

Youth Caring for Community



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Senior Services Information

A Directory of Local and State Services Available to Senior Residents.

Connecticut now requires residents to dial the 860 prefix for local calls.

EMERGENCY (Ambulance, Fire, Police)911
Poison Control Center 1-800-343-2722
Elderly Abuse Hotline 1-888-385-4225

Old Lyme Municipal Agent860-434-5334
Ombudsman for the Elderly of Old Lyme
ConnPACE-ConnMAP-Information and referral for all services for the elderly.

Estuary Council of Seniors860-388-1611
Nutrition, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Food Shopping, Reservations for Old Lyme Meal Site at 26 Town Woods Road.

Lymes’ Senior Center860-434-4127
Senior Clubs, Support Groups, Medicare and Income Tax Assistance, Safe Driver Education.

Transportation
EMOTS (Estuary Medical OutPatient Transportation) Handicapped equipped, give 24-hour notice, please860-388-1611
FISH (Friends In Service Here)860-388-2693
American Cancer Society860-447-1478

Old Lyme Social Services ...860-434-1605, x237
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Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Assoc....860-434-7808
Blood pressure, flu and pneumonia clinics, home visits, hearing tests, blood screening.
Office Hours: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. M&W,
Noon – 1 p.m. T, Th & F
24 hours860-434-9003

Valley Shore Community Health Center
Dental Services, Health Services, Medical Exams, Healthy Start, Counseling,
Fees on Sliding Scale860-388-4433

Hospitals and Clinics
Charter Oak Walk-Ins (Flanders)860-739-6953
Lawrence & Memorial860-442-0711
Middlesex Memorial Hospital 1-800-664-5031
Middlesex Memorial Clinic860-767-3750
Hospice S.E. Conn.860-848-5699

Interim Healthcare860-434-9003

Churches
Saint Ann’s Episcopal860-434-1621
First Congregational860-434-8686
Christ the King, Catholic860-434-1669

Elderly Housing
Lymewood
(Elderly Housing, Handicapped units) ..860-434-2120
Ryefield Manor (J&F Co.)860-739-9251
Home Share860-442-4319
CT partnership for Long-Term Care 1-800-547-3443

INFOLINE 211
Information and Referral, Crisis Counseling, Advocacy

Medicare Carrier 1-800-982-6819

Medicare, Center for Medicare
Advocacy 1-800-262-4414
LAMP (Legal Aid to Medicare Patients) 1-800-413-7796

Social Security
All aspects 860-443-8455/1-800-772-1213

Tax Relief 860-434-1605, x219
Social Services Info. & Referral ... 1-800-443-9946

State of Connecticut
Governor’s Information 1-800-406-1527
State Assistance for the Blind 1-800-842-4510
Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (TTY/Voice) 1-800-708-6796
(TTY/Voice) 1-860-231-8756
Handicapped Rights 1-800-842-7303
Veterans’ Services 1-800-827-1000

Volunteer Opportunities
American Cancer Society860-447-1478
American Red Cross860-447-3248
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging ..860-887-3561
Estuary Council of Seniors
(includes AARP Tax Aide)860-388-1611
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital860-442-0711
Literacy Volunteers860-399-5428
Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau860-434-7208
Middlesex Memorial Hospital860-344-6000
OL/PGN Library860-434-1684
RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteers) .. 1-860-347-0236
Salvation Army860-443-6409
School Volunteers*Call individual schools*
SCORE (Senior Corps of Retired Executives)860-388-9508
Women’s Exchange860-434-7290

Resident Beach Passes

During summer months, use of the town parking facilities at Hains Park/Rogers Lake, White Sands, and Sound View requires a sticker. This may be obtained from the Selectmen’s office during regular office hours. A nominal fee is charged.

Single Stream Recycling

Old Lyme has converted to single stream recycling. Now residents can combine all recyclable materials (bottles, cans, **plastic containers #1-#7**, newsprint, magazines, household paper, cardboard—more items than in the past) together in one container. We no longer need to separate items. Please refer to the list sent to each household or the town website for more specifics.

You must use the green single stream container! Recycling is picked up every other week by Shoreline Sanitation. Please consult the schedule on the town website: *www.oldlyme-ct.gov*

Town Landfill

Use of the landfill on Four Mile River Road requires a sticker, which may be obtained free of charge from the Selectmen’s office during regular office hours. Special fees are charged for truckloads of stumps, boulders, and brush. Fees are also charged for appliances containing freon, carpets, upholstered furniture, box springs and mattresses, and tires. Hours are: Tuesday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:45 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Library

The Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, is open Monday and Wednesday 10-7, Tuesday and Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-4 (October to May.) From June to September the library is open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only. The library is closed on Sundays until further notice and on legal holidays. The phone number is 860-434-1684.

Visiting Nurse

Lymes’ Senior Center, Town Woods Road
Telephone 860-434-7808

Around-the-clock assistance is available seven days a week from the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association. Linda Camerra is available there from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, noon – 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

COVER PHOTOS

Front Cover:

Daisy Troop 63121 cleans around the LYSB building as thanks for their meeting space;

Sunday-school students at First Congregational Church make soup for the home-bound

as part of the God’s Neighborhood program.

Back Cover, left to right from top:

Amy Lee (back left) and participants in the “Run Like A Girl!” program Lee started before a 5K run;

Scouts from Troop 63184 flank Animal Control Officer Lynn Philemon at the Old Lyme Shelter. The scouts delivered donations of cat food and toys on the 100th anniversary of Juliette Gordon Low registering the first girl scouts to honor Low’s love of animals. Scouts (left to right): Rose Datum, Rachel Hayward, Lexi Duddy, (Philemon), Caeli Rice, Natalie Rugg, Marissa Smith, and Skyelar Shaw; Teacher/advisor John McGannon directs Tom Crisp, Kaylyn Wiese, and Kathryn Fanelli (standing) in signing urgent-action letters to leaders of countries suspected of human rights violations;

Scouts of Troop 60608 stand on the truck that will carry 600 pounds of collected food to the Old Lyme Food Pantry;

(left to right) Katie Reid, Leah Neithamer, Lilah McAndrew (dressed as a Do-Si-Do cookie), Britney DeRoehn, Ann Cote, and Catey Battalino;

The Community Service Club at Lyme-Old Lyme High School;

Volunteer CCD teacher Lauren Dickey and Pastoral Associate Louise Young stand before 100 pies donated by Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School CCD students of Christ the King Church for donation to the Norwich and New London soup kitchens for Thanksgiving;

Members of LYSB’s Youth Advisory Council help Old Lyme police “Stuff A Cruiser” for a holiday food drive (left to right): Noel Brown, Meredith Britton, Rande Gearing, Officer Sal Milardo, Cooper Kotzan, Holly Fiscus, Officer Thomas Heinssen, and Mae Lucey;

Polar-Cub Plunge is an annual fundraiser via pledges for the Youth Advisory Council Scholarship Fund. They raise funds all year for this scholarship awarded to graduating seniors who have shown an exceptional commitment to community service.

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*Left: Ingredients at the ready for Girl Scout Troop 60608 to make pies for the Old Lyme Food Pantry
Below left: A few moms join the effort as Girl Scout Troop 60608 made pies for the Old Lyme Food Pantry
Below right: That's ONE apple that didn't make it into a pie, thanks to Emily O'Brien!*



Girl Scout Troop 60608 with their finished pies for the Old Lyme Food Pantry: Sadie Rubitski, Abbey O'Brien, Danielle McCarthy, Katie Reid, Sarah Hayward, Caroline Sagristano, Brynn McGlinchey, Emily O'Brien, Tessa Allan, Melia Tyrol, Kendall Antoniac, Ann Cote, Lilah McAndrew, Britney DeRoehn, Kate Hickie, Mackenzie Blue, Kellie Sablone, Catey Battalino, Lily Cox



Students of all ages in the God's Neighborhood Sunday-school program of First Congregational Church make puppets for an orphanage in Mexico.

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Introduction

Youth Caring for Community

Old Lyme has several brick-and-mortar institutions—our schools, our churches, and even a Youth Service Bureau—that help favorably influence our growing young people. Is a spirit of “volunteerism” being nourished in our youth? The results do not disappoint. Our town’s children—from pre-kindergarteners and Daisy Scouts to high-school seniors and young residents in their twenties -- reach out to help the our community and our GLOBAL community in many ways. A spirit of altruism is alive and well in Old Lyme, and it starts at a very young age.

Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau offers playgroups and special-interest groups for all ages starting with infants, encouraging social and social-emotional development— along with expectant parents, so a good influence may begin in utero. But groups that include opportunities for community service are, for the most part, for middle and high schoolers.

“Operation LOL” is a program also recognized by First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder in her introductory report. Fifteen students from the middle and high school meet monthly with a minimum of four Old Lyme police officers trained in “Effective Police Interactions with Youth.” While many of the activities are social, one field trip is to a ROPES course, and part of their time is spent “planning and conducting a community service project.”

Any Lyme-Old Lyme students of high-school age can join the popular Youth Advisory Council (YAC), a community service organization that meets weekly. Its annual activities include sponsoring dances and events for high schoolers, adopting local families in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the Polar-Cub Plunge fundraiser! Throughout the year, this group raises funds for the Youth Advisory Council Scholarship, awarded to graduating seniors who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service. As LYSB Director Mary Seidner points out, “The interesting thing about the YAC Scholarship is that ALL the funds are raised BY kids FOR kids. I do not think any of the other scholarships (and there are soooo many) can make that claim.”

High-school-age students can join LYSB’s prevention drama troupe, Acting Up! These students make a difference and are valued members of the community. Through comedy, music, and audience interaction, they “positively influence the lives of middle- and elementary-school students.” These student actors work with professional actors to write and perform sketches for younger students about problems they are facing or will face in the near future, such as peer pressure, drugs, tobacco, underage drinking, bullying, teasing, and eating disorders. By explaining consequences of the actions the younger students may take, they hope to lessen problems and bad situations in their futures.

In March 2012, LYSB hosted “Run Like A Girl,” the inspiration of then-Lyme-Old Lyme High School senior Amy Lee, a runner and Girl Scout working toward her Gold Award. Lee developed a running program appropriate for girls ages eight to eighteen that would help empower them “during emotional, physical, and social development points in their lives,” resulting in more confident young women. The program culminated in actually running a local 5K. While Lee is now a college freshman in Tennessee, it is hoped that the program will continue under other motivated leaders.

A scout helping a woman cross a busy street is classic. And here in Old Lyme, Girl Scouts at several levels seem to fit that stereotype very well; after all, the third Girl Scout rule is, “A Girl Scout’s duty is to be useful and to help others.” Scout Leader Beth Cote reports that Troop 60608 of junior scouts has focused on the needs of the community and doing good for two years, with the lucky recipients including both people and pets. The troop, whose numbers fluctuate from sixteen to about twenty-five, provide pies for the Old Lyme Food Panty, which gives clients a turkey and a delicious pie for Thanksgiving – last year the girls donated thirty-nine pies, but this year sixteen eager bakers produced sixty pies, with the help of co-leader Donna Battalino. Scouts in Troop 63184 under leader Jen Datum were busy wrapping food pantry distribution gifts. These scouts were “constantly busy—the

food pantry director would call and say, ‘I need girls!’” As Christmas nears, the scouts turn their skills to sewing and produce stockings for children on the LYSB “Wants and Needs” lists, using a simple “Martha Stuart” pattern.

Scouts from Troop 63184 collected cat food for shelters and delivered it, along with toys, to the Old Lyme Shelter, taking some time to meet and greet the cats. Troop 60608 ended up donating to the shelter as well; they set out to make fleece blankets for seniors with cut-and-tied edges, but the blankets turned out small... too small for seniors, but just right to be crate blankets for shelter pets waiting for their forever homes! And after all, the sixth Girl Scout Law is, “A Girl Scout is a friend to animals,” and the ninth is, “A Girl Scout is thrifty.”

Even though Mile Creek School serves a very young student population (Old Lyme students ages three to eight, or grades pre-K through second), Principal Patricia H. Downes responded, “We feel we have been successful in developing an understanding of some very grown-up concepts in civic responsibility through our Character Education curriculum. In an effort to provide our little ones with real-life lessons in kindness and compassion for others, we hold an annual collection of food and nonperishable items to donate to the Shoreline Food Pantry. This year, we will also be collecting pet items and food to support the Old Lyme Animal Shelter’s effort to support Lyme-Old Lyme residents hit hard by the hurricane. In years past, we have collected new socks; mittens; and hats and coats for area women’s shelters. We feel that service projects like these reinforce our civic responsibility to our community” and “underscore the importance of being a good citizen of the world.

“Additionally, Mile Creek School has a tradition of students honoring veterans by students writing letters and making cards to send to military servicemen serving in Afghanistan. We also send cards of appreciation to the CT Veterans’ Home in Rocky Hill.” In addition, Mile Creek School second graders participate in a ceremony near Memorial Day to honor veterans buried in a small cemetery adjacent to the school. A re-enactor attends dressed in Civil War garb, a student reads “In Flander’s

Field,” and the students plant daffodil bulbs on veteran’s graves, a project now funded in part by American Legion Post 41 Lyme. Veterans of all ages, family members, and townspeople alike appreciate this tribute to historic veterans and the fact that students so young are being taught these respectful gestures.

At Center School (Old Lyme students in grades three through five), Principal Ellen Tyler explains that the major group involved with community service is the “Care and Share Committee,” a subcommittee of the Student Council. These parent-run monthly meetings are open to all students, and those who are on the student council report and get the word out to the whole school about upcoming projects. Approximately thirty to forty students attend the meetings, which are held before school. The students select one project per month, with the parent advisors helping them to plan out the whole year. There are often guest speakers, such as locals involved with fund raising for Haiti, so the scope of “caring and sharing” is both local, such as sending Valentines to local veterans or collecting socks for shelters, and broader to the international range—the school also collected supplies and small gifts to send to a father of two students serving in Afghanistan, with the hope that they would collect enough items to supply the whole company and show what wonderful students make up Center School.

The broader organization, Center School’s Student Council, also considers who to help within the community, be it their school community or larger. Recently the students organized an assembly to entertain and recognize and thank the teachers; they held a “cookie swap” and each teacher got a small plate of cookies, and bus drivers and the crossing guard got coffee shop gift certificates.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School has a well-attended Community Service Club started by now-retired history teacher Roger Haynes. At one recent before-school meeting there were about twenty-five students in attendance, which seemed huge, but advisor teachers Katia Kingston and Michael Dombrowski say usually every chair is full, with standees. They sold Yankee Candles to fund the student fee for Kiwanas dues. Through that organization they sponsor a twelve-year-

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old boy from South America; they correspond with him and send him birthday presents. Many members are drawing simple pictures with a winter theme to assemble to make a children's coloring book. Copies of these will go to children's hospitals. This project is supported by the local Lions club, with Jack Oliver donating the paper. The Community Service Club has a close connection with the Lions, with members participating in many of their projects – the car show, and pizza delivery related to the Lions' vision program. The school holds food drives, with a box in each home room to collect canned goods and nonperishables. They have held a sock drive for the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. Many have run a half marathon together for cancer.

At the high-school level, students join Amnesty International to give help as citizens of the world. Advisor John McGannon explains that they work every year with the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme to combine with them on some initiatives. (The group tried setting up a table at basketball games but gets a better response at church.) Reverend Becky Crosby showcased Amnesty International's "Global Write-A-Thon" during which "Amnesty International highlights ten cases from around the world, then groups from around the world focus e-mails, texts, and handwritten letters, with Amnesty International providing the specific wording of letters to sign. McGannon's group, on one particular day, was signing letters that would go to nine countries. Letters may be in defense of human rights, safe and legal abortions, education for women, journalists jailed for writing against the government, women threatened by military forces. Identical letters go from these groups in Old Lyme as well as from hundreds of others to dictators, presidents, ministers of the interior, and leaders who KNOW the spotlight is on them. "Amnesty International is very respected even by groups they oppose," explains McGannon. If they can get thirty-five to forty people signing the letters for each of ten cases, that's 400 letters. One envelope per country is mailed, and they put collection jars around, hopefully to collect about thirty dollars for postage.

At Lyme-Old Lyme High School, some academic classes rather than specific clubs pitch

in to do good as well. Spanish III, for example, studied a unit about social service and giving back to the community. Last year all three Spanish III classes worked with Lymes' Youth Service Bureau; each class adopted a local family for the holidays, with each family member providing a wish list of five or six items. Students raised money for general gift cards through a bottle drive.

Churches are another logical source of good works. All CCD students (that translates as "Catholic Christian Doctrine") in the lower grades at Christ the King Church bring in donations before the holidays for Madonna Place in Norwich, an agency and center dedicated to strengthening families and preventing child abuse. Middle-school student students make pies for the Middletown and Norwich soup kitchens—this year they made sixty themselves, then bought, baked, and donated another forty so they could provide an even one hundred pies. There is also a community service requirement of Confirmation candidates, who are usually tenth graders. Many of these students volunteer in the soup kitchens.

Young people of St. Ann's Episcopal Church of Old Lyme have a close affiliation with "Loaves and Fishes," a food pantry and clothing closet that is an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. James of New Haven,



St. Ann's Youth Group participates in an outside Eucharist at Chapel on the Green at Trinity Church, New Haven, where there is outside Eucharist every Sunday regardless of weather followed by lunch for all present.

offering “hope in a bag every Saturday morning” at 57 Olive Street in New Haven. In the past, they have also been involved with Chapel on the Green, run by Trinity Episcopal Church of New Haven, which conducts a Holy Eucharist service on the New Haven Green behind Trinity Church every Sunday at 2 p.m., no matter what the weather, and then offers a meal or bagged lunches to all in need.

Since 2005, the young communicants of St. Ann’s also have the opportunity to volunteer at a summer camp in San Pedro, Dominican Republic, where they have painted a clinic and worked in a camp for sugar cane workers and people who fled Haiti for the Dominican Republic. With donations they have helped build a school there and have supplied books, Frisbees, and soccer balls!

The Sunday-School program of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme is called “God’s Neighborhood” and asks, “Who is your neighbor?” Children are taught that the answer is “everyone” and how to apply that to people in need. Close to home, this includes cookies and cards delivered to elderly, home-bound, and physically challenged parishioners. Students in the pre-kindergarten through grade eight levels (that’s currently 336 children) collect supplies such as toiletries and socks for the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London. On Valentines Day they will send these with a card in seventy to eighty zip-lock bags so everyone gets something. Sunday-school children in the program have also made little blankets for Myanmar (formerly Burma) refugees in New London. They make and send care packages for soldiers and make puppets to send to an orphanage in Mexico. They make and fill pencil cases for Palestine, Haiti, and Darfur—these are long felt cases with a point that slips into a slot. The students fill with pencils and erasers.

The Senior Pilgrim Fellowship of the First Congregational Church, under Allison Hine, makes a “Midnight Run” every winter into New York City. This is not a local term but a consortium of groups scheduled to bring food, clothing, and toiletries to designated areas. (See www.midnightrun.org.) Old Lyme sends a few vans that leave about 8 p.m. and return about 3 a.m. They bring meals and clothing—often

coats—to their assigned area in hopes of making a little difference to folks living on the street.

Kendall Perkins, Director of the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship (middle school), described another volunteer project that engages youth of the church, pre-kindergarten through the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship – the Heifer Reading Project, also known as “Read to Feed.” Young readers are sponsored a certain amount per book they read at home or at school. They collect this money at home, and in May, animals are sent to developing countries as a source of food, meat, and sometimes clothing fiber and as a way to help people sustain themselves. Every class in the Sunday-school program aims for a certain animal, how much they will need to get that animal, and where it goes. Animals range from nests of ducklings and chicks, bees, fish, rabbits, and geese to goats, sheep, llamas, camels, water buffalo, and, of course, heifers. (Read about the program at www.heifer.org.) The older students are sometimes paired with younger ones as “reading buddies” for this exciting project that certainly drives home the fact that we are ALL neighbors.

Local resident Noah Christiano, a student at a private high school, has developed a website to facilitate finding local volunteer opportunities. Called the “Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection,” it can be accessed at volunteer.truist.com. While available volunteer opportunities are ever changing, it currently shows fifty-four opportunities with fourteen agencies and is constantly being updated – there have been twenty-eight updated listings in the last month. Potential volunteers can select an issue or interest from a pull-down listing of twenty categories and specify the time period in which they want to volunteer. Those who register can have their interests saved for future searches and can receive automatic email updates of new opportunities or those that match their interests. This site can also be accessed from the towns website, www.oldlyme-ct.gov, under “Important Links.”

Michele Dickey
Editor

Selectman's Report

Bonnie Reemsnyder
First Selectwoman

Thanks to the efforts of the Harbor Management Commission, a **\$200,000 DOT Grant** was awarded to Old Lyme for a **Dredging Study of the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers**. This will allow the town to determine the need, feasibility, and impact of dredging, as well as start the permitting process. Hopefully, there will be funds left over to help with the cost of the actual dredging, which will likely be a long-term process.

In addition to the Dredging Study grant, the Town of Old Lyme received payment of the **\$200,000 Culture and Tourism Grant** that was part of the Town Hall Expansion Project. The payment had been held up due to the litigation with the contractor of the project, but due to the very dedicated work of the Selectman's Office staff, a check was finally cut and received. Thank you to the staff for working so hard to secure the payment of the grant.

As usual, the **Midsummer Festival** was held on the last weekend of July 2011. Through the efforts of a diligent committee, it was again a success, especially as the Festival expanded to include the Village Shops at the south end of Lyme Street. Due to the high-school renovation project, the town was not able to sponsor the annual fire works display on Saturday evening, and many expressed their disappointment at their absence. We hope to have the traditional display return once the high-school project is completed. Many thanks to the committee members who worked so hard to make another successful Midsummer Festival.

In August 2011, the Town of Old Lyme entered into an agreement with the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) to continue to take our solid waste after the expiration of the current contract in November of 2012. CRRA has been our provider for many years, and after reviewing other options, the BOS voted to continue with CRRA. Because the capital expenses of the initial construction of the facility are now paid off, the cost per ton is actually reduced, from \$69 per ton to a cost not to exceed \$61 per ton. CRRA has a mid-state facility that processes solid waste from municipalities and various other sources into electricity. They then sell their power, hopefully

at a profit. With the new sources of natural gas, the price that CRRA gets for their electricity has gone down substantially. We all hope that this changes in the future so that we can know that our solid waste is recycled, rather than trucked to out-of-state landfills (which is what will happen if prices are too low for too long). Speaking of recycling, with our first full year of single-stream recycling, reports indicate that the community of Old Lyme has continuously increased the amount of recycling going into our green containers. And now your unwanted electronics can be recycled at any time by bringing them to the transfer station – at no cost. It is excellent to see the effort of so many residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Go Old Lyme

While we did not get the **STEAP grant** for our **Rogers Lake Boathouse project**, we have not given up. We have again applied in this round of STEAP grant awards for the Boathouse project, and are hopeful that the State of Connecticut sees the wisdom in supporting this project. It is amazing to see the number of students and residents of Old Lyme who take part in the sport of rowing at Rogers Lake. During a regatta, Hains Park is packed to overflowing, and the activity on the lake is at an all-time high. It would be wonderful if the boathouse could be expanded to meet the increased demand of this activity. Wish us luck, as we wait to hear if we are awarded the grant.

During the summer, our population in Old Lyme grows substantially, and this means increased traffic, both on roads and the waterways. Patrolling these areas is a high priority for the safety of our citizens and visitors. You may have noticed a new (yet old) boat on the waterways at Sound View. Through the efforts of our Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works, the old **Police Boat** has been refurbished and put back into service. Though its days are numbered due to old age, it has been a great resource in keeping dangerous boat activity to a minimum. As a community that is bordered on one side by Long Island Sound and another by the Connecticut River, it is comforting to know that our Public Safety officials can provide this safety on the water as well as the land. We thank the officers who take the time to get out there on

the water and let their presence be known.

Sadly, Bea McLean, who served as Town Treasurer for fifty-one years, passed away peacefully in July 2011. Bea began her career as Town Treasurer in 1956 and was honored for her fifty years of service at a gathering in her honor in July 2006.

What began as a fairly mundane Summer of 2011 ended with havoc as **Hurricane Irene** made landfall as a Tropical Storm in Connecticut on August 29. Old Lyme did not go unscathed, but we were very lucky in comparison to our coastline neighbors to the west. Our emergency management team was activated, and thanks to numerous organized volunteers, we provided assistance to our citizens with special needs, collaborated with East Lyme on a regional shelter, and provided respite care at our Senior Center on Town Woods Road. Some residents were without power for up to a week, but they took it in stride, with patience and grace. After the event, we reviewed our response so we could best prepare for future storms, and Old Lyme was thankful that Storm Alfred passed us by with little consequence. We will save our expertise for the next big storm! On a positive note, the storm resulted in increased tree trimming by CL&P throughout our community and the state.

The **Duck River Culvert project** was completed on McCurdy Road, which included inserting a "stint" inside the pipe (a smaller diameter pipe within the existing pipe) that allows the Duck River to flow under McCurdy Road. The pipe had been slowly deteriorating and was in dire need of attention. This project was successful and saved a tremendous amount of money and inconvenience because we avoided the need to close the road in order to remove the old pipe and replace with new.

The Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library held a dedication ceremony on October 2, 2011 to name the children's room the **Constance & William Pike Children's Room**. Their children, Bill and Adele Pike, were on hand for the ceremony, along with many people whose lives were touched by Bill and Connie Pike. Both were dedicated philanthropists who quietly supported many organizations in the community. Connie Pike could often be found in the Book Cellar, supporting the Friends of PGN, and always

helped people see the prudence of supporting all of our community organizations. Both will be forever remembered in our community, and it is fitting that their names grace the Children's Room.

After fourteen years as First Selectman of Old Lyme, First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold became a regular citizen in November 2011. In addition to his many years as the Chief Elected Official of the town, Tim also served on the Board of Finance for fifteen years, ten as chairman. During his tenure, we saw the expansion and renovation of Memorial Town Hall, the implementation of Single Stream Recycling, the construction of the Senior Center, and development of the Town Woods Recreational Fields, as well as the relocation and construction of the Bus Barn Facility. In addition, granite curbing was installed on Lyme Street from the Lyme Academy College to Church Corner. His twenty-nine years of service to Old Lyme has been very much appreciated. Of course, Tim did not get to go out quietly, as in August of his last year as First Selectman, he had to respond to the emergency that was Tropical Storm Irene. We all extend our deep gratitude for his years of service to Old Lyme, and we are happy to have him continue to serve as Chair of the Rogers Lake Dam Repair Project Committee, which we expect to be completed in the summer of 2013. Thank you, Tim, for your years of service from a grateful community.

On November 22, the first woman majority Board of Selectmen was seated, as I took office as First Selectwoman, along with **Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal** and **Selectman Skip Sibley**. It did not take long for the new board to get down to business. Throughout the remainder of the fiscal year, the board successfully worked together to address the business of the town. Both have been active and supportive of the work to be done; I congratulate them and thank them for all the extra time and diligent thought that they put in to this important work.

At a Special Town Meeting on December 5, the town approved an expenditure of \$150,000 for **the purchase of two new fire engines**. Because the town has put aside funds over several years for this purchase, most of the nearly \$900,000 cost was already approved and available. Due to

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new requirements on fire trucks built, the cost was slightly higher than anticipated. The trucks were ordered in December and scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2012.

Through the winter of 2011-2012, there were two committees formed by the Board of Selectmen, the **Snow Plow Committee** and the **Anti-Blight Committee**. The **Snow Plow Committee** was formed to make a recommendation to the board regarding the plowing of private roads by the town. For years, many of the private beach roads have been plowed as a favor. After a brutal winter of heavy snow, some residents were concerned that the plowing did not meet safe standards, which resulted in questioning the plowing of some private roads and not others. After many meetings of the committee, where they looked at the policies of many other towns, the committee recommended that the Town of Old Lyme plow all private roads where an association makes a request for plowing. The Board of Selectmen felt that the added plowing would result in a major cost increase, as additional staff would be needed as well as equipment. The Board of Selectmen ultimately voted to cease plowing of any private roads, including the beach areas, and should adopt a Snow Plowing Policy that would articulate how plowing is handled in Old Lyme and could be published on the town website. In addition, an **Anti-Blight Committee** met several times to look at the issue of blight in our community and make a recommendation as to whether or not a new ordinance should be adopted. Their recommendation will be made in the future.

In July of 2011, the **Connecticut River Valley Chief Elected Officials (CRVCEO)**, which includes seventeen towns – nine from our CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) and eight from the Mid-State Regional Planning Agency (MRPA) – voted to form the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (COG). To finalize this vote, each of the seventeen towns would be required to ratify this vote at a town meeting, and upon the ratification of at least eleven towns, the COG would be formed. On April 23, 2012, at a Special Town Meeting held in the Meeting Hall of Town Hall, Old Lyme became the eleventh town to ratify the vote, and the COG was formed.

Eventually, the remaining six towns ratified the vote as well, and we now belong to the **River COG**. The two Regional Planning Agencies will now merge into the one Council of Governments to serve the towns from Cromwell, Middletown and Portland to our north, to Clinton, Durham and Middlefield to our east. We anticipate that services will continue to be excellent, though some changes may be experienced as the Chief Elected Officials of each municipality decide on the mission and services of the River COG.

In its first full fiscal year of operation, the **Sound View Commission** has been active, making recommendations for Sound View improvements. For some time, the idea of a park at the end of Hartford Avenue has been discussed, and the commission worked with BSC Group Engineering firm to develop a design. After reviewing three options, the commission recommended an option that would allow for a park, composting restrooms, some reduced parking within the town lot, and diagonal parking on the street. The Board of Selectmen approved the design, and an application was submitted for a DOT Enhancement Grant through the Regional Planning Agency. If approved, the grant will pay for 80 percent of the estimated \$660K cost of the improvements, which would also include kiosks for parking fees. While we have received positive feedback in support of the grant, we have not yet heard if the project is approved and funded. While waiting for approval, the Board of Selectmen endorsed paid, on-street parking for Hartford Avenue for the summer of 2012. In the past, parking on this street was free for two hours, which resulted in many parking tickets and safety issues. While it may not be an ideal solution, there was hope that it would increase safety on Hartford Avenue.

Through the efforts and training by Doug LoPresti and Colleen Atkinson, Old Lyme is now a **Heart Safe Community**. Nearly 90 percent of the staff in Town Hall are now trained in CPR and certified to use the newly installed AED (automated external defibrillator) machine. With so many staff members prepared to handle this type of emergency, Town Hall is a very safe place to be if you were to have a heart attack. In addition, other organizations have also installed AED units in their building.

The Town Woods Operating Committee (TWOC) has overseen the maintenance of Town Woods Fields through the use of standard, accepted field maintenance practices since they were built in 2005. This maintenance includes the use of synthetic fertilizer and pesticides. In light of the new law requiring school fields used by students in middle school or younger to be pesticide free, there was a push by several citizens to apply this law to Town Woods Fields. Because the fields are used by District students for school-sponsored sports, the Board of Selectmen felt that the fields should be maintained through the use of organic treatments. Through the generous guidance of Dr. Jerry Silbert of the Watershed Partnership, the fields have had no pesticide or insecticide applications throughout the spring and summer of 2012. All organic care experts warn that a transition from synthetic care to **organic field maintenance** may take as much as three years to establish a good root system that can resist insects and disease. Because of the high demand on the field, and a year without a good plan, the fields will need to be watched closely as we transition to this new maintenance. Hopefully, positive results will be noticed by the spring of 2013.

At the Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 21, 2012, the town voted to pass a **\$30,225,505 budget for FY 2013** (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013), which was an overall increase of \$861,907 over the previous budget. The General Government budget actually decreased by about \$28,000, as well as the Capital Budget by about \$36,000. This was due in part to the fact that the fire engines were funded by the Special Town Meeting in Dec. 2011, giving us some "time off" from pre-funding fire department equipment for a year. The increase in the budget was mostly due to debt service and enrollment adjustments with the Regional District #18 budget. The mill rate increase is .46 mills, going from 18.8 mills to 19.26 mills, or 2.45%. The good news that came this year was that in January 2012, the Towns of Old Lyme and Lyme went out to bid on the second \$14.5 million bond for the high school renovation project. Due to our excellent ratings, we were able to bond the second amount

at a very low rate of 2.53%. This was much lower than budgeted or expected, and will result in a total savings of millions of dollars over the life of the bonds.

March of 2012, *Connecticut Magazine* published their issue that highlighted the rating of "Small Towns in our State." We are proud to report that Old Lyme was rated #3 for small towns with a population of 6,500 to 10,000. The magazine rates towns on schools, crime, culture, jobs, and cost of living. Now we will work to become #1! Congratulations to Old Lyme.

The Old Lyme Police Department applied for a **Police and Youth Grant** that would allow them to work together with youth groups in Old Lyme. Upon hearing that they won the grant, they collaborated with Lymes' Youth Service Bureau to solicit interested young people to work together on projects with our police officers. The grant helped fund some equipment at LYSB as well as events such as trips for combined police and youth groups to a "Ropes" course and bowling. Having attended a "ping pong tournament" between the police and students, I learned a few things. For one, our police are excellent role models and when given the chance to develop ties to our youth, they rise to the occasion. There were a lot of laughs between adults and young people at the tournament. Secondly, it was confirmed that I am really, really bad at ping pong.

Finally, we said good-bye to **Marilyn Swaney**, who spent twenty-five years serving the Town of Old Lyme in our Health Department; we will miss her greatly but wish her well as she begins her much-deserved retirement. We also said good-bye to **Dr. Betty Osga**, Superintendent of Schools, who retired on June 30, 2012. She was greatly respected by all during her tenure as our school leader. Her steady leadership, professionalism, and passion for education in our district resulted in award-winning schools and excellence in education. We wish her well in her retirement, and while **she** may not miss the early mornings and late evenings the position demands, **we** will miss **her!** Thank you, Betty Osga, for all you gave to our district schools.

Elected Officials

	Term Expires
First Selectman , Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2011
First Selectman , Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)	Nov. 2013
Selectman , Skip Sibley (R).....	Nov. 2013
Selectwoman , Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)	Nov. 2011
Selectwoman , Mary Jo Nosal, (D).....	Nov. 2013
Town Clerk , Eileen Coffee (R).....	Jan. 2014
Town Treasurer , John Bysko (R).....	Nov. 2015
Tax Collector , Judith Tooker (R).....	Nov. 2015

Board of Finance

Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2015
Janet Sturges (R).....	Nov. 2013
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2013
David Woolley (D)	Nov. 2015
Wayne E. Devoe (D)	Nov. 2017
H. Perry Garvin III (R).....	Nov. 2017

Board of Finance Alternates

Judith Read (R)	Nov. 2011
J. David Kelsey (R).....	Nov. 2013
Anne Coburn (D)	Nov. 2013
Robert Jose (R).....	Nov. 2013

Board of Assessment Appeals

Jane E. Cable (D).....	Nov. 2011
Scott Chester (D)	Nov. 2015
Roderick M. White (R)	Nov. 2015
Robert W. Dunn (R).....	Nov. 2013

Planning Commission

Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2015
Robert P. McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2017
Stephen Martino (U).....	Nov. 2013
Steven Ross (R).....	Nov. 2014
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2016

Regional Board of Education

Jim Witkins, Chairman (R) Lyme.....	Dec. 2011
Alice Burbank (R)	Dec. 2011
Susan Fogliano (D)	Dec. 2011
Christopher Carter (R).....	Dec. 2011
Judy Read (R)	Dec. 2015
Russ A. Gomes, Jr., Chairman (R).....	Dec. 2013
Allison Hine (R)	Dec. 2013
Steven Cinami (R).....	Dec. 2013
Vicki Lanier (R).....	Dec. 2013
Beth Jones (D) Lyme.....	Dec. 2013

Elected Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Registrars of Voters	
Don Tapper (R).....	Jan. 2013
Sylvia Peterson (D).....	Jan. 2013
Zoning Commission	
Patrick Looney (D)	Nov. 2017
John Johnson, Vice Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2013
Thomas Risom (R).....	Nov. 2014
Jane Cable, Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2015
Jane Marsh (R).....	Nov. 2016
Zoning Commission Alternates	
Ted Kiritsis (R)	Jan. 2013
Joan Bozek (D)	Jan. 2013
Harland Frazier (U)	Jan. 2013
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Susanne M. Stutts, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2013
Judy McQuade (R).....	Nov. 2017
Arthur E. Sibley (R).....	Nov. 2014
Kip Kotzan (D).....	Nov. 2016
Joseph St. Germain (D).....	Nov. 2015
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	
Martha Rumskas (R).....	Nov. 2013
Richard J. Smith (U).....	Nov. 2013
Mary Stone (D).....	Nov. 2013

Appointed Officials

	Term Expires
Board of Assessment Appeals	
Roderick M. White (R)	Nov. 2015
Scott Chester (D)	Nov. 2015
Robert W. Dunn (R)	Nov. 2013
Comcast Cable Advisory Council	
Catherine Frank (R)	Jan. 2013
Tim Devlin (R)	Jan. 2013
Russ Gomes (BOE Appt., R)	June 2012
Commission on Aging	
Donald Tapper, Chairman (Municipal Agent for the Elderly)	(standing)
Linda Camarra (OLVNA)	(standing)
Frank Oliveira (R)	Jan. 2013
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R)	Jan. 2014
Patricia McCarthy (D)	(Resigned Dec. 2011) Jan. 2012
Cliff Johnson (R)	Jan. 2013
Neil Feinberg (U)	Jan. 2012
Sherry Meyer (Sr. Ctr. Dir.)	Ex Officio
Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency	
Jane R. Marsh, Representative (R)	Jan. 2014
Connecticut River Gateway Commission	
Peter Cable, Delegate (D)	July 2012
Conservation Commission	
George James (R)	Jan. 2015
Dave McCulloch	(Resigned Feb. 2012) Jan. 2014
Lauralyn Lewis (D)	Jan. 2015
Tom Sherer (D)	Jan. 2014
Michael Sullivan (D)	Jan. 2015
Susan Baehr (U)	Jan. 2013
Conservation Commission Alternates	
Linda Clough (D)	Jan. 2013
Maureen Plumleigh (U)	Jan. 2013
Susan Baehr (U)	Jan. 2012
Frank Finley (U)	Jan. 2013
Peter Cable/Suzanne Thompson	Ex Officio
Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District	
Roderick M. White (R)	Sept. 2012

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Economic Development Commission	
Robert Jose, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2016
Joseph Camean, Vice Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2013
Susan Howard Cihocki (R).....	Jan. 2014
Geraldine Foster (D).....	Jan. 2014
John Stratton (R).....	Jan. 2015
Frank Oliveira (R).....	Jan. 2015
Heather Gagnon (D).....	Jan. 2016
William O'Meara (R).....	Jan. 2017
David Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2012
Ethics Commission	
Robert A. Whitcomb, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2012
Michael P. O'Brien, Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2013
Brian Hautaniemi (D).....	Jan. 2013
Gloria Peduzzi, Secretary (D).....	Jan. 2014
Dwayne Basler (R).....	Jan. 2013
Robert Staab (R).....	Jan. 2014
Ethics Commission Alternates	
Laurie O'Brien.....	Jan. 2013
Patricia M. Trainor.....	Jan. 2013
Emergency Management Director	
David Roberge.....	Jan. 2013
Estuary Transit District	
John Forbis (D).....	Jan. 2013
Flood and Erosion Control Board	
Steve Ross (R).....	Jan. 2014
Gary Smith (R).....	Jan. 2014
Todd Machnik, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2014
Steve Martino (D).....	Jan. 2013
David Roberge.....	Ex Officio
Flood and Erosion Control Board Alternate	
Ellie Czarnowski (U).....	Jan. 2013
Harbor Management Commission	
Steve Ross, Chair (R).....	Jan. 2014
David Zita, Vice Chair (D).....	Jan. 2014
Charles Delinks (R).....	Jan. 2013
Robert Doyen (D).....	Jan. 2013
Jon Mittleman (R).....	(Resigned Mar. 2011) Jan. 2013
Michael Magee (R).....	Jan. 2014
Ned Farman (R).....	Jan. 2014
David Frederiks (R).....	Jan. 2016
William Harris (D).....	Jan. 2016
Harry Plaut (R).....	Jan. 2013
Michael Moran, Harbormaster.....	Ex-Officio
Michael Mackey, Deputy Harbormaster (U).....	Ex-Officio

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Harbor Management Commission Alternates

Robert Falaguerra (R) Jan. 2015

Historic District Commission

Kenneth Levin, Co-Chairman (U) Jan. 2015

James Bechtel, Co-Chairman (U) Jan. 2017

Barbara S. Traskos (R) Jan. 2013

Nina Peck (R) Jan. 2014

Thomas Keogh (R) Jan. 2016

Historic District Commission Alternates

John Forbis (D) Jan. 2013

Joanne DiCamillo (U) Jan. 2013

Janet Sturges (R) Jan. 2014

Inland Wetlands Commission

Janet Bechtel, Chairman (U) Jan. 2014

Sabine O'Donnell (U) Jan. 2014

David McCulloch (D) Jan. 2014

Lewis DiCamillo (R) Jan. 2015

Robert Linde (U) Jan. 2015

Evan Griswold (R) Jan. 2013

Linda Krulikowski (D) Jan. 2013

Inland Wetlands Hearing Panel

Thomas Risom (R) Jul. 2012

Robert DePianta (D) Jul. 2012

Thomas Degnan (U) Jul. 2012

Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors

Mary Miles, Chairman (D) Jul. 2014

Ruth Young (Lyme) Jun. 2012

William Paradis (Lyme) Jun. 2012

Dorothy McAndrew (R) Jul. 2013

Bonnie Reemsnyder (D) Jan. 2012

Donald Tapper, Municipal Agent for the Elderly (R) Jul. 2012

Doris Johnson (R) Jul. 2012

Ann Griffith (D) Jul. 2012

Susan Campbell (U) Jul. 2013

Doris Rand (D) Jul. 2013

Leonard Favalora (U) Sept. 2012

Open Space Commission

Diana Atwood Johnson, Chairman (R) Jan. 2014

Amanda Blair (D) Jan. 2013

Evan Griswold (R) Jan. 2014

George James (R) Jan. 2014

William Dunbar (R) Jan. 2015

Theodore Kiritsis (R) Jan. 2013

Peter Cable (D) Jan. 2013

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Open Space Commission Alternates	
Bruce Baratz (U).....	Jan. 2015
Teri Lewis (R)..... (Resigned Oct. 2011)	Jan. 2013
Marianne Gotfredson (R).....	Jan. 2014
Parks and Recreation Commission	
Glynn McAraw, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2014
Robert Dunn (R).....	Jan. 2014
Roger Zito (R).....	Jan. 2014
John Flower (U).....	Jan. 2015
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R).....	Jan. 2015
Missy Colburn (U).....	Jan. 2013
Tim Gavin (U).....	Jan. 2013
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director.....	Ex-Officio
Pension Committee	
Thomas Keogh, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2012
John Bysko (R).....	Jan. 2014
S.E. Canaday (R).....	Jan. 2012
Wayne Devoe, Board of Finance.....	Ex-Officio
Kathleen Hall, Employee Rep.....	Ex-Officio
Planning Commission Alternates	
Donald Willis (R).....	Jan. 2013
Todd Machnik (R).....	Jan. 2013
Regional Mental Health Board, Region II	
Kenneth Gladd (D).....	Jan. 2013
Rogers Lake Authority	
Tom Baehr (D).....	Jan. 2014
Robert Recor (U).....	Jan. 2015
Richard Smith (U).....	Jan. 2013
Shellfish Commission	
Mervin F. Roberts, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2015
David Redfield (R).....	Jan. 2014
John Seckla (U).....	Jan. 2015
Sound View Commission	
David Kelsey (R).....	Jan. 2015
Harry Plaut (R).....	Jan. 2013
Joanne Reis (D).....	Jan. 2013
Frank Pappalardo (R).....	Jan. 2014
Michaëlle Pearson (D).....	Jan. 2014
Sound View Commission Alternates	
Frank Maratta (R).....	Jan. 2013
Russ Carlo (R).....	Jan. 2013
Joseph Cemean (R).....	Jan. 2013
Town Counsel	
Marylin C. Clarke (D).....	Jan. 2012

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Tree Commission	
Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U)	Jan. 2014
Anne Bing (D)	Jan. 2013
Emily Griswold (R)	Jan. 2013
Geraldine Foster (R).....	Jan. 2014
Sheila Wertheimer (D).....	Jan. 2013
Joan Flynn, M.D., Alternate(U)	Jan. 2013
Tom Degnan, Tree Warden (U).....	Ex-Officio
Tree Warden	
Thomas Degnan (U).....	Jan. 2012
Water Pollution Control Authority	
Keith Czarnecki (D)	Jan. 2014
Luisa Grogan (D).....	Jan. 2013
Mervin Roberts (R).....	Jan. 2013
Aimee Eberly (R)	Resigned 5/31/12 Jan. 2015
George James (R).....	Jan. 2014
Dmitri Tolchinski, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2014
Roger Breunig (R)	Jan. 2013
David Redfield (R).....	Jan. 2015
Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates	
Angus McDonald(R)	Oct. 2011
Andrea Lombard (R).....	Jan. 2014
Water Pollution Control Authority Hearing Panel	
Robert DePianta (D).....	July 2012
Thomas Degnan (U).....	July 2012
Thomas Risom (R).....	July 2012

Resident State Trooper: TFC Gary Inglis

Town Police: Wayne Collins, William Flanagan, Thomas Heinsen, Martin Lane, Sal Milardo, Dominic Solari, Robert Tyson, William Zipadelli; Keri Zito, Part-Time Clerk

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Public Works Superintendent – Edward Adanti

Richard Campbell
 Vincent Doughty
 Lawrence Galbo

Richard Gocka
 Brian Lorentson
 Robert Perry
 Donald Ruddy

Donald Saunders
 Robert Swaney
 Robert Wanat

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: 1/5/2009-1/7/2013 *(Elected at caucus or through application)*

John Bysko (R)	Doris C. Johnson (R)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Mark C. Lander (D)	Ruth Dillon Roach (D)
Nancy L. Campbell (D)	Patricia M. McCarthy (D)	Mervin F. Roberts (R)
Irene A. Carnell (R)	Brendan P. McKeever (R)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
Christopher Carter (R)	Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)	Martha Rumskas (R)
Karen B. Conniff (D)	Frank Oliveira (R)	Frances C. Sadowski (R)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Jacqueline M. Opeka (R)	John D. Seckla (U)
Patrick J. Fitzgerald (U)	Gloria J. Pendleton (D)	Walter O. Seifert (R)
Jason C. Gagnon (U)	Earl J. Peters (D)	Michellée K. Speirs (U)
Verdina P. Ghirardi (D)	Lawrence I. Peterson (D)	Judith Tooker (R)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Daria M. Phelps (D)	Kurt J. Zemba (R)
Luisa Grogan (D)	Doris A. Recor (U)	

TOWN STAFF

Michele Hayes-Finn.....	Office Manager, Selectmen's Office
Catherine Frank	Administrative Assistant, Selectmen's Office
Ann Johnson, Toni O'Connor.....	Tax Clerks
Kathleen Hall.....	Administrative Assistant, Building Department
Maribeth Fraser.....	Administrative Assessment Technician
Doris Johnson	Financial Administrator
Kim Groves	Land Use Administrator
Marilyn Swaney.....	Administrative Assistant, Health Department
Kim Barrows	Administrative Assistant, Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator	Sherry Meyer
Animal Control Officer	Sandra Bannon-Rankin
Assessor.....	Walter E. Kent, Jr.
Assistant Building Official/Assistant Sanitarian	John Flower
Town Clerk.....	Eileen Coffee
Assistant Town Clerk	Vicki Urbowicz
Building Official.....	Ronald E. Rose
Director of Health	Vijay Sikand, M.D.
Director of Parks and Recreation	Donald Bugbee
Finance Director.....	Nicole Stajduhar
Fire Marshal	David Roberge
Probate Court Clerk	Lynn Campbell
Sanitarian	Ronald E. Rose
Social Services Coordinator/Senior Center Director	Sherry Meyer
Town Historian	John Pfeiffer
Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer	Ann Brown

Election Results – November 8, 2011

First Selectman

Democrat – Bonnie A. Reemsnyder, 1,412*

Republican – Timothy C. Griswold, 1,178

Selectman

Democrat – Mary Jo Nosal, 1,336*

Republican – Arthur E. Sibley, 1,224*

Town Treasurer

Republican – John A. Bysko, Sr., 1,632*

Tax Collector

Republican – Judith A. Tooker, 1,725*

Board of Finance

Democrat – Wayne E. Devoe, 1,448*

Republican – H. Perry Garvin III, 1,403*

Board of Finance Alternates

Democrat – Anne M. Coburn, 1,538*

Republican – Robert Walker Jose, 1,288*

Republican – J. David Kelsey, 1,495*

Board of Assessment Appeals

Democrat – Scott Chester, 1,353*

Republican – Roderick M. White, 1,078

Planning Commission

(5-Year Term Begins 2011)

Republican – Christopher W. Kerr, 1,573*

Planning Commission

(5-Year Term Begins 2012)

Democrat – Robert P. McCarthy, 1,641*

Zoning Commission

(5-Year Term Begins 2011)

Republican – Jane R. Marsh, 1,618*

Zoning Commission

(5-Year Term Begins 2012)

Democrat – Patrick Looney, 1,657*

Zoning Board of Appeals

(5-Year Term Begins 2011)

Democrat – Kip Kotzan, 1,705*

Zoning Board of Appeals

(5-Year Term Begins 2012)

Republican – Judy A. McQuade, 1,560*

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Democrat – Mary Stone, 1,524*

Republican – Martha Ann Rumskas, 1,176*

Write-In Candidate – Richard J. Smith, Sr., 14*

Regional Board of Education

Democrat – Paul Fuchs, 1,465*

Democrat – Michele G. Roche, 1,456*

Republican – David H. W. Griswold, 1,164

Republican – Judith A. Read, 1,318*

Republican – Albert Bretton Enman, 1,163

(* - Indicates elected)

Marriages July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

John Michael McTigue – Kathryn Michelle Immohr (Ledyard)	August 7, 2010
Keith Preston Meehan – Mariah Mary Jeffrey (Old Saybrook).....	July 1, 2011
Scott William Fulton – Adria Laurence Viscardi–Gellar	July 2, 2011
Michael Lee Cox – Susan L. Grecki	July 4, 2011
Alice Corporan – Maria Ivette Toro.....	July 16, 2011
Benjamin John Cordiano – Kristen Leigh Roy.....	July 23, 2011
Jeffrey Frank Mainetti – Dana Elizabeth Brinkman	July 23, 2011
Brendan Whitmore Yester – Christina Ann Marandino (South Windsor)	July 30, 2011
Jorge Luis Chaparro – Caroline Anne Walter	August 5, 2011
Daniel James Schildt – Caroline Anne Zito.....	August 6, 2011
Chris Wilhelm Bleeker – Rebecca Nieves (Old Saybrook)	August 7, 2011
Douglas James Hammel – Mary Ellen Theresa Barrett.....	August 13, 2011
Frank Thomas Pillarella, Jr. – Denise Ann Walsh	August 13, 2011
Oneal Kenneth Smith – Tracy Mary Pulver.....	August 13, 2011
Timothy W. Fredericksen – Cheryl Lynn Ruttly (Old Saybrook).....	August 13, 2011
Terrance Eugene Chamberlin – Stephanie Anne Harris	August 14, 2011
David McKell Hadly II – Elizabeth Bassett Ely.....	August 20, 2011
Brian Andrew Coon – Joyce Ann Clark (Winchester).....	August 24, 2011
John Joseph Miller – Nila Winona Williams.....	August 27, 2011
Justin Sebastian Krol – Nicole Madonna Goss (Portland)	August 27, 2011
Jeffrey Craig Leake – Catherine Ann Mirabilio	September 3, 2011
Nicholas Anthony DiRobbio – Francesca Helen Nixon (Orange)	September 3, 2011
Aaron Thomas Lyles – Samantha Naomi Weragoda	September 10, 2011
Duane Benjamin Yuhas – Karen Ann Saunders	September 10, 2011
Hector Babcock Migliacci – Kimberly Ann Novak	September 10, 2011
Norman Carter Angus – Natasha Saadat	September 10, 2011
Peter Warren Garvin – Martha Jefferson Colburn	September 10, 2011
Timothy Michael Schrader – Katrina Patricia Thorn	September 10, 2011
Robert Emmett Dean – Kathleen Hague Fritch.....	September 11, 2011
Alan David Pearson – Pamela Sue Brinkman.....	September 16, 2011
Earl Winfield Glazier III – Alexandra Page Thornber	September 17, 2011
Martin Joseph Gatto – Jessica Ann Sedita (Waterford)	September 17, 2011
William Leslie Dill – Deborah Joan Andreson	September 17, 2011
Ernest Jordan Freeman IV – Kate Elizabeth Markesky.....	September 24, 2011
Ryan Michael Savage – Rachael Marie Albert.....	September 24, 2011
William Herbst – Paula Elizabeth Doherty	September 24, 2011
Andrew Earle Green – Lauren Claire Medbery (Norwich)	September 24, 2011
Zachary Daniel Sousa – Gina Marie Disabella.....	September 30, 2011
Edward Stephen Lim – Joanna Furmonavicius	October 1, 2011
Barton Louis Bozzi – Barbara Irene Laime	October 8, 2011
Brian David Bush – Wendy Lou Robbins (Essex)	October 8, 2011
Mark Andrew Tyler – Ann Marie Montgomery.....	October 19, 2011
Bradley E. Nasiff – Melissa Ann Breen.....	October 21, 2011
Nicole Marie Chase – Wendy Gail Gaunt.....	October 22, 2011
Donald Samuel Quigley – Marguerite Anne d’Aprile–Smith	October 22, 2011
Timothy James Arpin – Brandy–Deanna McPherson	October 23, 2011
David Bruce Fitzpatrick – Amy Christine Holmes.....	October 31, 2011
Michael S. Haring – Stephanie G. Olander (Deep River).....	November 11, 2011
Eduardo Mills Dambolena – Joanna Alyse Gillia.....	November 12, 2011
Matthew Fowler – Nancy Jane Cintron	November 26, 2011

Marriages July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 (continued)

Michael David Johnson – Stacey Christine Mann.....	December 4, 2011
George Peter Beardsley – Miriam Ann Curtin	December 28, 2011
Richard B. Smith – Lynn M. Miserocchi (New Haven).....	January 7, 2012
Eric Lee Allen – Mary Alice Miller	February 18, 2012
Kevin David Vilcheck – Stacy Lee Popp (New London).....	March 31, 2012
Michael Patrick Johnson – Lisa Ann Rasmussen	April 1, 2012
Anthony Russell Cooke – Alicia Christine Shaw	April 4, 2012
Peter Joseph Trantino – Christine Elizabeth Milano	April 7, 2012
Clifford Alexander Neece – Morgan Michelle Smith	April 14, 2012
Earl Raymond Hunt III – Scott Franklin Beaver.....	April 24, 2012
Ryan Derek Lee – Melanie Beth Mauro (Sprague)	April 28, 2012
Matthew Jay Raider – Jean Marie O’Brien	May 12, 2012
Audra Leigh Gatts – Katherine Ellen Winterbottom	May 19, 2012
Raymond Joseph Stawski – Amber Clark Stolz.....	May 26, 2012
Paul Russell Dorothy III – Amber Lyn Eglise (Madison).....	May 26, 2012
Abran Joseph Smith – Kristin Lee Lester	June 2, 2012
Henry Francis Kozikowski – Michelle Nancy Ortyl.....	June 3, 2012
Michael Paul Iaia, Jr. – Kimberly Lynn Heilweil (East Lyme)	June 9, 2012
Richard Bruce Andrews – Marie Jo Francois (Deep River).....	June 15, 2012
Christopher Paul Garvin – Jessica Lynn Hetrick	June 16, 2012
Christian Loudon Coale – Jessica Lynn Britagna	June 16, 2012
Francis Lekie Vincent – Erin Michele Brady.....	June 16, 2012
Brent Ravaghn Lanterman – Susanne Marie Howarth	June 16, 2012
Vernon Joseph Sumara – Patricia Ann Cromarty.....	June 23, 2012
Stephen Robert Stern – Rebecca Stoesser Ely	June 23, 2012
Joshua R. LaMay – Kristin E. Malaro (Brooklyn)	June 23, 2012
Thomas Joseph Diascro, Jr. – Stephanie Ancillai	June 30, 2012
James Harrison Tatum – Barbara Miriana Pecirep	June 30, 2012
Daniel Patrick Driscoll – Lauren Danielle Meo (New London).....	June 30, 2012

Deaths July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Maureen T. Nelson (Essex)	January 7, 2011
Bernice Piersa (Essex)	July 8, 2011
Margaret M. Zipp (Niantic)	July 8, 2011
Filomena C. Dolce	July 18, 2011
Ruth Stanton Barrett (Chester)	July 22, 2011
John F. Collins (Branford)	July 24, 2011
Beatrice Fox McLean (Old Saybrook)	July 26, 2011
Corinne Eaton (New Haven)	August 1, 2011
Werneth Wilson Noyes	August 4, 2011
Robert L. Jones	August 12, 2011
Brian Mark Stomberg (Essex)	August 13, 2011
Richard C. Bugbee, Jr.	August 17, 2011
June Koelle Anderson (Middletown)	August 19, 2011
JoAnne P. Guerrera	August 25, 2011
Todd Blumenkopf (New London)	August 27, 2011
Burnham Carter, Jr.	August 29, 2011
George Washington Patterson VI (Essex)	August 29, 2011
Robert George McLean (Old Saybrook)	September 4, 2011
Charles D. Cook (Middletown)	September 4, 2011
Mary Bowman Symonds	September 12, 2011
Virginia C. Stewart (Old Saybrook)	September 14, 2011
Dominick Michael Melillo (New Haven)	September 24, 2011
Belton Allyn Copp IV	September 27, 2011
Richard George Willis	October 6, 2011
Marjorie E. Moon	October 11, 2011
Barbara Intagliata	October 26, 2011
Concetta Lombardo (New Britain)	October 31, 2011
Robert Claps (Essex)	November 3, 2011
Ruth E. Byrne (Lyme)	November 6, 2011
Sebastian Bartolotta	November 7, 2011
John Charles Noyes (New London)	November 7, 2011
Charles Herbert Larson	November 28, 2011
Walter Piersa	December 9, 2011
Donald E. Lougee (Niantic)	December 14, 2011
Joel E. Beason, Sr.	December 16, 2011
Millie C. Russo	December 21, 2011
Jonathan E. Glenn	December 21, 2011
Florence Carlson	December 28, 2011
Frank John Bocian, Sr. (Meriden)	January 1, 2012
Eric V. Fries (New Haven)	January 1, 2012
Nicholas F. Coco (Rocky Hill)	January 8, 2012
Lena S. Mann (East Lyme)	January 11, 2012
Patricia Ann O'Leary	January 12, 2012
Joseph R. Sapia	January 16, 2012
Elsie L. Palmes (Colchester)	January 16, 2012
Richard D. Hernandez (New London)	January 18, 2012
Elizabeth Clark Davy Ogle	January 25, 2012
Susan H. Christopher	February 15, 2012
Emily Nelson (East Lyme)	February 16, 2012
Thomas Patrick Maloney	February 26, 2012

Deaths July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 *(continued)*

Evelyn I. Umrysz (Middletown).....	February 29, 2012
Francesann J. Dickson	March 3, 2012
Nathan Mathewson Shippee	March 20, 2012
Esther Perkins Jackson (New Haven)	April 2, 2012
Deborah June Sikora (Hartford)	April 4, 2012
Marilyn A. Anderson (East Lyme)	April 30, 2012
Joachim Hans Muhlfriedel (Middletown)	May 1, 2012
Arlene Mae Dean (New London).....	May 3, 2012
Hilmar Bruno Ahnert.....	May 17, 2012
Marlene Linda Douglas (Waterford)	May 17, 2012
James R. Stanley (New London).....	May 21, 2012
Mary Jane Pierce Ibelle (Niantic)	May 22, 2012
Myron A. Robinson (New London).....	June 2, 2012
Bonnie Buratti (New London).....	June 5, 2012
Grace Hamilton (Chester).....	June 9, 2012
Salvatore Lacana	June 18, 2012
Harold A. Olson	June 25, 2012

American Legion Post 41 Lyme

William Appleby
Commander

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. Three months after the national organization's beginning, the Lyme Post was chartered by the town's veterans of the "war to end all wars" -- the first World War. Those same veterans built the Memorial Town Hall as a tribute to all of Old Lyme's veterans, and it houses our meeting room. Post 41 Lyme continues the legacy as the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continuing devotion to our fellow service members, veterans, and their families. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. Current members have participated in every campaign and war from World War II to the present Global War on Terrorism.

In keeping with its humble beginnings, Lyme Post is committed to both the town's youth, "Americanism," and sponsoring patriotic and educational programs. Weeks before Memorial Day, fifth-grade students from both Lyme and Old Lyme are hard at work writing essays called "What Memorial Day Means to Me"; winners of this competition get to put into practice their public speaking before the citizens of Old Lyme at the Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery event. The winners are also Honorary Parade Marshals and each receives an American flag flown over our nation's Capitol in their honor as well as other prizes. This year Bryann McGlinchey, Lilly Cox, and Sarah Hayward placed first, second, and third, respectively.

Since the inception of the Boy's State and Girl's State programs in the 1930s, nearly two million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local governments work. In Connecticut, this week-long seminar is held in the summer at Eastern CT State University in Windham. Many colleges look for Boy's State/Girl's State participation in high school transcripts, and this year Post 41 was honored to sponsor Tanja Malik to Girl's State and Samuel Stadnick to Boy's State.

For the first time this year, the Post sponsored a high-school junior to attend the American Legion State Police Week. This program allows juniors the opportunity to participate in a week of "Academy Life." Applicants, many of whom have already chosen a career in law enforcement, receive

classes in law enforcement, search & seizure, arrest techniques, motor vehicle statues, and criminal law, all in a "boot camp" environment at the State Academy in Meriden. The first recipient of the State Police Week was Georgia Male.

Yearly the Post awards a scholarship to a graduating high-school senior who plans a career in a medical-related field. Named in honor of a long-time Legionnaire and US Navy Veteran Helen Hill, this year's recipient was Hallie Hallman. Additionally, the Post grants an Americanism Award to a senior who embodies Americanism and Patriotism during his or her high-school career. This year's Americanism Award benefitted Mark Colburn.

Our newest student program subsidizes the costs of students planting daffodils in the fall near the grave markers of deceased veterans in a cemetery adjacent the Mile Creek School. In the spring, in the midst of their efforts, the students pay homage to many who have been interred in the cemetery, some dating back to the Civil War. In thirteen other cemeteries scattered throughout Lyme and Old Lyme, Legionnaires and Boy Scouts work side by side replacing the flags honoring military service of our towns' veterans.

The Post annually honors a member whose lifetime of service, hard work, and dedication gives him or her the status of Legionnaire of the Year. This year the honor went to Thomas E. Clements, Jr., a veteran of the US Army for nearly forty years, including service in WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and during the Cold War. Legionnaire Clements' biography also includes service in the Knights of Columbus, a volunteer for over thirteen years at the Retired Services Office at the Subase, Service Officer with Post 1467 VFW, and as the Senior Vice Commander of Post 41.

The Post welcomes local veterans from all conflicts. The Post holds its monthly business meetings in the American Legion Room of the Memorial Town Hall on Lyme Street on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (except August, December, and January); in November and April meetings are held at local restaurants, often have a guest speaker, and are open to Legionnaires and their spouses, families, or friends. Annual dues are \$30.00, and the Post waives the cost of membership to any Active-Duty or Deployed Service Member.

The Post's addresses are as follows: The American Legion, Post 41 Lyme, P. O. Box 982, Old Lyme, CT 06371; alpost41lyme@gmail.com, or (860) 662-0613.

Animal Control Department

Sandra J. Bannon

Animal Control Officer/Shelter Manager

This past year we have seen a decrease in animals housed at the shelter. We believe that the pet owners in town have been more vigilant about keeping their pets safe, as well as placing clear information and tags on their pets' collars. We do hope this continues. This year we housed a total of 99 dogs and cats at the shelter. Of these, 20 pets were returned to their owners, and 67 of these pets were adopted to new homes or transferred to rescues. Sadly, one was found deceased but none were euthanized this year. At the end of the fiscal year there were eleven animals still awaiting new homes at the shelter.

Our department investigated 238 complaints this fiscal year. Most of the complaints were roaming or nuisance animals. Only eight dog bites were reported this past year. We have seen an increase in wildlife-related calls. This department responds to domestic animal complaints and only deals with wildlife when there is a rabies concern or a public hazard. The fiscal year 2011-2012 we had several wild animals test positive for rabies. We must live with wildlife but there are a few things our residents can do to be more protected:

- Always make sure that your pets are vaccinated regularly for rabies.
- Close up any opening outside the home that wildlife may get in.
- Do not keep garbage in outside cans and keep compost piles as far away from the home as possible.

If you do end up with wild animals living in your attic, garage, or basement you will need to hire a nuisance control officer to remove these pests. A list of these professionals can be found on the D.E.E.P. website, or you may call our office for referrals. In some cases we may be able to help.

Our Animal Control Department consists of three part-time employees. We are "on-call" 24 hours, 7 days a week for emergencies. Most days we are at the shelter located on Machnik Drive between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We welcome visitors during these times. We currently have many wonderful dogs and cats for adoption. If you are looking for a new addition to your family, come visit us or check us out on both Petfinder.com and Facebook. We look forward to another year of keeping the residents of Old Lyme and their pets safe and healthy.

Assessor

Walter E. Kent, Jr., CCMA II

Assessor

Applications for the Board of Assessment Appeals process will be available in this office the end of January. Applications must be filled out and returned to the assessor's office in their entirety on or before February 20. The board meetings in March will be set at the end of January.

The Assessor's Office reminds residents of Elderly & Totally Disabled and Additional Veterans tax relief availability. Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Relief for Homeowners is available from February 15 through May 15. An

additional Veterans Exemption is also available for those who qualify for the above. To qualify, recipients must have reached the age of 65 or older by the end of the previous year or be totally disabled. Eligibility is also based on combined/single income limitations and length of home ownership. Applicants may not be receiving federal, state, county, or municipal financial subsidy or aid.

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

Board of Finance

Andy Russell
Chairman

The Old Lyme Board of Finance has continued to be very conservative when we develop our town budget. Since the majority of our tax income comes from homeowners' property tax, we are mindful of the fact that our residents are stretched financially.

We have felt the need to continue to maintain our assets. We have continued to have a responsible capital improvement plan. We have a schedule of replacement for our vehicles and roads. About 9% of our annual town budget was spent on capital items including investments in our roads, vehicle replacement and buildings.

The preliminary financial report for the 2012 FY year that ended on June 30, 2012 shows us that we collected more taxes than anticipated thanks to our tax payers and our tax collector, Judy Tooker. We also brought the expense side in under budget with the help of our finance director, Nicole Stajduhar, and department heads. We continue to strive to keep the recommended fund balance for us to maintain our strong bond rating between 10-15% of our total town budget including our share of Region 18's budget. As of June 30, 2012 we are in the middle of that range.

We have continued to maintain our infrastructure. We spent over \$220,000 on maintaining our roads, \$200,000 on our public works equipment, and \$260,000 on fire apparatus and other public safety equipment. We continued to fund our Land Fill Closure and Open Space accounts in the FY 2012 budget.

A special thanks need to go to board secretary Michele Hayes Finn and our town report editor, Michele Dickey.

Your Board of Finance spends hours developing the budget each year. Our prime budget season is from the end of January through budget approval in May. During this time we meet weekly as a group and individual members meet with department heads and associations to better understand their needs.

As Chairman of the Board of Finance I would like to thank our first selectman and town employees for their help with the budget process. I would also like to invite you to join us during the budget process. Our regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month and every Tuesday during February and March.



Members of Girl Scout Troop 60608 were awarded the Presidential Bronze Service award and also the Girl Scouts of CT Bronze Award. The 30 hours of community service required to earn the award was spent doing good deeds for the community of Old Lyme. Front Row: Catey Battalino, Kate Hickie, Brynn McGlinchey, Danielle McCarthy, Grace Gilbert

Back row: Beth Cote, Kendall Antoniac, Ann Cote, Sarah Hayward, Britney DeRoehn, Leah Neithamer, Lilah McAndrew, Kellie Sablone, Emily O'Brien, Donna Battalino

Building Department

Ron Rose

Building Official

Building Permits Issued

from 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012

21	Permits -	Accessory Building.....	\$724,173.00
37	Permits -	Additions.....	\$2,151,432.00
3	Permits -	Additions/Alterations	\$851,000.00
56	Permits -	Alterations	\$1,990,805.00
1	Permit -	Barn.....	\$82,500.00
8	Permits -	Demolition	\$1,000.00
219	Permits -	Electrical.....	\$446,669.00
9	Permits -	Foundation	\$1,993,458.00
3	Permits -	Garage	\$88,000.00
97	Permits -	Heating, A/C	\$701,261.00
6	Permits -	New Residence.....	\$100,000.00
1	Permit -	Office Building	\$0.00
195	Permits -	Plumbing.....	\$229,684.00
3	Permits -	Pool	\$110,700.00
131	Permits -	Repairs	\$2,892,519.00
10	Permits -	Replace Fuel Tank.....	\$7,300.00
8	Permit -	Satellite Antenna	\$433,798.00
6	Permits -	Security	\$16,216.00
7	Permits -	Temporary Structure.....	\$27,330.00
7	Permits -	Wood Stove	\$2,500.00

Total Cost of Permits Issued.....\$12,850,345.00

Total Number of Permits Issued..... 828

Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year \$125,431.00

Total Cost of Permits Issued.....\$12,850,345.00

The Board of Selectmen acknowledges **Diana Atwood Johnson** Advocate for the Environment and the Arts

Our community's support of the arts and the environment are traditions which set us apart from other small towns on the shoreline. No one represents that spirit of our community better than our 2011 Citizen of the Year, Diana Atwood Johnson.

Diana Atwood Johnson is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, where she has served as trustee for 30+ years and which she first served as Chair during the College's crucial accreditation period. Her leadership has cemented our College's reputation as a fine arts institution of the highest caliber, and we will soon see safe, monitored student housing on campus, thanks to Diana's initiative. She has received the President's Award from the College and a Distinguished Advocate for the Arts Award from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts.

A member of our Open Space Commission since 2000, Diana is the current Chair. Under her stewardship, the Town of Old Lyme has set aside one-half million acres of open space. She is also Chair of the State of Connecticut Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board. She serves on the Board of the Connecticut Trust for Public Land and served for 10 years on the Board of the

Connecticut Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Diana is also a member of the Connecticut Land Conservation Coalition, Old Lyme Land Trust, Connecticut Ornithological Association, Connecticut Audubon, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Her knowledge of open space and conservation issues has proven invaluable time and time again. Most recently, her firm grasp on both the history and the future of open space in Old Lyme resulted in a reimbursement to our Town of \$140,000.

Diana's legacy in our community and region is far-reaching. She owned and operated the Old Lyme Inn for 25 years, served as a Director of the Connecticut Restaurant Association, was a founding Director and Vice-Chair of the Maritime Bank and Trust Company, served as President of the Connecticut River Museum, and was founding Director and Chair of Mystic Coast & Country Travel & Leisure Council. Diana is an advisor to the Lyme/Old Lyme Educational Foundation and was an advisor to the expansion of the Madry Temple in New London.

The Board of Selectmen acknowledges that future generations of college students and residents will benefit from Diana Atwood Johnson's advocacy on their behalf and gratefully names her our 2011 Citizen of the Year.

Diana Atwood Johnson is named Citizen of the Year for 2011 by First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder as last year's Citizen of the Year, Janet Sturges, looks on.



Commission on Aging

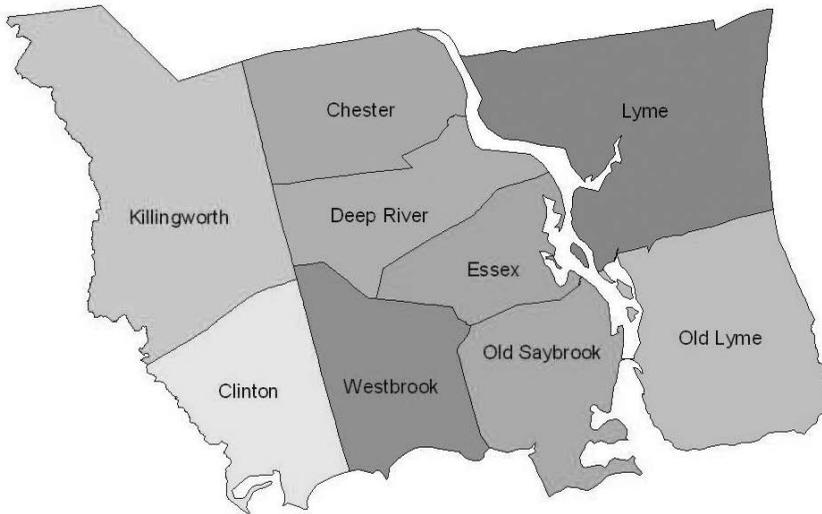
Don Tapper
Chairman

The Old Lyme Commission on Aging meets at the Lymes' Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. We invite anyone with senior concerns to attend. Our projects throughout the year focus on helping and informing seniors in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme.

We encourage all seniors to take advantage of the senior center's many programs, events, and services including daily lunch for a very affordable price and the Meals on Wheels program. Our director, Sherry White, continues to do an excellent job serving the many needs of our senior population.

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA)

J. H. Torrance Downes
Senior Planner



TOWNS OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER ESTUARY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

CRERPA's forty-fifth and final year. As of the end of the 2011/2012 fiscal year, the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) completed its 45th and final year of planning for the nine-town estuary region. Beginning with the 2012/2013 fiscal year, CRERPA has merged with the Midstate Regional Planning Agency to the north to form the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. The new organization, commonly referred to as the "RiverCOG," represents the seventeen towns of the lower Connecticut River from Cromwell and Middletown south and will replace both RPAs, which will cease to exist once

audits are conducted and the books are closed. This Annual Report will therefore address CRERPA in the past tense.

For the forty-five years of its operation, the CRERPA board has consisted of two representatives from each member town, one representing the Board of Selectmen and the other representing the Planning Commission. The CRERPA Board met on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the agency office in the Saybrook Junction Marketplace. The outgoing chairman is Bruce Edgerton of Deep River.

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) *(continued)*

CRERPA staff consisted of full- and part-time employees. Independent consultants were occasionally contracted on an as-needed basis. CRERPA was supported financially from a variety of federal, state, and local sources. A significant portion of the CRERPA budget included the annual contribution of its member towns, with other major support coming from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the State Office of Policy and Management, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The new RiverCOG will be funded in the same manner.

Regional Organizations

Throughout its forty-five-year history, CRERPA assisted its member towns to work together voluntarily to solve common problems effecting the estuary region. During the final year, CRERPA provided staff support and meeting space for several area organizations including the following:

The Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization (CREMPO): The CREMPO Board, which will continue to exist for the foreseeable future, consists of the following: the nine chief elected officials and their alternates, a CRERPA board representative and alternate, and a representative from the Estuary Transit District. CREMPO provides executive oversight for state and federal transportation funding within the region, planning, and regional projects. During 2011-2012, CRERPA and CREMPO made significant progress on transportation preparedness for emergency response during disasters, including a special project for a geo-spatial transportation database for the thirty towns in DEMHS Region 2; planning for integrated transportation for pedestrians, bicyclists, public bus passengers, and rail and automobile passengers; work on rail systems; and freight planning,

Although designated as an urban area, the region is characterized by small town centers separated by rural scenic areas and roadways. The need for alternative transportation, more efficient use of the automobile, and inter-modal

planning remains an important goal of the region, even with limited funding opportunities. The most promising work is with the small public transit system, including expansion of the Estuary Transit District with connections to Middletown's public bus service and streamlined service to New London's rail station. The planning for rail parking and expansion, transit-oriented development regulations, and expansion of Shoreline East service is another high priority.

The Lower Connecticut Valley Selectman's Association (LCVSA), which met prior to the existence of CRERPA, brought the chief elected officials of the region together monthly to discuss common interests, including transportation, elderly services, solid waste disposal, and recycling. The LCVSA oversaw the operation of a regional household hazardous waste collection facility in Essex and is involved in emergency planning efforts. First Selectman Dick Smith of Deep River was the LCVSA Chairman during its final year.

Janice Ehle-Meyer served as the CRERPA Recycling, Environmental Education, and HHW Coordinator and will continue to organize and manage the Household Hazardous Waste and electronics collections at the regional facility in Essex, which was operated by CRERPA on behalf of the nine towns, for the new RiverCOG.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission, which met monthly at the CRERPA office, was established in 1973 by State Statute to protect the scenic and environmental qualities of the Lower Connecticut River through a compact among the eight towns that border the river estuary. The Commission participates in the acquisition of land and easements for conservation purposes. Gateway member towns have agreed to adopt common zoning standards for development in the state-designated Gateway Area. The Gateway Commission has agreed that RiverCOG will provide staffing services moving forward into the future.

The Lower Connecticut River Coast Guard Auxiliary, which met monthly at the CRERPA offices, will continue to meet at the new RiverCOG offices as well.

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) *(continued)*

Regional Support Services

Local Technical Assistance: A major component of CRERPA's work program throughout the years included technical assistance to individual member towns, including review and comment on inter-municipal referrals for zoning applications, zone changes, subdivisions, or as required by statute. CRERPA staff was available to answer questions or conduct research on land use and planning for local officials as requested. Those services will be provided for most of the new seventeen-town region by staff of the RiverCOG.

GIS and Environmental Planning: CRERPA, with support from Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, established and had served as the coordinator for the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE), an informal organization whose members include Chester Land Trust, Clinton Land Conservation Trust, Deep River Land Trust, Essex Land Trust, Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Old Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Old Saybrook Land Trust, Westbrook Land Conservation Trust, Haddam Land Trust, East Haddam Land Trust, Middlesex County Land Trust, Connecticut River Land Trust, and Salem Land Trust. CRERPA and the LTE have embraced and participate in the Wildlands and Woodlands initiative to further the burgeoning New-England-wide landscape scale preservation, conservation, and development vision. The RiverCOG will continue to support CRERPA's geographic information system (GIS) and environmental planning programs moving forward.

CRERPA developed a Viewshed Education Model for the land-use commissions of the Estuary Region and Connecticut River Gateway member towns. The study began in the spring with a survey of the commissions to assess the attitudes and perceptions of the commissioners towards viewshed protection on a local and regional scale, but also designed to encourage them to think about what viewsheds within their towns and the region they feel are important and why. The study will conclude with a report back to the commissions that will include the results of the survey, examples of existing Connecticut

viewsheds regulations, and a representative regional GIS viewshed model.

The Estuary Transit District (ETD): The ETD was established in 1981, with the help of CRERPA, to provide public transportation in the region. In July 2003, CRERPA successfully transferred administration of the program to an independent office for the Estuary Transit District. CRERPA provides transportation planning services for the district.

Harbor Management: Studies funded by the CTDEP and NOAA enabled CRERPA to be involved with several of the Harbor Management Commissions that exist on the lower river valley. CRERPA has also been involved in the guidance of a multitown effort to develop standards for private residential docks in the lower river and has worked recently with the Town of Westbrook to assist them in developing its first harbor management plan. Staff of the RiverCOG will continue to assist local harbor management commissions as needed.

Kayak and Canoe Trails: Through recent years, CRERPA has provided educational materials for canoers and kayakers through their Connecticut River Estuary Canoe and Kayak Trail program. This very popular service includes the trail map series of maps for waters of Old Lyme, Essex, Deep River, and Old Saybrook. Free laminated trail guides can be found in most local libraries, town halls, the DEP Marine Headquarters, at the new RiverCOG office in Centerbrook, and online at the CRERPA website (www.crerpa.org). The CRERPA website will soon be replaced with a new site designed especially for the RiverCOG.

Emergency Management Planning: CRERPA assisted in facilitation and the RiverCOG will continue to work with the Valley Shore Emergency Management Association (VSEMA) to facilitate their emergency planning goals with GIS, financial services, and grant-writing support. Jean Davies represents the interests of the CRERPA region on the DEMHS Region 2 Emergency Planning Team for emergency planning, sheltering, and evacuation.

DEMHS: During the fiscal year, CRERPA continued its responsibility of being the Fiduciary Agent for the Region 2 Regional Emergency

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) *(continued)*

Planning Team (REPT). Region 2 consists of the chief elected officials of the thirty participating towns that span from Milford to Old Saybrook and New Haven to Meriden. The region takes in the South Central and parts of four other Regional Planning Organizations. The responsibilities include facilitating the development and expenditure of the annual budget; working with the Emergency Support Function (ESF) committees to prepare and amend the Regional Emergency Support Plan (RESP); observing the regional emergency exercise; and inventorying of shared equipment, preparation of financial and written status reports, and other ancillary tasks that arise. RiverCOG will continue to provide such facilitation.

Community Garden: CRERPA offered to the estuary region a chance to purchase a seasonal plot and garden behind the Pratt House in Essex. The 10 x 10 fenced plots are in full sun. The soil is prepared with manure and turned ready to plant. Classes are offered throughout the year on garden issues.

CRERPA staff assisted member towns with local open space plans, which serve as building blocks for a regional greenway plan, which will be part of the background work for the Regional

Plan of Conservation and Development. Board members as of June 30, 2012 consisted of the following representatives:

CHESTER	Sally Murray
CLINTON	Alan Kravitz
DEEP RIVER	Bruce Edgerton, Chairman
ESSEX	Robert Laundy, Alan Kerr
KILLINGWORTH	Stephanie Warren
LYME	Rich Prowell
OLD LYME	Jane Marsh, Vice Chairman
OLD SAYBROOK	Karen Jo Marcolini, Cathryn Flanagan
WESTBROOK	William Neale, Secretary

CRERPA STAFF: Linda Krause, Executive Director; J. H. Torrance Downes, Senior Planner; L. Jean Davies, AICP, Principal Planner; Margot Burns, Environmental Planner; Jay Northrup, Senior Regional Planner; Janice Ehle-Meyer, Recycling Coordinator; Dorothy Papp, Financial Administrator; Pat Anthony, Office Manager.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

J.H. Torrance Downes
Senior Planner

In 1973, the Connecticut Legislature recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as one of the State's most important natural, recreational and scenic areas, and authorized establishment of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. The Gateway Conservation Zone is about 30 miles long and includes those portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick) within view of the river. In May of 2012, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar established the entire Connecticut River as the nation's first "National Blueway", further adding to the Connecticut River's full "trophy case". The National Blueway program is a part of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative.

Scenic Preservation Responsibilities

While other organizations have primarily concerned themselves with natural ecological systems in the river valley, this Commission has concentrated its attention on the protection of key lands along the river that contribute to the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with others to protect well over 1,000 acres of land through over \$1 million in gifts or purchase of scenic easements, development rights and fee simple titles. These are located in all eight towns, ranging from the estuarine marshes of Old Lyme to the heights of Mount Tom in East Haddam. In recent years, the Commission assisted with acquisition of the Roger Tory Peterson property in Old Lyme. Most of the properties donated to the Gateway Commission are transferred to the State of Connecticut for stewardship.

Land Use Oversight Responsibilities

Another significant role assigned to the Gateway Commission by the 1973 legislation is establishment of common zoning standards for height, setback, lot coverage and the like, which member towns have agreed to adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. At its monthly meetings, the Commission reviews and acts on zone changes, regulations changes and variance applications affecting land within

the Conservation Zone referred to it by local boards and commissions. No zone change or change in regulations affecting land within the Conservation Zone can become effective without the Commission's approval, a statutory responsibility that gives the Commission a great deal of authority over land use along the river in the lower river valley. It's a responsibility that the Commission takes very seriously.

Local Planning & Zoning Commissions are responsible for conducting Special Permit reviews for structures in excess of 4,000 square feet in total area in order to understand and mitigate adverse impacts of such large development on the "natural and traditional riverway scene." As a courtesy, the Gateway Commission offers to review these applications on behalf of the local Commissions at their own cost. These standards respond to continuing concerns over highly visible, large, new homes along the riverbank and in the upland hills facing the river, as well as extensive tree-cutting for new development or new views for existing development. There may be two to three Special Exception applications reviewed per year in each municipality. There were approximately twenty-five variances applications reviewed during the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year. As of June 30, 2012, Gateway member towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook have incorporated these standards into their zoning regulations as required by State Statute.

During the fiscal year, the Commission updated their Mission Booklet and printed 6,000 copies to distribute to the public. In addition to local town halls and libraries, copies were sent to area real estate agencies to inform agents about the Gateway protective mission. The Commission and its staff are always ready to consult and assist the public and its member towns when it comes to protection of the viewscape of the lower Connecticut River. The Mission Booklet can be viewed on the Gateway Commission's website at www.ctrivergateway.org

As a part of the overall effort to better serve the public, Gateway Commission staff J.H. Torrance Downes continues to update design as well as information on the Commission's website. The site includes photographs from the lower



FINANCIALS

2011-2012

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2012

	GENERAL	LANDFILL CLOSURE	HARBOR MANAGEMENT DREDGING PROJECT	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS					
Cash.....	\$ 1,721,277	\$ 1,205,352	\$	\$ 948,988	\$ 3,875,617
Investments.....	3,850,066			269,917	4,119,983
Receivables:					
Property taxes	762,998			41,362	762,998
Intergovernmental.....	190,060			17,289	231,422
Other.....	3,396				20,685
Due from other funds.....	182,580		200,000		382,580
Prepaid amounts.....	47,467				47,467
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 6,757,844	\$ 1,205,352	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,277,556	\$ 9,440,752
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable.....	\$ 428,401	\$	\$	\$ 91,263	\$ 519,664
Accrued liabilities.....	99,044				99,044
Due to other funds.....	200,000	932		162,336	363,268
Deferred revenue.....	663,795				663,795
Unearned revenue.....	128,016		200,000	1,130	329,146
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	1,519,256	932	200,000	254,729	1,974,917
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable.....	47,467			869,137	47,467
Committed.....	274,846	1,204,420		153,690	2,348,403
Assigned.....					153,690
Unassigned.....	4,916,275				4,916,275
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	5,238,588	1,204,420	-	1,022,827	7,465,835
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES.....	\$ 6,757,844	\$ 1,205,352	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,277,556	\$ 9,440,752

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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

**RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCES
TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (EXHIBIT A) ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET. THE DETAILS OF THIS DIFFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL FUND BALANCES (EXHIBIT C, PAGE 1)..... \$ 7,465,835

CAPITAL ASSETS USED IN GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES ARE NOT FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE FUNDS:

Beginning net capital assets and current additions.....	17,831,753
Depreciation expense.....	(368,401)
Disposal of capital assets.....	(121,789)

OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR CURRENT PERIOD EXPENDITURES AND, THEREFORE, ARE DEFERRED IN THE FUNDS:

Property tax interest and lien accrual.....	193,344
Property tax receivable - accrual basis change.....	663,795
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	(140,000)
Other.....	38,322

SOME LIABILITIES, INCLUDING BONDS PAYABLE, ARE NOT DUE AND PAYABLE IN THE CURRENT PERIOD AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE FUNDS:

Bonds payable.....	(3,725,000)
Note payable.....	(270,000)
Bonds premium.....	(43,987)
Compensated absences.....	(95,087)
Landfill closure and postclosure.....	(1,405,970)
Accrued interest payable.....	(21,025)

NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES..... \$ 20,001,790

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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
PROPERTY TAXES:				
Property taxes.....	\$ 29,663,688	\$ 29,663,688	\$ 30,002,932	\$ 339,244
Interest and lien fees.....	120,000	120,000	194,750	74,750
Telephone access line grant.....	50,000	50,000	39,002	(10,998)
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES.....	29,833,688	29,833,688	30,236,684	402,996
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:				
Building department.....	90,000	90,000	125,922	35,922
Health department.....	4,000	4,000	7,230	3,230
Parks and recreation department.....	50,000	50,000	48,111	(1,889)
Parking Lot.....	85,000	85,000	109,570	24,570
Town Woods Park.....	24,100	24,100	27,736	3,636
Rowing.....	23,000	23,000	42,264	19,264
Planning commission.....	2,900	2,900	515	(2,385)
Selectmen's office.....	4,000	4,000	10,875	6,875
Town clerk's office.....	180,000	180,000	210,448	30,448
Assessor.....	3,000	3,000	1,723	(1,277)
Zoning commission.....	3,900	3,900	19,788	15,888
Zoning board of appeals.....	8,000	8,000	7,856	(344)
Inland/wetlands.....	2,300	2,300	4,098	1,798
Engineering/legal reimbursements.....	14,500	14,500	20,231	5,731
Historic District commission.....	200	200	520	320
Fire Marshal.....	1,000	1,000	420	(580)
Senior center.....	6,300	6,300	7,159	859
Septage transfer.....	90,000	90,000	46,970	(43,030)
Recycling.....			6,515	6,515
Landfill.....	70,000	70,000	90,517	20,517
Parking fines.....	25,000	25,000	26,112	1,112
Cell phone tower lease.....	23,250	23,250	25,626	2,376
Beach stickers and permits.....	20,000	20,000	24,460	4,460
Capital asset proceeds.....	10	10	17,500	17,490
School crossing guard.....	14,900	14,900	14,461	(439)
OLVNA reimbursement.....	2,600	2,600	6,000	3,400
Ambulance fuel reimbursement.....	6,000	6,000	11,075	5,075
Workers' Compensation reimbursement.....			7,447	7,447
Miscellaneous.....	8,000	8,000	15,557	7,557
Private duty - police.....	17,000	17,000	12,392	(4,608)
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES.....	778,960	778,960	948,898	169,938
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:				
LOCIP.....	48,900	48,900	48,927	27
Historic Preservation Grant.....	3,000	3,000	3,500	500
Emergency management/FEMA.....	40,000	40,000	202,470	162,470
Education equalization grant.....	605,500	605,500	605,586	86
PILOT - state property.....	28,500	28,500	30,375	1,875
Miscellaneous state grants.....	40,000	40,000	15,784	(24,216)
PILOT - colleges.....	38,800	38,800	38,844	44
Mashantucket Pequot grant.....	13,900	13,900	13,936	36
Tax relief elderly.....	35,000	35,000	38,496	3,496
Veterans' tax exempt.....	5,000	5,000	5,547	547
Town aid road.....	114,700	114,700	114,781	81
State police DWI and special events.....	47,700	47,700	44,113	(3,587)
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL.....	1,021,000	1,021,000	1,162,359	141,359
INVESTMENT INCOME:				
Interest on investments.....	25,775	25,775	15,442	(10,333)
OTHER REVENUE:				
Fireworks.....	10	10		(10)
TOTAL REVENUES.....	31,659,433	31,659,433	32,363,383	703,950
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:				
Appropriation of fund balance.....		294,283		(294,283)
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances.....			12,170	12,170
Transfers in:				
Town Hall expansion project.....			155,700	155,700
Bus barn fund.....			10,996	10,996
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES.....	-	294,283	178,866	(115,417)
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES.....	\$ 31,659,433	\$ 31,953,716	\$ 32,542,249	\$ 588,533

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Selectmen's office.....	\$ 227,870	\$ 227,870	\$ 369,483	\$ (141,613)
Town clerk.....	104,644	104,644	103,033	1,611
Tax collector.....	90,231	90,231	85,299	4,932
Treasurer.....	156,138	156,138	154,098	2,040
Registrar.....	32,812	32,812	29,125	3,687
Information technology.....	50,455	59,280	59,279	1
Probate court.....	4,000	5,119	5,119	-
Assessor.....	120,941	124,997	124,997	-
Building department.....	90,675	94,464	94,463	1
Health department.....	184,795	191,739	191,739	-
Town hall.....	103,000	103,000	101,927	1,073
Insurance.....	651,334	645,117	630,918	14,199
Special deductions.....	359,902	359,902	350,466	9,436
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT.....	2,176,797	2,195,313	2,299,946	(104,633)
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:				
Harbor management commission.....	850	894	894	20
Economic development commission.....	20	20	-	25
Ethics Commission.....	25	25	-	994
Water management authority.....	24,613	24,613	23,619	910
Board of finance.....	10,171	10,171	9,261	380
Flood and erosion control board.....	680	680	300	1
Historic district commission.....	4,750	4,918	4,917	1,839
Tree commission.....	12,260	12,260	10,421	18
Board of assessment appeals.....	325	325	307	27,961
Land use.....	282,448	258,448	230,487	137
Sound View.....	375	375	238	-
TOTAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.....	336,517	312,729	280,444	32,285
PUBLIC WORKS:				
Public works expenditures.....	857,157	857,157	825,469	31,688
PARKS AND RECREATION:				
Parks and recreation.....	234,399	236,399	226,409	9,990
Town Woods Park.....	114,910	131,122	131,121	1
Fireworks/Memorial day.....	4,010	4,010	2,569	1,441
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION.....	353,319	371,531	360,099	11,432
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Animal Control.....	63,852	67,652	67,651	1
Emergency management.....	12,050	154,333	151,533	2,800
Valley shore communications.....	122,100	122,100	122,098	2
Ambulance.....	121,930	121,930	116,368	5,562
TOTAL OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY.....	319,932	466,015	457,650	8,365
SOCIAL SERVICES:				
Social service.....	15,575	15,575	15,466	109
Lyme's youth services.....	69,000	69,000	69,000	-
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES.....	84,575	84,575	84,466	109

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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
FIRE SERVICES:				
Old Lyme fire department.....	\$ 203,591	\$ 203,591	\$ 202,128	\$ 1,463
Fire protection.....	25,000	25,000	24,926	74
Fire marshal.....	60,277	60,277	59,058	1,219
Firemen's incentive plan.....	38,050	38,050	36,984	1,066
TOTAL FIRE SERVICES.....	326,918	326,918	323,096	3,822
POLICE SERVICES:				
Roger lake patrol.....	6,325	6,325	5,827	498
Resident state police.....	115,300	115,300	109,470	5,830
Municipal police.....	622,803	622,803	607,834	14,969
TOTAL POLICE SERVICES.....	744,428	744,428	723,131	21,297
HEALTH SERVICES:				
Social Services Agencies.....	2,692	2,692	2,692	-
VNA.....	59,591	59,591	59,501	90
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES.....	62,283	62,283	62,193	90
SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES:				
Estuary transit district.....	9,142	9,142	9,142	-
Estuary services.....	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Senior center.....	30,200	32,047	32,047	-
TOTAL SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES.....	69,342	71,189	71,189	-
OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.....	283,000	283,000	283,000	-
SANITATION:				
Municipal refuse collection.....	332,420	332,420	332,420	-
Single Stream Recycling.....	171,000	171,000	171,000	-
CT Resources Recovery Authority.....	250,000	231,000	230,215	785
Recycling.....	38,220	38,220	26,828	11,392
Household hazardous waste.....	17,400	17,400	12,791	4,609
Transfer station.....	195,111	197,524	197,524	-
Septage.....	149,000	149,000	79,348	69,652
TOTAL SANITATION.....	1,153,151	1,136,564	1,050,126	86,438
CHARTERED ASSOCIATIONS:				
Point O' Woods.....	20,600	20,600	20,600	-
Old Lyme shores.....	13,500	13,500	13,500	-
Old colony beach.....	13,500	13,500	13,500	-
Miami beach.....	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
White sands beach.....	16,500	16,500	16,500	-
Roger's lake west shore.....	5,100	5,100	5,100	-
Hawks' nest beach.....	3,100	3,100	3,100	-
Federation of Beaches.....	9,000	9,000	6,232	2,768
TOTAL CHARTERED ASSOCIATIONS.....	101,300	101,300	98,532	2,768
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18.....	23,285,508	23,285,508	23,285,508	-
REDEMPTION OF DEBT:				
Town Hall expansion.....	250,000	250,000	250,000	-

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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONCLUDED)

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
INTEREST ON DEBT:				
Town Hall expansion.....	\$ 103,813	\$ 103,813	\$ 103,813	\$ -
CAPITAL OUTLAY:				
General government.....	156,268	156,268	129,071	27,197
Public works.....	233,500	233,500	231,569	1,931
Public safety.....	85,425	85,425	48,417	37,008
Public works roads and projects.....	231,200	231,200	198,153	33,047
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY.....	706,393	706,393	607,210	99,183
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	31,214,433	31,358,716	31,165,872	192,844
OTHER FINANCING USES:				
Transfers out:				
Landfill closure.....	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Land aquisition.....	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Firefighters' equipment.....	260,000	410,000	410,000	-
Capital nonrecurring.....	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES.....	445,000	595,000	595,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES.....	\$ 31,659,433	\$ 31,953,716	\$ 31,760,872	\$ 192,844

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SCHEDULE 3

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

**REPORT OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

GRAND LIST YEAR	UNCOLLECTED TAXES JULY 1, 2011	CURRENT YEAR LEVY	LAWFUL CORRECTIONS			COLLECTIONS				TOTAL	UNCOLLECTED TAXES JUNE 30, 2012	
			ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	TRANSFERS TO SUSPENSE	ADJUSTED TAXES COLLECTIBLE	TAXES	INTEREST	LIEN FEES			
SUSPENSE	\$	\$	\$ 2,075	\$	\$	\$ 2,075	\$	\$ 1,984	\$	\$ 5	\$ 4,064	\$ -
1995	2			2								
1996	2				2							2
1997	845				845							845
1998	2				2							2
1999	3				3							3
2000	13				13							13
2001	161				161							161
2002	145				145							145
2003	292				292	203	8		24		235	89
2004	3,622				3,622	1,695	584		24		2,303	1,927
2005	9,119				9,119	6,491	2,890		48		9,429	2,628
2006	25,974				25,974	10,726	6,051		120		16,897	15,248
2007	107,946		86	16,430	91,430	49,784	15,547		260		65,591	41,646
2008	200,965		526		200,439	94,710	41,075		528		136,313	105,729
2009	386,702		4,948		381,754	192,775	51,645		1,484		245,904	188,979
TOTAL PRIOR YEARS	735,793	-	2,075	16,430	715,876	358,459	119,784		2,493		480,736	357,417
2010		30,071,855		104,546	29,967,309	29,561,728	72,097		376		29,634,201	405,581
TOTAL	\$ 735,793	\$ 30,071,855	\$ 2,075	\$ 110,108	\$ 30,683,185	\$ 29,920,187	\$ 191,881	\$	\$ 2,869	\$ 30,114,937	\$ 762,998	

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2012

		SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
		SOCIAL WORKERS' FUND	MISCELLANEOUS FUND	DOG FUND	PRIVATE DUTY FUND	HARBOR MANAGEMENT FUND	TOWN WOODS PARK FUND	PUBLIC BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND	BUS BARN FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS										
Cash.....		\$ 34,235	\$	\$ 28,373	\$	\$ 16,129	\$ 18,152	\$ 45,282	\$ 113	\$ 142,284
Receivables:										
Intergovernmental.....			2,712							2,712
Other.....					17,289					17,289
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 34,235	\$ 2,712	\$ 28,373	\$ 17,289	\$ 16,129	\$ 18,152	\$ 45,282	\$ 113	\$ 162,285
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
LIABILITIES:										
Accounts payable.....		\$	1,582	\$ 3,649	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	3,649
Due to other funds.....			1,130	180	2,054					3,816
Unearned revenue.....										1,130
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....			2,712	3,829	2,054					8,595
FUND BALANCES:										
Assigned.....		34,235		24,544	15,235	16,129	18,152	45,282	113	153,690
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES.....		\$ 34,235	\$ 2,712	\$ 28,373	\$ 17,289	\$ 16,129	\$ 18,152	\$ 45,282	\$ 113	\$ 162,285

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SCHEDULE 4
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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET (CONCLUDED)

	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS					TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
	TOWN HALL EXPANSION PROJECT	CAPITAL NONRECURRING	LAND ACQUISITION	FIREFIGHTERS' EQUIPMENT	TOTAL	
ASSETS						
Cash.....	\$ 373,843	\$	\$ 432,861	\$	\$ 806,704	\$ 948,988
Investments.....		167,137		102,780	269,917	269,917
Receivables:						
Intergovernmental.....			38,650		38,650	41,362
Other.....					-	17,289
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 373,843	\$ 167,137	\$ 471,511	\$ 102,780	\$ 1,115,271	\$ 1,277,556
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable.....						
Due to other funds.....	\$ 158,520	\$	\$	\$ 87,614	\$ 87,614	\$ 91,263
Unearned revenue.....					158,520	162,336
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	158,520	-	-	87,614	246,134	254,729
FUND BALANCES:						
Committed.....	215,323	167,137	471,511	15,166	869,137	869,137
Assigned.....					-	153,690
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	215,323	167,137	471,511	15,166	869,137	1,022,827
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES.....	\$ 373,843	\$ 167,137	\$ 471,511	\$ 102,780	\$ 1,115,271	\$ 1,277,556

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SCHEDULE 5
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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							TOTAL	
	SOCIAL WORKERS' FUND	MISCELLANEOUS FUND	DOG FUND	PRIVATE DUTY FUND	HARBOR MANAGEMENT FUND	TOWN WOODS PARK FUND	PUBLIC BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND		BUS BARN FUND
REVENUES:									
Charges for services.....	\$	2,100	\$ 9,369	\$ 107,418	\$ 3,765	\$	\$ 6,357	\$ 50,000	\$ 179,009
Intergovernmental.....		32,826							32,826
Investment income.....			58		32	37	89	67	283
Contributions.....									10,930
Other.....		13,451							13,451
TOTAL REVENUES.....	10,930	48,387	9,427	107,418	3,797	37	6,446	50,067	236,509
EXPENDITURES:									
Current:									
General government.....		7,047			2,205		1,707		8,754
Parks and recreation.....									2,205
Other public safety.....		8,514	12,957						21,471
Police services.....		7,712		92,183					99,895
Health services.....	8,684	25,114							33,808
Debt services.....								10,730	10,730
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	8,684	48,387	12,957	92,183	2,205	-	1,707	10,730	176,653
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES.....	2,236	-	(3,530)	15,235	1,592	37	4,739	39,337	59,646
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
Transfers out.....								(39,270)	(39,270)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	2,236	-	(3,530)	15,235	1,592	37	4,739	67	20,376
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2011.....	31,999	28,074	-	-	14,537	18,115	40,543	46	133,314
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2012.....	\$ 34,235	\$ -	\$ 24,544	\$ 15,235	\$ 16,129	\$ 18,152	\$ 45,282	\$ 113	\$ 153,690

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SCHEDULE 5
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TOWN OF OLD LYME CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CONCLUDED)

	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS					TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
	TOWN HALL EXPANSION PROJECT	CAPITAL NONRECURRING	LAND ACQUISITION	FIREFIGHTERS' EQUIPMENT	TOTAL	
REVENUES:						
Charges for services.....	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	179,009
Intergovernmental.....	566	3,892	210	39	4,707	232,826
Investment income.....			140,000		140,000	4,990
Contributions.....	1,000				1,000	150,930
Other.....						14,461
TOTAL REVENUES.....	201,566	3,892	140,210	39	345,707	582,216
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government.....						8,754
Parks and recreation.....						2,205
Other public safety.....						21,471
Police services.....						99,895
Health services.....						33,808
Capital outlay.....	4,676		143,100	876,144	880,820	880,820
Debt service.....					143,100	153,830
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	4,676	-	143,100	876,144	1,023,820	1,200,783
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES.....	196,890	3,892	(2,890)	(876,105)	(678,213)	(618,567)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers in.....	(155,700)	24,137	75,000	410,000	509,137	509,137
Transfers out.....	(155,700)				(155,700)	(194,970)
NET OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	(155,700)	24,137	75,000	410,000	353,437	314,167
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	41,190	28,029	72,110	(466,105)	(324,776)	(304,400)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2011.....	174,133	139,108	399,401	481,271	1,193,913	1,327,227
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2012.....	\$ 215,323	\$ 167,137	\$ 471,511	\$ 15,166	\$ 869,137	\$ 1,022,827

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Connecticut River Gateway Commission *(continued)*

river valley, the Gateway's development standards, state statutes governing their authority, minutes, agendas, Annual Reports and other pertinent information. The "News" section of the website is used to continually update the river community on topics related to the preservation mission of the Gateway Commission.

On June 7, 2012, the Gateway Commission held their annual river tour of the Gateway Conservation Zone. During the river trip, the Commission updates attending local, state and federal dignitaries on events that occurred throughout the year that impacted or may impact the Gateway Conservation Zone.

The commission has had no state financial support since 1991 and has had to rely on income from its land acquisition fund to meet its administrative costs of approximately \$48,000 per year. Even with the economic uncertainty that continued to exist during the past fiscal year, the commission's investment portfolio continued to make gains, thereby again putting Gateway in a good financial position for the upcoming 2012-2013 fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2012, Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson were the delegates from Old Lyme.

The Gateway continues to explore a number of initiatives and collaborations to further their mission to protect the "natural and traditional riverway scene" of the lower Connecticut River, including continued participation in the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE), continuing efforts to expand their education and outreach through active community involvement, and the enhancement of stewardship efforts in the lower river valley by finalizing the transfer of several properties owned by the Commission to the State of Connecticut or to local conservation organizations. As always, the Gateway Commission continues to financially support land preservation efforts where the conservation of such properties furthers their mission.

For more information, contact River COG/CRERPA Senior Planner and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at (860) 388-3497 or at tdownes@rivercog.org. Contact information can also be found on the web at www.ctrivergateway.org.

Conservation Commission

Tom Sherer
Chairman

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission coordinates conservation efforts, supervises natural resource monitoring, and aids in the coordination of land development in an effort to preserve our natural resources and remaining open land and to sustain recreational property. The Old Lyme Conservation Commission also coordinates the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and conducts research into the utilization and preservation of land areas of the municipality. In addition, the Conservation Commission often makes recommendations to the Zoning, Planning, and Inland Wetland Commissions and Water Pollution Control Authority or other municipal agencies on proposed land-use changes.

Over the course of 2012, the Conservation Commission placed a great deal of focus on encouraging the reduction in the use of pesticides in Old Lyme. Thanks to state law, the grounds of play schools, elementary schools, and middle schools are required to eliminate the use of pesticides. The Board of Education agreed to extend this prohibition to include the entire central campus including the high school. Over the past year, the Conservation Commission has petitioned the Town of Old Lyme to extend the pesticide ban to include town playing fields at Cross Lane and Town Woods. In response to this petition, the Board of Selectmen voted to keep pesticides off the fields in 2012.

Conservation Commission *(continued)*

Increasing Awareness Regarding Pesticides

The commission has designed a campaign to increase community awareness regarding the negative impact of pesticides on children's health throughout our region. Centered around the theme "Keep it Clean... Because We're All Downstream," the effort includes instructional materials (brochure/flyers, etc.) that provide information to assist residents in making safe and effective choices regarding household chemicals and lawn-care products. To promote this end, the commission's materials will be available to residents at the town hall and the library. A complete list of pesticides is available on the commission website. In addition, the commission has displayed a banner on Hall's Road that reads as follows:



Rogers Lake

The commission continued to make a concerted effort to focus town attention on Rogers Lake as one of the town's most valuable resources. Commission members are actively working towards establishing barrier plantings at Hain's Park to prevent runoff into the swimming area and use of the beach by Canada geese. This project has created collaboration with other organizations that provided input and the following resources: UCONN Extension Service Master Gardeners, C.L.E.A.R. Program of UCONN Extension Services, CT DEEP, and a local professional ecotourism and environmental interpretation specialist/planner. A welcome sign has been erected at Hain's Park, with both suggestions for residents as well as rules to protect this major aquifer. Also included will be bags for dog owners to use to clean up after their pets.

On other fronts at the lake, volunteers were recruited and trained by the CT DEEP to monitor the CT boat launch on Grassy Hill Road in an effort to prevent invasive plants from entering the lake. The Rogers Lake Authority also hired a company to remove invasive weeds from the lake this year. Conservation Commission members raked leaf accumulations out of the lake at

Hain's Park and made an effort to suppress phragmites at the sandy point. The commission, in cooperation with the West Shore Association, is also pursuing other outreach efforts to educate the community about preventing runoff of lawn chemicals into the lake, discouraging ducks and geese from the lake, and properly maintaining septic systems. Add your name to their email network at rogerslakehealth@gmail.com.

Programs with Congregational Church and Others

The commission continues to cooperate with the Congregational Church's Environmental Committee in their effort to promote organic treatment of lawns and to "go green." The committee recently showed a Public Television program on the salmon fish hatchery at Lower Mill Pond. The commission continues to support the efforts of the Old Lyme Land Trust to establish a town-wide network of trails. The commission has also worked closely with a group of interested citizens to establish a network of safe bicycle routes within town, improve the riding surfaces, and install bike-route signage. With the prompting of Representative Marilyn Giuliano the DOT has repaved a major portion of Route One and improved the shoulders. The commission is investigating the incidence of radon gas in town, working to identify a location for a town leaf and composting facility, and promoting solar panel and geothermal heating and cooling installations. The Commission recently manned a table at Health Day hosted by Christ the King Church.

Earth Day

The Conservation Commission organized a celebration of Earth Day at the Senior Center. The Conservation Club at the high school took a very active role in the proceedings. Also represented were the Boy Scouts, the Old Lyme Land Trust, the Old Lyme Open Space Commission, West Shore Association at Rogers Lake, radon abatement and solar energy information, and a display including snakes and a flying squirrel. The Earth Day was dedicated to several of the most prominent supporters of conservation in Old Lyme.

Emergency Management

David W. Roberge
Director

The year 2011 was a memorable year for Old Lyme residents. In August, the town was introduced to Tropical Storm Irene. Irene brought damage and destruction to the entire community. Power outages affecting 98 percent of the community resulting from downed trees and power lines extended for over eight days. Several neighborhoods experienced roadway blockage and became isolated due to extensive damage of downed trees, poles, and wires.

While many other communities reported difficulty responding to the first few days of the storm, all of our municipal public safety agencies performed extremely well during this event. Our public works crews and police, along with the Old Lyme Fire Department and Ambulance and the members of municipal government at Town Hall dedicated hundreds of hours of assistance in the recovery efforts.

Local volunteers were organized to support relief efforts, such as performing door-to-door wellness checks in isolated neighborhoods along with staffing and managing a Respite Center located at the Lymes' Senior Center to provide daily comfort items such as daily meals and commodities distribution of water and ice and to serve as a location where storm-weary residents could come and get updated daily news, access to the internet, and emotional support.

The response from CL&P was very strong in town during this event. During the height of recovery and restoration efforts, the town was assigned sixteen CL&P and tree crews to rebuild our damaged power lines and poles. A CL&P representative known as a "Town Liaison" was embedded into our emergency operations center and worked hard and long hours every day, communicating our priorities with line crews on the ground during their restoration efforts.

Post storm information facts include that over 5,000 utility customers in town were without power for up to eight days. The town distributed sixteen pallets of drinking water, four pallets of meals ready to eat (MREs), and 5,000 pounds of ice and provided daily hot meals to over 750 residents. All of the tree debris taken in was chipped to reduce its size and over 1,100 tons of wood chips were removed from the town. CL&P restored numerous utility poles and estimate they repaired or replaced over thirty miles of wire in our community alone.

While we strived to support our community we identified many lessons learned. Our ability to communicate daily storm information to our residents suffered pitfalls as our efforts were focused on electrically dependant means of communication such as internet websites and electronic news media. We pledge to the community these shortcomings will be addressed.

My grateful thanks reach out to our residents who persevered through the storm by their own personal planning and ingenuity, to our emergency responders, to town employees and to volunteers who dedicated their time during restoration efforts.

We still continue to expand our Special Needs files. A registration form is included at the end of the Town Report. If you or someone you know might be in need of special assistance, please take a moment to complete the form and return it to this office. All information received is maintained as confidential.

You can now follow Old Lyme Emergency Management on Facebook and Twitter for important information and storm updates.

Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.

Paula C. Ferrara
Executive Director

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a nonprofit regional senior center located at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook with café sites in Clinton, Westbrook, Chester, and Old Lyme. Since 1974, the ECSI's mission has been to promote seniors' quality of life, community involvement, and independent living. Last year the ECSI provided over 80,000 nutritious meals including Meals On Wheels, over 1,000 rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region, 676 free preventative health screenings, and social and exercise programs too numerous to count.

Tropical Storm Irene came through the area in late August 2011, leaving homes without power for days and even weeks. ECSI was only closed one day and was delivering Meals On Wheels to all of our clients within three days. ECSI welcomed many area residents without power for the comfort of air conditioning, a hot meal, free WiFi, and a place to charge their cell phones.

During the 2011/2012 fiscal year, ECSI provided 205 Old Lyme seniors with 4,043 congregate meals and 5,658 Meals On Wheels (homebound meals). Eleven Old Lyme seniors were provided fifty-five rides to medical appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region through the Stan Greimann EMOTS program. In total, 467 Old Lyme seniors received 11,073 services through ECSI.

ECSI is funded in part by contributions from the nine towns in the Estuary Region, Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act, other grants, individual donations, and fund-raising efforts. Like many other nonprofit organizations, ECSI's funding is being cut due to the state budget cuts to Senior Resources. I would like to thank the Town of Old Lyme for your continued support of our programs.

For information on our lunch program, Meals On Wheels, EMOTS, exercise programs, and social programs please call 388-1611 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fire Marshal

David W. Roberge
Fire Marshal

During fiscal year 2011-2012 we continued to work with Regional District 18 on the high school renovation project. Substantial completion has been achieved in many areas of the project. The project remains on schedule with the cooperation and support of the contractors. The construction schedule continues to be on time and anticipated re-opening is on track for 2013.

The inspections of commercial and public buildings continue to ensure the life safety of their occupants. The annual fire life-safety inspections of occupancies as prescribed by the Fire Code as set forth in Chapter 541 of the Connecticut State Statutes continues along with

plan reviews of new commercial construction projects in town. We anticipate cooperation from the property owners and contractors to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the code.

Fortunately again this year fire losses were low, with only a few residential structure fires occurring. Many thanks to the Old Lyme Fire Department, who continue to teach fire safety to the community.

As part of state-mandated continuing education, I attended various in-service training programs sponsored in part by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the International Association of Fire Investigators, and the National Association of Fire Investigators.

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Todd Machnik
Chairman

The Flood and Erosion Control Board voted Todd Machnik chairman and Gary Smith vice chairman. The board meets the third Monday of the month on a quarterly basis (January, April, July, October). Check the town website meeting calendar for details.

FEMA issued new local flood maps that were incorporated into the Zoning Regulations. The changes to the Zoning Regulations were reviewed and approved by the board. The board also reviewed the process submitted by Dave Roberge that residents and business owners would have to follow to submit applications to FEMA for assistance.

The board reviewed the preliminary Rogers Lake fish ladder plans and the process for applying for a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The grant money will be used to cover the costs of building the fish ladder during

the dam repair project. The Board considered the request for inspection of the dam on the Ogle's property and erosion of the wetlands on the Bergman's property. Flooding of the Sheffield Brook remains an issue, and the board is supportive of the beach communities' efforts to resolve the flooding. The outlet structure for Swan Brook remains a maintenance issue for the town. The board requested the town's Public Works Department have the outlet structure repaired to prevent further deterioration.

The board discussed the impact of the environmental bill, HB5128, dealing with "the rise in the sea level" to determine a new high tide benchmark for DEEP. Consensus was that if this bill passes then it will have a negative impact on development of waterfront properties in Old Lyme.

Health Department

Vijay Sikand, M.D.
Director of Health

Ronald E. Rose, R.S.
Sanitarian

John V. Flower
Assistant Sanitarian

Marilyn H. Swaney
(through 6/30/12)
Patricia Z. Myers
(beginning 7/1/12)
Administrative Assistant

Environmental Health Incidents

Inspection of Food-Handling Establishments	27
Nuisance Orders Issued	1
Complaints Investigated	1
Septic Systems Inspected.....	59
Septic System Permits Issued – Repair.....	39
Septic System Permits Issued – New.....	9
Well Permits Issued.....	19
Test Holes & Perc Tests (Sites).....	36

Fees Collected - \$5,510.00 — Fiscal Year July 2011 – June 2012

Historic District Commission

Jim Bechtel, Ken Levin
Co-Chairmen

The Historic District (HD) created in 1971 by the citizens of Old Lyme to preserve the personality and authenticity of Lyme Street was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The HD runs from the Christ the King Church Rectory at 1 McCurdy Road on the South Green for approximately 1.5 miles down Lyme Street past the North Green to Rose Lane on Route 1. The Historic District Commission (HDC) has no requirements as to specific architectural or historical forms or style. The HDC's goal is to maintain Lyme Street as the core of a functioning southern New England town while, at the same time, preserving its past history.

Meetings

The HDC meets on the first Monday of each month (except August) at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, the meeting will take place the following Monday at the same time and place. Meetings are open to the public and those interested in historic preservation and the Historic District are urged to attend.

Contact

The HDC can be reached by telephoning the Town Hall at (860) 434-1605 ext. 234 or visiting the town's website at <www.oldlyme-ct.gov> Boards & Commissions – Appointed Boards.

Certificates of Appropriateness

The HDC issued six Certificates of Appropriateness during the current fiscal year:

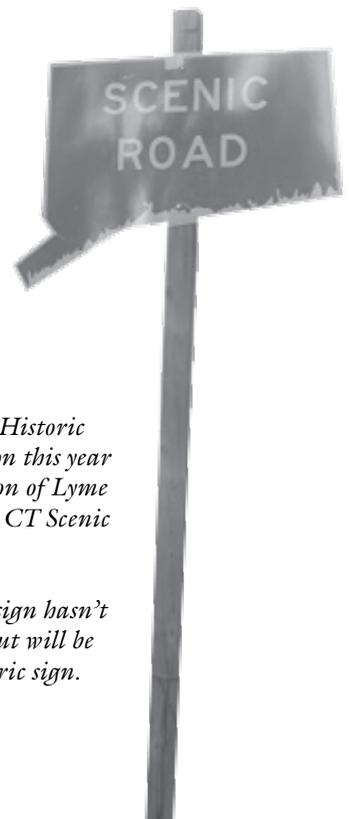
- 43 Lyme Street – Building alteration
- 84 Lyme Street – New Crosswalk & Driveway
- 2 Ferry Road – Fence
- 22 Lyme Street – Solar panels on roof
- 25 Lyme Street – Walk & Driveway replacement
- 85 Lyme Street – Signage replacement

Historic Plaques

The Plaque Program was initiated six years ago by the HDC to acknowledge historic buildings in Old Lyme. There are currently twenty-eight plaques in the HD and seven plaques outside the HD. To qualify, buildings must have been built prior to World War II (1939). The 16"x13" white oval plaques with black text cost \$120 and contain the name of the original owner or the structure's original purpose (e.g., Center School) and date of construction. Information concerning the Plaque Program and an application form are posted on the HDC's website <www.oldlyme-ct.gov>

Scenic Road Designation

The northern portion of the HD from the I-95 overpass to Rose Lane was approved by the State of Connecticut DOT as a Scenic Road. The full designation extends one mile along Route 1 from the westerly end of the Lieutenant River Bridge to Griswold Avenue. Signage will be installed later this year.



A highlight for the Historic District Commission this year was having a portion of Lyme Street designated a CT Scenic Road.

Unfortunately the sign hasn't been installed yet but will be similar to this generic sign.

Lyme Historical Society, Florence Griswold Museum

Jeffrey W. Andersen
Director

The youth of Old Lyme participate actively in the Florence Griswold Museum through varied educational programs that take place on our campus, in the schools, and throughout the community. Working with museum educators, they learn about the art and history of Connecticut and especially about the role of Old Lyme as a historic center for the arts. Over the past year we have broadened our educational services significantly. In addition to working with all of the schools in District #18, we have initiated a homeschooling curriculum for families and an after-school arts program in which local youth can enroll in a series of hands-on classes and supervised activities during school weekdays. In addition, the museum has expanded its popular summer camp for students in grades 1 through 3 and 4 through 6. Thanks to a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council, we have added a new permanent teaching wall entitled *Making Impressionism American* within the Hartman Education Center. This dynamic presentation is helping to introduce students to how American artists translated the groundbreaking techniques of French Impressionism to their art in places like Old Lyme. Providing a broader international context to a subject close to home is just the kind of learning opportunity that teachers are seeking for their students.

This past year was highlighted by a series of exhibitions that drew nearly 58,000 visitors to the Florence Griswold Museum. The summer exhibition, *American Landscapes: Treasures from the Parrish Art Museum*, traced the evolution

of American art from its roots in an emerging national landscape tradition to the influences of European modernism. It also represented a “homecoming” of sorts, with the temporary return of one of the famed Church at Old Lyme paintings by Childe Hassam. This was followed by *The Exacting Eye of Walker Evans*, a large exhibition of over 150 works by this esteemed photographer who spent much of his adult life living in Lyme. This fascinating show was both critically acclaimed and highly popular. During the winter and spring of 2012, the Museum presented an innovative exhibition entitled *...isms: Unlocking Art's Mysteries* that explained art movements and styles ranging from Neoclassicism and Romanticism to Japonisme and Modernism. This richly educational exhibition was the perfect introduction to these and other stylistic concepts for general audiences wishing to learn more about the history of art. Each of these shows welcomed scores of community members, local students and teachers, and visitors. In addition, a series of family-oriented outdoor installations on the grounds have been wildly popular. It started with *Wee Faerie Village* in 2009, continued with *Scarecrows* at the Museum in 2010, and *Of Feathers and Fairy Tales: Enchanted Birdhouses* in 2012. These programs have been an inspiration for thousands of families to gather in Old Lyme to share the fall season with each other. There is no clearer and more optimistic reminder that the youth of this town and region are the future of our community.

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

Catherine Frank

President

Our Chamber has sponsored Boy Scout Troop 26 for over sixty years. The commitment demonstrated by the scouts and their leaders to our community is an inspiration to all of us.

The Chamber awards scholarships to high school juniors, to Lyme and Old Lyme residents enrolling in the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, and to students enrolled in the college's summer program. We celebrate the achievements of Alex Brault, Jennifer Kowalski, George Logan, Audrey Spina, and Samuel Sweitzer, who received our **N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Junior-Year Scholarship Awards for Entrepreneurial Promise and Achievement** in June 2012. Emily Rose Ogland and Alexis Thornton received summer program awards; Sabrina Catlett and Eli Kuhn were named recipients of the College scholarship. Congratulations to all!

We host an Annual Tree Lighting & Carol Sing on the first Friday in December with the help of talented young musicians in the Middle School Band, conducted by Carrie Wind. Our holiday dinner meeting would not be as festive without the harmonies of Lyme-Old Lyme High School's Select Singers, conducted by Kristine Pekar. This past year, we were grateful for the assistance of Emily Paine and the Lyme Old Lyme Girl Scouts in our Light Up Old Lyme festivities.

Don't forget that Chamber-sponsored clothing bins are located at Shoreline Mowers on Route 156/Shore Road, behind the Bowerbird in the Old Lyme Marketplace, at the CVTS building at 151 Boston Post Road (next to Oriental Café), and behind the Lyme Fire House. Please keep us in mind when you clean out closets.

This past year saw a few changes to our traditional Chamber schedule. We hosted five dinner meetings at Cherrystones, The

Hideaway, and Morning Glory Cafe, with presentations by local author Richard Conniff, LymeLine.com's Olwen Logan, and wildlife photographer John Fast. In addition, the Chamber welcomed members and guests to Business After Hours events at High Hopes (sponsored by Essex Printing), Lemon 'n Lyme, The Divine Wine Emporium, the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, and The Old Lyme Inn.

Our businesses created birdhouses in the fall for a Birdhouse Trail. Pets arrived in costume at our Pet Parade. Local authors James Benn, Steve Burt, and Marilyn Nelson read from their works at Literary Life in the Lymes, hosted with the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library and sponsored by Essex Savings Bank and LymeLine.com. Local chefs Dawn Root from Old Lyme Seafood and Dennis Young from the Old Lyme Inn were featured and Ken Turcotte of The Divine Wine Emporium coordinated wine selections at our 11th annual Taste of the Lymes. In June, we launched an updated website: www.visitoldlyme.com.

It was a very busy year, and I am happy to have this opportunity to thank all who devoted hours and energy to our Chamber. The Chamber of Commerce works hard to support the Old Lyme community, and we are grateful for the community's support of our local businesses. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining us – and remember to BUY LOCAL!

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Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Thirty-Ninth Annual Commencement

Candidates for Diplomas

John Paul Abarca Ψ	Rebecca Lee Gagne $\Delta \Psi$	Colby Wayne Penfield
Nathaniel Martin Algar	Leyha Marie Galbo	Andrew Joseph Poirier
Victoria Beth Arruda	David Clarence Gardner	Emily Marie Powers $\Delta \Psi$
Kathryn Margaret Astley $\Delta \Psi$	James Aubert Gaudet	Kelsey Noel Riggs
Emma Kaye Ballachino Ψ	Graham Morgan Girty	Phoebe Ann Ritrovato $\Delta \Psi$
James Edward Barri Δ	Molly Justine Goodwin	Benjamin James Roche Ψ
Vincent Anthony Basileo	Alexander Duncan Guitar Ψ	Anthony Armond Romeo $\Delta \Psi$
Laura Mortensen Becher	Hallie Carol Hallman Δ	Jennifer Fiona Ross Ψ
Sarah Elizabeth Behringer Ψ	Kyle Prescott Hardy	Erin Marie Rowland Ψ
Nicholas Joseph Bellas $\Delta \Psi$	Zachary David Hoblin	Francesca Ann Salkin
Alyssa Katherine Bernblum	James Harry Hubbard	Jonathan Francis Saunders
Michelle Suzanne Berryman Ψ	Tyler Fairchild Hurtt	Erica Dorothy Schillawski Ψ
Cory Steven Bounphakdy	Brendon Richard Johnson Ψ	Dylan Walden Sheffield Ψ
Todd Alan Buroff Ψ	Thomas Alan Jordan Ψ	Dylan Taylor Shusta
Ross Haden Burr Ψ	Mary Patricia Klein Δ	Dustin Mac-Rae Sibley
Jordan Marie Buscetto	Daniel Shaw-Larson Koenigs	Ariadne Eastman Skoufos Ψ
Robert Douglas Buttrick $\Delta \Psi$	Taavi Jaan Koiv-Haus $\Delta \Psi$	Carli Theriault Smith
Kaisea Louise Caramante	Daniel Leonard Kurpaska $\Delta \Psi$	Jason Paul Stankiewicz
Tyler Paul Carnese	Amy Louise Lee $\Delta \Psi$	Lyla June Stanland Ψ
Kristin Audrey Cathcart	Valerie Jeanne LeMay	Nicolette Shayla Strizzi $\Delta \Psi$
Samuel Evan Clark	Rebecca Athena Manchester	Chris Sun
Aaron Jon Clippinger $\Delta \Psi$	Molly Bellemore Mann $\Delta \Psi$	John Thomas Testa
Daniel Patrick Coburn Ψ	Vincenzo Jerome Marafito $\Delta \Psi$	Frederick Bartlett Tharin
Mark Andrew-Slater Colburn Ψ	Alden Edward Martin Ψ	Brett Richards Tucker
Christian John Cotter-Garfield	Daniel John Mayne $\Delta \Psi$	Carleton Andrew Walker
Julia Grey Crespo Δ	Jeremy Patrick McCarthy	Nicholas David Walker $\Delta \Psi$
Alexi Anne Dare	Sean Andrew McMahan Ψ	Samantha Marie Ward $\Delta \Psi$
Courtney Jessy Detuzzi	John Michael Milazzo $\Delta \Psi$	Jonathan David Whitaker
Colin Pearce Devlin	Taylor Brooke Miller $\Delta \Psi$	Patrick Vincent Wilczynski $\Delta \Psi$
Shannon Catherine Duffy $\Delta \Psi$	Jonathan Charles Montesanto	Beth Ann Willard Ψ
Zachary Taylor Edwards	Kaitlyn Ann Mueller Δ	Jeffrey Scott Winters
Cynthia Micaela Espinoza	Ryan Michael Nunn Ψ	
James Willed Fairfield-Sonn Ψ	Emily Catherine Paine $\Delta \Psi$	Alvah Holland Reynolds, Jr. *
Sterlin Walter Feeney	Kevin Rui Pan $\Delta \Psi$	
Allison Susan Fiscus $\Delta \Psi$	John David Pearson	

Δ Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord

Ψ CAPT Scholar, Silver Honor Cord

Academic Letter Recipient

* Korean War Veteran

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Nicholas Walker
Vice President.....	Nicholas Bellas
Secretary	Taylor Miller
Treasurer	Kevin Pan
Class Historian	Carli Smith

Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

Lyme-Old Lyme High School Academic Awards Ceremony for Seniors June 5, 2012

ART

Academic Awards

Introduction to Ceramics	Dustin Sibley
Advanced Ceramics	Allison Fiscus
Advanced Digital Art	Carli Smith
Advanced Placement Studio Art	Erica Schillawski

Scholarships and Awards

Roselyn Taylor Memorial Art Award	Emma Ballachino
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BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Academic Awards

International Business	Alexander Guitar
Introduction to Accounting	Jennifer Ross
Advanced Engineering Design	Patrick Wilczynski
Business Department Award	Rebecca Manchester
Cooperative Work Experience/Diversified Occupations	Rebecca Manchester
Manufacturing and Construction Technology	Sarah Behringer
Personal Finance	Robert Buttrick, Mark Colburn

Scholarships and Awards of Excellence

Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants	Dustin Sibley
Alan McLean Kyle Memorial Engineering Scholarship	Sarah Behringer
John McLaughlin Technology Scholarship	Sarah Behringer
Mildred Sanford Memorial Business Scholarship	Graham Girty
Nathaniel L. Sheffield Accounting Award	Anthony Romeo
New England Institute of Technology Award	Todd Buroff, Samuel Clark, Jonathan Saunders

ENGLISH

Academic Awards

Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition	Nicholas Bellas, Emily Paine
Creative Writing II	Kelsey Riggs
British Literature 12	Francesca Salkin, Nicolette Strizzi, Patrick Wilczynski

Scholarships and Awards of Excellence

Alice Burbank English Award	Emily Paine
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MATHEMATICS

Academic Awards

Advanced Placement Calculus	Nicholas Walker
Pre-Calculus	Molly Mann
Exceptional Growth in Mathematics	Aaron Clippingner

Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

MUSIC

Academic Awards

UCONN Early College Experience Music Theory I	Phoebe Ritrovato
Music Theory II	Daniel Kurpaska
Jazz Ensemble	Andrew Poirier, Patrick Wilczynski
Select Singers	Nicholas Bellas, Molly Goodwin
Wind Ensemble	Daniel Kurpaska, Phoebe Ritrovato
Exceptional Growth in Band	Phoebe Ritrovato
Exceptional Growth in Chorus	Molly Goodwin

Scholarships and Awards of Excellence

Friends of Music Scholarship	Molly Goodwin, Daniel Kurpaska, Emily Paine, Phoebe Ritrovato
Old Lyme Players Scholarship	Molly Goodwin
Wallace F. Moore Memorial Scholarship	Phoebe Ritrovato

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Academic Awards

“Go Big or Go Home” Award	Erin Rowland, Jonathan Whitaker
“Go Big and Beyond” Award	Jonathan Montesanto

Scholarships and Awards of Excellence

Sidney Stringer Physical Education Award	Allison Fiscus, Anthony Romeo
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SCIENCE

Academic Awards

Advanced Placement / UCONN Early College Experience Biology	Kevin Pan
Advanced Placement Physics	Emily Paine
Advanced Placement / UCONN Early College Experience Physics	Kevin Pan
UCONN Early College Experience Physics	Shannon Duffy
Environmental Science	John Milazzo
Forensic Science	Emily Paine
Marine Science	Alden Martin
Physics	James Fairfield-Sonn

Scholarships and Awards of Excellence

Department of Air Force Math & Science Award	Kevin Pan
Patricia Ann Langer Scholarship	Kevin Pan
Carol L. Patterson Memorial Scholarship	Nicholas Bellas

SOCIAL STUDIES

Academic Awards

Civics & The Law	Nicholas Bellas, Emily Paine
Economics	Nicholas Walker
Global Issues	Carleton Walker

Scholarships and Awards of Excellence

AHEPA New London Foundation, Inc. Scholarship	Amy Lee
Elias J. Hage History/Economics Award	Anthony Romeo
Old Lyme American Legion Post 41 Americanism Award	Mark Colburn
Town of Old Lyme Government Award	Sarah Behringer
Weiner Book Award	Taylor Miller

Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

WORLD LANGUAGE

Academic Awards

Advanced Placement French Language & Culture	Phoebe Ritrovato
Advanced Placement Spanish Language /	
UCONN Early College Experience Spanish Composition & Culture	Nicholas Walker
Excellence in World Language: French and Latin	Shannon Duffy
Latin II Magna Cum Laude	Nicholas Walker

Scholarships and Awards of Excellence

Alliance Francaise of New Haven Book Award.....	Emily Paine
Southern Connecticut Chinese School Scholarship.....	James Fairfield-Sonn

VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, HONOR ESSAYIST AWARDS

Valedictorian	Nicholas Walker
Salutarian	Kevin Pan
Honor Essayist	Emily Paine

SCHOLARSHIPS

Everett “Chief” Burke Memorial Scholarship	Amy Lee
Scott Marsh Cory Memorial Scholarship	Rebecca Gagne
Everett F. “Red” LaTourette Scholarship.....	Shannon Duffy, Jonathan Whitaker
W.E.S. Griswold Scholarship by MacCurdy-Salisbury	Nicholas Walker
Willis Umberger Award by MacCurdy-Salisbury.....	Kevin Pan
Roger M. Grover Education Scholarship.....	Emma Ballachino
David Klein Scholarship	Shannon Duffy
Lyme-Old Lyme Administrators Scholarship	Nicholas Bellas
Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women’s Club	
Community Service Scholarship	Sarah Behringer, Hallie Hallman, Amy Lee
Lyme Youth Service Bureau Advisory Council Scholarship	Rebecca Gagne, Mary Klein
Mary Hubbard Noyes Memorial Scholarship	Cynthia Espinoza, Taylor Miller, Nicolette Strizzi
Old Lyme Visiting Nurses’ Association Scholarship	Cynthia Espinoza, Allison Fiscus, Kaitlyn Mueller, Nicolette Strizzi, Samantha Ward
Regional School District 18 Teachers’ Association Scholarship	Rebecca Gagne, Hallie Hallman
Barbara Ann Romeo Memorial Scholarship	Shannon Duffy, Rebecca Gagne, Graham Girty, Hallie Hallman, Valerie LeMay, Nicolette Strizzi, Jonathan Whitaker
Stephen D. Shaw Memorial Scholarship	Rebecca Gagne
Otto Storjohann Memorial Academic Improvement Scholarship.....	Jonathan Whitaker
Valley Regional Touchdown Club Scholarship	Colin Devlin, Graham Girty, James Fairfield-Sonn, Benjamin Roche

Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

AWARDS BY ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut	Nicholas Bellas, Nicolette Strizzi, Samantha Ward
Board of Education Citizenship Award	Daniel Kurpaska
Connecticut Association of Schools	Sarah Behringer
National Association of Secondary School Principals American Citizenship Award	Aaron Clippinger, James Gaudet, Phoebe Ritrovato, Ariadne Skoufos
Old Lyme American Legion Post 41 Helen Hill Scholarship	Hallie Hallman
Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council Scholarship	Daniel Koenigs, Carli Smith
Old Lyme Grange Service Award	Allison Fiscus
Old Lyme Police Union Scholarship	Jonathan Whitaker, Beth Willard
Rotary Club of Old Saybrook	Shannon Duffy, Hallie Hallman
United States Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete	Amy Lee, Nicholas Walker
United States Congressional Certificate of Merit	Kathryn Astley
United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Awards	Academics: Patrick Wilczynski Athletics: Robert Buttrick, Music: Phoebe Ritrovato

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Robert Roach, Gregory Robinson, Colleen Rodriguez, MaryBeth Schreindorfer, Cynthia Straub,
Leslie Traver, Lucy Trost, Adrienne Viscio, Lucy Walter, John Wang, Joanna Williams,
Jacob Wilson, Louis Zubek

CLASS MARSHALS

Agatha Forstein, George Logan

Lymes' Senior Center

Sherry A. Meyer
Director

Those who have yet to visit the Lymes' Senior Center are in for a special treat. We are located in a beautiful rural setting surrounded by large grassy fields and trees.

The senior center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to all seniors age sixty or older. The membership fee is only five dollars for residents and ten for nonresidents. All members receive our newsletter monthly.

We have a lot of activities that suit the needs of all: bridge and "Chicago" bridge, exercise classes, "sittercise," maj jong, tai chi, watercolor painting classes and a writer's group workshop. There are always ongoing puzzles, cards, the WII game, board games, monthly music entertainment, and bingo.

Our special programs include our Summer Nights Concert Series, flu and blood-pressure clinics, AARP 55 Alive Driving Courses, memory screenings, guest speakers, musicians, and more. Dates and times are announced in our newsletter and advertised in local papers.

Our Cozy Corner Library is filled with wonderful hardcovers, paperbacks, and large-print books/magazines as well as movies and audio books for borrowing.

A complete nutritious lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon for a small donation of \$3.00. Meals on Wheels are also available for homebound residents.

Please feel free to stop by anytime to enjoy a program or activity or simply have a cup of coffee!



Hilma Berggren celebrating her 98th birthday!!!

Bob Roser
Advocate

Lymes' Veterans of Foreign Wars Post is made up of men and women who have served our country honorably overseas in time of war. The mission of the Post is to provide patriotic, historical, educational events to maintain the institution of our American freedom. Many of our 100 members participate in Lyme, Old Lyme, and shoreline area volunteer projects. Sometimes called the "Lymes' History Channel," former combat veterans work to fulfill community programs and assist local veterans with current VA programs and benefits.

Lymes' VFW Post continues to hit all its membership and program activity goals. A total of 39 ongoing and new service projects were completed, which included 13,632 in mileage, 7,006 in hours, and \$5,816 in contributions. In addition to the Middle School and High School Youth Essay contests, various volunteer efforts included administering nine American Red Cross blood drives, Operation Giant Step for returning veterans, other major gift donations to the New Haven VA Hospital and Rocky Hill Veteran's Home, Little League sponsorship, and a new Duck River Cemetery monument.

The Post continues to participate in the "Freedom Is Not Free" educational program, where a team of WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and Middle East veterans are invited to area schools to tell their stories. Members also volunteered at nine honor guard burial details designed to pay closing tribute to area departed veterans. Families can request this meaningful service when making local funeral arrangements.

The annual Veteran's Day "Buddy Poppy" Program is conducted to assist local needy and hospitalized veterans. The slogan of the Buddy Poppy is, "We don't leave our wounded behind." The Post is grateful to all residents of Lyme and Old Lyme who contribute to this annual appeal.

Dinner meetings are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month (except January and February) at the Lymes' Senior Center. For membership information and the opportunity to join in the Veterans of Foreign Wars comradeship and service, call Commander Andy Brennan at 434-4207 or check the Post's web site: lymesvfw.org.



Lyme-Old Lyme High School Band marches toward the cemetery on Memorial Day

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

Mary V. Seidner
Director

The mission of the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) is to empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in our community through a wide range of innovative and effective programs.

LYSB proudly serves as the primary youth-serving organization for our community, promoting positive youth development through programs and services to children and families in Old Lyme and Lyme. Founded in 1978 by a group of concerned citizens, LYSB is one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) in Connecticut. Most YSBs are municipal agencies; however, LYSB is one of only a handful of private nonprofit agencies and therefore relies on the generous support of the community for nearly one half of our budget. We are grateful to the Town of Old Lyme for its municipal support, and we enjoy collaborating with the town and schools on a variety of programs.

The LYSB playgroups are popular programs where children and their caregivers can make new friends and find support. Parents learn from each other, share ideas, and develop a network. Many lifelong friendships are forged at LYSB. We offer a full schedule of groups, based on the child's age.

LYSB continues to collaborate with our local prevention coalition, Community Action for Substance Free Youth (CASFY). This group comprises community leaders, parents, teachers, and students who advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. CASFY's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the culture of student life. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at LYSB at 7:00 p.m. and welcome attendance from any members of the community. Results from the Youth Survey and more information about CASFY are available on the LYSB website, www.lysb.org.

At LYSB students can relax in a safe and supervised environment after school. We offer games, snacks, homework help, and friendship. Please visit our website, www.lysb.org, or stop by our offices at 59 Lyme Street to learn about the youth programs we offer, including the following:

- Playgroups for babies and toddlers, including music and Spanish
- Parent education
- After-school programs
- Counseling
- Social services referrals
- Community service groups
- Prevention programs
- Summer programs
- Special events

LYSB Board of Directors

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This troupe of high-school student actors sponsored by Lymes' Youth Service Bureau train with a coach to perform skits for younger grades about problems they may face, such as peer pressure, drug and alcohol use, bullying and teaching, and eating disorders.

MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Rowland Ballek
President

In the past five years the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation has given out over one million dollars to students from Lyme and Old Lyme. For the school year 2011-2012 the Foundation awarded \$248,150 to 88 students going on to college, 69 from Old Lyme and 19 from Lyme. For the 2012-2013 school year the Foundation plans to award \$248,900 to students from Old Lyme and Lyme.

The Foundation held its annual reception on June 7, 2012 at the Lyme Art Association for this year's high school graduates who were receiving grants. At the reception, in addition to its regular grants, the Foundation presented two \$500.00 awards: the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Nick Walker from Old Lyme, who will attend Bowdoin College, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Kevin Pan from Old Lyme, who will attend the University of Pennsylvania. Bill Griswold was president of the foundation from 1965 to 1992, and Willis Umberger was Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation from 1966 to 1986.

The Annual Meeting of the Foundation was held on September 22, 2011. Two new members were elected to the Foundation: Leslie Gourlay from Lyme and Judith Read from Old Lyme. Two members were elected to the Foundation's Board of Directors for a three-year term: Ken Levin and Marcy Withington. They replaced

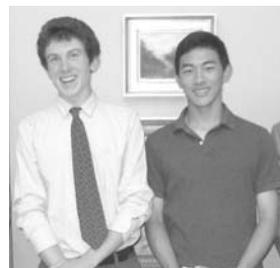
Steven Ames and Anne Clement, whose terms had expired. Foundation officers elected at the meeting were President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner, and Secretary/Treasurer Edward Perkins.

The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation has a longstanding tradition of providing financial support to local students going on to further their educations at colleges and universities after their high-school years. The Foundation is continually striving to increase the size of its endowment so the awards can keep pace with the ever increasing cost of college tuitions. This year Gordon Ulmer from Lyme left a substantial bequest to the Lyme (Brevillier) portion of the fund, which was greatly appreciated.

All high school graduates who have maintained permanent residence in Old Lyme or Lyme for at least two years are eligible to apply for a MacCurdy Salisbury grant. This applies not only to students attending Regional District 18 but to those attending high school out of town. Grants are given for four years and are paid out semi-annually to the students provided that a student's grades do not fall below 2.0 GPA and the student (family) remains a town resident. Applications and instructions are available at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office or on our website: MacCurdySalisbury.org.



Graduating seniors who received MacCurdy Salisbury grants at the annual reception held on June 7 at the Lyme Art Association: (seated, left to right) Valerie LeMay, Erica Schillawski, Emily Paine, Courtney Detuzzi, Rebecca Gagne, Hallie Hallman, and Laura Becher; (standing, left to right) Andrew Walker, Jon Whitaker, Nick Walker, Alden Martin, Nathan Algar, Kevin Pan, Jeffrey Winters, Graham Girty, Dan Kurpaska, Erin Rowland, and John Paul Abarca. Missing from photo: Margaretta Carter and Amy Lee



At their annual reception on June 7 at the Lyme Art Association, the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award was presented to Nick Walker of Old Lyme (left), who will attend Bowdoin College, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award was presented to Kevin Pan of Old Lyme (right), who will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Don Tapper

Municipal Agent

As Municipal Agent for the Elderly, I am always available to give advice and direction to the elderly and their families on all topics concerning senior issues. Please leave a message on my home phone, 860-434-5334, and I will respond as soon as possible.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional senior center/visiting nurse office located on Town Woods Road. I encourage all seniors to join the

center and participate in its many programs and events. Director Sherry White and visiting nurse Linda Camarra do an excellent helping with all facets of senior life.

Senior subsidized housing is available at Rye Field Manor, (860) 434-0526, and Lymewood, (860) 434-2120. Both are located off Boston Post Road. Please call them for more information and how to gain placement on the waiting list.

Old Lyme Ambulance Association

Tom Brown

President

The past year has been a busy yet rewarding one for the Old Lyme Ambulance Association. We are an organization of volunteer and paid medical professionals who are dedicated to helping others in our community. In the 2011-2012 fiscal year we responded to over 850 emergency calls. They ranged from motor vehicle accidents, injuries, and sickness to behavioral health emergencies and more. We are very proud to say we have a strong working relationship with the Old Lyme Fire Department, Old Lyme Police Department, and surrounding towns. In addition to emergencies we are often asked to stand by at large community events such as the Caroline's Miracle Foundation run, Lyme-Old Lyme High School graduation, the Midsummer Festival, and various others. In addition to our usual work, Hurricane Irene presented an additional challenge this year. Old Lyme EMS spent hundreds of hours before, during, and after the storm ensuring that the townspeople were safe and that their health and wellness needs were being met. Both paid and volunteer employees spent countless hours performing checks on people both over the phone and in person. We helped supply water, evacuate people, and assisted worried family members trying to reach their loved ones, not to mention providing medical care and equipment to those affected by the storm.

Old Lyme Emergency Medical Services is a unique organization in that the town taxes do not fund the organization's expenses. This includes vehicles, fuel, training, office equipment, maintenance of equipment, and medical supplies. Funds are derived from insurance reimbursement and membership donations from the townspeople.

Our organization is made up of primarily volunteers with a paid crew who work weekdays from six a.m. to six p.m. All ambulance staff members are State Certified Emergency Medical Technicians or Emergency Medical Responders and have received a high level of training to achieve these titles. Furthermore, our organization requires additional hours of field experience before a member can become active. Membership runs the gamut from seasoned "Old-Timers" to "Newbies" and everything in between. Applicants can be as young as sixteen years old. We are especially proud of the young people joining our organization who are willing to dedicate their time and energy at such a young age. In the past two years we've had five new members under the age of twenty join the organization. The common thread with all our membership is a high level of dedication to helping others in times of need. Old Lyme EMS could not function without its volunteers and we're always on the lookout for new blood. This

Old Lyme Ambulance Association *(continued)*

year brought additional changes to our fleet. Last year we purchased a new ambulance and this year decided to re-chassis our older ambulance. It was a long but very rewarding endeavor and

the ambulance has now returned to us, and it looks and functions like brand new.

Old Lyme Emergency Medical Services has had a very successful year and are looking forward to helping our community in the year to come.

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank

Secretary

369 West Road, Salem, CT 06420

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council celebrates the achievements of young people in our communities. For the third consecutive year the Council awarded scholarships to graduating seniors planning additional study in the communications field. Carli Smith and Daniel S. L. Koenigs from Lyme-Old Lyme High School were the recipients in June 2012. Scholarship materials are available through the guidance offices of the public high schools serving the Advisory Council area and on the Advisory Council web page.

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council is composed of representatives from East Haddam, Haddam Neck, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Salem. Public Access channels (12, 14, and 97) are provided by Comcast Cable in return for its cable franchise in the member towns. CTN (Connecticut Network) airs programs regularly on Channel 97.

Advisory Council meetings are scheduled quarterly and are open to the public. A meeting schedule is filed annually with the town clerk. The Council's web page is at www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

Comcast subscribers can watch Board of Selectmen meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Board of Education meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays. Public access shows air on Channel 14.

A brand new public access program began airing this past year. Conservation Corner is hosted by Conservation Commission member

George James. Old Lyme First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder was the first guest; she discussed radon with George. Jim Tripp from the Tributary Mill Conservancy also taped a Conservation Corner.

Other locally produced public access programs include Lyme-Old Lyme High School girls' basketball games; Lyme-Old Lyme Warriors football games, produced by Tim Devlin; Conversations, produced by Catherine Frank and hosted by LymeLine.com editor Olwen Logan; True Essence and Life Can Be Understood, produced by Annodeus Works; Hour of the Shaman, produced by Will DSol; and Shoreline Conversations, hosted and produced by State Representative Marilyn Giuliano.

Do you have an idea for a Public Access program? Training is provided free of charge. Phone Public Access Coordinator Lynn Perry at the Old Lyme Studio on Halls Road (860 434-0643) to request more information.

The Advisory Council acts as ombudsman for Comcast cable subscribers.

Old Lyme's Advisory Council members were Tim Devlin and Catherine Frank, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and Russ Gomes, representing the Regional School District #18 Board of Education. To reach an Old Lyme representative, phone the Town Hall (434-1605, ext. 210), or e-mail selectmansoffice@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Old Lyme Fire Department

C. Ellis Jewett
Secretary

Eighty-eight years ago the Old Lyme Fire Department was organized as a volunteer organization. The continuation to this day is certainly a great credit to the dedicated personnel who give freely of their time and energy to obtain the necessary training to perform the difficult tasks that today's firefighting requires. The professional dispatchers at the Valley Shore Communications Center receive your 911 calls and notify volunteer firefighters via voice alerting pagers. Available volunteers respond accordingly. Some respond to staff apparatus and others directly to the emergency scene. Volunteers responded to 342 emergency situations during the past year. The Department currently operates three fire stations and nine pieces of fire apparatus. Approximately forty-five active volunteers logged over three thousand hours of emergency duty. Department training officers conduct an on-going in-house training program. Outside instructors are employed when necessary, and members are encouraged to attend federal, state, and regional training sessions.

The department makes a great effort to be prepared to meet a variety of challenges. Firefighters never know if the next call will be a structure fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or hazardous material incident. As in past years more than fifty percent of the fire department responses are for automatic fire alarm activations and automobile accidents with injuries.

The Old Lyme Fire Department is actively involved with recruiting young members as junior firefighters. Our junior department consisting of members ranging in age from 15 to 18 years is a vital part of maintaining a stream of volunteers. The junior members receive the same training as other members of the department and are considered "equals" except for restrictions from the department and the many under-age labor laws. Our junior department has produced many active firefighters, including nine who have progressed to the office of "Chief the Department." We feel that it is important to involve the youth of our town in community service and to invoke a sense of order and discipline in our members. We feel that we have been very successful in this respect, with many of our "juniors" pursuing education in the emergency services field.

Annual funding, provided by the Town of Old Lyme, is used for the training of personnel and to purchase and maintain fire department apparatus and equipment. As the tools of our trade become

more sophisticated, the upgrading, modernization, and maintenance of fire department equipment is continuous. Equipping firefighters to safely face the challenges of their duties, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, and complying with required maintenance and testing schedules are costly expenditures. It should be noted that continued town support for the apparatus replacement plan is essential to the adequate performance of our services.

Old Lyme Fire Department Officers and personnel also participate in providing approvals and suggestions for many development, expansion, and renovation projects in our town. Officers work with the various boards and commissions to assure adequate fire protection. An ongoing program to assure adequate water sources is a constant concern.

The Old Lyme Fire Department volunteers are taxpayers, too, and strive for the most efficient operation of our organization. In this effort town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Firefighter's Fund campaign. Dedicated volunteers are always needed and new members are welcome. Please consider offering your services. There are firefighting and non-firefighting duties to fit all abilities. Visit any of the three fire stations and find out how you can assist. Department members meet on Wednesday evenings for scheduled training sessions, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

The Old Lyme Fire Department is administered by the following elected officers:

LINE OFFICERS

<i>Chief</i>	Thomas Swaney
<i>Deputy Chief</i>	Stephen Super
<i>First Assistant Chief</i>	Michael McCarthy, Jr.
<i>Second Assistant Chief</i>	James Montanez
<i>Captains</i>	Thomas Rozanski
	Dayton Dell
	Brian Dow
<i>Lieutenants</i>	Thomas Risom
	Larry Merrill III
	James Oldfield

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Robert Pierson
<i>Secretary</i>	C. Ellis Jewett
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas Negrelli
<i>Chaplain</i>	Mervin Roberts
<i>Steward</i>	John McCarthy

Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

Steven A. Ross
Chairman
steveross@snet.net

The HMC takes prides in its history as one of the first harbor management plans approved in the state. The commission's purview "begins at the mean high water mark ... including navigable rivers and streams" and "provides for the safe, orderly, and efficient allocation of seasonal moorings as well as unobstructed access to the navigable waters... (and) provides for the preservation and use of coastal resources in a manner ...retain(ing) their non-industrial character. The waters will be used for boating, fishing, and swimming exclusively." The commission remains an active member of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association.

As always, the commission reviewed and approved dock applications, worked to improve the ongoing communication with DEEP, and Harbormaster Mike Moran made the annual necessary repairs to the dinghy dock before launching it for the season. The commission retained membership with the Connecticut Harbor Management Association.

In addition to regular annual tasks, this has been an active year! The final version of the Harbor Management Plan and Addendum with maps and diagrams was scanned, reformatted, and placed on the town web site for easy access thanks to the efforts of computer whiz Charlie Delinks.

The HMC collaborated with the Old Lyme Fire Department to regain access to the fire well area at Academy Lane. The pre-application process for DEEP was completed based on a new marine survey of the area; the process continues to move forward.

There was progress on the multiple-year plan to enhance the area of the Lieutenant River at the junction with Hall's Road that was once graced

by the much-painted Bow Bridge. The west bank has been cleared of debris and the potholes have been filled in thanks to Public Works. A 30- by 30-foot area is now available for two fire trucks to draw water simultaneously, and a barrier has been erected to prevent vehicles from going for an inadvertent swim. The next stage of the plan calls for an ADA-approved access ramp and kayak access from a floating dock. The final stage of the plan consists of finding community partners to help place a footbridge at the site, which would connect the art areas with the town's commercial district.

The most significant coup for the year was securing \$200,000 from the Connecticut DOT to fund a request for proposals regarding dredging the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers where shoaling has become a hazard to navigation. Kudos to Ned Farman, Steven Ross, Bonnie Reemsnyder, and Geoff Steadman for a job well done.

The commission currently has openings for one alternate member. Commission officers include Steve Ross (Chair); David Zita (Vice Chair); Dave Fredericks (Secretary); Bill Harris (Treasurer); and the very able Janet Cody (Clerk), who keeps things sailing smoothly. The commission meets the second Tuesday of the month (except August and December) at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Town Hall and encourages interested residents to bring their ideas and concerns. The commission is especially interested in ideas for further development of harbor resources.

Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

Tim Griswold, Dyanne Rafal

Co-Chairs

The Old Lyme Historical Society works to collect, preserve, and interpret the cultural, economic, social, and architectural history of Old Lyme from the earliest settlements to the present. At its eighth annual meeting held on June 11, 2012, the organization marked the end of another highly successful year that kicked off with a lecture and workshop by historian Caroline Zinsser, Ph.D., called “The Joy of Research.” Later on in August there was a traditional lobster bake held in support of new memberships. The Society added to its impressive list of publications *The Charm of the Place: Old Lyme in the 1920s*, meticulously researched and written by author Carolyn Wakeman, Ph.D. The book launch celebration took place in November 2011 at the Old Lyme Grange Hall and included an exhibition of local historical photographs. Once again in May the Old Lyme Historical Society hosted a sold-out dinner with a lecture by Dr. John Pfeiffer titled “Nehantics: Aboriginal Peoples of the Lymes.” In addition to these events, the Historical Society produced a new brochure detailing a historical walking tour of Lyme Street, and work continues to progress on an oral history project begun in 2009.

Board member Dr. Joanne Hedwall, a business education teacher at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, and Dr. Ned Pfeiffer organized a new History Club at the school. The club was created to give LOLHS students an opportunity to find out more about Lyme and Old Lyme history and to develop a relationship with the Old Lyme Historical Society. Members have kept a journal chronicling their adventures, listened to speakers, taken pictures of Lyme and Old Lyme today, held a World War II Speaker Luncheon, and started the ball rolling to have a time capsule planted when the high school building project concludes. Members of the History Club also volunteered at the Historical Society’s first antiques appraisal event called “Vintage!” a scholarship fundraiser. In the near future, members are looking forward to connecting with other history clubs in the area and taking a historical walking tour of Old Lyme.

Through the assistance of a staff of volunteers, the Old Lyme Historical Society maintains regular hours at its office in the Genealogy

Room of the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 10 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The Historical Society also welcomes donations of historically significant items and documents and a dedicated group of volunteers serving on the Archives Committee meets regularly to sift through donated material for inclusion in the archives. Much of their efforts this year have focused on large files of papers from the McCurdy estate that in turn has led to the interesting “rediscovery” of a red granite quarry in Old Lyme once owned and operated by the McCurdy family. The Old Lyme Historical Society also maintains a website www.OLHSI.org that includes information about the organization’s activities, publications, and membership.

At the annual meeting held in June 2012 Tim Griswold was elected Co-Chair of the Board. The officers for the year ahead are Dyanne Rafal and Tim Griswold, Co-Chairs; Martha Hansen, Secretary; and Carol Winters, Treasurer. Newly elected Board Members include Kristin Magnussen, Adela Wilmerding, Susan Morrison, Alison Mitchell, and Leslie Markowicz. The Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of each month in the Community Room of the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.

Contact information for the Old Lyme Historical Society:

Website www.OLHSI.org

Office Phone 860-434-0684



Lyme-Old Lyme High School History Club members Marley Bocian, on left, and Ali Scott assist Dyanne Rafal at the Vintage! antiques appraisal event.

Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc.

Christina Clayton
President

During the past year, Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc. (OLLT) created two new preserves, both due to generous land donations from local landowners. One is the Belton Copp Preserve, a small but choice parcel at 14 Smith Neck Road on land donated by Mr. Copp that abuts a large parcel of tidal wetlands, affording panoramic views. The other is the John Lohmann CT River Preserve, a spectacular forty-acre parcel with frontage on the Connecticut River. Unlike OLLT's other preserves, the land is largely unforested. Terraced fields, stone walls, and a scattering of large old trees bespeak the property's agricultural history. The land had been neglected in the years before John Lohmann purchased it, and its reclamation was a personal project of his during his lifetime. Lohmann, a conservationist and fifty-year resident of Old Lyme, died in 2005. The preserve is accessible at 33 Coult Lane.

Old Lyme Land Trust benefited greatly from the efforts of local scouts. Shannon Chapman designed a Trail Passport for elementary school children applicable to six town preserves, three of them owned by OLLT and three by the town. For her project she earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. Here is how the system works. Child-

friendly maps can be downloaded from the OLLT and town (Open Space Commission) websites. The child registers at the trailhead (look for Shannon's wooden boxes) and stamps his or her passport after walking the trail. In addition, David Muckle of Lyme-Old Lyme Boy Scout Troop #26 began work on his Eagle Scout project, which is to create a parking area and main trail for the Bob & Esther Heller Preserve at 80 Town Woods Road.

Partnering with other land trusts in the region, OLLT sponsored the 7th Annual Amateur Photo Contest. Entries in the Youth Division were particularly impressive last year.

Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc. is a private, all-volunteer organization. Its Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday evening of every month at 7 p.m. at 44 Whippoorwill Road. Volunteers are welcome to serve on the Board or on Board Committees and to participate in monthly work parties to maintain trails at OLLT preserves. Work parties take place the third Sunday of every month, weather permitting. The website is www.oldlymelandtrust.org. Information is available at info@oldlymelandtrust.org or by calling Christina Clayton, President, at (860) 434-6294.



The John Lohmann Connecticut River Preserve, created during the past fiscal year by the Old Lyme Land Trust thanks to a 40-acre donation.

Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

Don Bugbee
Director

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs and services for the residents and the summer visitors in Old Lyme. The office is located at 52 Lyme Street, in the lower level of the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall and can be reached by calling 434 1605 ext 235. The E-mail address is parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov and there is a Parks and Recreation web page that can be linked from the Town of Old Lyme's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov). All Parks and Recreation information is on the website and programs are listed by season.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, made up of seven residents, usually meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Anyone interested in participating as a commission member should contact the chairperson and the Selectman's Office. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

During the summer months we provide a daily staff of lifeguards and parking lot attendants for our facilities at White Sand Beach and Hain's Park at Rogers Lake. We also staff the town-owned parking lot at Sound View Beach, which becomes one of the busiest spots in town. We maintain the Little League baseball and softball fields and the tennis courts and basketball courts at Cross Lane Park. Town Woods Park once again was very busy with soccer, lacrosse, and Little League baseball and softball practices and games. The high school boys soccer team and the girls lacrosse team currently practice and play their games at the park because of limited space at

the main school campus. Over the next few years, during the high school construction project, Town Woods Park will be relied on heavily to support high school, middle school, club, and recreational activities. Cooperation between all groups involved is essential. These fields require a first-class field maintenance program to keep up with the amount of use they are receiving and to prevent them from being worn out. The Town Woods Park fields are being maintained "pesticide free," similar to the school district's fields.

The typical programs we currently offer for our youth include a six-week summer day-camp, a summer baseball camp, three summer basketball camps, two summer tennis camps, a summer soccer camp, fall soccer, and winter basketball. Adult programs currently include yoga sessions, which run during the fall, winter, and spring, and our adult basketball program, which basically runs during the entire school year.

As always, I would like to thank all of the Parks and Recreation employees, commission members, the Public Works Department, the selectmen, the Board of Finance, and Regional District 18 for the use of facilities and the town employees for the efforts they contribute to our programs. Also and in particular, thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers who continue to give up their time for the benefit of others in our community. Your efforts are essential to many of our Parks and Recreation programs and they are appreciated.

Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

Mary Fiorelli
Director

www.oldlyme.lioninc.org
mfiorell@oldlyme.lioninc.org

The library celebrated the successful completion of raising 1.1 million dollars for its endowment to provide ongoing support for the future of library services to the community. We are extremely thankful for the steadfast leadership of chairpersons David Dangremond, Adela Wilmerding, and Trustee Emeritus David Winer. We are grateful to the many individuals who supported the campaign with their donations that will sustain services for many generations to come.

The rededication of the Children's Room as the Constance and William Pike Children's Room on October 2 was a heartfelt and upbeat event attended by local officials, families, friends, and supporters. Connie was one of Old Lyme's most beloved residents whose devotion to children, learning, and the library's role in children's lives she supported through her many years of service as a trustee and generous donor.

The year was brimming with many initiatives and programs to provide new services and broaden outreach to residents. Two literacy workstations for children ages 2-10 were introduced thanks to funding from the Junior Women's Club. These color-coded Ready-To-Read computers offer over 45 programs fostering important reading skills to last a lifetime. Our school-age patrons enthusiastically embraced the children's Summer Reading Program, which attracted more than 400 participants, our most successful year to date. Additional successes in Children's Services were Lego Mania on Saturdays and monthly Lullaby Nights. A pilot program, *Today's Toddlers, Tomorrow's Leaders*, featuring

local community leaders as guest readers, was enthusiastically received. Town officials Bonnie Reemsnyder and Mary Jo Nosal, LYSB Director Mary Seidner, and others engaged the toddlers with their favorite stories along with talking about their roles and responsibilities for town.

Teens were offered a variety programs: visits with authors of young adult books, expanded after-school crafts and activities, highly successful Murder Mystery nights, and new laptop computers. Reading- and writing-based activities were opportunities for extra credit at school. Collaboration with Regional School District 18 on promoting the *Recommended and Required Reading* Lists for 2012 summer reading began along with sharing of the school district's *Common Core Standards* for use in developing the library's reading collections to support curriculum. Teens flocked to the lawn concerts by local musicians as part of our summer events. The formation of a Teen Advisory Board was enthusiastically received by students in May and will continue via a blog on the library's website. More collaborative educational programs are planned for next year.

The introduction of Mango Languages online learning system with 12 foreign languages provides web based services to students of all ages accessible through a home computer. Due to the growth in emerging technologies, instructional training on eReaders continues to be a trend. We invite you to visit our website at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org and sign up for our e-newsletter to learn more about all of our programs and services.

Old Lyme Police

Officer Thomas Heinsen

Old Lyme Police Report for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

The Old Lyme Police consists of one Resident State Trooper and six full-time and three part-time Town Police Officers. During periods of leave, the town of Old Lyme receives general patrol coverage from the Connecticut State Police Troop F in Westbrook. The Old Lyme Resident Trooper and Town Police are dispatched by Troop F. The following is a breakdown of the total police incidents that occurred in the town of Old Lyme, including Interstate 95, during fiscal 2011-2012.

Total Calls for Service:	17,734
Investigations:	155
<i>(Robbery, Burglary, Larceny, Criminal Mischief, etc.)</i>	
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	206
Driving Under the Influence Arrests:	45
Motor Vehicle Citations:	1,267
Motor Vehicle Warnings:	1,156
Miscellaneous Service Calls:	14,961
<i>(Alarms, Assist to the Fire Department, Medicals, Property Checks, Fingerprints, General Assists to the Public, Disabled Motorist, etc.)</i>	

The Old Lyme Police Department is not manned 24 hours and is located at 294 Shore Road. **To report any type of emergency or crime in progress, please dial 911.** For routine calls, the resident troopers and town police officers can be reached by calling **(860) 434-1986**. That number rings at the police department and will roll over to the Troop F Dispatch if not answered.

Old Lyme Shellfish Commission

Mervin F. Roberts, *Chair*

John D. Seckla, *Treasurer*

David W. Redfield, *Secretary*

The Old Lyme Shellfish Commission sadly remains in a state of suspension due to the condition of the waters surrounding our community. The shellfish beds that have furnished nourishment and industry for our citizens since colonial times are unfortunately no longer viable. The Mattabassett Sewage Treatment Plant in Cromwell is responsible for polluting the extensive oyster beds in our part of the Connecticut River.

The Bureau of Aquaculture of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture is the organization that gives us our marching orders, and they are on record stating that they will not support or give encouragement to any shellfishing operations east of Old Saybrook except for relay and depuration. This process involves commitment by a commercial operator.

Our oyster beds in the Connecticut River are presently not large enough to warrant such a commitment.

The one viable clam bed within our jurisdiction is too small to be opened -- it would require too much manpower to monitor and would be quickly reduced to a non-sustainable asset.

So we sit and wait for better days: improvement in the condition of our waters and reduced levels of MX and Dermo (the two diseases that currently affect our oysters).

We do meet annually in February. All are welcome, and we are reachable and responsive to questions and inputs.

We maintain a positive cash balance somewhere around \$1,000 and thus make no financial demands on the town.

Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne C. DiCamillo
Chairman

The Old Lyme Tree Commission meets in Memorial Town Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public; we welcome residents' participation and ideas.

A REMINDER TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS: PERMIT REQUIRED

You must obtain permission from the Tree Warden to *plant, remove, or trim trees on the town right-of-way adjoining your property*. The application is available at Town Hall or online at www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

The two storms that struck Connecticut in August and October of last year left behind a devastating amount of tree damage. Many roadways were impassable because of fallen trees and the difficulties encountered in clearing them.

Tropical Storm Irene's gusty winds damaged a significant number of trees in Old Lyme, but fortunately, our tree losses were fewer than many of the other towns and cities in the state. One of the reasons can be attributed to the fact that the Tree Commission, the Tree Warden, and the Dept. of Public Works have been working jointly

for the past twelve years to identify and remove dead and declining trees along our public roads and walkways and in our recreational areas. Each year the town provides us with a budget for this purpose, along with tree maintenance and tree planting. Unfortunately, a number of Connecticut's towns and cities have not adopted this policy. The results are devastating when major storms strike them: heavy tree damage, loss of property, personal injury, and subsequent power outages. Furthermore, power is disrupted in neighboring communities that share the same circuits.

Since Storm Irene's departure, we have been busy with identifying and repairing broken branches, taking down the trees that were severely damaged, and evaluating the long-term stability of trees left with cracks and splits in them. We are required by state law and our town regulations to hire licensed professional arborists to carry out the work.

We ask that residents continue to be vigilant and phone town hall with your tree concerns. Thank you for your support, your help, and your interest in keeping our community's trees healthy and safe.

Old Lyme Social Services

Sherry Meyer White
Social Services Coordinator

As the Social Services Coordinator, I processed applications for Renter's Rebate, Energy Assistance, Medicaid, Food Stamps (SNAP), Husky, and similar programs. My weekly daily hours were 10:00

a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and my office was located at the Lymes' Senior Center. Thank you to all the Old Lyme residents whom I helped and got to know as close friends!

Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Muriel Drugan

Executive Director

The Visiting Nurse Association has been in existence since 1922. Over the past ninety years the organization has worked diligently to service the public health needs of the community. The Town Nurse's office is located in the Lymes' Senior Center at 26 Town Woods Road. The nurse is available there for free healthcare services on Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. During the past year, the nurse had 865 resident visits for services and consultations. The nurse also made a total of 313 house calls to those who are homebound and unable to travel to the office. The total of nursing service hours for the year was 1,125.

A number of town resident volunteers who make up our dedicated Board of Directors and Associates work under the direction of the Town Nurse at several clinics throughout the year and arrange, organize, and staff a number of other clinics, committees, and services. Without the efforts and hours that our volunteers so generously give, the Association would not be able to accomplish so much of the work that it does. The Board of Directors holds meetings at 1 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in Memorial Town Hall. Our meeting year runs from the month of September through the following June. The Board does not meet in July or August. For inquiries of the Board please call the administration office at 860-434-5241 or send an email to the Administrator at murdr@aol.com.

The 2011 Flu Clinic immunization program dispensed 392 shots to clinic participants, the homebound, town employees, police, and volunteer ambulance and fire personnel. At our expanded Health & Wellness Day 2011, in excess of 200 people took advantage of the services offered. Ninety-four blood tests were taken and more than three dozen people had blood pressure screenings from the Town Nurse. Also that day, Dr. Robert Klimek performed eye examinations for glaucoma, retinal screenings, and cataract checks. Dr. John Carroll saw people for foot examinations. Nutritionist Julie

Buchanan gave dietary advice. In addition, a certified massage therapist gave stress-reducing chair massages. Flu immunizations were offered to the general public through the Ledge Light Health District for a nominal charge. A number of local group and individual providers of health- and wellness-related services were on hand to present their information. Attendees also enjoyed demonstrations of Jazzercise and karate. The yearly blood pressure clinic at Lyme - Old Lyme High School saw fifty-seven young people take advantage of this service, and the students were also given information and health literature on skin cancer.

In the spring, the Pre-Kindergarten Audio-Visual Clinic, which is co-sponsored with the Lyme Old Lyme Junior Women's Club, tested nineteen children. Dr. Christine Semenza was in charge of the visual screenings and certified audiologist Maureen Miller-Lebek from L&M Hospital Audiology Department supervised the hearing component of the tests. In May, we also partnered with the Old Lyme Police Department in offering a Bike Rodeo for children from kindergarten through middle-school grades. The rodeo featured fun riding skills challenges while teaching safety tips. Bicycle and tire inspections were done by a volunteer experienced mechanic.

In June, the Association awarded yearly scholarships to graduating seniors who intend to pursue college majors in health-related fields. The Old Lyme VNA Scholarship was awarded to Cynthia Espinoza, Allison Fiscus, Kaitlyn Mueller, Nicolette Strizzi, and Samantha Ward. The Mary H. Noyes Memorial Scholarship recipients were Cynthia Espinoza, Taylor Miller, and Nicolette Strizzi.

The Town of Old Lyme supports the professional nursing services operating budget. From the ongoing generous response of our residents and friends to our annual fund drive and the various memorial donations and gifts received over the years of our existence, the Association is able to continue to offer a number of community public health services and programs to the residents of Old Lyme either completely free of charge or at a substantially reduced cost.



The 2012 Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Scholarship awardees pictured with Association Board President Constance Knauff, left to right: Samantha Ward, Cynthia Espinoza (foreground), Taylor Miller, Kaitlyn Mueller, and Nicolette Strizzi. Not pictured in photo: Allison Fiscus.

Open Space Commission

Diana A. Johnson
Chairman

The town's Open Space Commission meets on the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m., except in August, and welcomes all those interested in helping the town in the stewardship and acquisition of open space. If you are interested in serving on the commission, please fill out the town volunteer form in the Selectman's Office.

We were proud to participate in Shannon Chapman's Girl Scout Gold Award project this year as she built boxes at the entrance to six open space parcels in town, three owned by Old Lyme Land Trust and three by the town. Shannon walked the trails, noted interesting features on the trails, created a "Trail Passport," and set up boxes at each entrance so kids and adults alike could stamp their passports and write down their sightings: birds, animals, special plants, and trees observed on their trail walk. These maps are downloadable at the Open Space Commissions webpage: www.oldlyme-ct.gov/pages/OldLymeCT_BComm/openspace.

This year the town Open Space Commission and the Old Lyme Land Trust started the process of revising all the maps to Open Space parcels that contain trails open to the public. With new GIS technology and the help of many volunteers, this project should be completed in the upcoming year. At the same time, the Open Space Commission is updating its signage because so many trails and parcels have been added since the original mapping was done. By this time next year we

should have new trail markers, new signage, and new trail maps available both on site and on the town's website. Thanks to Ted Crosby for GIS work and George James, stewardship chair, for all their work! We also thank John Flower, Bill Hoynack and his daughters, and all the other volunteers who have helped clear the trails after Hurricane Irene.

The commission continues to discuss various properties with the landowners, knowing that in many cases it takes years to bring a proposal forward. In the meantime, there we have faced many other concerns: how to permanently protect open space in lieu of the Haddam land-swap debacle; how to satisfy both dog owners and the public who use the town's trail system; forestry management; town open space being eyed for community septic systems; the addition of an open space layer to the town's online GIS site showing the entire inventory of protected lands in Old Lyme; revision of the Open Space website and links; the continued violations of the town's rules barring the use of ATV's and motorized bikes on town trails; and, among other items, the creation of a town "Bird Check List," based on reports submitted to me at dianaajohnson@me.com. Please help with this project! Send me your sightings with the name, date, time, and location of your bird sighting. I also collect wildlife sightings, too, especially for our open space parcels.

Planning Commission

Harold Thompson
Chairman

The Planning Commission meets in the town hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except during the month of August.

Special Meetings are held when required, and all the meeting notices are posted in the town hall and on the town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov). Information on the actions of the commission and meeting schedule can also be obtained from the office, which is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kim Groves, our Land-Use Administrator, is always willing to accept your application and assist you in any way.

The commission consists of five elected members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The commission is responsible, every ten years by State Statute, for the Town Plan of Development, Subdivision Regulations, and special documents such as ordinances that are approved by a town meeting. The commission is also required to act on any municipal developments, such as the acquisition of open space; relocation or abandonment of any public property, land, parks, roads, schools, or public utilities; or anything owned or acquired by the town.

The Planning Commission continues to be involved with issues relating to open space, the impact of development on wetlands, and the installation of private roads for new developments.

The Planning Commission is continuing to actively communicate with other land-use commissions and committees to address land-use concerns with proposed developments and subdivisions. This continued communication often has provided an opportunity for members of the various commissions to exchange views on the course of development in Old Lyme.

The Planning Commission continues to work with the Open Space Committee to better coordinate the selection of areas of open space for properties being developed. In some cases, where appropriate, the commission has used the ability to waive the subdivision open space requirements for a fee in lieu of the open space that will allow money to be placed in the land acquisition account for the purchase of open space.

Due to the economic climate over the last year there has been a significant reduction in the number of applications received by the commission.

The Planning Commission is currently reviewing Design and Construction Standards and Subdivision Regulations. This review will examine current construction standards and will examine the subdivision application review process to ensure that all subdivision applications obtain the appropriate amount of review. The current goal is to complete this review by the first half of 2013.

Registrars of Voters

Sylvia Peterson (D)
Donald Tapper (R)
Registrars

The Registrars' Office is located on the second floor of Memorial Town Hall on the mezzanine level. Our regular posted hours are on Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m., with Special Sessions advertised in the Day newspaper as set forth by the Secretary of the State in the Election Calendar.

The numbers of new voters registered in the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year were as follows:
Democrat – 46; Republican – 47;
Unaffiliated – 64; Other – 6.

Region #18 (Lyme/Old Lyme) Public Schools

Ian Neviaser

Superintendent of Schools

The 2011-2012 school year in the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools was an exceptionally busy one that produced amazing results in a variety of different areas. It is with great pride that we share this annual report with the citizens of Lyme and Old Lyme.

Again this year, the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national level for numerous awards. Lyme-Old Lyme High School was named a Gold Medal school by *U.S. News & World Report*. This distinction was bestowed on only a select group of schools across the nation. The high school was also named one of the top 100 STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) high schools in the United States. Center School earned the distinction of being named the Connecticut Association of Schools' Elementary School of the Year. This was a tremendous honor for the students, staff, and the community. Additionally, Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School was honored with the Connecticut Technology Educator Association's Connecticut Middle School Technology Program of the Year award. On a team and individual level, the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School Science Club won the Connecticut Science Olympiad, and two Lyme-Old Lyme High School students were named as National Merit Scholars. Our staff was also acknowledged for their great work. A teacher from Lyme-Old Lyme High School was named as a Connecticut State Teacher of the Year semi-finalist, and our high school principal was named the Connecticut Association of Schools Outstanding First Year Principal.

As a school system, we continue to plan for the future and, as such, conducted a district-wide study and issued a report on elementary equity across Region #18. In preparation for our declining enrollment, we implemented the first year of the elementary redistricting plan and prepared for year two.

In an ongoing effort to increase the efficiency of our operation, we engaged in a number of new technology initiatives. We introduced Applitrack, an electronic human resources delivery and management program. Now, all employment applications are submitted and reviewed electronically. In other areas, we have

initiated a plan to digitize all records for retention purposes. Perhaps our biggest technological advance resulted from our collaboration with the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation and the Parent-Teacher Organizations for a block grant to advance the implementation of our technology plan.

During the 2011-2012 school year, we made many upgrades to our facilities. As of July we had completed approximately 75 percent of the construction of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School renovation project. In an effort to cut costs, the district relocated its Central Administrative Offices from an off campus leased space to the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. We upgraded our campus boiler system and replaced the roof at Mile Creek School.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a 1.52-percent increase in the school budget for the 2012-13 year. This included a \$123,000 reduction in the budget notwithstanding debt service. Other reductions were achieved by the Board of Education negotiation of a 0-percent salary increase for both the teacher and administrator unions for the 2012-2013 year.

In November, the Region #18 Board of Education named a new Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School Principal and a new Center School Principal. Later in the year, as a result of two retirements, the district hired a new Lyme-Old Lyme High School Assistant Principal and a new Superintendent of Schools.

Finally, and of the utmost importance, the district continued to prepare our students for the new Common Core State Standards. We revised our elementary report card to include standards-based reporting and to employ a computerized format. We expanded parent portal use of Power School at the secondary level and integrated the computer program, Relan-Pro, into our World Language instruction. The high school added a new Advanced Placement Psychology course and a new American History Through Film course. As well, the Board of Education adopted new textbooks in physics, pre-calculus, and mathematics for grades K-8.

Rogers Lake Authority

Richard J. Smith, Sr.
Chairman

Rogers Lake Authority has experienced many changes since the untimely passing of Fredrik Holth, previous chairman, in August of 2011. A new Rogers Lake Authority has emerged. Meetings are now held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Rogers Lake West Shores Association community center on Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme at 7:30 p.m.; everyone is welcome to attend.

Dr. George Knocklein, a limnologist, has continued in the fall with his study of Rogers Lake with its weed-related problems. Dr. Knocklein concluded that the invasive weed fanwort has returned after the hand pulling in the fall of 2010. An attempt to get New England Aquatic to do hand pulling in the fall of 2011 was postponed due to a scheduling problem and abnormal cold temperatures. A date of June or July 2012 was agreed upon for the hand pulling to proceed. At the conclusion of Knocklein's study, a Rogers Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan was developed. The first step is to contract a suction harvesting company for harvesting the fanwort in the summer of 2012. Second is to harvest a sizeable test area of the invasive weed — variable milfoil — to evaluate the results of this process. Third is to buy five new benthic mats to be placed in shallow and less

traveled areas. These mats are 7 by 100 feet and will be installed and maintained by an aquatic company. A probable placement could be Hains Park for sizeable results. Due to these aggressive plans, the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme have responded with a comparable budget to attack these problems.

A memorial bench has been obtained and inscribed in memory of Fredrik Holth to show that all the time and efforts of Fred's thankless work is remembered. This bench is to be situated at Hains Park in the area of the new environmental planting on the east side of the park. It has been a lengthy process beginning with the purchase of the bench and getting wetlands to approve the plans to begin the work for the environmental garden. The finalization of this project is not known at this time.

Again, the Rogers Lake Authority is thankful for all the volunteers and the Health of the Lake Committee with the three proactive approaches to the welfare of Rogers Lake. The Rogers Lake Authority looks forward to working with the towns of Old Lyme and Lyme in finding solutions to the weed problems as they exist. I would like to thank all members and associates of the Rogers Lake Authority for all their work to make Rogers Lake a better place.

Tax Collector

Judith A. Tooker
Tax Collector

We are here to collect taxes. We try to do this in a friendly manner. We are here 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 weekdays.

Town Meetings

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 190 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting on Monday, July 18, 2011, at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium of Regional District No. 18 Middle School, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold called the meeting to order.

Atty Marilyn C. Clarke was elected to serve as Moderator.

Town Clerk Eileen K. Coffee read the call of the meeting.

1. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Municipal Solid Waste Management Service Agreement with Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRRA) for solid waste disposal services commencing November 16, 2012 and continuing until June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen.

Motion Carried

2. An election was held for the unexpired term of Alice Burbank, Regional School District No. 18 Board of Education. Results of the election: Paul Fuchs (D) 99 votes; Judy Read (R) 81 votes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Eileen K. Coffee
Old Lyme Town Clerk*

*Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee
July 19, 2011*

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 19 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011, at 7:30 PM in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Town Hall at 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold called the meeting to order.

Atty. Marilyn C. Clarke was elected to serve as Moderator.

Town Clerk Eileen K. Coffee read the call of the meeting.

1. A motion was made and seconded to ratify, under the provisions set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes, the resolution adopted on July 27, 2011 by the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials, of which the Town of Old Lyme is a member, to establish a council of governments called the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments and to formally adopt Section 4-124i through 4-124p of said General Statutes.

Motion Tabled To January 2012 Annual Town Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Eileen K. Coffee
Old Lyme Town Clerk*

*Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee
November 22, 2011*

Town Meetings *(continued)*

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 75 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 7:30 PM in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Town Hall at 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder called the meeting to order.

Atty. Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as Moderator.

Town Clerk Eileen K. Coffee read the call of the meeting.

1. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$150,000 towards the purchase in 2012 of two fire engines, which amount shall be transferred from the Town's undesignated surplus account into the fire apparatus account, as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. The prior Board of Selectmen voted on 21 November 2011 to bring this item to Town Meeting.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Eileen K. Coffee
Old Lyme Town Clerk*

*Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee
December 7, 2011*

TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately 40 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Business Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Auditorium of Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder called the meeting to order.

Atty. Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as Moderator.

Town Clerk Eileen K. Coffee read the call of the meeting.

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried

2. Diana Atwood Johnson was selected as the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2011.

3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Jane R. Marsh to the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA), such term to expire in January 2014, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion Carried

Note: The call of the meeting listed the term expiration date January 2013 which was noted to be a scrivener's error. The term expires in January 2014.

4. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the grant of an easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company for the installation, maintenance and repair of electric lines across Town land at 169 Lyme Street adjacent to land of Regional District No. 18, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute and deliver the grant of easement in the name of the Town.

Motion Carried

5. A motion was made and seconded to consider a proposed ordinance ratifying, under the provisions set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes, the resolution adopted on July 27, 2011 by the Connecticut

Town Meetings *(continued)*

River Valley Council of Elected Officials, of which the Town of Old Lyme is a member, to establish a council of governments called the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments and to formally adopt Section 4-124i through 4-124p of the General Statutes. This item was tabled at the November 21, 2011 Town Meeting for consideration at this Town Meeting.

Tabled to a Future Town Meeting

6. First Selectwoman Reemsnyder called upon Regional District No. 18 Superintendent Elizabeth Osga and Board of Education member Atty. Victoria Lanier to give an update on Regional District No 18 bond issue and a brief progress report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Eileen K. Coffee
Old Lyme Town Clerk*

*Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee
January 26, 2012*

TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Approximately 30 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Budget Meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012, at 7:30 PM in the Meeting Hall at the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

The call of the meeting was read by Eileen K. Coffee, Town Clerk.

1. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Motion carried

2. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Estate and Personal Property shall be paid in two (2) semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2012 and the

second payment on January 1, 2013. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July, 2012, as are vehicles on the Supplemental List due in January, 2013 in one payment.

Motion carried

3. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the additional sum of \$142,283 for the Town's emergency management account in connection with Hurricane Irene, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Such appropriation may be funded in part by federal monies under FEMA.

Motion carried

4. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$200,000 for the dredging of the Four Mile River and the Black Hall River, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Said expenditure shall be funded by a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Motion carried

5. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$290,000 for the Rogers Lake Dam project, \$229,750 of which expenditure shall be funded by a grant under the State's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP). Said project has been recommended by the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Eileen K. Coffee,
Town Clerk*

*Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee
May 22, 2012*

Treasurer

John A. Bysko
Treasurer

I am again happy to report that the finances of the Town of Old Lyme continue to be in excellent shape. Unlike what is continuing to happen with both our Federal government and the State of Connecticut, Old Lyme continues to operate financially in a way that can be a model to most governments.

Our reserves continue to trend higher and towards the upper range of a recommended range of between 5% to 15% because of the hard work and responsible approach of all involved in the finances of the town. This happens because of the work of the Board of Finance, the Selectmen, the Finance Director, the Tax Collector, and all other individuals and departments involved in adhering very carefully to their budgets. If

it wasn't for the coordinated effort of all these individuals, this would not be possible.

The annual outside audit by the CPA firm that prepared the Town of Old Lyme audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 was a "clean" one, meaning that the record-keeping and accuracy as well as the financial position was excellent. It is anticipated that the audit for the year ending June 2012 will be similar. Much of the credit for the record-keeping and the significant improvement goes to our Finance Director, Nicole Stadjuhar, CPA, and her staff.

The Town of Old Lyme continues to operate well financially, and the residents can be confident that their town financial balance sheet is in great shape.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Suzanne Stutts
Chairman

The standards that guide and limit the Zoning Board of Appeals are the Connecticut General Statutes. Acting in a quasi-judicial capacity, the board hears appeals for variances and appeals from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Official. Applicants must show "exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship" due to the unique characteristics of their property. A variance can be granted only if it is in harmony with the general intent and the comprehensive plan of zoning put forth by the town.

This year we heard twenty-one cases and held nine meetings. Twelve cases were granted variances, five of which were granted with conditions or modifications, and four were denied.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (with the exceptions of August and December) at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street,, Old Lyme.

This year Dick Moll retired and moved to Maine after serving over twenty years on the ZBA. Arthur Sibley, a veteran member of the board, replaced Dick. We also welcomed two new alternates –Martha Rumskas and Mary Stone.

I would like to thank the members of the board – Kip Kotzan, Judy McQuade, Dick Moll, Joe St. Germain, Arthuer Sibley, Martha Rumskas, Mary Stone, Richard Smith, and our clerk, Kim Barrows – for their time and commitment to the board and the town.

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Commission

Dimitri Tolchinski
Chairman

The year starting from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 was a very busy year for Old Lyme WPCA Commission members and for me as the chairman. Every member of our Commission was putting as much effort in his or her volunteering work with only one thing in mind, which was to do only what is the best for the whole town.

What we have established during the last year was something very important, which was to offer to the town as an alternative to the public sewers -- the already proven community septic systems.

Presently the solution, to be in compliance with the State DEEP requirements, does not include alternative technology. For properties with high ground water tables and very small lots (10,000 sq.ft. or less), the only legal solution is either the community septic systems or the Public Sewer.

On December 6, 2011, the WPCA made a presentation to the Town of Old Lyme commissions, committees, board members, and other interested people. This presentation was very educational for all of them. Many people present supported community septic systems as a preferable alternative to sewers. Many thanks to our engineer, Brian Curtis, for the terrific job he did presenting our idea, the possibility of community septic systems in Old Lyme.

We worked closely with our Board of Selectman and the DEEP to investigate and implement solutions that will benefit our town.

We would especially like to recognize the leadership and assistance we received from First Selectwomen Bonnie Reemsnyder this past year. The members of the WPCA remain committed to work with our shoreline homeowner associations to assist them in undertaking cost-effective steps to manage their waste water disposal.

But we should also improve our regulations and ordinances so that State alternate septic systems can be legally used in Old Lyme when they are approved.

We have to ask the State to help us financially to provide the Study on the Town Septic System situation. Time tells us that we should be ready to offer the solution to our septic systems issues before it's too late.

All residents are welcome to attend Water Pollution Control Authority Commission meetings in Old Lyme Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m, expt during the months of August and December. Agendas and minutes of all the meetings are posted on the town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov).

The correct solution is to bring all the town's septic systems **TO BE IN COMPLIANCE NOT ONLY WITH THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO WITH THE STATE DEEP.**

Thank you for all your help to me and to the town.

Zoning Commission

Jane Cable
Chair

Authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Zoning Commission regulates land use and structures in order to promote health, lessen congestion, and promote appropriate uses of land in accordance with the Plan of Conservation and Development that is drawn up by the Planning Commission.

In addition to hearing applications brought by landowners, the commission drafts and amends the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations.

The Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of each month, and agendas are posted on the town website. All meetings are open to the public.

**OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION FORM**

In order to provide the highest level of assistance to the residents of Old Lyme, the Office of Emergency Management is asking its residents to preidentify themselves in the event of needing special assistance during an emergency.

If you, or know of someone who, may be in need of transportation or any other assistance during an emergency, please fill out this special needs form and return the form to :
OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, 52 LYME STREET, OLD LYME CT 06371.
In the event of an emergency, local emergency workers contact you and provide assistance.

This information is voluntary and will remain confidential.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT # _____

TOWN: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME:

PLEASE CHECK ANY OF ITEMS WHICH MAY ADDRESS YOUR NEEDS

I am hearing impaired I use a TDD/TT device

I am oxygen dependent I have impaired vision

I depend upon electrically powered life sustaining medical equipment

Respirator equipment Inhome dialysis Other _____

I have mobility concerns and rely on the use of a:

Wheelchair Walker Cane Other _____

I have a service animal or guide dog I have special dietary needs

I rely on Inhome health care assistance I have special prescription needs

I would require special transportation in the event I had to evacuate my home

I understand that this information is voluntary and will remain confidential.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Senior Services Information

A Directory of Local and State Services Available to Senior Residents.

Connecticut now requires residents to dial the 860 prefix for local calls.

EMERGENCY (Ambulance, Fire, Police)911
Poison Control Center 1-800-343-2722
Elderly Abuse Hotline 1-888-385-4225

Old Lyme Municipal Agent860-434-5334
Ombudsman for the Elderly of Old Lyme
ConnPACE-ConnMAP-Information and referral for all services for the elderly.

Estuary Council of Seniors860-388-1611
Nutrition, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Food Shopping, Reservations for Old Lyme Meal Site at 26 Town Woods Road.

Lymes' Senior Center860-434-4127
Senior Clubs, Support Groups, Medicare and Income Tax Assistance, Safe Driver Education.

Transportation

EMOTS (Estuary Medical OutPatient Transportation) Handicapped equipped, give 24-hour notice, please860-388-1611
FISH (Friends In Service Here)860-388-2693
American Cancer Society860-447-1478

Old Lyme Social Services ...860-434-1605, x237
Clothing closet, fuel assistance, food stamps, emergency financial assistance, welfare info., renters' rebate

Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Assoc. ...860-434-7808
Blood pressure, flu and pneumonia clinics, home visits, hearing tests, blood screening.
Office Hours: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. M&W,
Noon – 1 p.m. T, Th & F
24 hours860-434-9003

Valley Shore Community Health Center

Dental Services, Health Services, Medical Exams, Healthy Start, Counseling,
Fees on Sliding Scale860-388-4433

Hospitals and Clinics

Charter Oak Walk-Ins (Flanders)860-739-6953
Lawrence & Memorial860-442-0711
Middlesex Memorial Hospital 1-800-664-5031
Middlesex Memorial Clinic860-767-3750
Hospice S.E. Conn.860-848-5699

Interim Healthcare860-434-9003

Churches

Saint Ann's Episcopal860-434-1621
First Congregational860-434-8686
Christ the King, Catholic860-434-1669

Elderly Housing

Lymewood
(Elderly Housing, Handicapped units) ..860-434-2120
Ryefield Manor (J&F Co.)860-739-9251
Home Share860-442-4319
CT partnership for Long-Term Care 1-800-547-3443

INFOLINE211
Information and Referral, Crisis Counseling, Advocacy

Medicare Carrier 1-800-982-6819

Medicare, Center for Medicare
Advocacy 1-800-262-4414
LAMP (Legal Aid to Medicare Patients) 1-800-413-7796

Social Security

All aspects 860-443-8455/1-800-772-1213

Tax Relief860-434-1605, x219
Social Services Info. & Referral ... 1-800-443-9946

State of Connecticut

Governor's Information 1-800-406-1527
State Assistance for the Blind 1-800-842-4510
Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
(TTY/Voice) 1-800-708-6796
(TTY/Voice) 1-860-231-8756
Handicapped Rights 1-800-842-7303
Veterans' Services 1-800-827-1000

Volunteer Opportunities

American Cancer Society860-447-1478
American Red Cross860-447-3248
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging ..860-887-3561
Estuary Council of Seniors
(includes AARP Tax Aide)860-388-1611
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital860-442-0711
Literacy Volunteers860-399-5428
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau860-434-7208
Middlesex Memorial Hospital860-344-6000
OL/PNG Library860-434-1684
RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteers) .. 1-860-347-0236
Salvation Army860-443-6409
School Volunteers*Call individual schools*
SCORE (Senior Corps
of Retired Executives)860-388-9508
Women's Exchange860-434-7290

Resident Beach Passes

During summer months, use of the town parking facilities at Hains Park/Rogers Lake, White Sands, and Sound View requires a sticker. This may be obtained from the Selectmen's office during regular office hours. A nominal fee is charged.

Single Stream Recycling

Old Lyme has converted to single stream recycling. Now residents can combine all recyclable materials (bottles, cans, **plastic containers #1-#7**, newsprint, magazines, household paper, cardboard—more items than in the past) together in one container. We no longer need to separate items. Please refer to the list sent to each household or the town website for more specifics.

You must use the green single stream container! Recycling is picked up every other week by Shoreline Sanitation. Please consult the schedule on the town website: www.oldlyme-ct.gov

Town Landfill

Use of the landfill on Four Mile River Road requires a sticker, which may be obtained free of charge from the Selectmen's office during regular office hours. Special fees are charged for truckloads of stumps, boulders, and brush. Fees are also charged for appliances containing freon, carpets, upholstered furniture, box springs and mattresses, and tires. Hours are: Tuesday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:45 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Library

The Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, is open Monday and Wednesday 10-7, Tuesday and Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-4 (October to May.) From June to September the library is open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only. The library is closed on Sundays until further notice and on legal holidays. The phone number is 860-434-1684.

Visiting Nurse

Lymes' Senior Center, Town Woods Road
Telephone 860-434-7808

Around-the-clock assistance is available seven days a week from the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association. Linda Camera is available there from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, noon – 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Town Information

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Emergency Medical Fire Police 911

Ambulance (for other purposes) 860-434-0089

Fire (for other purposes) 860-399-7921

State Police Troop F Westbrook 860-399-2100

Town Government

The Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call ahead to verify lunch hour coverage. Town offices are closed during state and Federal holidays. The same schedule applies to the office of the Town Clerk. Scheduled meetings of town agencies are posted in advance on the bulletin board on the main floor of Town Hall and public hearings are advertised in advance. Agendas and meeting minutes are filed with the Town Clerk.

TOWN OF OLD LYME PHONE DIRECTORY

All Town Hall Offices 860-434-1605. Please dial the 3-digit extension number of the department or person you'd like to reach. Fax 860-434-1400. Department e-mails are available at the Town web site: www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

Assessor

Walter Kent 218

Mickie Fraser 219

Beach Pass Information

Selectmen's Office 212

Building

Ronald Rose 229

Kathy Hall 230

John Flower 213

Finance

Nicole Stajduhar 232

Doris Johnson 215

Fire Marshal/Emergency Mgmt

David Roberge 231

First Selectwoman

Bonnie A. Reemsnnyder 211

First Selectwoman's Office

Michele Hayes-Finn 212

Cathy Frank 210

Health

Ronald Rose 229

John Flower 213

Patti Myers 214

Health & Building Fax 860-434-4135

Information Technology /

Social Services

Ruth Roach 237

Parks & Recreation

Don Bugbee 235

Planning/Historic

Kim Groves 234

Planning/Zoning Fax 860-434-5636

Registrars of Voters

Sylvia Peterson

or Don Tapper 226

Passport Information

OLPGN Library 860-434-1684

Probate Court

Phone 860-739-6052 (East Lyme)

Fax 860-739-6738 (East Lyme)

Recycling Information

Selectmen's Office 212

Tax Collector

Judith Tooker 216

Town Clerk

Eileen Coffee 221

Vickie Urbowicz 220

Zoning Enforcement Officer/Inland

Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Ann Brown 225

Zoning/ZBA

Kim Barrows 236

Animal Control	860-434-3047
Trash Pickup (Shoreline Sanitation)	860-434-0052
Landfill	860-434-2337
Lymes' Senior Center	860-434-4127
Municipal Agent for Elderly	860-434-5334
O.L. Ambulance Assn (non-emergency).....	860-434-0089
Old Lyme Police Station (non-emergency).....	(8:30 a.m. - noon) 860-434-1986
O.L. Visiting Nurse Assn.	860-434-7808
Public Works	860-434-2461

Superintendent of Schools 860-434-7238 Center School 860-434-7838
 Middle School 860-434-2568 Mile Creek School 860-434-2209
 Lyme-Old Lyme High School 860-434-1651

