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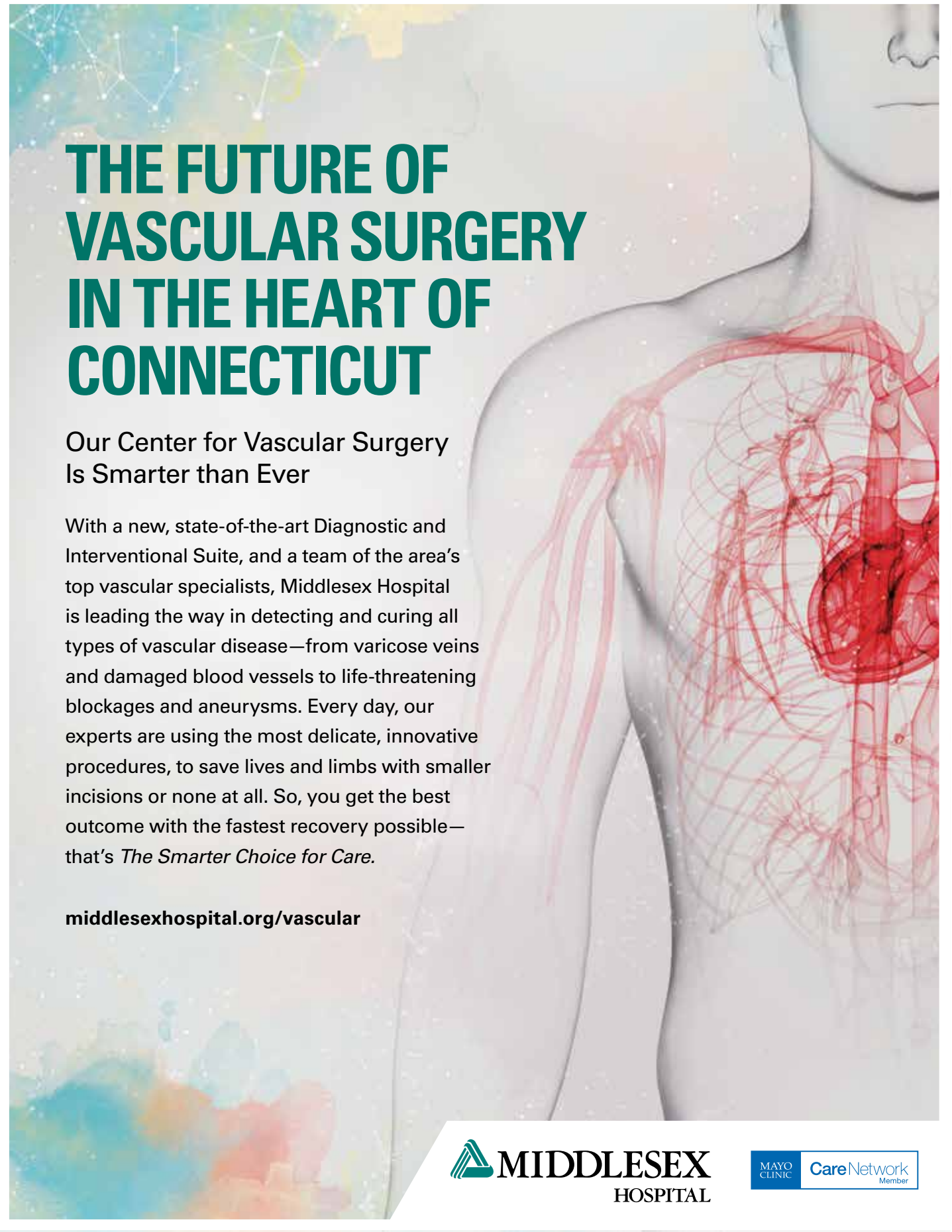
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First Selectwoman's Corner

Happy Spring of 2017! It's always exciting to reach the start of spring each year, after battling the cold, snow and ice, and cabin fever! Take time to enjoy the improving weather!

After months of waiting, several delays, and a mere week before the Christmas Holiday, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the NEC Future study was released. Much to our dismay, the FEIS still included the Old Saybrook, CT to Kenyon, RI bypass, the most controversial part of the plan for our region. In response to the release, a press conference was held in Hartford on Dec. 16, 2016, the day of the release, attended by Senator Richard Blumenthal, Congressman Joe Courtney, Commissioner James Redeker, several state legislators and local Selectmen and Mayors, all expressing a unified opposition to the bypass. It was a great show of unity about a regional concern, and a clear statement to the FRA that we will continue to fight a plan that would be devastating to our community as well as our neighbors. The release marked the start of the "waiting period" before the Record of Decision is issued, originally slated to be 30 days, but ultimately extended to at least March 1, 2017 due to a barrage of requests from our area. On Dec. 22, 2016, Senator Blumenthal once again came to Old Lyme to listen to the concerns of people, including residents of Charlestown, RI, who had just learned of the proposed bypass. Since that

time, the opposition has been growing, not only in our area but in Southwestern Connecticut as well. Such is the concern that I traveled to Washington, DC with our RiverCOG Executive Director Sam Gold to seek an audience with the incoming Transportation Secretary to make our case. The Town of Old Lyme has been on the forefront of this effort to remove the bypass from the plan, and we now have support from many other communities, as well as the State of Rhode Island. On February 13, 2017, the Board of Selectmen of Old Lyme submitted comments about the Final EIS to Rebecca Reyes-Alicea. This was an 82-page document generated by a "Strategy Team" with the help of experts in a number of areas. The document articulates concerns about the process, which we believe was not properly followed, as well as serious concerns for the CT River Estuary, Historic Preservation, Cultural, Economic and Geologic issues, and the impact of Noise and Vibration. The document is available for review on the Town website, www.oldlyme-ct.gov, under current projects. Many thanks to our Strategy Team, who worked tirelessly through the holiday season

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and throughout January to articulate the many reasons, with references, why this is just a very bad idea. In particular, John Forbis and Claudia Weicker spent hours making sure that the information was presented thoughtfully and succinctly to make our case. In addition, we must acknowledge the unwavering support from Senator Blumenthal and Congressman Courtney for fighting on our behalf in DC, as well as State Senator Formica and Representative Carney for bringing the issue to Hartford. While we all support an investment in improving rail service, it should not be at the expense of one or several communities, so we will continue to challenge the FRA until the Saybrook to Kenyon bypass is removed from the map.

Our Annual Town Business Meeting was held on January 23, 2017 at the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. The Board of Selectmen was proud to announce the Lyme Old Lyme High School's Life Skills Teachers, Aides and Students as Citizens of the Year. Many residents are not aware that each year students from this program come to town hall and spend hours on tasks that are helpful to all of us. Since its inception in 2009, over 3000 hours of work have been performed by students. Town Hall interns Taylor Saunders, Kelly Mastrianna, Leah Migliaccio, and Alexa Agostine have assisted with the mammoth, ongoing task of converting paper records into electronic ones. Bilal Malik performed an ADA accessibility assessment of the Town Hall, and his work

continues to guide us through necessary changes to the building. The students have gained vocational and social skills and through our work with the young interns, we have gained an appreciation for the dedication and caring of their teachers and aides, and a life-changing awareness of the limitless potential of the interns. All the recipients were joined for photos by past recipients Mary Seidner, Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, Peter Cable, and Jeff Sturges. We were delighted to acknowledge our 2016 Citizens of the Year.

Also that evening, the Annual Report for FY 2015-2016 was presented to the Town, and approved unanimously by the voters. The annual report showed that our revenues were slightly above what was budgeted, and expenditures were slightly lower than budgeted, increasing our surplus by about 1.3 million dollars. While it is unusual to add that much to the surplus, nearly half of this was due to an unexpected but welcome \$600,000 grant received for the landfill closure, which had been paid for in FY 2013.

Voters approved an appropriation of \$110,000 for the Academy Lane Fire Dock, allowing the construction to begin this spring, with completion expected before summer. Voters also approved an appropriation of \$130,000 for conversion of street lights to LED lights, which should be completed sometime this summer.

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Prior to the conversion, residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the choice of manufacturer, when a pilot program begins around March. There will be 4 LED streetlights installed on Halls Road - two will be manufactured by Phillips, and two will be by GE. In addition, 12 streetlights on Lyme St and McCurdy Road will be installed - six by Phillips and six by GE. The lights will be clearly marked and residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback on preferences. Please be sure to "subscribe" to News and Announcements on the town website in order to get the announcement of the installation and survey - we are very interested in your feedback before a final decision is made. Special thanks to Chris Kerr (BOF) and Tim Griswold (Town Treasurer) for their work on this committee. Finally, an appropriation for a new car for the Public Works Superintendent was also approved that evening.

If you haven't been by Hains Park recently, you definitely want to swing by to see the progress on the new Boathouse. After months and months of planning, designing, and finally construction, the boathouse is nearing completion. While there have been several changes to the design which inflated the cost, particularly the need for the replacement of the entire slab, the final product is attractive, well designed and will meet the needs of the High School program and the community rowing program through Old Lyme Rowing Association. The new basketball court has

been installed as well, and while we are still waiting for the cost estimates on renovations to the bathrooms, we are committed to completing those renovations in the hopes of providing restrooms that will be available year round. Many residents have donated to our fundraising efforts in the hopes of adding other enhancements, including a pavilion for the park. Hains Park is one of the jewels of our community, and these improvements will serve our community for years to come. A special thank you to Paul Gianquinto who has worked tirelessly on overseeing this important project - his expertise has been invaluable throughout the process -- as well as the other members of the Boathouse Hains Park Improvements Committee.

Progress on the Rte 156/Sound View project was finally apparent as portions of the drainage basins were installed, as well as a portion of sidewalk at the lower end of Hartford Ave. And then cold weather settled in and all construction stopped for the winter. We expect construction to resume as early in March as reasonable, and are assured that once they start, progress will be rapid. Clearly, no work can be done with the snow on the ground, but we anxiously await the project to resume.

We are very proud to announce our second art exhibit at Town Hall. Students from the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts have **continued on page 6**



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their work on display, and had an opening reception on Feb. 17th. It is refreshing to see the talent on display, and the pride of the students whose work is exhibited. The Town of Old Lyme is proud to be known as the Arts Community, and pleased to offer opportunities for display for organizations. Please take time to walk around town hall and enjoy their efforts. Congratulations to all the students on their hard work and talent.

The Budget process has begun in earnest, as the Board of Finance reviews budget requests for FY 2018. Our members meet every Tuesday night at 7 pm in February and March with organizations, departments and community members to understand the requests, while balancing the challenge of keeping taxes low. This year we are faced with additional constraints due to the state budget shortfall, reducing revenues, and possibly increasing our costs (such as the suggestion that towns should now pay into teacher retirement accounts). The Selectmen and Finance members are cognizant of the concerns of all of our citizens to spend wisely and keep costs in check. They deserve your thanks for their dedication and commitment of time to this task. A budget hearing will take place in April, with a Town vote scheduled on the third Monday in May.

Our Town Assessor of 38 years, Walter Kent, will be retiring as of April, 2017. Walter has served through numerous revaluations, budgets and assessment hearings, supporting his claim that he has "seen it all!" He a longtime member of the CT Association of Assessing Officers (CAAO), serving on the Historian Committee, which meets monthly and has published a booklet titled "History of CT Assessors." They are currently working on a second volume. Walter Kent has certainly worked hard for the Town of Old Lyme and he will be sorely missed, but his retirement is well deserved. We wish him all the best of luck in his retirement.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Happy Spring, and don't forget to take time to smell the roses – life is short!

Bonnie Reemsnyder
First Selectwoman

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limitations & length of home ownership. Applicants may not be receiving federal, state, county or municipal financial subsidy or aid. These filings are done every 2 years and if you are already in the program you will receive a reminder letter if it is your year to reply or you may call if you have any concerns regarding filing.

Board of Assessment Appeals has been set for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 5 to 8 pm; Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 5 pm

to 8 pm and Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9 am to 12 noon for anyone wanting to appeal their 2016 Real Estate Assessments. Because the Assessors Office was granted an extension in filing the 2016 Grand List, the deadline for the Appeal Forms to be returned is March 20, 2017. The forms are available in this office for your convenience.

For more information please call Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment Technician @ 434-1605 Ext. 219.

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce



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

Details of the locations of and speakers at these upcoming meetings will be published on the website as soon as they are confirmed.

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is partnering with the Connecticut Audubon Society's Osprey Nation, the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts and the MusicNow Foundation to bring together art, music, nature and events.






The Chamber will be hosting its second annual 'Osprey Festival,' at Sound View on Saturday, June 17, from 10 am to 8 pm. This is an exciting, family-oriented seaside festival that kicks off the summer season and attracts residents from Lyme and Old Lyme as well as the surrounding communities. The Chamber

You are invited to participate as a sponsor at the Platinum, Gold or Silver levels or as a vendor in the Vendor Alley, where there will be 50 (approximately) 10'x10' spaces available for vendors. For more information about this event, visit www.ospreyfestival.com where you can also download a vendor application form. Please email info@ospreyfestival.com with questions about the festival.

For details of scholarships opportunities, monthly meetings and other Chamber-sponsored events, visit www.VisitOldLyme.com and don't forget to Buy Local to support businesses in our community!

For questions regarding the Chamber, contact Chamber President Mark Griswold at griswmark@aol.com or Vice President Olwen Logan at editor@lymeline.com.

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2017 Beach Sticker Information

Beach Stickers will be available online at the Town's website www.oldlyme-ct.gov beginning in May or in the Selectman's Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.

Price for a beach sticker is \$25 and \$20 for senior citizens over 60. Car registration must be shown and additional proof of property ownership (if vehicle is registered in a place other than Old Lyme) may be required at time of purchase. Please note the cost for replacement stickers is \$25 unless the original sticker is returned (regardless of condition).

In addition, weekly cottage renters (with lease dates) can request a temporary beach pass for use during their stay for \$25, and we also offer a temporary day pass for \$10 for other special circumstances. Please visit the Selectman's Office or phone Michele Hayes (860.434.1605, ext. 212) for details and purchase of these passes as well as additional questions you may have. Thank you!

Rogers Lake Authority News

The Rogers Lake Authority is looking for people interested in staffing the patrol boat for the summer of 2017. The Rogers Lake Authority deploys a patrol boat on Rogers Lake for 30 hours a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day for the purpose of promoting safe activities on the lake. Multiple people may share this position. If you are interested, please email Dick Smith at rogerslake2@comcast.net.

The Rogers Lake Authority will be sponsoring a certified CPR course. It will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am at the Rogers Lake West Shores Association Clubhouse; 75 Rogers Lake Trail, Old Lyme, CT. There is a \$40 fee that includes a certification registration card. Class size is limited to 20 pre-registered applicants. To register please call Robert Recor at 860-434-1795.

The Rogers Lake Authority is also planning on sponsoring a Safe Boating course this spring. The course is open to the public and any age group. After successfully completing the eight-hour course, you will receive a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation that enables you to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length including Jet Skis, along with Safe Waterskiing Endorsement. Your certificate never expires and is recognized in all states. If you are interested in taking this course, please contact Robert Recor at 860-434-1795.


Every leap year Rogers Lake is to be lowered in the fall so that landowners can perform any maintenance at the waters edge. That did not happen this past year because of the drought. The hope is the lake can be lowered for this activity after Labor Day of this year.

The Rogers Lake Authority asks for your assistance in reporting unsafe activity occurring on Rogers Lake anytime of the year. To report any unsafe activities, please use the form that is available on the Rogers Lake Authority website http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_BComm/rogers_lake/index?textPage=1 Click on "Report Boating Violation." Thank you for your assistance.

Connecticut State law 12-155 prohibits the use of a fertilizer containing phosphorous less than 20 feet from any body of water. A \$500 fine is imposed

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on violators. If you have questions on the phosphorus legislation or soil testing, call the UConn Home & Garden Education Center at 877-486-6271.

Save the Dates for the 81st Annual White Elephant Sale!



The instantly recognizable White Elephant Sale logo.

It's hard to believe but preparations have already begun for the perennially popular White Elephant Sale (WES) hosted by the Ladies Benevolent Society of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme.

For those new to the town or folk who have never participated, this 81st

annual sale is one of the main events on both the town and church calendars. It all starts with the intake period when you can drop off unwanted items at the church from your house — perhaps your basement, attic or closets — or yard.

Garage, tag and rummage sales may be everyday affairs, but few, if any, can match the size and color of this one. The sale items are organized into some 20 departments that fill the church buildings as well as every available space on the lawn. The WES has grown so large that it has become a true “community event” since many of the donations are from non-church members and quite a number of volunteers are also from outside the church. The sale raises a significant amount of money for missions and good works both locally and throughout the world. Some of the beneficiaries include food pantries, health organizations, family support centers, children’s programs, literacy volunteers, affordable housing, and disaster relief worldwide.



The crowds anxiously await the first strike of 9 am when the White Elephant Sale begins.

Mark your calendars now for the dates of this year’s sale. Intake begins on Thursday, June 29, and runs daily from 9 am to 2 pm through Saturday, July 1. Then there is a break for the July 4th
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Old Lyme Municipal Departments

<u>Department</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Animal Control	Lynn Philomen	434-1605 x244
Assessor	Walter Kent	434-1605 x218
First Selectwoman	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder	434-1605 x211
Board of Selectmen	Mary Jo Nosal	434-1605 x212
Board of Selectmen	Skip Sibley	434-1605 x212
Building	John Flower	434-1605 x230
Emergency Management & Fire Marshal	David Roberge	434-1605 x231
Finance Director	Nicole Stajduhar	434-1605 x232
Harbormaster	Harry Plaut	434-1605 x212
Health Office		434-1605 x214
Ledge Light Health District		860-448-4882
Information Technology	Ruth Roach	434-1605 x237
Parks and Recreation	Don Bugbee	434-1605 x235
Police	TFC Gary Inglis	434-7080
Probate Court	Hon. Jeffrey McNamara	739-6052
Public Works	Ed Adanti	434-1605 x243
Registrar of Voters	Catherine Quine Carter & Marylin C. Clarke	434-1605 x226
Senior Center	Stephanie Lyon Gould	434-1605 x240
Social Services	Jennifer Datum	434-1605 x228
Tax Collection	Judith Tooker	434-1605 x216
Town Clerk	Eileen Coffee	434-1605 x221
Treasurer	Tim Griswold	434-1605 x232
Zoning Enforcement	Keith Rosenfeld	434-1605 x225
OTHER AGENCIES		
Library/Passports	Katie Huffman, Director	434-1684
School District #18	Superintendent of Schools	434-7238
Youth Services Bureau	Mary Seidner, Director	434-7208

Old Lyme - Community Listings

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OLD LYME HISTORICAL SOCIETY	(860) 434-0684
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LYME/OLD LYME JR WOMEN'S CLUB	(860) 501-9773
DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE	(860) 434-2271
REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE	(860) 434-0740
LYME ART ASSOCIATION	(860) 434-7802
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS –	
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AMERICAN LEGION – POST 41	(860) 664-0047

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MILE CREEK SCHOOL	(860) 434-2209
CENTER SCHOOL	(860) 434-7838
MIDDLE SCHOOL	(860) 434-2568
LYME/OLD LYME HIGH SCHOOL	(860) 434-1651
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holiday and then intake restarts Wednesday, July 5, and continues through Saturday, July 8. There will also be two evening intake sessions from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday, June 29, and Thursday, July 6.

The sale itself will be held on Friday, July 14, from 9 am to 2 pm and Saturday, July 15, from 8 am to 12 pm. Most departments offer items at half-price on the second day.

For more information about the sale or if you would like to volunteer to help in any capacity, whether with intake, the sale itself, or clean-up, call the church office at 860.434.8686. See you at The Sale!

News from the Old Lyme Conservation Commission

SOLAR ENERGY EASY AND SUSTAINABLE

Solar energy is rapidly becoming an available and affordable source of electricity, for both homes as well as larger venues. It is both a clean and sustainable alternative to other sources of electricity. In Connecticut Millstone Nuclear Power Plant produces most of our electricity; natural gas is the second-largest source of electricity in CT. Solar is a practical alternative for electricity for locations that receive sunshine during peak hours of the day.

WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR INVESTMENT INCLUDE:

- SMART-E loans through Energize Connecticut (<http://www.energizect.com/your-home/solutions-list/smart-e>) can help you to own, lease or finance your solar electric system.
- Rebates from Connecticut Green Bank (<http://www.ctcleanenergy.com/default.aspx?tabid=62>)
- Collect Renewable Energy Credits while you receive power from your solar electric system. Eversource will swap out your meter with a net meter so they can tally how much electricity is produced by the solar panels and how much is consumed from their sources.
- 30% tax credit from the federal government is applied to the total cost after the rebate is taken out.



The roof mount is on top of UPS building in Waterford.



The ground mount is at the DEEP building in Old Lyme.

Get started by calling a local installer and arranging a site visit. (<http://www.cleanenergyauthority.com/connecticut-solar-installers/>). A requirement is to get a Home Energy Solutions energy audit (<http://www.energizect.com/your-home/solutions-list/home-energy-solutions-core-services>).

Immediate savings from solar are possible. But, even better, it's one way for us to benefit future generations through the social and ecological impact of solar. Long term solar is a healthy solution for our current and future energy needs.

Trash and Recycling

Curbside trash removal is performed by Old Lyme Sanitation (860-434-3800). There is no trash pick-up on the following Holidays: Christmas (Dec. 25), New Year's (Jan. 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), and Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.). Trash normally collected on Thanksgiving is picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pickup. For other holidays, trash pickup moves to the following day, until Thursday and Friday, which remain on schedule. Please be advised that Old Lyme Sanitation DOES NOT take off the same Holidays as the Town does.

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

Single stream curbside recycling pick-up is provided for clean bottles, cans, #1 - 7 plastics and paper products

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

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up the next day, along with the regular Friday pickup. For other holidays, recycling pickup moves to the following day, until Friday, which remains on schedule. Recycling information is available on the Town's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov), as well as in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Clearly mark your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Phone Michele Hayes (860-434-1605, ext. 212) with additional questions you may have. Additional automated trash and recycling containers should be ordered through Michele Hayes (860-434-1605, ext. 212) in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street. Containers cost \$80. Please mark clearly your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Homeowners are responsible to replace lost, stolen or broken cans at their expense.

Streetlights

Reporting Streetlight Problems: Please phone Michele Hayes in the Selectman's Office at the Town Hall (860-434-1605, ext. 212) to report a streetlight outage and/or trash or recycling problem. When reporting a streetlight, please make note of the pole location and pole number. The Town of Old Lyme can only repair streetlights that are on town-owned roads. The Town does not have jurisdiction on private roads. Streetlights located on private or association roads should be reported to the association. Thank you!

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Transfer Station/Landfill Hours. The Transfer Station is located on Four Mile River Road and is open Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 am-3:45 pm, Saturday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Taxpayers vehicles should have a Transfer Station sticker affixed to the right-hand side of windshield. Vehicles without a sticker, should bring proof of property address (i.e., tax bill, mortgage statement or closing papers), along with a driver's license and registration.

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

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

Grass clippings are not allowed at the Transfer Station because

of chemical contamination from pesticides and fertilizers and cannot be deposited in your trash can. Please compost on your property.

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

The Lyme Tree - A Woman's Exchange of Old Lyme

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The first-ever Lyme volunteer festival will be held Sunday, April 23, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Lyme Fire Station to help recruit local volunteers for town committees and help area nonprofits. With a theme that calls for area residents to "Be a Part of Our Community," the event will serve as the local kickoff of National Volunteer Week. Representatives from the Town of Lyme and dozens of nonprofit agencies will be on hand, offering experiential opportunities for residents to learn about the town, get to know their neighbors, and contribute their time and talents to better our community. Volunteers play a critical role in keeping Lyme safe, healthy, and beautiful. There will be short and long-term opportunities available as well as ones that can be done alone or in groups. A picnic variety of refreshments will be served. If you love Lyme and want to keep it the special place it is-join us!

The fair is sponsored by the Lyme Committee on Volunteerism, a joint project of the Lyme Democratic and Republican Town Committees and the Town of Lyme.

What's Old is New Again at the Old Lyme Historical Society

The Old Lyme Historical Society is located at 55 Lyme Street. The building started out as the home of the Old Lyme Gun Club, located at today's Maple Avenue. The land was not for sale, but the Grangers leased the building for 17 years at \$8 per annum, then negotiated a one-year extension and planned to move the building to its present location on Lyme Street. They moved the old house on that lot to a new location on Library Lane, dug and stoned a new foundation (large enough to accommodate the planned addition of a stage), and used teams of oxen to drag the building the few hundred yards to its present site.

In February 1929 the new Grange Hall, replete with a stage for lectures and performances, was dedicated. In May of that year they received the stage curtain, elaborately painted with scenery on one side and ads for local businesses on the other. The Grangers held fairs, bake sales and performances to raise the money to pay off their \$2200 mortgage. In October 1931, they paid off the mortgage and celebrated by burning the papers; saving the ashes with an injunction that all future Grangers should be reminded of this feat every five years.

The Old Lyme Historical Society has created an exhibit at the Old Lyme Post Office about the history of the Grange Hall. Created by Edie Twining and Mark Terwilliger, the display contains many interesting artifacts from the early days of the Grange, including farm implements, silverware, and the ashes from the mortgage burning ceremony. Stop by and take a look the next time you are at the Post Office!

The Society has been very busy renovating its historic building, courtesy of the award-winning "Tuesday Morning Work Crew." The climate-controlled Alison C. Mitchell Archive Room is nearly complete, and materials are being accessioned weekly. The main room now boasts period-correct schoolhouse style pendant lamps, hanging from the newly-restored original beadboard ceiling.



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Old Lyme Historical Society (OLHS) Building on Lyme Street.

Amidst all the renovations, the Society has remained open to the public, hosting the Now and Then Calendar launch event in November, participating in the OLCLC Historic House tour in December, and hosting a lecture and book signing for Revolution in the Lymes by Jim Lampos and Michaelle Pearson in February. Upcoming events include the Annual Dinner Lecture, Memorial Day Open House, Town Band Concert and the Old Lyme Midsummer Festival.

Changes to Shoreline Bus Fares

9 Town Transit introduced a new fare structure in January on all public bus service in the region. The changes were necessary to help offset a decrease in funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation and meet new federal rules.

Cash fares increased to \$1.75 on bus routes and \$3.50 on the Dial-A-Ride services and off-route trips. This is offset by the introduction of a senior and disabled fare, which allows seniors 65 or over and people with disabilities to ride any bus route for \$.85, or \$31 for unlimited trips with a monthly pass. To qualify for the new senior and disabled fare, a Medicare card or a Connecticut reduced fare I.D. must be shown on boarding. I.D.'s can be obtained by visiting www.9towntransit.com. Seniors 60 and over residing in the region are still be able to obtain and utilize 9 Town Transit Senior Fare Cards as well.

Another new addition is the U Pass available to Middlesex Community College students. This pass allows students to purchase a monthly unlimited ride pass for only \$35. The pass can be used on any 9 Town Transit, CT Transit or Middletown Area Transit bus route. U Passes are sold only at the Middlesex Community College book store.

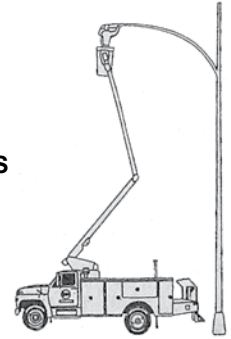
9 Town Transit provides four bus routes to service the valley-shore region and Dial-A-Ride service to twelve towns. For more information or to purchase passes and tickets, visit www.9towntransit.com.



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It's Tax Season, What's on Your 1099?

Tax season forces us to gather and review investment documents. It also presents an opportunity to look for areas of improvement. Different types of investment income are taxed differently; ditto different types of accounts.

Ordinary interest and dividends are currently taxed at a taxpayer's marginal tax rate. So are short term capital gains (assets sold after less than one year has passed since the original purchase date.) Qualified dividends and long term capital gains (assets sold after holding for at least one year) are taxed at a lower rate - currently 0% to 23.8% - depending on the taxpayer's income.

Earnings in most qualified retirement accounts (401(k), 403(b), etc.) and IRAs are not taxed until funds are distributed, so they are allowed to grow tax-deferred. Distributions from these accounts must begin at age 70 1/2 and are taxed at the taxpayer's rate at that time. In Roth IRAs, the earnings may never be taxed, even upon distribution, as long as they meet certain conditions.

If you have significant taxable investment income in 2016, it may make sense to review all of your accounts with an eye toward adjusting the tax impact now and in the future.

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Social Services

As spring approaches, Social Services expects to provide assistance with the Renters' Rebate Program. State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room, or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. This program typically opens on April 1st.

Looking ahead to summer, we hope to be able to participate once again in the CT Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. Individuals 60 years of age or older, with incomes that do not exceed 185% of poverty income guidelines are eligible. Each eligible recipient receives six (6) three-dollar (\$3) checks (\$18 per recipient, per market season), which can be redeemed at FMNP authorized markets throughout Connecticut for fruits, vegetables, fresh cut herbs, and honey.

Old Lyme Social Services offers help with information, paper-



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

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact: Jennifer Datum, Social Services Coordinator
860-434-1605, ext. 228 or email: socialservices@oldlyme-ct.gov
Office hours are Mondays 12 - 4, Wednesdays 9 - 1 and Fridays 9 - 1 or by appointment.

A Busy Spring for Child & Family Agency's Auxiliary

The Lyme/Old Lyme Auxiliary of Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut has a busy spring season ahead, from collecting donations for the Agency's Annual Sale in May to the 14th Lyme/Old Lyme Garden Tour in June. New members are always welcome to join us in our efforts to support the work of Child & Family Agency.

The 63rd Annual Sale, taking place in New London May 11-14, is widely considered the "Largest Tag Sale in New England." Agency auxiliaries collect donations for the sale during the week prior to the sale; intake in Old Lyme will be on May 2 from 10 am to 4 pm at the First Congregational Church on Ferry Road. Auxiliary members will collect, sort, tag, and box donations for transport to New London. Members also help staff the sale!

The 2017 Lyme/Old Lyme Garden Tour comes to Old Lyme Village this year, with a tour of gardens that surround some of Old Lyme's most beautiful and historic homes. From the simple to the ornate, these gardens vary widely in style, content, and size — but one thing they have in common is their pleasing aesthetic. Spend a day wandering the streets of Old Lyme Village and come away with a whole new perspective on what it takes to garden in a village setting! Auxiliary members will
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host gardens, sell tickets, and work at the Garden Boutique, so helping hands are welcome!

Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the well-being and development of all children and their families, with emphasis on the unmet needs of children lacking physical, emotional, and intellectual care and nurturing. With offices in New London, Essex, and Groton, Child & Family Agency is the largest nonprofit children's service provider in southeastern Connecticut. If you are interested in learning more about — or possibly joining— the work of Child & Family Agency's Lyme/Old Lyme Auxiliary, plan to attend our spring membership meeting on April 5 at a place to be determined. For more information, email cfa.lolauxiliary@gmail.com or visit www.childandfamilyagency.org.



Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

59 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT 06371
860-434-7208, www.lysb.org

32ND ANNUAL YOUTH ART SHOW at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Sill House Gallery March 16 through March 25, 10:00-4:00 daily (closed Sunday.) Opening Reception: Thursday, March 16, 4:00-7:00 pm. LYSB presents artwork of more than 150 students K-12 of Lyme Old Lyme Schools.

THE BIZZ: Youth Talent Show Friday, March 24, 7:00 pm at Lyme-Old Lyme High School. Tickets \$8 at the door or in advance at LYSB. Audition information at www.lysb.org.

SUMMER CAMP & ACTIVITIES FAIR Wednesday, March 29, 5:00-7:00 pm at Lyme Old Lyme High School Commons. More than 30 local camps will be at LYSB's Camp Fair! Pick up brochures, meet camp reps, and learn about summer camp options for your family. It's one stop shopping for a summer of fun! Admission is free. Pizza available for sale.

INTERNET GAMING DISORDER: A VIRTUAL ADDICTION with Dr. Paul Weigle May 2, 7:00 pm @ LOLMS auditorium. Internet habits and regular video game play among American youth have rapidly escalated in recent years and have dramatically changed the landscape of childhood and adolescence. Learn how to promote safe and healthy media habits. Free and open to the public.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY: A parenting workshop series April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 6:30 pm at LYSB
Circle of Security Parenting is a parent education program based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. The program is designed to enhance the bond and sense of security for both parents and their children. Learn more about: understanding the

emotional world of children by learning to read emotional needs; supporting the child's ability to successfully manage emotions; enhancing the development of the child's self-esteem
Pre-register at www.lysb.org.

PLAYGROUPS at Lymes' Youth Service Bureau. LYSB offers a variety of weekly playgroups based on child's age and interest. Each session offers crafts, stories, music, games and social activities based on fun themes. Visit our website for a full description at www.lysb.org.

BABIES GROUP Thursdays 12:30-1:30 pm. For new and expecting moms and parents of children up to 12 months. This group is casual, comfortable, and informative. Weekly topics of interest are based on the diversity of your own questions and concerns commonly found during the first year of parenting. Meeting in the child friendly atmosphere of Mimi's Place a LYSB. Join anytime.

MUSIC WITH MARGIE Wednesdays 10:45-11:10 am. Music with Margie is a "joy-based" music and movement preschool program for young children based on the simple truth that children learn and retain knowledge through PLAY! Enthusiastically performed, written, and taught by Connecticut-born Margie Warner. Weekly topics include everything from families to weather to dinosaurs – all in a fun, safe environment. Margie is a member of both ASCAP and the Connecticut Storytelling Center. This program is free due to grant funding but you must pre-register www.lysb.org.

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK (by appointment). Did you know only one out of five cars seats are installed correctly? If you have

questions about recalls, booster seats, forward facing, airbags, and many more please schedule your personal 30 minute appointment. Your child must be present unless you are expecting.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC) Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm. YAC is a high school community service club that participates in a variety of fun projects and activities throughout the year. All high school students in L/OL are welcome to join us any Wednesday night! Just show up, fun is guaranteed!

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

SEWING WORKSHOP: Let's Get Sewing Animals April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2017, 4:00-6:00 pm. Sew and design a menagerie of animals using felt and flannel fabrics as well as buttons, ribbons and embroidery designs. Learn how to sew on a machine. No experience necessary. All materials and machines provided. Fee: \$95 With arts educator Claudia Mathison. Take the Bus to LYSB. To register visit www.lysb.org or call LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

MENTORING PROJECT LYSB and the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School are looking for adult mentors to work with middle school students on a weekly basis in the school setting. If you are

interested in making a difference in the life of a young person, please contact LYSB at 860-434-7208 to learn more about the mentoring project.

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP OF SOUTHEASTERN CT. Joining hands as we walk on this journey together towards healing one breath at a time. We are a group of survivors, together to offer support, comfort, and understanding. Our group provides an atmosphere of acceptance for exploring feelings that are often not understood by others. It offers a chance to share helpful resources, and to give and get support through the long grief process. Meeting times: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at LYSB, 59 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT.

YOUTH JOB BANK Do you need a babysitter? Yard work needing to be done? Dog walking? Odd Jobs? Call LYSB to hire local youth who are interested in working for you! L/OL youth in grades 6-12 who are interested in adding your name to our Job Bank, fill out an application on our website www.lysb.org or call 860-434-7208 x0.

New Technology at Middlesex Hospital Advances Cardiac and Vascular Care

Middlesex Hospital added a new Diagnostic and Interventional Suite into its existing cardiac catheterization laboratory in Middletown. The Suite is a "hybrid" mix of state-of-the-art equipment which performs delicate cardiac catheterizations, a variety of vascular imaging and interventional radiology procedures. Diagnostic cardiac catheterization is the "gold standard" procedure for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease. Using new technology, the D&I Suite will diagnose and treat disease in various types of blood vessels, in a singular location.

The addition of the Suite's Intravascular

Ultrasound (IVUS) technology will be of particular note. Intravascular ultrasound uses sound waves to see inside blood vessels. By placing a tiny ultrasound wand on the top of a catheter, physicians can view inside blood vessels in real time to identify blockages and ruptures. IVUS images can reveal buildup of cholesterol or fat deposits (plaques) which are known to increase the risk of a heart attack or stroke.

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In September, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new suite, Middlesex Hospital President and CEO, Vincent G. Capece, Jr. told those gathered, "I am proud to say that... the new Diagnostic and Interventional Suite is the direct result of the collaboration, hard work and guidance of many individuals here at the Hospital, who are dedicated to providing the safest, highest-quality health care, and best experience possible for our patients."

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Lymes' Senior Center

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CHECK OUT our "new" Southeastern Connecticut senior center website for upcoming events <http://seniorcenterct.org>

The Lymes' Senior Center offers many weekly programs of interest for Seniors 60 and over to include the following. **Exercise takes many forms here at the center.** Current weekly classes include Exercise with Cathy on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30, Sit & Be Fit Tuesday mornings at 10:00, Tia Chi Wednesday mornings at 9:00, Yoga Classes Level 1 and Level 2 on Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 4:30 pm, Beginner & Advanced Tap Class on Thursday

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mornings at 10:00 am and 10:45 respectively, Piyo (Pilates-Yoga Class) on Friday mornings at 8:00 am and Tuesday nights at 5:45 pm, Balance & Tone Class Friday mornings at 10:30 am, and both Ballroom and Country Line Dancing Classes on Friday afternoons at 1:00 & 2:30 pm. **We offer weekly bridge programs** Monday and Thursday afternoons, **Nickel, Nickel Card Game** Monday & Thursday afternoons, **Wii Bowling** Thursday afternoons, **Computer Classes** the first Monday of the month, **Senior Socials and Art Classes** Monday and Tuesday mornings and the Shoreline Artists' Workshop meets Friday mornings. **We offer day trips from March-December and Overnight Trips and Cruises year round.** We offer the following free services; a VNA Nurse is on premises Monday-Thursday from 11:15- 1:15 pm & Friday from 12:00-1:00 pm, Financial Health Checkup the 2nd Thursday of the month, Brain Yoga Wednesday afternoons, Hearing Clinic the first Wednesday of the month. Haircuts the second Wednesday of the month for \$10.00, Foot Clinics the third and fourth Wednesday of the month. In addition, for a small fee we also offer Reflexology every other Wednesday.

In addition AARP Foundation TAX-AIDE is offered in conjunction with the IRS. Its Tax Counseling for the Elderly program (TCE), provides free tax help to low-to moderate-income tax-payers, with special attention to those 60 and older. Counselors will be available on the following dates to complete your Federal and State Income Tax Returns: March 30th and April 13th. To schedule an appointment at the Lymes' Senior Center in Old Lyme, call the Estuary Senior Center in Old Saybrook at 860-388-1611 and tell them you wish to sign up for the Old Lyme site.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FREE SPECIAL EVENTS/ LECTURES (unless noted otherwise) that will take place at the Lymes' Senior Center from March 17th 2017 - May 31st 2017.

- **The Gray's School of Irish Dance** will perform on March 17th at 1:30 pm.
 - **Dr. Corey Podbielski of Spectrum PT** will present an informative Talk about Vertigo on March 21st at 1:00 pm.
 - **Love Your Lifestyle by Taking Care of Yourself** motivation for moving, eating, and thinking well will be presented by Carolyn Finch on March 22nd at 1:00 pm.
 - **AARP Drive Safety Class** will be held on Friday, March 24th from 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm. Call (860)434-1605 ext. 240 to sign up. Cost is \$15.00 for members/ \$20.00 for non-members.
 - **A Women's Support Group** (call to register) facilitated by Lisa Navarra Clinical Social Worker from Senior Bridges will be held on March 27th at 1:00 pm.
 - **Movie: Jackie O** will be shown on March 28th at 1:00 pm.
 - **Connecticut Classic Duo** made up of Iris Bendokas Rogan,
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- violinist and Thirzah Bendokas, cellist will perform on March 29th at 1:00 pm.
- **Come & Learn about the Medicare Coverage** that can give you Extra Benefits presented by Traci O'Brien of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield on April 4th at 1:00 pm.
 - **Braiden Sunshine** will be here to perform on April 5th at 1:00 pm. Come enjoy the music of our local superstar from "The Voice."
 - **Revolution in the Lymes Book Event** with local authors Michaelle Pearson & Jim Lampos on April 11th at 1:00 pm. This event will consist of a power point presentation on the topic and books will be available to buy and have signed.
 - **Bingo** \$1.00 Admission will be played on April 19th and May 17th at 1:00 pm.
 - **The Not so Good Life of the Colonial Goodwife** presented by Velya Jancz- Urban on April 12th at 1:00 pm.
 - **Broadway Baritone, James Michael** will perform on May 3rd at 1:00 pm.
 - **Ceramic Class** offered by Fired Up will take place here on May 22nd at 1:00 pm. The piece choices you have are a flowerpot with tray (4 1/2 inches tall by 4 inches wide), a ruffled heart candy dish (7 inches wide by 6 inches high), or a bud vase. (5 1/2 inches tall). The cost of the class is \$20.00 and is due to instructor on the day of class. Pre-sign up is required. Minimum of 8 people to run the class. Projects will be completed that day, then fired back at the studio and returned to participants 2 weeks later.
 - **Sing a Long with Songbird Judy Hall** on May 23rd at 1:00 pm
 - **CPR Demonstration**-come learn the basics (this is not a certification program) performed by Colleen and Doug from Critical Skills on May 24th at 1:00 pm.
 - **Fire up those Neurons-Group Brain Games** will be held on May 31st at 1:00 pm

Do you have an AED in your building?

Add the Rogers Lake Community Center to the list of public buildings in Old Lyme with AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators). To date, more than 2,000 Old Lyme residents and/or in-town employees have been certified or trained in CPR, with that number increasing every year.

As a HEARTSafe Community, Old Lyme has demonstrated its commitment toward ensuring that its residents and visitors receive the early lifesaving response proven to increase the chances of survival for victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and has received this Connecticut Department of Public Health award for the second consecutive three-year term.

The award is granted to communities that train and certify a certain percentage of their population in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and install and train

people in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the town.

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and American Heart Association Instructors Colleen Atkinson and Doug Lo Presti, Old Lyme residents and members of the Old Lyme Ambulance service, achieved and maintain the town's status by conducting extensive CPR training in Old Lyme and acquiring AEDs for interested businesses and public buildings.

WE ARE AWARE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AEDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Old Lyme Town Hall
Soundview Beach Assn (Seasonal)
Town Woods Park (Seasonal)
OL Parks and Rec Dept (Seasonal)
Lymes' Senior Center

LOL High School
LOL Middle School
Center School
Mile Creek School
Old Lyme PGN Library
SNAP Fitness
Healthy Addiction
L&M Primary Care
Rogers Lake Community Center
Black Hall Club
Old Lyme Country Club
Old Lyme Beach Club (Seasonal)
Old Lyme Police Department
Old Lyme Fire Stations
Old Lyme Ambulance Stations
Old Lyme Ambulance First Responders

If you have an AED and are not mentioned here or if you are interested in learning more about acquiring a unit or taking a CPR class, contact Doug or Colleen, or the First Selectman's office at 860-434-1605, extension 210.

Host Families Needed for students from Spain.

The Language Connection (TLC) is seeking families in CT who are willing to provide room, board and a nurturing environment to Spanish students this summer. TLC students, ages 12 to 17, wish to live with American families to practice their English skills and to experience family life in the U.S. Each student has taken English classes for several years and will have insurance and spending money.

TLC matches students with hosts based on applications from both. American and Spanish TLC representatives provide support throughout the visits. The students arrive on June 23 and depart on July 21. For more information about our program or to apply to become a host family visit www.bilbaocollege.com/tlc or send an email to Lauren Salvemini, program director, at TLC.LAUREN@YAHOO.COM.

Vibrant World Language Program at Lyme-Old Lyme Schools Continues to Expand and Evolve

Lyme-Old Lyme (LOL) might be a relatively small school district but it offers a remarkably robust World Language Program, which starts in Grade 3 and continues right through high school. “The whole emphasis of the program has changed,” says veteran educator and Department Head Pam Russell, adding, “It’s a huge change from the past... it’s not just about conjugating verbs any more, but rather, it’s all about communication.”



A third grade student at Lyme Consolidated School learns numbers in Spanish.

Students take Spanish twice a week from Grades 3 through 5 because Russell explains, “The general perspective is that Spanish is the most useful language.” By Grade 6, students are taking Spanish five days a week and then in seventh grade French is added to the menu of options. Russell notes enthusiastically, “Not many schools offer Spanish in sixth grade, let alone treat it as an academic subject.”

Moving into high school, students can continue with Spanish or French (or both) through to Advanced Placement (AP) courses, but two new languages enter the arena in the form of Chinese and Latin. John Wang, a native of China, has

successfully built that program from the seed of an idea originally supported by a Chinese Cultural Grant into a reality that now sees many students taking the AP



Above, students hard at work in a Chinese class in Lyme-Old Lyme High School.



A Lyme-Old Lyme High School student practices writing Chinese script.

exam each year. Latin has also changed dramatically from the non-verbal subject taught in previous generations into a communicative language that it is now spoken in class on a daily basis.

In terms of enrollment in World Languages in LOL Schools, “There has always been a consistency with numbers,” says Jeanne Manfredi, former World Languages Department Head and now LOL High School Assistant Principal. With a student body of over 487 students in the high school, she proudly notes that more than one



Latin teacher James Motes demonstrates to his Lyme-Old Lyme High School class how to wrap a toga.

third of them are taking Spanish. Add to that the approximately 80, 60 and 55, who respectively are studying Latin, French and Chinese, and one begins to understand the strength of the program.

This vibrancy can be traced back to the eight world language teachers in LOL Schools, who Manfredi describes as, “a very tight-knit group,” saying appreciatively, “We have consistently gotten such support and respect in the district.” Russell adds, “This is a department driven to stay on top of their craft.” It’s no wonder with this sort of commitment that the LOL Schools World Language program continues to graduate “global citizens,” who are ready to make their mark in the world wherever — and with whomever — that might be.

Please contact me directly with any questions regarding our World Language program or any other matter related to LOL Schools.

Ian Neviasser, Superintendent of Lyme-Old Lyme Schools
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Too Chilly for the Beach?

HOW ABOUT SOME CHILI AT THE BEACH?

Head to the beach on a brisk Sunday afternoon in March to taste some chili, and you can support the 2017 Safe Graduation Party! The Safe Grad Chili Cook-off at Lenny’s

on the Beach in Soundview will offer an array of homemade chilis — all different types and different recipes — that visitors can taste and then vote for their favorites. Traditional accompaniments like cornbread and oyster crackers are included. Beverages, including **continued on page 26**

Too Chilly for the Beach?... continued from page 25

Lenny's own Soundview Brewing Co "brew with the view," will be available for purchase.

The Safe Grad Chili Cook-off takes place on Sunday, March 26, from 1 to 4 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person, available at the door. Lenny's is located on the beach at 88 Hartford Avenue, Old Lyme.

WHAT IS THE SAFE GRADUATION PARTY?

This is an all-night, substance-free party for Lyme–Old Lyme High School seniors, taking place on graduation night in a secret, secure location. The kids will have all sorts of activities to keep them busy — sports, movies, music, games, food, etc. But it's also a chance for our graduates to enjoy their last night together as a

class, a night they'll remember for years to come. The total cost, including bus transportation and dinner beforehand, is approximately \$200 per student. This is not paid for by the school or the school district. We have to raise funds from the class and from the public through our various fundraisers. We've been busy all year with pie sales and restaurant nights, and coming up: the Chili Cook-off at Lenny's, a Ladies Night at Bonne Santé in April, more restaurant nights, a raffle, and more! Lyme/Old Lyme Safe Graduation Party is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information on the Chili Cook-off or the 2017 Safe Grad Party, find us on Facebook (@lolsafegrad2017) or visit www.lolsafegrad.com.

Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library



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

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Julie Bartley/Children's Librarian
jbartley@oldlyme.lioninc.org
860.434.1684 x114

Toddler Time (Recommended for ages 2-5): Tuesdays at 10:30 am,

April 18—May 16 & June 6—June 27

Baby Time (Recommended for ages 2-5):

Thursdays at 10:30 am, April 18—May 16 & June 6—June 27

Sweet Beats Family Music with Eleanor

Robinson: Second Wednesday of the month (4/12, 5/10, 6/14) at 5:30 pm

Wonder—Precept-A-Palooza!:

Wednesday, April 5 at 3 pm

Hello Spring! Mammals from the

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center:

Monday, April 10th 10:30 am-11:30 am

[Registration Required]

Plant A Seed For Earth Day:

Thursday, April 20 from 11 am-2 pm

Mother's Day Family Yoga Class:

Tuesday, May 9 at 4 pm [Registration Required]

"Cans" Family Film Festival:

Wednesday, May 18 4 pm

Wonder Woman Party:

Wednesday, May 31 at 3 pm

T-Shirt Transformers Workshop:

Tuesday, June 13 at 1 pm

Build A Better World Summer Reading

Kickoff Event: Friday, June 16 from 5-7 pm

Build A Better World Summer Reading

Registration: Saturday, June 17 from 10 am-2 pm

Story Time with the LYSB: Tuesday,

June 20 at 10:30 am

For complete details, visit our website at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Nike Desis/Young Adult Librarian

ndesis@oldlyme.lioninc.org

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Check out our electronic calendar for the full and most up-to-date events listing and to register for programs at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org/events. Interested in volunteering with us? We're accepting new applications for Teen Library Council! The TLC application and details about program

expectations, duties, and eligibility can be found on the Teen page of the library's website at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org/tlcapp. And, follow us on Instagram (@olpgn_library) for reminders, new book features, contests, and plain old fun...

Friday Field Trip—Kriebel Library:

Friday, April 7 at 3 pm

Demigod Dualers—A Percy Jackson

Fan Club: Tuesday, April 11 & 25, 3:30 pm

DIY Iron-On Patches: Friday April 14 at 3 pm

Anime Club—Emoji Magnets: Thursday, April 20 & May 18, 4 pm

Eating and Growing in Tune with the

Earth: Friday, April 21 at 3 pm

Graphic Language! Book Club: Tuesday, May 2 & May 30 at 4 pm

Jewelry Workshop: Friday, May 12 at 2:30 pm

Minecraft Meetup: Monday, May 22 at 3:30 pm

Open your eyes & Pride—Zine Making

Workshop: Monday, June 7 at 2 pm

Build a Better World—Summer Reading

Kick-off: Friday, June 16 at 5 pm

Summer Reading Registration:

Saturday, June 17 at 10 am

Build a Better... Snack: Tuesday,

June 20 at 3:30 pm

Build a Better World... with Books:

Tuesday, June 27 at 3:30 pm

ADULT EVENTS

Katie Huffman/Director

khuffman@oldlyme.lioninc.org
860.434.1684 x110

Contemporary Classics Evening

Book Discussion:

First Monday of the month (4/3, 5/1)
at 7 pm

Phoebe's Morning Book Chat: Second
Thursday of the month (4/13, 5/11, 6/8)
at 11:15 am

Popular Science Roundtable: Fourth
Thursday of the month (4/27, 5/25, 6/22)

Estate Planning Seminar: Tuesday,
April 4 at 7 pm

Brain Health Seminar: Monday,
May 15 at 7 pm

Coyotes in Connecticut: Tuesday,
May 23 at 7 pm

Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream

Social: Wednesday, May 31 from 3-6 pm

Memorial Day Parade: Monday,
May 29 at 11 am

Founders Day Celebration: Friday,
June 23 at 7 pm

Additional adult events for April—June are currently being planned. Be sure to check our website at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org for more events and complete details.

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PHOEBE'S BOOKCELLAR

Wednesdays 10 – 6 pm

Saturdays 10 – 2 pm

Contact us at 860-434-1684 x117

Join us for the Half Price Sale – Saturday,
April 29th, 10 am – 2 pm (sale includes
all books)

The BookCellar is a highly successful used

book store – Old Lyme's only bookstore - managed by the volunteer Friends of the Library and housed on the Old Lyme Library's lower level.

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When you're in the Library lobby, be sure to browse the on-going sale of books located on the cabinets across from the Circulation Desk.

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ADULT TENNIS, PICKLEBALL & FITNESS

<p>Beginner Tennis Drills Wed., 5:30-7pm</p> <p>Adv. Beginner Tennis Drills Tue., 9-11am, 11am-12pm</p> <p>Intermediate Tennis Drills Mon., 10:30am-12pm</p> <p>NTRP Tennis Drills Sat., 10:30am-12pm, All levels</p> <p>Cardio Tennis Wed., 7-8pm, All levels</p> <p>Tennis Round Robins/Socials Tue., 9-11am, Fri., 12-2pm, 7-9pm</p>	<p>Drop-in Pickleball Mon., 1-4pm, Thu., 9:30am-12pm</p> <p>Strength Training M/W/F, 10am, W/F, 8am</p> <p>Circuit Training Sat./Sun., 8am</p> <p>Stability Ball Mon., 8am</p> <p>Yoga M/W, 11am</p> <p>Zumba Sat., 9:15am</p>
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Lyme Academy College Student Work on Exhibit at Old Lyme Town Hall

The Town of Old Lyme presents an exhibition through the end of March featuring works from Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts students. The exhibition showcases recent works from Bachelor of Fine Art students, freshmen to seniors, in all disciplines, including Drawing, Illustration, Painting, and Sculpture.

The new picture hanging system was installed at the Town Hall in late spring, when an inaugural exhibit featured pieces created by students in classes at the Lymes' Senior Center. Old Lyme First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder explains: "Art is such an important part of our Old Lyme community. We installed the new system for the express purpose of displaying art from organizations in our community."

Please feel free to contact the College with responses to the work on display. The public is welcome to participate in College

openings, lectures, workshops, and various community and undergraduate programs. The 41st Annual Student Exhibition is on view at the Chauncey Stillman Gallery at the College on 84 Lyme St. from February 3 to March 25, 2017.

Lyme Academy College, as part of the University of New Haven, is the only Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design institution in the State of Connecticut. Lyme Academy College has played an integral part in the town's culture since 1976. The College has grown in numbers, ranking and prestige from a small community art school to a national presence.

All are welcome to view the student exhibit at the Town Hall. The student exhibit can be viewed during regular Town Hall hours: 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday until the end of March.

Upcoming Events at Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts

UPCOMING COURSES:

Registration now open for Spring Studio Courses for Adults and Pre-College Students. Classes begin March 1, 2017

Wired: Calder and Portraiture

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Dr. Karen L. Schiff

Abstraction in the Public Sphere

open to the public, but tickets are required.

March 21 - Sol LeWitt: Wall Drawings

April 11 - Tina Barney: Speaking of Art

May 9 - Jeff Koons: Whitney

Retrospective (2014)

June 6 - Diller Scofidio & Renfro:

Reimagining Lincoln Center and the High Line

UPCOMING RESIDENCIES:

WATERCOLOR: The Method of COLOR-Workshop with David Dewey
Plein Air Watercolor Painting at the Norman Bird Sanctuary, Newport, Rhode Island May 15 - 19, 2017

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Alain J. Picard

Reflections of Hope

Reception at 5 pm. Lecture at 6 pm. | \$15
Limited Seating. Reservations Required.
RSVP: kbrady@lymefs.newhaven.edu

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

Annual Student Exhibition

February 3 - April 1, 2017

Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Connecticut Pastel Society Workshops

The Figure in Pastels, with Margaret Dyer - June 14 - 16, 2017

The Painterly Portrait, with Alain Picard - June 15 - 16, 2017

UPCOMING FILMS:

Bridging the Arts

Curated film series by Checkerboard Film Foundation, Inc., co-sponsored by Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts and The Kate

All films will be shown at the Kate on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. The film series is

Senior Studio Exhibition

Opening Reception on April 7, 5 - 8 pm

April 7 - May 13, 2017

Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

UPCOMING LECTURES:

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Lecture by Dr. Barbara Zabel

Connecticut Pastel Society - Purely Pastels

Exhibition on view June 15 - July 21, 2017

Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm



Old Lyme's Town Seal, designed in 2000 by Old Lyme resident and Lyme Academy of Fine Arts student Catherine Christiano, pays tribute to the characteristics that make Old Lyme unique: the influence of Roger Tory Peterson is represented by an osprey; our history as both a sea captains' hometown and an artist colony are represented by a sailing ship and a palette.

The Lyme Art Association Presents an Exhibition in Four Acts 2017



Clockwise from top left: Jerry Caron, *By Way of Beijing*, oil (Holding Still); *Spring Burst*, mixed media (Contemporary Look); Alan James, *Essex Steam Train Sketch*, watercolor (Industrious America), Sharon Schmiedel, *Hollis Dunlap, A Day at Ashlawn Farm*, oil (LAA Faculty)

A CONTEMPORARY LOOK, HOLDING STILL, INDUSTRIOUS AMERICA, LAA FACULTY

Four new exhibitions, each with a different theme, will be on view in the Lyme Art Association's beautiful historic galleries from March 17 through April 28. A Contemporary Look, Holding Still, Industrious America, and LAA Faculty run concurrently. An opening reception for all four exhibitions will be held on Sunday, March 26, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Admission is free but a \$5 donation is suggested. Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme (860)434-7802; lymeartassociation.org

The Exhibition in Four Acts is one of our most dynamic and exciting exhibitions, bringing together four distinct types of representational art. Industrious America showcases the work of talented artist members who set out to celebrate American industry and the man-made landscape. A Contemporary Look

is an exhibition of abstracted, yet still representational work. Holding Still features still life works in all mediums, and LAA Faculty features work by our outstanding and talented studio instructors. Each exhibition is shown in one of the four skylit galleries in our historic building. "A visit to the Lyme Art Association to see the Exhibition in Four Acts feels like visiting four different galleries. There is a variety and a shift in mood as you move from one gallery to the next," states gallery manager, Jocelyn Zallinger. "This show also allows a visitor to focus on each genre in a way that is not possible in other exhibitions." The opening reception for all four exhibitions is free to the public, and will be held on Sunday, March 26 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the gallery, located at 90 Lyme Street.

ART SUPPLY EXPO

April 8 from 10 am-3 pm

- Discover New Products
- Learn New Techniques
- Special Deals and Discounts

Featuring: Rosemary Brushes, Gamblin, Chelsea Classical Studio, Wholesale Frame Company, Michael Harding Paints, Vasari and Jerry's Artarama

ABOUT THE LYME ART ASSOCIATION

The Lyme Art Association was founded in 1914 by the American Impressionists and continues the tradition of exhibiting and selling representational artwork by its members and invited artists, as well as offering art instruction and lectures to the community. The Lyme Art Association is located at 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT, in a building designed by Charles Adams Platt and located within an historic district. Admission is free with contributions appreciated. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 5 pm, or by appointment. For more information on exhibitions, purchase of art, art classes, or becoming a member, call 860-434-7802 or visit www.lymeartassociation.org.

Lyme Art Association Exhibitions

Contemporary Look, LAA Faculty, Holding Still, and Industrious America

On view: March 17 to April 28

Opening Reception: Sunday, March 26, 2 - 4 pm.

Four exhibitions, each with a different theme, all by member artists:

1. representational works that push the boundaries and lean toward the abstract,

2. a special exhibition of work by the talented LAA faculty,
 3. still life paintings, and
 4. scenes of work and industry.
- Admission is free but a \$5 donation is suggested. Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme 860-434-7802; lymeartassociation.org.

Art Supply Expo

April 8 from 10 am-3 pm

- Discover New Products -
- Learn New Techniques -
- Special Deals and Discounts -

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Florence Griswold Museum



Matilda Browne, *In the Garden*, ca. 1914.
Private Collection

Through May 28 the Museum presents, *Matilda Browne: Idylls of Farm and Garden*, the first ever museum exhibition of Lyme Art Colony artist Matilda Browne. Guest curator Susan G. Larkin, Ph.D., an independent art historian, developed *Idylls of Farm and Garden* in partnership with Curator Amy Kurtz Lansing to raise awareness of this female artist who, in her lifetime, was recognized as an accomplished professional when few women were acknowledged as such. Against the odds, Browne would attain artistic recognition early, win prestigious awards during a career spanning five decades, and break gender stereotyping by specializing in animal painting, a territory dominated by men.

To complement the exhibition the Museum is hosting *Beasts and Beast Friends: Animals at the Lyme Art Colony*, an exhibition featuring farm and domestic animal works by William Henry Howe, Henry Rankin Poore, Henry Ward Ranger,

and Carleton Wiggins and other members of the colony. One newspaper article joked that, “the horses, cows, and oxen, particularly the oxen, have learned to pose and will stand motionless for hours when they see an artist in their neighborhood.” The artists were not only drawn to painting animals at work or pasture en plein air, but also more intimately. They found endless inspiration in their domesticated animals, creating loving portraits of their pets, casually sketching their varied poses, and including them in figural compositions.



Martin Johnson Heade, American,
Jungle Orchids and Hummingbirds, 1872,
Yale University Art Gallery

This summer (June 3 – September 1) the Museum presents *Flora/Fauna: The Naturalist Impulse in American Art*, which features 70 works surveying the history of artist-naturalists in America from the 19th through the mid-20th centuries. Exploring the intersections of fine art with natural history, it begins with the Peale family, John James Audubon and their contemporaries and examines the naturalist impulse in works by the Hudson

River School, American Pre-Raphaelites, and American Impressionist artists.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE SPRING EVENTS!

Sunday, May 7

Community Free Day

Everyone enjoys free admission and fun activities.



The Museum's gardens are a spectacular sight at any time, but especially during GardenFest!

June 9-18

GardenFest

Visitors to the Museum understand immediately the site's appeal to the artists who stayed at “Miss Florence” Griswold's boardinghouse over a century ago. Her house, gardens, and river view were favored subjects of her artistic boarders.

June 9-11

Blooms with a View

Enjoy stunning flower arrangements interpreting works of art from the *Flora/Fauna: The Naturalist Impulse in American Art* exhibition.

Spring is the Season to Visit Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds

Spring is the season of new awakenings, so if you have never experienced the excitement and intrigue of abstract sculpture before, now would be an especially good time to visit Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds in the heart of Old Lyme.

Acclaimed artist Gilbert Boro not only has his home and studio on the property at 80-1 Lyme Street, but also offers visitors the opportunity to wander the 4.5 acres of his exquisitely landscaped grounds to view the more than 100 abstract sculptures on display. As the plants and flowers burst into spring bloom, visitors can

wander through the various courtyards and gardens to enjoy large-scale contemporary sculpture in a beautiful en plein air setting. Guests of all ages are encouraged to explore the grounds and interact with the works, perhaps turning kinetic elements or wandering through open pieces. On occasions, Boro himself will give impromptu tours of the grounds.

Situated immediately adjacent to the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts of the University of New Haven, Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds are open daily 9 am to 5 pm with free admission to the

public. More than 80 of the sculptures on display in the grounds bordering the Lieutenant River are by Boro with the remainder being the work of some 20 guest artists. There is a printed self-guided tour available as well as an area with seating where visitors can relax and enjoy the view or even have a picnic. Boro's residence is private but the studio is open on occasions to the public or can be toured by appointment.

Boro has been deeply involved in the arts for more than 50 years enjoying a distinguished career as a professional architect, educator and international design consultant, but through it all he has been a sculptor. With degrees from Duke and Columbia Universities, he has also received a wide range of fellowships and awards. His work has been exhibited in galleries, art centers and public art venues across the US and throughout Europe and also purchased by private collectors, corporations and foundations.

Call 860.434.5957 or visit sculpturegrounds.com or gilbertboro.com to sign up for our newsletter where details of this year's Summer Sculpture Showcase will be published and also view a listing of all our special events throughout the year.



Seeing sculpture in the flowers

A perfect picnic spot. The table in the foreground was designed and created by Gilbert Boro.



Looking across the Sculpture Grounds towards Studio 80.

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Musical Masterworks

EVENTS

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 5 pm

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3 pm

We will close our 26th season with a dramatic program of Russian works culminating in Tchaikovsky's towering Piano Trio.

Andrew Armstrong, piano

Jennifer Frautschi, violin

Edward Arron, cello

Stravinsky: Suite Italienne from Pulcinella for Violin and Piano

Glière: Eight Pieces for Violin and Cello, Opus 39

Alfred Schnittke: Musica Nostalgica for Cello and Piano (1992)

Tchaikovsky: Piano Trio in a minor, Opus 50

"Summer Sounds" a five week musical series.

SAVE THE DATE(S) FOR SUMMER EVENINGS AT THE LYMES' SENIOR CENTER

All Ages are Welcome!!!

*Bring your chairs, blankets, dinner, etc. the performances will be held out on the lawn (weather permitting) or inside if the weather is inclement. A free ice cream social will follow all concerts!

- July 6 at 7 pm Eight to the Bar
The LOL Lions Club will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, and other dinner foods from 6:00 pm
- July 13 at 7 pm The Cartells
The LOL Lions Club will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, and other dinner foods from 6:00 pm
- July 20 at 7 pm The Boogie Boys, playing music of the 50's, 60's and 70's
- July 27 at 7 pm String of Pearls
- August 3 at 7 pm (to be confirmed) 102nd Army Band - Please see Summer Events Program coming out in June for confirmation

The Ruth Ann Heller Music Foundation

The Ruth Ann Heller Music Foundation awards scholarships for private instrumental lessons to students enrolled in the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle and High School band programs. These scholarships provide a one-on-one opportunity for the students to develop their individual skills and subsequently enhance the quality of the band performances. We ask that you be generous in your donation; even a small amount makes an impact in the students' musical development.

As a private foundation our fundraising is largely limited to donations from our contributors. Since 2001 over 285 scholarships have been awarded including 18 for the 2016-2017 academic year. Learn more about us at RAHMF.org.

The Ruth Ann Heller Music Foundation was founded in 1999 shortly after the retirement of Ruth Ann (King) Heller who was the high school band teacher for many years. Ruth Ann was a demanding but fun teacher who motivated her students to

develop their individual and ensemble performance skills resulting in an exceptional music program. Jay Wilson and Carrie Wind, the current LOLHS and LOLMS directors, respectively, have continued to mature and nurture the music programs to great success. We encourage you to attend a concert or two this year! Dates can be found via www.region18.org.

Many band alumni do not go on to professional music careers but the life lessons often contribute to their success after high school. Jeremy Hinman, a LOLHS alumnus, shared, "I was relatively serious about music throughout my childhood and adolescence, and I spent all four years of high school playing in the LOLHS band. I always felt that Ruth Ann combined rigor and levity perfectly, allowing for honing my musicianship while having fun at the same time. I was less serious about music during college, but it was my passion for music that led me to start an ultimately successful online music company after college; and I attribute a large part of that passion to the LOLHS music program."

A donation to the RAHMF will become the “gift that keeps on giving” to our next generation’s students. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 298, Old Lyme CT 06371, or visit us at RAHMF.org to donate using PayPal.

This year’s recipients are Bridget Allan, Megan Cravinho, Sam

Fuchs, Emily Grenier (Dr. Stephen D. Crites Scholarship), Sophia Griswold (“Doc” Mirliani scholarship), Kylie Hall, Maddie Hubbard, Fiona Hufford, Jeffy Joshy, Jess Kegley, David Kuhn, Alec Maskell, Marielle Mather, Jonathan Nichele, Dylan Sheehan, Peter Tkaczuk, Marieke Warlitz, Conner Wyman (Michael Rennhard Scholarship).

Friends of Music



High School Men's Ensemble, Winter Concert

Friends of Music is a group of parents, teachers, and community members whose mission is to support music education and performance in Lyme–Old Lyme Schools at every level. Over the years Friends of Music has provided this support in various ways: helping distribute band and chorus uniforms; providing refreshments for visiting music ensembles and for students competing in the Shoreline Music Festival; awarding scholarships to graduating seniors; and most recently, by raising funds to offset the costs of sending 100 band and chorus members to perform at the Pearl Harbor

Commemoration in December 2016. With school budgets ever tighter, the mission of Friends of Music has never been more important. We continue to support Region 18 music programs and our students - including the awarding of scholarships to graduating seniors - and urge you to assist this effort whenever possible.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Purchase our Stop & Shop “Cash for Causes” cards. These are standard gift cards that can be used for groceries or gas at Stop & Shop stores and its

affiliates, as well as at Peapod. They are sold at face value, so while you get the full dollar amount of the card, Friends of Music receives a 5% premium. You can find our table at school and community events, or email friendsofmusiclol@gmail.com to get yours.

- Watch for the Friends of Music Tag Sale on April 22 at Lyme–Old Lyme High School. This will be a ONE-DAY tag sale, and donations will be accepted on the day before. We will gratefully accept furniture, books, CDs/DVDs, toys, tools, sporting goods, and household items - in good condition, please! - but no clothes or bedding. And come back the next day to find that special treasure!

Friends of Music Lyme/Old Lyme is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, find us on Facebook (@FriendsofMusicLymeoldLyme) or at www.friendsofmusiclol.org.

Spring Into Rosé

Spring is finally here and I am sure everyone will agree that it has been a long cold winter. As the days become longer and the weather warms up, the perfect wines to drink are Rosés. The rosé style of wine has become increasingly popular every year, and why not? Aside from being refreshing, rosés pair well with a vast array of foods and are extremely palatable to almost any wine drinker.

Rosés are comprised of mostly red varietals but are occasionally blended with a small amount of white grapes. You might ask, where does the pink color come from? Well, the juice from all grapes is clear, the color of the wine depends on how long the skins stay in contact during the wine making process. The longer the skins stay in contact, the darker the color of the rosé. In my experience, the deeper rosés tend to have dark fruit flavors such as blackberry, cassis and plum, while the pale rosés taste of

strawberry, cherry and watermelon. French rosés from Provence, for example, tend to be a pale salmon-like color and are light and refreshing in body, while Cotes-du-Rhone rosés are brighter pink and weightier in the mouth. Because of the long run of White Zinfandel in the United States, many people believe that all rosés are sweet. White Zinfandel is made in a different fashion than true rosés, it has lower alcohol and higher residual sugar. Most rosés are in fact drier than one would expect. This makes them easy to pair with many different foods, from appetizers to entrees and deserts. It is time to invite your friends over, uncover and strike up the barbecue grill, and crack open a refreshing bottle of rosé, it will surely please your entire crowd. Happy Spring!

Art LiPuma
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Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Update

WPCA COASTAL WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Our town has specific septic system issues that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) continues to work on. These septic system issues are specific to areas of the town that the Department of Environmental and Engineering Protection (DEEP) has commented on and indicated that the septic system issues need to be resolved. Additionally, the Health Department has notified the Town that these specific areas are a public health nuisance, which means the Town has to research and respond with some corrective action. The Town and the WPCA are researching and responding to these areas as further described below.

The revised, recommended Coastal Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) will include Sound View

Beach and Miscellaneous Town Area B and will not include a final recommendation for Hawks Nest Beach. The Hawks Nest sub area will be investigated through an additional groundwater-monitoring program. The outline of work for the proposed groundwater-monitoring program will be performed in two separate phases. The first phase is evaluation of the well network. During this phase the conditions of existing wells within the Hawks Nest sub area will be evaluated. In addition, the existing wells will be used to determine both groundwater levels and the direction of groundwater flow within the sub area. The results from the Phase 1 study will be used to determine which existing wells will be used and the placement of additional wells for water quality monitoring. The second phase will include well installations and a water sampling program that includes a report of the

data collected from the water sampling protocol. Based on the information collected from the Phase 1 study, additional new wells may be installed for the purpose of groundwater quality monitoring. With oversight and guidance from the CT DEEP, a water quality sampling and testing protocol will be developed and implemented during Phase 2 of the groundwater-monitoring program. A report of the results from the groundwater quality testing will be shared with the residents of Old Lyme and used by the CT DEEP to generate a recommendation for a wastewater management plan for the Hawks Nest sub area.

The Town of Old Lyme has been waiting for the scope of services to evaluate the water flow and well condition in the Hawks Nest area to be approved by CT DEEP.

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The Transfer Station is located on Four Mile River Road and is open Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 am-3:45 pm, Saturday, 8:30 am-4 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Taxpayers' vehicles should have a Transfer Station sticker affixed to the right-hand side of windshield. Vehicles without a sticker, should bring proof of property address (i.e., tax bill, mortgage statement or closing papers), along with a driver's license and registration.

First Selectman Bonnie Reemsnyder recently received a letter from CT DEEP approving the Phase 1 ground water flow evaluation scope of work. This

work is eligible for 55% Clean Water Funds reimbursement. The WPCA and Woodard and Curran will immediately begin to develop a schedule to perform

the work. The WPCA hasn't received any new information from CT DEEP regarding the Coastal Wastewater Management Plan.

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Lyme Land Trust Completes Fund Raising For New Hadlyme Wildlife Preserve

IN "IMPORTANT BIRD AREA" FOREST BLOCK ON WHALEBONE COVE HEADWATERS

With the announcement by Gov. Malloy of a \$260,000 state grant in mid-November, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust completed the fund raising for the purchase of its proposed new 82 acre Brockway Hawthorne Wildlife Preserve in Hadlyme.

The Land Trust will use the state grant as part of the \$400,000 purchase of the property. The Land Trust's fund raising effort was focused on support for the project from the Hadlyme community.

It culminated with more than \$100,000 raised through the Hadlyme Challenge Match Grant, in which an anonymous Hadlyme donor pledged up to \$50,000 to match dollar for dollar individual pledges of \$1,000.

Along with the Hadlyme Country Market, the Land Trust sponsored a "Hadlyme Heritage Day" celebration at the Country Market store on Labor Day weekend as part of the fund raising effort, offering live music, a remote onsite broadcast on iCRV radio, and walking tours of the proposed Preserve.

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The balance needed for the purchase has been pledged by other local donors as well as by a local foundation. The Land Trust plans to complete the purchase early in 2017 and hopes to open the new Preserve to the public in the spring.

The new proposed Preserve is part of a forested landscape just south of Hadlyme Four Corners and Ferry Road (Rt. 148), and forms a large part of the watershed for Whalebone Creek, a key tributary feeding Whalebone Cove, most of which is a national wildlife refuge under the management of the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

The Land Trust plans to name the new nature refuge in honor of the Brockway and Hawthorne families, which have owned the land for several generations. The current owner, William Hawthorne of Hadlyme, has agreed to sell the property to the Land Trust at a discount from its market value. "This new wildlife preserve will represent a triple play for habitat conservation," said Anthony Irving, chairman of the Land Trust's Preservation Committee.

"First, it helps to protect the watershed feeding the fragile Whalebone Cove eco-system which is listed as one of North America's important freshwater tidal marshes in international treaties that cite the Connecticut River estuary as a wetland complex of global

importance. Whalebone Creek, one of the primary streams feeding Whalebone Cove, originates from vernal pools and upland swamps on the Hawthorne tract and on the Land Trust's nearby Ravine Trail Preserve.

"Second, the 82 acres represents a large block of wetlands and forested wildlife habitat between Brush Hill and Joshuatown roads, which in itself is home to a kaleidoscope of animals from amphibians and reptiles that thrive in several vernal pools and swamp land, to turkey, coyote, bobcat and fisher. It also serves as seasonal nesting and migratory stops for several species of deep woods birds, which are losing habitat all over Connecticut due to forest fragmentation. It is land included in the so-called "Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area" designated by the State of Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and Audubon Connecticut as woodlands that need to be preserved to insure survival of several threatened bird species.

"Third, this particular Preserve will also conserve a key link in the wildlife corridors that connects more than 1,000 acres of protected woodland and swamp habitat in the Hadlyme area." Irving explained that the Preserve is at the center of a landscape-scale wildlife habitat greenway that includes Selden Island State Park, property of the US Fish & Wild Life's Silvio O Conte
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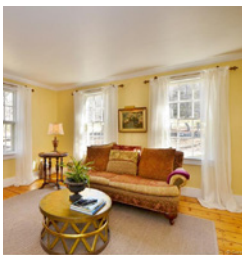
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Wildlife Refuge, The Nature Conservancy's Selden Preserve, and several other properties protected by the Lyme Land Conservation Trust.

"Because of its central location as a hub between these protected habitat refuges," said Irving, "this Preserve will protect forever the uninterrupted access that wildlife throughout the Hadlyme landscape now has for migration and breeding between otherwise isolated communities and families of many terrestrial species that are important to the continued robust bio-diversity of southeastern Connecticut and the Connecticut River estuary."

Irving noted that the Hawthorne property is the largest parcel targeted for conservation in the Whalebone Cove watershed by the recently developed US Fish & Wildlife Service Silvio O Conte Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan.

Irving said the Land Trust hopes to create a network of hiking trails on the property with access from both Brush Hill Road on the east and Joshuatown Road on the west and connection to the Land Trust's Ravine Trail to the south and the network of trails on the Nature Conservancy's Selden Preserve.

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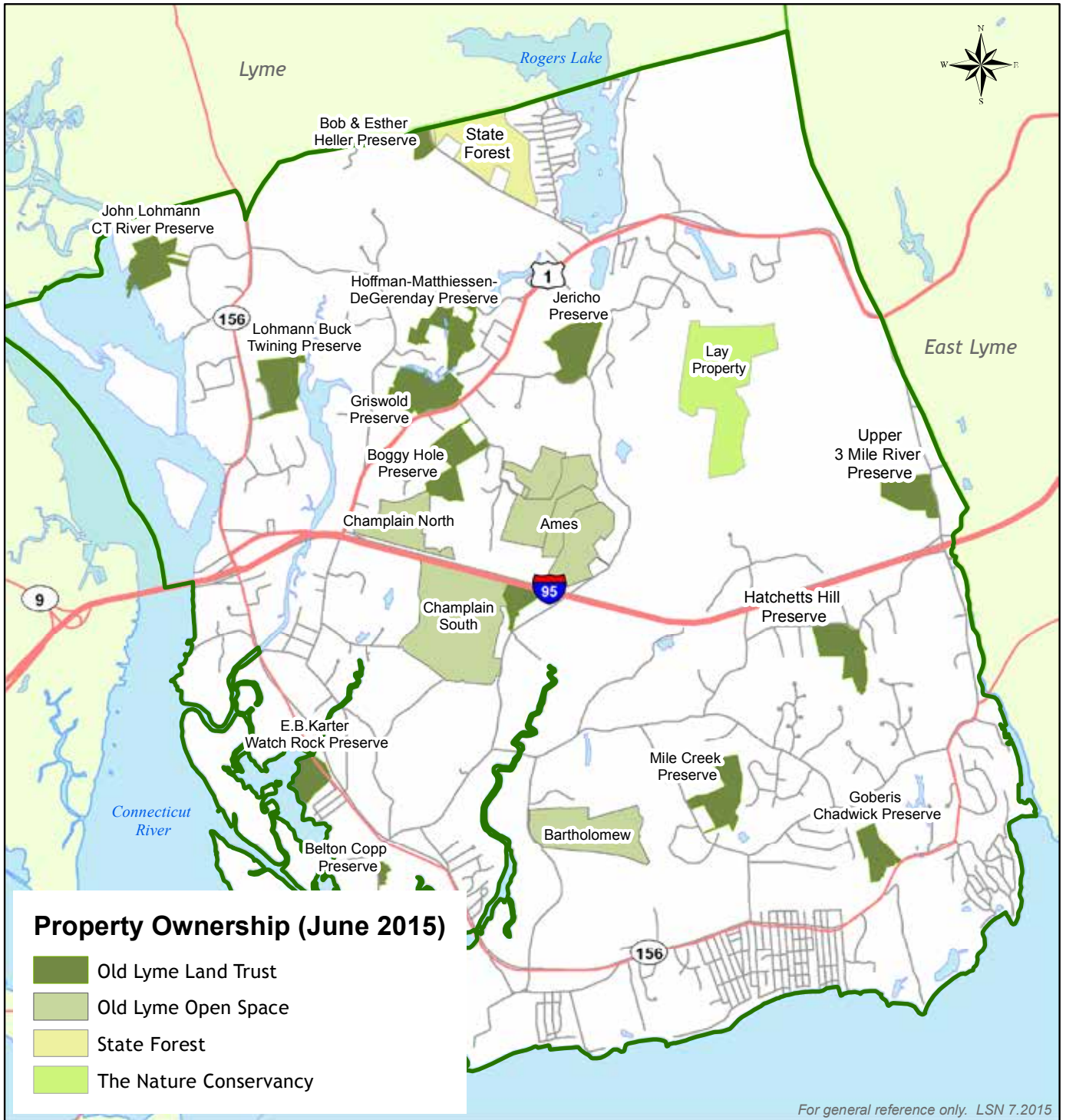
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The Annual Plant Sale, sponsored by the Duck River Garden Club of Old Lyme, will be held Friday, May 12 from noon to 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 13 from 9 am to 1:00 pm at the Old Lyme Shopping Center field on Hall's Road (near Hideaway Restaurant.) This is the club's only fundraiser so why not come and pick out that special gift for Mom.



Surrounded by flowers at our Annual Plant Sale - L to R: Paula Mazzalupo, Gail Hull and Sally Howley

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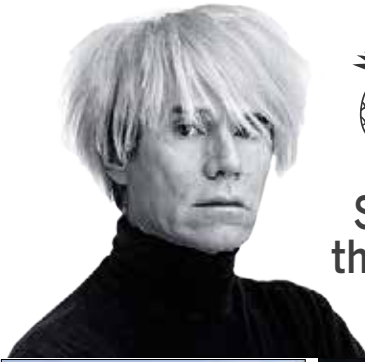
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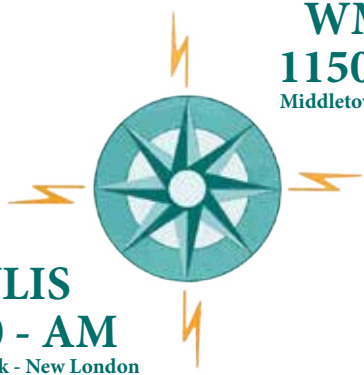


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tomatoes, annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, geraniums, in addition to the large selection of member's perennials and shrubs that will be available. If you are a gardening bargain hunter, Member's Plants and "The Shed" offer wonderful "pickings." And to top things off, "Delectable Edibles" has special treats for all to enjoy.

All proceeds from the sale go to ongoing civic projects, which include scholarships, senior's garden therapy program, holiday wreaths for public buildings, baskets for families in need, and maintenance of plants at town locations. The Duck River Garden Club members look forward to seeing you and can help with any questions. Please call Agnes O'Connor to pre-order your geraniums at 860-434-9094.

For more information about membership in Duck River Garden Club call Fay Wilkman at 860-434-8827 or Kathy Burton at 860-434-8024.

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Maintaining our civic beautification site at McCurdy Road are: L to R Kathy Burton, Barbara Rayel, Fay Wilkman, Steve Kensele, Karen Geisler Front: Kathy Kensele.

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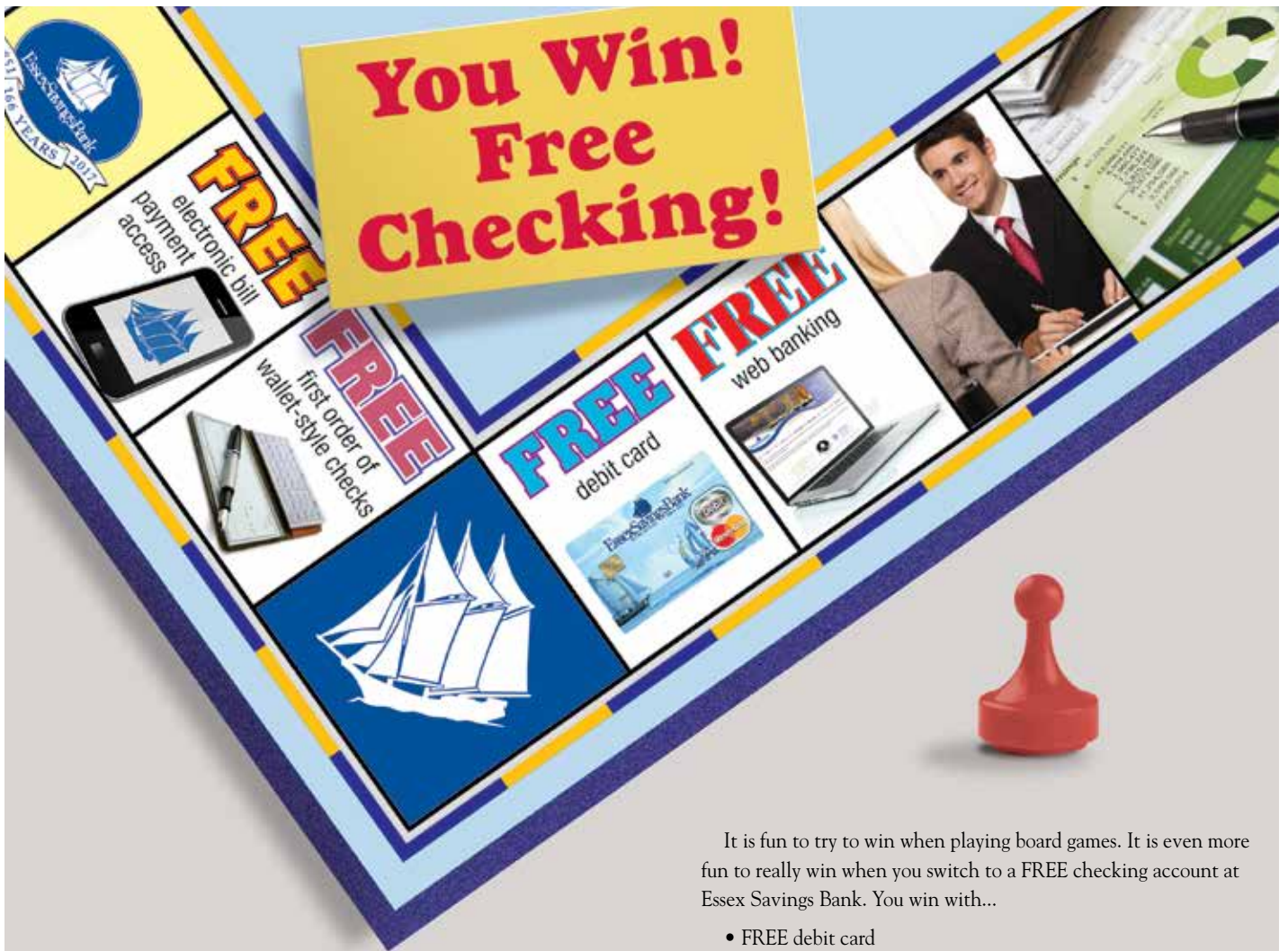
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