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First Selectman's Corner

Winterization

Over the past thirty years the town had been in dispute with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) over waste-water management of septic systems and their impact on the ground waters of the state. Of such concern were the areas of town closest to the Sound — our beach communities. Throughout the course of my tenure as First Selectman, which is subsequent to my Chairmanship of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), we have worked to resolve this issue, and during the summer of 2009 a referendum was held and the town overwhelmingly voted in support of the Waste Water Management Plan for Localized, Lot by Lot Solutions and NOT of building a central sewer system with an out-fall into the CT River.

With this resolved, I brought back to the Board of Selectmen an issue contained within the Winterization Ordinance, which had its latest revision in 1999. This ordinance prevented a listed group of properties, known as the 200 List, from converting identified structures to year-round / winterized homes from their status as Seasonal/Summer Dwellings only. This ordinance, while restrictive, had an interpreted provision that would allow the property owner to “take down” the dwelling and, with approvals from the ZBA as

well as upgrades to the septic system complying with the WPCA standards, could in fact rebuild to a year-round status.

{The history of this ordinance in brief is as follows: On December 31, 1981, the Town of Old Saybrook recorded in the Land Records in Volume 200, Pages 1-32 a list of 561 properties that it considered to be seasonal dwellings. This list was compiled by a review of the Assessor's records by the THEN Town Assessor.}

Over the years, since its original passage, there have been many questions raised as to the continued status of these properties and the criteria for the initial determinations.

In review of this ordinance and discussions with numerous property owners it was apparent that the town's records were in need of a total review to determine the scope of the problem. It was apparent that there were properties that may have been placed and/or remained on the list in error.

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During the course of our initial definition of the problems, presentations were made by owner(s) interested in “winterizing” without having to destroy their current structure.

Over the past five years the Board of Selectmen discussed specific properties at several of its meetings and did in fact remove some properties from the 200 List, based on adequate evidence presented to support the case-by-case study that the property was in fact winterized with the proper approvals. These activities must have been within the intent of the enabling language of the original ordinance and/or its subsequent updates over the years, including the 1999 revision.

Early this year the Board of Selectmen supported my request that the Land Use Department conduct a review of all properties on the 200 List. This would provide a comprehensive determination of specific properties that are on the list, should be on the list, or should be removed from the list, each validated by information within the town’s records.

This highly professional study conducted by our Zoning Enforcement Officer, Chris Costa, working with our Town Planner, Chris Nelson, produced the FIRST updated and completed comprehensive document on this matter. The report is several hundred pages of individual property fact-finding and data/record compiling.

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What was found was that of the 561 properties on the 200 List there were documents of property removal from the List: those converted, demolished, in error, and/or exempt. These categories never had proper documentation filed on the Land Records and therefore, remain(ed) classified as seasonal despite year-round occupancy status.

The following Analysis and Recommendations were submitted by the Land Use Department.

Analysis & Recommendations regarding Seasonal Structures & Winterization

Of the original 561 properties listed as seasonal dwellings in the Volume 200 List of the Old Saybrook land records, it appears that 148 properties have evidence of year-round occupancy documentation in town files or year-round water service. The following recommendations to the Board of Selectmen are to update the Volume 200 List to remove listing of these properties and essentially are "housekeeping" in nature.

Remove 24 properties that are in Fenwick and are not subject to the Ordinance (per Town Attorney Cronin) and should be removed. One of these properties has no Assessor's Street Card.

Remove 3 properties that are vacant land and there is no seasonal dwelling to convert.

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The Phone Book fundraising effort provided me with the opportunity to meet many Old Saybrook business owners, managers and employees. I learned that these individuals care about the future of our community and the welfare of those with special needs and the less fortunate. I also discovered that our small businesses compete favorably with the big chain stores on quality of goods offered, customer service and, yes, price. As consumers make their shopping decisions, I would ask that they also keep in mind that the economic viability of Old Saybrook and our ability to serve those with special needs and the less fortunate are directly tied to the health of our small businesses.

To find out more about the Old Saybrook Lions Club (our motto is "We Serve") send me an email at oldsaybrooklionclub@yahoo.com or call me at 860-388-9133.

- Ed Dimitry, Old Saybrook

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Remove 29 properties that have official documentation recorded on the land records as previously removed from the Volume 200 List.

Remove 7 properties that have documentation in town files as year-round or removal from the Volume 200 List but seasonal water service because the properties are "summer homes".

Remove 60 properties that have documentation in town files as previously converted, an error on the Volume 200 List, or with year-round water service. One of these properties is not served by public water.

Remove 25 properties at which seasonal dwellings were demolished and rebuilt as year-round (with no Health or ZBA conditions) or were new construction on vacant lots.

413 properties remaining in seasonal status.¹ Review of all seasonal properties is forthcoming and will be submitted in conjunction with our analysis of proposed language to amend Chapter 170 Seasonal Dwellings.

- 561 REMOVE
 - 24 Fenwick
 - 3 Vacant land
 - 29 Official conversion on land records and year-round water
 - 7 Documentation in town files and seasonal water (summer houses)
 - 60 Documentation in town files and year-round water
 - 25 Demolished and rebuilt as year-round (without Health or seasonal conditions)
- 148 PROPERTIES to be REMOVED from the VOLUME 200 LIST
- 413 PROPERTIES that remain as SEASONAL on the VOLUME 200 LIST

Where do we go from here?

I have asked, through the Board of Selectmen, that the Town

Attorney, after consultation with the Land Use Department, Planning Commission, Zoning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Water Pollution Control Authority et al., submit to the Board of Selectmen through the Office of the First Selectman suggested language change(s) to the herein discussed ordinance that would allow for affected properties to be upgraded to year-round status without the necessity of total demolition. This change of ordinance, language and intent, is now possible due to the D.E.P./ Old Saybrook settlement concerning septic systems and ground water discharge.

The Build Department has also been asked to develop a "work/spec" sheet of items to ensure that any/all conversions related to and allowed under New Language of the Ordinance be done so with upgrade guidance for electrical, plumbing, construction, and other items to ensure the health and safety of its owner(s), resident(s), and community in specific and general for full-time use homes.

It is my intention to bring to the Board of Selectmen agenda items that will address the systematic review of the following:

Analysis Data and Conclusions

Recommendation(s) for proper and legal record(s) filings:

Approve a property by property Status Report; Review, Discuss, and Act upon recommendations of the Report filed; Review and discuss Ordinance Language Change recommendations; Review of all Board and Commission reports and support or rejection of Ordinance Change; Conduct a Public Hearing concerning the Ordinance Change; Intent and Ramifications; Referral of Public Comments to the Land Use Department and various Boards and Commissions for review and comment back to the Board of Selectmen; and Develop a Board of Selectmen Call for Town Meeting to Vote on Ordinance change.

- Michael A. Pace, First Selectman

¹Of note, approximately 60 properties have an indefinite status based on lack of documentation in town files (existence of well water, year-round water without documentation in town files, seasonal conditions of permit approval, etc.).

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Employment Help Available

Representatives from the Department of Labor, United Labor Agency, Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Middletown Adult Education, Middlesex Community College, Social Security, and local Social Service agencies as well some area employers provided much-needed employment help to Old Saybrook residents at an Employment Resource and Job Fair held on May 11 in Old Saybrook.

Increasingly we are hearing from people whose unemployment insurance is running out and from those unable to find employment or who are underemployed or on part-time hours in need of employment to sustain household expenses. The Employment Resource and Job Fair was a response to that need. Residents who attended were able to find help with everything from job searches and resume building to training opportunities, some funded or available at little or no cost. Employers were available and applications were also filled out on site and interviews were arranged for available positions locally.

Old Saybrook Social Services has run two Employment Workshops in addition to participation in this Employment Fair and is committed to continuing to help those in our community that are in need of employment help.

Residents of Old Saybrook who would like more information on training opportunities or employment help, or to register to participate in future Employment Workshops, should contact Susan Consoli, MA, LPC, Social Services Coordinator, at 860-395-3188 or by email at sconsoli@town.old-saybrook.ct.us.

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The following are a few tips that can prevent damage: Always apply sunscreen with an SPF15 at least 30 minutes before going into the sun. Reapply sunscreen if you perspire heavily or go into the water. Remember it takes 30 minutes for the protective factor to bond to your skin. Try to limit exposure to the morning or late afternoon when the sun's rays are less damaging.

While in the sun, maintain hydration by drinking water. Avoid beverages with alcohol or caffeine. Wear a hat to protect your sensitive scalp.

If you do end up with a sunburn, treatments are focused on the symptoms. Cold compresses, aloe, and topical medications found in your pharmacy may help relieve the discomfort. Above all, protect the skin that has been burnt from further sun exposure.

Heat cramps and heat exhaustion can be prevented by not overexerting in the hot weather. Both conditions can be alleviated with increased fluid intake that also helps to restore the loss of salt through perspiration. Sports drinks can offer some help with this. If the symptoms are not relieved, pursue medical help to avoid the more serious condition of heat stroke.

Take the necessary precautions and your summer can be full of sun and fun!

- Mary L. Lenzini, President

Call for Student Artists

The Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce has once again donated space at their annual Arts and Crafts Festival to Healthy Communities Healthy Youth & Youth and Family Services for a youth art booth. Artists ages 7 to 18 will be able to display their

art, help "man" the booth, and have the opportunity to talk with the public and other artists about their work.

Young artists from Old Saybrook who are interested in participating in the Youth Booth this year should contact Linda McCall at Youth and Family Services, 860-395-3190 by Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

Some things to know:

The show is on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Paintings, sculpture, photography, drawings, pottery, beadwork, etc. must be "display-ready."

Youth artists may also bring along a portfolio to display, or a piece in progress that they would like to work on, while they man the booth.

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Parents/guardians will be asked to complete a permission form for their child's participation at the booth. They may also grant permission for their child to have a business card provided by us for display with the artwork.

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Deep-water moorings in North Cove have been placed, and the commission is still accepting mooring permit applications for other areas including the North Cove "flats," mooring space in the river outside North Cove, all beach areas, and certain other areas of the Connecticut River. The commission reminds everyone that mooring permits are required by state statute for any mooring placed in Connecticut waters and must be renewed annually.

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The OSHMC currently has wait lists for deep-water moorings in North Cove, which are available to any vessel owner whose vessel meets the mooring requirements. The approximate wait list time is eight years. There is also a wait list for dock space at the Ferry Dock facility with a priority to Old Saybrook commercial fisherman and then to residents of Old Saybrook. The Clothesline area on North Cove is open only to Old Saybrook residents and there is a wait list for that facility as well. Each of these wait lists require a \$10 annual fee to remain on the list. Currently there is at least a five-year wait list time for this area.

The last Old Saybrook *Events* mentioned the STEAP grant requested by the town for work maintenance and renewal work at the Ferry Dock. None of the submitted bids for the proposed work fell within the \$250,000 grant amount awarded to the town by the state. The OSHMC is committed to providing a safe environment for the Ferry Dock facility but is constrained by town and commission finances in this tough economy. A structural engineering review is being undertaken to determine the safety and needs of the facility, to modify original plans, and ultimately to determine what will be done. The results are not yet in.

Individuals who wish a mooring permit for any Old Saybrook Harbor Management area may pick up an application at the Selectman's Office in the Old Saybrook Town Hall. You will need to complete the form and include a copy of your vessel registration and a check in the designated amount for the process to begin. Your request for location of a mooring will be reviewed for compliance with the Harbor Management Plan and available space. Then you will receive a copy of your approved permit. Note, all ground tackle must be inspected before it is placed. You may also request a permit be mailed to you by contacting Ruth Hockert at ruthhockert@sbcglobal.net and providing your mailing address. Current year mooring holders will be sent renewal applications automatically the next spring.

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kids can lack important thinking skills. CPS teaches these skills and improves the relationship. The group is facilitated by Divinna Schmitt, M.Ed, who trained in the model of “Think:Kids” of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Think Differently meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except July and August) at the Killingworth Library, 6:30-8:00 pm. There is no cost to attend. To learn more or to register, call Divinna at 860-876-0236.

Essex Savings Bank Executive Named to New Advisory Board

Gregory Shook, president and CEO of Essex Savings Bank, was recently appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to a 12 member Advisory Council formed in response to new regulations.

Each Federal Reserve Bank across the country is establishing a First District Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council (CDIAC) in response to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. The councils will

represent the perspective of smaller financial institutions and provide input on the economy and lending conditions, among other issues, according to a statement.

The First District’s 12 CDIAC members represent commercial banks, thrift institutions and credit unions with assets less than \$10 billion. Members, which are from each of the six New England states, will meet three times annually.



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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Friends of the Acton Public Library shall be to foster closer relations between the Acton Public Library and the citizens of Old Saybrook, to promote knowledge of the functions, resources, budget of the Library, and perform other services deemed helpful for the Acton Public Library.

Summer On The Shore

As part of the summer activities at Acton Public Library the Friends will fund the Summer Reading Club awards and program. Check at the library web page, www.actonlibrary.org, or stop in the library for details. This funding is provided by the annual Friends of the Acton Public Library book sale, which will be held July 14, 15, and 16. The bake sale will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011.

The Friends have many special items available for this sale, such as outstanding materials on photography; classics by Graham Green, Herman Melville; and others. In addition, there is a collection of pop-up books on M.C. Escher and Frank Lloyd Wright. Included in this year's offering will be *New Yorker 1925-2004*, along with other special categories - gardening books, parenting, and outstanding coffee table books.

At the Friends annual meeting, election of officers was held. The new officers are as follows:

- Co-presidents - Betty O'Brien and Janet M. Crozier
- Vice-President - Patricia Flanagan
- Recording Secretary - Margot Robbins
- Corresponding Secretary - Cathie Thomas
- Treasurer - Susan Coppejans
- Asst. Treasurer - Mary Aery

Many thanks go to the outgoing team of Gerry Hallgren, Maureen McWay, Nancy Greenfield, and Marji Butler.

The Essex Savings Bank Vote. The Friends received \$1,086. The Friends thank everyone for their vote.

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Wilderness Challenge Graduates to Be Featured in Book

Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services' Wilderness Coordinator Brenda Partyka and program graduate Dominic Banning met recently with John Hunt, who had closely followed the 2010 Wilderness Challenge and who is writing a book called *Walking with Jason*. John Hunt started a Foundation in his son's honor after a tragic accident. His foundation has helped sponsor some of the Old Saybrook students over the years to participate in Old Saybrook's program at the State Wilderness School.



John Hunt of the Jason William Hunt Foundation (center) interviewed student Dominic Banning and Wilderness Coordinator Brenda Partyka at Youth and Family Services for his upcoming book Walking with Jason.

The Old Saybrook Wilderness Challenge Program, coordinated by Youth and Family Services, is an enriching program for young people about to enter 8th grade. The program involves an intensive five-day wilderness challenge that includes such activities as rock-

climbing, white-water canoeing, backpacking, etc. The philosophy of the program (and other wilderness programs) is

that individuals can learn about themselves and others through the successful completion of graduated challenges. In addition to the physical challenges, the course (with local pre and post activities) offers many learning opportunities that emphasize building self-confidence, learning responsibility, teamwork, self-awareness, leadership, and decision-making.

The OSYFS 2010 Wilderness Challenge participants had invited Mr. Hunt to participate in their ropes course excursion. John Hunt was touched by the Old Saybrook students during the high ropes element. Mr. Hunt relayed that Dominic Banning even reached out to him for support on the high ropes element. "Watching the students worry yet take the challenge and first step was empowering and moving," Mr. Hunt stated. Each of the students challenged themselves and pushed themselves past their comfort zones. Brenda Partyka said, "Witnessing the students' transformation and the joy on their faces after they surpassed their own expectations is priceless." Wilderness experiential learning is powerful and life-long lessons are learned and never forgotten. Unfortunately, it is also costly, which is why foundations such as the Jason William Hunt Foundation affords students the opportunities they may not have had without the generosity of the foundations and their sponsors. The website for the Jason William Hunt Foundation is www.jwhf.org.

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Herb Clark Receives John H. Filer Philanthropy Award



Herb and Sherry Clark

Middlesex County Community Foundation is delighted to announce that Herb Clark has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the John H. Filer Philanthropy Award by the Connecticut Council

for Philanthropy which was presented on Thursday, May 5th at the Council's Annual Luncheon. Herb and his wife, Sherry, have contributed time, resources and expertise to countless nonprofit organizations to ensure a brighter future for all who live and work in Middlesex County and beyond.

The John H. Filer Philanthropy Award is given annually by the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. The award honors the life and work of John Filer, former chief executive of Aetna Life & Casualty Company. Mr. Filer was known for his tremendous support of corporate citizenship and for helping reassert the American commitment to private philanthropy in the 1970s. The award recognizes someone who embodies an entrepreneurial spirit and leadership in promoting the field of philanthropy and who demonstrates extraordinary commitment to help in others in his/her community.

"We are thrilled to have nominated Herb for this honor," explained Cynthia H. Clegg, President & CEO of Middlesex County Community Foundation. "Herb is a true asset of Middlesex County and he has such heart, and such a strong commitment to this community. He believes in the many nonprofit organizations which work tirelessly to make Middlesex County the best place to live. We are also proud to have him as a founding member of the Community Foundation and Director Emeritus of our Board." Leading by example sums up Herb's approach to all he undertakes. He quietly reaches out to help others and, without a word and by his actions, he encourages all of us to do more. He lives by the motto "Philanthropy Matters. Philanthropy Works."

Herb truly deserves the John H. Filer Award and is, indeed, a Good Person Doing Great Things.

The Middlesex County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. Its two-fold mission is: to work with charitably-minded individuals and organizations to build permanent endowments and other charitable funds, and to support local nonprofit organizations through effective grant making to address community needs. For more information call 860-347-0025, email info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org or visit the website: www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

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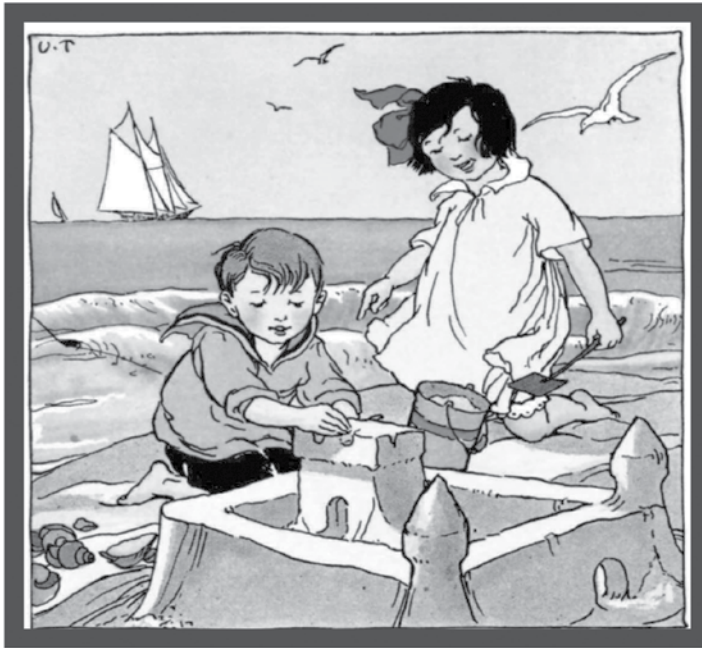


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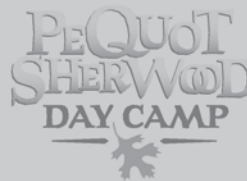
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OSHS REACH Team: Responsible Educated Adolescents Can Help



Pictured at the finish line of the 5K event are (left to right) Briana Bardos, Katie Prozesky, Kelly Ledwith, Tenzin Lama, advisor Kristen Cartier, Hayley Ganslaw



Pictured in front of YFS' colorful van are Tenzin Lama, Katie Prozesky, Briana Bardos, Hayley Ganslaw and Kelly Ledwith.

The OSHS REACH Team, co-sponsored by Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services and the High School, is a student group working to raise awareness about substance abuse. On Saturday, May 7, the OSHS REACH Team participated in the Walk Like MADD 5K, a fundraising and outreach event for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. (This is the second Walk Like MADD event the students participated in this academic year!) The REACH Team's goal to raise \$300 dollars for the fundraiser was 'REACHed' and more. They won recognition as the highest fundraising academic group at Walk Like MADD. The students had held a bake sale, asked local businesses to display donation cans, and also did individual fundraising among their own contacts. REACH raised a total of \$448.75 through all their efforts.

In addition to the two Walk Like MADD events, the REACH Team helped distribute and collect surveys to the middle and high schools, tally the responses, and create a bulletin board of the results of the 8th annual Big Bowl Vote. This survey identifies the top three remembered commercials and products advertised during the NFL Super Bowl. Why conduct the survey? This from the Drug-Free Action Alliance's website: "The NFL Super Bowl is known for its commercials almost as much as it is for the game itself. Of that wide viewing audience, about 18% is estimated as youth under 21 who are then exposed to alcohol advertising. More than 40,000 middle and high school students in 39 states participated in Drug-Free Action Alliance Super Bowl Survey 2010, which once again revealed the youth appeal of alcohol advertising as two of the top five "most memorable" commercials, according to both middle and high school students, were beer commercials. This falls in line with the studies that suggest alcohol companies are targeting youth in their advertising. Through research, we

know that the more youth are exposed to alcohol in advertising, the more likely they are to consume alcohol underage." This year the good news: overwhelmingly, Doritos commercials took all three top spots.

The OSHS REACH Team also created one of the winning designs that decorate Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services' van, which can often be seen driving around town. The REACH Team is really leaving a positive mark on their community.

For more information about the REACH Team, contact advisor Kristen Cartier at Youth and Family Services, 860-510-5049 or via email at kcarter@town.old-saybrook.ct.us.

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THE BEACON

The Old Saybrook Public Schools Newsletter

Annual Fundraiser for Old Saybrook Education Foundation was a Great Success!

The Old Saybrook Education Foundation held their annual fundraiser on May 7, raising over \$27,000.

"The Old Saybrook Education Foundation will generate and distribute resources to the Old Saybrook School District for programs and projects that enhance the quality of education and opportunities for students."

Our sincere thanks to the many businesses and Old Saybrook Public Schools staff members that contributed to the event making it a huge success!

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A special thanks to Andre Prost, Chef Michael Sousa, and Chef Maureen Nuzzo for the wonderful food that was enjoyed by all attending that evening.

Also, a special thanks to Barry Maynard for his gracious presence behind the bar!

We would like to thank all the merchants on Main Street that continue to help the schools with their generous donations countless times throughout the year.

Goodwin School Activities

On April 14 Grade 2 presented its annual Cultural Arts Program to a packed house. Their selections celebrated Spanish-speaking cultures, which is the language they have been studying for three years. Students danced and sang and their artwork was displayed throughout the school. Each year Grade 2 also travels to Ballek's Garden Center to be greeted by Mrs. Ballek herself. Because of the inclement weather, she invited the students into her home to share snack and stories about how to be stewards of the earth. This was a culminating activity to support the second grade's botany unit and was made possible with the support of the Old Saybrook Education Foundation.

April 29th the annual Earth Day Goodwin Gathering took place and the entire school was encouraged to wear green. Pre K students performed several songs about the earth, and the Goodwin Green Team presented a slide show of their work this year.

On May 4 and 5 Grandparents and Special Friends were serenaded by the kindergarten and first grade classes and entertained in the classrooms of second and third graders. It is estimated that over 500 guests joined their special friends to celebrate all of the students' hard work this year.

On May 19 the third graders performed their spring musical, "Beethoven's Bookworms," to standing room only. Everyone in attendance was awed by the performance of these talented students.

On May 20 the final Goodwin Gathering of the year took place. The entire school had an opportunity to view the claymations that were created by the third graders.

Health and Wellness Day took place on Friday, May 27. Every student traveled from station to station around the campus to attempt challenging and fun-filled activities. Three teams that included students in all five grade levels gathered at the end of the day to celebrate each team's success.

Finally, on June 3 artisans from the greater Old Saybrook community gathered at the Goodwin School to share their passion for the arts. Every student participated in at least five activities, including dance, drama, visual arts, and music. This event was also generously supported by the Old Saybrook Education Foundation.

Old Saybrook Middle School Activities

- The month of April began at Old Saybrook Middle School with the Drama Club production of Walt Disney's *Jungle Book* on April 7 and 8. Our fifth grade teacher, Lindsay Wescott, directed a large cast with production and logistical support from many OSMS parents. The play was performed before large audiences both nights.
- On April 13, 2011 Old Saybrook Middle School held a Safety/Wellness Day for students in grades five through grade eight. The events were organized by Terry and Vito Savino, who are both R.N.s and members of the OSMS PTO. It was quite a day: 583 students, 194 classes and seven interactive educational hands-on kiosks including such displays as a 911 simulator. Healthy snacks and indoor fitness activities were available to the students for the entirety of the school day. Age-appropriate classes engaged the students on a range of topics that focused on home safety and carbon monoxide poisoning; individual safety and wellness with respect to both physical health as well as careful dialogue regarding some pertinent social and emotional well-being issues including healthy relationships, personal safety, and boundaries. The mini courses were instructed by professionals truly qualified to carefully address the concerns through the eyes of a middle-school student. Students felt safe to ask questions and gained valuable knowledge. The success of the program is directly attributed to the dedicated staff and volunteers from Old Saybrook Middle School, Old Saybrook Middle School PTO, Old Saybrook High School Students, Old Saybrook Police Department, Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services, Old Saybrook Fire Department, Old Saybrook Park & Recreation, Middlesex Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Connecticut River Area Health District, Middlesex Tang Soo Do, Wildwood Pediatrics, Anytime Fitness Gym, Valley Shore YMCA, Shoreline Fitness, Intervention First, Connecticut Inhalant Task Force, Safe Kids Connecticut, Brain Injury of Connecticut, Poison Control, Ocean Performance, and Sea Tow.
- In conjunction with Earth Day, Grade 4 presented an Energy Expo in our foyer on April 15.
- April 28 marked the annual 8th Grade World of Work Day. Students visited various business establishments in the area, including Whelen Engineering, Saybrook Point Inn, and the Shoreline Clinic. Some students chose to spend the day with their parents on the job and others who are interested in teaching elected to shadow a teacher for the day.
- During the month of May, OSMS hosted three Band and Choral Concerts, our eighth grade traveled to Boston for the day, the Baseball and Softball season continued, and Grade 5 DARE students graduated from the program.
- Our Eighth Grade Closing Ceremonies will be held on the last day of school, Thursday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.

- The Old Saybrook Middle School community is beginning an effort to memorialize our former teacher, Jaret Kulmann, who died last year. We would like to establish a Jaret Kulmann Memorial Book Collection in our library, plant shrubs and flowers in our new courtyard, and place one or more benches there dedicated to Jaret's memory. If you would like to contribute to our effort, please call the Middle School office at 860-395-3168.

Old Saybrook High School Activities:

Recognition of A Korean War Veteran took place on Thursday, May 12, from 10-10:15 and 12-12:10. Old Saybrook area resident Primo Carnabuci died in action in Korea in 1950. Remarkably, his remains were identified late last year, so he now could be laid to rest after a funeral here in Old Saybrook. The state, military, and local police escorted a caisson from Swan's Funeral Home to St. John's, with a stop in front of the school at 10 a.m. for a choral number attended by the student body. The band played along Route 1 at noon, as the funeral processed to Clinton, to complete the high school's recognition of Corporal Carnabuci's service and ultimate sacrifice.

Cancer Walk: The tenth annual Walk to Cure Cancer was held at the high school on Friday, May 13 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. The walk began with speeches and recognitions, proceeded to walking in celebration of friends and loved ones, and continued with live music, food, and activities. Congratulations to Ashley Brodeur who organized the event as a senior project with Herculean support from Ms. Winch.

Mock Accident and Prom: Two seniors staged a mock accident and assembly on Tuesday, May 17 warning about the risks of drinking and driving. A casket was placed in the front hall and one student actor was "removed" from class every 14 minutes to represent young people lost to drunk driving. A speaker from MADD spoke to all students at a moving and chilling assembly. The police and fire departments volunteered expert services to the crash reenactment, narrated by Chief Spera. The advisor to the seniors was SRO Ryan Walsh.

Junior and Senior Prom: The Junior and Senior prom took place Friday, May 20, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m., at Saybrook Point Inn. The Inn's flexibility and careful work by advisors allowed us to accommodate all students who registered during the two-week sign-up period at this exquisite setting right here in town.

"Race to Nowhere": In cooperation with Youth and Family Services, the school hosted several screenings of the acclaimed "Race to Nowhere" documentary, which explores the effects of over-programming, hyper-competitive college admissions, and high-stakes tests on young people. At school on May 19 the film was shown to all students in the morning in conjunction with an advisory period to reflect and process the information. The Monday evening screening for families on May 23 was followed by a dialogue on student experience here in our community.



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WPCA Update

The WPCA is expecting to award the first bid contract for septic system upgrades in the Wastewater Management District (WWMD) within the next month and begin construction in June. The other three contract areas in Saybrook Acres are under design and the subsequent neighborhoods - Oyster River East and Saybrook Point - are nearing completion in the site investigation phase. The next neighborhood to receive notice and be invited to a public information presentation is Thompson. The post-cards are likely to be sent this summer.

The WPCA Spring "Bin and Barrel" Sale was a success! We sold 66 composters and rain barrels in total and enjoyed meeting residents on the Town Green during the Garden Club Market on May 7. In effort to support green initiatives, like reducing stormwater runoff, the WPCA will consider coordinating the program again next year.

Please note that the WPCA office has many materials available concerning runoff, gardening, water quality, and other environmental information for residents to pick up when they are in Town Hall.

We would be happy to provide these materials for any association or organization in town. They are here for the asking! You can also view the links on our website (www.oswpc.org) for brochures on raingarden development and water quality protection.

We have included information in this issue on Real Estate Transactions in the WWMD and an article on Organic Lawn Care.

*Remember to direct your septic system service provider to input pumpout details into our online system to avoid another reminder and jeopardizing your permit to discharge. Residents can check their status on the WPCA website or town's WPCA page under the link on the left titled "Septic Search: Check my Pumpout Status."

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Physicians at the new Old Saybrook office are Adam Perrin, M.D., who is board-certified in Family Medicine and Sports Medicine and has special interests in asthma and alternative medicine; and Lucinda Hautaniemi, who is also certified in Family Medicine with special interests in asthma, adolescent care, pediatrics, women's health and geriatrics. There is also a physician assistant on staff available to see patients.

Middlesex Hospital Primary Care has offices in other shoreline locations, including Chester, Essex, Madison and Westbrook.

To contact Middlesex Hospital Primary Care in Old Saybrook, call (860) 395-1212. For information about Middlesex Hospital's other primary care practices, or to

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Girl Scouts - Protecting the Horseshoe Crabs

Dear Residents,

Our names are Francesca Vinciguerra and Anna Chupak. We are 8th graders at Old Saybrook Middle School and are also Girl Scout Cadettes working on our Silver Award Project. Our Silver Award project is to help spread the word about Project Limulus which is a horseshoe crab tagging program led by Sacred Heart University, CT Department of Environmental Protection, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Here in Old Saybrook, the Old Saybrook Land Trust is taking the lead. The data collect in this project is used to determine migration patterns, population size, and harvest rates.



We are asking you to help spread the word about the importance of Project Limulus and protecting the horseshoe crabs. Horseshoe crabs, or *Limulus Polyphemus*, have survived for millions of years and are harmless animals. They live in shallow waters but lay their eggs on shore. The months of May and June are their breeding season so we see them in shallow water and on beaches more often, especially during the full moon.

Horseshoe crabs are an important natural resource. Many animals, including endangered loggerhead sea turtles and migrating shorebirds, use them as a food source. Also, horseshoe crab blood is used to detect human disease-causing bacteria in medical research.

Their tails are not a weapon or poisonous; however, when you are walking down the beach and see a single horseshoe crab, pick it up by its shell, rather than its delicate tail, and return it to the water because its gills need to be wet to survive. Horseshoe crabs may be fun to look at and are very interesting animals, but please don't disturb crab pairs buried in the sand because they are laying and fertilizing eggs.

The photos at left are the tags being used by Project Limulus. If you find a horseshoe crab that is tagged with a federal disc (white circular tags pictured below), please report the following: tag number, the date you found the crab, if the crab was alive or dead, and location (specific beach) to the toll free number (1-888-LIMULUS) or (1-888-546-8587).

For more information about horseshoe crabs and the tagging program, go to: www.projectlimulus.org.

Thank you for your help.

*Francesca Vinciguerra and Anna Chupak
Girl Scout Troop 62242*

Health Care - What You Should Know

You would think that what you should know about health care these days could fill volumes and you'd be right. So to start, when was the last time you thought about your smile?

Bright, white healthy teeth let us all smile with confidence. Ask your dentist. He'll agree. Don't have one? You're not alone. Half the population either doesn't have one or tries to avoid going to one. Is it fear of the procedure or of the cost? People tell me, hands down, their bills hurt more than the visit but it doesn't have to be that way. Recently United Health Care, the nation's largest health insurance company asked me to write about dental insurance for Life & Health Advisor Journal to remind agents how many people are avoiding dentists because they think they can't afford it. Good dental insurance is inexpensive. In fact with vision insurance included it can be less than 5% of what a family of four is paying for health insurance.

Unlike our doctors many dentists do not belong to provider networks. These networks represent companies that provide dental insurance and require their dentists to discount procedures. These discounts can save you 20% to 60% off what you would be paying. More and more dentists are getting the message that the public wants good care at reasonable costs. You will find many of the dentists in larger practices and clinics have the same or better training than your own family dentist and charge, no kidding, less than half for the same work. It pays to look around.

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Surprised at all this? Most people are. Like that TV network says "the more you know" so look into it. Call your favorite agent or call us.

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Kurt Zemba is a resident of Old Lyme and President of RMB Group, a multi state licensed insurance agency, operating nationwide providing employee benefits, health, life, disability, dental, vision and senior care products for groups and individuals. Have a health topic you would like to know more about? We would be happy to pass it on to Kurt at RMB to be addressed in an upcoming issue. Email your request to dbrown@eventsmagazines.com.

Summer Camp Develops Youth's Potential

Registration is now open for Day and Specialty Camps at the Valley-Shore Y

Instead of spending the summer at home and indoors, the Valley-Shore Y is encouraging parents to give their kids a chance to explore nature at the Y's DAY camp. YMCA campers gain new experiences, develop essential social skills and create lifelong friendships, while enjoying camp adventures along the way.

"Children and teens have camped at our Y for 64 years," says Rich Ward, Camp Director, Valley-Shore Y Day Camp. "When at day camp, kids are given new responsibilities and they learn independence. As a result, they become more confident, open to trying new things and grow as individuals and as part of a group."

As a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y works to help children and teens discover their full potential by providing opportunities to learn, grow and thrive amidst caring, supportive adults. According to camping experts at the Valley-Shore Y Day Camp, there are five reasons why children and teens should experience summer camp:

FOR ADVENTURE: Summer camp is all about fun adventures in the outdoors. YMCA camps have a new adventure for every child and teen. Visit www.vsymca.org for details.

FOR NEW EXPERIENCES: Day camps are about learning outside of school, exploring and appreciating the outdoors, developing new skills, making friends and showing leadership.

FOR PERSONAL GROWTH: While being away from the routine back home, youth have a chance to develop confidence and independence by taking on new responsibilities and challenges.

FOR NEW FRIENDSHIPS: Amidst the fun of camp games, songs, swimming, canoeing and talent shows, campers meet new friends.

FOR MEMORIES: Summer camp is an unforgettable experience that will give each camper memories that will last a lifetime.

Valley-Shore Y also provides exciting and educational Specialty Camp programming for children and teens, and their parents, including: Flag Football, Gymnastics, UK International Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Cooking, Rock Band, Golf, Sports, Hip-Hop, Fitness, Cheerleading, Jewelry Making, Origami, Fashion, Photography, Film Production and Forensic Science and many more.

To ensure that every child and teen has the chance to go to camp, the Valley-Shore Y offers financial assistance to those in need.

For more information about Valley-Shore Y Day Camp, visit www.vsymca.org, contact Richard Ward at 860-399-9622 ext. 27 or rward@vsymca.org. For more information about Specialty Camps please call Chris Ferreira 860-399-9622 ext. 19 or cferreira@vsymca.org.

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On behalf of Events Magazines, welcome to Old Saybrook. Whether you are new to Connecticut or just new to Old Saybrook, you will find wonderful people and places to visit in town. From the Old Saybrook Torchlight Parade to the Arts & Crafts Festival, Old Saybrook has something for everyone. Below are important phone numbers; tear out this page and keep it for future reference. We at *Events Magazines* and Essex Printing support local businesses. Please use this guide and "Buy Local" - we do!

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Living History Comes to Main Street

Civil War soldiers from the 14th Regiment Connecticut Volunteers Infantry will be marching into Old Saybrook and camping on the Historical Society grounds, 350 Main Street, on July 16. Sponsored by the Old Saybrook Historical Society as a community event, the public is invited and there is no charge. Events will begin at 10 a.m.



The friendly and knowledgeable company of re-enactors will set up a typical campsite and demonstrate the skills needed by soldiers at that time. In addition to presenting the life of a common soldier, there will be a demonstration of open fire cooking, a representation by the company surgeon and discussion of wartime surgery and medicine, and other portrayals of other aspects of military and civilian life during the Civil War. Throughout the day, civilian women will be discussing how they helped the North win the war on the home front. There will be period games for children and soldiers will be drilling young recruits from the public. A special feature of the program will be a presentation by Irving Moy representing Joseph Pierce, who fought with the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and was the highest ranking soldier of Chinese ancestry. Mr. Moy is the author



of *An American Journey- My Father, Abraham Lincoln, Joseph Pierce and Me*, which will be available for sale at the encampment with proceeds going toward the Civil War Trust for battlefield preservation.

14th Regiment Connecticut Volunteers Infantry

Responding to Abraham Lincoln's call for volunteers, the 14th Regiment filled rapidly. With 1015 poorly trained men, they left Connecticut for Washington, D.C. on August 25, 1862. Less than a month later they were plunged into the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest battle of the Civil War, and in the spring of 1863 they moved to Chancellorsville, where they again saw "hard service" as Union troops suffered a defeat.

In July they were placed on Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg. Armed with Sharp rifles, they repulsed the Confederate attack

known as "Picket's Charge" and captured five battle flags and 200 prisoners. From there they were in pursuit of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and engaged in several battles throughout the south.

The 14th Regiment engaged in 34 battles and skirmishes, more than any other Connecticut regiment and lost the largest percentage of men who were killed or died in service. Of the initial 1015 enlistees, 118 were killed, 15 were missing, 263 died, 614 were wounded, and 187 were captured.

While their losses were staggering, the 14th Connecticut captured more prisoners, cannon and battle flags than any other Connecticut regiment. Several men from Shoreline towns served in the 14th, including nine from Old Saybrook.

The present membership of this group of re-enactors has five members whose ancestors fought with the original 14th Connecticut.

Schedule of Events: (Tentative)

10:00 a.m. Military drill and firing demonstrations

11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Camp life of the Union soldier.

Noon - Soldiers prepare their noon meals

1:00-2:00 p.m. Camp life; rifle loading demonstration;

Joseph Pierce presentation

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Military drill and firing demonstrations

3:00 p.m. Event ends

Historical Society seeks your assistance and involvement.

Call for Civil War Items - Do you have any Civil War artifacts? The Old Saybrook Historical Society is seeking Civil War objects to display this summer at the Hart House. We would be delighted to receive on loan authentic uniforms or individual clothing items, selected weapons, medals, medical equipment, musical instruments, and other items. We also seek photos, broadsides, correspondence, diaries, etc. We are especially desirous of knowing about objects related to Old Saybrook. If you would like to contribute or discuss this please call the Society at 860-395-2662.

Historical Society Membership - Membership in the Old Saybrook Historical Society is open to, and composed of, people of all ages, various interests, and from Old Saybrook and around the country. We share a common bond in preserving, protecting, and promoting Old Saybrook history. As a volunteer organization, we participate in and conduct a number of programs for the community. We welcome your membership and, if interested, your participation in the Archives, the historic Gen. William Hart House, our heritage gardens, or in any of our numerous public programs. In Old Saybrook, "the past is not dead it is not even past." For further information or to volunteer, please call 860-395-2662

New Archive Hours - The Old Saybrook Historical Society has announced new expanded hours for the Archives, 350 Main Street. The Archives are open to the public without charge and hours are: Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, and Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Other hours are by appointment.

Old Saybrook Youth Summer Stock Performing Live at The Kate

Old Saybrook Youth Summer Stock Theatre, now in its 9th season, will perform live at The Kate in July under the expert direction of Ms. Lorra Carey. This year's production of *Grease* (School Version) is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Go back in time to Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head "greaser" Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'," "It's Raining on Prom Night," and "Alone at the Drive-In Movie," recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals along with innumerable school and community productions place *Grease* among the world's most popular musicals. Ms. Carey directs 50 of Old Saybrook's very own rising stars with the extraordinary support of

Assistant Director Mike Cronin, along with stage managers, sound crew, assistant choreographers, set designers - all graduates of past Summer Stock smash hits. Also returning for her 9th year with the ensemble is choreographer Deb Mals and the production manager is HCHY Coordinator Wendy Mill.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the award-winning musical *Grease* and Old Saybrook's Youth Summer Stock ensemble 5 performances are scheduled:

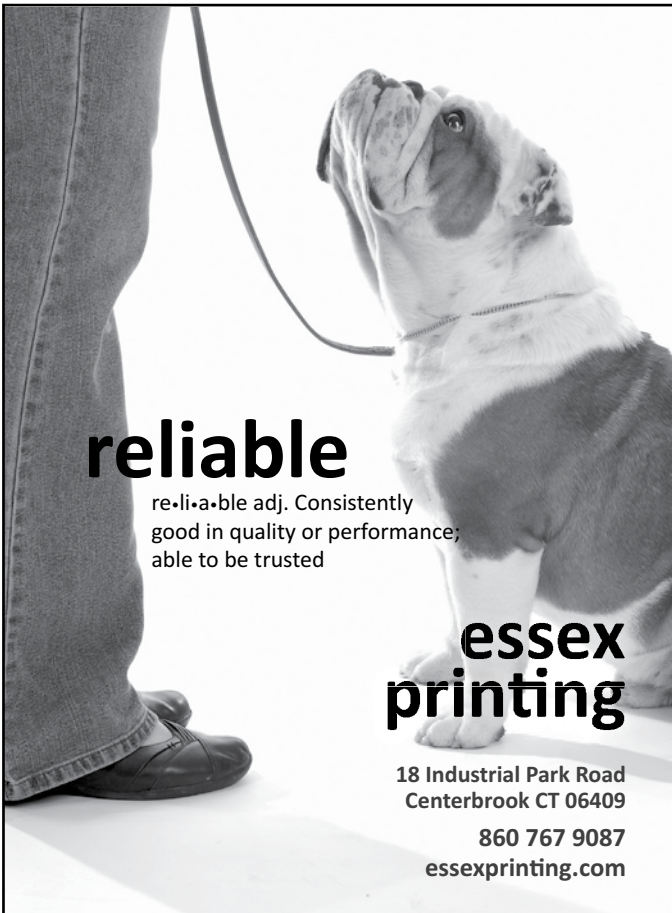
Wednesday July 13, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday July 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Friday July 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at The Kate box office. Call the box office at 877-503-1286, or stop by in person at 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook or visit the website <http://www.katharinehepburntheater.org/>. Don't miss out by putting off buying yours!

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12 Frequently Asked Questions about Organic Lawn Care

1. Why is organic lawn care better? - Conventional lawn chemicals can pollute our water, harm wildlife, and have adverse health effects on people and pets. Using pesticides to tackle weeds and pests can actually damage your lawn, too. They kill good organisms that help produce the nutrients plants need to grow, weakening the grass, fostering thatch, and encouraging diseases.

2. Should I have my soil tested? - Yes. Testing the soil is an important step in lawn care. The UCONN Soil Nutrient Analysis Laboratory and CT Agricultural Station both have soil-testing programs. When sending in the samples, note that you want recommendations for amounts of organic (natural) fertilizers and soil amendments.

3. Why is healthy soil so important? - Healthy soil contains high organic content and is teeming with biological life. It supports development of healthy grass that is naturally resistant to weeds and pests. In a healthy, fertile, and well-maintained lawn, diseases and pest problems are rare.

4. What is the best time to plan my organic lawn? - A healthy lawn has healthy soil and is mowed, watered, and fertilized properly and at the right time. The CT Northeast Organic Farming Association has developed a Calendar and Guide with practices and timelines: www.ct.gov/-dep/lib/dep/p2/individual/organic_lawn_care_calendar.pdf

5. Will my lawn have weeds? - Tolerating a few weeds is part of organic land care. Some plants that are considered "weeds" such as clover, are actually beneficial. They add valuable nutrients to help sustain a healthy lawn. As a general rule, if you have less than 10 percent weeds in your lawn, you don't have a weed problem!

6. Is recycling grass clippings into the lawn harmful? - Turf experts agree that grass clippings do not produce thatch. They are 80 percent water and decompose quickly. Thatch is the accumulation of dead roots and stems most often caused by over fertilizing and over watering. A thatch layer should be removed for healthy lawn maintenance. Note: Grass clippings can be composted (only 1/3 of pile should be fresh clippings).

7. What types of products are used? - Corn gluten can be used as a weed suppressant and applied in early spring. Grubs can be controlled with beneficial nematodes (micro-organisms in the soil). These products and other organic fertilizers can be found online, in stores, or from landscapers practicing organic land care. Compost and compost tea can be used as soil amendments.

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8. Is organic lawn care expensive? - If your lawn is currently chemically dependent, initially it may be more expensive to restore it. But in the long term, an organic lawn will actually cost you less money. Once established, an organic lawn uses less water and fertilizers and requires less labor for mowing and maintenance.

9. How long will it take before I see a difference in my lawn? - In the first year without chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the grass may not look healthy because the transition is being made from unbalanced soil to one that is balanced with microbes and nutrients. Within a few years, the grass will be healthy without the expense, pollution, and work of chemicals.

10. Where can I find an accredited land-care professional? - The CT Northeast Organic Farming Association maintains a list. Make sure the company holds a valid state license to apply commercial pesticides (even if using organics) and the staff is trained and certified. The company should fully explain their strategy and which materials they plan to use. If you have questions on pesticide applicators, call the DEP Pesticides Division at (860) 424-3369.

11. My neighbors and town use pesticides. Is there anything I can do? - Municipalities are banned from applying pesticides on the grounds of public schools grade eight or lower. Many towns are transitioning to organic land care on playing fields. Middletown has Project Green Lawn to encourage residents to eliminate lawn chemicals. Encourage town officials to start something similar. You can register with the DEP to be notified in advance of sprayings near you. You can also talk to your neighbors about organic land care or refer them to the DEP website.

12. Where can I get more information? - Safe Lawns (www.safelawns.org) has information about natural lawn and grounds care, videos, product recommendations, and more. Beyond Pesticides (www.beyondpesticides.org/index.html) has information on conventional pesticides and nontoxic alternatives. Environment and Human Health (www.ehhi.org/pesticides) has information on the effects of pesticides on children.

Other information:

View article, "The Grass Is Always Greener"

www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/p2/newsletter/p2summer01.pdf

CT native plants and invasive species:

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For Internet products, search "organic lawn care products" or try the Organic Materials Review Institute (www.omri.org/about) for recommendations.

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Stop in (or call) the WPCA office in Town Hall (860-395-2876) and pick up some materials!

Care 4 Kids

Care 4 Kids helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for child care costs. This program is sponsored by the State of Connecticut's Department of Social Services (also called DSS).

To learn more about Care 4 Kids, take a look at www.ctcare4kids.com. It has information for both parents and child care providers. You can look at the site to find out how the program works, who is eligible, and more. You can also print the forms you need to apply for the program; go to the forms page.

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Ferry Crossing

The Town of Old Saybrook and HOPE Partnership have partnered to create Ferry Crossing. Ferry Crossing will be a beautiful new development of sixteen townhouses located in the historic Ferry Point neighborhood of Old Saybrook. The project received all approvals from the Town of Old Saybrook last year and HOPE Partnership expects to begin construction in June. The first units are expected to be ready for occupancy by summer 2012.

Ferry Crossing will involve the new construction of sixteen rental homes that will have been designed by Point One Architects to match the New England architectural style found along Connecticut's shoreline. Ferry Point is the first housing development to be built under the HOMEConnecticut legislation, which encourages towns to create incentives for affordable housing. The project represents a true partnership between the Town of Old Saybrook and HOPE Partnership, a community-based nonprofit organization. HOPE's co-partner in the development of the project is the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, based in Middletown.

The town will retain ownership of the land, which will be leased to HOPE for \$1 per year. The low cost of the land has enabled HOPE to keep the rents affordable to

families who may work in our area but have been unable to afford to live here.

The Ferry Crossing site is an ideal location along the Estuary Transit District route, one mile from the Old Saybrook rail station and walking distance to the Connecticut River. It employs environmentally sound design, protecting wetlands and using natural vegetation, and turns a former brownfield site into productive use that will once again pay property taxes to the Town of Old Saybrook. The new homes will be attractive, well designed, and adjacent to playing fields that will be maintained by Town of Old Saybrook for youth sports and recreation.

The development will include four one-bedroom units, eight two-bedroom units, and four three-bedroom units. The homes will be developed to help address the high housing costs and lack of high-quality rental housing on the shoreline. Four units will be targeted to families who are currently homeless, including those living in motels, and two of those units will be targeted to military veterans referred by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, which will also provide support services.

HOPE has engaged DeMarco Management Corporation to be the property manager for Ferry Crossing. DeMarco is one of the leading residential property managers in the region. DeMarco will coordinate the marketing and will maintain a list of interested persons. All those that have expressed interest will be provided an application packet when the rental process begins. Applications will be accepted three to four months prior to anticipated occupancy (after initial lease up, applications will only be available when the waiting list is open). Applications can be accessed by contacting DeMarco and having it mailed or by picking up applications at the HOPE Partnership office in Old Saybrook. Applicants will be notified in writing on decision to process or reject. All applicants must meet income & eligibility requirements. If the applicant meets the income requirements, DeMarco will use a point system to determine the order of placement on the waiting list. There are four preference categories: current resident, municipal employee, veteran, and least likely to apply. DeMarco will select applicants based on their preference status and order on the waiting list.

About HOPE Partnership: HOPE Partnership was established in 2003 with the support of Middlesex United Way to address the affordable housing shortage in the shoreline towns of Middlesex County. HOPE's philosophy is to create alliances with town government, builders, and other private partners to build housing that is attractive, sustainable, and appropriate to the surrounding neighborhood.

More information about HOPE can be found at www.hopepartnership-oldsaybrook.org.

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National Hurricane Preparedness Week

Hurricane season begins June 1, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting a higher-than-average number of storms that could develop into hurricanes this year. The week of May 22-28 was designated as National Hurricane Preparedness Week by the NOAA and the National Weather Service, but there's still time to make preparations for a potential hurricane or severe storm. You can help your family by updating or creating your own storm kit with supplies for a prolonged outage or an evacuation.

A basic storm kit should include the following:

Water: One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation. **Food:** At least a three-day supply of nonperishable food and a hand-held can opener for any canned food. Battery-powered or hand-crank

radio and a weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both. Flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, prescription medication, Whistle to signal for help, dust mask to help filter contaminated air, and plastic sheeting and duct tape to build a shelter-in-place. Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation. A wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, local maps, a cell phone with charger, and supplies for babies and pets.

If you know someone who depends on life support equipment, make sure they are prepared with a backup plan that includes emergency phone numbers, an evacuation procedure, or an uninterruptible power supply, a backup battery system, or a properly installed emergency generator. Suggest that they register their special needs with their local Office of Emergency Management.

Thanks to all of the performers from so many disciplines, the 12th annual *Hidden Treasures: A Community Variety Show* was a huge success!



United Way Awards



Heidi Smith & Daniela Cavanaugh of AAA Allied Group accept their Live United Participation Award.

On May 3, hundreds gathered at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell to honor more than eighty companies and organizations, their employees, and community leaders who contributed \$1,925,723 to the 2010-11 Middlesex United Way 75th Anniversary Campaign. This amount is about 3% over the campaign goal of \$1,875,000.

“Every year around the world, thousands of coordinators and volunteers are mobilized to raise resources on behalf of United Way,” said Gary Simonsen of PrimePay, President of the Middlesex United Way Board of Directors. “That cumulative effort results in a total of four billion dollars raised across the globe. You are part of this worldwide movement to advance the common good for all.

“Your efforts are changing lives and moving the needle on community conditions,” Mr. Simonsen continued. “And it’s working...we are getting results and creating real, lasting change in the areas of education, income, health and housing.”

Middlesex United Way’s Executive Director Kevin Wilhelm, presented AAA Allied Group with awards for 50%+ Employee Participation, and 10%+ increase in Employee Participation.

Other local awards included:

- 10% or more increase in employee participation awards to: Wells Fargo of Old Saybrook, Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. of Old Saybrook & Clinton.
- First Step Award: which honors businesses and organizations that have taken that first step towards

Living United was awarded to Clinton’s Henry Carter Hull Library.

- Awards for campaigns which have topped \$10,000 in Total Giving went to Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. of Old Saybrook, Clinton Public Schools, and First Niagara Bank of Old Saybrook & Clinton.

The event brought to a close Middlesex United Way’s 75th Anniversary Campaign, and the three co-chairs who oversaw the fundraising effort were acknowledged for their outstanding leadership and advocacy on behalf of United Way. The co-chairs were:

- Chandler Howard, President and CEO of Liberty Bank
- Larry McHugh, President of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce
- Michael Roth, President of Wesleyan University

McHugh introduced the co-chairs of the 2011-12 Middlesex United Way Campaign: Harry Eben Burr of McCutcheon Burr & Sons and Arthur “Buddy” McDowell of Middlesex Hospital.

Middlesex United Way is advancing the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all. Our focus is on education, income, health and housing - the building blocks for a good quality of life. United Way recruits people and organizations that bring the passion, expertise, and resources needed to get things done. You are invited to be part of the change by giving, advocating and volunteering. That’s what it means to Live United.

In the town of Old Saybrook, Middlesex United Way is working with Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services which is a site of Healthy Communities-Healthy Youth prevention initiative aimed at reducing school age substance abuse; and early childhood mental health initiative aimed at identifying and serving preschool children with behavioral, emotional and social problems and supporting parents in their role as their child’s first best teacher.

Middlesex United Way is a locally-based organization serving the towns of Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook.

For more information contact Jill Davoll, Communications Director, 860-346-8695 or jill.davoll@middlesexunitedway.org

A Love of Music ... and Children

Youth and Family Services presented a Certificate of Appreciation in May to the talented and engaging facilitator of the popular Toddler Tunes program for children birth to 30 months, sponsored by YFS.



Youth and Family Services' Early Childhood Specialist Kathy Ferrantelli presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tammi Dunlap (center) for her work in the widely successful Toddler Tunes program. Also pictured congratulating Tammi is YFS' administrative assistant Linda McCall.

Tammi Dunlap brings to Toddler Tunes a love for children and of music. She professes she doesn't sing well but says the kids don't care as long as the songs are fun to sing and easy to learn. "I was asked to do this class after I had performed at the Hidden Treasures Community Show. It was something that was on my 'bucket list'." After being a pre-school teacher, a Girl Scout leader, and a mother of four children, almost-grown now, Tammi has picked up lots of kids' songs along the way. "My collection of children's songs CD's is amazing!"

There is a hands-on aspect to the class that allows the children to "play" music from her varied collection of instruments, most of which have been picked up by her husband, Dave, on his world-wide business travels. There are even birds, monkeys, fish, and camels that

are pulled out from her bag to join in on the fun. She makes learning fun by incorporating easy-to-learn songs that teach kids about the world around them, numbers, the alphabet, body parts, and animals. There are even songs about grandparents!

"To see the big smiles from these children and watch them grow in the program can only make me happy. What can be better than that?" Tammi says this class gives her "a baby fix"... at least until she has grandkids of her own!

She has developed a large fan base, with numbers of participants increasing over the years due to the positive word of mouth from "graduates" of Toddler Tunes. She looks forward to meeting a new group of joyful music-lovers in the fall. Watch the local papers and the YFS website www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth for announcements regarding registration for this program loved by children and parents alike!



Tammi has a huge fan base of toddlers and parents who attend the weekly program.

Town Clerk's Office

With Sympathy - We express our condolences to the families of recently deceased Old Saybrook residents:

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Real Estate Transactions in the WWMD

The 1900+ properties located in the Wastewater Management District all have this recorded on their title [in the Town Clerk's Office] and appear in a list attached to the Wastewater Management District Ordinance. The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at www.oswpc.org. The website and WPCA office also provide an overview of all 15 focus areas as well as individual maps.

When a buyer, seller, or realtor is involved in a transaction with one of these properties, they typically contact the WPCA to provide further information. The following is an attempt to document the question process in a simple format.

Q: Is the property in the WWMD?

A: Using the address and map and lot we ascertain if it is and which neighborhood it's in.

Q: When will the upgrade need to be completed?

A: Refer to the Implementation Schedule.

Q: What does it need? What will the owner have to do?

A: Based on the map (which was developed from information in our files) we have an idea of what the upgrade might require: a new tank, a tank and/or leaching, confirmation that it may be compliant. However- it is important to note that we won't actually know what is on the property and what the soil conditions are until the site evaluation is conducted.

Q: How much will it cost?

A: Once again we will not know until the property is investigated and a determination is made on the actual upgrades. Each property is unique and may present its own challenges. The economy and bidding also impacts the costs of the systems as the program moves forward. The staff may present rough guidelines based on past experience and the present costs of system components. For example: A complete "conventional" system, with no engineering, pumps, or mechanical components, etc., was installed in 2010 for under \$8000.

Q: How can the upgrade be financed?

A: An owner can choose to take advantage of the Clean Water Fund program, accepting a 25% grant from the state and 25% from the town. They are then responsible for the remaining 50%, which can be paid in full or financed for 20 years at 2%. Further information can be obtained in the WPCA office from the Financial Manager.

Old Saybrook Wastewater Management District Septic System Upgrade Guidelines

Septic system upgrades for properties in the WWMD are being addressed in this order:

GROUP 1

Saybrook Acres completion Fall 2011

GROUP 2

Oyster River East completion Fall 2011
 Saybrook Point completion Summer 2012
 Thompson completion Winter 2013
 Cornfield Park completion Summer 2012

GROUP 3

Plum Bank completion Spring 2015
 Great Hammock Beach completion Spring 2015
 Indiantown completion Spring 2015

GROUP 4

Chalker Beach completion Summer 2016
 Meadowood completion Winter 2016

GROUP 5

Cornfield Point completion Summer 2017

GROUP 6

Saybrook Manor completion Summer 2018
 Ingham Hill completion Summer 2017

GROUP 7

Maple Avenue North completion Fall 2018
 Fenwood completion Fall 2018

- At the time a property is scheduled for upgrade the owner will be offered the use of Clean Water Money to assist with the required upgrade. The owner may elect to accept the funding or pay for the required septic system upgrade using their own funds.

- If a property owner for whatever reason decides to upgrade their system before their neighborhood is scheduled, the work is not eligible for Clean Water Money.

- The only circumstance under which a property may be scheduled for an upgrade prior to the above schedule is if the system is failing. This determination is made by the local health department, the Connecticut River Area Health District. Only if the system is found to be in a condition that is resulting in sewage on the ground or storm drain, is backing up into the house, or the occupant can not use the system, will that property be considered for the WWMD program before the rest of their neighborhood.

- A septic system inspection for the purpose of a real estate transaction in which the septic system pumper notes deficiencies is not a reason for that property to enter into the WWMD Program sooner than the schedule indicates. The decisions regarding those findings are part of the real estate transaction. Any upgrade done as a result of the inspection is funded outside the WWMD Program.

Help for Dental Care

For the past year, a group of local health and social service professionals have been working collaboratively to close the gap in dental care services for Old Saybrook residents that may be uninsured, underinsured, and in need of dental care they can not otherwise afford.

We have heard of residents in need going without dental care, gluing bridges and even teeth together, and in unnecessary pain. Dental problems are also an overall health risk to individuals yet often there is no insurance coverage or little insurance coverage, and people unable to afford the expense have been going without needed care. Often these are our most vulnerable citizens; the elderly and children.

We are pleased to announce that we will be bringing a dental care program to Old Saybrook this summer. Old Saybrook residents in need of dental care should contact Susan Consoli, MA, LPC, Social Services Coordinator, at 860-395-3188 or by email at sconsoli@town.old-saybrook.ct.us for more information and to pre-register for services.

Residents who are not in need of care but are able to donate to this effort are also encouraged to call. This is a local effort and not a state program, and we would welcome your help and support to make this a continuing program for our residents.

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Rosés are typically a blend of more than one red varietal, and occasionally white grapes are used. The taste is very pleasing and refreshing with accents of fresh berries such as strawberry, raspberry and cassis. Rosés are a delicious alternative to white or red wine for summer. They are great for picnics and barbeques which normally provide a varied selection of foods including chicken, beef and seafood. These wines are produced all over the world, so each country's unique blend of grapes varies. France produces Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault blends which are full and clean. California does a beautiful job producing Pinot Noir Rosés which are soft and refreshing. South Africa blends a white, Viognier, into their Rosés which gives a pleasant floral quality to their wines.

Whether you typically drink white or red wine, you can not go wrong with a Rosé. During the hot summer months when you just want something refreshing, try a great bottle of Rosé, it is guaranteed to please the palate. Enjoy your summer and these mouth-watering wines!

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We at *Events Magazines* are extremely aware of the problems facing local merchants and service providers. Closed storefronts and going out of business signs are now more the rule, rather than the exception.

It is becoming increasingly easier to order products from the internet, rather than traveling a few miles to our local store to purchase the same product. The excuse is almost always the same ... "I can buy it for less and I pay no sales tax."

TRUE, but when your hard-earned money goes to an out of state merchant, your local neighborhood store truly suffers as does the State of Connecticut.

Protect your local merchant. Purchase your products from your friendly store owners. If you don't, they will disappear and we will be left with empty storefronts. Only you can make a difference. Buy Local!

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Huffin' and Puffin' Trying to Sell Your Home

"I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow you out with my new house." Isn't that how the saying goes? Well ... that's how it should go in today's market. Truth is, we are smarter, we have more choices and we DO have more big bad wolves to contend with. So now, more than ever, buying a house is the key to that illustrious happily ever after package deal. We live in what has become struggling times but it doesn't mean we can't still make out. These days, homes are a hybrid of wants and needs. Let's sort it out.

When you're thinking about buying a home what is the first thing that comes to mind? Style, location, new, well -maintained, remodeled, color, facade?

I'd have to say the location is probably the most important thing on the list with the remaining "needs" being secondary. Want VS need. It's a funny but very SERIOUS factor in whether you will be successful in finding your match ... house that is! Differentiating the two can be difficult in the beginning because they are all "needs"! If your budget was endless, there would be a very happy ending to each of our stories. The fact remains that the economy is changing the course of what is selling and for how much. The rising cost to run and maintain a household are sobering factors to home

ownership. The short of it is, people want more for less in today's market.

So, what do you do if you must sell that house? We all know that a house of sticks and straw isn't going to cut it. What to do? Perhaps, you need to make that home more appealing. In addition to using beautifying tips and simple remodeling, you can take advantage of a very valuable and worthwhile professional service called home staging. Become aware of what you can use to accentuate what you have and to remedy or divert attention away from what you don't.

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