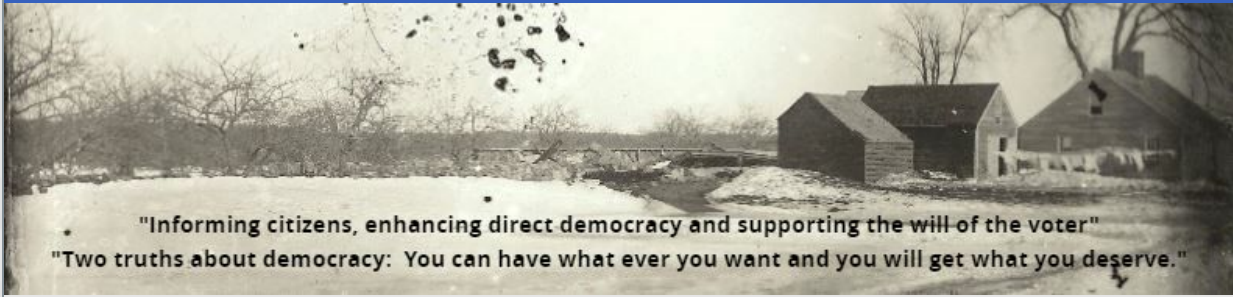


Rye Civic News

Special Announcements January 2021

from the [Rye Civic League \(www.ryecivicleague.org\)](http://www.ryecivicleague.org)



[RCL Monthly Meetings & Public Forum last Wednesday of the month RPL 7pm \(zoom now\)](#)
[RCL Facebook Page](#) [New 2020 Citizens' Handbook \(Click Here\)](#)

What do you think the Town should be discussing?

Wednesday January 27th at 7:15pm

Google Meet: [Click Here](#) Call in and password:) [+1 440-561-0572](#) (PIN: 194978961)

RCL will have a "help" session for residents who have topics they would like the Select Board to discuss. The RCL will help residents generate their letters to the Select Board requesting a subject be discussed. Note the Select Board can chose not to discuss the subject.

Possible topics: Parsons Creek, Town Center, The Transfer Station, Beaches.....

2021 Rye Election New Dates

June 5th: Town Deliberative Meeting (outside)

June 1st: School Deliberative Town Meeting (tentative)

July 13th: Town Election Voting

Running for office: **January 29th at 5:00pm** is still the deadline. There are many open positions.

[Click Here](#) for positions and form.

New FEMA Flood Maps impact Home Owners - Effective January 29th

What do the new FEMA maps mean to Rye Residents?

- 1) If you are in or near a Flood area it is suggested to review your insurance coverage with your Insurance agent before Friday.
- 2) Expansion of the zones mean that more properties will be subject to building requirements when requesting any building permits.

Information on Town Website:

[Press Release](#) [Presentation.](#) [Additional Permitting.](#) [Updated Map Information](#)

Flood Hazard Maps: [Click Here](#)

Tips on using the maps from the RCL:

1. Click OK, Close the welcome screen
2. Select "Pending FEMA Flood Hazard Data" and "Roads and Bridges" on the left panel. To increase legibility one might uncheck "Tax Map Parcel Boundaries". It can always be turned back on
3. Search for your address in the box top left on the map
4. Zoom in and out as needed to see zones.
5. Non shaded zones are X "Minimal Flood Hazard" as are the Brown zones which have 0.2% chance of annual flooding
6. Most impacted by changes are the Blue zones A, AE, AO, V or VE "Special Flood Hazard Zones" with 1% annual chance of flooding



1st Annual Letter for RCL President and commentary from Steven Borne [Click Here](#)

Reference Sites

Rye History Museum: [Click Here](#).....Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)
Rye Police Home page: [Click Here](#)Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)
Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)
Rye Beach & Jeness Beach District Information: [Click Here](#)
NH's Citizen's Count: [Click Here](#)

Once the RCL monthly meeting concludes, there is a public forum discussion about some of current topics in town. All are welcome to join this discussion and introduce town-related topics.
Topics discussed:

Other Town Activity

Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:

NOTE: 2020 Update is available at the Library, the Lazy Bird, Native and other locations. All sections are also posted on the Rye Civic League website

The Rye Citizens' Handbook has been created by the Rye Civic League ("RCL") to provide a consolidated resource to assist citizens in interacting with the various employees, board and commission members of the Town. It contains a description of each of the positions and groups, together with the contact information for each. It provides a road map to assist citizens in interacting with each function. The document is fluid. The intention of the RCL is to revise the Handbook at least annually in response to changes in staff, board and committee memberships, and the laws.

Special thanks to Mae Bradshaw who created and maintains the handbook.

[Click Here for a PDF version of the handbook](#)

About the Rye Civic League and the Civic News

The Rye Civic League (founded in 1968 by Frances Holway, Joan LaFrance and Marjorie Miller, disbanded in 1992 and revived in 2009) is a voluntary association that educates and motivates people to act as informed citizens of Rye.

To receive Town News via bcc go to the [Rye Civic League Website](#) and enter your name and e-mail.

All articles are written by the RCL editors. Questions or comments feel free to contact the RCL at civicnews@ryecivicleague.org

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

While the Civic News is free (distributed to over 1,100 people), the Civic League does have annual costs that are partly covered by members (people who contribute \$12 or more each year).

Our annual costs are: Note only about 10% of the people who open the Civic News are members.

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News E-mail distribution software (Constant Contact)
- NH Attorney General's fees for being a 501-C and NH Secretary of State filing fees
- Printing and other expenses
- Post Office Box

Members receive:

- Invitation to annual meeting in the Fall where members may discuss anything about the organization including the Civic News. Voting for directors, policy, etc...
- Invitation with agenda to each end of the month RCL meeting at the library where RCL business is discussed followed by an open public forum (no longer an RCL meeting). Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, RPL 7pm
- The knowledge that you are participating in raising citizen awareness of, and promoting participation in Rye's important civic affairs.

Become a member or renew!!!!

[Click Here](#) to make an online payment.

[Click Here](#) to read the invitation and complete the membership form

Membership and donations can be made by credit card via our Paypal link

at www.ryecivicleague.org or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

Get Involved:

The Rye Civic League is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and such organizations are only as good as their membership base whether that is through paid dues, gifts in kind and active participation. What RCL really needs at this time, in addition to regular \$12 dues, is more active members who can assist with RCL tasks relating to the writing of the Civic News and other activities.

- Summarize a town meeting for the Civic News
- Editing the Civic News content
- Helping with Candidates Night and other civic events
- Social Media savvy person
- Website and help to fulfill our "digital transformation" vision. We envisioned a more effective capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

Contact Info

Rye Civic League: civicnews@ryecivicleague.org Steven Borne - President

The Rye Civic League was re-formed to promote public awareness by informing residents about the town's business and its responsiveness to its citizens. The organization also offers townspeople an opportunity to bring issues forward for discussion and unbiased resolution. Its primary purpose is to help residents of Rye, NH to act as informed citizens and thereby improve and develop our community.