

INFORMATION AGE (1975-present)

Apple computer

Rehoboth joined the Information Age when this computer was installed in a lab in Palmer River Elementary School in 1983, one of the first to have been used in the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District. The computer lab at Palmer River, staffed by volunteers, accomodated six children from a class at one time.

However, Rehoboth’s commitment to education began long before the town purchased its first computer: its proprietors voted in 1643 to use tax dollars to pay the salary of a public teacher, four years before Massachusetts Bay voted to establish a free public school.

2013-003-001a-g



1976 Plans to construct the Carpenter Museum begin amid America’s Bicentennial celebrations.

1981 IBM releases the first personal computer, which costs \$1,565.

2005 Rehoboth passes a “Right to Farm” by-law that affirms the rights of residents to conduct agricultural business.

2018 Rehoboth commemorates its 375th anniversary.

The Great Blizzard hits southern New England. Rehoboth sees drifts of up to 10 feet, and, for a time, the snowmobile is the only means of transportation.

The Twin Towers in New York City are attacked.

The Supreme Court declares that banning same-sex marriage is unconstitutional.