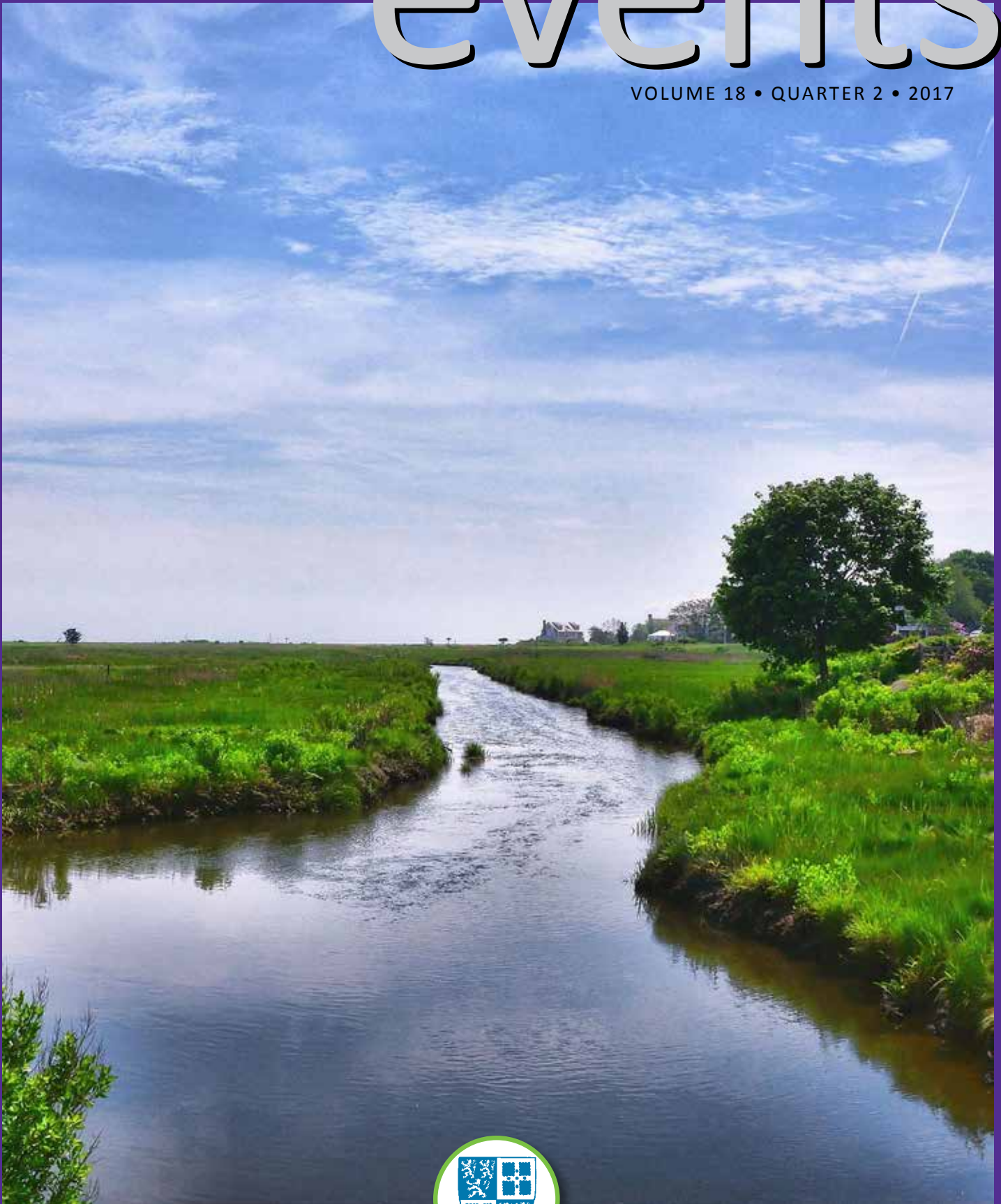


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Happy summer. The Board of Selectmen, consisting of First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna, Jr. and Selectpersons Scott Giegerich and Carol Conklin, encourage you to get out and enjoy the warmer weather and all that Old Saybrook has to offer. We thank you for entrusting us with running your local government.

Thank you to all who voted in the town budget referendum on May 9. While turnout for the budget referendum was low, I am still of the opinion that having a referendum, and its corresponding expense, is worth the time and money. Many towns call a town meeting to approve a budget. Old Saybrook has called for referendum on the town budget for at least the last 15 years. It is my belief that when asking voters to approve a budget totaling tens of millions of dollars, the polls should be open. Town meeting would require the public to be present at a 7:00 pm meeting on a weekday evening which, with all of our busy schedules, depresses turnout. That is why Old Saybrook codified referendum on the annual budget in our 2012 charter revision. By the time a budget gets to referendum, it has been worked on for six months. The Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance spent many hours on this budget in the midst of uncertain times in our state. The education and town budgets that passed referendum are lean yet responsive to the services our residents, businesses and visitors have come to expect. While Old Saybrook is fiscally sound and strong, the State

of Connecticut is not and this weighs on all our citizens. Here in Town Hall, we will continually monitor events at the State capitol as they unfold. All of us in your Town Government thank you for your patience and support.



First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.

I have written repeatedly about the state of the State (of Connecticut). The final numbers are in and not good. The State will face a \$5 billion deficit over the next two fiscal years, which amounts to approximately 13% of the State budget each fiscal year. This is a sad state (no pun intended) of affairs that will negatively affect Connecticut's ability to compete for businesses and jobs. At press time, little progress has been made towards placing Connecticut on a fiscal trajectory that is sustainable. The State must break the cycle of being in crisis mode every budget season, as it seems we have been for the last five years. Locally, we are fiscally preparing for the long term. Back in 2004, the Town had the foresight to end health insurance for future retired employees. Now, at the urging of my office and after nearly 3 years of discussion, the town's Pension and Benefits Board voted to end

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the town's defined benefit pension plan and adopt, for all new hires, a 401(a) plan (similar to a 401(k) in the private sector). This will limit the town's long term liability of guaranteeing a set payment to our employees in retirement regardless of market conditions. Instead, employees will have a portable investment that they can take with them to another job and invest as they see fit. Most private sector companies long ago discarded defined benefit pension plans. Now, Old Saybrook will join a growing number of states and municipalities that are getting ahead of the fiscal curve. We are making these changes from a position of strength. Our pension plan is well funded but only as well funded as the next market crash. Taxpayers can no longer bear the risk of guaranteed payments to retirees. Old Saybrook will, of course, keep its promise to all our current and past employees entitled to a pension, but our next generation of Town employees will have benefits more aligned with those in the private sector. This is the type of long term planning that well positions the Town of Old Saybrook for the future.

The Town will have three relatively large construction projects happening this summer and fall. Starting in June, North Main Street will be entirely reconstructed. The asphalt will be lifted down to the road bed, drainage will be installed, the street will be widened and there will be sidewalks and lighting for pedestrians to safely walk from the train station to Main Street. The Town

has been working on this project in some way, shape or form for nearly a decade. With grants recently received, the construction portion of this project can now proceed. North Main Street is a short stretch, 900 feet, from Route 1 to the train station. However, the project is not without its complications. This is a busy stretch of road with the businesses in Saybrook Junction and the new Post & Main apartments nearing completion. The Connecticut Sports Foundation is constructing its new building and other businesses on North Main Street will obviously remain open. But make no mistake; traffic could be difficult for a few months. The project will be sequenced as follows: First, the stretch of road from Route 1 to Stage Road will be reconstructed. This means that most of this traffic in and out of Saybrook Junction will be diverted to Stage Road. It is highly likely that delays, perhaps significant, will spill onto Route 1 and back up on to Stage Road. The second part of construction is even more difficult as drainage is installed at the intersection of Stage Road and North Main Street and traffic from Stage Road to the train station is limited to one lane. This will be a challenging time for the public and the contractor but work will proceed as rapidly as possible. The bottom line is that there will be traffic inconvenience this summer at Saybrook Junction. The construction season in New England is short and coincides with Old Saybrook's busiest time of year. The Town will do its best to manage inconveniences to our residents, visitors and

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businesses. I am confident that the end result, a "gateway" entrance to our Town that is welcoming and one of which we can be proud, will be worth some of the short term inconvenience. Please pass word of this imminent construction to friends, neighbors and visitors. Any questions can be answered through my office. We will continue to update the public on the progress and timeline of this project.

Another project will take place at the old Police Station site. With a grant received from the State, we will be constructing a 29 space parking lot that will, in the future, serve two recreational areas to the rear. The Parks and Recreation Department is currently considering what recreation is best suited to this area. This construction should cause less disruption to traffic this summer but may have some impact. More information on the timing of this project will be known soon.

Lastly, after many fits and starts, the Town's retrofitting of all our street lighting will occur this fall. High pressure sodium lamps will be replaced with LED lighting. This will save the Town significant amounts of money now and in the future. I will report more on this project as we get closer to implementation.

There are a lot good things happening in our beautiful town. I wish all who live, work and play in Old Saybrook a happy and safe summer.

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The Garden Club's May Market was held May 12-13 and was a tremendous success. The weather held out, though a bit chilly, and a crowd of people came to buy their summer flowers, vegetables, herbs and, of course, our delicious baked goods. Our new feature this year, The ReClaim, Repurpose, ReNew Project was a huge hit and the Club will be having it again next year. The May Market is the Club's only fundraiser and without the support of our community, local vendors and all of our members, we would not be able to provide our beautification programs around town. We send our heartfelt thanks to all who



The Constitution Garden above and the May Market 2017, right.



supported this successful event. Make sure to visit our May Market next year which will be held May 11-12, 2018.

While enjoying this summer weather, take a stroll along Main Street or travel Post Road and look for our Street Garden Recognition participants. This program is in its eighth year and is led by co-chairs Paula Lubby and Carol Baier and eight committee members. This year, there

are approximate 80 participating stores, restaurants and various other businesses around town who will be creating beautiful garden spaces in front of their business whether it be hanging plants, around-a-tree garden, in-ground gardens or containers. Awards for Best Window Boxes, Best Containers, Best New Entry, Best Tree Surround, Best In-ground Garden and Ongoing Excellence will be announced in July. Participating merchants have a



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Our Scholarship Committee has also been very busy reviewing the many applicants for the Old Saybrook Garden Club Scholarship Award. The committee, headed by Loretta Scribner, is pleased to announce that Ryan Napier, a graduating senior from Xavier High School, Middletown is our 2017 recipient. Ryan will attend Lyndon State College in Vermont in the fall and will major in Atmospheric Science/ Meteorology. He will study weather patterns, climate change and their impact and effect on our daily lives. Congratulations to Ryan and we wish him the best!

Do you have any interest in participating in any of our programs? Please contact our Membership Chair at 860-395-1268. Follow the Old Saybrook Garden Club’s activities on Facebook, www.facebook.com/oldsaybrookgardenclub and “like” us.



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The 19-year old Saybrook resident traveled on horseback to Middletown in 1844 to deposit \$8 into a new account. He returned six months later to add another \$18 and then left it untouched for 58 years until 1902 when he gave the account, which had increase to \$508.35, to his new born grandson. Succeeding generations of the Sheffield family maintained the account in the same manner, neither adding nor withdrawing funds, and passing the account on to younger Sheffields, until one day... Ah, but we're getting ahead of the story.

Soon after Frederick made his \$26 deposit he moved to Utica, N.Y. where he went to work for a local merchant. Not long after, he married the boss's daughter, Darah Spencer and in 1865 moved to Dubuque, Iowa. In Iowa, Frederick opened his own store and later became president and the largest stockholder of the



Shown presenting their generous contribution to Historical Society Vice President Donna DiBella, is (l. to r.) Amy Helbling Crafa, Liberty Bank Assist. V.P. Corporate Communications, Middletown and Leigh-Bette Maynard, V.P. Manager, Old Saybrook & Essex branches.

Merchant's Bank, and president of the North and South Central Railroad. A cashier at the bank absconded with \$200,000 and Frederick sold his business to raise funds to re-pay every depositor who lost money. He then returned to Utica in 1876 where he worked building and repairing wagons. He did not remember the account until the late 1890s when he was no longer pressed for funds.

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When a grandson was born in 1902 and named Frederick in his honor, he sent the passbook with a letter as his gift to the baby. Pleased that the boy was given his name, he said he was sending the bank book that someday may be useful. "The deposit has a history which you may like to know. It is the result of my first earnings previous to 1839 but was not deposited in the bank until 1844, the amount deposited was \$26.00, the interest on which to the present time is \$482.35 making the total of \$508.35." The account continued to build from \$508.35 in 1902 when it was transferred. In 1931 it reached \$1,016.13. In 1941 it was \$2,296.34 and bank officials were beginning to notice this unusual account with no activity. A report in 1944 published by the steel company where 42-year old Frederick Sheffield was its attorney, noted the unusual savings account which now totaled \$2505.50.

Although the account continued on its 'do-nothing' way, the Middletown Savings Bank and others began to take notice. In 1960 when they opened the first bank in Old Saybrook, they marked the occasion by having a teller ride the 28 miles on horseback from Middletown to Saybrook to commemorate Frederick Sheffield's first deposit. The Sheffield account was the first one opened in the new Saybrook branch and totaled \$3,738.62. By January 1969 that amount had grown to \$5,411.31 and Frederick Sheffield requested that the account be transferred to his ten-day old grandson. The bank president replied that with a starting

balance of \$5411.31 at birth "there should be funds enough eighteen years from now to see James through four years at any college he chooses." And then in 1994, with the account totaling a lofty \$32,000, Frederick William Hotchkiss Sheffield's great-great grandson withdrew the funds. Since that time more than 20 years ago, he still does not wish to discuss the matter other than to say that he "was entering graduate school and had expenses."

The account is still active at Liberty Bank and thought to be the oldest direct descendance savings account in the U.S. The Historical Society is grateful for the support and sense of history from Liberty Bank which is the major sponsor of the events commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Gen. William Hart House.

HARVEST TIME AT THE HART HOUSE

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Gen. William Hart House, the Old Saybrook Historical Society is hosting a major fund raising event, "Harvest Time at the Hart House: A Farm to Table Dinner," on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 5:00 - 8:00. Information and tickets are available by calling the Historical Society, 860-395-1635. The celebration will feature fresh food, fine wines, and favorite melodies and will be held under a large tent on the beautiful Hart House campus.

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Killam and Bassette Farmstead will be hosting the Harvest Time at Hart House. It will be similar to the event pictured to the left.

Killam & Bassette Farmstead of South Glastonbury will be providing the "Fresh from the Farm Dinner" which will feature a gourmet menu augmented with Killam & Bassette produce.

Killam & Bassette have been running their family farm for more than 30 years. They began their relationship with Old Saybrook in 1998 when they came here for their first Farmer's Market and were just one of two vendors. They continue to do the Saybrook Farmer's Market plus more than two dozen others. From their 85 acre farm along the Connecticut River they raise all natural, non-GMO, USDA pork and chickens and quality vegetables and fruits. Their "Farm to Table Dinners" have become in demand throughout the state for offering nutritious products that contain no nitrates, growth hormones, steroids, or artificial ingredients and, they explain, "are raised with lots of love and care."

The event will include a fine wine tasting provided by Paradise Wines & Spirits of Old Saybrook. Lively musical favorites will be performed by the Old Fiddler's Club of Rhode Island, a group popular throughout southern New England and the oldest continuing fiddle club of its kind in the U.S. The event, as well as other 250th Hart House anniversary celebration activities, is generously supported by Liberty Bank.

MUSIC FROM THE HART

As part of the 250th anniversary celebration of the Gen. William Hart House, Marie McFarlin, Historical Society president, recently announced that the U.S. Coast Guard Dixieland Band will be presenting a free Concert in the Garden, July 9, 2017 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

The United States Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band was organized in 1970 to perform classic jazz, blues, and rags with a "New Orleans" flavor. The Dixieland Jazz Band has entertained audiences across America, in the former Soviet Union and in England. They have appeared in Disney World, the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, the Embarcadero in San Francisco, the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and at Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The group has also performed on numerous radio and television broadcasts across the nation. This concert is expected to attract a large number of people and guests are asked to bring their own chairs. It will be great music from an outstanding band playing in a beautiful garden on a summer day. Who could ask for anything more?

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If you did not receive a tax bill please contact the Tax Collector's Office (860) 395-3138. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest/penalty due.

Questions pertaining to assessments and exemptions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at 860-395-3137. If your mailing address is incorrect, or has changed, please call the Assessor's Office.

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Applications for all programs can be made at the Assessor's Office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to come to the office to apply, please call the office at 860-395-3137 and alternate arrangements will be made.

The Assessor's Office would like to thank Old Saybrook property owners for their cooperation, patience and support throughout the year. Please feel free to contact our office at 860-395-3137 with any questions concerning the assessment process, or on the application process for exemptions. You can also find a lot of useful information on the Assessor's website at www.oldsaybrookct.org.

Norman B. Wood CCMA II,
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THE OLD SAYBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Students Successfully Complete Connecticut Course on Responsible Boating

This year, over fifty students successfully completed the Connecticut Course on Responsible Boating at Old Saybrook Middle School. This course includes general information about boats and is designed to make boating experiences safer and more enjoyable. Students learn how to be a courteous boat operator and are taught laws and regulations that apply in the state of Connecticut.

Because of Old Saybrook's proximity to Long Island Sound and the Connecticut River, it is important to teach our students to be knowledgeable about these resources and how to enjoy them in a safe manner. Students were taught a basic boating safety course by certified Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) instructors, Mrs. Hanratty and Mr. Walton. They instruct this free, optional course after school hours. Connecticut is one of the first states to mandate boating safety and require that all watercraft operators be certified. This course has an exam, which if passed culminates with each student being eligible to obtain a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) from the DEEP. This allows them to operate any recreational vessel, including personal watercraft (jet skis), in CT, MA, NY, and RI. The class does not include training in the actual operation of a vessel or PWC. This is a demanding course requiring students to

read and study at home in order to obtain the knowledge needed to pass the exam.

Over the last eight years, over seven hundred Old Saybrook Middle School students have participated in and passed this course. Old Saybrook Middle School also participates in DEEP's



Safe Boating Ambassador program. This program allows students to serve as liaisons between their school and DEEP. They are tasked with spreading the message of boating safety to their middle school peers. This year's OSMS ambassadors were Helen Day, Hailey Pardi and Jack Wiley.

Enrique's Journey Takes Students on Their Own Personalized Learning Experience

An assignment that began as a class reading a book turned into a year-long learning experience that culminated in a school-wide presentation on the topic of immigration. Eleven Spanish 5 Honors students explored the topic of immigration: legal and illegal, after two faculty members, Library Media Specialist Christine Bairos, and Spanish teacher Amy Claffey, decided to introduce students to the novel entitled Enrique's Journey. Students were impacted so deeply by what they read, that they were compelled and excited to research and expand their knowledge on the topic.

Students then decided to bring what they had learned to peers and faculty at the high school. The students prepared a presentation on the topic of immigration, specifically Latino children coming from Central America to the United States in order to reunite with their mothers (who also made the difficult decision to leave their homelands and children behind in order to make a living in America).

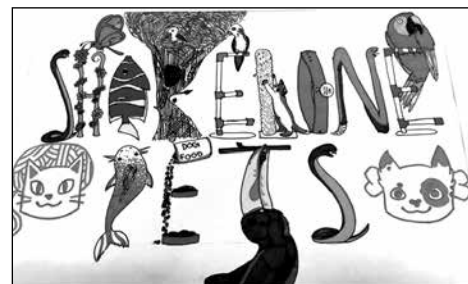
Through the course of the project, students and teachers experienced: personalization of teaching and learning, co-teaching, learning about interviewing skills, and the

experience of presenting to various groups on the topic. Students also implemented a pre- and post-survey about immigration and attitudes towards immigrants to see the impact of their presentation on the school community.

Since that time, the students have been asked to present during a Board of Education spotlight, for the Valley Shore Collaborative, and the Democratic Town Committee. Through this experience, the students have gained cultural knowledge, empathy, and compassion.

Grade Eight Business Art Design Project

Students in grade 8 have completed design projects in their Art Skills classes, which have not only earned them grades and favorable comments from the school community, but also comments from the businesses in our community. The students were asked to select a business, reflect on the reasons for their choice, and design a work of art incorporating applicable symbols, and the name of the business in their artwork.



Old Saybrook Middle School Track Team Update

The Old Saybrook Middle School Boys and Girls Track Team had a fantastic season. The 92-member squad was comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, with several athletes taking top honors in their six-meet season. At the home opener on April 24th, the Rams came away with a win against Portland Middle School. On May 5, they took on McGee Middle School from Berlin, CT and had strong performances in individual events as well as relays. The next two meets had the Rams on the road running against Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School and Morgan School of Clinton, CT on May 10th and 12th, respectfully. The boys and girls participated in the Runnin' Rams Middle School Invitational on Saturday, May

20th with the girls team taking first place and the boys clinching second place. The Rams closed out their regular season on May 23rd at Portland Middle School with another strong performance.

Several new school records were set by both the boys and girls teams for track and field events throughout the season. The post-season saw 31 athletes qualify for the Connecticut Middle School Track and Field Championship held in Manchester, CT on May 27th. For a relatively new program, the OSMS Rams experienced a great deal of success and are looking forward to next year.

Summer Enrichment Science Course at Old Saybrook High School

Old Saybrook Schools are proud to announce the pilot of a summer enrichment science course at Old Saybrook High School. This summer, Earth Science will be offered with an option for students to earn honors credit. The intensive nature of the course supports innovative teaching practices and field work. The course will run five days a week for the month of July.

Offering full credit courses during the summer months is one of many efforts to support students in personalizing their planned paths of study. The school district's five-year strategic plan, the result

of the input of more than 500 community members, tasks the district with building systems that support a diverse student body's future academic and career goals by providing multiple pathways to graduation. To date, efforts to revamp course progressions in science, mathematics, world language and social studies have advanced this work. In 2017-2018, Old Saybrook High School will offer more Advanced Placement (AP) and UConn Early College Experience (ECE) courses than in previous years. Additionally, multi-subject, integrated courses and courses that award credit for work in the community are being

developed with the input of students, families, and educators.

The work at Old Saybrook High School is supported by both Old Saybrook Middle School and Goodwin School. At the Middle School, content integration is the nature of their work, with English Language Arts Integrationists working with sixth through eighth grade teachers to support student as they apply literacy skills in every classroom. Middle and Goodwin School teachers in kindergarten through fifth grade will be implementing a new math program, supported by instructional **continued on page 18**

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coaching and professional learning. Additional instructional coaching in guided reading and writing workshop will also support kindergarten through

eighth grade teachers as they endeavor to personalize their teaching for each student.

In future years, Old Saybrook High School

plans to expand summer enrichment offerings for full course credit, allowing students to explore new subjects and expand their experiences.

Third Graders Excited to be Heading to Old Saybrook Middle School

The final few weeks at Goodwin School are very exciting for students, but none are more excited than the departing third graders. This is the time of year when they look forward to getting their very own locker and having a switch class for math and language arts. They also look forward to the status of being a “Middle Schooler” and having increased 4th grade freedom.

Before they depart Goodwin School, they are treated to a 3rd grade celebration. The traditional celebration has taken place on the stage at Old Saybrook Middle School, which includes adult well wishes and receiving certificates. After polling students

and parents, students will be trying something new. Instead of a mostly adult centered presentation, their celebration will consist of many of their own ideas. Their celebration will begin with a special recess and lunch. Following lunch, they will participate in various activities, which include face painting, a dance party, kickball and whiffleball games and other student chosen activities. Students will also receive their traditional certificates and a special gift. We are eager to hear from the students to see if this will become a third-grade tradition. Goodwin School is most appreciative to all of the parents who are helping to make this new celebration a reality.

Old Saybrook Education Foundation



The Old Saybrook Education Foundation (OSEF) would like to thank the many individuals, families and businesses who have supported us through the 2016 – 2017 academic year. Because of their generosity we are able to continue to provide support for educational enrichment programs and post-secondary scholarships.

We would like to recognize the following staff members of the Old Saybrook Public School System who were honored as part of OSEF’s Holiday Giving Program. Congratulations on being recognized in such a meaningful way.

Mary Annino	Heather Conti	Monica Goldstein	Michelle Konishesky	Alexis Schneider
Allison Barnes	Janette Dodds	Caren Goodhue	Jeremy Milton	Ellen Sumbly
Mr. Bourne, High School Photographer	Katie Durie	Judy Gulino	Linda Muratori	Jeremy Taylor
Shirley Brockway	Joan Eley	Kate Hanratty	Patricia Namin	6th Grade Team
Nellie Brown	Jennifer Emery	Jennifer Holecz	Patricia Olsen	7th Grade Team
Karen Carlone	Karen Evans	Linda Hunnewell	Dawn Ranaudo	8th Grade Team
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Laura Caruthers	Chris Gallerani	Lindsay Kiessling	Amber Scherber	Eric Yale
	Lois Geer			

The Foundation would also like to thank the following restaurants that participated in our first Dine Out for Education fundraiser. These restaurants generously donated a percentage of their proceeds to the Foundation to be used to support the work of the Foundation.

Café Tuscano	Mirsina’s	Pizza Palace	Tequila’s
La Marea	Otter Cove	Sweet Luna’s	Westbrook Lobster

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ANNOUNCING THE 2017 C. WILFRED HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each spring the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce awards academic scholarships to graduating high school students who will be pursuing their education beyond high school. The scholarship committee carefully considers academic achievement and community service, as well as other factors. This year's recipients are Joshua Chang, Kiwon-Paul Dionne-Jee, Tenzin Rabjam, and Erin Stangel. Recipients were recognized at a May 31 reception at the Chamber office.



The 2017 C. Wilfred Hunter Memorial Scholarship Recipients, (l-r) Tenzin Rabjam, Kiwon-Paul Dionne-Jee, Erin Stangel, and Joshua Chang.

Photo courtesy Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce.

2ND ANNUAL OLD SAYBROOK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAR SHOW

Our nation's love affair with cars will be on display during the 2nd Annual Old Saybrook Chamber Car Show. After a successful debut last year with more than 50 entries, the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce will once again host this lively community event. All are welcome to stop by and enjoy the classic chrome beauties from decades past that will line the Old Saybrook Shopping Center. The event is free to attend. There is a \$10 fee to enter a show car and trophies will be awarded in various categories.



Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce 2016 Car show (l-r) Henri David, 2016 Best in Show with his 1941 Plymouth Woody, and Jack Marroney, Committee Chairman and Chamber of Commerce Board of Director.

Photo courtesy Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce.

The event is a fundraiser to benefit both local and national veterans programs, in particular, the Military Family Services which aids military families with unmet needs, such as home heating oil, phone cards, and home appliances.

The car show is presented by Lorensen Auto Group. Additional sponsorship is provided by H&R Block of Old Saybrook, and VFW Post #10153 is providing generous assistance.

Food will be available for purchase with music by D.J. Jay Quinn. Fun for the entire family. Sunday, September 17, 11 am – 3 pm at Old Saybrook Shopping Center, 105 Elm Street, Old Saybrook. For more information visit oldsaybrookchamber.com/classic-cars.



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WEDNESDAYS IN OLD SAYBROOK

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The Economic Development Commission invites you to enjoy Old Saybrook on Wednesdays all summer. Spend the day and support our community businesses as you stroll our Main Street for unique shopping and dining opportunities. Take a casual bike ride to Saybrook Point and immerse yourself in history at Fort Saybrook Monument Park where the Connecticut River majestically flows into Long Island Sound. Take a hike in The Preserve, 1000 acres of pristine coastal forest, or visit The Kate, our local theatre that offers a wide variety of entertainment. And of course, there's the beach with entrancing sunsets every evening.



Concerts on the Green.
Photo courtesy of Susan Esty

Historic areas all over our Town remind us of the challenges our predecessors overcame and their successes which influenced and enhanced the character of Old Saybrook. Visit the Historic Hart House every Wednesday afternoon and learn about Old Saybrook's unique story. There is something in Old Saybrook to entertain, please, relax and energize all who visit our shores. Experience it for yourself!

WEDNESDAYS EVENTS

Farmers Market, 210 Main Street	9 am - 12:30 pm
Mini Golf at Saybrook Point	11 am - 8 pm
Wednesday is Senior Day (\$3 games for seniors)	
Hart House Tours - OS Historical Society (\$5 non-members)	1 pm - 3 pm
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Acton Public Library

Children's Programs

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SUMMER
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Make your summer sizzle with our summer reading program for children from infant to grade 5! Beginning on June 15th, track your reading time with SUMMER READER, the state-

wide online summer reading log! Follow the link on our website at www.actonlibrary.org or come into the library to track your reading time, write book reviews and claim prizes. Remember! All reading counts, including being read to, or reading to someone else.

Acton Reading Bucks: Earn a Reading Buck for every 20 minutes of reading. You can "spend" your Reading Bucks at Acton's General Store on prizes, OR donate your Reading Bucks to...



Read to Feed: "Spend" some or all of your Reading Bucks at the library towards donated pet food in our challenge to support the Valley Shore Animal Welfare League. Pet food for "purchase" is available at the Library.

Family Night Programs

All programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of Acton Library.



ANIMAL EMBASSY

Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30 pm.
Nature's Architects: Be amazed by the talents of a diverse group of Animal Ambassadors that build complicated structures. We'll study the architectural feats of nest building, burrow making and web spinning as well

as how structures created by some animals help others to survive. Meet live Animal Ambassadors such as a Red-Foot Tortoise, a Monk Parakeet, a Mandarin Duck, a Chilean Rose-Haired Tarantula, a Ferret, an Argentinian Horned Frog, an African Hedgehog or African Porcupine and a Flower Mantis. And together, we'll draw parallels with our own lives while exploring how we can build a better world! Best for ages 6 and up.



LAUGHTER YOGA FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, WITH ROBERT RIVEST

Thursday, June 29th at 6:30 pm.
Laughter Yoga combines interactive laughter exercises with deep, centering

breaths and calming movements. It is a joyful way to connect with others and laugh your blues away! Best for ages 4 and up.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: DISNEY'S "MOANA"

Thursday, July 6th from 6:00 pm - 7:50 pm. Rated PG.

Join us for a family film on our 9 foot screen. Free Hawaiian leis and light refreshments. Wear your grass skirt!



CATERPILLAR LAB

Thursday, July 13th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Drop in, self-guided lab exhibit. Come to Acton Public Library to see The Caterpillar Lab, a New England based, nonprofit

organization that is passionate about showcasing the amazing diversity of Northeastern caterpillars through educational programs. The Caterpillar Lab will bring a diverse, seasonal sampling of native New England caterpillars, accompanied by professional education staff, who will teach us about these amazing creatures. Best for ages 5 and up.

THE MARVELOUS MUTTS

Thursday, July 20th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.



Join us on the front lawn of the Library (weather permitting) to see The Marvelous Mutts, a team of elite canine athletes who have all come from animal shelters and rescue groups from all over the

country. The Marvelous Mutts produce thrilling canine sport entertainment shows that feature some of the world's finest athletes! Best for ages 4 and up. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

THE FRISBEE SHOW

Thursday, July 27th at 6:30 pm.

In this inspiring, high energy 30 - 45 minute program, Todd captivates students by demonstrating basic tricks, catches, and combinations. He shows a number of many rare and unique frisbees and shares his

frisbee stories. The program also includes a brief science lesson on the aerodynamics of frisbees and a bit of history about tossing circular objects. Best for ages 4 and up.

SUMMER WEEKDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

ABC Amigos: Summertime Preschool Story Time

Tuesday mornings, July 11 - August 29th from 10:30 am - 11:00 am. Free and drop-in preschool bilingual story time. Sing songs, play games and listen to stories in both English and Spanish. This series is open to all children regardless of Spanish-speaking ability.

Crafternoons

Tuesdays, all day.

Drop into the Children's Department all day long and make a fun and easy craft to take home. Supplies are on us!

It's Theater Time! With Judy Potter

Wednesdays, July 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.
Listen to a story and learn how to act it out. Best for ages 3-7.
Please register online or call the library at 860-395-3184.

SEPTEMBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Story Times: Fall 2017: Wednesday, September 6 through Friday, December 15, 2017

Wiggle Bookworms

Wednesday mornings, 10:30-11:00 am.
Drop in and share stories, songs and simple rhymes together.
A program for children ages 0-2 and their families. Stay and socialize after the story time with our special toddler toys.

Stay and Play

Wednesday mornings, 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Expand your baby's story time experience with a 1/2 hour of social time immediately following Wiggle Bookworms. Parents and caregivers can mingle as babies enjoy social play with toys provided by the library.

Fantastic Fridays

Friday mornings, 10:30–11:00 am.
A drop in preschool story time for children ages 3-5. Have lots of fun sharing stories, music and a craft together.

ABC Amigos: Preschool Story Time

The 1st Friday of every month from 10:30 am - 11:00 am.
September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1, 2017.
Free and drop-in preschool bilingual story time from 10:30 am to 11:00 am. Sing songs, play games and listen to stories in both English and Spanish. This series is open to all children regardless of Spanish-speaking ability.

Music with Miss Martha

The 3rd Friday of every month from 10:35 - 11:20 am.
September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15, 2017.
Join Miss Martha from The Community Music School for a special musical story time! Best for ages 3-5. Free and drop in.

Our Story Time Goals:

- To foster a love of language and books.
- To develop early literacy with stories, movement, and music.
- To provide young children with an early group experience.
- To foster parent connections through shared story and play experiences.

All story times are drop-in, free and open to all. No registration is required. Although each program is designed for the specific developmental needs of its intended age group, siblings are welcome to attend with their parent or caregiver.

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Teen Programs

Summer reading could improve the life of a cat or dog.



READ TO FEED

June 15th - August 1st. Read to Feed allows youth taking part in Acton Library's summer reading program to donate canned food for rescued pets that are waiting for their next home and family. Partnered with the Valley Shore Animal Welfare League and the Friends of the Library, Acton Library is able to donate one can of pet food with each step a child or teen makes in their summer reading goal. With the summer theme of Build

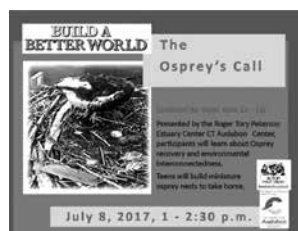
a Better World, what better place to begin than with reading!



WALKING STICK CARVING PROGRAM

with Steven Balkun, Sr.

Friday, June 23, 2017, 11 - 2 pm. Using basic techniques, tools, and equipment, TEENS (grades 8 and up) will clean and carve their own walking and hiking sticks with the guidance of West Hartford carving instructor Steven Balkun, Sr.



OSPREY PROGRAM

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 1 - 2:30 pm. Presented by the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center CT Audubon Center, participants will learn about Osprey resurgence and environmental interconnectedness before building osprey nests to take home.



AUTHOR TALK

They Called Her Reckless by Janet Barrett.

Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 6:30 pm. From the moment she heard about Reckless, Janet Barrett knew she would write this book. Her experiences as a horsewoman gave her a particular appreciation of the tight bond that developed between Reckless and her fellow Marines in Korea during the war.

Adult Programs

Acton Public Library Offers Free Downloadable Music From Their Website to Registered Library Card Holders



Acton Public Library has joined Library Ideas™ network of Public Library websites that offers access to over 13 million songs, including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists. The Freegal™ Music Service will allow the Acton Public Library to increase the size and diversity of its collection by offering access to over 40,000 music labels from 85 different countries.

Under the terms of the agreement, registered card holders of the Acton Public Library can download a select number of Freegal™ Music tracks in the MP3 format each week at no direct cost. The Freegal Music Service will have a streaming music option where library cardholders can access entire albums of music and download popular music videos. See our website for more information.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



History of the 1950s and 60s through music, with Marc Black

Saturday, June 17th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Marc Black, recent inductee into the NY Chapter of the Blues Hall of Fame, has created an engaging and humorous program and an opportunity for the audience to relive this colorful time in our history. Marc uses a wide range of popular songs in this thought-provoking, multi-media show.



Drum Away the Blues, with Craig Harris

Saturday, June 24th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Using assorted percussion instruments, music educator/percussionist Craig Harris provides adults and children with the key to stress relief tools for emotional balance. Harris states, "When one plays a drum or percussion instrument, they're immediately transported into the present."



Harp and Song, with Debbie Vinick

Saturday, July 15th from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Experience the beauty of the harp. Debbie Vinick, harpist and soloist, will delight you with a beautiful and elegant mix of classical, Celtic, spiritual and popular music.



Elison Jackson

Friday, August 11th from

4:00 from 5:00 pm.

With spare acoustic lines and haunting vocals, Elison Jackson won a Connecticut Music Award for "Song of the Year" in 2014 for the single '2009'; and won the

New England Music Award for "Songwriter of the Year" in 2015. Join us for a night of original songs by the band.

LINCOLN CENTER LOCAL SCREENINGS

Join us for free screenings on our 8 foot screen. Lincoln Center partners with the Acton Public Library to bring free film screening of world-class performances to your neighborhood.

Harlem Renaissance Orchestra : A Midsummer Night Swing

Monday, July 17th at 6:30 pm.



In this screening, these guardians of Harlem's musical traditions turn to the music of Basie, Ellington, Lionel Hampton, and Illinois Jacquet. For over 25 years, the Harlem Renaissance Orchestra has continued to feed the fire of the big band era.



A Memorial Concert for Pete and Toshi Seeger

Monday, August 14th at 6:30 pm.
Pete and Toshi Seeger's legacies run deep, from transforming the way we listen to our American roots to demanding social justice and successfully advocating for grassroots environmental change.



COMING IN OCTOBER...

The Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame traveling exhibit is coming to Acton Public Library in October. The Inductee Portrait Exhibit is a beautifully executed collection of framed images and biographies honoring Connecticut women, past and present, women of great achievement who have broken

Friends of the Acton Public Library

We would like to remind you that our annual Book sale and Bake sale will be held in July. This is our main sale and will be held on two levels. The Bake sale will be held on Friday only.

- On Thursday July 20th,**
the sale will be from 10 am to 8 pm.
- On Friday July 21st,**
the sale will be from 10 am to 4 pm.
- On Saturday July 22nd,**
the sale will be from 10 am to 4 pm.

T-Shirts were available for sale during our March bake sale. In July, we plan to

continue with the sale of T-shirts printed with "Behind every great community is a great library" Acton Library.

Please note the dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there. We anticipate a great success.

The Friends will continue to help finance the summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults. We urge you and your family to participate in the various worthwhile programs.

The Friends of Acton Library are seeking

residents who would like to become members. Please pick up an envelope at the library's circulation desk. The membership forms are located in the colorful basket, which is on display. We encourage all to become a part of our organization.

Please consider becoming a member of the Friends of Acton Public Library.

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new ground or have emerged as leaders in their fields of endeavor. Each portrait is accompanied by a short biography of the inductee. The exhibit will be accompanied by educator lectures on three of the individual inductees. Please see our website for more information.

TECH TIME WITH TIM

Our ever so popular tech guy will be moving upstairs and helping patrons with their technology questions. Registration requested. Saturday, July 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Outsmart Your Smartphone: An Exploration of Smartphone Basics

"Maybe there's an app for that, but how do I get the app and what do I do with it?" This session of Tech Time with Tim will cover the basic essentials of smartphone use and day-to-day functionality.

Exploring the World of On-Demand

Saturday, August 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
The world is at your fingertips. Come explore the possibilities. This session of Tech Time with Tim will introduce the concept and function of on-demand technology and explore some of the common uses for it.

Droid Does What I Need, but How?

Saturday, September 9th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
This session of Tech Time with Tim will provide an introduction for basic operation of the Android operating system. Call the library or come in to register and bring your Android tablet or smartphone when you attend.

Visit Our Town at www.oldsaybrookct.gov

Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services

WHO'S LIVING IN CARDBOARD BOXES ON THE GREEN???

Teen homelessness may not seem like a big issue to many in the sleepy town of Old Saybrook, but to the students in this community, it's worth talking about. Just because a person isn't sitting on a street corner in rags, doesn't mean that they have a stable living environment. Whether it's due to family dynamic, drug use, mental illness, immigration issues, or physical/emotional abuse, many teens find themselves "couch surfing" as they struggle to finish high school. And often their neighbors and friends don't suspect anything.

For his senior project, Old Saybrook High School student, Phillip Max Ledwith and the OS Youth Action Council (YAC) decided do something about it. Coordinated by OS Youth and Family Services, on April 28th over 30 teens volunteered to stay overnight in cardboard boxes to bring awareness to this crucial issue.

This "Cardboard Community" was built by the students on the town green. Teens who participated were only allowed to bring a short list of approved items including a sleeping bag, socks and a roll of duct tape. All other items must be donated by the community in order for participant to receive them. And thankfully, community support for this event was amazing, with 35 business



Group shot of YFS Cardboard Community Students, above. The cardboard sleeping quarters to the left.

sponsors. Cardboard boxes were collected by various businesses in town, tarps were donated by Beard Lumber, pizzas were delivered from Pizza Works, Fiore's, Luigi's, and TJ's, frozen yogurt was given by Sweet Lunas, and water bottles were provided by Essex Golf and Sport and Mals Auto.

Once the "community" had been built, the tape was cut and officially opened by remarks by First Selectman Carl Fortuna, State Representative Devin Carney, and Caroline Perez from Shelter NOW.

During the event, the teens played games, roasted marshmallows, and earned supplies to build their homes for the night. It rained

around 3 am, but not one teen woke up. They were exhausted from building and creating a warm place to sleep for the evening. At sunrise, the students were ready to head home to the comforts of their own beds with a bit more insight as to what it is like for teens without these luxuries.

Thank you to all who participated by donating, participating, spreading the word or stopping by our second annual "Cardboard Community." We were able to raise and donate \$2500 to local and state organizations that work to end teen homelessness in both our area and Connecticut. For more information, please contact Heather McNeil at Youth and Family Services at Heather.mcneil@oldsaybrookct.gov.

OS YOUTH SUMMER STOCK THEATER TO PRESENT DISNEY'S LION KING JR.



OS Youth and Family Services/Healthy Communities Healthy Youth invite you to Youth Summer Stock Theater's production of Disney's LION KING JR., a 60-minute musical based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor and the 1994 Disney film. The company of actors is made up of Old Saybrook students entering 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades in the fall of 2017 and will be led by Director Jodi Kelly (of OSYFS), Musical Director Laura Gladd, Choreographer Debra Mals and Production Manager Wendy Mill (of OSYFS).

The Lion King JR. tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. *The Lion King JR.* features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award®-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

OLD SAYBROOK YOUTH SUMMER STOCK THEATER is scheduled to meet weekdays at the Old Saybrook High School Auditorium from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm beginning Thursday, June 22nd through Friday, July 7th. They will then present *The Lion King, JR.* to the community on Friday, July 7th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 8th at 5:00 pm. Show tickets may be purchased at Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services (322 Main Street) or at the door. For more information please visit the OS Youth and Family Services website, www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth and follow the Summer Stock Theater link found in the News and Announcements section or call 860-395-3190.

The Lion King JR. is presented through special arrangement with

Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 www.MTIShows.com.

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An individual with Asperger Syndrome/
High-Functioning Autism**

- Misses/Misreads Social Cues
- Hobbies and Interests Can Border on Obsessions
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- May Struggle with Sensory Processing
- Speech Patterns May Be Odd
- Verbal Processing Can Be a Little "Different"
- May Be Physically Awkward
- Intelligence Levels Range from Average to Superior

The impact of these differences on the child's social interactions of all kinds (neighborhood, extended family, school, house of worship, even a simple shopping trip) can multiply stress in every aspect of a parent's/grandparent's life.

Offering camaraderie, encouragement and hope for these parents and grandparents, a support group meets monthly at Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, 322 Main Street, Old Saybrook. Each month's meeting addresses specific, timely topics. Topic-specific handouts with insights from experts are available at every meeting.

Upcoming 2017 meeting topics include:

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| June 8 | Summer & Schedule Disruption
Beach/Vacations and Sensory Processing Challenges |
| July 20 | Working with our AS Children's Meltdowns
Brainstorming Ideas for Family Support in Assisting our AS Children to Develop Listening and Appropriate Response Skills. (Note: July meeting date is in third week of the month) |
| August 10 | Preparing for Back-to-School: Schedule Transitions
Role Playing for Peer Interactions and Classroom Settings
Communicating with School Personnel (Teachers, Administrators, Staff) |

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Sept. 14 Communicating about AS with Groups in the Community: Scouting Leaders, Coaches, Church/Synagogue Youth Group Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, etc.

To accommodate work schedules and childcare needs, two meeting times are available, 12:30-2 p.m. and 5:30-7 pm. The group is facilitated by Joanne Deal, M.A., LPC. For more information or to pre-register for a meeting, call Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services at 860-395-3190.



OSYFS/HCHY YOUTH ART BOOTH AT THE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Are you a young artist in need of a forum to display your original work? Join the OSYFS/HCHY Youth Art Booth at the Arts and Crafts

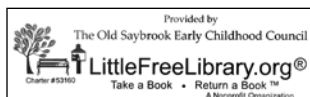
Festival on the Green. Sponsored by Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services (OSYFS) and Old Saybrook Healthy Communities Healthy Youth (OS HCHY) the Youth Art Booth features a collection of talented young artists each year working in a variety of media. Since 2005 approximately 190 Old Saybrook school-age artists have been featured in the booth, gaining a unique opportunity to exhibit and discuss their artwork with patrons and other artists at the Festival. The group's exhibit will include photography; charcoal and pencil drawings; watercolor and acrylic paintings; as well as beadwork and other crafts. Subject matter will include Landscapes, Fantasy, Shell Art, Animals, Portraits and more and is only limited by the artist's imagination.

Participating students:

- may display and offer for sale if they desire 2-3 finished pieces of work
- will help staff the booth during a pre-arranged 2 hour period the weekend of July 29th and 30th
- may bring along a 'work in progress' to work on while at the show...or bring along their portfolio to display while there.
- will also have their artwork exhibited for the month of August in the Marshview Gallery at the Estuary Center, including a reception for artists, families, friends and patrons the evening of August 11th.

Registration is open now through July 15th. Registration forms are available at OSYFS, 322 Main Street, OS or may be downloaded on the OSYFS website at www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth under "News and Announcements." For more information, contact Youth Booth 'Curator' Linda McCall at 860-510-5040 or via email at linda.mccall@OldSaybrookCT.gov.

OS EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL BRINGS LITTLE FREE



LIBRARIES TO OLD SAYBROOK

Looking for a great book to read this summer? Find a Little Free Library! This project was spear-

headed by the Old Saybrook Early Childhood Council (OSECC) coordinated by Jodi Kelly at Youth and Family Services. The Council aims to bring education, health, and safety programs to families of Old Saybrook through quarterly roundtable meetings, a monthly newsletter, Baby Bundles, parent workshops, and literacy programs.

Two years ago, the OSECC launched Books on the Beach, a program providing free books in a bin on the town beach. "We wanted to bring literacy to the places where families naturally gravitate during the summer months," says Ms. Kelly. "Our goal is to have families reading all year long and sharing their favorite books with each other." Since the bins at the beach were so successful, with over 300 books per year being read and replaced by families, the Council decided to expand the program as well as find a way to keep the books available 24 hours a day.

"I saw a cute 'little free library' in Maine near a lighthouse and just knew Old Saybrook would love this!" says Ms. Kelly. Goodwin Elementary Principal, Heston Sutman has made a family project out of building the libraries. He and his children are constructing the two raised cases needed to hold the books. Once a Little Free Library is installed into a community it goes onto the international website for others to see and connections to begin.

Old Saybrook will have two "Libraries" locations. One at Trask Park, the other at Town Beach. Take a book. Leave a book. Write a review. All of the initial books have been donated by the Friends of Acton Library. For more information, please email Jodi Kelly at Jodi.kelly@oldsaybrookct.gov or see littlefreelibrary.org.



CLOWNING AROUND IN OLD SAYBROOK

Students from the Old Saybrook Middle School have learned the art of "Clowning" thanks to the Afterschool Clubs program sponsored by Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services. "I'm always looking for new ways to engage the students,"

says program coordinator Jodi Kelly. "And clowning just seemed like fun!" Students started with learning why clowns are important and the art of sharing a smile with someone else. They crafted balloon animals and learned how to create their own "clown characters." Finally, it was time to put on their red noses and entertain!

The group, taught by Tony Angelica (a former Barnum clown and current Mason member) headed to Gladeview Health Care Center to share their new skills. The residents had quite a treat as the clowns entertained and made balloon animals for them! For more information on the After School Clubs program, please contact Jodi Kelly at Jodi.kelly@oldsaybrookct.gov.

OLD SAYBROOK INVENTORS COMPETE AT REGIONAL INVENTION CONVENTION!



Do you have a million dollar idea? Something that will change the world as we know it today? Do you have what it takes to be an inventor? This is the challenge we posed to our students in Invention Con-

vention, an afterschool clubs program held at Old Saybrook Middle School and offered through Youth and Family Services.

In the fall, our students experimented with how problems were solved with simple adjustments to already created objects. We used weekly challenges to expand our minds and start seeing the world as a cluster of experiments and inventions. In January, students started creating their own projects and the models to help demonstrate them. At the end of March, each inventor was challenged to present their project to a small panel of Old Saybrook dignitaries. They decided which two of our students would represent Old Saybrook at the Regional Invention Convention held at Quinnipiac University.

Fifth grade student Dempsey Watford, and fourth grade student Lilly Rascoe were our two finalists representing Old Saybrook Middle School. Dempsey and Lilly headed to Quinnipiac with

their inventions in tow, competing against four hundred other students from our part of the state. We are so proud of them and look forward to next year's competition!

Special thanks to our Invention Convention volunteers George Gesner and Roger Rose, and coordinator Jodi Kelly. If you would like to help an inventor follow his or her dreams, please contact Jodi Kelly at jodi.kelly@oldsaybrookct.gov.

OLD SAYBROOK'S "24K TREASURES" TRULY SHINED!



Liggloss Sisters, Lila Cadley, Grace Desmond, Brooke & Sandy Webb, perform at the 18th Annual Community Treasures Variety Show.

Excitement filled the Old Saybrook High School auditorium on Friday, May 5th as Old Saybrook's 24K Treasures took the stage for the 18th Annual Community Variety Show. This annual celebration of local talent is brought to you by Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services through the Healthy Communities - Healthy Youth initiative.

This year, we celebrated the abundant treasures of our community by featuring thirty-three unique acts - including violins, vocals, hip-hop, ballroom dancing and much more - and over one hundred community performers of all ages in the three hour show. **continued on page 30**

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In a very moving moment, this year's show kicked-off with a video tribute to the town's former HCHY Coordinator, Paula Palmieri. Ms. Palmieri dedicated many years of service to our community and developed the Old Saybrook Community Variety Show into the widely anticipated event that it is today. In her memory, the Palmieri family accepted a Community Asset Builder Award presented by representatives from Healthy Communities · Healthy Youth and Youth and Family Services.

Many thanks go out to all those who made the show possible including:

- Our community representatives for showing off their fine style in the show's opening number!
- Variety Show Committee Members - Deb Mals, Sang-Ah Jee, Tracey Morin, Janessa Florian, Bob Delisa, Kiwon-Paul Dion-Jee, Shannon Carlin, Kaitlin Woolery and Coral Anthony.
- Stage Crew - Breydan Medbury, Shannon Carlin, Kaitlyn Woolery and Janessa Florian
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- The custodial staff of Old Saybrook High School for their continued support.
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For more information on this or other YFS community events please contact Wendy Mill, Program Coordinator at Youth and Family Services at 860-510-5050 or wmill@town.old-saybrook.ct.us or visit the agency's website at www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth.

Social Services Help Days

SNAP, HUSKY, MSP, CT FOOD BANK TRUCK, DENTAL CLINICS

This summer we will continue Social Services Help Days at Grace Church Hall, 336 Main Street in Old Saybrook with help for state applications for SNAP, HUSKY and Medicare Savings Plan with Cornell Scott Hill Health between 9 am and 3 pm. The CT Food Bank truck mobile pantry will come between 1:30 and 2:30 to provide food. No application needed, please bring a bag. Dieticians from St. Joseph University will be teaching folks how to eat healthy on a SNAP food stamp budget providing education and recipes.

In June and July we are having a dental clinic with CHC mobile dental. Teeth cleaning and screenings will be done for uninsured or underinsured Old Saybrook residents for free.

In July we will also have our Back to School drive and distribution and donations of new school supplies are needed and can be dropped off at Social Services/YFS.

We offer ongoing health screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol as well as health education with CRAHD, CT River Area Health District, our town RN and Big Y Pharmacy. We also are working with Workforce Alliance and American Job Center to bring employment job opportunities to our residents in need at our Social Services Help Day for those in need of a job or training to obtain a job. The Old Saybrook dates with special events added are:



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June 22, with CHC Mobile Dental Clinic, Grace Church, 9 am - 3 pm
 July 27, Back to School Supplies and CHC Mobile Dental, 9 am - 3 pm
 August 24, Grace Church, American Job Center, 9 am-3 pm
 September 28, Grace Church, Flu Shots, 9 am-3 pm

Social Services Help Day is also being hosted in Clinton and Old Saybrook residents are welcome at Clinton Town Hall annex building on the first Mondays of the month. The CT Food Bank truck stops there at 12 - 1 pm. Dates are:

July 3, Clinton Town Hall Annex, 9 am - 3 pm
 August 7, Clinton Town Hall Annex, 9 am - 3 pm

Appointments should be made for state application processing so that you may have proper documentation with you to process your application but Walk-ins are also welcome. Appointments should also be called in for the Dental Clinics. Please contact Susan Consoli, MA, LPC, Social Services Coordinator at 860-395-3188 or by email at susan.consoli@oldsaybrookct.gov.

Age-Related Vision Loss

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of severe vision loss in adults over the age of 50. This eye disease occurs when there are changes to the macula, a small portion of the retina that's located on the inside back layer of the eye. Commonly, older people develop macular degeneration as a natural part of the aging process. AMD causes loss of central vision and it can occur in two forms: wet and dry.

With macular degeneration, you may experience symptoms such as blurriness, dark areas or distortion of your central vision, or permanent loss of your central vision. It usually does not affect your peripheral vision. For example, with advanced macular degeneration you could be able to see the outline of a clock, yet you may not be able to see the hands of the clock to tell what time it is.

The majority of people with macular degeneration experience the dry form, which does not have a known treatment, but many people benefit from a vitamin regimen. Unfortunately, vision loss cannot be reversed. The less common wet form may respond to lasers and medical injections if caught and treated early. Smoking and high blood pressure are often associated with the wet form of macular degeneration. If you have been diagnosed with dry macular degeneration, you should use a chart called an Amsler grid every day to monitor your vision. Dry macular degeneration can quickly change into the more damaging wet form. If you notice any change of vision, you should contact your ophthalmologist immediately.

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SUMMER FUN WITH OSPR

With summer upon us OSPR is in full steam with great programs and facilities for you to join and share with

your friends and family. We have some great programs highlighted below and many more that can be found on our website, www.OldSaybrookRec.com. Just a few reminders as you use the properties and facilities this year. All of our parks are open sunrise to sundown. The use of alcohol and tobacco is prohibited on ALL of our properties. Please be courteous to others and nature and please remove all objects you may bring into the parks and properties. For a full list of our parks and facilities, please visit our website, www.oldsaybrookrec.com or call us at 860-395-3152.

SUMMER CAMPS

We're gearing up for a fun-filled summer at Old Saybrook Parks & Recreation! This year, we will be offering a variety of camps for the youth of Old Saybrook, ranging from our signature day camps to weekly sports camps.

Our signature camps will run for a total of 9 weeks – starting the 19th of June and ending August 18th. Registration is done in weekly increments and space is limited. For those age 4 to Kindergarten, we will once again be offering our Junior Playground Camp Mondays-Thursdays from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. During this time, junior campers will take part in a variety of activities ranging from art projects, outdoor games and even trips to the splash pad!

For our 1st-5th graders, we have our Parks & Rec Camp which runs Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Each week has a different theme and campers take weekly visits to Harvey's Beach, Mini Golf and a special trip each Thursday! Before and after care is also available to accommodate parents' work schedules.

For those entering the 6th-8th grades, we have our weekly Teen Camp. This camp meets Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Mondays will include walks down Main Street, Wednesdays will feature visits to both Mini Golf & Town Beach and Fridays will be reserved for some exciting field trips! Hurry up and register, because you are not going to want to miss out on the fun!

SPORTS CAMPS

No matter what the sport, we've got a camp for you! Throughout the summer OSPR will be holding different sports camps to help your child get that extra edge for the sports season. Each camp will be held for one week during the summer, with some during the day and even some evening options. Soccer, tennis, lacrosse, softball, football and basketball are all represented – please visit our website at www.oldsaybrookrec.com or stop by to get more detailed information and registration forms.

Also, returning again this year is Adventure Day Camp. Campers will work on team building exercises, ice breakers and high and low rope stations. This will be a challenge by choice camp. Camp will meet in OSMS Gym and will be instructed by Katey Flanagan, OSMS PE teacher. This is an exciting opportunity for Old Saybrook 7th-9th graders.

TEEN TRIPS

Returning once again this summer will be our popular teen trips. These trips will be open to those students entering 7th-12th grade. All trips will depart and return to OSPR and will be staffed by either the Rec. Center or Youth & Family. Trips will primarily take place on Tuesdays or Fridays, but please be sure to visit our site for complete trip information. A few trips include, NBA Hall of Fame, Providence Mall and Horseback Riding!

SUMMER TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center is open throughout the summer on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The hours are from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Teen Center members can use the game room and black top area to hang out with friends under the supervision of our Teen Center staff. During the summer months the Teen Center is for anyone entering grades 6th -9th. For more information, please see Taryn Erb at the Rec.

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Beach Parking Passes are available online or in person at the Rec. Center. Parking passes will be required Memorial Day through Labor Day. The new 2017 stickers will need to be affixed to the lower, left-hand side of your windshield. You are allowed up to two passes per household, the 1st pass is \$20.00 and the 2nd pass is \$30.00. Senior discounts are available.

Hours of Operations at Town Beach and Harvey's Beach
Lifeguard and Bathhouse Hours

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SPLASH PAD AT KAVANAGH PARK

The Splash Pad is ready to cool you down at Kavanagh Park this summer. Located on Trask Rd., the splash pad has a variety of elements to keep your young ones cool this summer. The splash pad is open to Old Saybrook toddlers to third graders with adult supervision. Hours of operation are located below (weather permitting).

Hours of Operation: Starting June 17th

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- Wednesday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Saturday & Sunday 11:00-4:00 pm

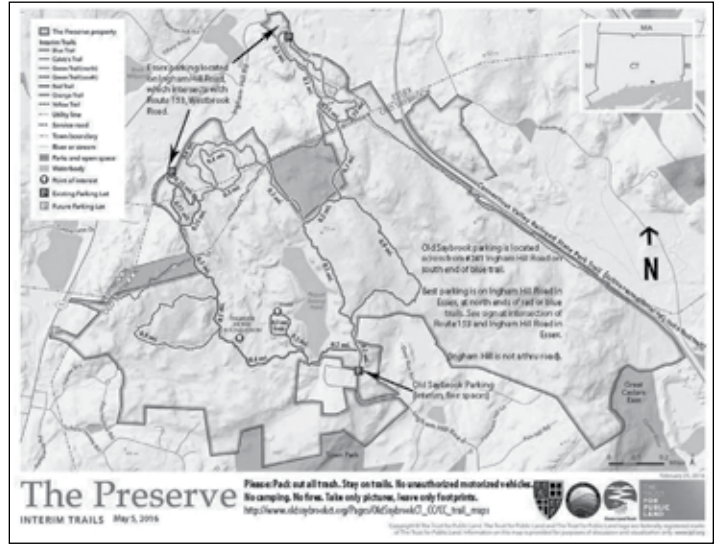
SUMMER CONCERTS

OSPR has a summer full of outdoor music at two locations this year. We will have 10 shows on the Town Green, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm and this year we are offering 5 shows at Harvey's Beach, which will be Friday nights at 7:00 pm.

THE PRESERVE

The interim trails have been set and are ready for your use this year. There are trail maps available on our website as well as the town's at www.oldsaybrookct.org and in our offices. Construction is set to begin this year on the main parking lot on the Essex Road

(RT154) in Westbrook. There is room for several cars in the small parking lot on the Ingham Hill Road in Old Saybrook.



SUMMER KITE PROGRAM WITH HARRIS OUTDOORS

OSPR is teaming up with Harris Outdoors to give you a hands on opportunity to get into kiting. We are offering three separate events to try the three levels of beach kiting. On Friday, June 23rd we will be holding a Single Line kite night, 5:00-6:00 pm at Harvey's Beach. Participants will get an entire overview of kiting **continued on page 34**

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and then will be allowed to use kites. Then on Sunday, July 23rd at 5:00 pm we will have Stunt Night, as Harris Outdoors will bring in double lined, stunt kites and will provide a great demo of what these cool kites are able to do. Then it will be your turn to give it a shot. Finally on Sunday, August 6th we will have a show you won't want to miss as they bring out the big Para Foil kites and get their riders up in the air. Harris Outdoor will also be offering 4 Kite Days for our summer campers at Harvey's Beach throughout the summer. These programs is completely free and are brought to you by Harris Outdoors. You can pre-register online at www.oldsaybrookrec.com or just stop by the beach!

FALL SOCCER 2017

For those families with children entering Kindergarten through 3rd grade, OPSR will begin Fall Soccer registration on July 15th. The league will last 8 weeks and will be \$30.00. We will have a co-ed Kindergarten League, co-ed 1st grade league and a girls 2nd-3rd and boy's 2nd-3rd grade league. Each team will have one practice per week. Registration will end on Wednesday, August 30th. Please do not miss the deadline and visit our website to enjoy on the fall fun!! For more information on fall soccer or any program with OSPR, please email Jonathan.Paradis@oldsaybrookct.gov.

9 Town Transit Partners with Google Maps

Finding Old Saybrook local bus route information just got a whole lot easier. In fact, you probably already have it available on your smartphone. Google Maps now includes local bus routes and schedules in its directions feature. Riders no longer have to read timetables. They simply enter the date and time that they hope to arrive at their destination and the trip planner will provide up to 3 options, showing the amount of time and number of transfers for each option,

letting you easily select the most convenient trip. Google Maps can even provide walking directions, so you can find out exactly how to get to the nearest transit stop or station, and how to get to your destination once you leave the train/bus. For extra convenience, Google Maps has most locations already stored, so you only need the location name or just a category, such as fast food.

Another important feature is the ability to

plan trips across agencies and modes. CT Transit New Haven and Hartford, CT Transit Express, Shoreline East and Metro North are all available in Google Maps, so it is easy to plan your trip from Old Saybrook to Middlesex Community College, from Manhattan to the Saybrook Point Inn, or from Old Saybrook High School to Main Street. Google Maps tells you all transfers required along with the connecting agency name and contact information.

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How does a counselor earn their letters?

In counseling, as with many professions, one's level of expertise can be identified by their signature line made up of their name followed by 3-4 letters, sometimes in groups, but what do they mean? As a practitioner, they can mean acceptance onto an insurance panel, access to programs, training, professional insurance or memberships. To a consumer, the letters tell you a lot about your therapist's academic degrees, licenses or certifications.

Insurance panels only accept licensed clinicians. To become licensed one must complete a master's program at an accredited school which includes hundreds to thousands of clinical hours (hours spent doing therapy). After graduating, there are still thousands more clinical hours to log which must be under the direction of an approved supervisor, and then there's the 3-4 hour proctored exam. While each state has its own licensure requirements, they are all fairly similar. It's quite the achievement when someone finally adds an "L" – as in licensed - to their signature line.

WHAT DO THE LETTERS MEAN?

An "L" preceding the letters means the clinician is licensed and the others indicate the type of counseling degree they have. For example, "LCSW" stands for Licensed Clinical Social Worker, "LMFT" for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and "LPC" for Licensed Professional Counselor. Although counseling approaches can often be similar each type of counselor might practice slightly different. Typically LMFTs work with their client(s) as part of a system, based on relationships within it; while LCSWs and LPCs focus more on the individual exclusively. In the end, finding the right therapist is what's important. If you have questions about a counselor's educational background, ask - informed consumers are smart consumers.

Jackie Boudinot, LMFT, NCC, CDM
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Middlesex Hospital to Expand Cancer Services

Getting the best possible care close to home is essential for people fighting cancer. Middlesex Hospital recognizes this and is expanding the cancer services it currently offers. This fall, a satellite Cancer Center will open at the Shoreline Medical Center in Westbrook. Medical oncology, infusion, radiation therapy and all the extra services that are available in Middletown will also be available in Westbrook. The difference: the new satellite center will mean easier access to care for patients who live in Connecticut shoreline towns. Cancer treatments can sometimes make patients tired or nauseous, and it can be

difficult for them to travel. The satellite center will make their lives, and those who support them, a little easier.

Middlesex Hospital is known for its expert and dedicated staff, focused on providing patients with a compassionate, personalized treatment experience. Specially trained advance practice nurses will guide patients through the treatment and rehabilitation process.

Additionally, Middlesex Hospital is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. The experts at Middlesex Hospital

collaborate with world-renowned Mayo Clinic cancer specialists providing patients with the best care possible, close to home.

Like the Cancer Center in Middletown, the satellite center will use the latest technology to diagnose and treat patients and will be accredited by leading organizations, including the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. For more information, visit www.middlesexhospital.org, or call 860-358-2000.

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The following tips, will protect you and your family from overexposure to UV radiation:

- Do not burn or tan
- Seek shade

- Wear sun-protective clothing
- Be cautious near water, snow, and sand
- Generously apply sunscreen
- Get vitamin D safely

Skin cancer is on the rise in the U.S., and the American Cancer Society estimates that one American dies every hour from skin cancer. Fortunately, skin cancer is highly curable if found early and can be prevented. Remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! and Wrap when you're outdoors - slip on a shirt, slop on broad spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher, slap on a hat, and wrap on sunglasses. The best way to detect skin cancer early is to examine your skin regularly and look for any changes in moles and skin growths. People with lighter-toned skin are more susceptible to UV damage, although people of all races and ethnicities are

at risk for skin cancer. Those who have a family history of skin cancer, moles/ freckles, or a history of severe sunburns are at a higher risk of skin cancer as well. To reduce the harmful effects of unprotected sun exposure, protection from UV radiation

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ABOUT

The Old Saybrook Water Pollution Control Authority was established via Town Ordinance [pursuant to the C.G.S. § 7-246] in 1980 and fully amended in March 1995 for the purpose of “creating a sewer avoidance program and seek compliance with the CT Department of Environmental Protection.”

The WPCA consists of 7 members and 2 alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve 3 year terms. Members are selected for their knowledge, skills, and attributes through an interview process and have worked diligently over the past 20 years to:

- Implement the Town-wide pump out program
- Collect data via a 10-year ground water monitoring project
- Develop and support Decentralized Wastewater Management legislation
- Establishment a Wastewater Management District encompassing 15 focus areas with 2000 properties to upgrade

septic systems in answer to CT DEP (now Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) mandate and orders to abate water pollution in Old Saybrook

- Research and initiate polluted run-off education and programs

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the WPCA is to find solutions to the identified impacts on the waters of the State through an aggressive, scientifically and technologically based sewer avoidance program; by protecting the groundwater quality through wastewater treatment system upgrades, maintenance and monitoring programs.

THE WPCA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- The WPCA will develop and implement a wastewater management program in the WWMD to upgrade and construct wastewater treatment systems in accordance with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection requirements and regulations.
- The WPCA will continue to monitor and manage sewage disposal systems Town-wide and maintain the pump out program database.
- The WPCA will continue to protect the Town's interests through the approval of permanent maintenance agreements associated with individual and community sewage systems.
- The WPCA will provide public education with an emphasis

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on: Reduced use of fertilizers and pesticides, water conservation, approaches to controlling polluted runoff, and operation and maintenance guidelines for onsite sewage treatment systems.

- The WPCA will continue to support Town departments and commissions in creating integrated approaches to sub-surface sewage disposal and storm water run-off that conform to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

SEPTIC SYSTEM PUMPOUT PROGRAM

Began in 1998

Adopted via Ordinance 75 in 1999. All residents are required to have their septic systems pumped out, inspected and maintained at least once every 5 years. This Ordinance supports the Public Health Code as it refers to subsurface sewage disposal systems. The Director of Health is responsible for enforcement of the Ordinance and the WPCA maintains a database [Carmody] tracking the pump out services and mails postcard reminders to all residents.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Upgrading 2000 Septic Systems...

In an August 2009 referendum, Old Saybrook voted by a 3-1 margin to implement a Decentralized Wastewater Management District [and associated funding] encompassing 15 focus areas of 2000 properties. The adoption of the WWMD Ordinance and

Upgrade Standards was the result of a year-long effort by; the Board, staff, state and local agencies, and legal and engineering consultants to develop the legal documents and Facilities Plan, hold public information sessions, and educate residents about the program. In 2010, the WPCA began the bidding and construction of onsite septic system upgrades in Phase I. As of 2017, the program is in the 2nd Phase with over 500 systems installed and over 850 designated "Upgrade Compliant." Phase 2 and the remaining conventional system installations will terminate in December 2018, with the next phase to address the last 5 focus areas, likely using community system technology.

POLLUTED RUN-OFF INITIATIVES

Research, Public Education and Implementation

The WPCA researches the impacts of polluted run-off via rooftops, impervious surface, air pollution, pet waste, fertilizer etc. on the quality of the ground and surface waters of the Town, aquifers, watershed and adjacent water bodies like the Long Island Sound and Connecticut River. Public Education and the consideration and development of new initiatives result from the research and information obtained from many sources in the environmental field. Note: Read our Rain Garden article!

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RAIN GARDENS 101

The University of Connecticut's Tolland County Extension Center's rain garden in Vernon, CT. (top photo) the day the rain garden was installed. (bottom photo) the rain garden several years later.

What is a Rain Garden?

Rain gardens are shallow depressions in the landscape that include plants and a mulch layer or ground cover. In addition to providing increased groundwater recharge, they provide pollutant treatment. Pollutant treatment in rain gardens has been attributed to adsorption, decomposition, ion exchange, and volatilization. Rain gardens can be used in residential settings to accept runoff from a roof or other impervious surface. In a commercial setting, bioretention areas are similar to rain gardens, but are often larger, and have an engineered design.

What is Stormwater Runoff?

When stormwater (water that originated during precipitation

events or from snow melt) moves over pavement, it picks up and carries with it fertilizer, pathogens, toxic contaminants, sediment and other pollutants before entering storm drains. These drains lead directly to waterways which lead to Long Island Sound. Polluted runoff can harm aquatic life and make the Sound unsuitable for fishing and swimming. As a result of global climate changes, scientists predict that precipitation will increase in the Northeast U.S., leading to a greater volume of runoff. This presents a challenge, since more runoff means more pollution that can enter the Sound. Simply put, the more rain gardens, the less polluted runoff!



Planning to Build a Rain Garden?

Download the Rain Garden App first at: <http://nemo.uconn.edu/tools/app/raingarden.htm> "Rain Garden" is a FREE app designed to help you properly install a rain garden at your home, office, or job site. Through video tutorials, diagrams, text, and tools, the App guides you through determining the size and placement of your garden, selecting plants, digging and planting your garden, and maintaining your garden. It also includes tools for determining your soil type, measuring the size of the area that will drain to your garden, and managing multiple rain garden projects. To learn more about Rain Gardens visit the NEMO Rain Garden Website at: <http://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens/index.htm>.

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Vegetation Control for Safety

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Larry Bonin, Director Public Works

Old Saybrook Land Trust

WHY WE STEWARD OUR PROPERTIES

Recently, an Old Saybrook Land Trust (OSLT) board member stopped by an OSLT property that had just been cleared of some vegetation. A passerby asked why the land trust pruned and cut down some of the vegetation on the site. Why not just let the vegetation grow wild and natural?



A stewardship project at OSLT's Dunk Island property last summer.
Photo by Robert Lorenz.

It's a good question that deserves an answer. The primary reason OSLT routinely visits and works on its nearly 100 acres of properties is to weed out invasive plants, which tend to crowd out the native vegetation. Current and past land trust board members Barbara Guenther, Bob Lorenz, and Kim Curry are experts on local plant life, and they know which plants are native to our region and which are invasive plants.

Stewardship also involves picking up the litter that inevitably finds its way to public and private properties all over town. OSLT properties have also occasionally been used as dumping grounds for grass clippings, weeds, and leaves from landscapers and others. OSLT endeavors to be good neighbors with adjoining property owners, so "keeping up with the Joneses" as far as appearance goes is part of the OSLT stewardship process.

Would you like to help out? The land trust holds stewardship outings at targeted OSLT properties on the third Saturday
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morning of each month, and anyone is welcome to participate.

Upcoming stewardship events include:

- July 15: Remove invasive plants and thin out brush at the Rocky Point property.
- August 19: Remove Japanese knotweed and other invasives from the property behind the Middlesex Primary Care building at 154 Main St.
- September 16: Clear the south border of the 17-acre land trust parcel adjacent to the northwest corner of the Preserve.

Details are available on the land trust website at www.oslt.org or via email inquiries at oldsaybrooklandtrust@oslt.org. We hope you can join us on these fun and constructive outings. OSLT preserves and stewards open space around town for the benefit of everyone, and you're welcome to help out and enjoy the fruits of our collective labors!

Mike Urban,
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OSLT secretary Anna Termine and others pitch in at a recent stewardship outing. Photo by Robert Lorenz.

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Old Saybrook is conducting a Community Coastal Resilience Study to evaluate the effects of coastal flooding and sea level rise on the Town. The flood vulnerability analysis portion of the study has been completed. This part of the study evaluates the vulnerability of Town assets, essential and lifeline facilities, neighborhoods and natural resources, to coastal flooding including the effects of sea level rise. The vulnerability analysis evaluates multiple probable flood events and several different sea level rise scenarios and builds upon existing studies by FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the University of Connecticut (CIRCA) and the December, 2015 Report of Findings prepared by the Town's Sea Level Rise Climate Adaptation Committee. High resolution numerical hydrodynamic modeling of tides, storm surge and waves was also performed as part of the vulnerability analysis. GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. is completing the Study under contract to the Town.

The findings of the vulnerability analysis will be presented in a public Town Meeting during June, 2017. An evaluation of adaptation strategies and measures is also part of the study and is on-going. Four community workshops will be held as part of that phase of the study.

Fire Safety Check Up for Summer Fun

Summer is here! Beautiful weather, get together with family and friends, cookouts, toasting marshmallows by the fire...all wonderful times, but it's important to keep them safe too.

Here is a summer check-up list:

- Summer is a good time to have your chimney professionally cleaned. This should be done annually.
- Call the Office of the Fire Marshal to obtain a fire pit permit for your outdoor fire pit, and please adhere to the safety rules on the permit about having a water source nearby, no burning of leaves or trash, keeping your fire pit a safe distance from a structure and not burning on days when the air quality is poor and when there are burning bans. This information can be obtained from the CT DEEP web site.
- If you'd like to have a bonfire on the beach, you must obtain a permit from the Office of the Fire Marshal first. If you are part of one of our town's many beach associations, the president of the beach association must obtain the permit.
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If you have any questions, please contact my office at 860-395-3133 or donn.dobson@oldsaybrookct.gov.

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The Camp is a unique comprehensive summer arts day program that began in summer 2013. It is focused on families in our shoreline region seeking to nurture their children's creative potential through the arts. This state-licensed camp brings together professional teaching artists from CMS and throughout the region to the Kate. Designed for children ages 5 to 10 years old, Kate's Camp is filled with music, dance, art, and theater and each session culminates in a performance for family and friends. Program sessions occur over the summer, in the winter, and in the spring. The Camp helps campers to explore their potential, as well as their imaginations.

Clockwise from the top left: CMS Dancer, CMS Art and CMS Group
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For more information on participating in or helping to fund Camps, please contact Dana Foster, Director of Development and External Relations, at dana.foster@thekate.org.

A snapshot of Camp can be found in a video located at katharinehepburntheater.org/about/kids/kates-camp-for-kids/.

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Chardonnays are fermented in stainless steel or oak barrels and then might be aged for 6 months up to a couple of years. This additional aging enhances the flavor of the wine with a rich, woody taste. It may impart flavors of vanilla and sometimes smoky and spicy. This leaves the wine with a full and rich finish. It is well known in the industry that the use of new oak barrels gives a fuller taste than older or used barrels. Also smaller casks produce more of that oak flavor than larger ones. All of these choices give the winemaker freedom to develop their own unique structure and taste of a particular wine. Looking for a crisp dry Chardonnay? Try a French Chablis. The wine has a mineral and limestone finish, great with seafood. Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Grigio are an excellent choice if you are having a light dish. Something heavier such as creamy chicken warrants a rich oaky chardonnay.

I hope this has given you a better insight towards white wines and their particular fermentation process. Enjoy your choices, of which there are many.

Art LiPuma, SeaSide Wines and Spirits Manager



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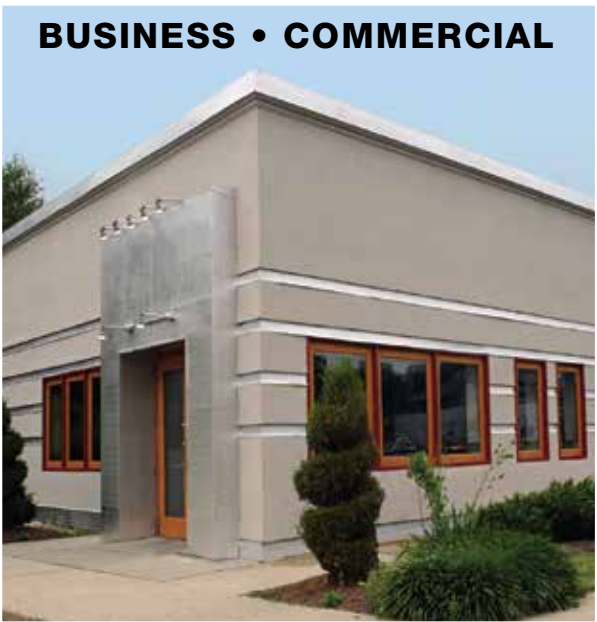
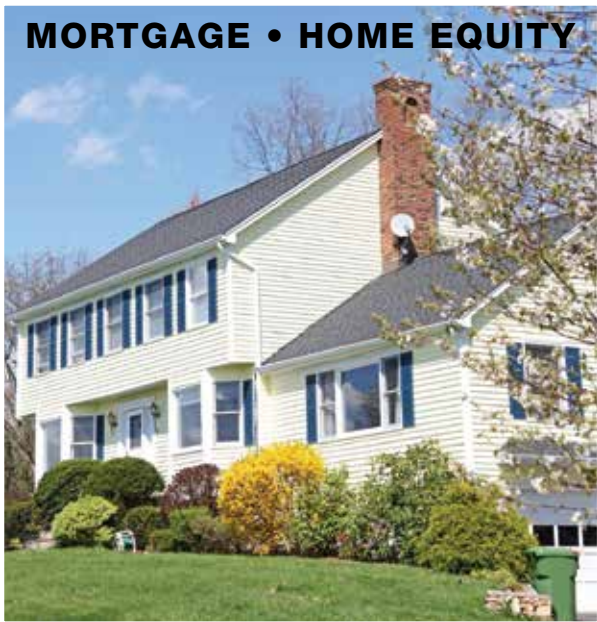


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