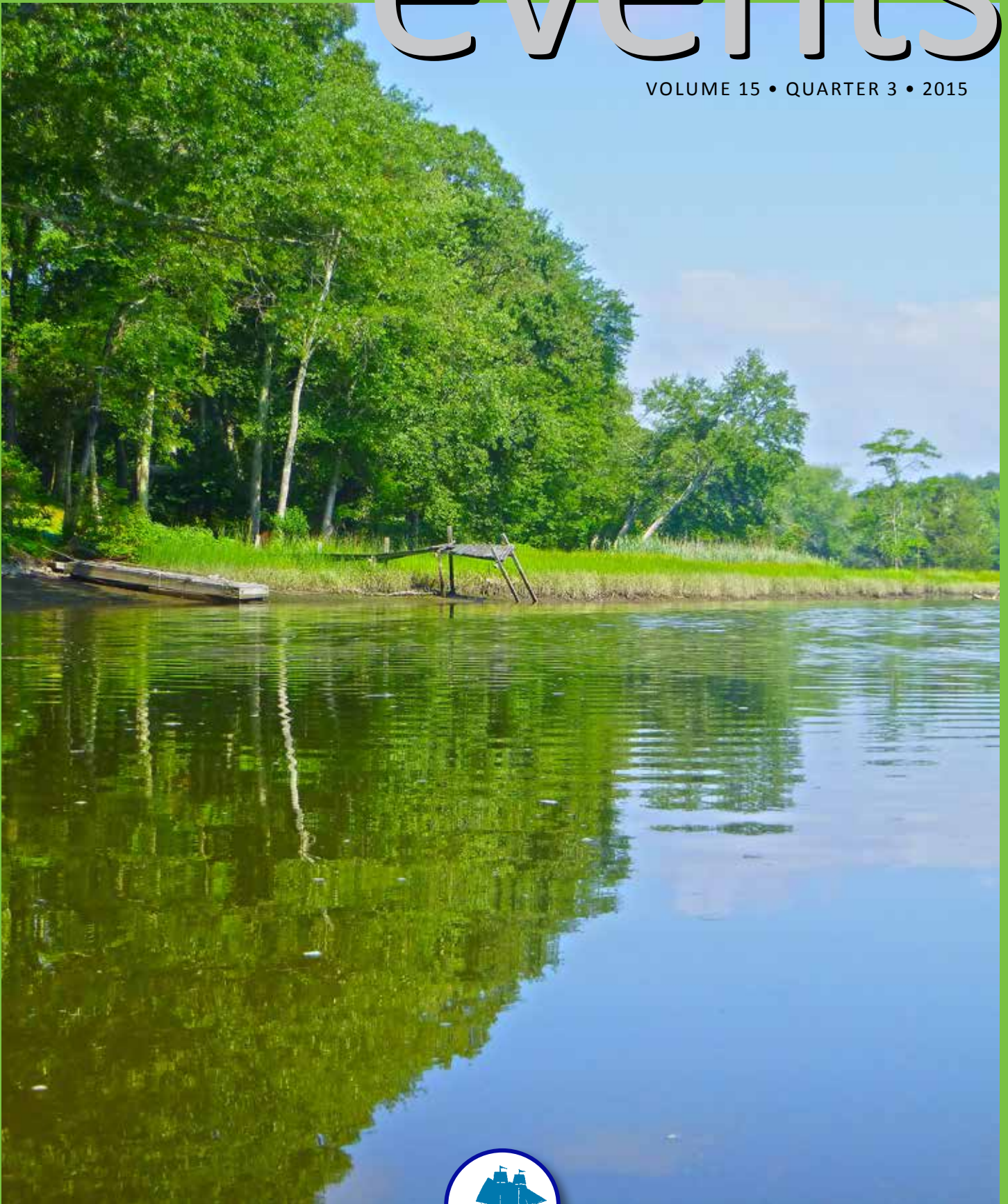


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First Selectman's Corner

Westbrook Traffic

I always appreciate when our residents take the time to come to our office and express concerns on issues of importance. Consistently, especially in the summer months, the major issue is always about traffic and the impact it has on our residents; specifically speeding on all of the major roads especially the roads adjacent to our beach communities.

As one resident stated, "Westbrook has been discovered" and consequently these changes have dramatically affected our traffic patterns. Accordingly, the overcrowding, at times, of our public beach areas places a tremendous strain on our local residents and especially on our Constables and State Troopers. It is important; however, to bring to your attention the many proactive measures that your municipal government is doing to address the problem.

- We have a very active Police Advisory/Traffic Authority Commission that takes seriously their responsibility to respond to requests related to traffic matters. They recommended, for example, that we have an additional speed monitoring machine that is rotated to different well-traveled roads. Members of this

Commission also conduct "site visits" throughout the community to be familiar with individual complaints. The safety of our residents has, and continues to be, one of their major objectives.

- Currently, there are five part-time Constables and three State Troopers assigned to Westbrook. They do a great job but given the modest size of their staff, they can only be in one place for a limited amount of time given the demands of the entire community. They do, however, place more emphasis during the summer months on the beach communities. Trooper Buck, for example, uses a bike to patrol these areas and as many of you know, he is very visible and will always take the time to stop and talk to anyone to address your questions. By comparison, Old Saybrook has approximately 30% more population than Westbrook and has at least 22 full-time police officers. Comparatively speaking, it is obvious like with so many other services, we expect a lot of our personnel including so many



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- We take considerable pride with the rapport that our enforcement personnel have developed with this community. Furthermore, as a result of their increased vigilance, more tickets are being written for traffic infractions including driving while texting. I have asked that we now publish, at least on a quarterly basis, all of the police reports on activities, without names, since it is already a matter of public record.
- I encourage you to call 860-399-7304 which is our Constable's office and it will roll over to the Troop F Barracks if there is no answer. Any issue regarding traffic or other perceived disturbances should be reported to this number as soon as possible.
- Trooper Wayne Buck has submitted an application that has been approved for a Speed Enforcement Grant for the Town of Westbrook. The goal of the Federal 2015 High Risk Rural Roads Speed Enforcement Program is to reduce the speed of vehicles traveling on both the secondary rural roads and rural state roads through the Town of Westbrook. To achieve this goal, the plan will be to increase patrols on these roads and conduct speed enforcement utilizing both laser and radar. The program start date was July 1 and Federal funds will reimburse the Town for 100% of the cost.

These are some of the major initiatives that have been taken to address your concerns regarding traffic. As our enforcement officers often remind us, as individual citizens, we have a collective responsibility to obey the laws. Every stop sign; every speed limit sign; every illegal texting while driving; every crosswalk and all of the other visible reminders that are present, are only effective if we acknowledge that obeying the law is the primary responsibility of every citizen. Let's all work together to make Westbrook a safe community.

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Westbrook Recreation Department

This fall we will be very busy with registrations and attendance in all our programs. From tots to seniors, we have programs that will interest everyone and all ages. Our K-4 Karate program has children doing this program twice a week after school at the Daisy Elementary School. Archery is another fun after school activity that has children 8 - 12 years old doing it on Tuesday at Wren Park.

Soccer is the sport's program everyone loves during the fall. We always have a large number of children participating in our Tot and Recreational soccer program on Saturday mornings. This year we will also have the Connecticut Rush Soccer Academy doing a weekday program on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:30 PM. Sessions will focus on individual and small

group play. Children will receive more touches on the ball and develop better foot skills in a fun environment. Children must be between the ages of 6 - 13 years old.

After soccer is over we will jump right into our recreational youth Badminton. Badminton starts on November 14th and will run for five weeks. Children between the ages of 5 - 13 years old are all welcome to register. Your children will love playing with their friends as we teach them how to serve, set and spike.

Our after school child care program at the Middle School is also available to busy parents who need to pick-up their children after work. Your child will be in a safe and well supervised environment where they can study, do their homework and play with their friends. The cost is less than \$10 per day if you sign-up by the month. Drop-in's and individual days will be available at a higher cost. Please call us at 860-399-3095 if you have any questions?

If you're interested in finding out more about all our other programs, please check us out at westbrookrec.com. We have programs available for tots, youth, teens, adults and seniors. All our programs are available to everyone (resident and nonresidents). Why pay expensive membership fees when you pay as you go and stop whenever you wish.

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Westbrook Youth & Family Services, Inc

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Helping Hands Every Thursday this summer. High School teens have been donating their time and talents this summer at the Valley Shore YMCA's community garden which provides fresh produce to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen for distribution to families. They've also been Happy to Help at Senior Center cookouts. More opportunities for your High School teen coming this Fall. Register at wyfs.org.

Back to School

In each school, we will be offering structured peer groups and new programs that focus on positive youth development

and leadership skills. Check us out at the Open Houses and pick up some WYFS goodies. Need our School Supply Closet? Contact Jacqueline at 860-399-9239.

Fall Programming also includes Halloween Bingo, Peer Groups, Leadership groups and more!

For more information on these programs and more, visit wyfs.org. Sign up for our email newsletter so you don't miss our fresh slate of programs throughout the year.

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to the Foundation's grant which allowed us to start up this league, as well as purchase some much needed equipment like uniforms, batting helmets, bases and new equipment shed. This grant will allow us to grow our program and ensure the longevity of the program in the future.

Rain did not stop our closing day ceremonies. The Town of Westbrook was gracious enough to open up the Multi-Purpose room so that our players and buddies could receive their much deserved Trophies and Certificates. In attendance was Harry Ruppenicker, Jr from the Westbrook Foundation, First Selectman, Noel Bishop, Devin Carney State Representative for Old Saybrook and Westbrook as well as teachers and principals from our local school districts.

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Appropriate Disaster Plan and Disaster Kit 5-7 Days of Supplies

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We recommend you have a plan in place to evacuate 12-24 hours prior to the storm's arrival; going to family, friends or consider staying at a local hotel. If you have no other option, Westbrook or other towns will open a pre-storm disaster shelter. Shelter locations are announced via news media, social media and 211 Info-Line. After the storm has passed and when it's safe, residents

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Town Notifications

Westbrook Emergency Management works closely with State and Federal agencies, including the National Weather Service when a storm is forecast to impact our area. We highly recommend you follow our website and social media sites on Facebook or Twitter. These sites are uploaded regularly with Westbrook preparedness, warnings and post storm restoration information.

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Where Do I Get More Information?

The Westbrook Emergency Management website, www.westbrookem.com will provide you with complete information on disaster preparedness topics. The site also includes topics on disaster shelters, Eversource, generator and food safety, pets, elderly, special needs and more. The website is outfitted with videos and written material. Options also include viewing the web site in different languages. If you need access to a computer, please visit the Westbrook Library at 61 Goodspeed Drive, family or friends.

We don't have the power to stop a weather related event; however you have resources to become resilient, which will help you and your family. By following our recommendations, you will be prepared for almost any disaster that can affect the Town of Westbrook throughout the year.

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Westbrook Public Schools Preparation for 2015-16 School Year

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Security Camera installation - Camera installation and repositioning of cameras has been completed giving our school staff a much greater capacity to monitor and deter any security problems within our schools and on our campuses.


Pass-through Windows for School Main Offices - Pass-through windows have been installed in all three buildings. Once training is completed, office staff will begin using the

pass-through windows to collect identifying information from visitors wishing to enter or visit our schools. Staff will be trained in new visitor procedures.

Phone Project - Working with a digital phone company which was awarded the State Bid contract for school phone systems installation, this past spring an assessment of existing useable wiring/network capability was completed as well as a design of a new phone system with all of the features that have been identified as essential. The system installation has occurred throughout the summer with a "go-live" date of August 22nd. This new equipment is tied into the newest solar back-up system that was recently installed on and in the high school to provide continuous, non-interruptible service.


Other Summer Projects at Daisy Ingraham Elementary School - Some overhead support columns at Daisy were damaged by water and ice expansion over the winter and those have been refurbished. New roofing is being applied to the existing roof, in the area of the overhang to allow for better and more strategic water run-off to prevent ice dams from forming in the future. Of course, the massive sinkhole which opened up in the middle of the

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Daisy first parking lot during the Spring recess was the site of a large project to dig out and refill with appropriate fill materials. Repaving of the parking lot has been completed as well. The Daisy cafeteria carpet has been removed and a colorful new tile floor has been installed to greet all of our K – 4 students, families and staff for the start of the new school year.

These are just a few of the examples of the cooperative work to care for our schools; made possible through the collaborative relationship between the Board of Education and the Westbrook community of residents and town officials. Our Westbrook community can be proud of its schools.

Valley Shore YMCA Marlins Participate In The Dave Parcels Open Water Championship

Swimmers representing the Valley Shore YMCA Marlins Team swam an Open water course at Quassy Amusement Park on June 27th. Kyle Wisialowski Placed 2nd in the 11-12 boys mini-mile. Isaac Waide placed 5th in his age group and Kayla Mendonca placed 3rd in her age group for the mile swim.

The Marlin's Long Course swim season ended on July 20th. The Short Course season begins in the fall and the Marlins will be actively recruiting new members. The team is composed of swimmers ranging in age from 6 to 18. This swim

program is designed to be rewarding for all levels of swimmers – from those new to swimming, to swimmers who place at the top of their age groups in competitive swimming. The program helps swimmer-athletes develop to their highest level of swimming and personal achievement. Along with learning competitive swimming skills, swimmers learn self-discipline, respect, loyalty, good sportsmanship, and have fun. For more information go to vsymca.org or contact coach Teddy Weeks at the Valley Shore YMCA.



Garrett Smith (Westbrook), Isaac Waide (East Haddam), Chris Thomson (Old Saybrook), Sam Fuchs (Old Lyme), Kayla Mendonca (Madison), Kyle Wisialowski (Old Saybrook) and Audra Giugno (Old Saybrook).

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Census data shows that almost 20% of All Westbrook housing is rental.

The Westbrook Fair Rent Commission provides a no expense information and mediation service for Westbrook tenants and landlords. If a resolution cannot be obtained, with the exception of seasonal rentals, the commission, upon formal application by the tenant, will hold a hearing with both the tenant and landlord and determine, if appropriate, temporary or permanent rental adjustments under the following 14 factors the Fair Rent Commission can legally consider.

1. The health and safety conditions of your apartment;
2. The rents charged for similar apartments in the city or neighborhood;
3. The number of bathtubs or showers, toilets, kitchen sinks and bathroom sinks in your apartment;
4. Services (such as utilities, furniture, furnishings and equipment) supplied by the landlord;
5. The size and number of bedrooms in your apartment;
6. The repairs needed to make your apartment livable;
7. The amount of taxes and other expenses of the landlord;
8. Whether your apartment complies with the housing code and State statutes relating to health and safety;
9. Your income and whether there are other apartments you can afford;
10. What utilities you have in your apartment and whether you or your landlord pays for them;
11. Damages, other than ordinary wear and tear, which you have caused to the apartment;
12. How much the landlord has raised your rent in the past;
13. How much of the rent increase will be used to improve your apartment and the building;
14. Extra fees and charges are also covered.

Manufactured home complexes and trailer parks are included. Note Fair Rent has nothing to do with Rent Control — which does not exist in Connecticut. Fair Rent Commissions consider individual cases only. Lawyers are not required however Commission decisions are appealable to the court system by either side. Tenants or landlords may choose a spokesperson.

No one wants a hearing. The focus of the Westbrook Fair Rent Commission is to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of both the tenant and landlord and insure the comfort, health and safety of all.

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If the commission determines, after a separate hearing, that a landlord has retaliated in any manner against a tenant because the tenant has complained to the commission, the commission may order the landlord to cease and desist from such conduct.

Fair Rent Complaint forms and Fair Rent Commission information booklets are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Richard Holton, Chairman
Jeffrey Kriete, Commissioner, Secretary
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Julius Angelini, Commissioner
Joseph Cotrona, Commissioner

Town Hall Closed

Labor Day September 7

Columbus Day October 12

Veteran's Day November 11

Thanksgiving November 26-27

Westbrook Senior Citizen's Club

The Westbrook Senior Citizen's Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary, on September 23, at the Westbrook Town Hall Senior Center, 866 Boston Post Road starting at 12 pm. A special event will be held please R.S.V.P. by September 9.

We have lost contact with some of our past and present members. We look forward to seeing you.

Our first meeting will be held on September 9. On our October 28th meeting, Claire Bellerjeau from the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry will be our quest speaker at 1:30 pm.

For more information contact:
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Westbrook Garden Club—Grow with Us!

Few things make us happier than promoting education in horticulture and the environmental sciences, so we were delighted to award our annual \$1,000 college scholarship to Christopher Tragakes, a highly qualified 2015 Westbrook High School graduate. Christopher, who began his own small landscape maintenance company when he was 12 and this year teamed with a friend to start a maple sugaring operation, will study Environmental Horticulture at Colorado State University. Congratulations!

We're growing. This spring we welcomed seven new members, along with several new officers. Vivian Partridge is our new vice president; Ali Shlien steps up as recording secretary; and Charlotte Parisi is the new corresponding secretary. Mindy Gordon and Penny Sisk graciously agreed to continue as president and treasurer, respectively.

Making a Property Complaint

Tis the season that property owners find issues and bring them to the attention of the Land Use Office. The Complaint Form is on the town website: <http://westbrookct.us/Docs/Landuse/complaint form.pdf>. Or, it can be mailed, emailed or picked up in the Land Use Office.

It is encouraged that people try to work things out before filing a dispute, but all complaints are taken seriously. Please know that if you are filing a complaint about your neighbor, they will let us know if your property has potential violations. Your complaint does not always lead to an enforcement action. When it's investigated, sometimes the owner has already fixed the problem or we find out the owner has done nothing wrong.

If you're struggling with weeds in sidewalk cracks and between paving stones, try this garden club favorite safe-for-kids-and-pets weed killer. Mix 1/2 gallon apple cider vinegar, 1/4 cup salt, and 1/2 teaspoon Dawn dishwashing detergent. Apply with a spray bottle.

Enjoy all that's green and growing, because fall is on the way. Fall is the time to divide spring and summer blooming perennials, as lower temperatures and increased rainfall provide optimal conditions for the divisions to re-establish themselves. Choose now which plants to divide and where to place new plants. While you're at it, reserve some spots in the garden for the chrysanthemums you'll buy at our Fall Mum Sale, September 12. Stay tuned to local publications for information on how to pre-order our spectacular mums starting in mid-August.

We might use your contact information for follow-up questions. Although it is understood that some complaints wish to remain anonymous, those do not have the highest priority and could take longer. Sometimes we may not be able to see the violation.

If you don't get the response you are seeking, please talk to the appropriate party (Zoning, Building, Health, Inland Wetlands) or, you may hire your own legal counsel.

If you don't have a valid email address, you can visit us in person at: 866 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, CT 06498 – Monday -Wednesday 9:00-4:00; Thursday 9:00-7:00; Friday 9:00-12:00. Or, send a letter to the Land Use Department, 866 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, CT 06498.

Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a community resource for the nine-town Estuary region's residents over 50 years old providing nutrition, transportation, health support services, education opportunities and socialization. Detailed information is available at our website, <http://www.ecsenior.org>. The Estuary Council is the sole provider of Meals on Wheels for the Shoreline region. Mark your calendars for a delicious way to support this vital program:

SHORELINE CHEFS - Sunday, September 20. This first time event will bring together local professional and home Chefs as well as some local dignitaries; all making small plate tastings

for those in attendance to sample. Join us on the Old Saybrook Town Green from 3- 6 pm. The afternoon will be filled with fabulous food, beverages for purchase, music, and the chance to vote for your favorites (food, chef, booth decorations). Food. Fun. Wine. Beer. Support Meals on Wheels - Join us September 20th. If you are interested in being a Chef, or being a Sponsor of this event, call (860) 388-1611 x 211.



Probate Court Changes in the Budget

**By State Representative Devin Carney
Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook**

On June 3rd and June 28th, respectively, the Connecticut legislature passed both the budget and implementer for the biennium starting July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017. I voted 'no' on both bills for many reasons – tax hikes, increased overall spending, and the implementation of Keno, just to name a few. One other reason is the zeroing-out of funding to the state's probate court division from the general fund. This change will increase costs to close a decedent's estate and could prove to be detrimental to the core and, oftentimes, cost-saving services the courts provide.

Effective July 1st, the budget and its implementer cut all \$32 million dedicated to subsidize the probate court system. Prior to this change, the courts relied on both user fees and state-funded subsidies to pay for salaries, benefits, and operating costs. In order to make up the loss, there is no longer a limit on probate court fees (previously it had been set at \$12,500) and

most filing costs have been raised from \$150 to \$225. In addition, the court fee on estates worth more than \$2 million was raised to .5% of the value - now the highest in the nation (and is retroactive to January 1, 2015).

The exclusive reliance on user fees, especially from larger estates, could prove problematic as these high fees could drive people away from probate courts or from Connecticut altogether. The potential for reduced revenue could affect necessary probate services such as appointing guardians to children (avoiding foster care), assisting in getting treatment for those with mental illnesses, and appointing/supervising conservators to those who may otherwise require state-funded institutional care.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and opinions on this or any other state-related issue. Please feel free to contact me at repdevincarney@gmail.com or (860) 240-8700.



A Message from your Town Clerk

The 2015 Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guides have been issued and we have many copies available in the Town Clerk's Office. This year there is a new fee called "2015 Fishing/Hunting Guide Registration Fee" which is available for \$100.

There are many new licensing fees for hunting and fishing for resident juniors (ages 16 & 17 years old) in Connecticut.

- The Pheasant Stamp which is valid October 1 through February 2016 is \$14 for juniors.
- The State Stamp – Connecticut Migratory Bird Hunting Authorization for juniors is \$7 for the calendar year.
- The HIP permit for juniors is now \$2 for the calendar year.

Some of the other New Permits for juniors (Ages 16 & 17 years old) are:

- Firearms Hunting License is \$10
- Fall Turkey Hunting Permits are \$10
- Deer Permits for juniors are \$10
- Spring Turkey permits for juniors are \$10
- Marine Fishing Licenses for juniors are now \$5

If you need assistance obtaining your license, we are a license vendor for the State DEEP and we can issue permits during regular business hours. We can also provide you with duplicate copies of your license at no charge.

You can also go to www.ct.gov/deep/hunting and obtain your permits on-line.

Also in the 2015 guide is a list of Junior Hunter Training Days. The regulations designate these dates for youth hunting in Connecticut. Junior Hunters (12 to 15 years old) may hunt when accompanied by a licensed adult hunter (18 years old or older). There are specific dates listed for Pheasant, Waterfowl and Deer hunting in the 2015 guide as well as instructions for the adult mentors.

Should you have any questions contact our office at 860-399-3044 or visit the Connecticut DEEP Website for updated information.

Best wishes for an enjoyable late summer and fall season.

Joan Angelini
Westbrook Town Clerk

Deadline for the Next Issue of Westbrook Events is October 16. Contact Jill in the First Selectman's office 860-399-3040 ext 111 or E-MAIL jbrainerd@westbrookct.us to submit an article or press release.

The American Legion

Meetings: 4th Monday, 7pm Westbrook Library Community Room. Meetings are held during the following months: September, October, November, January at the High School, February, March, April, May on the 3rd Monday and June (elections).

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Auxiliary Contact: Joyce Brinley

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2015 \$1000 Scholarship Recipients:

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July 10, 2015 Annual American Legion State Convention was held in Trumbull, CT. Westbrook Post 103 received the Richard J. Heath Plaque for the best High School Oratorical Contest promotion and student participation.

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Registrars of Voters

Mary Labbadia and Nancy Moore, Registrars of Voters

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, CT in the Multi-Purpose Room from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. All registered voters please inform the Registrars if you have had any change of name, address, telephone number, or want to change your party affiliation.

Voter registration applications may be obtained from the Registrar of Voters Office, Town Clerks Office, or on-line at the Secretary of the State's website (www.ct.gov/sots/site/default.asp). Registrars' Office hours are Tuesday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Thursday from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Registered voters on the active list may vote by absentee ballot for one of the following reasons: 1) absence from the town during all hours of voting, 2) illness, 3) physical disability, 4) active service in the U.S. Armed Forces, 5) religious tenets which forbids secular activity on the day of election, primary, or referendum, 6) service as an election official at a polling place other than the official's usual place of voting during all hours of voting.

Absentee ballot applications may be obtained at any time prior to an election from the Town Clerk during their regular business hours by request in person, by phone, or by mail. An application

may also be obtained on-line from the Secretary of the State's website (www.ct.gov/sots/site/default.asp) or from the Town of Westbrook's website (www.westbrookct.us/town-clerk.php). Once applications have been received and verified the Town Clerk will begin mailing the ballots to the applicants on October 2.

College students requesting absentee ballots should provide their away from home address on the application so that the ballot can be sent directly to them.

Thank you for participating in the election process.

From the Department of Public Works

Effective July 1, the Town Garage has a new, full-time administrative staff position on site. This means that Westbrook residents may now contact the Public Works Department directly, at the Town Garage location – 185 Horse Hill Road. The phone number is 860-552-4496. We are also working to expand the webpage – check us out under Town Services at www.westbrookct.us.

You may have noticed some recent changes at the Transfer Station, too. We are working to improve traffic flow in and out of the facility, and are now collecting fees prior to any unloading. Be prepared to stop and declare your load prior to proceeding to the appropriate area. We have also recently added the option to pay fees by credit card. There are no convenience fees for these transactions.

Household Hazardous Waste collection is located at 5 Dump Road, Essex. They are open on selected Saturdays, through October 24. Please see the website to view the complete schedule.

Also of interest:

- Annual street sweeping has been completed.
- Catch basin cleaning will begin again in the fall.

Mowing and trimming of approximately 50 miles of roadways takes place once per year. Depending on conditions and available time, some areas may be done twice.

Please be patient while the above yearly maintenance issues are being taken care of. The Public Works crew addresses all these items diligently, while working at the same time on the many functions of the Department around town.

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Bill McMinn from Essex Printing and Gary Parrington from Lyme Art Association are shown in photo with Lyme Art Association "Incredible India Invitation." The invitation was recognized by PINE and awarded the 2015 Pinnacle Award for its exceptional use of design, print and use of paper to create a bright and lively invite. The Pinnacle Award is given to the most outstanding entry in its category. Given the high standard the entries must be flawless to win.



Walks On The Wild Side Needed

The Westbrook Forest Commission needs volunteers to regularly walk the Town Forest to report unsafe or unusual conditions.

The Town Forest is adjacent to the town transfer station and is a fifty acre woodland with semi rough trails, streams, lake and cliffs with dramatic rock formations.

Local residents use the area and there is a need for walkers familiar with the site, to walk the trails for signs of safety issues on at least a monthly basis and simply report to the commission any signs of camping, debris, construction, etc.

If interested please contact Jeff Kriete, Forest Commissioner 860-669-8833.

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Westbrook Conservation Commission

Share the Sound



Photo by Carol ODell

This summer, armed with a defining logo and slogan, volunteers and interns (Island Keepers) are interacting with adults and children on town beaches, Salt Island and Menunketesuck Island to let them know how critical it is to respect and not disturb shore bird nesting areas, and to encourage them to pass along this "Share the Sound" message.

Westbrook Barrier Islands, Salt, Menunketesuck and Duck, add intrigue to our picturesque waterfront, and provide opportunities to boat and fish in the water surrounding them and attractive habitats for shore birds to forage, nest and

reproduce. In summer when both shore bird and vacationer activities are at their highest the islands become attractive destinations. During July and August protection of shorebird nests, eggs and young from predators and sneakers is critical.

The Friends of the Westbrook Barrier Islands, with cooperation from the Conservation Commission and the USFWS Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge, are conducting the outreach programs noted above to ask the community, beach goers and boaters to help protect the fragile shorebird nesting habitats on all 3 Barrier Islands; please "Share the Sound".

As we go to press (mid-July) the response to "Share the Sound" has been great. If interested in helping the Friends of the Westbrook Barrier Islands with this program please email John Rie, at jrie06@yahoo.com or Conservation Commission at tdell@snet.net. Thank You!

With thanks to Gary Nolf for his vision for logo and B.J. Helander for creative art work for logo.

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**Catherine Neidlinger Doane, President,
Westbrook Historical Society**

Architecturally, Westbrook has nothing comparable to the 111 year old building on the Town Green. Built for and used as the town's Library for 73 years, this building has been the home of the Westbrook Historical Society since 1978, the last 37 years. Architectural plans were purchased from John Mumford of New York. Henry R. Parker was the builder. The exterior is Milwaukee hydraulic pressed brick, the wide front steps are granite, and the roof is slate. There is ornamentation along the roofline and an interior 14.3' high stamped metal ceiling. This eclectic style building contrasts markedly with the surrounding colonial architecture. Take another look when you drive by. Then, park and see the inside when we are open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings!

When you visit, take note of the Westbrook artifacts that have been donated to our museum. Those who have visited always are surprised there is so much to see. We have early clothing, farm tools, early ship's trunks and a wardrobe,



arrowheads, early stone tools, bicycles, uniforms, millinery, a button collection, postal boxes from the first post office, and so much more. We are developing a very complete genealogy section of many early Westbrook settlers. Early houses research is

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Diane Daudt with her mom, resident Marie Daudt, looking at all the places they've flown to as flight attendants.



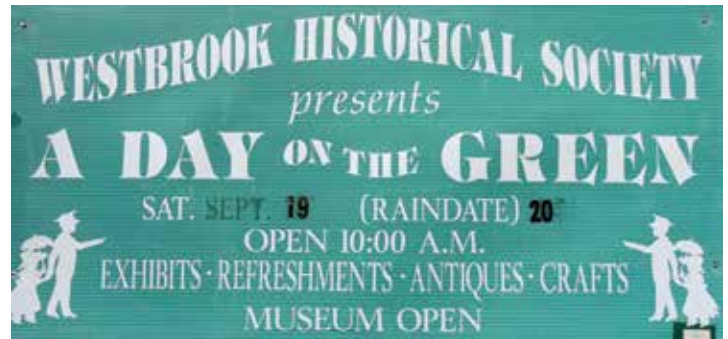
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much aided with our computer database and recent early town survey maps. We would love to assist you.

Our Annual Fundraiser was begun in 1980. Please come to celebrate our Thirty-Fifth year on Saturday, September 19th, from 10-4. We will feature a Civil War Exhibit, Tag Sale, Food, Neidlinger picture sales, and Antique and Craft Dealers. Share in the fun. Become a member. Your tax-deductible donations in support of the preservation of our town's history are greatly appreciated.



Westbrook Public Library

Summer is always the busiest time at the library. It is often necessary to place reserves on popular books, cds, and dvds. Just give us a call at 860 399-6422 or go online to westbrooklibrary.lioninc.org and click on the LION (Libraries Online) catalog to place holds. While at the library website take a look at the variety of other online resources there like World Book Online, Learning Express, JobNow, and IConn. Or, visit our Facebook page to keep up with the latest events.

This summer reQuest, the statewide library catalog, was closed. A new catalog is under construction. In the mean time, it will take more time and effort to track down materials not owned by the LION libraries. Nevertheless, if we need to search beyond LION we will. Don't hesitate to submit your requests.

Tech Tuesdays continue this summer. Assistant Librarian Brittany Mullen is scheduling appointments on Tuesdays

to help folks with electronic devices and resources.

As the new Teen Services Librarian, she has reorganized the Young Adult collection and has added lots of new titles. As summer winds down, the library staff is ready to help students fulfill summer reading requirements. Stop by or give us a call.

The library is open Tuesdays 9 to 8, Wednesdays 9 to 5, Thursdays 9 to 8, Fridays 9 to 5, and Saturdays 9 to 5. The library is closed Sundays and Mondays.

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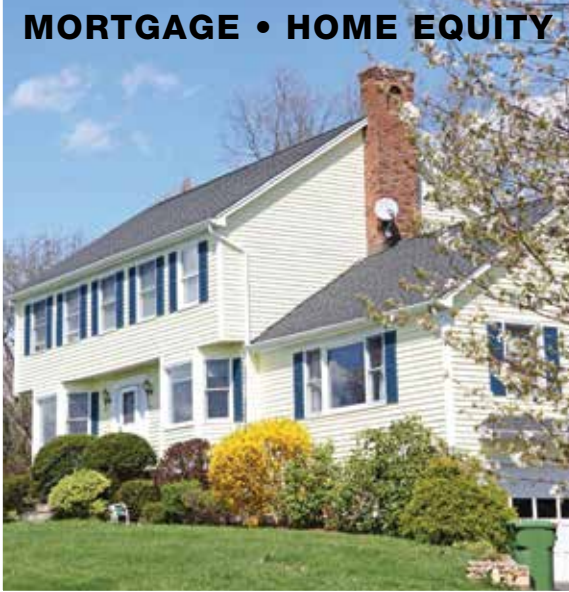


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