

Rye Civic League

PO Box 971, Rye, NH 03870 www.ryecivicleague.org

"Informing citizens, enhancing direct democracy and supporting the will of the voters"

An Invitation to Membership in the Rye Civic League

WE ARE ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS. We all share the goal of making our town the best it can be. We want our kids to have a great education. We want our community to be safe, beautiful and thriving. We want to balance our budget and to see our tax dollars spent wisely. We benefit from an open town government, and we depend on it to keep things running smoothly. In turn, we owe it to our government and our fellow citizens to be informed and to get involved for the benefit of our community. This is why we are inviting you to participate in the Rye Civic League (RCL). This is your opportunity to engage in a positive way, to do your part as a Rye resident, and to keep our town acting for the good of us all.

Since it resumed operations in 2009, the Rye Civic League has:

- Published the monthly e-Civic News.
- Researched, published and distributed the Rye Citizens' Handbook - a consolidated guide containing a description of and contact information for all town positions, boards and commissions.
- Worked to build distribution to over 1000 persons.
- Created civic tools to help residents become more informed, e.g., warrant article pros and cons and presentations, budget analysis, consolidation and communication of important information.
- Sponsored several town government forums and candidate events.
- Provided valuable input to the Town Hall Space Needs Committee.
- Created an informative web site. – www.ryecivicleague.org
- Established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The RCL is offering formal membership to over 1,000 people on the Civic News distribution list.

This membership drive will help defray some of the organization's expenses such as distribution of the Civic News, PO Box rental, State of NH nonprofit corporation fees, web site hosting fees, and printing costs for the Rye Citizens' Handbook, brochures, etc.

RCL membership benefits include:

- Becoming an active RCL supporter through a financial or in-kind contribution
- Receiving notice to the Annual Meeting with voting rights
- Being eligible for candidacy to the Board
- Having the opportunity to give input to the direction of RCL throughout the year
- Becoming a more engaged and better informed resident

Membership dues are \$12 a year; additional financial contributions are greatly appreciated. In-kind contributions are an alternative to monetary dues. Please consider one of the ongoing tasks below and indicate your preference on the membership form.

1. Reporter: Attend and report on town board meetings for the Civic News
2. Coordinator: Create and insert content on the RCL web site
3. Researcher: Examine town issues
4. Organizer: Manage RCL membership

To accept this invitation, please complete the membership form below.

All those on the Civic News distribution list will continue to receive the monthly Civic News free.

Thank you for supporting this effort to create a more engaged citizenry.

Rye Civic League Membership Form

- Yes, I accept your invitation to become a formal member.
- I will pay dues of \$12 to join.
- I will be responsible for the task of _____ to join.
- I would like to donate additional funds in the amount of \$_____ to support RCL's efforts (*Thank You!*)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

**Please make checks payable to:
Rye Civic League
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THANK YOU!