

Rye Community Harvest Picnic

Event Members: Eileen Behan McCue, Lisa Connors, Karlene Stecher, Lydia Tilsley

Event Advisors: Lewis Karabatsos, Andy Stecher, Debbi Toohey

Purpose:

- A community wide gathering to appreciate Rye's natural beauty during the autumn season.
- The Rye Community Harvest Picnic event is planned as a "take-in-take-out" picnic with a strong emphasis on minimum waste
- Tables will be supplied, and attendees will bring chairs, table décor, tablecloth, plates, silverware as well as their picnic foods.
- Encourage attendees to donate nonperishable items for a community donation to a local nonprofit

Who is invited:

- All Rye residents and their guests

Goal:

- 120 participants

Location:

- Rye Library Commons **or** Parsons Field

Date:

- Sunday October 1, 2023 **or** Sunday October 29, 2023

Time:

- 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Additional Considerations:

- Rye Community Harvest Picnic concept has been approved by Rye 400 Committee Chair Andy Stecher and Rye 400 Committee Vice Chair Debbi Toohey
- Wine, alcohol to be permitted?
- Promote with yard signs and appointing a select few Rye 400 Ambassadors to "get the word out"
- Use Eventbrite for Rye residents to register
- Coordinate with the Rye Recycle Committee and DPW Jason Rucker

Next Steps:

- Identify local nonprofit for the community nonperishable donation
- Supply Rye 400 Committee with estimated costs to execute the event
 - Tables (possibly chairs), Police detail, signs & trash bags
- Enlist *Day Of Volunteers*
 - Set up, clean up, recycle, communication liaison
- Entertainment coordinated with Ginna MacDonald

