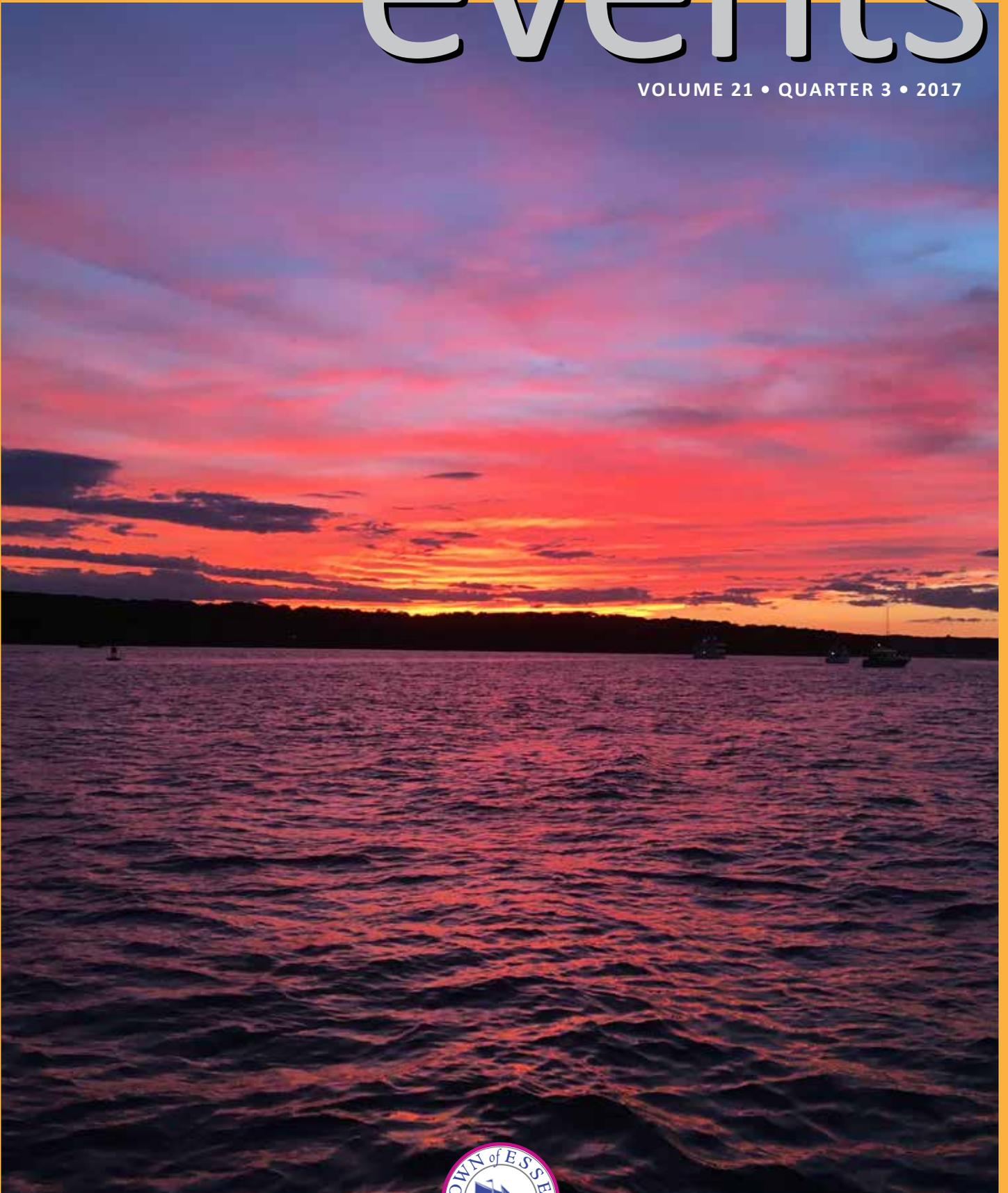


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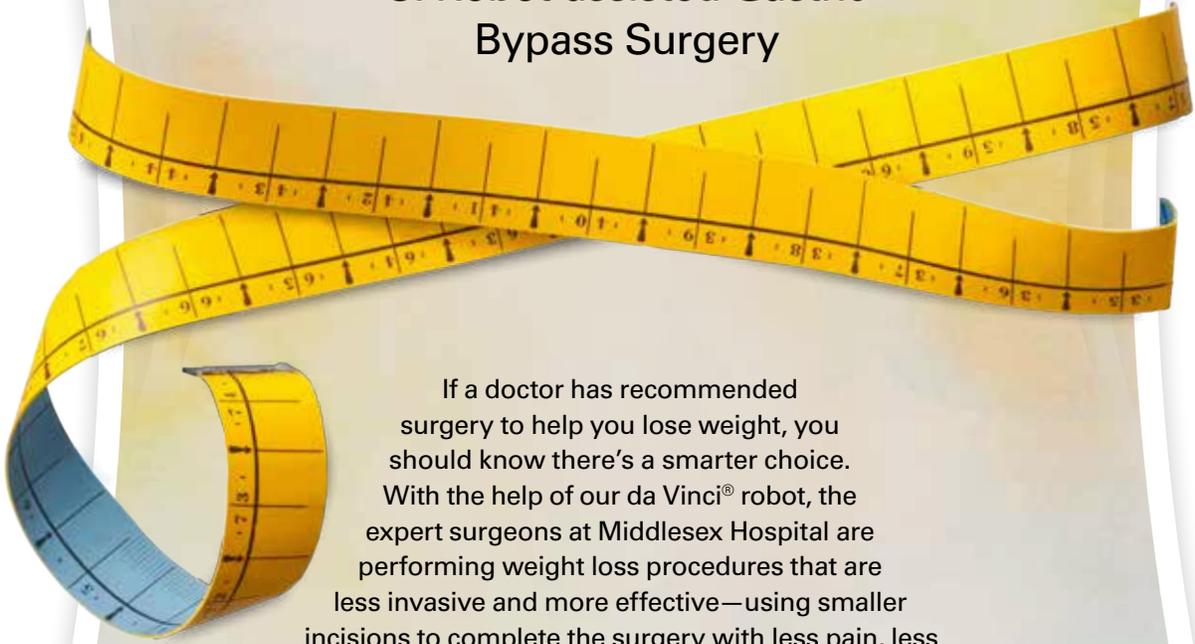
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I would like to thank all the Essex residents for unanimously supporting the annual budget. A \$24,078,267 combined town and schools budget plan for fiscal year 2017-2018 was approved by voters at the annual budget meeting held May 8th. The total spending package, which reflects a 1.42% increase over the current fiscal year total, includes the town government budget, an appropriation for Essex Elementary School, and the Town's share of the Region 4 education budget.

Construction is underway on the replacement of the Walnut Street Bridge in Ivoryton. The project involves removing the existing structure and replacing it with a single span design. The section of Walnut Street between Main Street and Comstock Avenue will be closed during construction. We anticipate substantial completion by the end of November so that the bridge can be open for the winter months. In spring, the road will close again for a short time to complete the final work. During road closures,

a detour sign will be set up to direct traffic. Please use caution and pay close attention to police officers, flaggers, and construction sign directions.

I would like to remind residents that 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 7 am - 5 pm on weekdays with more limited work on the weekends. We 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. Please be mindful of your neighbors' right to enjoy their property.

We have had some reports of street lights being out or flickering in various locations throughout town. If you see a street light problem please contact Eversource directly at 1-800-286-2000 or go online to report at Eversource.com under programs and services. If it's an emergency, life threatening situation or downed wire please call 911.

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First Selectman

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The event, held by the Connecticut District Exchange Clubs, honored State Police Officers and Officers from local departments across the State for their service to CT and their communities. Trooper Tretter received the award for solving several felonies and excellent case work.

I'd like to thank the Public Safety Committee: Selectman Stacia Libby, Fire Chief Paul Fazzino, Assistant Fire Chief Ethan Goller, Officer Paul Kenefick, Jim Connelly and Judi Reynolds. I'd also like to thank the volunteers from Essex Fire Engine Co. # 1, Essex Ambulance, Essex Police, and Emergency Management for their participation in Public Safety Day that was held on June 11th at the Essex Firehouse Headquarters. Special thanks to ICRV Radio

for real time radio coverage and Lenny and Joe's Food Truck for the great food. This event has helped to put a spotlight on the need for first responders in our community. We need members of the public to step forward, commit, and become trained to help us keep Essex residents safe. Please consider becoming a volunteer. For more information on volunteering contact the First Selectman's office at 860-767-4340 x145.

I hope to see you at the Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Park and Rec. Department, which runs through the middle of August at our Town greens in Essex and Ivoryton. Concerts are Tuesday evenings in Ivoryton and Wednesday evenings in Essex from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. The Ivoryton Village Farmer's Market is on Saturdays from 10 am – 1:30 pm through September 30th on the Ivoryton Village green.

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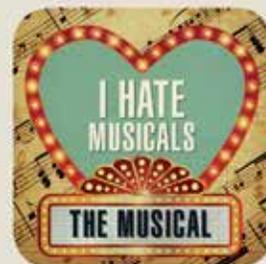
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William & Mary Sandberg	4 Crosstrees Hill Rd.	Essex
Bruce & Suzanne Polsky	9 Brookside Lane	Essex
Kathleen Callahan	45 Main Street	Ivoryton
Scot Hougrand & Michelle Roise	25 West Hills Road	Ivoryton
Alexander & Lindsay Ciccone	12 Carol Drive	Ivoryton
Jacquelyn Nelson & John Carr III	16 Navy Lane	Essex
David & Jessica Connell	22 Melody Lane	Ivoryton
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Timothy S. Bassett	21 Oak Drive	Centerbrook
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Eugenio Jimenez	16 Sheagren Hill Rd.	Centerbrook
Antoine & Helena Arlaud	88 North Main St.	Essex

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March

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For those residents that will be renewing their annual sticker(s) - each household will be allowed a total of 2 stickers.

A renewal application will be mailed out the week of September 11, 2017. You will need to update and complete the application and mail it with your payment (check or money order, no credit card or cash will be accepted via mail) of:

\$125.00 per year (age 64 or younger)

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We will then mail back to you the appropriate # of sticker(s) based on the information received.

If you will be coming into the Town Clerk's office for your first time or renewal sticker, you will be able to come in anytime starting the week of September 18, 2017. Be sure to have with you your driver's license and your vehicle license plate information. The Town Clerk's office can accept cash, money order, check or credit card. Note: If you currently have private garbage pick up you do NOT need to purchase a Transfer Sticker or punch card. As a Town Resident you are entitled to drop off recyclables and brush by proving you are a resident at the entrance of the Transfer Station.



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Essex Garden Club 2017 Scholarships

The Essex Garden Club recently awarded college scholarships to three area students:

Annie Brown of Essex, who attends the University of Vermont, is pursuing a major in Elementary Education with a minor in Environmental Studies.

Daniel Taylor of Ivoryton, a 2017 graduate of Valley Regional High School, will attend Vassar College in the fall to study Biology.

Haley Hammen of Essex, a 2017 Valley Regional High School graduate, will attend Pennsylvania State University in the fall to study Biology.

In addition, the Garden Club is proud to provide funding for young children from Essex, Ivoryton and Centerbrook to attend local nature camps. This year, scholarships were given the Essex Parks and Recreation Summer Program for 25 children to attend their one-week nature and science sessions. Also, the Club has provided funding to allow 4 students to attend camp at The Bushy Hill Nature Center, which provides 2 weeks of in-depth nature experience.

The Essex Garden Club sincerely thanks all who support the annual May Market, the proceeds of which enable the Club to make these donations. This year, additional scholarship funds were contributed in memory of Garden Club members who were devoted to the education of young people in our community.



Essex Garden Club Scholarship committee chair, Anne Elich with 2017 scholarship recipients Daniel Taylor and Haley Hammen. Missing from photo, Annie Brown. Photo courtesy of Leslie Barlow.

Dedication of the Garden of Peace

The Centerbrook Cemetery is situated at 37 Westbrook Road. It was established in 1838 and holds the graves of many notable early residents of the three villages of Essex. This accessible, beautiful cemetery is surrounded by wonderful New England foliage and spans five acres. As you enter the American Flag welcomes you and, at its base, recognition is given to the VFW and the Fire Department.



A newly created Garden of Peace is home to a Columbarium which is an above ground structure with niches for cremains. Each niche could contain up to two urns. Cremation lots are also available in the Garden.

Please join us as we dedicate the Garden of Peace on Sunday, August 13th at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

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Future plans for the cemetery include a memorial site honoring all those who have served our country and community. We hope to conduct walking tours through the oldest sections in the near future. Should anyone have stories or information about their families we would like to hear from you as we research this history. "Taking Care of Our Ancestors" was a recently conducted Gravestone Cleaning workshop held in June. Free instruction and materials were provided to attendees; another workshop will be held if there is sufficient interest.

Beautification plans continue with additional colorful plantings, improvements to paved driveway areas and replacement of some fencing. Memorial gifts and/or donations to continue this work are always greatly appreciated.

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Essex Land Trust - Stone Walls

By Lily Nesco

Editor's note: Stone Walls are part of the



landscape being preserved in many Essex Land Trust properties. While we enjoy wildlife and vegetation in our wanderings, we should also remember that many of properties were once farmed and were used for grazing. Stone walls are the remnant of another time and connect us with our past. Oliver Bowles, a mining engineer, estimated in 1939 that over 259,000 miles of stone walls stood in the Northeast, with the greatest number in New England.

Today it is estimated that half that number remain. The demise of these walls is difficult to stop simply because of their commercial value. Strip mining of stone walls is a lucrative business and although walls located on public property are easier to protect, those on private property are not. The continued loss of these walls has prompted towns like Redding, Woodstock, and Harwinton to pass ordinances to protect them.

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New England Stone Walls

Early English settlers, adept at building walls from stone commonly found in England, discovered an abundance of wood instead when they first came to New England. Wooden fences and enclosures lined fields until widespread deforestation from farming exposed an abundance of stones buried below layers of soil. Farmers faced with the need to clear these stones to grow crops created “dumped walls” (stones piled along the edges of fields). Later farmers transformed these stone piles into linear walls and dry-stone walls became preferred over wood. Most of the region’s stone walls were built between 1775 and 1825 and by the end of the 19th century most were made of fieldstone in New England. By 1871 approximately one-third of the 61,515 miles of fencing in Connecticut was stone.

Unfortunately, as farming declined, forests reclaimed many properties obscuring stone walls under composted leaves and trees. New England stonewalls, unlike English stone walls, were not commonly built using capstones-flat rocks at the top of the wall, which offer protection from the leaves, and moisture that accumulate between the stones and eventually collapse it from within.

Andrew Pighills of English Gardens and Landscaping, who recently spoke on stone walls and structures at the Essex Library, **continued on page 14**



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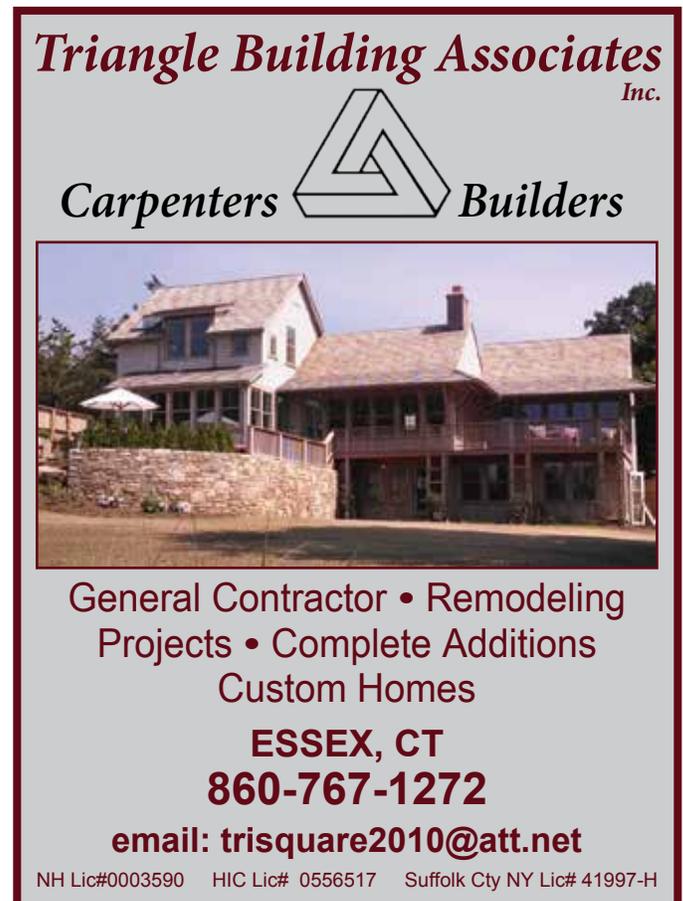
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pointed out that rural New England was mostly grassland in the early 1900s and is now mostly forested, leaving stone walls crumbling or buried under brush or new construction.

According to Pighill, stone walls can be constructed with or without mortar; however, a dry-stone wall does not need mortar to stand indefinitely if it is constructed using the right pattern and the right stones. A bridge in New Hampshire built in the 1840s and one constructed without mortar still stands today. Walls can weaken over time when animals habitually rub against them, and seedlings that sprout at the bottom of a wall will eventually gain enough strength to topple it. However, if left undisturbed, dry-stone walls will continue to stand as a legacy to a skill that is still practiced today.



Notable Connecticut Stone Walls

The list that follows mentions some examples of notable stone walls that exist today.

BROOKLYN: Stonewalls are abundant because of the shape and size of the stones natural to this area.

FARMINGTON: Walls that parallel the entry to Hill-Stead Museum are built almost entirely of black basalt boulders.

GUILFORD: A double-stack wall stands along the perimeter of the Henry Whitfield Museum property.

MANSFIELD: A wall more than 20 feet wide in places stands approximately two-thirds west of the historical museum in the historic district.

NORWICH and GRISWOLD: rich in stonewalls.

OLD MYSTIC: farmstead walls are visible throughout this town.

PRESTON and LEDYARD: The Pequot Trail has a stretch of old stone walls that run along the right-hand side of the Trail, beginning at the 1.7-mile mark, just past Deer Ridge Road.

North Stonington: Randall's Ordinary has stacked walls and lace walls - stacked walls with space between the stones to contain livestock.

STONINGTON: Roadside stonewalls abound that were no more than piles of stones the first white farmers cleared from fields. A wall bordering the back of First Congregational Church, at 903 Pequot Trail (Route 234) is an example of a wall that was topped by capstones.

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WEST HARTFORD: An estate wall built of red Jurassic sandstone on private property is visible from the street on the north side of the intersection of Albany Avenue and Prospect Street.

WOODSTOCK: well-laid fieldstone walls can be found in the Southeastern Hills of Woodstock

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Essex Historical Society



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July 28, 29, & 30: EHS’s annual *Walking Weekend* features our popular walking tours:

July 28 at 7 pm, please meet at the Pratt House, 19 West Avenue, for a trip down West Ave. and Prospect Street to explore the histories behind the structures of “Pound Hill” including several 19th century churches, Hills Academy, the Old Firehouse and more.

July 29 at 10 am, please meet at Ivoryton Library for an in-depth look at the historic village of Ivoryton, from its beginnings as a company town surrounding the Comstock-Cheney Co., the stories of 19th century immigration, the striking examples of Victorian architecture and

its unique cultural attractions. Led by Chris Pagliuco.

NEW! July 29 at 1 pm, please meet at Essex Elementary School for our newest walk of Centerbrook to learn of its early farming days as Essex’s oldest village and its later manufacturing development powered by the Falls River. Led by Brenda Milkofsky.

July 30 at 7 pm, the final tour will meet at the Foot of Main Street, Essex, for a trip down Main Street to capture the rich maritime history of 18th century “Potapaug,” its working waterfront and ship-building prominence in the early 19th century as well.

Each walk is a separate event. EHS’s trained, knowledgeable guides will lead an hour+ long tour over fairly level, paved terrain. Each tour is \$5 per person and open to the public; free for EHS members.

September 17 at 2:00 pm, Tri-Town Vintage Baseball Game, Devitt Field, 245 South Main Street, Deep River. Root, root, root for your home team of Essex, Chester or Deep River in this annual Fall Classic played by 1857 rules. Sponsored by the historical societies of Chester, Deep River and Essex. Free.

Talks co-sponsored with Essex Land Trust on Native American Archaeological History:

Oct. 4, 7 pm: Dr. Lucianne Lanvin, at Essex Town Hall

Nov. 2, 7 pm: Dr. Nick Bellantoni, Deep River Carriage House

Oct. 14, 11 am – 2 pm: Annual Antique Auto Show & Tour, Pratt House, 10 West Ave.

Oct. 22, 4 pm, EHS Annual Meeting, Incarnation Center, Ivoryton.

For more information, please visit www.essexhistory.org or call (860) 767-0681.

Essex Community Fund - Longevity Among the Board

We'd like to introduce you to a few of our long-time Board members:

DARWYN AZZINARO has been involved with ECF for seven years, as a Board member or Committee member. He's served as President and currently is chair for the Donor Relations Committee. He works for a consulting company in Groton that creates and installs project management software. Darwyn and his wife, Jodi, have lived in Ivoryton for 16 years and have two teenage children. He also volunteers with Essex Boy Scouts and The Project Management Institute and enjoys spending his free time with family, near and far.

JACKIE DOANE joined ECF seven years ago, serving as Secretary, Vice President and President, and now as Treasurer. She and her husband, Bill, an Essex native, have three adult sons – Tucker (Galveston, TX), Justus (Newport News, VA) and William (a sophomore at Wentworth in Boston). Now empty-nesters, they

share their home with two happy dogs, Lucy and Max. Jackie works at Reclamation Lumber in New Haven. She is a long-standing member of the Essex Garden Club. She loves spending time with family, requiring lots of traveling lately.

JEAN SCHNEIDER became involved with ECF six years ago, serving as Secretary, Treasurer and currently is almost through her term as President. She and her husband, Dean, have lived in Ivoryton for 30 years and have two adult children, Megan and Will. She is the Office Manager for Page Taft Christie's IRE in Essex. Prior to joining ECF, Jean served on The Ivoryton Library Board and was a Girl Scout Leader. She enjoys gardening, sewing, reading and being with her family.

Looking to help our community? Consider joining our Board - contact a Board member for more information. Visit our website to learn more about ECF: www.essexcommunityfund.org.

Essex Land Trust - Calendar of Events

Essex Land Trust events are free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Judy Saunders at: judith.saunders@comcast.net.

Butterfly Garden Party - Thursday, July 20, 5:30 pm - Cross Lots Preserve, 40 West

Avenue. Join us for an early evening exploration of ELT's butterfly habitat with Anne Penniman. Bring your favorite beverage. Snacks will be provided. Rain date: Thursday, July 27.

Hike Turtle Creek Preserve - Saturday,

August 12, 9 am - Watrous Point Road, Old Saybrook. One of the coolest places to hike on a warm summer day, these 92 forested acres, on both South Cove and The Connecticut River, are owned by The Nature Conservancy. Easy to moderate hiking.

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Source to Sea Clean Up - Saturday, September 30, 9 am - Great Meadow, off River Road. Join in helping us clean the shores and marshes of our beautiful CT River. The event, coordinated by ELT and sponsored by the CT River Watershed Council, will also be conducted simultaneously by volunteers along the length of the river from Old Saybrook to Canada. Meet for your assignment at the Essex Boat Club (dirt road access between #143 and #145 River Rd., the lane that also serves Pettipaug Yacht Club). Wear waterproof boots and come rain or shine. Refreshments will be served. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Connecticut River Valley Indigenous People - Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 pm, Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue. Learn about the rich histories of Connecticut's first land stewards, vibrant Native Indian cultures just before and after European contact. Dr. Lucianne Lavin, anthropologist and archaeologist is the Director of Research

and Collections at the Institute of American Indian Studies in Washington, Ct. Her lecture will focus particularly on the Wampanoag, a populous, powerful tribe with homelands on both sides of the Connecticut River Valley This lecture is co-sponsored by the Essex Historical Society, Deep River Historical Society and the Deep River Land Trust.

8th Annual Ivoryton Pumpkin Chase - Saturday, October 21, 7:30 am - Register at Ivoryton Village Green. Co-sponsored in part by the Essex Land Trust, the Ivoryton Pumpkin Chase will benefit the Library and its programs. The 5K-race course winds through Ivoryton Village and the Essex Land Trust's Falls River Preserve. 5K prizes awarded in 10 age groups. Runners 8 and under running in the Kids' Fun Run will be given medals and invited to stay for craft and story time. Registration begins at the Ivoryton Village Green at 7:30 am. Race starts at 8:45 am for children and at 9:15 am for adults. Parking is available in designated lots. Rain or shine.

Geology Cruise on the Connecticut River - Wednesday, October 25, 1:30 pm - Eagle Landing State Park, Haddam. Enjoy a fall cruise with Ralph Lewis, former CT state geologist, who will lead our trip down the CT River to explore ancient geological formations. BYO picnic/beverage. Reservations required: \$30/person. Limited spaces available. Save your seat by emailing Judy Saunders: judith.saunders@comcast.net. Eagle Landing State Park is located in Haddam directly across the river from the Goodspeed Theatre. Bad weather cancels.

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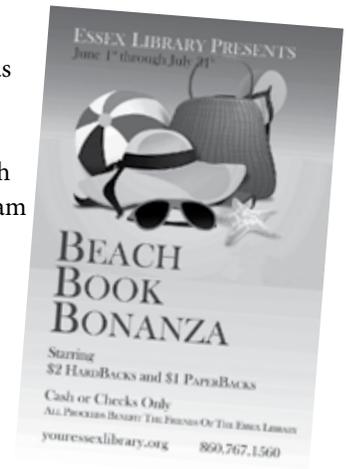
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The Children's Department is a great place to cool off after a visit to the playground and will also be featuring special programs like Digital Photography for Kids, a Book Club for VRHS students, and a visit from the Hartford Yard Goats' mascot. Summer Reading will feature a new wrinkle this year – an art show that will be displayed during the month of August. A record breaking number of children participated last year, and we expect a similar response this year. The Summer Reading wrap up party is scheduled to take place on August 10.

We frequently add new programs and services so be sure to check our website - www.youressexlibrary.org - on a regular basis to see what's coming up. If you're not already a subscriber be sure to sign up for E-Lations, our monthly online newsletter, which you can also do through our website.

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Summer Eye Health

Summer brings numerous eye problems such as burnt corneas, chemicals in eyes, and many more. There are studies that show that long-term exposure to bright sunlight may increase the risk of cataracts and growths on the eye, including cancer. Also, UV rays reflected off sand and water can cause eyes to sunburn, potentially resulting in temporary blindness in just a few hours.

Here are a few tips to ensure eye health during the summer months:

WEAR SUNGLASSES WITH UV PROTECTION

Most people already know to use sunscreen during the summer to protect their skin against UV rays but our eyes need the same protection. The best way to protect against harmful AVA and UVB rays is to wear sunglasses with protection from both. It's also important to note that sunglasses need to worn even on cloudy days.

USE GOGGLES AT POOLS

The chlorine that is in most pools is designed to protect you from germs, but has the potential to be harmful for your eyes.

WEAR EYE PROTECTION DOING HOME PROJECTS

It is important to remember to shield your eyes even during simple home improvement and maintenance, like mowing your lawn. Rocks and other debris commonly fly up and into your eyes.

USE EYE DROPS

To soothe dry and tired eyes during the summer, it is best to use artificial tears. Despite best attempts sometimes your eyes are irritated or in discomfort.

GIVE YOUR EYES A REST

If you spend a lot of time at the computer or focusing on any one thing, you sometimes forget to blink and your eyes can get fatigued. Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds. This can help reduce eyestrain.

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Special Children's Events in August:

Saturday, August 5 & September 2 – 10-1:30 - join us at the Farmer's Market for Lawnpalooza games!

End of Summer Reading Family Festival at the Ivoryton Green – Saturday, August 19, 10-12 noon. Judi Ann Jones is back for another great Hula Hoop program. Enter the raffle to win a Hula Hoop! Prize packages for all who turn in their reading logs!

Welcome to Kindergarten Party - Thursday, August 24th, 11 am. Join us for our annual party to meet fellow classmates, hear stories and have a special treat!

Please call Elizabeth Bartlett for more information on these programs and to reserve a space!

8th Annual Pumpkin Chase - Saturday, October 21.

Registration is open for this fun 5K through Ivoryton and the Falls River Preserve.

Registration form, map and link to online registration are all online at www.ivoryton.com.

Return for the Haunted Library at the Ivoryton Village Pumpkin Festival 5-8 pm!

Local History Room

The Local History Room at the Ivoryton library recently supplied images for a PBS documentary Africa's Great Civilizations, for an educational exhibit at the US Fish and Wildlife Training Center in Virginia and for Wild Daze, a documentary on ecocide in Africa. We also are planning our next library exhibit: Then and Now: Along Main Street. We are always on the lookout for images, items and other memorabilia on Ivoryton's colorful history. Do you have anything to share or to donate? Ideas for upcoming programs? Please call Elizabeth Alvord.

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Tri-Town Youth Services

BECOME A MENTOR

Tri-Town Youth Services has been talking with local residents, school staff, business leaders, clergy and young people, to get a better sense of what families need right now, so that we may offer the best programs and services to our neighbors. During these conversations, something became clear: we need more mentors!

An overwhelming amount of research shows that the key to a young person's success, achievement and resiliency is the presence of at least one caring adult in their lives. More than anything, it is the consistent, positive, supportive adult relationships that help young people overcome life's challenges and thrive.

As a small community- with a large adult and retiree population- we have the capacity to ensure that every child in need of a mentor in the Tri-Town area is paired with one. With support from the CT Mentoring Partnership and Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters, Tri-Town Youth

Services is developing a system for recruiting, training and pairing mentors with local kids. Whether you are interested in a short-term project working side-by-side with youth, or a longer-term commitment to support one young person in need of some extra care and attention, we would like to hear from you.

We have new opportunities for teens to become mentors, too. Tri-Town's Reach out! Program pairs Valley girls with elementary school girls. They meet afterschool once/week for snacks, games, crafts and conversation. The participants, their families and school social workers are thrilled with the program, but there is a need for more! We would like to expand to create a Reach out! for boys. We are looking for at least five male Valley students who can help us design and pilot this new program next school year.

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From the gazebo aromas of chili dogs and taco salads let it be known that lunch is being prepared. The bake sale features delicious home baked items. Homemade jams and preserves including the very popular Hot Pepper Jelly are also available.

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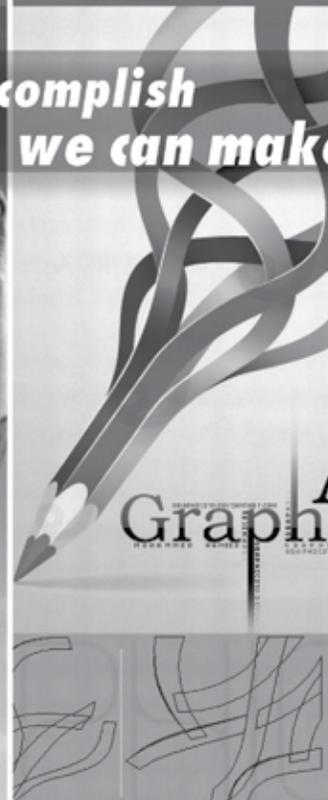
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The riverside location of the Museum allows for unique outdoor events, like the popular Theater Along the River performances. The evening of July 29th will see Flock Theatre return to the Lay House lawn, which overlooks beautiful Essex harbor, to present Shakespeare's The Tempest. Get into the swing of summer on Thursday evenings from July 6th to August 31st, as the Museum hosts Thursdays on the Dock, a free concert series on the Museum's lawn. Bring a picnic blanket and food, and enjoy a different musical act each week! Throughout the summer, there's always something fun to do at the Connecticut River Museum! Call 860-767-8269 or visit ctrivermuseum.org for more information.

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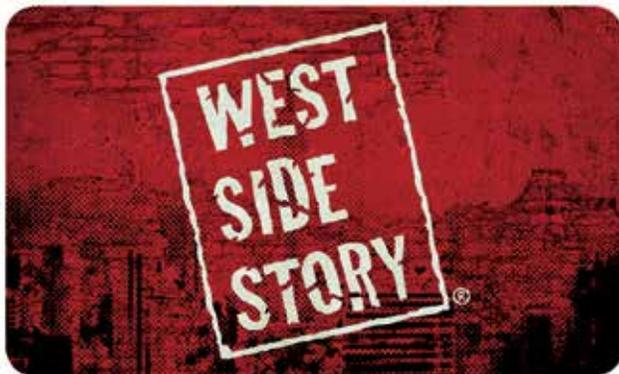
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By Bill Guerra, Volunteer Chair

At-Risk Boys Fundraising Committee Festival

Details: 3rd Annual Cruise Blues & Brews, Saturday September 30 at the Chester Fair Grounds from 10 am to 4 pm (rain date October 1st). A fun-filled family event featuring antique and unique cars, the area's top blues bands, craft beer, up-scale food trucks, marketplace of vendors, kids play area, games, prizes and surprises. For additional information and to purchase tickets at \$5 (kids under 12 free) go to www.atriskboysfund.org.

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Week 1: Stand Ready to Respond

- Learn CPR and first aid
- Check your emergency preparedness kit and restock expired supplies
- Check smoke detectors
- Design an emergency escape plan in case of fire
- Keep emergency numbers handy

Week 2: Be Healthy

- Make sure your doctor knows all the medications you take even over the counter supplements to avoid interactions
- Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables and drink plenty of water
- Ask for alternative pain relievers to Opioid painkillers

Week 3: Watch Out for Dangers

- Stay alert: DON'T TEXT WHILE WALKING
- Prevent falls by clearing and maintaining pathways and installing adequate lighting and nightlights
- Supervise children at all times when near water or camp fires
- Store toxic substances out of reach of pets and children
- When visiting a crowded area determine a meeting place should you get separated

Week 4: Share Roads Safely

- Never use your cell phone while behind the wheel
- Designate an alcohol and drug- free driver
- Don't drive when fatigued
- Drive with your teens to give them plenty of practice even when they are licensed

Here are some links to more important safety information for you and your family. Safe for Life www.nsc.org/safe4life <http://www.nsc.org/act/events/Pages/national-safety-month.aspx?var=hpnsn>. Call Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley with any questions, 860-767-0186, we are here to serve!

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As a therapist, there are few moments that cause as much alarm as when a client shares that they have considered taking their own life. Connecticut's current campaign, Suicide Prevention Plan 2020 presented in December 2014, focuses on this tragic public health and mental health issue. The report states that Connecticut has one of the lowest suicide rates in the US; however, suicide awareness and prevention needs to remain in the forefront of our community discussions in order to continue effect work towards the elimination and reduction of suicide and suicide-related behaviors.

"1 Word, 1 Voice, 1 Life ... Be the 1 to start the conversation" is the motto of Connecticut's 2012 suicide media campaign. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death, responsible for approximately 41,000 deaths each year and this number is rising. The state report notes that for every person who completes a death by suicide, there are 30 others who have a suicide attempt.

While many people may have thoughts of death, the risk of suicide is more likely if the person indicates having considered or created an actual plan. Feelings of helplessness, hopelessness and worthlessness are very often experienced when someone is considering suicide as a way to either resolve their problem or end their pain. It's important to note that suicide warning signs can be different based on a person's age.

The Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" released earlier this year ignited the discussion and increased awareness of suicide among the teenage population.

The number to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255 and is answered 24 hours every day. The service is free and confidential.

http://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/Conn_Suicide-Prevention-Plan-2020.pdf

<http://www.webmd.com/mental-health/tc/suicidal-thoughts-or-threats-topic-overview#1>

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1 - Monitor the Home

- Keep an eye on the decedent's home, answer phone messages, collect mail, discard food, and water plants.
- If necessary, change the locks.
- Don't give away any personal property in this first week.

2 - Arrange for Burial or Cremation

- Search the decedent's papers to determine whether they have a prepaid funeral contract or burial plan.

3 - Decide how you will pay for the funeral and memorial service.

Unless the decedent made you the joint owner of a bank account, you and close

family will need to front these costs and get reimbursed from the estate.

4 - Prepare the funeral service.

In some religious faiths, the funeral service occurs soon after death.

- Find any directions from the decedent in this regard.
- Visit with the clergy member to review the service.
- Prepare remembrances and gather photos for the wake and the funeral reception.
- Contact the restaurant or other venue at which you want to hold the reception.
- If appropriate, write a eulogy or delegate this task to someone.

5 - Prepare an obituary.

It will mean a lot to the family if you take the time to prepare an

obituary well.

- Send the obituary to the local newspaper.
- Gather Important Documents. Get at least 10 original death certificates. The funeral home will usually order these certificates for you.
- Find the Will, any Trust Agreement, the latest bank account statements, investment statements, deeds, birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce decree (if any), Social Security information, life insurance policies, certificates of title to vehicles and keys to the safe deposit box or home safe.

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Middlesex Hospital's Center for Weight Loss Surgery has earned the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery's Center of Excellence designation for its demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes following bariatric surgery procedures, a designation that gives patients extra peace of mind.

The center recognizes that having weight loss surgery is a big decision. In addition to providing high quality medical care, the center facilitates support groups. This gives patients a chance to gain insight from a dietitian and psychologist before having surgery. It also allows them to connect with other patients after surgery.

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Essex Foundation Continues Beautification Work

Trees Planted Along Intersection of Route 154 and 153

The Essex Foundation recently completed the first phase of a multi-phase landscape plan for the grounds surrounding the newly painted bridge in the Route 9/ Exit 3 underpass area of Essex. Twelve Chanticleer pear trees were planted on the state-owned land south of the Route 154 and Route 153 intersection, directly across from the Essex Fire Department station and commuter lot. The charitable organization contracted with Matthew Verry, a graduate of the University of Connecticut's Landscape Architecture program, for the planning and coordination of the work. His company, Matthew Verry Landscape Design, provided the landscape design and oversight of the state approval and installation bid process. Sullivan Lawn Services, LLC was hired for the installation work.

The Chanticleer pear tree was selected for its beauty and hardiness. It is one of the most profuse flowering trees with a narrow,



As part of the Essex Foundation's gateway beautification project, Chanticleer pear trees were planted along Route 154 in Essex by a Sullivan Lawn Services installation crew.

tailored appearance. It tolerates many urban conditions, making it a popular street tree choice where spread may be a bit limited. The next phase of the landscape beautifica-

tion, which includes planting of low growing, low maintenance evergreen and perennial ornamentals in the southeast corner of the gateway area, is also targeted

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for completion this spring. Funds for the cost of the planning, design, tree/plant purchase and installation were provided through a bequest to the Essex Foundation by the late Elizabeth "Diz" Barnes Callender and her predeceased sister Mary Frances Barnes.

"The gateway beautification has been a true community effort," stated Bruce Glowac, Chairman of the Essex Foundation Board of Trustees. "It is exactly the type of project we like to get behind – somewhat unique, requiring relatively quick action. It's also nice that the impact can be seen immediately. Now that the bridge painting is complete, the trees are installed, and the ornamentals are being planted."

The Essex Foundation was founded in 1970 through an open-ended bequest to benefit the town. Board members are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex citizens by providing medical, educational, social, welfare, cultural, recreational, and civic support. Thanks to the Foundation's endowment, as well as the many donations received from individuals, businesses and other organizations, the Essex Foundation is able to provide "seed money" for new services and to allocate funds to fill needs not met by other organizations or sources. In general, funds are granted for special purposes, including buildings, equipment, land, and programs, but not to recurring expenses. More information can be found at www.theessexfoundation.org.

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For the 1st half of 2017, FISH drivers provided over 400 free rides, of which about 1/2 were for residents of Essex. The modest budget for FISH is funded by grants from the Essex Community Fund, the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, the Essex Rotary, the Essex Savings Bank, the Deep River Community Health Committee and other organizations, as well as by contributions from our drivers.

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White Wines - Steel vs. Oak

Steel vs. Oak is a choice made by the winemaker. During the wine making process, white wines are fermented in steel tanks, French oak or American oak barrels and, although not as common, in cement vats. By the mere selection of what type of barrel or tank is used, the wine-maker can impart a particular flavor from that source into the wine. If you are a person who enjoys Pinot Grigios or Sauvignon Blanc, it is the crispness that excites your palette. This also includes citrus and tropical fruit ending with a clean sometimes tart finish. The brightness of these wines are due mostly to the stainless steel tanks. That's not to say that these and other similar wines are never put in oak. They may rest in oak for a few months or small percentages of the wine.

Chardonnays are fermented in stainless steel or oak barrels and then might be aged for 6 months up to a couple of years. This additional aging enhances the flavor of the wine with a rich, woody taste. It may impart flavors of vanilla and sometimes smoky and spicy. This leaves the wine with a full and rich finish.

It is well known in the industry that the use of new oak barrels gives a fuller taste than older or used barrels. Also smaller casks produce more of that oak flavor than larger ones. All of these choices give the winemaker freedom to develop their own unique structure and taste of a particular wine.

Looking for a crisp dry Chardonnay, try a French Chablis. The wine has a mineral and limestone finish, great with seafood. Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Grigio are an excellent choice if you are having a light dish. Something heavier such as creamy chicken warrants a rich oaky chardonnay.

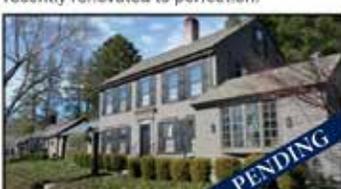
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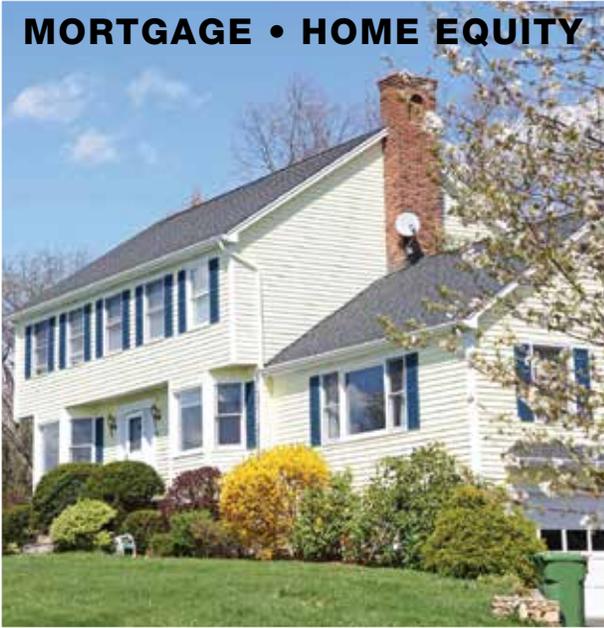
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