

**CITY OF RYE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Frank J. Culross, City Manager

SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet

DATE: August 21, 2009

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 8-9 Press Release from Police Commissioner William R. Connors dated August 14, 2009 entitled *School's Open – Drive Carefully*.
- 8-10 Letter from Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), dated August 10, 2009 regarding the City's application for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- 8-11 Litigation Update from the Corporation Counsel dated August 21, 2009.
- 8-12 Meeting notice for the week of August 24, 2009.

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Encs.



William R. Connors
Police Commissioner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

August 14, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

School's Open – Drive Carefully

CONTACT: William R. Connors
Police Commissioner
(914) 967-1234 ext. 300

School's Open – Drive Carefully, The City of Rye Police Department Urges

The City of Rye Police Department is urging parents to teach their children some simple safety tips before they head back to school.

“Very soon, thousands of children will be walking to and from school and school buses - many for the first time,” said Police Commissioner William Connors. “Everyone who drives has a responsibility to be especially careful during this busy time for youngsters.”

Hundreds of young children are killed each year in collisions with motor vehicles, and thousands more are severely injured. Children tend to be at greater risk during the back-to-school period because they tend to be thinking more about seeing old friends than watching for cars and trucks. Others are going to school for the first time.

To help protect children, Commissioner Connors offered these six pedestrian-safety tips from AAA New York, the local AAA affiliate:

- Look all ways before crossing the street.

- Cross only at corners.
- Obey police officers, school crossing guards, members of AAA School Safety Patrols, and traffic signals.
- Watch for turning cars.
- Be especially alert in bad weather.
- Play away from traffic.

AAA New York provides automotive, travel and financial services to more than 1.5 million members in New York City, and in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Herkimer and parts of Lewis, Madison and Oneida counties.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

Received

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City Manager's Office
Rye, New York

August 10, 2009

Mr. Scott Pickup
Assistant City Manager
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Subject: Boston Post Road (Route 1) Resurfacing Project

Dear Mr. Pickup:

We are in receipt of your project application submitted to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

All projects submitted for ARRA funding were reviewed based on eligibility and deliverability by the applicable Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC). Projects in New York City were reviewed by the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee (NYCTCC); projects on Long Island were reviewed by the Nassau-Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee (NSTCC); and projects in Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties were reviewed by the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee (MHSTCC).

At this time, all available ARRA funds have been programmed on the NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), enabling the projects to proceed through the process.

Unfortunately, there were many more projects submitted than funds available and your project was not selected for ARRA funds. Along with all other eligible projects, your project has been placed on back-up or illustrative lists should further funds become available. In the event this happens, you will be notified.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Jean Shanahan at 845-431-5768.

Very truly yours,


Joel Ettinger
Executive Director

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**CITY OF RYE
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TO: Honorable Mayor and Rye City Council
FROM: Kevin J. Plunkett, Corporation Counsel
SUBJECT: Litigation Update
DATE: August 21, 2009

LITIGATION

There was no activity this week in litigation affecting the City.

CITY COURT

CITY OF RYE v. THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

The City fully resolved the numerous building code violations that have been pending in Rye City Court since September 2008. For the past 11 months, the Defendant has taken the necessary steps to correct the various violations that exist on the property. The City imposed a \$10,000 fine due to the number of violations that existed, the time and effort taken on behalf of the City staff regarding this matter, and the length of time taken to address the violations. The Defendant has approximately 60 days to pay the \$10,000.

CITY OF RYE v. RAY TARTAGLIONE

Defendant has filed a motion seeking to have Acting City Court Judge Richard Runes recuse himself from sitting as a judge on the parking ticket violations issued to Mr. Tartaglione.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Plunkett

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Corporation Counsel

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**CITY OF RYE
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TO: Department Heads
FROM: City Clerk's Office
SUBJECT: Weekly Meeting Notice
DATE: August 21, 2009

Meetings scheduled to be held during the week of August 24, 2009.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009

Board of Architectural Review
8:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Mayor's Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009

Landmarks Advisory Committee
8:00 P. M.
Mayor's Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009

Commission on Human Rights
7:30 P.M.
Mayor's Conference Room

cc: News Media
Kerry Donahue