







First Selectwoman's Corner

The weather for the fall of 2017 was unusually mild, and many of us wondered if the cold weather would ever arrive, but arrive it did! I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy the warm weather while it lasted, as winter is now on our doorstep!

Municipal elections for most of CT Cities and Towns were held on November 7, 2017 and here in Old Lyme, it was a very active season. Candidates were on the ballot for many boards and commissions, including the Selectmen, Finance, Education, Zoning, ZBA and Assessment Appeals. Voting at Cross Lane Fire House was brisk, with nearly 50% of registered voters coming out to cast their votes. After all results were in, the members of the Board of Selectmen are First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal, and newly elected Selectman Christopher Kerr. Other newly elected officials include Anna Reiter, alternate on Board of Finance; Jonathan Curtis, Planning Commission (Nov. 2018); Dan Montano, regular member, and Stephanie Mickle, alternate, both on Zoning Board of Appeals; and Martha Shoemaker on Board of Education. Congratulations to everyone who ran for office during this election season.

Your involvement and commitment are essential to making sure that Old Lyme thrives despite the challenges we face at all levels of government.

Speaking of Boards and Commissions, there are still many vacancies on several of our boards, and most of these are appointed positions. In January, the Board of Selectmen makes appointments (and re-appointments) to many of them, and we are always encouraging our citizens to consider serving in some capacity. There are boards that meet on a monthly basis, and some that only meet as needed, so



Bonnie A. Reemsnyder First Selectwoman

serving on a board can fit almost anyone's schedule. For a list of vacancies, visit the town website, as we will be posting them soon. Better yet, go to the town website, www.oldlyme-ct.gov, and SUBSCRIBE to News and Announcements! In the near future, we will be posting a list of vacancies, and if subscribed, you will automatically get an email with that posting. You can also contact the Chairman of either political party to discuss the needs and recommendation to a board. Email the Selectman's office for contact information for chairs. In order to be appointed, we ask that you fill out a "Request for Appointment" form, which can be found on the town website.

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By now, many of you have likely noticed the new streetlights throughout town. The conversion to LED streetlights has been over 95% completed, with some remaining lights waiting for action by Eversource. The new lights will save over 60% on energy costs, and the same on maintenance as we go forward. LED lights are used by many towns, cities and states, reducing our carbon footprint as well as costs. If you are aware of a light that is not working, please feel free to report this to the Selectman's Office at selectmansoffice@oldlyme ct.gov, but it is most likely on the list for further action by Eversource. Special thanks to Tim Griswold and Chris Kerr for their work on this committee.

Progress is being made on the new Cross Lane Playground, though we were hopeful that it would be completed by the end of October. The equipment is arriving in late November, and if the weather holds out, installation will occur shortly after delivery. The new playground is ADA accessible, and has some great pieces of equipment for children of all ages. The Junior Women's Club (JWC) of Old Lyme presented the plan for the new playground to the Parks & Rec Commission, as well as the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, after raising \$35,000 for the playground. The total cost is approx. \$200,000, with the town funding \$160,000 upon the request of Parks & Rec. The remainder is being raised by the JWC, and they are helping on the committee to oversee the project. We will plan a grand opening of the playground sometime in the spring of 2018. Special thanks to the

Junior Women's Club for initiating the conversation and their hard work on the research and planning for this project.

The budget for the State of CT continues to be a challenge. While the legislature passed a bipartisan budget, and maintained the ECS and other funding, there are some items in this budget that we are just beginning to understand. In October, many residents who qualified for Renter's Rebate did not receive the anticipated checks, leaving many short of funds. After re-visiting this issue through a special session, the legislature decided that they would pay out on the Renter's Rebate, fund 50% of the obligation, and deduct the other 50% from town aid grants. In short, the Towns are now at least partially responsible for the Renter's Rebate, and in addition, will not be reimbursed for the Circuit Breaker program, which allows tax abatements for low income, elderly and disabled individuals. The Town of Old Lyme understands that these programs are essential to the people who qualify, and is committed to seeing these programs continue into the future. The newly passed budget is still being reviewed by our advocacy organizations, so we will learn more as they come to fully understand the implications on towns and cities. Stay tuned...

The WPCA continues to make progress on the Coastal Wastewater Management Plan, which includes a plan for sewers in the Sound View area, and further testing in the Hawks Nest Beach Association. continued on page 4



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In addition, the Board of Selectmen has reviewed the terms of a lease agreement for the pump house to be located in the Town Parking Lot at the end of Hartford Ave. As discussed, the final decision on this will be made at a town meeting.

The improvements at Hains Park, including the boathouse and bathrooms, continue to move forward. Once we have final closure on the boathouse expense, the sub-committee of the Park & Rec Commission will start working on the improvements to the bathroom building. Hopefully, everything will be completed by early spring, before the weather is conducive to rowing and outside activities at the Park.

The Board of Selectmen continues to work on the draft Blight Ordinance, in the hopes of approving it by the annual town meeting held in January. We will plan at least one public information meeting on the Blight Ordinance, giving residents an opportunity to read the entire document and bring their concerns to the attention of the Board. The draft will be posted on the Town website upon final approval of the Board of Selectmen.

On October 29th, the State of CT experienced a severe wind and rain storm that left many without electricity. While this was not a storm like we experienced in Storm Sandy, there were people without electricity for several days. Our Emergency Management Director

worked on "make-safe" efforts, and restoration, with Eversource, but was frustrated with the lead time to open up neighborhoods that were blocked. Please be assured that we registered our concerns with the State and Eversource on the apparent changes to the plan for addressing these concerns, and hope that it can be resolved before the next storm. Our Emergency Operations Center was partially staffed and handled calls through-out the impact of the storm. Special thanks to all who stood up during this event - your dedication is appreciated.

Finally, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Selectman Arthur "Skip" Sibley, who has served on the Board of Selectmen for eight terms a full 16 years! Throughout his tenure he has always prioritized the concerns of citizens of our community. In addition to his service as a Selectman, he has advocated for many special projects, working with the committees to complete them, including the Town Woods Fields and the Hains Park Boathouse. His service and advocacy has always been respected and appreciated by many, and we wish him well and thank him as he leaves the Board of Selectmen. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Town Meeting which is held on the fourth Monday in January, weather permitting. Our Citizen of the Year will be announced, we will review the Annual Report, and we anticipate other important items on the agenda. On behalf of the entire Board of Selectmen, we wish you a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Bonnie Reemsnyder, First Selectwoman





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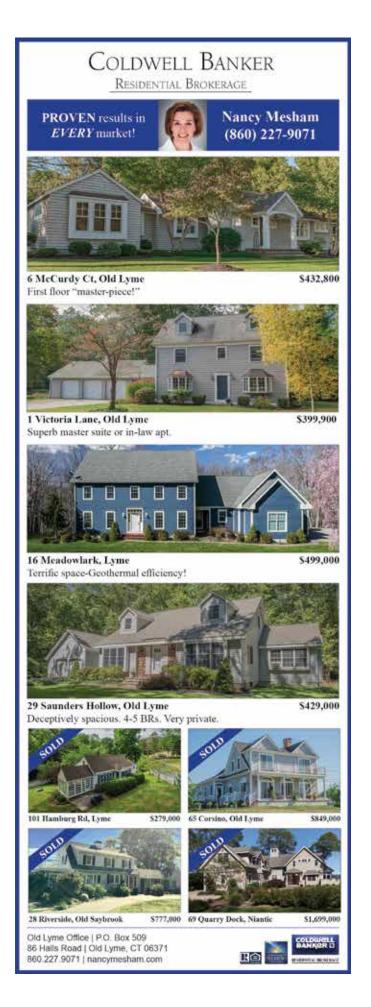




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Transfer Station Information

TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

The Transfer Station is located on Four Mile River Road and is open Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 am-3:45 pm, Saturday, 8:30 am - 4 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Taxpayers' vehicles should have a Transfer Station sticker affixed to the right-hand side of windshield. Vehicles without a sticker should bring proof of property address (i.e., tax bill, mortgage statement or closing papers), along with a driver's license and registration.

Bulky Waste and Demolition: Vehicles are charged by weight at \$110/ton. Recyclables should not be mixed in the same load with Bulky Waste or Demolition debris. Loads less than 100 lbs. are charged a minimum fee of \$5.

Brush is charged on a per load basis. No wood or limbs thicker than four inches are accepted.

Grass clippings are not allowed at the Transfer Station because of chemical contamination from pesticides and fertilizers and cannot be deposited in your trash can. Please compost on your property.

Electronics are now accepted at the Transfer Station. Residents can bring the following items to the Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road: computers (personal computers, mainframes, med-range computers, laptops); networking equipment (hubs, switches, control cards, etc.); computer monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, adaptors, stereos, speakers, VCR's, scanners, fax machines, copiers telephones and telephone systems, computer wire and cable; computer drives and storage devices (floppy drives, CD ROMs, hard drives), power supplies, circuit boards, microwaves, scrap copper (cable, pipe, etc.), scrap aluminum (machine and machine parts, cable extrusions, etc.), fluorescent light bulbs, UPA (uninterrupted power supply) batteries, and related computer and electronic equipment.

Trash and Recycling

Curbside trash removal is performed by Old Lyme Sanitation. Phone: 860-434-3800

There is no trash pick-up on the following holidays:

Christmas (Dec. 25), New Year's (Jan. 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), and Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.). Trash normally collected on Thanksgiving will be picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pickup. For Christmas and New Year's (Monday holiday), trash pickup moves to the following day, until Thursday and Friday, which remain on schedule. If the Monday holiday falls on your recycling day, Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, along continued on page 8

WHAT'S IN

WHAT'S OUT

















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with Tuesday's regularly scheduled pick up, and the rest of the week will remain on schedule. (*Please be advised that Old Lyme Sanitation DOES NOT take off the same holidays as the Town does*).

Please have trash container out at curbside by 6 am on your assigned day. Containers should be three feet away from any other objects, such as mailboxes, cars, other containers, planters, etc. Please be mindful not to block breakdown/emergency lane with receptacle. Phone Michele Hayes at 860-434-1605, ext. 212 with any additional trash removal questions that you may have.

Single stream curbside recycling pick-up is provided for clean bottles, cans, #1 - 7 plastics and paper products co-mingled in the green recycling carts every other week. Corrugated cardboard boxes need to be flattened for recycling. A complete list of acceptable single stream recyclables is available on the Town's website at www.oldlyme-ct.gov - click the trash and recycling link on the Selectman's or Public Works pages or at www.shorelinesanitation.com. Information is also available in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, and at the Landfill/Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Phone Michele Hayes at 860-434-1605, ext. 212 with any additional questions you may have.

Curbside recycling is performed every other week by Old Lyme Sanitation (860-434-3800). There is no recycling pick-up on the following Holidays: Christmas Day (Dec. 25), New Year's (Jan. 01), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), and Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.). Recycling normally collected on Thanksgiving is picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pickup. For other holidays, recycling pickup moves to the following day, until Friday, which remains on schedule. Recycling information is available on the Town's website at www.oldlyme-ct.gov, as well as in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/ Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Phone Michele Hayes at 860-434-1605, ext. 212 with additional questions you may have.

Additional automated trash and recycling containers

should be ordered through Michele Hayes at 860-434-1605, ext. 212 in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street. Containers cost \$80. Please clearly mark your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Homeowners are responsible to replace lost, stolen or broken cans at their expense.





Town of Old Lyme Tax Collector's Notice

Notice is herby given to the Taxpayers of the Town of Old Lyme that the second installment of a tax of 21.75 mills on the dollar laid on the grand list of October 1,2016 is due January 1, 2018. Also due on that date are the supplement Motor Vehicle tax bills.

Payments must be made on or before February 1, 2018

to avoid penalty. Any payment made after that date will

be charged interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month going back to the due date. (February interest is 3%)

Payments may be made at the:

Old Lyme Town Hall, 52 Lyme St. or mailed to the Old Lyme Tax Office, P.O. Box 482, Old Lyme, Ct. 06371.

Judith A. Tooker, Tax Collector

Assessor's Office

The Town of Old Lyme's GIS is a great resource for property information. Did you know you can search for parcel maps, view summary property record cards, create abutters lists. Want to know more? Visit www.oldlyme-ct.gov and follow the link GIS MAPPING.

While you are there make sure we have your current mailing address. Is your property information correct? Your property records may be used by lenders, insurance companies, and appraisers when selling, mortgaging and insuring your property. Accurate information is important detailed field cards are available in the Assessor's office feel free to stop in. We can be reached at 860-434-1605 x 218.

UPCOMING DATES:

Applications for the Board of Assessment Appeals will be available starting at the end of January. Applications must be filled out and returned the Assessor's office in its entirety on or before February 20th. The board will be meeting in the month of March. Dates to be determined.

For questions please contact us at 860-434-1605 x 218 or x 219 or via our web site at Assessor@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Melinda R. Kronfeld, CCMA II, Assessor



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Old Lyme Municipal Departments

<u>Department</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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Assessor	Melinda Kronfeld	434-1605 x218
First Selectwoman	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder	434-1605 x211
Board of Selectmen	Mary Jo Nosal	434-1605 x212
Board of Selectmen	Chris Kerr	434-1605 x212
Building Official	John Flower	434-1605 x230
Emergency Management		
& Fire Marshal	David Roberge	434-1605 x231
Finance Director	Nicole Stajduhar	434-1605 x232
Harbormaster	Harry Plaut	434-1605 x212
Ledge Light Health District		434-1605 x214
		860-448-4882
Information Technology	Ruth Roach	434-1605 x237
Parks and Recreation	Don Bugbee	434-1605 x235
Police	TFC Kazimera Morse	434-7080
Probate Court	Hon. Jeffrey McNamara	739-6052
Public Works	Ed Adanti	434-1605 x243
Registrar of Voters	Catherine Carter	434-1605 x226
	& Marylin Clarke	
Senior Center	Stephanie Lyon Gould	434-1605 x240
Social Services	Jennifer Datum	434-1605 x228
Tax Collection	Judith Tooker	434-1605 x216
Town Clerk	Eileen Coffee	434-1605 x221
Treasurer	Tim Griswold	434-1605 x232
Zoning Enforcement	Keith Rosenfeld	434-1605 x225
	OTHER AGENCIES	
Library/Passports	Katie Huffman, Director	434-1684
School District #18	Superintendent of Schools	434-7238
Youth Services Bureau	Mary Seidner, Director	434-7208

Old Lyme - Community Listings

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CONSUMER PROTECTION	(860) 566-2294
LYMES' YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU	(860) 434-7208
SENIOR CENTER	(860) 434-1605 x240
OLD LYME VISITING NURSE	(860) 434-7808
OLD LYME HISTORICAL SOCIETY	(860) 434-0684
9 TOWN TRANSIT	(860) 510-0429
LYME/OLD LYME JR WOMEN'S CLUB	(860) 501-9773
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AMERICAN LEGION – POST 41	(860) 664-0047
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Town Clerk's Office

Eileen K. Coffee, Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz, Assistant Town Clerk

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July

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Joris Spigt & Olivia Whitney Brown
Richard Charles Taylor & Shelley Christa Nobile
Andrew Lutas & Victoria Lynn Eells
Michael Arthur King & Nicole Elizabeth Meo
Marc Aaron Pinn & Julie Ann Estrada
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Jacob Russell Samuels & Sloan Wilson Danenhower
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August

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September

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Edmund H. Wolcott

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Dennison G. Rice Gary R. Kelly

Stanislaus Bury Coxe Anthony P. Lorello Sr. Arlene M. Witmer

George Peter Beardsley

Town Hours & Holiday Schedule

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE **FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS IN 2017AND 2018:**

Monday, December 25

- Christmas

Monday, January 1, 2018

- for New Year's Day

Monday, January 15, 2018

- Martin Luther

Monday, February 19, 2018

King, Jr. Day - President's Day

Friday, March 30, 2018

- Good Friday

Monday, May 28, 2018

- Memorial Day

Wednesday, July 04, 2018

- July 4th - Labor Day

Monday, September 03, 2018 Monday, October 08, 2018

- Columbus Day

Monday, November 12, 2018

- Veterans Day

Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2018

- Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

- Christmas

Hours for most departments:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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VACANCIES EXIST ON A NUMBER OF BOARDS, INCLUDING:

Tree Commission
Commission on Aging
Economic Development Commission
Open Space Commission
Zoning Commission
Inland Wetlands Commission
Pension Committee
Conservation Commission

The Town is also in need of a volunteer to serve as our Municipal Agent for the Elderly. State Statute requires the appointment of a Municipal Agent to assist elder citizens in the community by providing information and referrals for services. In Old Lyme, our Municipal Agent has also chaired our Commission on Aging.

From The Old Lyme Conservation Commission

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT BRINGS ECONOMIC BENEFITS

An op-ed letter to The Day from Maryam Elahi, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.

From our coastline to our forests and hills, Connecticut boasts a range of breathtaking natural environments. Beaches, recreation areas, hiking trails, and nature preserves abound and are enjoyed by countless residents and tourists each year. If you've spent any time by the water or on a trail, you've experienced the deep effect

of nature on improved mental and physical well-being. And on a larger scale, the health of our environment significantly affects public health outcomes. The quality of our air, water and soil affect a range of health issues, from asthma and lead contamination to cancers.

There are also tremendous economic benefits to environmental preservation. A 2011 Economic Impact Study by the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis found that state residents and visitors spent \$1 billion on outdoor activities in



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2010. This figure included state park and forest visits, as well as boating, camping, fishing, and hunting expenditures. Numerous studies have shown that walkable communities, proximity to parks, and ecotourism help increase community desirability and property values.

Our community leaders must continue to consider how to balance economic growth and environmental preservation to support vibrant communities. Our towns need parks and parking lots; they need recreation areas and conserved spaces, diverse housing stock and thriving business districts. All are important land uses—managing the mix is a balancing act that shapes a region's character, resilience, and outcomes from wealth to health and quality of life.

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Barbara Rayel accepts Garden Club award.

Duck River Garden Club Receives National Garden Club Award

The annual awards meeting of the Federated Garden Club of Connecticut was recently held at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT. President Kathleen Burton was pleased to accept three awards on behalf of the Duck River Garden Club of Old Lyme. The club's yearbook, edited by Karin Kline and website edited by Barbara Rayel and designed by Matt Rayel (www.mattrayel.com), was honored with first place state awards. The website also received the first place award from the National Garden Clubs of America in our size category.

To access the Duck River Garden Club website go to www.oldlymeduckrivergc.org where pictures and details of the club's projects can be viewed.



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2018 Lyme Old Lyme Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Lyme Old Lyme Lions Pancake Breakfast will be held on February 4, 2018 at Lyme Old Lyme High School from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

Ticket prices are:

\$10 for the pancake breakfast which includes eggs, sausage, tater tots, pancakes, fruit, OJ, and coffee or tea.

\$10 for the sandwich meal, which includes egg and bacon sandwich, tater tots, fruit, OJ, coffee or tea.

\$12 for both pancake breakfast and a sandwich.

Seniors \$8; \$10 for both.

Children under 12: \$5.

There will be many door prizes and a Special Grand Prize. The Techno Ticks will be on hand. The Lions will also conduct free pedia vision eye screenings.

All funds raised at this event will support The Lyme Old Lyme Lions Scholarship fund. Tickets are available at All Pro Automotive or from members of the Lyme Old Lyme Lions. Questions: contact Philip Parcak at 860 434 9044.

College Students and Disabled People Save on 9 Town Transit

While local bus fares have always been affordable for most, for many, the cost is now even lower.

The shoreline's disability community have long advocated for a discounted fare in the valley-shore region. The majority of bus systems statewide have long provided discounts for people with disabilities, understanding the unique financial challenges many of these individuals face.

In January, 9 Town Transit (9TT) introduced a disabled fare for the first time. People with disabilities can now ride any 9TT bus route for just \$.85, less than half the regular rate of \$1.75. Frequent travelers can save even more with the purchase of an unlimited use monthly pass for just \$31. To qualify, riders must show their Medicare card or a statewide reduced fare I.D. Details on obtaining a reduced fare I.D. can be found at www.9towntransit.com

Another often financially strapped group is college students. While 9TT has transported many students to Middlesex Community College and the Lyme Art Academy for years, they have had to pay the full fare. As of this school year, students at Middlesex Community college, Lyme Art Academy, Gateway Community College, Three Rivers or Southern Connecticut University can ride any 9TT route at no charge. Lyme Art Academy students can ride by showing a valid school I.D., and students at all other schools can obtain a U-Pass from the college or university.

For more information about 9 Town Transit routes and schedules, visit www.9towntransit.com or call 860-510-0429.



High Hopes Receives Military Community Support Award

At their 8th Annual Military Appreciation Breakfast on October 27th, volunteers, participants, staff and horses of High Hopes were honored by the Chamber of Commerce Eastern Connecticut's with their Military

Community Support Award. The Military Community Support Award is given annually to Chamber member business which has gone above and beyond to show support of the region's men and women in uniform.

Nominations are made by the community and selected by the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee.

Photograph shows Kitty Stalsburg, Executive Director High Hopes TR receiving the award, watched by Nancy Wyman, Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT President & CEO Tony Sheridan, and members of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee.

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Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

220 Main Street, Old Saybrook 860-388-1611

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. is a community center for the region's residents over 50 years old providing meals, transportation, health services, educational classes, exercise programs, and socialization activities. We have been promoting healthy and active lifestyles through quality programs and services in the nine-town Estuary region for over 40 years. Please visit us at www.ecsenior.org for additional information or call us at 860-388-1611.

CLINTON CAFÉ NOW OPEN!

Please join Café Manager Lisa and her volunteers for a hot lunch every Thursday at noon in our Clinton Café. Meals are served at the Town Hall Annex Community Room located at 48 East Main Street in Clinton. Reservations must be made by 11 am the day before by calling 860-388-1611 x216. Menus are listed in our monthly newsletter and online at www.ecsenior.org. Cost: \$3.00 for ages 60 and better. \$13.93 for under age 60. Meals are supported by Senior Resources with Title III funds available from the Older Americans Act.

ESTUARY GYM IS SILVER SNEAKERS APPROVED!

If you are a member of a Silver Sneaker participating health plan in CT, the Silver Sneakers plan will pay for your gym visits. Does NOT apply to fitness classes. Check eligibility by contacting the Estuary at 860-388-1611.

THE MARSHVIEW FITNESS CENTER

Stay healthy and strong by working out in our gym. Membership Options: \$50 for 3 months, \$90 for 6 months, \$150 for a year. Stop by the Office for a tour and learn how to become a gym member.

ESTUARY THRIFT SHOP

The Estuary Thrift Shop offers the best bargains on the shoreline! Clothing, furniture housewares, decorations, and jewelry are just a few of the things you will find. Every day is different! All ages are welcome to come in and shop. Open Saturdays! Daily Specials!

Volunteers are always welcome at the Estuary Council Senior Center. Help pack or deliver Meals on Wheels, work in our Thrift Shop, serve on our Board of Directors, and so much more. Please contact Judy at 860-388-1611 x 213 for details.

Middlesex Hospital Low-Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening Program

Although lung cancer is a very serious type of cancer, if it's detected in its earliest stages and appropriate and coordinated treatment is provided, a cure is possible.

Studies have shown that low-dose CT scans have the potential to catch lung cancer in its early stages, which means that it's more likely to be cured. Since early lung cancer generally has no symptoms, lung cancer screening is very important. Middlesex Hospital offers low-dose CT scans that can detect lung cancer in its early stages (Stage 1 or 2). They're recommended for people at high risk for lung cancer (smokers and ex-smokers who are 50 years old or older). The test takes only ten minutes and there's no preparation needed beforehand. A physician order is required for the scan and it's covered by private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid.

Middlesex Hospital's multidisciplinary teams of oncologists, radiologists, nurses, social workers and other health professionals have years of experience diagnosing and treating lung cancer patients, using all of the latest treatments and technologies at their disposal. Our comprehensive approach to treatment means that we don't just focus on the cancer, we focus on the whole person - body, mind and spirit - from the time of diagnosis through survivorship.

For more information about the low-dose CT scan for lung cancer, call Renée Frost, Lung Cancer Nurse Navigator, Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center, at 860-358-2066.

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Lymes' Senior Center

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website, FOR UPCOMING EVENTS http://seniorcenterct.org.

afternoons, Nickel, Nickel Card Game Monday & Thursday afternoons, Mahjongg on Wednesday afternoons at 12:00 pm for those who already know how to play, Wii Bowling Thursday afternoons, Computer Classes the first Monday of the month, Senior Socials and Art Classes Monday and Tuesday mornings and the Shoreline Artists' Workshop meets Friday mornings.

We offer **day trips** from March - December and **Overnight Trips** and **Cruises** year round.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

The Lymes' Senior Center offers many weekly programs of interest for seniors 60 and over to include the following. Exercise takes many forms here at the center. Current weekly classes include Exercise with Cathy on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30, Sit & Be Fit Tuesday mornings at 10:00, Tia Chi Wednesday mornings at 9:00, Yoga Classes on Wednesday evenings at 4:30 pm, Gentle Piyo (Pilates-Yoga Class) on Friday mornings at 8:00 am and Piyo Tuesday nights at 5:45 pm, Balance & Tone Class Friday mornings at 10:30 am., Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced Tap Class on Thursday mornings at 9:15 am, 10:00 am and 10:45, respectively and both Ballroom and Country Line Dancing Classes on Friday afternoons at 1:00 & 2:30 pm. In addition we will be starting another yoga class Monday mornings at 8:00 am.

We offer weekly bridge programs Monday and Thursday

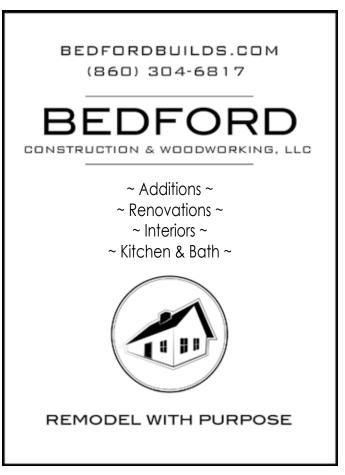
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A VNA Nurse is on premises Monday - Thursday from 11:15 - 1:15 pm & Friday from 12:00 - 1:00 pm., Financial Health Checkup the 2nd Thursday of the month, Brain Yoga Wednesday afternoons, Hearing Clinic the first Wednesday of the month, Haircuts the second Wednesday of the month for \$10.00, Foot Clinics the third and fourth Wednesday of the month. In addition, for a small fee, we also offer Reflexology every other Wednesday.

FREE SPECIAL EVENTS/LECTURES

The following are already scheduled free special events/lectures (unless noted otherwise) that will take place at the Lymes' Senior Center from December 13th 2017 - March 15th 2018. Please





check website listed on the previous page for additions and changes to the events listed below.

Pudd'nheads: Childhood in Colonial America will be held on December 12th at 1:00 pm. This presentation examines the unique aspects of childhood between the late sixteenth and late eighteenth centuries and explores themes including birthing and childrearing practices, parenting, children's health and education, naming, gender, play, and rites of passage. Providing fresh historical perspectives on key features of children's lives, this program offers compelling information on colonial children - as well as Native American and slave children, who are too often left out of conventional coverage.

Join us on December 13th at 1:00 pm for a one hour presentation presented by Brad Fowler who is a paramedic and stroke educator for Middlesex Hospital. During the presentation entitled Stroke - Improving Outcomes through Action you will learn about stroke incidence and impact.

- · Who is at greatest risk of suffering a stroke
- Causes and types of stroke
- · What can be done to prevent strokes from occurring
- How to recognize stroke signs and symptoms
- The importance of early recognition and transport
- How to prepare for the 911 response

- Available treatment to reverse the effects of stroke
- Your role in improving stroke outcomes

A special FREE Holiday Bingo will be held on December 20th at 1:00 pm.

Join us on December 21st at 1:00 pm as Lyme - Old Lyme High School Select Singers will be here to perform their Holiday Melody for us.

Join us for a performance from Ashly Cruz on January 3rd at 1:00 pm. "When asked to describe Ashly Cruz it is best to envision what would come down the pike were you to take a double shot of Janis Joplin, Betty Boop, and Marylin Monroe together (shaken and not stirred). WOW!!! Ashly is wildly entertaining and crowd pleasing. Music, theatre, and dance meld into one on stage."

Are you new to computers, or find them confusing? If so, this is the class for you. Get hands-on practice with basic computer skills. Learn the various parts of a computer, how to use the mouse and keyboard, and take a look at navigating around the Windows desktop. Call to sign up for this free class.

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UConn College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources will be holding a three part series on Storm Preparedness on January 9,10, &12 at 1:00 pm.

- January 9 **Be Storm Prepared:** Protect You, Your Family, Your Pets and Home
- January 10 **Getting your Go-Pack Ready:** Preparing your Kit, Financial Records and Important Household Papers
- January 12 Stocking Up: Preparing your Emergency Food Supply

On January 16th from 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Big Y Pharmacy Representatives will be here offering Pneumonia, Shingles, Tdap (for whooping cough), Hepatitis A Hepititis B and Meningitis vaccines. Please note that most of your patients over 65 should have Medicare Part B and the pneumonia vaccine would be covered. If a patient is not covered under Part B, then they may have a Medicare Part D plan that would cover the vaccine. Patients under 65 may have private plans that would cover the vaccine, as well. Anyone interested in receiving any of these shots please call 860-434-1605 ext. 240 to sign up to ensure they bring enough serum and also get an insurance quote for any out of pocket expenses.

Sign up for a FREE memory screening appointment on January 16th between 1-3 pm with Deborah Ringen MSN, RN-BC from the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley. It's free and confidential. A memory screening is like many other routine health check-ups. It is a simple, non-invasive test designed to gauge memory, thinking and language skills. Screening consists of a brief series of questions and tasks and only lasts about ten minutes. Call 860-434-1605 ext. 240 to sign up.

Bingo will be held on January 17th, February 21st, and March 21st at 1:00 pm. Admission is \$1.00 at the door.

Come join us for a Sing a Long with Songbird Judy Hall on January 23rd at 1:00 pm.

Please welcome back Jose Paulo who will be performing a musical Hawaiian show entitled Wish it was Summer Show on Feb 7th at 1:00 pm. His voice will mesmerize you and his personality will charm you. He is very versatile and that permits him to sing all styles of music in English, Portuguese Spanish, Italian, and French. This Rio de Janeiro native started his singing career at the age of 12 and has studied at various certified music schools.

Connecticut Native, Linda Olsen will talk about her experience of having a heart transplant and the meeting of her donor family on February 13th at 1:00 pm.

Join us for a musical learning experience presented by Coastal Reeds on February 20th at 1:00 pm. In this program we will take a journey through the history of double reeds, experiencing music from the Renaissance to the present, learn how double reeds work, the interesting sound of the instruments, and what makes them unique and fun to play.

Cut your cable bill by Learning to Stream Class on March 5th from 1-3 pm. This class will be taught by Technology Instructor Emily Sheehan.

Connecticut's 1st State Troubadour Tom Callinan will perform Irish & Irish - American songs and tunes for us on March 7th at 1:00 pm. His special blend of multi instruments to include a penny whistle, guitar, and drum to name a few will have us singing, clapping, and even dancing along within minutes!

On March 15th at 12:00 pm a St Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held. Reservations need to be made by calling 860-434-4322 before 10:45 am on March 1st.

On March 15th at 1:30 pm, The Gray School of Irish Dance will perform a variety of Irish Dances including soft and hard shoe dances. The dances will include Reels, Jigs, Hornpipes (both contemporary and traditional), and Celtic dances. The dancers will be dressed in traditional Irish Dance costumes.

Social Services Department

It is the mission of the Town of Old Lyme Department of Social Services to enhance the quality of life and self-sufficiency of people in need of EMERGENCY non-current financial services. We provide advocacy, planning, resources and deliver these services in partnership with public and private organizations. Services will be provided confidentially, courte-ously and promptly. No one will be discriminated against due to race, color, natural origin, religion, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Old Lyme Social Services offers help with information, paperwork and documentation processing for many of the state and federal programs available to residents. Social Services will act as an advocate for any Old Lyme resident and will make appropriate referrals to agencies and programs to help meet their needs.

We are currently accepting appointments for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, which may help income eligible households in paying for their heating costs during the winter months. Households are determined eligible based on state income and asset guidelines. We are the intake site for residents of Old Lyme. Applications are then processed through TVCCA. You may be eligible for benefits even if heat is included in your rent payment (depending on your income and rent amount.) Apply early in case funds run out.

For more information, or the schedule an appointment, please contact: Jennifer Datum, Social Services Coordinator 860-434-1605, ext. 228 or email: socialservices@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Office hours are Mondays 12 - 4, Wednesdays 9 - 1 and Fridays 9 - 1 or by appointment.

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Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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BABYSITTING DAY

Saturday, December 16th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Do you have last minute holiday errands to run? Children of all ages will be entertained by members of the LYSB Youth Advisory Council. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch, crafts, games, snacks, movies and fun. Register at: www.lysb.org.

PLAYGROUPS at Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

LYSB offers a variety of playgroups based on child's age and interest. For a full description of all our groups and to register visit: www.lysb.org.

SENSORY PLAYGROUP FOR LITTLE ONES

Mondays 9:30 to 10:45 am. Ages 1-2ish.

Shivery Snow Playgroup: January 22nd - February 25th (no group 2/19)

5 weeks \$40

Sensory Stations Playgroup: March 5th - April 9th 6 weeks \$48

ESSENTIAL OILS PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:45 am. January 9th-30th, 4 weeks \$30. Children will enjoy playtime while mommies learn and create with essential oils. Promoting a healthier home and family.

BABIES GROUP AT LYSB

Tuesdays, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, February 6th – March 13th, free For new and expecting parents of children up to 12 months.

STEM PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays 9:30 -10:40 am, Ages 2-5 January 10-February 21, 7 weeks \$56

February 28th-April 11th, 7 weeks \$56

We will build, explore, count, and investigate using different themes and materials. A weekly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activity, free time play, and a snack. Full description on our website www.lysb.org.

STORYBOOK PLAYGROUP

Thursdays 9:30-10:45 am, mixed ages

January 11th - February 22nd, 7 weeks \$56

March 1st - April 12th, 7 weeks \$56

Explore stories through play acting, props, crafts, and games. Playgroup will include free play time, circle time, songs, stories, activities and a snack.

MUSIC WITH MISS MARTHA

Wednesdays 10:40-11:10 am. Mixed ages

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Ongoing dates. Music and fun with Miss Martha Herrle of Community Music School. Program is free due to grant funding but you must pre-register at: www.lysb.org.

INFANT & BABY MASSAGE

Mondays, January 29th - February 12th. Ages: newborn to crawler. 3 weeks \$30.

Pressure, rate, rhythm, the length of the massage, respect, and bonding, why babies cry, babies' body language, relaxation, and parent empowerment are some of the skills and topics you will learn. Pre-register at: www.lysb.org.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC)

Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm

YAC is a high school community service club that participates in a variety of fun projects and activities throughout the year. All high school students in L/OL are welcome to join us any Wednesday night! Just show up, fun is guaranteed! Register at: www.lysb.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Every Tuesday & Thursday 2:15-4:00 pm at LYSB This is a drop in program and a permission slip is required. Come hang out with your friends while listening to music, playing ping pong, games, Wii, crafts & snacks. Students can walk to LYSB from the Middle School, and may get a pass for the LOLMS late bus. Registration fee: \$30/year. Register online at: www.lysb.org.

SITTER SAFETY CLASS

Four Mondays: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018 2:15-4:00 pm. An intense sitter safety and training course appropriate for babysitters, big brothers and sisters, and children staying home alone for the first time. This course touches on a variety of safety skills such as basic first aid, fire safety, and 911 skills. Fee is \$50 and includes supplies, snacks, and guest speakers. Call LYSB to pre-register at: www.lysb.org.

CPR FOR BABYSITTERS

Monday, April 2, 2018, 2:15-3:45 pm

Add this valuable class to your LYSB babysitter's course and learn how to save a life! Learn CPR and how to clear a blocked airway in children and infants. Parents want to hire babysitters who know CPR and can help kids who are choking. Instructors will teach you everything you need to know to provide lifesaving care during a cardiac or choking emergency in this 2-hour class. Class cost is \$55 and awards a Certificate of Completion.

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Ages 9-14: January 18/25 February 1/8/22/ March 1, 2018,

4:00-6:00 pm (no class 2/15)

Ages 5-8: March 15/22/29 April 5/12, 2018, 4:00-6:00 pm

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Discover the spectacular world of engineering through hands-on, minds-on activities! Students apply problem solving and critical thinking skills to explore our S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics) based curriculum. Participants will use a variety of mediums such as recycled materials, salvaged motors and gears, balsa wood, LEGO*, and more. With activities ranging from bridges, to rockets, to green engineering, participants are sure to have a blast while learning fundamental engineering terms and concepts along the way! Students can take the bus from Mile Creek and Lyme Schools directly to LYSB. Fee \$120/ six week session. Register at: www.lysb.org.

SEWING WORKSHOPS

Four week sessions on Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 pm for boys and girls 8 years and older.

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2018 February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2018

Learn how to sew on a machine and make fun projects for you and your room. No experience necessary. All materials and machines provided. Fee: \$100 with arts educator Claudia Mathison. Take the Bus to LYSB. To register visit www.lysb.org or call LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

VACATION DAY FUN

Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 1:00-400 pm No school today so join us at LYSB for crafts and fun. More details at: www.lysb.org.

MENTORING PROJECT

LYSB and the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School are looking for adult mentors to work with middle school students on a weekly basis in the school setting. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a young person, please contact LYSB at: 860-434-7208 to learn more about the mentoring project.

LYME-OLD LYME PREVENTION COUNCIL

CASFY: Community Action for Substance Free Youth

Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at LYSB. Our mission is to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use among youth by collaborating with the community to raise awareness, modify social norms, educate youth and adults, initiate policy change and promote healthy activities. Our group includes parents, youth, school administrators, police, and community members. Join us at our next meeting!

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YOUTH JOB BANK

Do you need a babysitter? Yard work needing to be done? Dog walking? Odd Jobs? Call LYSB to hire local youth who are interested in working for you! L/OL youth in grades 6-12 who are interested in adding your name to our Job Bank, fill out an application on our website at: www.lysb.org or call: $860-434-7208 \times 0$.

MADHATTERS THEATRE CO SPRING PRODUCTION: Annie!

Auditions at LYSB on Saturday, January 6th. Call 860-395-1861 to book your audition time. Rehearsals on Saturdays at LYSB. More info at: www.ctkidsonstage.com/madhatterstheatrecompany.

Lyme-Old Lyme Schools Excel in Science Olympiad Contests, Seek More Mentors

In a remarkable achievement, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools, which have been participating in the Science Olympiad for just over a decade, have won the state tournament in five of the past 10 years. They placed first each year between 2012 and 2014, as well as in 2016 and 2017, and earlier this year placed 28th in the national competition. Moreover this year, the two-person team of Nick Fava and Regan Kaye came eighth in the nation in the "Wright Stuff" challenge to create a rubber-powered balsawood glider.

The contest began in 1982, when the organizers of two science tournaments in southeastern Michigan decided to expand the competition nationally. Today, some 7,800 teams from all 50 states participate in the program, which has an objective of encouraging students and teachers to participate in activities and education to improve their knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

At the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools, Science Olympiad participants usually stay after school three days a week to take practice tests, brainstorm ideas, and prepare for the year-end state tournament. The program also has weekend get-togethers to construct items for the build challenges. "It's a ton of work, but two tons of fun," says Shannon Glorioso, Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School science teacher and Science Olympiad team coach.

Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School began participating in Science Olympiad in the 2006-07 school year. The program was



Lyme-Old Lyme Schools' student, Eleanor, carefully measures liquid in the science lab.

originally open to grades 6-9, but was extended to include Lyme-Old Lyme High School last year. Each school can have two teams of up to 15 students for the state tournament.

At the beginning of the year, students select three out of the 23 assigned topics on which they would like to focus. Glorioso says this allows them to gain intensive knowledge of those topics while



Lyme-Old Lyme Middle Schools' students working on optics project.

also observing the skills and information required in the others.

Although more than 30 students seek to join the group each year, no one is turned away. Everyone is welcome to participate, and competitive members are selected later in the season. A large number of community members already serve as mentors in this fast-growing program, but more are needed. There is no fixed



Lyme-Old Lyme Middle Schools' students adjust measurements for the scrambler project.

commitment in terms of volunteer hours so if you are interested in finding out more about becoming a mentor, please contact Glorioso at: gloriosos@region18.org.

If you have any questions about Lyme-Old Lyme Schools or would like to know more about our tuition program for students not residing in Lyme or Old Lyme, please contact Superintendent Ian Neviaser at 860-434-7238, ext. 3603.

Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation

In the last issue, we reviewed the grants we have recently awarded. In this edition, we'd like to recap our Bound for the Sound Race for Education that took place September 23rd as well as share with you a couple of upcoming events.

- Bound for the Sound Somehow, LOLEF Board members Chris Staab and Robert Roach were able to summon another day of brilliant weather for the race. Hartford Avenue was shut down for two hours to make way for 235 runners, aged 6 to 76. We thank the Old Lyme Police and the Sound View neighborhood, as well as LOLHS Cross Country team members
 - who assisted in directing the runners. Also, a special thank-you to our announcer, Eric Parker, who once again emceed with his trademark professionalism and humor.
- Warren Miller's 2017 Ski Film Line of Descent This year's film promises to be another hit. In early November, people were already writing to ask when we would be showing it. If you missed it last year, don't worry, this has become an annual event. Follow us on Facebook or visit us at www.lolef.org so you don't miss any other exciting events.
- Trivia Bee 2018 The Bee is another popular annual event. Our 6th annual Bee is scheduled for March 16th, 2018. Start getting your team together! We heard you loud and clear about the eclectic nature of the trivia questions last year. Thank you



2017 Bound for the Sound runners start the 10K race.

for being good sports - know that we'll be hard at work making the 2018 Bee another one for water cooler, coffee shop, or firehouse conversation.

Lastly, we would like to announce that our Annual Appeal page is up on the website: http://www.lolef.org/annual-campaign. Soon, you will also receive a notice in your mailbox. Please consider making a small contribution to fund innovative educational programs for all ages in our community. We are very grateful to our sponsors and contributors.

Good wishes to all as 2017 winds down, and we can't wait to see you at one of our events in the New Year!



Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

2 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT 06371, 860-434-1684 www.oldlyme.lioninc.org

The Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library continues to fulfill its mission to inspire lifelong learning and discovery in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs, and services. From developing fun, interactive story times for infants and toddlers to hand-delivering books to homebound patrons, the Library continues to provide opportunities for residents of all ages to learn and grow.

Children's Events

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Toddler Time Tuesdays (Recommended for ages 2-5):

Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Jan. 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13; and Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 [Drop-in]

Baby Time Thursdays (Recommended for ages 0-2):

Thursdays at 10:30 am, Jan. 18, 25;

Feb. 1, 8, 15; and Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29 [Drop-in]

Sweet Beats Family Music with Eleanor Robinson:

Wednesdays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, and Mar. 14 at 5:30 pm (Drop-in)

Stay & Play Café:

Wednesdays from 4-5 pm, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 (Drop-in)

A passive, unstructured play activity will be set up each week for children to enjoy. Caffeinated beverages will be provided for adults free of charge.

Family Movie Night - Paddington:

Thursday, Jan. 11 at 5 pm

(Drop-in)

Pajama Yoga for Families:

Thursday, Feb. 8 at 5 pm

(Space limited/registration encouraged)

Relax and unwind with calming poses to quiet the body and mind. Class will end with a guided meditation to encourage rest and a good night's sleep! Please bring a towel, mat or blanket.

Read Across America Day: Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday!:

Friday, Mar. 2 from 10 am to 2 pm

(Drop-in)

Celebrate in the Children's Room with stories, games and Seussical snacks!

Nature's Wild Eggs with the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center:

Wednesday, Mar. 28 at 5:30 pm

(Space limited/registration encouraged)

Learn about egg laying animals such as birds, frogs, turtles and see live examples.

For complete details or to register for an event, visit our website at: www.oldlyme.lioninc.org.

Young Adult Events

Nike Desis/Young Adult Librarian ndesis@oldlyme.lioninc.org 860-434-1684 x 116

Check out our online calendar for the most up-to-date event listings and to register for our programs. Find us at: www.oldlyme. lioninc.org/events.

Have a snack or craft you want to make? Or club you want to be in? Come tell us and we'll make it happen! Or, maybe you'd like to help out at the library? Submit an application on the Teen page of the library's website: www.oldlyme.lioninc.org/tlcapp.

Curious about the Trash'n Fashion Series? Excited about

recycling or up-cycling? Besides the listed programming, there are many ways for those of all ages and abilities to get involved. We're working towards a Trash'n Fashion showcase in April, don't miss out! See the library website at: www.oldlyme.lioninc.org/trashnfashion.

Hi-Vibe Crystal Globe Necklace:

Thursday, Jan. 4 at 3:30 pm (Registration requested)

Waffle Making - in a Waffle Iron!:

Thursday, Jan. 11 at 3:30 pm (Registration requested)

To Be Read (TBR); a new Teen Book Club:

Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6 pm (Registration requested) Come learn about the exciting new books coming out in the next few months. You'll even get to take home free, exclusive copies of these fresh reads!

DIY LIGHT-UP WAND:

Part 1 - Structure and Design,

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 3:30 pm;

Part 2 - LED Lighting,

Thursday, Jan. 25, at 3:30 pm (Registration required)

Graphic Language: a Graphic Novel Book Club:

Tuesday, Jan. 23; Thursday, Feb. 27; and

Thursday, Mar. 20 at 3:30 pm

Super Bowl of Snack Time:

Thursday, Feb. 1, at 3:30 pm

TRASH'N FASHION SERIES:

Up-cycled Accessories,

Thursday, Feb. 8 at 3:30 pm;

Mood Boarding,

Thursday, Mar. 1 at 3:30 pm;

Dress Making Basics,

Thursday, Mar. 22, 3:30 pm (Registration requested) Get on board with our Trash'n Fashion series, where we upcycle unexpected materials into fun, functional, and fashionable outfits. No experience required, just bring your imagination!

Palentines Fun for you and all your pals!:

Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 3:30 pm

Movie Nite:

Thursday, Mar. 8 at 3:30 pm

Adult Events

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The Rise and Fall of the Opioid Epidemic:

Wednesday Jan. 10 at 6 pm

Presented by Dr. Michael Saxe, an Emergency Physician with 32 years of experience in CT.

The Politics of the Presidents Wife:

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1 pm

MaryAnne Borrelli, a Professor of Government at Connecticut College, will discuss the history of modern first ladies.

Phoebe's Morning Book Chat:

Second Thursday of the month - Jan. 11, Feb. 8, and Mar. 8 at 11:15 am

Contemporary Classics Book Discussion:

Meets monthly at 7 pm - Monday, Feb. 5 and Mar. 5 (no Jan. meeting)

Check our website at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org for more events and complete details.

Phoebe's Bookcellar

Wednesdays 10 – 6 pm Saturdays 10 – 2 pm

Contact us at: 860-434-1684 x117

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Shoreline Artists' Workshop Exhibit Paintings at Old Lyme's Town Hall

The members of the Shoreline Artists' Workshop are delighted to exhibit their paintings at Old Lyme's Memorial Town Hall. This enthusiastic group of artists from six shoreline towns meets on Fridays at the Lymes' Senior Center to share information, ideas, new skills, and the fun of painting together.

Participating artists include:

Beverly Ahlers, Gene Bekaert, Linda Beagle, Cathy Castonguay, Susan Coppejans, Jane Critchett, JoAnn Dongweck, Gerri Hallgren, Elin Larson, Keiko Kaiser, Frank Ossmann, Hilde Reichenbach, Susan Simler, Sharol Stewart, Bob Whitcomb, Brian Willis

The Shoreline Artists' Workshop exhibit can be viewed during regular Town Hall hours: 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, during the months of November and December.

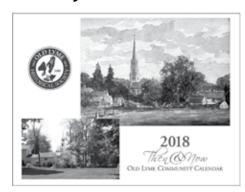


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Old Lyme Historical Society



The Old Lyme Historical Society's 2018
Then & Now Community Calendar is now available. Our customers spoke and we listened because this year the calendar has a card stock cover, and the calendar is much easier to write date reminders in. It is also filled with interesting information about Old Lyme and features many paintings, in particular, a lovely cover entitled "Village Scene, Old Lyme" by Winfield Scott Clime (1881-1958). The month of October, sponsored by the Florence Griswold Museum, features a tribute to Director

Jeffrey Andersen with one of the first and one of the last paintings purchased by the museum during his forty year tenure. Jeff plans to step down in 2018. The calendar, in its sixth year, continues to be a popular gift item for just about anyone, but especially those people, who have forsaken Old Lyme for warmer climes.

It can be purchased at the Cooley Gallery, the Florence Griswold Museum gift shop, the Bowerbird, other local venues, and of course, at the Society, either at our web site, OLHSI.org, in front of the post office on selected days before Christmas, or at 55 Lyme Street, the Society's headquarters.

The Society has had an outstanding year of growth in 2017. Our award winning Tuesday Morning Crew has continued its work in renovating the building. We now have a new entrance at the back of the building whereby one can access the Archives. The entrance is handicap

accessible. We are now pricing lifts so that those who find stairs challenging will be able to visit either the Archives on the lower level, or attend programs, and receptions up in the main hall.

Also please visit our website. Board member Michaelle Pearson has introduced and ably executed some new features. She has also improved our Facebook page, and added us to Twitter. Please like us on these sites.

In addition, Board member Edie Twining has continued her outstanding design work (see new signage at 55 Lyme Street), with her mini exhibits for our display case in the Old Lyme Post Office, currently the delightful All Things Shirley Temple. We look forward to working with our neighboring cultural organizations in 2018 to establish a year round series of events for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Champagne & Sparkling Wine for the Holidays

Tis' the season and holiday shopping is upon us. Shopping can be fun, especially if you are in the market for a festive Champagne or Sparkling Wine. There are some important things to know when looking for a 'bubbly' so that you can best decide which to purchase.

Champagne is a region in France, and only wines from this region can be called 'Champagne.' All others are considered to be sparkling wine. Champagne is considered in many eyes to be the premier sparkling wine. There are large Champagne houses such as Taittinger, Veuve Clicquot, Perrier Jouet and Moet & Chandon which are very popular and sell extremely well. Smaller, less well known houses that have the grapes grown and produced on the property are called 'Growers Champagnes.' These champagnes are becoming very popular since there is such time and care put into the winemaking process. These Growers Champagnes are of superb quality and are usually a very good value. Many other areas in France produce less expensive sparkling wines including the towns surrounding Champagne, Alsace and the small town of Limoux.

There are many different styles of Champagne and sparkling wine. The most traditional is a blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier and Pinot Noir. Blanc de Blancs is a sparkling made solely of Chardonnay. Blanc de Noirs is made from Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, which has a pinkish hue resembling the color of onion

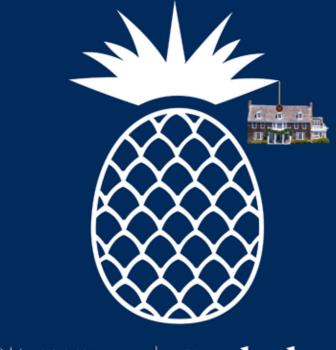
skin due to the grape skins having longer contact with the grapes. Rosé is considered the best wine of the winery and gets its color from still Pinot Noir being added during the winemaking process. Brut is a very dry sparkling wine, drier even than Extra Dry, and a lot less sweet than a Demi-Sec.

Sparkling wines are available from all different parts of the world which can be much less expensive than Champagne. The United States produces a good amount of sparkling wine, most notably in California, but also has a wide selection from Washington and New Mexico. Spanish sparkling wine is called Cava, and is traditionally made with Macabeo, Parellada and Xarel-Lo varietals. These wines are extremely approachable and are significantly less money than Champagne. Then there is the very popular Prosecco, a light and pleasing varietal from Italy. Prosecco has grown in popularity over the years, most likely due to its very reasonable pricing and friendly palate. For something a little sweeter Italy also produces fantastic Moscato d'Asti and Spumante sparkling wines.

With all this info you should have no problem picking out a perfect sparkling wine for the holidays. So raise your glass, and toast to the holidays with friends and family. Cheers!

Art LiPuma, General Manager SeaSide Wine & Spirits

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Winter Events at Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts

EXHIBITIONS

• 2017 Juried Alumni Exhibition.

Juried by Jeff and Betsey Cooley. Chauncey Stillman Gallery. Exhibition on view through January 20, 2018. Free and all are welcome.

Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.

• 42nd Annual Student Exhibition.

Chauncey Stillman Gallery. Exhibition on view February 2 - March 31, 2018. Opening Reception: Friday, February 2, 5 - 7 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Free and all are welcome. Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.

• Shoreline Arts Alliance Presents Future Choices Exhibition.

Sill House Gallery. Exhibition on view
February 14 - March 6, 2018.
Reception and Awards Ceremony on Saturday,
March 3, 3 - 5 pm.
Snow date: Sunday, March 4, 3 - 5 pm.

Free and all are welcome. Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.

• Lyme-Old Lyme School District Art Exhibition.

Sill House Gallery. Exhibition on view
March 15 - 24, 2018.

Opening Reception on Thursday,
March 15, 2018, 4 - 7 pm.

Free and all are welcome.

Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.

BOOK CLUB

• Reading the Arts: Book Club at LYME.

Fridays, 10am - 12pm, January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9, and 16, 2018.

· Second Session:

Fridays, 10 am - 12 pm, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and April 6 and 13.

Please note:

The Book Club will not meet on Friday, March 30.

• Limited Enrollment.
Registration Required. www.lymeacademy.edu.

BRIDGING THE ARTS - CURATED FILM SERIES

- Carrie Mae Weems: *Speaking of Art.* Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 5:30 pm.
- **Double Feature: Horst and Duane Michals.** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

The Kate, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT For advanced tickets visit: www.katharinehepburntheater.org.

Bridging the Arts is a curated film series co-sponsored by Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts and the Kate. The series will feature a selection of art films produced by the highly-regarded Checkerboard Film Foundation, Inc. and include a brief lecture before each film.

LECTURES

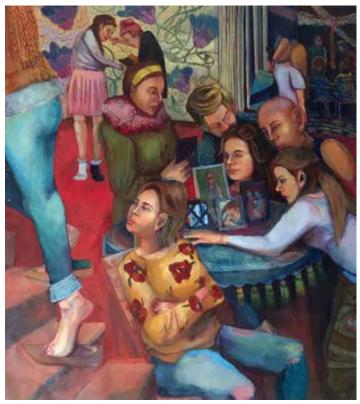
- Lecture by Ellen Frank, Ph.D., Founding and Artistic Director, Cities of Peace.
 - Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5 7 pm.
- Lecture by Tom Moran, Chief Curator, Grounds for Sculpture.

Thursday, March 29, 2018, 5 - 7 pm.

Receptions at 5. Lectures at 6. \$15 per person. Limited Seating. Reservations Required. To purchase tickets visit: www.lymeacademy.edu

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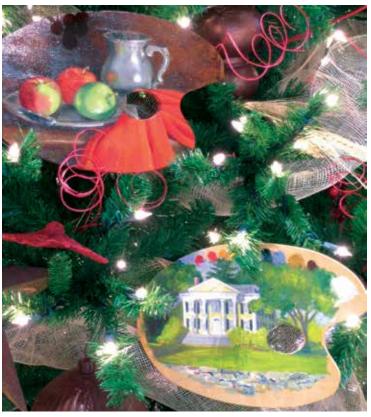
Florence Griswold Museum



The Florence Griswold Museum's Magic of Christmas has become a beloved tradition for families and friends across the region. This year, from December 1 to 31, visitors enjoy Miss Florence's Artist Trees filled

with extraordinary painted palettes donated by nearly 200 artists, Miss Florence's home decked in its holiday finest with decorations from 1910, and trees fancifully festooned by designers. Beautiful gifts and décor in The Shop (including daily discounts!) tantalize all. After enjoying the Magic of Christmas celebration, many visitors relax with an afternoon tea. The warmth of holiday cheer spreads with each savory tea sandwich, delectable scone, seasonal sweet, and tasty sip of specially-blended Miss Florence's Tea. Seating is limited, so reserve early!

From February 9 through May 6, 2018, explore the beauty and intimacy of the craft of letter writing as the Museum presents, Pen to Paper: Artists' Handwritten Letters from the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art. From casually jotted notes to elaborately decorated epistles, Pen to Paper explores the handwriting of celebrated artists such as Berenice Abbott, Alexander Calder, Mary Cassatt, Frederic Edwin Church, Thomas Eakins, Howard Finster, Harriet Hosmer, Jacob



Visitors enjoy Miss Florence's Artist Trees, Fantasy Trees, and the Florence Griswold House decorated for a 1910 Christmas. Christmastime Teas, special events for families, hands-on crafts for children and adults, and wonderful items in The Shop are sure to bring holiday cheer!





Monday-Saturday 12-6pm | Sunday 12-5pm



Lawrence, Robert Motherwell, Claes Oldenburg, Georgia O'Keeffe, Jackson Pollock, John Singer Sargent, James McNeil Whistler, and many others.

To complement the Smithsonian's collection, a selection of handwritten letters from the Florence Griswold Museum Archives augments the display. During the heyday of the Lyme Art Colony, letter writing was an important tool used by Florence Griswold and visiting artists to communicate and confirm their travel plans. Once artists arrived at the Griswold boardinghouse, corresponding by mail was an important part of colony life—when artists wrote to family back home as well as to art world contacts. In these letters, handwriting can conjure mood, time, and place and offer insight into the person behind the pen. A selection of paintings from the Museum's collection will hang alongside artists' letters.



Lenore Tawney was a pioneering American artist instrumental in shaping the course of fiber art during the second half of the twentieth century. She is equally known for the highly personal collages, sculptural assemblages, drawings and postcards.

Lenore Tawney, 1966. Courtesy of Lenore G. Tawney
Foundation. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

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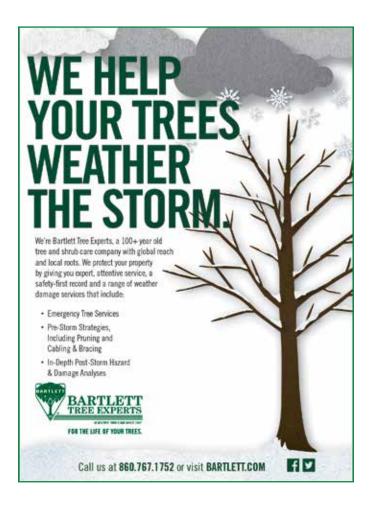
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This winter, Musical Masterworks is delighted to welcome back a parade of beloved MM veterans, including two fixtures and favorite artists of the series since its inception: violinist Chee-Yun and clarinetist Todd Palmer. Join us for a necessary escape from the constant distractions of the fast-paced world in which we live.

FEBRUARY PERFORMANCES

Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 5 pm Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 3 pm At the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

Rieko Aizawa, piano Todd Palmer, clarinet Edward Arron, cello

Beethoven: Trio in B-flat Major, Opus 11

Chopin: Nocturne in F-sharp Major for Solo Piano,

Opus 15, No. 2

Chopin: Waltz in c-sharp minor for Solo Piano,

Opus 64, No. 2

Poulenc: Sonata for Clarinet and Piano

Svante Henryson: Off Pist for Clarinet and Cello (1996)

Glinka: Trio pathétique in d minor

Piazzolla: Spring from Four Seasons of Buenos Aires

MARCH PERFORMANCES

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 5 pm Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 3 pm At the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

Jeewon Park, piano Chee-Yun, violin Edward Arron, cello

Amy Beach: Dreaming for Cello and Piano Mozart: Sonata in B-flat Major for Violin and

Piano, K. 378

Bernstein: Piano Trio (1937)

Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in c minor, Opus 66

To purchase tickets or a mini-subscription and learn more about Musical Masterworks contact us at musical masterworks.org. or call us at: 860-434-2252.

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

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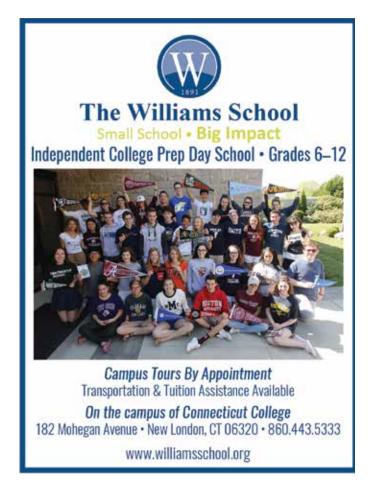


The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber meets on the third Wednesday of each month to offer the opportunity for business professionals to network with each other and discuss ideas related to the economic vitality of our towns.

Please join us at any or all of these 'Business After Hours' meetings that offer free admission. There are also four dinner meetings during the year for which a nominal charge is made.

Meetings in the first quarter of 2018 will be held on the following dates: January 17, February 21 and March 21. Check the Chamber website at www.VisitOldLyme.com for details of speakers and the location for each meeting. If you are thinking about becoming a member, please come to any meeting as a visitor. We would be delighted to welcome you and show you how much membership at just \$50 per year has to offer and how it can benefit your business.

The Chamber is currently engaged in a Membership Drive continued on page 36





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through the end of the year. One of the ways we are hoping to increase our membership is through advertising sales for the 2018-19 Member Directory and Visitor's Guide, which we plan to publish in March 2018 ready for the upcoming tourism season. The guide is a full color publication with a glossy, high quality cover that will be distributed free to every home in Lyme, Old Lyme, and the Flanders section of East Lyme (7,000 copies) with another 1,500 copies available to Chamber members. Copies will also be distributed tourists and the public at key retail, business, and community locations throughout the local area. For more information, contact Chamber President Olwen Logan at: 860-460-4176 or editor@lymeline.com.

The Chamber is collaborating with local realtors, who are also Chamber members, to launch, "Wake Up to Lyme-Old Lyme." This program is a Chamber-wide effort to introduce new residents to the businesses in our area. Donations are sought for the Welcome Baskets such as coupons, brochures, and incentives to visit your business. For more information, email gstevens@musicnowfoundation.org.

For the latest information on the Chamber, please visit our website at www.VisitOldLyme.com and, as always, don't forget to Buy Local to support businesses in our community!



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