# Rye Driftwood Garden Club

# Enhancing Rye's Summer Beauty

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The Rye Driftwood Garden Club takes great pride in giving back to our community. We strive to promote civic beautification in all aspects of gardening and horticulture. Part of that mission is to help enhance the beauty of our local community.

Every year, RDGC nurtures several community gardens and flower boxes in Rye. Each unique site is lovingly cared for by our member volunteers who donate their time and skills. They design, prepare, plant, and maintain them all season long.

As the weather warms up, more of our time is usually spent outdoors. It is a pleasure for us to adorn these six spots with seasonal color throughout the town.

#### **Parsons Field**

A spring cleanup is done to start the season, and when needed, new plants are added. The garden bed is tended periodically by weeding and keeping things looking tidy throughout the growing season.

#### **Rye Center Town Planter**

Every spring, fresh annuals are placed in the stone planter out in front of the Congregational Church. Throughout the spring and summer, it is maintained to keep plants looking their best.

### Rye Public Safety Building & Rye Public Library

Two planters are placed outside the front doors of both the Safety Building and Public Library. We add new soil and a colorful variety of annuals each spring. Members deadhead the flowers and water throughout the summer.

### **Transfer Station & Recycling Center**

Our members get together in early spring for a garden clean-up to prepare the perennial bed for the new season. Annuals are added in and around the perennials along with some fresh mulch. Volunteers maintain the garden through to the fall with weeding, deadheading, and making sure the garden plants have enough water.

#### **Rye Beach Post Office**

New annuals are planted into the window boxes each spring and cared for continuously all summer.

The Rye Driftwood Garden Club enjoys contributing to Rye's summer beauty. We hope these splashes of color bring you joy when your out driving, walking, or biking around town this summer!

RDGC welcomes everyone to our meetings and events. Visit the Rye Driftwood Garden Club website <u>https://www.ryenhgardenclub.org/</u> or check out our new Facebook page to learn more about us and how you can join the fun!



