



## JANUARY 1, 2026 PRIORITIES

The **All In For Rye** Team will listen to Rye citizens, build consensus with our fellow Councilmembers and act decisively. These are some of the issues we intend to tackle as a priority on **January 1st**.

- 1. Hire a new Permanent City Manager** - The City Manager oversees all City operations and employees, making this the most important paid executive position in the City. This process needs to be a prime focus and brought to a successful completion. Our 170 City employees deserve that we make this a priority.
- 2. Flood Prevention and Mitigation** - We will hold a workshop in January / February and invite our New York Assembly and Senate representatives to fully review where we are, prioritize next steps, and put together a "to-do list" with milestones and check-in points, and stay at it!
- 3. Enhance our Parks and Playfields** - Build on the success of Nursery Field; work with the Rye Country Day School to ensure Rye benefits from their athletic space development; refurbish / invest in existing parks and playfields, starting with **Gagliardo Park**.
- 4. Downtown Improvements** - We will begin hearings at the Council towards improving downtown traffic safety issues, repaving our badly deteriorated parking lots, and increased engagement with private partners (garden clubs, merchants, realtors and others) to help us beautify and enhance our historic downtown.
- 5. Get moving on the Comprehensive Plan** - This should be the forum to have important community discussions and measure concerns about zoning and development, children's play spaces, traffic and pedestrian safety, among other issues. We will aim to select the consultant and the citizen committee in the first two meetings of 2026 and get moving.
- 6. Improve Cell Service** - Good cell service everywhere in Rye is a critical public safety issue. We will re-engage with cell infrastructure companies and service providers and break from the past practices of confrontation and litigation.
- 7. Deer Population Control** - We need to work closely with the Deer Committee to design a long-term and humane approach to reduce the rising herd numbers in Rye.
- 8. Playland** - We need to restart a conversation with Westchester County about future operating plans for Playland and the Park's \$320,000 annual cost for police, fire and EMS services currently paid solely by Rye Taxpayers. (County taxes already account for 23% of Rye residents' property tax bill.)
- 9. Engage with our Voluntary Committees and Commissions** - We will have each Committee and Commission make a presentation to the Council at least once a year so the Council and the public can be more informed and discuss if / how we can do things better.
- 10. Review old Council actions and make fixes where needed.** Everything will be on the table.

*Please join the conversation and if we missed anything...Let us know. We are ready to get to work!*

*Bill, Robin, Maria, James*