Rye Sustainability Forum

Hosted by **Mayor Douglas H. French** and the
Rye Sustainability Committee

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March 31, 2011
7 pm
Rye Free Reading Room

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The **Sustainability Committee** of the City of Rye was established in October 2010. Its mission is to draft a Sustainability Plan for the City of Rye taking into consideration Rye's unique natural, social and economic characteristics.
Toward this end, it undertakes the following activities:

- Explore best practices and lessons learned from other towns with sustainability plans
- Provide opportunities for the public to get involved and solicit public input and feedback
- Recommend programs and procedures that will result in cost savings and environmental benefits (energy audit based) for future generations.

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Agenda

7:00 pm Sign-In & Refreshments

7:45 pm Welcome
Suzanna Keith (city council), Sara Goddard, Mayor French

7:55 pm What is a Sustainability Plan?
Noam Bramson, Mayor of New Rochelle, will provide a background on sustainability and sustainability plans.

8:15 pm A Sustainability Plan for Rye
Rye Sustainability committee (Mimi Bateman, Paul Berte, Suzanne Clary, Gretchen Kaye-Crowley, Sara Goddard, Melissa Brown-Grieco, Marci Raab, Annalise Stack, Birgit Townley)

8:30 pm Sustainable Hudson Valley
Melissa Everett on sustainability initiatives throughout the Hudson valley, success stories and the Hudson Valley Resource Center for Sustainable Communities.

8:50 pm Sustainability on the Local Level – Jay Heritage
Suzanne Clary, president of Jay Heritage, about sustainability efforts at Jay Heritage.

9:00 pm Question & Answer Session

9:15 pm Wrap Up

Welcome!

Tonight's forum is an important first step towards introducing the concept of a sustainability plan for Rye. We believe that an ongoing dialogue between the public, stakeholders and the sustainability task force comprised of city officials and volunteers is a crucial component in this process. With the help of your feedback we will develop a Sustainability Plan that is tailored to Rye's unique natural, social and economic characteristics.

We want to hear from you! You can contact us at ryesustainability@gmail.org. Our committee is also available to meet with interested groups in smaller settings to further explore the concept of sustainability. We are presently working on a web page, that will be linked to the city's website. We are hoping to launch it in the near future.

Thank you for attending the first RYE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM. We greatly value your time and interest in this important cause.

Respectfully,

The Rye Sustainability Committee
(Mimi Bateman, Paul Berte, Suzanne Clary, Gretchen Kaye-Crowley, Sara Goddard, Melissa Brown-Grieco, Marci Raab, Annalise Stack, Birgit Townley)

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