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First Selectman's Corner

Essex Friends & Neighbors,

The Connecticut Office of Tourism again conducted its Still Revolutionary fan-favorite town campaign. This social media program allows people to vote for the Connecticut town "that they think most embodies the spirit of the state's brand, Connecticut still revolutionary - a haven for original ideas and innovation that offers a dynamic blend of experiences." Participants had the opportunity to vote for their favorite business, destination or attraction within that town as well. Voting ended on July 25, let's hope that Essex fared as well as it deserves to.

The Town of Essex Transfer Station & Recycling Center has new procedures and requirements that we would like our residents to be aware of. Effective October 1, 2014 annual stickers or pre-paid punch cards will be required for fee based services. Additionally, no cash will be accepted at the Transfer Station, only check, debit and credit cards may be used for payment. The annual stickers and punch cards will be available for purchase at the Town Clerk's office, punch cards may also be purchased at the transfer station. Please see our Transfer Station brochure on our website or at the Town Hall for full information, or you may call 860-767-1926.

Although the Town of Essex does not have an ordinance on the hours of operation in which a contractor or landscaper may

work at a property in our community. We would expect such hours to be 7am-5pm on weekdays with more limited work on the weekends. We all rely on our residents to be neighborly and considerate by ensuring that construction, and the use of power tools and landscaping equipment be used only during these times. A few concerns on this have been brought to my attention



First Selectman
Norm Needleman

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Stay Informed

Signing up for the Essex News e-mail list will provide you with information and updates on events from the First Selectman's Office. (Your address will be used solely for this purpose.) To add yourself to the list, email your contact information to essexnews@essexct.gov with the subject **Town Email List**.

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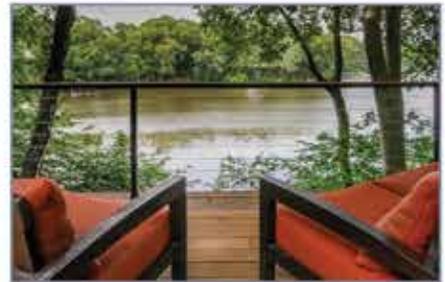
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Janet Peckinpaugh 860.985.3659



Essex: 1850 Federal on a village street of historic homes. Wide pine floors, 4 fireplaces, First floor MBR suite. Pristine condition, updated interiors. Views of CT River.
MLS: M9145836 \$845,900
Colette Harron 860.304.2391



Essex: This newly remodeled Essex escape is set on 1.25 private landscaped acres with views of the CT River. This 3BR one floor living consists of custom built-ins & cabinetry.
MLS: M9147205 \$795,000
Jamie Childs 860.501.2110



Essex: TRULY ESSEX! Walk to town. Land Trust is your backyard, town tennis & children's park steps away. 3BR, 3 baths, detailed wood work throughout, CA, custom stone outdoor grill.
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Essex: Watch the parade of boats enter Hamburg Cove from this hilltop location overlooking the scenic Connecticut River. Opportunity to renovate, expand or build a new luxury home.
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Jennifer & Jane Associates 860.227.6635



Ivoryton: Ranch with 3BRs in quiet, convenient neighborhood on open 1 acre lot. Huge kitchen, gathering room, family room and living room with tpl. Outbuilding that can be office, workshop or guest quarters.
MLS: M9148876 \$229,000
Joe Kelly 860.287.1222



Essex: Spectacular views from this waterfront condo. LR w/fpl and wood floors. Extremely well maintained unit. Newer bath. Owner is willing to leave condo partially furnished.
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lately and just a use of common sense and common courtesy towards your neighbors should alleviate any problems and would be much appreciated by me and your neighbors.

Selectwoman Stacia Libby is chairing a committee who will oversee the work related to the Main Street Investment Fund (MSIF) grant awarded to the Village of Ivoryton. The project serves to enhance a shared "Village Center" around Main, Ivory and Summit Streets in Ivoryton. The grant funds will be used for intersection improvements at Summit Street and Main Street; installing new cross walks, renovating existing cross-walks, and other improvements. Proposals were submitted in June for the survey and design work.

Selectman Bruce Glowac is leading a capital committee focus group for the Town as we are examining a number of capital projects that may go out to bond. The Capital Improvement Project/Building Committee will soon present a needs based assessment of its findings to the Board of Selectman. Thank you to Bruce for his efforts leading these initiatives. Our most pressing needs examined thus far include repairs to the school and Town Hall buildings, as well as necessary bridge repairs. The Town is already moving ahead on the Rehabilitation of the Walnut Street Bridge over the Falls River in Ivoryton.

At the time of this writing, the Essex Civic Campus Enhancement Project is nearing completion as final work on the tennis court, site landscaping, and grounds remediation

continues and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. We are thrilled with the final product that this project, funded largely by a state grant, was able to provide and have seen many ways in which it has been a success already for our community. The playground has been greatly used and enjoyed, and our new parking lots have been successful in supporting Town-wide events. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for September 10, please stay tuned for more details.

I would like to thank all the Essex residents and voters who participated in our annual budget process. A \$23,056,963 combined town and schools budget plan for 2014-2015 was approved by the voters at the annual budget meeting. The total spending package, which is up by 1.64 percent from the current total, includes a \$7,202,161 town government budget, a \$7,742,313 appropriation for Essex Elementary School, and the Town's \$8,112,489 share of the Region 4 education budget. The Board of Finance set a mill rate of 20.99 to fund the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget.

We are now again in hurricane season. Listed as June 1 through November 30, these dates conventionally are period each year when most tropical cyclones form in the Atlantic basin, though the formation of such storms is possible at any time. Simply put, we should all be informed, make a plan, build a kit, and prepare for during and after storms. Town staff and officials, led by Emergency Management director Bill Buckridge, recently participated in a statewide drill as the Town prepares its Emergency Operations Center. An emergency kit

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Essex: Fall in Love with this Village Gem. Mint cond, beautifully appointed and updated. Great KT W/FP, MBR ste, 4Th BR on 3rd flr, lovely gardens, water views & water access. Steps to Village. \$695,000 RogerParkman.com 203-676-1061 DianeGregory.com 860-395-8433



Essex: Charming antique Cape in the Village area. Sunlit rooms, 3FPs, potential 1st fl BR w/FP. Original wide board flrs & exposed beams. L-shaped sunroom w/southern exposure for summer enjoyment. \$449,000 ShaneBonanno.com 860-227-7353 PeterBonanno.com 860-227-9798



Essex: Natural light floods this newly renovated Essex Ranch. Open flr plan creates wonderful living space. Lge private deck. 2C gar w/storage. Corner lot less than a mile from town. \$399,500 PatrickCallahan.net 860-227-1587



Essex: Copy:Waterfront, 2 bedroom Townhouse with panoramic views of the CT River in a park-like setting. Includes pool, dock and area for canoes/kayaks. \$239,000 JamesLeo.com 860-227-5975



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checklist and the Emergency Preparedness Guidebook are located on the Emergency Management page of the town website: <http://www.essexct.gov/emergency-management>.

There is much to see and do in Essex this time of year and I encourage you to support our local events, businesses and organizations. The Park & Recreation Department's Summer Concerts Series has a few shows remaining; Essex Steam Train,

Connecticut River Museum, and Ivoryton Playhouse always provide great experiences now and in the fall. Remember that you can keep further informed on "what's happening" in Essex by signing up to receive our e-newsletter Essex News. To register for Essex News, send an email request to raudet@essexct.gov, or fill out a card at Town Hall.

All my best,

Norman Needleman, First Selectman

Village of Ivoryton Named to The National Register Of Historic Places

The National Parks Service has recently announced that it has added the Village of Ivoryton to the National Register of Historic Places. According to the National Parks Service website, "The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources." Ivoryton is the first of Essex's historic Villages to be added to the National Register.

Ivoryton resident and Town Selectman Stacia Libby noted that "This is another important step for our Village. This recognition brings the deep and important history of Ivoryton full-circle to the revitalization that we see happening today."

The process for adding Ivoryton to the National Register began several years ago with a Subcommittee of the Essex Planning Commission. The Planning Commission had been concerned about the potential loss of architectural character and heritage throughout Essex, and created a Subcommittee to study this topic, as well as making recommendations about preserving and safeguarding the Town's historic character.

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One of the first steps taken through the Subcommittee was to survey and document representative historic buildings in each of the three Villages of Essex, Centerbrook, and Ivoryton. This survey, funded through the State Historic Preservation Office, resulted in an in-depth documentation of nearly 100 structures across the Town. The extensive work of former Town Historian Don Malcarne was critical to this documentation.

The architectural historian who conducted the survey, Phil Esser of Epsilon Systems, was very impressed with the wealth of architectural gems in Ivoryton, and called it one of the best-preserved “company towns” from the Industrial era in New England that he’d ever seen. With his recommendations, the Subcommittee decided to proceed with a full analysis and nomination of the Village of Ivoryton to the National Register.

This nomination involved an extensive survey and documentation of structures throughout Ivoryton, analysis of their contribution to the architectural heritage and history of the Village, and the determination of the appropriate boundaries of the proposed historic district. The area deemed “contributing” to the National Register area is roughly bounded by Main Street, North Main Street, Oak Street, Blake Street, Summit Street, Park Road, and Comstock Avenue. In total, over three hundred structures were examined, with over 230 deemed to be “contributing” to the unique history of the Village – a remarkably high number in such a compact area.

In naming Ivoryton to the National Register, the Parks Service quoted from the nomination, which stated:

“The Ivoryton Historic District is significant under Criteria A, B, and C at the state and local levels as a well-preserved example of a nineteenth-century company town built by Comstock, Cheney, & Co., an ivory import and manufacturing business established in the 1860s by Ivoryton native Samuel Merritt Comstock and partner George A. Cheney. Its resources illustrate important contributions to the development of the ivory industry in the United States as well as the socio-economic phenomenon of the “company town” in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. At the local level, the district represents Connecticut River Valley industry in the late nineteenth century as well as the brief period of increased worker immigration from Sweden, Germany, Italy, and Poland to Connecticut up until the start of World War I, illustrated by segregated worker housing in various locations throughout Ivoryton. The two largest American ivory manufacturers, Comstock, Cheney, & Co. and Pratt, Read & Co., were located just a few miles away from one another along the Connecticut River, and commanded a monopoly on all ivory production in the United States. Between 1860 and 1938, “Ivoryton” (unique among American town names) became a self-sufficient industrial center that employed and housed up to 600 workers, many of them immigrants, at its height. The historic district consists of early Colonial structures representing the agrarian village before its industrial transformation, mid - to late-nineteenth-century ivory processing and manufacturing buildings, high-style Victorian homes for company executives, modest vernacular homes and tenements for factory workers,

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Old Saybrook Water Views: The Asa Kirtland House, c.1805, is a historic enthusiast's dream. A welcoming foyer with beautiful staircase, period paneling and architectural details are melded with today's amenities. In North Cove. Offered at \$ 1,185,000



Essex Village Water Views: An impeccable renovation brings this airy and gracious village gem with water views of North Cove to mellow perfection. A newly designed marble master bath, coffered ceiling, custom cabinetry and lovely gardens. Offered at \$1,150,000



Deep River Colonial: From a quintessential country road, a private drive leads to this sophisticated and well appointed home. An open floor plan highlighted by a stunning oversized kitchen makes entertaining a must! Offered at \$650,000



Essex Country Home: Move right into this beautifully expanded and renovated New England cape. Open interior features a fabulous great room, luxurious master suite and large deck overlooking the wooded yard—perfect for outdoor dining! Offered at \$549,000



Essex Classic Contemporary: If you saw this home last fall, LOOK AGAIN! New designer kitchen and new 1st floor luxurious master bath are a few of the recent enhancements. Set on a scenic country road close to Essex Village. Offered at \$475,000



Essex: A picture perfect gambrel exudes charm, comfort and attention to detail. A newly renovated eat-in kitchen opens to a family room with fireplace. Formal living and dining rooms have crown molding and hard wood flooring. Offered at \$475,000

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and public buildings such as churches, a post office, company store, library, and a town meeting hall. Although some of the factory buildings have been demolished, the industry-defining bleach houses are gone, many houses have been remodeled, and the village itself sustained damage in a flood in 1982. Ivoryton's historic character remains intact as an example of a planned community not unlike more formalized "company towns" in an industry unique to the Connecticut River Valley. The period of significance ranges from the construction of earliest known extant building (Joseph Parker Homestead; ca. 1719) to the divestment of company-owned housing in 1938."

The addition of the Village of Ivoryton to the National Register represents a tribute to the excellent historic character and the outstanding contributions that Ivoryton made to the Industrial era in New England. It is entirely an honorary designation that carries no regulatory burden. National Register listing places carries no obligations on private property owners. There are no restrictions on the use, treatment, transfer, or disposition of private property. On the contrary, the designation of the Village opens up potential opportunities for property owners to receive funding assistance for renovations or restorations to buildings that would preserve or enhance the historic character of the Village. Both Federal and State Historic Tax Credit programs are in place to provide

a substantial cost-share for construction expenses. More information on these tax programs, as well as the National Register itself, can be found on the National Parks Service website, <http://www.nps.gov/nr/>.

The Essex Planning Commission, based on recommendations of the Subcommittee that initiated this process, will be considering similar studies and potential nominations for the Villages of Centerbrook and Essex. Discussion and decisions on these goals will be included as part of the Commission's ongoing update of the comprehensive Essex Plan of Conservation & Development. More information on that process can be obtained by visiting the Town's website at <http://www.essexct.gov/planning/> or contacting John Guskowski, the Town Planner at planner@essexct.gov.

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Old Saybrook - Beautiful historic home with stunning views of the Connecticut River and the entrance to North Cove. This 1870 home was totally renovated and the effective age is 2002. The current owners spared no expense in creating and finishing this home. Offered at \$2,650,000



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Old Saybrook - Fenwick year round waterfront with beach, 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. Views of Long Island Sound. Unique lifestyle with golf, swimming, tennis and boating. Deep water marina nearby. Close to The Kate Theatre and gourmet restaurants. Offered At \$2,300,000



NEW LISTING

Old Saybrook - Fenwick, rarely available approved building lot. Amazing views of Long Island Sound, two light houses and the Connecticut River. An ideal building location. Subject to deed restrictions. Offered at \$1,998,000



Old Saybrook - Spacious modern style ranch. Three bedrooms, three full baths on 3+ beautifully landscaped acres in desirable Otter Cove. Lovely views of pond for kayaking and fishing. Comfortable one-floor living. Offered at \$849,000



NEW LISTING

Essex - 1850 Federal on a village street of historic homes. Wide pine floors, 4 FPs, first floor master bedroom suite. Pristine condition, updated interiors. Beautiful mature gardens and views of the CT River. 5 minute walk to Village. Offered at \$845,900



Essex - Village Antique c. 1860 restored and upgraded while preserving historical integrity, 3 fireplaces, wood flrs, 2 full baths, upgraded kitch, electrical, new furnace, windows, counters & tile. AC throughout, inground pool, studio. Offered at \$725,000



Old Saybrook - Spectacular views from this approved building lot overlooking the mouth of the CT River and North Cove. 12.64 acres total - 1.68 is an approved building lot. 11+ acres are wetlands with fully permitted dock. Totally peaceful and private. Offered at \$699,900



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Fifth Annual Run Local/Read Local

Wear A Costume And Win A Prize! The Fifth Annual Run Local/Read Local 5k Road and Trail Run/Walk Race benefiting the Ivoryton Library is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. All participants are encouraged to wear costumes.

This fun, family-friendly event is sponsored Essex Park & Recreation and Essex Land Trust. The run begins at 9:15 am near the Library and the route meanders through historic Ivoryton continuing into Falls River Farms and the Falls River Preserve before circling back to end at the Library. Awards are presented to top runners and walkers as well as for the best Halloween costumes.

The "Pumpkin Run," a special run event for children 8 and under, begins on the Ivoryton Green at 8:45 am. This short race loops around the Ivoryton Green. Pumpkin Run registration is \$5 and all participants receive a medal and a pumpkin they can paint after the race.

Pick up applications at the Ivoryton Library or register online at <http://www.ivoryton.com/>. Registration is also available directly through the timing company at <http://register.aratrace.com/search/event.aspx?id=26802>.

All benefits support the Ivoryton Library. Checks should be made payable to the Ivoryton Library Association. **Entry Fees:** 5K Pre-registration up to October 16: \$20; 5K Race Day Registration: \$25; Pumpkin Run: \$5. The first 200 entrants for the 5k receive a t-shirt. For more information contact Judy Saunders at 860-581-8108.



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Option 1: Residents can purchase an annual sticker which is affixed to the windshield of their car. This allows residents to bring their household trash to the usual trash compactor and eliminates the \$3 per bag cash payment they were previously required to put into the cash collection box.

Option 2: Residents can purchase a punch card which allows them to bring 10 household trash bags to the usual trash compactor and eliminates the \$3 per bag cash payment they were previously required to put into the cash collection box.

Option 3: Residents can pay by check, debit or credit card to bring their household trash to the usual trash compactor and eliminates the \$3 per bag cash payment they were previously required to put into the cash collection box.

Annual stickers and punch cards are available for purchase at the Town Clerk's Office in the Essex Town Hall using Cash

or Check. The annual stickers are \$125 for residents and \$75 for senior residents (65 years old or over). The sticker must be affixed to the vehicle's windshield and residents are given 2 stickers per household. Punch cards are \$25 per card and valid for 10 trash bags each. Proof of residency is required to purchase the annual sticker and punch cards.

Punch cards are available for purchase at the Essex Transfer Station using Check, Debit or Credit Card only. No cash is accepted at the transfer station. Punch cards are \$25 per card and valid for 10 trash bags each. Proof of residency is required to purchase the punch card.

Eliminating the cash transactions at the transfer station achieves several goals. It streamlines resident's time through the transfer station as they no longer have to bring exact change for the cash collection box or wait for change to be made from larger denomination bills. It also reduces the time consuming accounting and cash verification process for employees at both the transfer station and town hall.

For additional information, please see the new Transfer Station & Recycling Center brochure which is on the town hall website or call the town hall at 860-767-4340.



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Essex Garden Club Announces 2014 Scholarships

The Essex Garden Club is pleased to announce the winners of its 2014 scholarships:

Scholarships of \$1,100 each were award to three Essex students: Tyler Jaynes, Senior at VRHS, will attend the University of Vermont. Sarah Watson will be a sophomore at Gettysburg College. Allyson Clark will be a freshman at Drew University.

Additionally, 13 campership awards of \$125 each were given to Essex Park and Recreation Summer session. These will be distributed by Park and Recreation. Three awards of \$520 were given to Bushy Hill Nature Center to be distributed by the Center.

The Essex Garden Club congratulates all the winners and thanks the Essex community for its ongoing support which allows the Club to provide these educational opportunities to our students.

The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP)

2 Dinners Served Every Week In Essex: SSKP serves two family-style hot dinners prepared fresh by volunteers every week in Essex. Every Monday from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, at the Baptist Church of Essex, 10 Prospect Street. Every Tuesday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 23 Main Street. The meals are free of charge and all are welcome.

Food Pantry Every Week For Essex Residents: Any resident of Essex may attend 1 of SSKP’s 5 food pantries each week, located in Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Clinton, Old Lyme and East Lyme. The pantries provide fresh and non-perishable food for those in need. Essex residents will receive enough food from the pantry for three meals a day for three days for all those in their household. Guests are reminded to bring bags. Visit www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org for a full listing of SSKP’s pantry and meal locations or call (860) 388-1988.

Summer Food Drives Needed. Hunger never takes a vacation. This summer, please remember to help your neighbors in need by organizing a food drive. Call (860) 388-1988 or visit www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org for help and tips on holding a food drive. All donations, no matter what the size, are greatly appreciated.

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Essex Park and Recreation

Essex Park & Recreation Department Mission Statement: Creating the Essex Community through People, Parks, and Programs.

Civic Campus Enhancement Project Ribbon Cutting & Showcase. At the time of this writing, the Civic Campus Enhancement Project including the new playscape and tennis courts is nearing completion. We have set a date for a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and celebration of our project including a showcase of our new tennis courts. Save the date of Wednesday, September 10 for this special occasion, more information will become available soon.

Summer Concert Series. Visitors and local residents alike enjoy Essex Park and Recreation's Annual "Summer Concert Series." This year we have an exceptional musical line-up featuring a variety of genres. For additional information on the "Summer Concert Series" and weather related announcements, visit the Park and Recreation Department page at www.essexct.gov. Our concert schedule for the remainder of 2014 includes:

| Day | Date | Band | Location |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Wednesday | August 6 | Blues on the Rocks | Essex Main Street |
| Tuesday | August 12 | Beatles Forever | Ivoryton Green |

Canine Carnival at Viney Hill Brook Paw Park. Saturday, September 20, 10:00 am. Essex Park & Recreation will host our first annual Canine Carnival event at the Viney Hill Brook Paw Park. The event will feature a variety of fun events and local vendors. This will be a great way for our dog park community to come together and showcase man's best friend. Event and registration information will be available on the Park and Recreation website.

Essex Great Outdoors Pursuit - Family Archery Clinic. Saturday, September 13, 10:00 am at Essex Elementary School. The Essex Great Outdoors Pursuit is a cooperative effort between the Land Trust and Park and Recreation to bring the families of Essex together through positive and healthy outdoor endeavors, while increasing the presence and awareness of our local parks, open spaces, and preserves. Our next event is the Family Archery Clinic where our local archery instructor Bob Russo will lead parent/child groups through an introduction to the sport of archery.

There is still time to register for summer camps and programs...

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through Friday from 8:30 am-3:30 pm at Essex Elementary School, with extended day care available from 8-8:30 am. Field Trips are scheduled every week with the exception of Carnival Week. Our highlights include:

- Sports & Games / Arts & Crafts / Field Trips
- Fun Weekly Themes

Our final weeks of Summer Camp include the weeks of August 4-8 and August 11-15, there is still time to register and join us!

Summer Youth Programs. Summer specialty camps to be held in August include our Girls Lacrosse Camp and Gymnastics Camp. Please see our brochure for full information or call 860-767-4340 x110.

Thank you Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center. We would like to thank Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center for their donation towards our Sound Steps Walking Program pedometers. We have handed out many pedometers to the community so far and still have some left in our office. Please contact us if you would like to receive one and get walking!

Mark Your Calendar...Ivoryton Village Pumpkin Festival. October 25 on the Ivoryton Green from 5-8 pm.

Looking Ahead to Fall Recreation Programs...(For full information please see our Fall Brochure available on our website).

Fall Youth Programs: Mad Science, Field Hockey, Youth Tennis Clinics, Adult Tennis Clinics, Out of the Box Art, Cartwheels, Etc., Karate Kids, Running Rams Track & Field, FUNgineering with LEGO®, Boys Lacrosse, Red Cross – “When I’m in Charge”, Girls Lacrosse, Skyhawks Multi-Sport Program, Kindergarten Basketball, Family Archery, Youth Basketball League, Youth Archery, Adult Drop-In Basketball.

Park and Recreation Commission. The Park and Recreation Commission welcomes the opportunity to help you with issues involving the Department and our Community. The public is invited to attend our meetings, held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

Department Staff.

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Contact Us. We welcome hearing from you our programs, parks, and the operations of our department. Remember to visit our website for updated announcements, program information, online registration and to view our brochure: go to the Town website www.essexct.gov, click Government, then Departments, then Park and Recreation. And...“Like” us on Facebook!

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Essex Historical Society

What has EHS been up to lately? At the end of May, EHS hosted eighty fourth-grade students from Essex Elementary School for tours of Pratt House and Hill's Academy. Archival Angels and Docents were on hand to show the children artifacts from long ago and to explain how life was for children at the time. Hill's Academy houses the EHS archives and serves as a physical reminder of schooling in the 1800s. For the fourth graders to be so close to the children that once studied within the walls of Hill's Academy, it really emphasized the differences between past and present and how much has changed, but not only in terms of schooling. The students were able to use some of the non-technologically advanced toys that children played with in the past, which was a favorite for some. Surprisingly, other children found the antique tools to be their favorite – even after they learned that they would have been expected to use the tools on a daily basis!

At Pratt House, the students took the tour of the home and grounds. Docents explained what daily life in the 1700s and 1800s was for children of the same age and what their role would be within the home. Chores such as cooking, cleaning and tending to the crops in addition to studies were not beyond expectation. Girls also spent hours painstakingly stitching neat letters and script in their samplers. One of these

elaborately sewn fabrics is on display at Pratt House, intricately embroidered by an eleven year old girl – only slightly older than the touring students themselves. Explaining what a lack of plumbing meant in those days was made easier by showing the students the four-seat outhouse, much to their horror. In the upstairs of the barn, the 1800s fully-functioning loom was set up for use for weaving textiles, and the children were able to try their hand at working the contraption.

EHS is grateful for the opportunity to expose modern day kids to tangible reminders of days past and to help keep the history of our town alive. Pratt House is free and open to the public every weekend through September. Please visit and let our docents take you back in time.

Sunday, June 22, 2014 EHS held its Annual Strawberry Social on the grounds of Pratt House. Fortunately the day held beautiful weather which meant dining on strawberry shortcake outside, in the shade of leafy trees. The Sailing Masters, dressed in their historical clothing, marched the distance from the Town Hall to Pratt House, all the while playing their perfectly-timed period music. Once at the Pratt House, the Sailing Masters serenaded the picnickers, as well as drew in passers-by! Several younger EHS volunteers organized olde-time games for children to play, including a hoop toss and egg relay races. With the

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music, games and company of community, one could almost imagine that they were at a social in the 1800s.

At the Strawberry Social, EHS presented the Fourth Annual Preservation Award. Caroline Timmerman accepted the award for the 2014 winner, the Essex Firehouse, Company 1. Known as the "Original Firehouse," the building was originally constructed in 1882 and was used until 1999 when the new Essex Fire Headquarters was completed. The Original Firehouse was restored and is now home to a collection of antiques and memorabilia of the Essex Fire Engine Company.

For 60 years, EHS has strived to promote awareness and understanding of the people, places and events that have shaped the history of Essex. If you would like to learn more about EHS and perhaps, support or become a member of the organization, please visit our website at www.essexhistory.org.

Current and Upcoming Exhibits at Spectrum Gallery

Spectrum Gallery and Artisans Store of Centerbrook, Connecticut presents two summer exhibitions, All Natural and Out of the Box. All Natural, which closes August 10, presents the work of fine artists who incorporate natural materials into their art, artisans who use nature's imagery, and fine art photographers presenting unique views of the natural world. This current Spectrum Gallery exhibit, located at 61 Main Street, Centerbrook, includes abstract and figurative painters; an installation artist who uses printmaking and encaustic; and mixed media artists, sculptors and fine artisans who use a variety of natural substances.

Out of the Box, running August 22 through September 28, presents fine artists who "break out" of the rectangular canvas, sculpt unique objects or shoot photographs of unexpected subjects. These include a painter who "folds" his canvases to work with the illusion of spatial depth within the confines of a two-dimensional surface, and other artists and fine artisans who use a variety of mediums to create mixed media and sculptural pieces.

Spectrum Gallery and Store is open Wednesday-Saturday (11 am-6 pm) and Sunday (11 am-5 pm). The Gallery is an expansion of the non-profit arts organization Arts Center Killingworth which offers classes, workshops, camps, and musical events for all ages. In collaboration with Spectrum, the Arts Center's mission is to provide opportunities for emerging and established artists to display and sell their work. For information about Spectrum, call (860) 767-0742 and visit www.spectrumartgallery.org. For information about the Arts Center Killingworth, call (860) 663-5593 and visit www.artscenterkillingworth.org.



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CT Clean Energy Options Program-Summer 2014 Update

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1. Solarize CT. Essex was recently chosen as one of ten communities to join the Solarize CT program (www.solarizect.com), which is sponsored by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority, Smartpower and the Town of Essex. Solarize CT is a program designed to encourage the adoption of residential solar photovoltaic (PV) systems by deploying a coordinated education, marketing and outreach effort, combined with a tiered pricing structure that provides increased savings to homeowners as more people in one community go solar. The program will offer a variety of financial options to purchase or lease solar equipment.

The Solarize CT program is based on a proven residential aggregation model designed to bring down the cost of solar PV when residents sign up for a pre-selected installer's offering. During the twenty week signup period, the more residents who sign up to install solar, the greater the cost reduction for everyone who participates. And because the installer, the technology and the exact price of PV are provided upfront, it is much easier for residents to make the decision to go solar. Sunlight Solar Energy, has been chosen as the installer for Essex in the Solarize CT Program. Given the depth of their experience in the solar industry, the variety of their equipment options and the good recommendations of Essex homeowners who already have solar arrays designed and installed by Sunlight Solar, we are confident that this will be a great experience for all. Sunlight Solar's Connecticut base is in New Haven. www.sunlightsolar.com.

Some of the advantages of going solar include:

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- Reducing household carbon dioxide emissions.
- Qualifying for federal and state tax credits.
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 2 – Saturday – Visit the home of Mark Reeves at 51 Walnut St, Ivoryton and examine the operation of a 10 kW solar array.

Aug 10 – Sunday – Ivoryton Library. Kids learn to make solar ovens and cook cookies.

Stay tuned to learn more about Solarize Essex on and schedule your free site evaluation. For more information, go to www.solarizect/essex.com.

2. Renewable Energy Program. Essex is dedicating some of the points previously earned to the purchase of a Big Belly Solar Trash Compactor to be installed at the Valley Regional HS athletic field. This unique solar trash compactor has been installed throughout NYC's Times Square as well as many other cities including Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston. This will be one of the first installations in CT and will offer everyone an eye-level example of how solar panels work.

3. Home Energy SolutionsSM (HES). Participating in the HES program not only saves you energy and water costs but also helps our town earn points. For a fee of \$99, Home Energy Solutions will perform an energy assessment, make on the spot improvements including caulking and sealing of critical air leaks, provide and install faucet aerators and energy-saving lighting and provide rebate coupons for appliances, HVAC systems and insulation. For every 100 points earned through participation in energy efficiency programs, the town is eligible to receive a Bright Idea Grant of \$5,000 that can be used toward a community-selected energy-saving project. Check out Home Energy Solutions at www.cl-p.com or call 1-877-947-3873 for more information.

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Gov. Malloy: Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins Reminds Residents to be Prepared

With the 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season beginning June 1, Governor Dannel P. Malloy today is reminding Connecticut residents to be prepared. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the principal threat period for Connecticut occurring between mid-August and mid-October.

"Every home should have a basic emergency plan that can be used for any emergency," said Governor Malloy. "I urge residents to know what potential risks your community and neighborhood may face, such as storm surge, flooding, road or bridge closures."

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner Dora B. Schriro said, "I recommend that all Connecticut residents take three simple preparedness steps now: Get a kit, make a plan, and stay informed. Carefully monitor weather reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials if a storm approaches."

Governor Malloy offers the following preparedness tips:

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help

- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- A manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Family Emergency Plan

- Identify an out-of-town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as emergency contacts
- Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through
- Subscribe to alert services. Go to www.ct.gov/ctalert to register for emergency alerts.

For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit www.ct.gov/hurricane or www.ready.gov.

MILE

MILE (Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education) is a program for people 50 and over to participate in fun, educational sessions at Middlesex Community College. The fall orientation and registration will be held September 13th from 1:00 to 3:30 at the College 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown.

The fee will remain at \$60 and includes both the fall and spring sessions. There are 15 weeks of classes (7 in the fall and

8 in the spring). Each session is 2 hours long and ranges from Blue Grass music, to photography, to World Peace, trusts, the cardiovascular system, the Beatles, gardening to attract birds and butterflies. Those are the subjects of the first two weeks.

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MEALS ON WHEELS – hot meals delivered to your home. Call Peg at 860-388-1611. A \$3 donation request for those aged 60+. Meals are supported by Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds available under the Older Americans Act.

CAFÉ MEAL SITES - Clinton, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook (Thursdays). Reservations required by calling 860-388-1611 by 11 am, 24 hours in advance.

STAN GREIMANN ESTUARY MEDICAL OUTPATIENT TRANSPORTATION. For medical appointments to any medical location beyond the nine-town estuary region. Suggested donation of \$35 for a roundtrip Doctor appointment up to 5 hours. Suggested donation of \$70 for appointments over 5 hours.

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES: : Many various programs. Check the monthly Gazette for all of them at www.ecsenior.org/news_gazette.php.

ESTUARY THRIFT SHOP: Open 10 am - 3:45 pm, Monday - Friday; and from 9 am - 12:45 pm on Saturdays.

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THE MARSHVIEW GALLERY AT THE ESTUARY: Open daily 8 am - 4 pm, and from 9 am - 1 pm Saturdays. The art on exhibit changes monthly and highlights the talents of local artists from along the shoreline. Join us on the second Thursday of each month for the Artist Reception from 5 - 7 pm. Refreshments are served, and a door prize is drawn. Call 860-388-1611 for information.

DONATE YOUR CAR OR BOAT TO THE ESTUARY COUNCIL - Turn your car or boat into a tax deduction by calling: 1-800-716-5868. Proceeds benefit the vital services we provide for seniors in the nine-town Estuary Region.

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First lets start simple, some of the easiest cocktails to make at home are liquor mixed with "something else," whether that be a soda, tonic, or a bar juice. Some of our favorites come from Fever Tree, who make fantastic tonic and soda waters, some of which are infused with botanicals, which really add a little something extra to your drink. The Mediterranean Tonic Water has a unique flavor that mixes well with gin or vodka. Also the RIPE line of bar juices, made here in Connecticut, are some of the best. These fresh made juices are never frozen, heated or have had any preservatives added to them. All of them are delicious, but the Agave Margarita and San Marzano Bloody Mary Mix are my favorites.

Now lets not forget about liqueurs. These slightly less alcoholic, but highly-flavored spirits can really add that extra

punch to your cocktail. One such liqueur I have been playing with quite a bit lately is Ancho Reyes Chili Liqueur. This smoky, slightly spicy spirit really adds a bit of depth and an unexpected little kick to any drink you add it to.

So the next time you feel like having a cocktail, do not be afraid to experiment, or just try something new. You never know, a new favorite drink could be on the horizon!

*Anthony Dichiara, Cocktail Coordinator
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The class is facilitated by an experienced Montessori teacher who serves as a guide and model for parents and children as they explore the environment, offering practical examples of how to follow through with learning experiences at home.

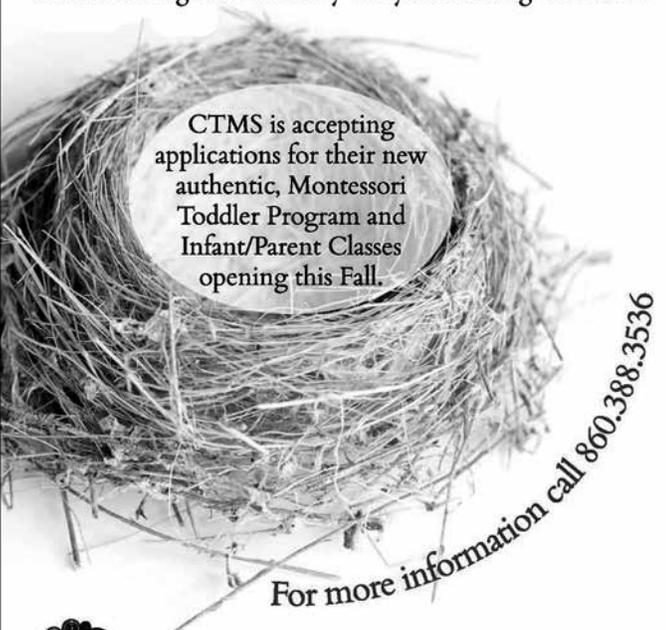
This class will also deepen your understanding of Montessori philosophy and its application in the home setting. Through both interaction and observation, parents and caregivers gain valuable insight regarding their infant's path of development. The class serves as a forum for parents to share and exchange information with each other. Each week will feature an overview and discussion of a topic pertaining to infant development and whole child parenting.

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Our Library Rocks! Returns



Join your neighbors at a fun-filled community celebration to cap the 125th Anniversary celebration for the Essex Library at the "Our Library Rocks!" party, coming Saturday September 13th from 5 to 9 pm at the Library.

This event offers entertainment for all ages, including an inventor's workshop for kids from 3 to 12 years, a dazzling magic performance by illusionist David Garrity, a fun photo booth to commemorate your evening for a small extra charge, and the ever-popular gourmet brick oven pizza trucks.

The Andy Sherwood Jazz Quartet will provide musical entertainment, performing tunes from Dixieland through the Swing Era. Featuring some of New England's finest jazz musicians, the group includes Andy Sherwood on clarinet and saxophone, Ian Frenkel on piano, Mark McCormick on bass and Tom Briggs on drums, all current or retired United States Coast Guard Band musicians with degrees from top music colleges. A silent auction will offer items that are sure to appeal to families and adults.

Food and fun are included in the price of admission. Tickets are on sale now at the Essex Library, priced at \$20 for adults, and \$5 for kids ages 12 and under; admission is free for children aged two or younger. Soft drinks and lemonade are



Families enjoyed the food, fun, and entertainment at the 2013 Our Library Rocks! party at the Essex Library.

free, and beer and wine will be available with the additional purchase of a wristband. Tickets are limited, though, and last year's event sold out quickly, so don't delay.



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An **Intimate History of Ivoryton** is a new series of informal programs focusing on small aspects of the area's history. The first program is **"Ivoryton Grammar School – a Look Back,"** Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 at the Ivoryton Library. Built in 1900, the Grammar School stood where the Ivoryton Village Park gazebo now stands and educated the village children for more than 50 years. Please join us for reminiscences, discussion, displays, photos and refreshments. Do you have any memorabilia from the Ivoryton Grammar School? We would love to showcase it during this program. Please contact Elizabeth Alvord at 860-767-1252.

The next program in the series will be the Open House on Saturday, November 1 from 9-3 pm as we celebrate the 125th birthday of the beautiful building that houses our library.

Our free summer **Computer Classes** (Wednesdays at 1:00) continue: August 6: **Customize Windows 7**. August 13: **Mac Basics**. Taught by Evan Haston, these classes are BYO Laptop. Call the library to register at 860-767-1252.

Watercolor artists meet Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon. All are welcome to join, bring your painting gear and join the group. Stop by any Wednesday to see what they are doing.

Summer Reading events continue into August for children: **Fun in the Garden** - Thursday, August 7 at 3:00. **Solar Energy** - Sunday, August 10 at 3:00. **Science Experimenting** - Thursday,

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August 14 at 3:00). **End of Summer Reading Party** - Tuesday, August 19 at 4:00. **Welcome to Kindergarten Party** (for all incoming kindergarteners) - Thursday, August 21 at 11:00. Call Elizabeth Bartlett to register for these fun programs at 860-767-1252.

Registration is now open for our **5th annual Run Local/Read Local 5K Road/Trail race** on Saturday, October 18. Visit

our website at www.ivoryton.com to print out an application or for the link to register online.

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Bartlett Tree Experts Donates Red Maple

Dan Estey (of Bartlett Tree Experts) and Augie Pampel put the finishing touches on the "Autumn Blaze" Red Maple which Bartlett Tree Experts generously donated and planted this spring at 80 Dennison Road in Essex. Dan Estey said that this is one of several trees that Bartlett has donated to the Essex Tree Committee in its ongoing effort to help beautify Essex's streets.

The Autumn Blaze (acer fremanii) is a hybrid of the red maple (acer rubrum) and the silver maple (acer saccharinum). It is a fast growing maple, disease and pest resistant and prized for its hardiness and brilliant color. Growing 3 feet a year, it eventually reaches a height of 60 feet and a width of 40 feet. It develops an oval canopy that provides perfect symmetry. The leaves emerge with a slight reddish tint that deepens to an orange red in the fall. A spectacular sight.

Augie Pampel thanked Dan Estey both for this splendid donation and for Bartlett's continued support.

The Essex Tree Committee is charged with the responsibility of finding appropriate street sites for new and/or replacement trees in Essex. To discuss the possibility of a site or to donate a tree, please contact Augie Pampel at augiepampel@att.net.



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Ivoryton Playhouse

As another summer rolls in to our little town, I often think of summers past, when Ivoryton was filled with visitors flocking to see the stars they had only before seen on the big screen. Though we don't have quite as many big stars as they had back then, we are certainly not short on talent – I know that pretty soon we are going to see more than a few of these young actors in Ivoryton this summer make their name on stage or screen.

And we are certainly not short on summer visitors, as a trip to Ivoryton any evening or matinee day will prove. Summer opened for us with sold-out shows of *Fingers & Toes*, a new musical featuring some of the best tap dancing ever seen on our stage, and burst into full bloom with the high energy musical, *All Shook Up*. Inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley, this lip-curling, hip-swiveling musical fantasy had audiences jumpin' out of their blue suede shoes!

In the dog days of summer, the coolest place to be (in more ways than one!) is the Ivoryton Playhouse where we will be opening one of Broadway's biggest hits, the multi-Tony Award winning *La Cage Aux Folles* (Aug. 6 - Aug. 31). This wild and warmhearted farce about the importance of nonconformity and being true to oneself is sure to be a highlight of our summer season.

Summer may wind down in September, but Ivoryton will be exploding with excitement as we host a World Premiere



Micky Dolenz



Joyce DeWitt

event. *Comedy is Hard!* (Sept. 23 - Oct. 12) is a brand new play written by Mike Reiss, celebrated writer of *The Simpsons* and the critically acclaimed *I'm Connecticut* – a highlight of our 2013 season. I am thrilled to be welcoming Micky Dolenz (*The Monkees*) and Joyce DeWitt (*Three's Company*) to the Ivoryton stage who will originate the roles for the two leads in this hilarious and bittersweet play. Set in a home for retired actors, this play tells the story of the relationship - and rivalry - between a stand-up comedian and a classical actress, proving that laughter and friendship never grow old.

And finally, our 2014 season closes with *Say Goodnight, Gracie* (Oct. 29 - Nov. 16) – a heart-warming play that celebrates

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