

**CITY OF RYE  
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet

DATE: September 3, 2010

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 9-1 Invitation to SUMMERFEST 350 being held on Sunday, September 5, 2010, hosted by the Leaders of Tomorrow and the Rye Recreation Department.
- 9-2 Notice from Commissioner William R. Connors sent through the Rye City Schools listserv providing an update on coyotes.
- 9-3 Litigation Update from the Corporation Counsel dated September 3, 2010.
- 9-4 Notice from Community Housing Innovations, Inc. regarding a Loan Modification event taking place in White Plains in September to provide assistance with homeowner mortgages.
- 9-5 Notice of a Public Meeting of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board to be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
- 9-6 Meeting notice for the week of September 7, 2010 is available on the City website [www.ryeny.gov](http://www.ryeny.gov) under Calendar.

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Leaders of Tomorrow  
and the  
Rye Recreation Department



Present

# SUMMERFEST 350

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Field Day of Fun for Kids of All Ages  
Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Rye Recreation Park

## Races and Booths Begin at 3:00 PM

Bean Bag Toss  
Face Painting  
RTV Booth  
Peanut Scramble

Potato-Sack Races  
30-yard Dash  
Historical Exhibits  
Tug of War

Cupcake-Eating Contest  
Water Balloon Challenge  
Decorate-a-Cup-Cake  
Hot Dogs and more...

Bare Handed Old Fashioned Ball Game

2:00 PM

All Booths, Races and Contests

3:00 PM

The Jack Nye Memorial Wood-Racquet Tennis Tournament

3:30 PM

Historical Exhibit of Rye

3:00 PM

**Finishing with Our Annual Honoree Ceremony and  
Two Hours of Live Big Band Music and Community Barbecue  
Barbecue will be catered by The McGuire Family**

**5:00 PM**

## Purchase BBQ Tickets in advance from The Post Road Market

For more information call Douglas Carey 967-1139 or Email [Rye1904@yahoo.com](mailto:Rye1904@yahoo.com)







September 1, 2010

To the Rye School Community:

The City of Rye was confronted with an unprecedented challenge this summer. In late June, two girls, aged three and six, were attacked by coyotes in two separate incidents. Fortunately, both girls' parents were nearby and intervened quickly, and they have recovered from their injuries.

Attacks on humans by coyotes are extremely rare; in fact, only a handful are reported nationwide in an average year. These incidents reflect highly unusual animal behavior, although they also represent what one expert called a "landscape change" in our dealings with coyotes.

Throughout the summer, we have engaged in an aggressive trapping and hunting program that has resulted in the removal of a total of ten coyotes from our area. Although those numbers may not seem large, it is important to note that coyotes are highly intelligent animals, and they are virtually impossible to capture during the summer months. Coyote sightings have decreased significantly in recent weeks, from several reports daily to one every seven to ten days. Based on our recent observations, we believe we have made progress toward our goal of re-establishing in coyotes a healthy fear of interaction with humans. Coyotes have inhabited our area for many years, and will continue to do so; eradication is not an option. The only way we can continue to live side by side safely is to ensure that a healthy fear is maintained.

We will continue our trapping efforts for the immediate future as we transition to a more long-term "hazing and harassment" program, which we are developing in consultation with state and federal wildlife specialists. In the short term, it is natural for parents to ask about the safety of their children as the school year begins.

There have been no further incidents since June, and coyote sightings have decreased markedly. There have been no reports of aggressive behavior. We believe that our efforts to restore coyotes' discomfort around humans have been effective. However, the behavior of wild animals is unpredictable; we cannot say with certainty that all danger has passed, and it is important to continue to use due caution regarding small children. The overall advice regarding coyotes remains the same: if confronted by a coyote, one should be assertive. Stand tall, make noise, throw rocks or sticks and do not run away; an animal's natural reaction is to consider a fleeing animal or human as potential prey. Additional information regarding coyotes can be found on the City of Rye's [Coyote Fact Sheet](#), which can be accessed on the City's web site.

We have recommended to the Rye City School District that appropriate personnel supervising outdoor activities be equipped with air horns, which are considered effective in scaring the animals off. In addition to our normal intensified traffic enforcement in school zones for the opening of school, the Police Department will be providing extra patrol of the schools and routes frequently travelled by children to and from school.

As we begin the school year, both children and adults should not be fearful, but should be appropriately cautious and alert. Dealing with coyotes has been a primary focus of the Police Department during the summer months, and will continue to be. We will keep the public informed of any developments, and our Nixle service, which provides e-mail, Blackberry, and cell phone text message alerts, has been a valuable tool for disseminating information efficiently during these incidents. We encourage residents to register for this no-cost service at [nixle.com](http://nixle.com) or through the link on the City's web site.

We look forward to a safe and successful school year.

Very truly yours,

William R. Connors

Police Commissioner

**CITY OF RYE  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Rye City Council  
**FROM:** Kristen K. Wilson, Interim Corporation Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Litigation Update  
**DATE:** September 3, 2010

**CLAIMS**

A Notice of Claim has been filed by Nubia Obregon of the Bronx. The notice states that Ms. Obregon was injured in a fall on a ride at Playland. The claim has been forwarded to our insurance carrier.

A Notice of Claim has been filed by Mary and Richard Logan of Summit Avenue. The notice states that the claimants sustained injuries as a result of a container trailer, trucks and heavy equipment being parked on a street without safety devices. The claim has been forwarded to our insurance carrier.

**LITIGATION**

**OSBORN v. CITY OF RYE**

No new developments.

**BEAVER SWAMP BROOK – (DEC Administrative proceeding)**

No new developments.

**151 PURCHASE STREET ASSOCIATES V. CITY OF RYE, ET AL.**

No new developments.

**SCHUBERT V. CITY OF RYE, ET AL.**

No new developments.

**R.B. CONWAY V. CITY OF RYE**

No new developments.

**DELLI PAOLI V. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

No new developments.

**SHEW v. CITY OF RYE**

No new developments.

**MOLLOY v. PLANNING COMMISSION**

No new developments.

**TOWNSEND v. BOARD OF APPEALS**

No new developments.

PANETTA v. PLANNING COMMISSION

No new developments.

HEAL the HARBOR v. CITY OF RYE

No new developments.

SCHUBERT v. PLANNING COMMISSION, et al

No new developments.

CITY COURT

Routine calendar with no unusual dispositions.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristen K. Wilson*

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Interim Corporation Counsel

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# COMMUNITY HOUSING INNOVATIONS, INC.

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August 26, 2010

Dear Homeowner:

We are a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency funded by New York State to assist homeowners in default on their mortgages. All of our services are free.

If you are facing hardship in paying your mortgage, Community Housing Innovations, Inc. (CHI), is writing to tell you about a unique opportunity that will help you bring a conclusion to the distress you are experiencing and achieve a loan payment that you can afford.

On September 20 – 22, Wells Fargo loan specialists will attend a **CHI Fast Track™ Loan Modification** event in White Plains, in which Westchester County homeowners who apply will receive a private appointment in an attempt to modify their loans due to hardship. **While we welcome all homeowners facing default for counseling, only Wells Fargo or Wachovia customers will be eligible for the September meetings.**

In order to participate, you must submit the necessary paperwork to either Community Housing Innovations, or another HUD Approved Housing Counseling agency, that will insure your file is complete prior to your meeting with the loan advisor. The agency will help you make the best case possible for a loan modification. Again, all of the services are **completely free of charge** and none of these agencies are affiliated in any way with any bank. They are responsible to represent you. All meetings will be private and by appointment only.

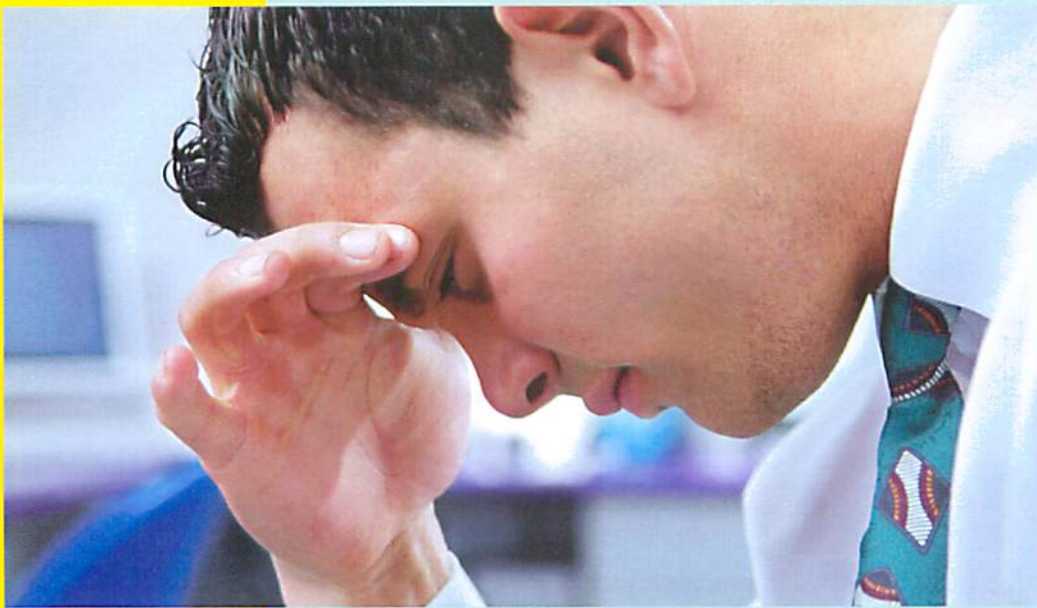
If you are interested in participating, or want more information, please call toll-free 1-877-HUD COUNSELING no later than Monday, September 13th. Appointments are limited due to availability.

Sincerely,

Peter Spino, Esq.  
Senior Foreclosure Prevention Counselor



# HAVING **DIFFICULTY** PAYING YOUR WELLS FARGO OR WACHOVIA MORTGAGE?



**FORECLOSURE**

## Meet with a loan officer for a Loan Modification to keep your home.

**WHO:** Homeowners in Westchester County who have defaulted, or are in danger of defaulting on their loans with Wells Fargo or Wachovia.

**WHAT:** The opportunity to meet PRIVATELY with a Wells Fargo or Wachovia Loan Specialist to see if you qualify for a loan modification. Prior to this meeting, you will be assigned a HUD-approved Housing Counselor who will help you with all the necessary paperwork **FREE OF CHARGE.**

**WHEN:** Monday, September 20 thru Wednesday, September 22 - By Appointment Only -

**WHERE:** 190 East Post Road, White Plains, NY 4th Floor

*Sponsored by:*

**Community Housing Innovations (CHI)**  
in collaboration with Housing Action Council,  
Human Development Services of Westchester  
and Westchester Residential Opportunities.

**Call Now at 1-877-HUD COUNSELING  
(1-877-483-2686)  
to set up an appointment.**

You must make an appointment by September 13  
to participate in the event.





WESTCHESTER COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD  
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FOR INFORMATION:  
MICHAEL BERRIOS  
(718) 262-4816

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal  
75 South Broadway, White Plains, New York 10601

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Certification of 2010-2011 guidelines and adoption of Explanatory Statement.
3. New business.

Dated: September 02, 2010

Joseph G. Whelan, Jr., CPA, Chair

WESTCHESTER COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD