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# The Selectmen's Corner

Happy summer from the Board of Selectmen, which consists of First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., and Selectmen Scott Giegerich and Matthew Pugliese. The summer season brings our shoreline to life with new visitors and old friends. I hope you enjoy the season and can get outside and enjoy all that our town has to offer. The Board of Selectmen thanks you for entrusting us with running your local government.

The Town-wide budget for FY21, which commences on July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021, projects a total increase in spending of \$653,187, or 1.4%. The revenues that will support this budget will be based primarily on property taxes, real and personal. Property taxes for this budget will be based on the Grand List of October 2019. The budget adoption process this year was a bit different due to COVID-19, but because our boards worked so diligently through the winter, the process was quite smooth despite the pandemic. The Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen attended over five joint meetings by the time the budget was adopted and, because we were able to hold a public hearing just prior to the Governor's Executive Order limiting crowd size went into effect, we hewed quite closely to the normal budget process. We were not allowed to hold a referendum this year so the only meeting that was cancelled was the annual town budget meeting, which automatically adjourns to referendum (meaning that no changes can be made to the budget at this meeting.) Many towns had to alter

their schedule far more significantly which meant that many of their most substantive meetings occurred on a virtual platform. In addition, in reading about town budgets all over Connecticut, many towns used portions of their rainy day fund to offset expenses in the next year's budget. In my view, and in the opinion of our auditors and those with good financial sense, that is simply kicking the can down the road. Using this year's savings to pay next year's expenses will only lead to larger tax increases down the road. Old Saybrook's budget is transparent and fiscally responsible.



First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.

For the moment, all town meetings are held on a virtual platform. So far it has worked as well as one could expect. Person to person is always better but at least our town is conducting nearly all the business it should. It is possible that as of the time of this publication, the Governor will allow meetings of fifty (50) or more to gather. At that time, we will more likely be able to have public meetings in town hall once again. Even so, once the orders allow up to 50, or even more later on in the summer, many restrictions are still likely **continued on page 5**



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to apply, such as distancing and/or mask wearing. This will be true at offices and even restaurants (except while eating.) As for the "Phase I" reopening here in Old Saybrook, our team did their best to assist businesses to open safely. Most were successful in doing so but a few struggled with the application process and regulations. This was the first time any of us have been through this so it is understandable that several businesses expressed extreme frustration with the process. We did our level best to work through issues and will assist all our businesses as we continue this process. There may be opportunities for fundraising in our community to help offset costs associated with re-opening. Keep on the lookout for this.

As for the financial impact that COVID 19 will have on the town budget, my team has been studying the numbers for several months. We are concerned about our revenues for fiscal year '21, which begins on July 1, 2020. Revenues are largely based on property taxes but economic activity in the region will have an impact. As we head into FY '21, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance have agreed that any shortfall to the revenue budget will be made up from either under expending the municipal budget and/or the use of the town's rainy day fund. If ever there was a rainy day, this is it. Over the past several years, I have repeatedly touted the town's methodical building of our rainy day fund. When I took office in 2011, this fund was at a dangerously low level of 6%. Over the last ten years, we have built this fund to over 15.5%. Using a portion of

these funds over the next two years to smooth out our budgets will allow us several budget cycles to recover from this pandemic. This, along with several other financial modeling tools that were implemented over the last few years, will help the town through this crisis.

The town will be having summer activities. Mini-golf will be open, with modifications to how many people can play at one time. Beaches are currently open to our town residents (don't forget to get your beach pass) and we will consider opening Harvey's to non-residents as the Governor relaxes guidelines on how many people can gather at one time. All our land use boards are meeting, virtually, getting the town's business done. Building official and fire marshal inspections continue to take place so renovations and new construction can continue uninterrupted. The town is moving forward with the purchase of new public works equipment (from savings that have been placed aside over the years) and smaller construction projects at the Acton Library and The Kate. When the Governor closed most businesses down (rightly or wrongly,) the town continued its business. When the Governor issued stay at home orders, the town accommodated as many workers as possible working from home, but made certain that all the town's work would continue to get done. The directive from my office was: this is a work from home order, not a stay at home and don't work

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## Publisher's Note

As of press time, our country is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. These are, indeed, difficult times for all. Included in this issue of Old Saybrook Events Magazines is information regarding various programs and activities that span the upcoming quarter. Given the circumstances, some dates and times are subject to change.

Please check with the applicable organizations for any potential changes and/or cancellations.

We hope that the situation resolves as quickly as possible and that we can all get back to some sense of normalcy!

Please also take note of our The Last Word feature (on page 42). The array of pictures celebrates the strength of our community as we persevere through hard times.

Thank you to all!

We are pleased to be able to continue to provide you with Old Saybrook Events Magazines. Please stay safe and healthy. We look forward to celebrating better times ahead!

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order. As of press time, town hall remains open by appointment only while we make modifications to the building pursuant to the Governor's orders. When those modifications are complete, all employees will be ordered back to work and the public will be invited back into the building. That being said, the pandemic taught us a different way to do business. We can accomplish a lot by mail, email and virtually. I believe that town hall will, for at least the near future, have less foot traffic. That is probably true for many offices as private industry allows workers to continue to work from home.

Speaking of mail, Old Saybrook businesses and residents will be reading this article at nearly the same time that they will receive their tax bills for the next fiscal year. This year, the Town is strongly encouraging a pay by mail system. To assist with this, you will receive with your tax bill an envelope with the tax collector's return address. We strongly encourage you to pay by mail so that all our residents can have less unnecessary contact with others. If you must pay in person, write out your check at home or bring your own pen, pay your bill and do not spend more time than needed in town hall. If you have other business in town hall, please make an appointment. Thank you!

As part of the town's efforts to reduce the amount of cash that is handled, we will also be rapidly pursuing credit card payments at all town hall payment centers. This includes the transfer station, mini-golf, the building department, town clerk's office and anywhere else payment may be required. We thank you in advance for your patience as we implement these changes, which will make transacting your business with the town easier for you and more efficient for the town.

Every now and then, I have the privilege of coming to know someone in town who is extraordinary in their never ending desire/willingness to give back to our community as a volunteer. And when those volunteers say goodbye, for whatever reason, they need to know how much we appreciate them. A few weeks ago, Chuck Wehrly resigned from the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) after 32 years moving this town towards a wastewater solution. Chuck first was appointed by Barbara Maynard in 1988 to the wastewater ad hoc committee, then in 1992 to the WPCA Advisory Committee and finally in 1995 to the WPCA as one of seven original members. So much has happened over the years with this Authority and Chuck Wehrly was in the thick of it the whole time, for better or for worse. You don't go on the WPCA for the glory; you go on to solve real problems for our community. This authority took a lot of tongue lashings over the years and Chuck was there to listen and defend his and the Authority's choices along the way. As the Authority looks beyond the installation of individual septic systems (almost 1,000 lots addressed to date.) Chuck has graciously offered the commission his wise consult as to next steps. Chuck isn't leaving town. In fact, he is still volunteering on another committee. But with the WPCA, he has left his mark on a community that appreciates all he has given: twice monthly night meetings for many years, counseling changing personnel over the years and being the champion for the "character" of this community for decades. On behalf of community that is forever indebted, Thank You Chuck Wehrly.

Lastly, this has been a trying few months. Unfortunately, this virus will be with us for a long time. Here in Old Saybrook and all across the world, we are going to have to learn to live with this virus until there is an effective vaccine or herd immunity. Even then, there will still be cases and outbreaks. But we must make something good come from all this whether it is a greater appreciation of spending time with the ones we love, something we all take for granted, or being able to operate town government more efficiently. The pandemic in Old Saybrook has been less a public health or  
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public safety crisis, and more of an education and small business crisis. Our town has not been overly impacted by the virus itself but our students, and students all over the country, and our businesses have been severely impacted. Seniors in high school and college lost that last semester, that final sports activity, their chance at a championship. Their education continued but perhaps not at the pre-pandemic level. Businesses in our town and all over the country may go or have gone out of business, or have had increased additional expense to re-open. This pandemic will change lives forever but we will persevere and we must commit to be better when the new normal takes shape.

With that, stay safe.

Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman,  
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said Busby. "Since its founding, Schwab has been an advocate for the individual investor, and I'm proud to be the face of Schwab in Old Saybrook and surrounding communities."

Busby attended Cortland University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. He and his wife live in Colchester with their three daughters. Outside of the office, Busby enjoys spending time with friends and family and playing on a local softball league.



Ryan Busby



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# A Word from the Tax Collector

Change, not always easy to accept - but accept we must. This is also true in how we pay our tax obligation in July 2020.

**Please pay by mail** - tax bills this year will include a payment return envelope. We encourage you to use the envelope provided and pay tax due via the mail. It is permissible to add together your tax bills (real estate & motor vehicle for example) and write one check. Include the bill stub for each bill being paid - verify your check is correct - write phone number on check - place a stamp on the payment return envelope and simply mail.

**If you have Bill-Pay** setup with your bank you can make payment using this system - however allow enough time for processing if waiting until late in the payment cycle. Be sure to use current bill numbers to identify bills being paid as the list-number changes each year (list number 2019-XX-XXXXXX.)

**Tax bills can be paid using a credit card / debit card** (2.5% fee added) or electronic check (\$2.50 fee) from the Town's website at: [oldsaybrookct.gov](http://oldsaybrookct.gov).

Be aware the Town does not receive funds associated with online payment for 3 to 5 business days. If paying delinquent bills, the Town will not credit the account until the funds are received.

**If you desire a receipt there are several different methods for you to accomplish this:**

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- Include with your payment a self-addressed-stamped envelope, when payment is posted we will send a receipt back to you.
- Print your own receipt 'online' - our file is refreshed overnight - today's payment will show tomorrow. Simply go to: [oldsaybrookct.gov](http://oldsaybrookct.gov) - scroll down to bottom of homepage - click on 'Look Up & Pay Tax Bill' - you will see a disclaimer page - click on 'proceed to tax bills' enter your search criteria, name, property address, bill number, etc.

If you have no other option but to come into Town Hall **please wear a mask**, know that we practice social distancing and have your check written out and the bills being paid organized. We are not wild about the idea of sharing a pen so that you can write your check. It will take some thought and change of habit to protect one another - but 'protect one another' we must. The Town is not trying to make things more difficult than daily life currently is - however we are concerned about your health and safety as well as our own. Please work with us as we figure out how to work with you and be as efficient as we can be.

Thank you,  
Barry E. Maynard CCMC, Tax Collector

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## Update from the Assessor

The October 1, 2019 grand list has had all of the final adjustments. These include all changes done by the board of assessment appeals.

Changes resulting from court case settlements completed from the October 1, 2018 revaluation continue to be considered, while others are on hold because of COVID-19.

The assessor and staff have also processed the applications for the state's home owner program. This program runs from February 1st until May 15th. The Old Saybrook selectmen also provide a local additional benefit. The qualification for this benefit follows the same guidelines as the state's homeowners program.

On Friday, June 4, 2020 the Old Saybrook 2019 grand list data was sent to quality data, the company who will print the tax bills and prepare them for mailing.

The Old Saybrook Assessor's Office also oversees the state of Connecticut's renters program. The filing period for this program is April 1st through October 1st. The income and grant information are based on the 2019 benefit year.

Beginning in late July and through the summer the assessor and staff will be following up on building permits that have been issued since October 1, 2019. Any property that is currently under construction will be assessed and pro-rated based on the date of completion or the completion date on the certificate of occupancy.

In early September each business will receive the standard business personal property declaration. This form must be filled out and returned by November 1, 2020 in order to avoid the 25% penalty for none filing.

Norman B. Wood CCMA II,  
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Businesses and non-profits can visit the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce website for information on how to apply for grants. Any business or non-profit based in Old Saybrook and/or a current member of the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce is eligible. Grant amounts will be based on the amount of money raised and will be distributed equally among qualifying applicants.

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# 2020 C. Wilfred Hunter Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Amina Cecunjanin, center..



Katherine Henderson, center.



Leo DiBella, center.



Aliana Castro, left.




Timothy Thomas, right.




Each spring the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce awards academic scholarships to graduating high school students who will be pursuing their education beyond high school. The scholarship committee carefully considers academic achievement and community service, as well as other factors. This year's recipients are Aliana Castro, Amina Cecunjanin, Leo DiBella, Katherine Henderson and Timothy Thomas.

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# The Plan to Reopen Connecticut's Colleges & Universities



State Representative  
Devin Carney

On May 6th, Governor Lamont announced that he had received a detailed report with recommendations for a phased-in re-opening of Connecticut's private and public colleges and universities. The report was compiled by the education committee of the Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group,

The recommended sequencing of the reopening is as follows... First, research programs and administrative functions opened on the same timetable as the first phase of the general business reopening. Next, early in the summer, workforce development programs at community colleges may open, and schools may allow back students who were unable to complete courses with lab or studio requirements for their spring degrees.

If public health conditions continue to improve, some institutions may resume graduate and some summer programs. By the end of the summer, undergraduate residential facilities may have the option to reopen.

The phase-in of this reopening, though, depends upon the status of public health conditions. The prevalence of COVID-19 must be low enough to allow for the safe reopening of campus, the institution must have adequate capacity for contact tracing, and schools that have residential facilities must have access to enough COVID-19 tests so that every student can be tested upon arrival. If a student tests positive, they must be immediately isolated.

The phase-in also requires schools to file reopening plans with DPH detailing how they plan on repopulating the campus, monitoring public health, containing the disease if detected, and shutting down campus, if necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this or any state issue, please contact me at: [devin.carney@cga.ct.gov](mailto:devin.carney@cga.ct.gov) or 860-240-8700.

Thank you to all who have made a positive difference over the past few months to help us get through this crisis. I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

Devin Carney,  
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# OLD SAYBROOK OSPR PARKS AND RECREATION

## SUMMER FUN WITH OSPR

While we all know this summer will look and feel different, we want to share with you our commitment to make sure we have recreational opportunities for all our residents to enjoy. We continue to roll out new and exciting virtual, live programming via Zoom for all our residents. Please continue to check our website and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube) for the newest program or session running.

We have programs for pre-school, Goodwin School age group, our Teen Center members and adults. When permitted, and with the guidance of state and local officials, we will look to return to “new normal.” We do not know when that will be, but know that we cannot wait to bring back our extensive offering of programs, and reconnect with our Parks and Recreation family and friends!

Most of our facilities are open for you to enjoy and share with your friends and family. Just a few reminders as you use the properties and facilities this year. When in our parks, please maintain and follow all social distancing and current group sizes. If you cannot maintain proper social distance, please wear a mask. All of our parks are open sunrise to sundown. The use of alcohol and tobacco are prohibited on ALL of our properties. Please be courteous to others and nature and please remove all objects you may bring into the parks and properties. For a full list of our parks and facilities, please visit our website at: [www.oldsaybrookrec.com](http://www.oldsaybrookrec.com) or call us at: 860-395-3152.

## STRATEGIC PLAN & SURVEY

The Town of Old Saybrook's Parks and Recreation Department and Commission are currently working to develop a strategic plan for the Town's parks system. The Plan will assist the Town with determining what types of improvements are needed in the parks system to best accommodate the needs of residents. This effort will be focused on four parks: Town/Clark Community Park, Main Street Park, Saybrook Point, and Harvey's Beach.

In support of this effort, an online survey is now available to the public. This survey expands upon a previous survey conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department and further explores ideas for improvement of the parks. Old Saybrook residents, park users, and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate. The survey is one of many tools that the Town will use to inform the Plan and make decisions about the future of the parks system. The survey is currently available

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Fitzgerald & Halliday Inc., of Hartford was hired by the Town to assist with the Plan and is working closely with the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and Commission. Please address inquiries to Ray Allen, Director of Parks and Recreation at: Ray.Allen@oldsaybrookct.gov"

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#### Hours of Operation (weather permitting)

- June 13th - Labor Day - Monday - Sunday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

#### For more information

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### BEACHES AND PARKING PASSES

Beach Parking Passes are available online. Parking passes will be required Memorial Day through Labor Day. The new 2020 stickers will need to be affixed to the lower, left-hand side of your windshield. You are allowed up to two passes per household, the 1st pass is \$20.00 and the 2nd pass is \$30.00. Senior and military discounts are available.

#### Hours of Operations at Town Beach and Harvey's Beach

Lifeguard and Bathhouse Hours

- Monday-Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm



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### SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

OSPR is happy to announce that back for our second year is our family fun, Summer Movie Nights. We have 4 movies this seasons. We would like to thank lead sponsor Child And Adult Orthodontics for their support.

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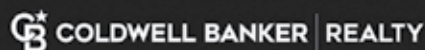
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## OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

### Acton Public Library - 60 Old Boston Post Road

Amanda Brouwer, Director	395-3184	abrouwer@actonlibrary.org
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### Police Department - 6 Custom Drive

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Michael A. Spera, Chief of Police	395-3142	mspera@oldsaybrookpolice.com

### Probate Court - 302 Main Street

Jeannine Lewis, Judge of Probate	510-5028	
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### Social Services - 322 Main Street

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### Transfer Station

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### Youth & Family Services - 322 Main Street

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# Old Saybrook Lions Club



Our 16th edition of the Lions Club of Old Saybrook Phone Book was mailed to businesses and residences of Old Saybrook mid-May and copies are being delivered to Acton Public Library; the Chamber of Commerce; the

Estuary Council of Senior Citizens; several locations in the Town Hall, in addition to the Parks and Recreation entrance; the Police Department and Youth and Family Services. This year's edition is dedicated to our hometown heroes, the first responders who are serving so unselfishly throughout this COVID-19 pandemic: nurses, doctors, policemen and women, firemen and women, emergency medical technicians and others. Also, the "essential" business and restaurant owners and employees who are also serving so unselfishly at the risk of being exposed to and possibly coming down with the virus. We are grateful to the Town of Old Saybrook Emergency Operations Center for providing daily updates to our "ONE COMMUNITY - ONE TEAM."

Although most of our town's community activities have been canceled, lions club members have not been idle. The club used its time to volunteer to participate in a \$10,000 Emergency Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant that was given at the request of our District Governor and her District 23-C Cabinet to serve where needed most in this COVID-19 pandemic. Our club is one of 55 clubs in our district, which includes towns

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in Middlesex, New London, Tolland and Windham counties. A needs assessment was done by contacting nursing homes, state police barracks, fire departments, and ambulance companies. Nursing homes were in dire need personal protective equipment (PPE), especially disposable gowns. A partnership was made with a company that set aside their business and started to make gowns. The company could provide the material, cut out a pattern for making the gowns, but lacked people to sew the gowns. That is where lions came in. All 55 clubs were contacted by email and 30 volunteers responded, eager to start sewing. Old Saybrook Lions Sharon and Dave Tiezzi worked together to sew and disinfect 31 gowns. Lion Jerry Smith and his wife, Shawn, sewed and disinfect 10 gowns. Lion Lisa Gradzewicz sewed and disinfect 10 gowns. Gowns were delivered to the Old Saybrook Ambulance Association, Apple Rehab and Gladeview Healthcare. Disinfectant and gloves were also delivered to Gladeview and disinfectant was delivered to the Ambulance Association.

Last, but not least, we are happy to announce that the Old Saybrook Lions Club has completed an exhaustive application process of establishing a foundation, known as The Old Saybrook Lions Foundation, Inc. Donations to the Old Saybrook Lions Foundation, Inc. may be eligible for a tax deduction on the donor's federal income tax.

For more information about the Old Saybrook Lions Club, contact us by telephone: 860 924-5459, email: oldsaybrooklionsclub@yahoo.com or mail: P.O. Box 21, Old Saybrook, CT 06475



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The Social Services Department is always here to help year round for those in need. You may be a family that has never accessed our services before or might even have been one of our donors in better times. We want you to feel welcome to contact us if you are now experiencing a difficulty due to COVID-19. While we hope to be getting back to economic recovery starting in July, we are aware that effected families may need additional support as we all navigate our way back to "normal."

As of this writing we know that many moratoriums on electric and other utility shut offs, rental evictions and home mortgage relief programs may be ending in July. If you are struggling with meeting

bills and obligations, have unemployment questions, have lost your health insurance, need food assistance, heating or utility assistance, or have other difficulties at this time, please know that we are here for you and your family. Please contact us at: 860-395-3188 or email Susan Consoli, LPC, Social Services Coordinator at: [susan.consoli@oldsaybrookct.gov](mailto:susan.consoli@oldsaybrookct.gov) and we can talk confidentially.

You may not know what programs or help is available to you if you've never received help before, but that is what we are here for and are happy to answer any of your questions. We are One Community and One Team and we are here for all Old Saybrook residents.

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Yale University was founded in Old Saybrook as the Collegiate School for the education of ministers in 1700. The Saybrook College of Yale University Seal is used as the Town logo on its letterhead and town-owned vehicles.

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# Old Saybrook Education Foundation



While the end of the year was one for the record books, navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, the entire OSEF Board could not be more proud of the students, staff and parents for ensuring that our students finished the year strong. Congratulations to everyone for the part you played in making it until

the end of the school year!

We would also like to congratulate all those who graduated from Old Saybrook High School in June. OSEF was proud to be able to give a number of scholarships this year and we would like to recognize the following for their achievements both in and out of the classroom:

Luke Brodeur	Cassidy Hallowell	Tristan Novakowski
Davis Brown	Abby Hampton	Stacey Palomeque
Mackenzie Cart	Grace Hanratty	Amanda Pernal
Aliana Castro	Luke Hanratty	Norman Root
Kathryn Conklin	Cassidy Huckins	Carissa Schilke
Jampel Dorjee	Mara Kelley	Isabelle Sigersmith
Isabella Eckhardt	Tobias Marineau	Casey Snyder
Alexa Gesick	Jack McDowell	Timothy Thomas

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED WITH OSEF?

Board seats are available. Whether you are a kindergarten parent, new to the district, or veteran parent, we would love to have you join us and help us do more for our school community. Questions, please call Sally Ann Lee at: 860-235-3220.



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## THE OLD SAYBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

### Old Saybrook High School Underclassmen Awards June 2020

#### VISUAL ARTS

Visual Art Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Art Foundations-Elements, Art Foundations-Principles, Independent Studies, Intermediate Art, Advanced Art, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Graphic Design, Drawing and Photography.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the Visual Arts courses:** Lily Cody, Emily Carmichael, Alexandra LaMotte, Aaron Tolve, Ethan Gernhardt, Rebecca Kravitz, Kristina Alsante, Ryan Mikulski, Mitchel DiPalma, Ethan Gerhardt, Jillian Pernal, Alexa Brodeur, Tara Carlin, Junior Alex Calle Peralta, Janeth Echeverria, Natalie Tryon, Nicholas Chacha

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Visual Art courses:** Ajla Cecunjanin, Chelsea Heinke, Man Tran, Emeri Cadley, Christina Grace, Tyler Milardo-Denler, Nathan Taylor, Kallie Mulvihill, Juan Quevado -Arciniegas, Gianna Barretta, Harrison Norton, Gabriel Kaar, Douglas Prevost, Jayden Way, Lexi Shafman, Jonah Kehew, Mary-Beth Czarzasty, Jack Forrestt, Rylyn Repscher, Patrick Danner, Beldina Feratovic, Kyle Colella, Zachary Pandiani, Magdalena Ashe, Emily Carmichael, Emmy Skiles

**The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the Visual Art courses:** Nicholas Scalzo, Emmy Skiles, Junior Alex Calle Peralta, Nicholas Chacha, Gavin Wainio

#### MUSIC

Fine Arts Music Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Blue Chorus, Gold Chorus, Select Choirs, UCONN Music Theory I, Band 1, Band 2, Jazz Ensemble, and Select Instrumental Ensemble.

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Fine Arts Music courses:** Annabella Amara, Sage Arpaia, Katherine Capuano, Aidan Gilson, Willow Santarsiero, Lilah Spedding, Peter Wisialowski, John Witzak, Adam Dower, Gregor McCormack, Coco Morin, Andrew Spaargaren, Logan Worman, Davonté Mitchell, Joseph Bradley, Ryan Moonan, Alice Pond, Jacob Schneider, Chloe Ellinas, Megan Hampton, Kayla Holt, Ali Miller, Jordan Pinette, Allison Tyron, Natalie Tyron, Jenna Tully, Emiley Wilson, Hanna Bjorkman, Lindsey Franco, Emmy Skiles, Leigha Fernandes, Arianna Mitchell, Molly Nygard, Avery

Appiah, Laura Day, Helena Gernhardt, Catherine Minegar, Max Brown, Tsering Choedhar, Lilah Freeburg, Jack Gatta, Matthew Johnson, Caitlin Wiley, Cory Benni, Emerson Cook, Helen Day, Kendall Kollmer, Jacob Schneider, Kyle Wisialowski, Garrett Brady, Lhamo Tsering, Katelin Brady, Tsering Choedhar

**The following students received the Most Improved Award in at least one of the Fine Arts Music courses:** Joseph Maselli, Benjamin Rose, Alexander Barros, Shelby Dorothy, Jonah Kehew, Madelyn Beaudoin, Katelin Brady, Carson Percival, Abigail Clifford, Tyler Milardo-Denler, Leigha Fernandes, Lily Clemens, Shain Stino, Priscilla Gumkowski, Livia Fusco, Michael Morant, Logan Medbury, Jack Wiley, Kristopher Sirico, Davonté Mitchell, Kaylin Laskowski, Nick Nguyen, Willow Santarsiero, Edgar Cordova, Mitchell DiPalma, Ryan Slisz, Jacob Caffrey, Samantha Wakelee, Hannah Lee, Shelby Dorothy, Lilah Spedding

**The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the Fine Arts Music courses:** Arianna Mitchell, Davonté Mitchell, Nick Nguyen, Alexa Brodeur, Almira Cecunjanin, Brent Ling, McAlister Velardi, Samantha Wakelee, Jack Bransfield, Joseph Bradley

#### BUSINESS EDUCATION

Business Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Accounting I, Accounting II, and Introduction to Finance.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the Business courses:** Helen Day and Gannon Efinger

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Business courses:** Christina Liu, Alexa Brodeur, Kristina Alsante, Catherine Potter, Jeison Calle Villavicencio

**The following student received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the Business courses:** Helen Day

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Information Technology and Computer Science Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Multimedia Communications, Introduction to Programming, Web Design & Development, and Digital Media Productions.

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**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Information Technology & Computer Science courses:** Juliette Condulis, Almira Cecunjanin, Catherine Minegar, Rebecca Kravitz, Emmy Skiles, Jacob Schneider, Sage Arpaia, Jack Forrestt, McAlister Velardi

## TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Technology Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Manufacturing, Woodworking I, Introduction to Engineering & Design, and Engineering & Architecture

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the Technology courses:** Jake Pavlovich

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Technology courses:** Peter Waida, Benjamin Yost, Ethan Gernhardt, Matthew Rothman and Noah Grace

**The following student received the Most Improved Award in at least one of the Technology courses:** Jacob Caffrey

## INTERNSHIP

Internship Awards are presented to select students who were full-year interns who demonstrated a solid grasp of the professionalism, responsibility, drive and skills necessary to succeed in their internships and in the workplace.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in Internship:** Grace Laskowski, Kyle Wisialowski, and Jacob Schneider

**The following student received the Excellence & Achievement Award in Internship:** Grace Laskowski

**The following student received the Most Improved Award and the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in Internship:** Zane Bauer

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Family & Consumer Science Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Child Development I, Child Development II and Culinary.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the Family and Consumer Science courses:** Lily Clemens and Emiley Wilson

**The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the Family and Consumer Science**

**courses:** Debora Calle, Lilah Freeburg and Catherine Minegar

## ENGLISH

English Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: English, American Literature, ELL, AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, and English in Action.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the English courses:** Aaron Tolve, Catherine Minegar, Jillian Pernal, Lilah Freeburg, Tsering Choedhar, Noah Grace, Emiley Wilson, Emmy Skiles, and Joseph Bradley

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the English courses:** Abigail Clifford, Laura Day, McKenna Roberts, Man Tran, Amanda Balinskas, Kate Heiden, Helen Day, Kyle Wisialowski, Shea Alsback, Molly Henderson, and Lavinnia Nazareth

**The following students received the Most Improved Award in at least one of the English courses:** Jacob Caffrey, Andrew Julius, Carter Gibson, Ali Miller, Alexa Brodeur, Luis Calle Peralta and Ajla Cecunjanin

**The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the English courses:** Jessica Kidd, Ethan Gernhardt, Lily Clemens, Katelin Brady, Lorea Aramendi, Samantha Wakelee, Kasey Root, Kendall Kollmer, Nathan Taylor, Garrett Brady, Emily Stratton, Catherine Potter

## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Algebra I, Geometry, Functional Math, Algebra II, Applications in Mathematics, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus AB.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the Mathematics courses:** Minh Vo, Brianna Aspajo Berdiales, Rebecca Kravitz, Laura Day, Catherine Potter, Lilah Freeburg, Laura Day, Zachary Pandiani, Megan Kapij, Emily Stratton, and Joseph Bradley.

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Mathematics courses:** Tyler Milardo -Denler, Nick Nguyen, Grace Adams, Helena Gernhardt, Nathan Taylor, Tsering Choedhar, MaryBeth Czarzasty, Taylor D'Anna, Anthony Glorioso, Nathan Nguyen and Kyle Wisialowski, Jordyn Pinette, Harrison Norton, Justin Irwin and Taber Marineau.  
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**The following students received the Most Improved Award in at least one of the Mathematics courses:** Ryan Slisz, Ethan Gernhardt, Reed Nobile, Hannah Lee, Kyle Colella, and Garrett Brady

**The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the Mathematics courses:** Lavinnia Nazareth, Tyler Milardo-Denler, Minh Vo, Avery Rueckert, Alexander Barros, Hannah McKeown, Grace Adams, Kayla Chacon, Sophia Barker, Joshua Linder, Gregor McCormack, Kristopher Sirico, Lilah Spedding, Jillian Pernal, Bradley Kulmann, Lily Cody, Catherine Minegar, Jake Pavlovich, Sage Arpaia, Claire Boucher, Lexi Shafman, Katherine Capuano, Carrington Hartt and Zane Bauer

**The Shoreline Heads of Math Top Junior Award was received by:** Joseph Bradley

## SCIENCE

Science Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Earth Science, Biology, AP Chemistry, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry and Advanced Anatomy & Physiology.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the Science courses:** Claire Boucher, Lindsey Franco, Catherine Minegar, Hanna Bjorkman, Jillian Pernal, Cassie Johnson, Tsering Choedhar, Joseph Bradley, Kyle Wisialowski, Nathan Nguyen, Ashlyn Korpak

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Science courses:** Brianna Aspajo Berdiales, Abigail Clifford, Giana Varela, Alexander Barros, Brent Ling, Hannah McKeown, Andrew Spaargaren, Jack Forrestt, McKenna Roberts, Joshua Linder, Grace Adams, Alexandra Coty, Jack Gatta, Kayla Chacon, Noah Grace, Garrett Brady, Emily Stratton, Catherine Potter, Nathan Taylor, Debora Calle, Benjamin Yost, Taylor D'Anna, Carrington Hartt, Kate Heiden, Megan Murphy, Molly Nygard, Emmy Skiles, Molly Henderson, Kayla Holt, and Mary Reid

**The following students received the Most Improved Award in at least one of the Science courses:** Lavinnia Nazareth, Genesis Echeverria, Avery Nosal and Libby Stuart

**The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the Science courses:** Dulce Cazali de Leon, Abigail Colella and Ashlyn Korpak

## ENVIROTHON FIELD COMPETITION

The Envirothon is a field competition in which students from all

over the state are challenged to solve problems and conduct hands-on investigations in the disciplines of forestry, aquatics, wildlife and soil. Each team also prepares a short oral presentation on a real-life environmental issue to present before a panel of experts. **The junior who competed this year was:** Zane Bauer

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: Civics, Global Citizenship, World History, United States World History, Modern World History, Psychology, AP US History, AP Psychology, and UCONN ECE Sociology.

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the Social Studies courses:** Noah Grace, Alexander Barros, Claire Boucher, Emily Carmichael, Ryan Stratton, Isabella LaMotte, Man Tran, Kayla Holt, Kyle Wisialowski, Deborah Calle, Carrington Hartt, Emiley Wilson, Grace Laskowski, Emily Stratton, Catherine Potter and Lhamo Tsering

**The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the Social Studies courses:** Jack Wiley, Joanna Kelly, Minh Vo, Logan Worman, Lavinnia Nazareth, Caitlin Wiley, Kristina Alsante, Anthony Glorioso, Davonté Mitchell, Nadia Zawoy, Kendall Kollmer, Gregor McCormack, Avery Nosal, Sophia Barker, Janeth Echeverria, Bridget Kaweck, Garrett Brady, and Molly Henderson

## WORLD LANGUAGE

World Language Awards are presented to selected students who have taken the following courses this year: French 2, French 3, French 4, AP French, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, and AP Spanish.

**The following students earned the Highest Average in at least one of the World Language courses:** Max Brown, Lilah Freeburg, Nathan Nguyen, Joseph Bradley, Lily Cody, Aaron Tolve, Catherine Minegar, Catherine Potter, Emily Stratton,

**The following students received the Excellence & Achievement Award in at least one of the World Language courses:** Samantha Wakelee, Jack Gatta, Chloe Ellinas, Hannah McKeown, Aidan Gilson, Kaylin Laskowski, Hanna Bjorkman, Kyle Wisialowski

**The following students received the Most Improved Award in at least one of the World Language Courses:** Ethan Gernhardt, Megan Murphy, Matthew Julius, Jason Adanti, Emily Carmichael, Laura Day, Seth Adams, Mary Reid and Ashlyn Korpak

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The following students received the Ram Pride Perseverance Award in at least one of the World Language courses: Mia Sini-baldo, Lilly Sigersmith, Nathan Nguyen, Gideon Thomas, Joseph Maselli, Nadia Zawoy, Adam Dower, Juliette Condulis, Arianna Mitchell, McKenna Roberts, Jillian Pernal, MaryBeth Czarzasty, Megan Kapij, Bridget Kawecki

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS / JUNIOR BOOK AWARDS

- HOBY 2020 Participants** – Jack Gatta, Isabella LaMotte, Samantha Wakelee
- RYLA Conference (sponsored by OS Rotary Club)** – Allison Tryon and Natalie Tryon
- World Affairs Seminar (sponsored by OS Rotary Club)** – Helen Day
- OSHS November Student of the Month** – Helen Day
- OSHS May Student of the Month** – Debora Calle
- Connecticut Scholar's Award** – Joseph Bradley
- Rensselaer Medalist Award** – Joseph Bradley
- Society of Women Engineers Award** – Emily Stratton
- Bausch and Lomb Award** – Kyle Wisialowski

## STEAM Day 2020

Before we began distance learning, Old Saybrook Middle School held its second annual STEAM Day. STEAM stands for Science-Technology-Engineering -Arts- and Math. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, nearly half of the ten fastest-growing occupations are in a STEAM field. We were so impressed by the community's commitment to STEAM and OSMS that we wanted to share with you the great things that took place and thank the many community members and businesses that supported the program.

Students had unique experiences with all the STEAM fields throughout the day thanks to our STEAM Day chairs, Melissa Batonick, Mary Beth Hibson, Cindy Lane, and Nicole Pauloski. The students had the opportunity to interact with classroom presenters that work in these fields. They learned a little about the presenters' careers and experienced activities related to that line of work. Each grade had its own unique activities.

Grade 5 activities included a Lesson in Energy Efficiency with Eversource, a chance to meet and touch local critters in the Amphibian Friends presentation with Ranger Russ & the Meigs Point Nature Center. They enjoyed a fun musical experience and created their own instruments while learning about the science of music with Steve Roslonek.

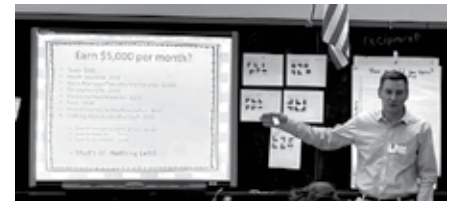
In 6th grade, students got to practice forensic science with a retired law officer and a forensic scientist. The students got to produce music with Laura Clapp from



Shure Audio music. They also learned about baking chemistry with Pursuit of Pastry by trying different fats in a chocolate chip cookie recipe.

- UConn Avery Point Book Award for Coastal & Environmental Studies** – Zane Bauer
- University of Rochester Frederick Douglas Social Service Award** – Alexa Brodeur
- George Eastman Young Leaders Award (sponsored by University of Rochester)** – Helen Day
- Gettysburg Book Award** – Jack Wiley
- University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology** – Garrett Brady
- Elmira College Key Award** – Bridget Kawecki, Eliza Scherber
- Sage College Book Award** – Megan Hampton, Emmy Skiles
- Saint Michael's Book Award** – Nathan Nguyen, Kyle Wisialowski
- Saint Anselm's Book Award** – MaryBeth Czarzasty
- Lasell University Book Award** – Grace Laskowski
- Clarkson University Leadership Award** – Bridget Kawecki
- Clarkson University Achievement Award** – Tracy Li
- Smith College Book Award** – Emily Stratton
- George Washington University Book Award** – Kristina Alsante
- Harvard Book Award** – Joseph Bradley

Coywolf Graphic Arts & Amy Grigoriou Design taught grade 7 students about graphic design.



Students played an online game to teach them about financial planning with Compass Retirement. They tried building structures to support weight to learn about engineering with the UConn Engineering Ambassadors.

Students in 8th grade got to work with staff from Verizon to learn and try out some new technologies. These students also learned about financial planning and built roller coasters with GNCB Consulting Engineers.

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In the gym, all students got to view an astronomy show in the SkyDome Planetarium, which was sponsored by the Old Saybrook Education Foundation. They crawled into the blow-up dome that served as a false sky so they could learn about the stars and space.

The staff of OSMS would like to thank the STEAM Day chairs for their time

and efforts in organizing this special yearly event, the classroom guests for sharing their expertise, and the PTO for its support of the event. We would also like to thank the Cuckoo's Nest, Saybrook Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Stop & Shop, and Costco for kindly donating snacks and lunch for our guest presenters. This was indeed a community organized event.

## Thank you to Goodwin School's Parent Teacher Association

In many successful endeavors, there are often unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes, who never take any credit, and enjoy doing for others. This is certainly the case with the active PTA at Kathleen E. Goodwin School.

The Goodwin School PTA is a member of the national association. Their mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. This mission is very evident at Goodwin School as students benefit greatly from the PTA's efforts.

The many working hands of the PTA coordinate events throughout the year to support the school in various ways. From the Wrapping Paper Fundraiser to the Fall Festival, Book Fair, Science Day and

many more events, there is always work to be done. All planning begins at monthly meetings and then subcommittees form to support each event. The end result is always fun and proceeds support student needs in all grade levels.

The staff and students at Goodwin School are most grateful for all of the support throughout the year. Even in the wake of the Coronavirus, the PTA has been working on an activity to bring all students together in a meaningful, albeit, distant way.

The fabric of a strong community is often made up of folks working for others. Goodwin School is most grateful to all members of the PTA who contribute generously throughout the year.

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## Acton Public Library Summer Reading

Summer Reading this year will look a little different for everyone, but the Acton Public Library is going to make the best of it! At the time of writing this article, we are currently just starting curbside, which has been a great and safe way to get materials into everyone's hands again.

Last year we did Read to Bead and made some fabulous necklaces from the beads you all earned while reading a ton of books. This year, we will be giving the beads out curbside, so that we can still continue this fun way to commemorate our enjoyment of reading. In our Children's Department,

we will be doing some virtual programming featuring our wonderful staff telling stories and a couple of featured guests (hopefully with some wild animals!)

In our Young Adult Department don't miss all the new materials being selected. These great materials in print would be a great respite from the screens that have dominated the past few months. There will also be some end of the summer prizes awarded too.

Our adults will also have a chance to win a prize for the summer reading challenge.

Plus, join us for our virtual crafts programs and cook book clubs. This summer would be an excellent time to learn your family histories and join us on Thursday mornings for our Genealogy Group. We also feature a monthly Books on Tap book club.

We hope you join us for Summer even if it's a little different from normal. Sometimes there is no better way to escape reality for a while than in the pages of a good book.

Amanda Brouwer,  
Library Director



# Friends of Acton Library

Spring and summer are usually very active for the Friends with our March sale and our July Sales both bringing lots of people into the library to make purchases. But the health concerns that came with the COVID-19 pandemic meant that the library was closed in March and will be on a limited schedule in July. No crowds will be eagerly piling books in their arms this summer! We will miss the fun and we will be missing the income.

Since income from book sales is our major source of revenue in every year, we hoped to find a way to schedule a form of book sale in the fall. But there are too many unknowns with this virus and it seemed to be the wisest choice to not plan such an event during the rest of the year.

We held our Annual Meeting the last week of May and determined that we will be seriously reducing our contribution to the library. We cut our funding in half for programming for the coming year. We hope to revisit this budget decision at a meeting in January, when we will have a better sense of how the virus will be affecting the gathering of groups. This makes us extremely grateful to all who responded generously to our Membership Mailing that was mailed out in February. We have received about \$6000 in donations due to that response. Hurrah for the generosity of the Acton Library patrons! If you have not received a Membership renewal letter,

you can still join. Send a donation of any amount to: Friends of Acton Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook CT 06475. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

If you would like to have a wonderful and useful book bag-that can take your picnic to the beach, your mosquito spray, bird book, and snack to one of the trails around here, or for any shopping trip you might make, they can be purchased through the library. Your check for \$15.00 made out to the Friends, sent to the library: ATTENTION Book Bags will result in a book bag being sent back to you post haste.

We are hoping that everyone is having a healthy and safe summer, staying at home or nearby, staying out of crowded places, and wearing your masks. This time will come to an end and we will be happily engaging, once again, in all the wonderful opportunities the library has to offer.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Friends of Acton Library and how you can become involved, please contact me. Sheila McPharlin, President at: [sheilamcp@gmail.com](mailto:sheilamcp@gmail.com) Friends of Acton Library.



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# Acton Public Library

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## Children's Programs

SUMMER 2020 (*July, August, September*)

### WIGGLE BOOKWORMS ZOOM STORY TIME

**Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am - 11:00 am**

Join us through Zoom for a fun, interactive story time with Miss Rogina! Best for babies and toddlers up to age 3. Please register at: [actonlibrary.org](http://actonlibrary.org).

### FANTASTIC FRIDAYS ZOOM STORY TIME

**Friday mornings from 10:30 am - 11:00 am**

Join us through Zoom for a fun, interactive story time with Miss Chloe! Best for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years old. Please register at: [actonlibrary.org](http://actonlibrary.org).

### CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**June 15 - August 31**

For children of all ages up through grade 5. Go to our website at [actonlibrary.org](http://actonlibrary.org) to sign up, track your reading time, write book reviews, and claim prizes! Earn an Acton Reading Buck for every 20 minutes of reading and use your Reading Bucks to:

- **Read to Bead:** Earn a brag tag, chain, and bead when you sign up. Then spend your Acton Reading Bucks on special beads to create your own unique design! The more you read, the better your chain becomes. Go to our website and chose your beads to pick up at the library, curbside, until further notice.
- **For the Babies & Toddlers:** Get a surprise rubber duckie, bath tub squirt, or beach pail.

### GRAB N' GO CRAFT IN A BAG

**June 15 - August 31**

Available everyday during our regular service hours. Pick up a fun craft-in-a-bag to make at home! Different level crafts for kids of all ages and abilities. Go to: [actonlibrary.org](http://actonlibrary.org) for more details and to register.

### DIMENSIONAL DANCE ZOOM PROGRAM

**Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 pm**

Join us for a fun half hour Hip-Hop Zoom dance class followed by a five minute Dimensional Dance-One Art dance performance. Go to [actonlibrary.org](http://actonlibrary.org) for more details and to register.

### RIVERSIDE REPTILES ZOOM PROGRAM

**Thursday, July 23 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

Join Riverside Reptiles for a Zoom party and meet five live, exotic animals through a virtual learning experience. Ask questions of

the educator and learn how each animal has its own story. Please register at: [actonlibrary.org](http://actonlibrary.org). Spaces are limited. See our website at: [www.actonlibrary.org](http://www.actonlibrary.org) to register or for more information, or call the library at: 860-395-3184.

## Young Adult - Teen Programs

\*Additional Programs may be added. Please see our homepage <https://www.Actonlibrary.org> for regular updates \*\*All programs, their dates, time and locations are subject to changes related to Covid-19 Responses.

\*\*\* ONLINE

**Most programs will remain online until such time as restrictions are lifted.**

Watch our online spaces (Website/Facebook/Instagram) for information on curbside crafts and STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts and Math) projects for Teens throughout the Summer.

"Imagine Your Story" Summer reading challenges are back - Be sure to sign up if you haven't already & track your reading for rewards and chances at enticing prizes. Tracking with the Read Squared app.

### JULY

**Fridays, July 10th, 17th, 24th at Acton Public Library - Online DUNGEONS & DRAGONS from 1:30 - 4:30 pm**

Registration for D&D sessions are suggested as seating is limited and available one month prior to the event. See calendar for details <http://actonlibrary.org/teen/>.

**Thursdays, July 9th & 23rd**

**KAHOOT TRIVIA - Harry Potter edition from 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

**KAHOOT TRIVIA - Hunger Games edition from 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Come play the interactive Kahoot trivia games, Free and open to all ages 12-18. Registration for trivia sessions are required for access to the links. Space is limited and available one month prior to the event. See calendar for details <http://actonlibrary.org/teen/>

**YA \*Online Cooking Classes 3 of 3:**

**"KIDS COOK BY THE BOOK WITH KATHY COBB"**

Online Release Dates TBD. Breakfast Burritos, MYO Pizza and Smoothie Bar, come hungry. Learn to prepare, share and enjoy these classic dishes. Free and open to all ages 12-18. Online registration is required for the access to the links. See calendar for details at: <http://actonlibrary.org/teen/>.

### AUGUST

**Fridays, August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th at Acton Public Library - Online - YA Game Days:**

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS from 1:30 - 4:30 pm**

**Thursdays, August 13th & 20th**

**KAHOOT TRIVIA - subjects TBD from 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday, August 5th**

**GIRLS WHO CODE™ interest meeting at 6:00 pm**

Join us to learn about the benefits of this celebrated STEAM program targeted at girls. 2 clubs, 1 for tweens and 1 for older teens are looking to be established. Register online for information and links to virtual meeting,\* Brian at [bstory@actonlibrary.org](mailto:bstory@actonlibrary.org) for details.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Fridays, September 18th & 25th at Acton Public Library- Online**

**YA GAME DAYS:**

**Dungeons & Dragons from 1:30 - 4:30 pm**

**Thursday, September 10th at Acton Public Library**

**TELL ME A STORY: RECORDING SESSIONS \*Teen focus from 2:00 - 5:00 pm**

YA Librarian will sit down and record your story. Be prepared to answer questions or to share your tale. Recordings will be made available for participants.

**Thursdays, September 17th & 24th**

**KAHOOT TRIVIA - subjects TBD from 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Adult Programs**

**JULY**

**Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - COFFEE & CONVERSATION at 11:00 am**

Join Cindy, using Zoom, for a virtual cup of coffee (or tea, OJ, etc.) and join in a conversation started with TableTopics cards. Free and open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

**Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - ACTON COMPASSION-KNITS at 2:30 pm**

Through Zoom, Rachel will be leading this group and will be able to share some resources for charity patterns. Questions are encouraged and all levels are welcome. Feel free to share your knowledge too. Free and open to all ages 12+. Registration is required and available one month prior to the event.

**Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - GAME DAY at 4:00 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, each week to play a game virtually. Scattergories, Boggle, Blank Slate - to name a few. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

**Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP at 10:30 am**

Join Donna, using Zoom, to 'tune-up' your current research skills or learn something new about family history research. Beginners welcome. Free and open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

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**VIRTUAL - WRITING GROUP at 2:00 pm**

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### **Fridays, July 10, 17, 24 & 31 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - BINGO at 6:00 pm**

Join Cindy for a night of fun playing bingo through Zoom. Free and open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

### **Thursday, July 9 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - BOOKS ON TAP at 6:30 pm**

Join Lisa, our Head of Circulation, for a virtual version of Books on Tap Book Club. Let's get together on Zoom (with your favorite adult beverage, if you choose) to discuss a book to be determined. Free and open to all ages 21+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

### **Wednesday, July 15 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - GAME NIGHT: PUB TRIVIA at 6:30 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, to match wits on topics like pop culture, technology and history. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

### **Tuesday, July 21 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - CRAFT NIGHT: SHOW AND TELL at 6:00 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, to share what you have been creating. It may be an in-progress or completed project. Free and open to all. Registration is required and available one month prior to the event.

### **Tuesday, July 28 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - COOKBOOK CLUB: FOODIE DICE at 6:00 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, for a fun new way to shake up your cooking routine. Foodie Dice provides inspiration for creating simple, seasonal meals. Using the five primary dice and a seasonal veggie die, create a meal and share virtually what you have made. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and available one month prior to the event.

### **Saturday, June 20 - Thursday, August 20 at Acton Public Library**

#### **ADULT SUMMER READING: BOOK BINGO**

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## **AUGUST**

### **Mondays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - COFFEE & CONVERSATION at 11:00 am**

Join Cindy, using Zoom, for a virtual cup of coffee (or tea, OJ, etc.) and join in a conversation started with TableTopics cards. Free and

open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

### **Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - ACTON COMPASSION-KNITS at 2:30 pm**

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### **Fridays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - BINGO at 6:00 pm**

Join Cindy for a night of fun playing bingo through Zoom. Free and open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

### **Tuesday, August 4 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - DIY KIMCHI at 6:30 pm**

Join Velya & Ehris from the Grounded Goodwife to create your own jar of kimchi. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

### **Wednesday, August 12 at Acton Public Library**

#### **VIRTUAL - GAME NIGHT: PUB TRIVIA at 6:30 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, to match wits on topics like pop culture, technology and history. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

**Thursday, August 13 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - BOOKS ON TAP at 6:30 pm**

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**Tuesday, August 18 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - CRAFT NIGHT: BRAIDED BEAD BRACELET at 6:00 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, to create a braided bead bracelet. All materials will be provided. Pick up your craft kit at the library. Free and open to all. Registration is required and available one month prior to the event.

**Tuesday, August 25 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - COOKBOOK CLUB: FOODIE DICE at 6:00 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, for a fun new way to shake up your cooking routine. Foodie Dice provides inspiration for creating simple, seasonal meals. Using the five primary dice and a seasonal veggie die, create a meal and share virtually what you have made. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and available one month prior to the event.

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## SEPTEMBER

**Mondays, September 14, 21, 28 at Acton Public Library**

**VIRTUAL - COFFEE & CONVERSATION at 3:00 pm**

Join Cindy, using Zoom, for a virtual cup of coffee (or tea, OJ, etc.) and join in a conversation started with TableTopics cards. Free and open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

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Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at Acton Public Library

### VIRTUAL - GAME DAY at 4:00 pm

Join Cindy, through Zoom, each week to play a game virtually. Scattergories, Boggle, Blank Slate - to name a few. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 at Acton Public Library

### VIRTUAL - GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP at 10:30 am

Join Donna, using Zoom, to 'tune-up' your current research skills or learn something new about family history research. Beginners welcome. Free and open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 at Acton Public Library

### VIRTUAL - WRITING GROUP at 2:00 pm

Join Fiona in this no pressure virtual writing group for all skill levels through Zoom. This group's primary goal is to motivate each other and offer support.

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Fridays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25 at Acton Public Library

### VIRTUAL - BINGO at 6:00 pm

Join Cindy for a night of fun playing bingo through Zoom. Free and open to all. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

Wednesday, September 9 at Acton Public Library

### VIRTUAL - GAME NIGHT: PUB TRIVIA at 6:30 pm

Join Cindy, through Zoom, to match wits on topics like pop culture, technology and history. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

Thursday, September 10 at Acton Public Library

### VIRTUAL - BOOKS ON TAP at 6:30 pm

Join Lisa, our Head of Circulation, for a virtual version of Books on Tap Book Club. Let's get together on Zoom (with your favorite adult beverage, if you choose) to discuss a book to be determined. Free and open to all ages 21+. Registration is required and is available one month prior to the event.

Tuesday, September 15 at Acton Public Library

### VIRTUAL - CRAFT NIGHT at 6:00 pm

Join Cindy, through Zoom. Project yet to be decided. Free and open to all. Registration is required and available one month prior to the event.

Tuesday, September 22 at Acton Public Library

**VIRTUAL - COOKBOOK CLUB: FOODIE DICE at 6:00 pm**

Join Cindy, through Zoom, for a fun new way to shake up your cooking routine. Foodie Dice provides inspiration for creating simple, seasonal meals. Using the five primary dice and a seasonal veggie die, create a meal and share virtually what you have made. Free and open to all ages 14+. Registration is required and available one month prior to the event.

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Do you take the time to give the same consideration for your body's preventive maintenance plan? Is it really necessary to have a periodic physical exam along with all of the accompanying tests? If you utilize the same decision making approach as with that new car then you may find your arrive at a different decision.

The replacement cost is ... well your body

is irreplaceable. And talk about inconvenience, just try going without a major part such as your dietary system and don't even consider what that heart transplant entails. So what are the basics of preventive body maintenance?

A periodic visit to your primary care provider for a review of your health status includes review of your current medications, a history of your activity, sleep, mood, and eating habits. Your vaccinations against infectious diseases should be updated. Age appropriate screenings for things like breast and colorectal cancer, diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension and other cardiac and

circulatory ailments are recommended. Your PCP can help you decide when and how often you need to have these check-ups, not all occur every year. Why these particular items? Studies show they are the more common conditions that with early detection can be treated before they do lasting damage to the irreplaceable machine you call home.

After all if you don't take care of your body -where will you live?

Mary Lenzini, President/CEO,  
Visiting Nurse Association  
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## Nightingale Scholarship Fund

THE OLD SAYBROOK PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING BOARD  
Thanks The Community for Their Generous Donations In 2019!

The generous donations made in 2019 by residents and businesses to the Nursing Board's Nightingale Fund enabled the board to give nine scholarships totaling \$18,000 this year. The scholarship recipients are, Maeve Foley, Timothy Jacoboski, Madeline Kawecki, Abigail LaFreniere, Claudia Spedding, Kathryn Spotts, Jessica Stratton, Jewelia Taylor and Kelsey True, all Old Saybrook residents. The Public Health Nursing Board responding to the shortage of trained nurses established the Nightingale Fund in 2005 to help fund annual nursing scholarships for Old Saybrook residents. Many of our past scholarship recipients are currently working in key professional nursing positions in our state which is both gratifying and a testament to the success of this program.

The community response to the nursing scholarship appeal was inspiring and the Nursing Board would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generosity:

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The 2020 Nightingale Appeal is still in progress. It is not too late to send in a donation. Please mail to the OSPHNB Nightingale Fund, Town Hall 302 Main St., Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Any amount will help.

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*"The Coronavirus Crisis is shining an international spotlight on the critical -but often unseen- work of nurses in the United States and abroad, nursing leaders say."*



# Old Saybrook Garden Club



*"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."  
- Audrey Hepburn*

Never in the history of Old Saybrook Garden Club have the members been more anxious to plant; for we are all hoping for a better tomorrow. COVID 19 has changed the very fabric of our lives in so many ways. Our annual May Market was cancelled, along with our regular meetings and festivities. However, we did it! Following social distancing, our members worked on the beautification projects for Old Saybrook. It started with the BIG PLANT. Members, with the assistance from OSPD for safety, planted the medians with an array of colors. Whether you live in town, or are visiting stop by the Acton library to see the outside planters. The Constitution Garden, in front of Saybrook Home, the Main Street medians and the Old Saybrook Firehouse garden are in full bloom. Please be aware that the Main Street median gardens are meticulously tended to by members of our Club, so please be on the lookout for member's wearing orange vests. Safety is our number one priority.



member of the Old Saybrook Garden club for many years. She was passionate about gardening and education. She was the chairperson for the Old Saybrook Garden Club Scholarship Committee. The committee is pleased to announce that Jampel Dorjee, a graduate of Old Saybrook High School, was awarded the Loretta Scribner Memorial Scholarship. Jampel plans on attending Princeton University in New Jersey, majoring in Environment and Sustainability Management. The Old Saybrook Garden Club annual scholarship was awarded to Margaret Czarzasty, who also attended Old Saybrook High School. She plans to attend University of Delaware and major in Agriculture. Congratulations to Margaret and Jampel and we wish you the best!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!

Our Scholarship Committee had also been very busy reviewing the many applicants for two scholarships that were awarded this year: the annual Old Saybrook Garden Club Scholarship Award and the Loretta Scribner Memorial Scholarship. Loretta was an active

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If interested in becoming a member of the Old Saybrook Garden Club, email: [velainegilmore@comcast.net](mailto:velainegilmore@comcast.net). Follow all our activities and keep up to date on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/oldsaybrookgardenclub](http://www.facebook.com/oldsaybrookgardenclub) and "like" us.

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# Old Saybrook Conservation Commission

The 50th year celebration of Earth Day came and went on April 22 in the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Old Saybrook Conservation Commission was planning a local event for April 4 that, like many other events, had to be canceled. But it's never too late to think about the significance of Earth Day, what it symbolizes and how we can take action every day and make a difference.

On April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the US. The Clean Air, Clean Water and

Endangered Species Act were created in response to the first Earth Day as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many countries soon adopted similar laws. Much has been done over the past 50 years but it's hard to ignore the impact of climate change. Now that life has slowed down for all of us, it's a perfect time for thoughtful reflection and commitment to bettering our world. Start with the 3 R's of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Some of you may remember the Conservation Commission promoting "Plastic Free July"

last year; why not every month be Plastic Free? How about finally getting that composting bin going? Anything that decreases what goes into our landfills is a positive. Involve your family and neighbors.

To quote Margaret Mead - *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

Christine Picklo,  
OS Conservation Commission Chair

# Sustainable Saybrook CT

Old Saybrook has been a bronze-certified Sustainable CT community since 2018.

Sustainable CT is a state-wide, voluntary certification program that provides a wide-ranging menu of strategies which guide communities to be thriving, resilient, collaborative and forward-looking. There are ten action categories; we will highlight one action in each article in this series.


## SECOND STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABILITY-ACTION 2: Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

Preserving our natural resources is a good strategy for sustaining Old Saybrook's well-being. To do so, the Town partners with local and regional organizations to implement specific tactics, such as:


- **Promote Watershed Protection and Water Conservation.**  
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including its Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, Aquifer Protection Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, Plan of Conservation and Development, Zoning Regulations, and educational materials available to the public.

- **Preserve Open Space, Wildlife and Natural Resources.** The Town, along with the Old Saybrook Land Trust and other partners, has preserved more than 2,700 acres for public enjoyment and/or natural resource conservation and habitat, and continues to identify other key parcels for preservation.
- **Manage Invasive Species and Green Grounds Practices for Municipal Properties.** The Town uses Best Management Practices for the maintenance of its properties and removes invasive species whenever practicable. For example, pervious paving and bio-retention areas are used, which allow storm water to be absorbed on site rather than run off into a stream or storm drain.
- **Implement Low Impact Development (LID.)** The Town encourages the implementation of LID solutions through its Zoning Regulations and public education. The installation of a rain garden at Acton Public Library demonstrates LID in practice.

For more information visit [Sustainablect.org](http://Sustainablect.org). To get involved locally, contact Land Use Director Christine Nelson at: [Cnelson@oldsaybrookct.gov](mailto:Cnelson@oldsaybrookct.gov).

#### GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

Wondering if your property is in a flood zone? Or what the acreage, dimensions, or assessment are? You might be able to save yourself a trip to Town Hall by going online. Like many local government agencies, the Town of Old Saybrook uses geographic information systems (GIS) as a digital data repository. A GIS is a digital map, very much like Google maps. Old Saybrook's digital mapping system is called MapGeo, and can be accessed from the Town's website [oldsaybrookct.gov](http://oldsaybrookct.gov) by clicking on the GIS/Maps icon.

MapGeo includes typical map data like roads, place names and water features, plus building footprints, paved areas and property lines. But it also includes access to other "layers" of data.

By turning "on" these data layers you can see where wetlands,

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floodplains, zoning districts, and other features are. While the map data is for informational purposes only and in most cases should not take the place of actual field inventory and analysis, it does give users a very good indication about the location of certain features.

Property information is also available and can be searched by address or property owner. By clicking on a property you can see details including ownership, land area, valuation, building layout and much more. You can even see a street-view of the property. You don't need to be a resident or pay a fee- all of the data is free and available to the public.

Old Saybrook Land Use and Building Department staff is also in the process of digitizing all property files for availability online. This includes any site-specific data that has been submitted, such as



A MapGeo view of Saybrook Point with the wetlands layer turned on.

surveys, building permit applications, site plans, historic inventory data, etc. Once this is completed, the information will be available by clicking on "documents" in the MapGeo system. We hope you will visit MapGeo and explore all that's available!

## Street Trees - The Urban Forest

Trees planted along the streets in Old Saybrook are an interesting biological community of organisms interacting with their physical environment. They retain stormwater, reduce air and water pollution, mitigate climate change, and reduce the effects of sun-heated pavement. Improv-

ing and growing trees in such an "urban environment" benefits wildlife, too, by providing food, shelter and nesting. For us, the existence or absence of trees defines the character of our neighborhoods. In 1846, citizens of Old Saybrook held a tree planting event to beautify the town's streets with

American elms, which were common street trees throughout New England at the time. Today, few of these elms remain due to disease and severe weather, but of those that do yet stand, they are cherished by the many townspeople who recognize the ongoing effort to maintain an urban forest.



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In fact, residents' appreciation for how trees improve the character of the town center, the Boston Post Road and even in neighborhoods throughout town is increasing demand for street trees in Old Saybrook.

A permit is required for any work in a public right-of-way including tree planting and tree removal. Residents and businesses undertaking tree improvements need to adhere to certain best management practices for tree planting to ensure adequate soil volume, nutrients, aeration and proper

watering to help maintain and establish a healthy urban forest. Potential conflicts between trees and pavement is challenging, especially with limited space. You have no doubt seen planting strips or tree pits too small to accommodate the planted tree causing adjacent sidewalks to heave and break, creating potential hazards for pedestrians. Trees that grow too high or spread too widely can also interfere with utility lines and pedestrian or traffic movement. It is best to consult with a professional when determining the best tree for its location

The urban forest of Old Saybrook will always be changing due to land development, tree growth, natural regeneration, tree planting, and tree maintenance. And, we value the important ecosystem services it provides us.

**Source:**

*D'Amato NE, Sydnor TD, Hunt R, Bishop B (2002). Root growth beneath sidewalks near trees of four genera. Journal of Arboriculture 28:283-290.*

## The Probate Court and You

A little known, and rarely used function of the Probate Court surfaced with this spring's daffodils at precisely the same time the COVID-19 pandemic blossomed in Connecticut - the court's jurisdiction over appeals of quarantine and isolation orders.

This facet of the court's authority is rarely seen because it typically comes into play in very specific and infrequent circumstances. Nevertheless, during a public health emergency, the Commissioner of Public Health may issue an order of isolation or quarantine to a person who: 1) is reasonably believed to be infected or exposed to

a communicable disease such as COVID-19; 2) poses a significant threat to public health; and the Commissioner believes that quarantine or isolation is the least restrictive alternative to protecting and preserving public health. When Governor Lamont declared a public health emergency on March 10, 2020, he authorized and directed the Commissioner of Public Health to delegate its powers to order isolation or quarantine to local and regional public health directors, as its agent.

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Quarantine refers to the physical separation or confinement of a person who has been exposed to a communicable disease, such as COVID-19, in order to prevent transmission to the general public. Isolation refers to the physical separation or confinement of a person who is infected with a communicable disease in order to prevent or limit the transmission of the disease to the general public. As Connecticut residents realized that COVID-19 infection could have severe consequences, including death, many residents voluntarily went into quarantine or isolation when they became aware of their own personal exposure to COVID-19, experienced symptoms of COVID-19, or received a positive COVID-19 test result, without the need for orders from local health directors.

During a public health emergency, individuals who receive orders of isolation or quarantine, and believe them to be inappropriate, have the ability to appeal the order to the Probate Court for the district where the individual is isolated or quarantined. The Probate Court holds a hearing within 3 days of receipt of the appeal. The request for the hearing does not automatically stay the quarantine or isolation order. Because of the inability to practice proper social distancing during an appeal hearing, each Probate Court has secure video conferencing capability to allow the individual subject to the isolation/quarantine order to participate in the hearing.

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to meet the critical needs of the vulnerable individuals we serve, the Saybrook District Probate Court remains open for normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30), with reduced staffing in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Thank you to the dedicated court staff, and especially Chief Clerk, Sharon Tiezzi, for an exceptional job in rising to meet our community needs during a very challenging time.

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# Live From Your Living Room: The Kate TV

While the doors of the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center (the Kate) remain closed due to the coronavirus health emergency, music fans can still enjoy performances from the comfort of their living rooms. Season five of “The Kate,” the national television series produced by Connecticut Public Television, is now streaming on [www.thekate.tv](http://www.thekate.tv) and on public television stations (check your local listings.)

The program evokes the high-spirited independent spirit of Katharine Hepburn by featuring charismatic performers with something unique to say. Filmed in front of a live audience at the Kate, the series steps outside of the traditional live music television format with up close and personal artist interviews.

Season five includes country music star Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives; American roots trio The Wood Brothers; blues and rock icon Delbert McClinton; Blue Note recording artist Kandace Springs; the classic funk sound of Karl Denson’s Tiny Universe; and the folk-triad Joseph. Performances from past seasons are also available for streaming, including Sheila E.; Marc Cohn and the Blind Boys of Alabama; and John Oates, among others.

Having just celebrated its first decade in September 2019, the not-for-profit Kate never expected to have to postpone or cancel



Marty Stuart at The Kate. Photo by Stephen Fritzerå.

more than 100 shows midway through its eleventh year. “It’s been difficult in that we miss our patrons and our volunteers,” said Brett Elliott, Executive Director. “Though the Kate is feeling the direct impact of all of this, through careful planning and responsible management we will weather this storm.” The organization continues to follow all health and safety guidelines as outlined by the Governor and looks forward to a time when the Kate can once again open its doors.

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## THE SIEGE & BATTLES OF SAYBROOK FORT DURING THE PEQUOT WAR

The Pequot War was an epic clash of cultures between European settlers and Pequot natives and America's first planned war against the native peoples. It was brief and bloody and ended in defeat and devastation of the Pequot and it set a pattern for settler and native relations for years come.

*"On the Edge of Uncertainty: The Siege and Battles of Saybrook Fort During the Pequot War, 1636-1637"* is a new publication from the Historical Society that tells the story of international intrigue and trade, shifting alliances and betrayals, and the story of one man's struggle to survive and save his small settlement. Until now, we knew very little about the Fort and the sieges that occurred there. But here - based on years of archaeological and historical research - is this exciting story of America's most neglected war.

Author James Powers has examined newly discovered documents and archaeological findings to tell this story in a concise, comprehensive and compelling way. The 90-page publication was made possible with the generous support of Saybrook Point Resort & Marina and printed by Essex Printing. It is available from the Historical Society for \$15, or special Historical Society member price of \$10 and can be ordered

online at: [saybrookhistory.org](http://saybrookhistory.org) or send payment to Old Saybrook Historical Society, Box 4, 350 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

## OLD SAYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY WINS 2020 AASLH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) recently announced that the Old Saybrook Historical Society was selected for the 2020 Award of Excellence for its project, "The Siege and Battles of Saybrook Fort and the Pequot War." The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 75th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. With funding from the National Park Service's "American Battlefield Protection Program," and additional support from CT Humanities, the Historical Society created display panels, an elementary and secondary curriculum, a brochure for touring the battle sites, an exhibit of newly discovered artifacts, interpretative historic signs to inform the public and encourage the preservation of historic sites, and the new publication *"Edge of Uncertainty: The Siege and Battles of Saybrook Fort During the Pequot War, 1636-1637."*

## JANE & KEITH BOLLES RECEIVE PRESERVATION AWARD

For their preservation and protection of the Ambrose Whittlesey House (1765 and 1799) and their thoughtful maintenance of an

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important architectural and cultural resource, the Old Saybrook Historical Society has presented the Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation to Jane and Keith Bolles, owners of Saybrook Home.

The building was selected as an outstanding example of the preservation and adaptive reuse of an historic structure and serves to anchor and influence the development of Main Street and the Boston Post Road. Ceremonies were recently held at Saybrook Home where a bronze plaque was unveiled and commendations offered by Marie McFarlin, president of the Historical Society, Carl Fortuna, First Selectman of Old Saybrook and Jane Montanaro, Executive Director of CT Preservation, formerly the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. The original house was built in 1765 and added to in 1799 by Ambrose Whittlesey, a sea captain and merchant whose family was among the early settlers in Saybrook. It remained in the Whittlesey family until 1967 when it was purchased by Margaret (“Peggy”) and R. Linsley (“Shep”) Shepherd and later sold to become the Marlboro Country Barn of Old Saybrook. That name was changed in 1997 to Saybrook Country Barn and then in 2019 to Saybrook Home.

#### WISHING SUCCESS TO STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

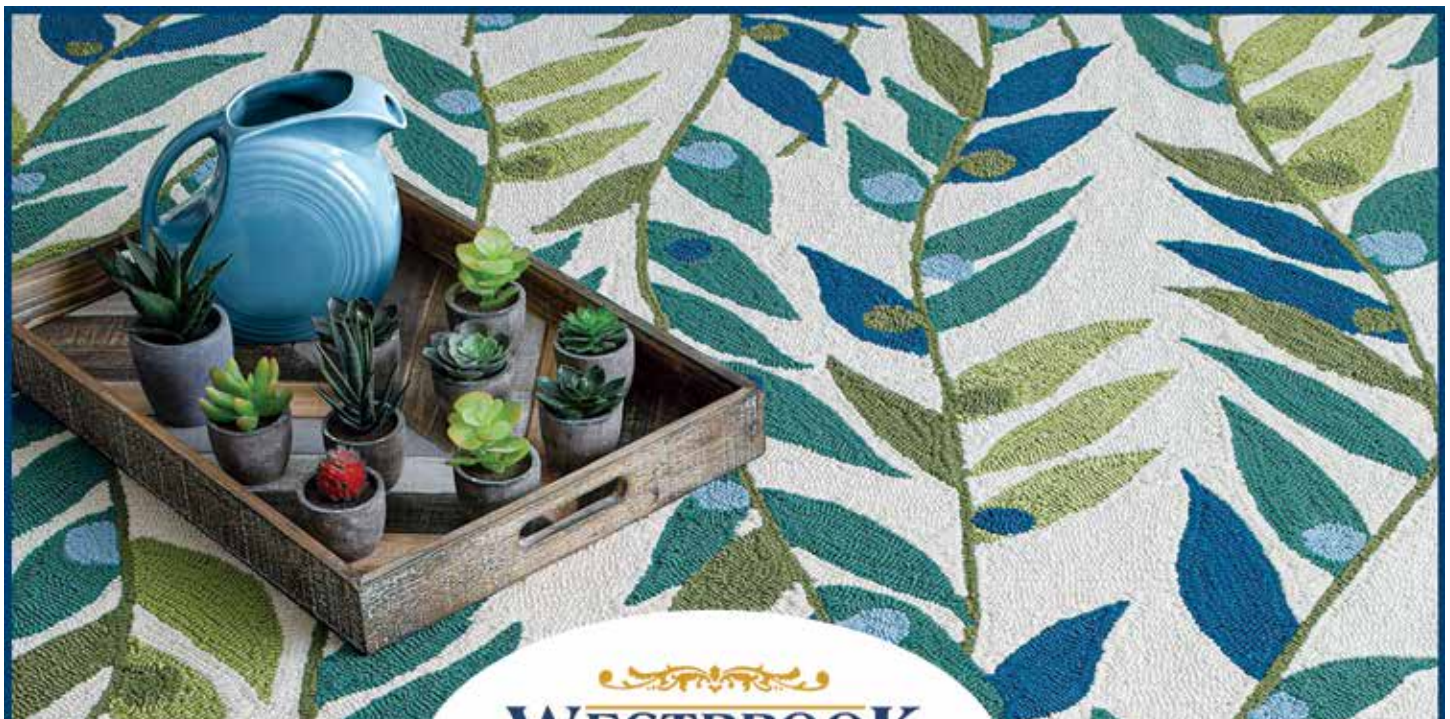
Congratulation from the Historical Society to our senior volunteers, Aliana Castro, Jampel Dorjee, Maggie Maselli, Carissa Schilke, Maddie Sheahan and Sydney Smirnow on their outstanding high school careers and graduation. We wish them success in their future endeavors. These students volunteered with the Society starting in the summer before

ninth grade. They served as guides at the General William Hart House and provided assistance with our programs and fundraisers. They mentored younger students, were responsible, loyal and eager learners. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the end of their senior year did not go as planned but, while they were sad, they accepted the changed circumstances with their usual thoughtful and generous attitude. We are so proud of each of you!

#### ARTIST MAREK SARBA PRESENTS JOHN WINTHROP, JR.

One of the most treasured possessions of the Old Saybrook Historical Society is the waistcoat of John Winthrop, Jr., (1606-1676) the first governor of the Saybrook settlement, later governor of Connecticut colony who (with the help of his friends the Lord Say and Sele and Lord Brook) obtained a charter uniting Connecticut and New Haven colonies and providing a large degree of self-government. While the waistcoat is displayed in a plexiglass case, the accompanying picture representing John Winthrop, Jr. is a rather gloomy and gray image. Marek Sarba, an accomplished artist whose works hang in several national galleries, and longtime supporter of the Historical Society, thought Winthrop deserved better representation.

Marek went to work learning about Winthrop. Then he took to his own canvas. After two years of research, studying, reading and painting, he surprised Historical Society president Marie McFarlin with a captivating portrait of John Winthrop, Jr. which included an attractive waistcoat. The Historical Society is fortunate to have Marek as a member.



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