to the Rye Heritage Commission. House plaque applications can be filled out online, printed and mailed to: Rye Heritage Commission, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. You may pay for the plaque online through the Heritage Commission page. When you click on the symbol it brings you to the payment page, please select “heritage merchandise” in the drop down menu. Please remember to mail in your application and note under “payment enclosed” that you paid online.

These beautiful plaques are created and lettered at Timberline Signs located in Rye. Once we receive your application and payment, we will send the order to Timberline. They will coordinate with you directly on plaque lettering and final approval. When it is done, you will be notified so you can pick it up at Timberline.

In addition, hats, umbrellas, and tote bag can be purchased at Town Hall. These Rye-centric items are a great way to support our ongoing preservation efforts, including Town Hall repairs.

Lastly, we continue to encourage residents to adopt graveyards. Thank you to all who have volunteered thus far!

## Heritage Commission News

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It is our hope to conduct a cleanup on a few local graveyards in the Fall, to raise awareness of these preservations' efforts. Please reach out if you are interested in adopting a graveyard. Contact me with any questions or interest: Phil Walsh at [walshrye@gmail.com](mailto:walshrye@gmail.com). Please visit the town website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) and go to the Heritage Commission page. There you will find a link on the left labeled Rye Graveyard Adoption List which will show you a complete list of town graveyards and which ones are available for adoption.

My fellow Commissioners and I wish you a safe and happy Autumn Season.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Philip Walsh, Chairman  
Rye Heritage Commission

### Energy Committee Update

This last quarter has been full of activities for the Rye Energy Committee. First, we supported the Rye School Board efforts to gain approval for solar panel installation on the school roofs. These panels will provide the majority of the schools' electrical requirements. Many meetings were held prior to the School Board approving a warrant article asking voter permission to proceed. The warrant article received overwhelming voter approval at the Town election.

The LED lighting upgrade project for the Public Safety Building has been approved. This will provide new energy efficient LED lighting for the building, including controls to further minimize electricity usage. A 20% reduction in electric use is anticipated. This upgrade is paid in part by Eversource credits and is at no net cost to Rye! Note the schools, library and transfer station have already been upgraded.

The Select Board approved the Rye Energy Committee request to join the Community Power Coalition of NH, contingent upon Town Counsel review and recommendation of the Coalition agreement. This is a no-cost, no-

obligation coalition of NH communities wanting to use electric aggregation to solicit lower cost electricity from power suppliers. The goal is to offer potentially lower costs and more renewable options than offered by Eversource. The Coalition will allow the Energy Committee to learn more about this program and potentially offer this program to the residents of Rye. Note, community power includes only the generated electrical supply; electricity will continue to be delivered on the same Eversource power lines.

Lastly, the Energy Committee plans to attend the Goss Farm Fair on Saturday, September 18th to share more details about energy topics of the day.

There are available positions on the committee if anyone has any interest in joining. Visitors are welcome too! We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm.



Rye Energy Committee  
Tom Pfau  
Howard Kalet  
Lisa Sweet  
Carl Nicolino  
Nancy Siopes

### Rye Historical Society News

We are an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and preserving the rich history of Rye, NH by engaging residents and visitors through our museum and programs.

**Programs Update:** Join us for our next Trolley Tour on Monday, September 6! Stay tuned to our newsletter and check out our website for more information about how to get tickets for the popular Historical Trolley Tours around Rye.

Curious about **Genealogy**? Individuals who are interested in exploring their Rye roots are invited to meet with others on Zoom the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend – the link is on the calendar on our website. Questions or wish to have a phone number to call in with? Email us at [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org).

**Museum Visits:** Email us at [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org) if you'd like to visit the **Town Museum**. We'll

have someone meet you there.

**Collection Update:** The Board is hard at work sorting, cataloguing, and organizing our collection. Keep your eye out for an invitation to a grand re-opening in the Spring of 2022! A Very Special Thanks to Mi-Box for the temporary storage space arriving in July.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you have an object, documents, or photographs you would like for us to consider adding to our collection, please email [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org) attention Janet Davis. We will be in touch to discuss your item.

**Special Project:** We are working with our sister organizations on an **Old House Documentation Project** including the following activities:

- Finding the numbered road addresses for many of the houses for which we have old photos
- Organizing and filing the photos and information on houses in the collection
- Crafting and distributing a letter to all old homeowners to seek information on their houses

If you have a house that was built before 1900, please send us an email – we'd like to know more about your house!

**Membership:** Our annual membership campaign kicked off in August. If you'd like more information about becoming a member, check out our website or send us an email.

**Volunteers:** We're looking for a volunteer to assist with general facility maintenance around the Town Museum. Let us know if you are interested!

Submitted by,  
Janet Clarkson Davis, President  
Rye Historical Society

### Rye Water District News

**Billing and Usage:** The Rye Water District would like to welcome new residents and families into our beautiful, seacoast community. To anyone who is not familiar, we would like to take this opportunity to explain our unique billing system.

(See Water District News, page 16)

## Water District News

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All customers of the Rye Water District, other than seasonal customers, receive an annual bill during the month of April which gives a set allotment of water usage for the year (January 1 – December 31) before going into a tiering billing system for water use overage fees. Please see our rate schedule under Customer Service in Rates & Policies on our website at [www.RyeWaterDistrict.com](http://www.RyeWaterDistrict.com). Anytime during the year, if a customer exceeds their annual allotment, the remainder of water used in that calendar year will fall into the tiered billing system. Some customers will not see another bill after April if they have not exceeded their annual allotment. Those that do exceed their allotment may see a bill after the second, third or fourth quarter, depending upon when the allotment is actually exceeded. Meter readings are done on a monthly basis. This allows the District to capture abnormally high use readings, which may be due to leaking commodes or garden hoses that have inadvertently been left on. Addressing abnormal usage in a timely manner with our customers, is part of the Rye Water Districts' overall water conservation plan.

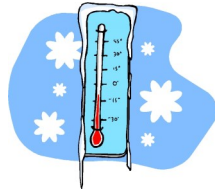
Residents can always monitor their own water usage by viewing and tracking the gallons used through the water meter. There is a tutorial on how to read the meter under Customer Service in Meter Reading on the Rye Water District's website. Water Use Guidelines for water conservation tips may also be found on the website under News & Notices in Recent News.

Please feel free to contact the Water District office with any questions regarding water use and/or billing. Also, new residents are reminded to please give the business office a call to be sure your water account has been established with accurate information.

### **Capital Improvement Project:**

The Rye Water District is continuing its work on the Garland Road pump house refurbishment project, which was approved by the voters at the District's 2020 Annual Meeting. The Garland Road Capital Project consists of providing for system improvements focusing on electrical modifications and updates, using energy efficient components, and

safety improvements. Work on the pump house project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021.



### **Freeze Prevention:**

Even though it is still warm outside, it's not too early to think about late fall and winter precautions by ensuring your water meter is in a warm, dry, accessible location protected from freezing. Also, remember to drain and winterize outside faucets and winterize lawn irrigation systems prior to the freeze, which can sometimes occur as early as October.

**RWD Website:** Please visit our website [www.ryewaterdistrict.com](http://www.ryewaterdistrict.com) which provides information and special notices; such as, annual meeting dates, meeting agendas and minutes, water main flushing dates, emergency notices, posting of PFAS sampling results, and posting of annual Consumer Confidence Report. The website also allows for online account review and bill pay.

**Commissioner Positions:** The current three commissioners have been leading the Rye Water District (RWD) for quite a few years; Ralph Hickson since 2006, Art Ditto since 2006, and Tom Clifford since 2013. It has been our honor to be of service to the constituent of the RWD for these many years; however, time is drawing near to pass the leadership of the RWD on to new community members. Mr. Clifford, whose term expires at the end of 2021, has advised that he will not seek reelection for another term. Both Mr. Ditto and Mr. Hickson, whose terms expire in 2022 and 2023 respectfully, have indicated that they intend to end the service by these dates, if not sooner.

In response to these future open positions, the Commissioners request that any individual interested in serving as a RWD commissioner to express their interest to the RWD at this time, or a convenient time in the near future. Contact can be by phone at 603-436-2596 or the Commissioners' e-mail at [commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net](mailto:commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net).

Rye Water District Commissioners  
Ralph Hickson  
Thomas Clifford  
Arthur Ditto

## Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

The overabundance of rain and summer like heat has created the "perfect breeding season resulting in far more mosquitoes than in recent years. Dragon crews have been relentlessly treating mosquito larval habitats. The record setting rain in July and tropical storms continue to **replenish** the water on salt marshes and in fresh water habitats resulting in lots of mosquitoes.

Greenhead flies were also abundant this season. New greenhead fly traps were built; existing ones repaired and over 180 traps were set out on the salt marshes in time for the hatching of greenhead flies in July. Traps are typically removed in September or before the first tropical storm. This year was no exception; Crews hustled to collect the traps to beat the arrival of 'Henri'.

Catch basin mosquitoes carry both West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Hundreds of catch basins in Rye are treated each summer to control the disease carrying mosquitoes found in this man-made habitat. These same mosquitoes can be found in backyard containers such as buckets, wheelbarrows, tarps, boats, etc. Be sure to dump out standing water.

The Rye Elementary School, Rye Junior High, Parsons Field and the Recreation Area were sprayed for mosquitoes prior to the start of the school year. The Recreation Area was also sprayed in August to reduce biting mosquitoes. Tick monitoring is taking place at the Rye Recreation Area and the trails between the Recreation Area, the Cemetery and Parsons Field. Public Notices are posted when spraying for adult mosquitoes or ticks is planned at the schools and athletic fields.

Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) and West Nile Virus (WNV) have been found in New Hampshire. One mosquito batch from Salem, NH has tested positive for WNV. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services announced an adult from Dublin, NH tested positive for Jamestown Canyon virus. He was hospitalized with worsening neurological symptoms and ultimately died. JCV has also been



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detected in mosquitoes from Bow, Canterbury, Derry, Dunbarton and Kingston. (none have tested positive in Rye).

There are no vaccines to prevent vector-borne diseases and treatment consists of supportive care. Many people infected with arboviral disease do not have symptoms. For people with symptoms, the time from mosquito bite to feeling sick ranges from a few days to two weeks. Initial symptoms can include fever, fatigue, and headache. Mosquito-borne viruses JCV, WNV, EEE and the tick-borne virus, Powassan can cause encephalitis or meningitis. Symptoms of encephalitis or meningitis include stiff neck, confusion, loss of coordination, difficulty speaking, or seizures.

Jamestown Canyon Virus circulates primarily between deer and a variety of mosquito species, and can infect humans. The illness is considered serious, but rare. JCV detection in humans has been increasing over the last several years. New Hampshire has identified 16 human cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus with two deaths since 2013.

West Nile virus continues to be the leading cause of domestically acquired arboviral infection in the US. Mosquitoes have tested positive in New Hampshire for WNV almost every summer since the virus arrived in 2001. Human cases in NH have been rare.

Most outbreaks of EEE occur in the late summer and early fall, often associated with heavy rainfall. Eastern Equine Encephalitis is considered the deadliest arbovirus in North America. EEE is capable of infecting a wide range of animals including mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. New Hampshire has identified 15 human cases since 2004.

Mosquitoes that are still here in the fall have a higher probability of carrying disease. The best way to prevent infection from mosquito-borne illnesses like Jamestown Canyon Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus is to prevent mosquito bites. Stay vigilant when outside. Protect yourself by using an EPA approved mosquito repellent, avoid exposure at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, wear long pants and long sleeves, and remove standing water from around your home that mosquitoes need to lay eggs. Use air conditioning or screens on windows and

doors to keep mosquitoes outside.

Mosquito trapping and disease testing at the State Lab in Concord will continue until mid-October. Treatment of mosquito larvae in wetlands is ongoing. The threat of mosquitoes carrying disease won't diminish until late fall or when there have been two hard freezes.

Timothy Sanborn, Chairman  
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

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

## The Swap Shop is Open!

The Swap Shop is now open 3 days a week, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday between the hours of 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Thank you to those of you that help keep the Swap Shop clean and organized, but we need more volunteers on a regular basis.

A few basic rules for the Swap Shop:

- Please use don't abuse it.
- Don't just dump items.
- Put items on designated shelves.
- Pay attention & read the list of items that are accepted.
- No broken items.
- Take a moment to think and care.
- Lastly if you abuse it, you are going to lose it. (The Swap Shop will close.)

**Ideas:** After you are done with frozen dinners, many of the containers that holds the food for cooking can be reused as saucers to be placed under your indoor & outdoor plants.

At Lowes, next to the Return Department, there are containers for recycling plastic bags, batteries, & light bulbs.

**Fun Fact:** Did you know that 24 trees are cut to make one ton of newspapers? Recycling a stack of newspapers three feet high can save one tree.

**Get Involved:** The Rye Recycling Education Committee still has openings for a couple of members. We meet at the Rye Public Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

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

Joan Provencher, Senior Member  
Rye Recycling Education Committee

## Planning Board & Long Range Planning Committee News

One of the duties of the Rye Planning Board is to keep the Town's Master Plan up to date. Under state law RSA 674, New Hampshire Planning Boards must adopt and amend their master plans to guide the land use and development of the municipality and enable adoption of zoning ordinances, land development and environmental protection regulations, capital investments and health and safety regulations. The current Rye Master Plan is available on the Town website at [town.rye.nh.us](http://town.rye.nh.us).

**Call to Action.** The Long-Range Planning (LRP) sub-committee of the Planning Board is currently in the process of updating the Town Master Plan Vision Chapter. The LRP wishes to bring stakeholders into conversations about the vision for the town, how it will be sustained in the near term, and how the Vision Chapter will guide town planning, regulation, and future investments. Steps 1 and 2, described below, outline:

- an inclusive process to gather input and opinions,
- opportunities to contribute to a vision for Rye's future, and
- incorporate community input from a broad range of stakeholders' needs

The timeframe to complete the Master Plan Vision Chapter framework is from Fall 2021 through early 2022. Notifications for community input will be widely communicated. **Please check the Rye Planning Department webpage for details and further instructions for release of a Community Survey and Visioning Session scheduled for Wednesday November 10, 2021 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Rye**

(See Planning Board News, page 18)

**Junior High School. Check the town website, flyers at town buildings, and email notifications for details about this event!**

**Step 1 Community Survey.** The LRP will launch a Community Survey to seek input from all town residents, property owners, and business owners. The Community Survey will be accessible on the Rye Planning Department webpage in electronic form and the survey link will be emailed to stakeholders through town email lists and community groups, and available in paper form at the library and the town hall and other possible locations. **The LRP will make the Community Survey available from September 3 – October 1, 2021 to encourage broad participation.** We want to hear your ideas and opinions about how to guide the future of Rye! To complete the Community Survey visit the town website at <https://www.town.rye.nh.us/> or from the online newsletter, click the [Community Survey link here](#).

**Step 2 Visioning Session.** The Community survey will form the basis for a town-wide Visioning Session to engage a wide range of Rye stakeholders. The LRP will compile and analyze the survey results to present at a Visioning Session scheduled for Wednesday November 10, 2021. The results of the Visioning Session, along with information from the surveys, will form the framework for a new Rye Master Plan Vision Chapter.

The Vision Chapter is expected to be completed early in 2022 with anticipation of a full revision of the Rye Master Plan to follow.

The Long-Range Planning Committee looks forward to hearing from you!

Steve Carter, Chairman  
Long Range Planning Committee

## **ANNUAL RYE CHRISTMAS PARADE - DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The Town of Rye and The Rye Lions Club would like to invite your organization to participate in the annual Rye Holiday Parade.

Date/Time: **Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

The parade will form behind Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road at **11:00 a.m. and will march along Washington Road to the Rye Junior High School.**

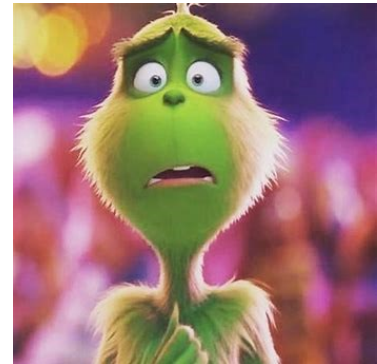
Trophies will be awarded to the winning entries following the parade at the Rye Junior High School.

This year's theme will be **"THE GRINCH WON'T STEAL THIS HOLIDAY PARADE"**.

***Please return entry forms as soon as possible to: Attention: Parade Chairman, Rye Fire Department, 555 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870. For additional information call (603) 964-6411.***

Thank You,

Chuck Gallant  
Rye Holiday Parade Chairman



Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of entry - Please circle:** BUSINESS NON-PROFIT FIRE APPARATUS FLOAT BAND  
WALKING UNIT EQUESTRIAN

***ANY FLOATS CARRYING CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULTS ON BOARD TO SUPERVISE CHILDREN. NO EXCEPTIONS.***

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

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

September 2021						
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 5:30 pm Town Center Committee 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm CIP Committee	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Labor Day Town Offices Closed	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Rules & Regulations Committee	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm Historic District Commission	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm Heritage Commission 6:30 pm Conservation Commission	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Select Board	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	<b>30</b>		
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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



# Vaccination Clinic

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

**at 2 Different Locations in Rye!**

**Times & Locations Listed Below**



**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm

**Location:** Wallis Sands State Park

**Time:** 2:00pm - 7:00pm

**Location:** Rye Public Safety Building,  
555 Washington Road

- Free of charge
- Walk in - no appointment is necessary!
- All three manufactured vaccines will be available

This is a terrific and convenient way to receive your first or second COVID vaccine shot!

For more information call the Rye Fire Dept. 603-964-6411

# 38th Annual Rye Lions Car Show

**Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021** (Rain Date Sept. 26, 2021)

Parson's Field, Washington Road, Rye, NH

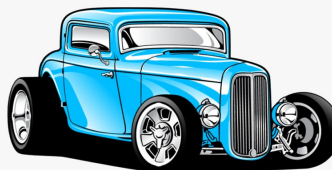
Registration 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Trophies awarded at 2:00 p.m.

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

Great Food and Music!

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



**NOTICE TO ALL GHOSTS,  
GOBLINS  
AND WITCHES**  
"Trick or Treating"  
in Rye is  
**Saturday,  
October 30th  
5:00-7:00 PM**



## Goss Farm Fall Fair

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**12:00—4:00 p.m.**

**251 Harbor Road**

**Rain Location: Rye Jr. High**

**There will be...**

**Food Vendors, Live Music, Activities, a Kids Corner,  
Presentations and more!**

**Go to [Gossfarmfallfair.com](http://Gossfarmfallfair.com) for more updated information!**

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