

OLD LYME TYMES

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FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

The big news is that about 125 people who attended the Special Town Meeting on August 28th overwhelmingly approved of purchasing the Speirs property at 50 Lyme St., adjacent to the Town Hall on the south. This is a critical step in the **Town Hall renovation and expansion plan** because it enables us sufficient space to build a new meeting hall and lower level offices on the south side of Town Hall.

The Town Hall Expansion Committee, chaired by John Forbis (who lives nearly across the street), has worked hard and fast to bring this issue to the voters. The Committee received architectural proposals from 17 architects and interviewed seven of them. The Committee chose Paul Bailey of New Haven because of his grasp of the issues and the creative work he has already done in town. He was the architect of Christ the King church and re-designed two local homes.

Regional School District 18 asked that we consider incorporating its Central Offices, now in leased space on Davis Rd., into our expansion plans. Paul redesigned the north end of Town Hall in order to accommodate the District and, because the District and the town can share spaces such as conference rooms, storage, restrooms, and a break room, the design shrinks the District's space needs from about 4,200 square feet to about 3,100 square feet. The District must evaluate other options and has said it will let us know whether it will join us in early October.

Meanwhile, the Town will close on the Speirs property and will continue to work on the plans in order to arrive at a refined cost of construction estimate. We are confident we will be eligible for grant funding and we plan to bring the construction proposal to a town referendum at some time in the first quarter of 2007.

The **Ethics Formation Committee** has been meeting frequently and has a rough draft of a **Code of Ethics** and an **Ethics Ordinance**. While we do not believe we have an ethics problem in town, we believe having a Code of Ethics is a good policy and will provide guidance to staff and elected and appointed officials. Given the attention Gov. Rell has devoted to this issue, we believe Old Lyme should be proactive. We intend on presenting the Code and Ordinance at the Annual Town Meeting in January.

After a great deal of debate about how to deal with the weeds in **Rogers Lake**, the Rogers Lake Authority conducted a mechanical harvesting of weeds in a 20 acre area of the lake in mid-August. The harvesting went well and the Authority will monitor the results. We all know this amounts to "cutting the grass", but it will enable us to see how long it is before the weeds are back. Speaking of Rogers Lake, we have submitted a grant application to the CT DEP in hopes of receiving a 37% grant to offset the cost of repairing the Rogers Lake dam. Our engineer informed us the cost will likely be about \$130,000, so a grant of \$48,000 would be welcome. Due to the time required

for the permitting process, we expect to perform the repairs at the end of next summer. We are also designing a fishway as part of the dam repair. While we are not required to build the entire fishway, we want to incorporate the exit part of the fishway at the time of the dam repair. The CT River Watershed Council is funding 100% of the fishway expense and we are grateful for its support.

The **Information Technology Committee** and District 18 are about to issue a Request for Proposal for a new accounting system for each. We hope we can save money by using the same vendor, but our bids will solicit bids individually and together. We hope this process will enable us to start using the new system next fiscal year (July 2007).

The **Landfill Closure Plan** is moving along swiftly. John Roach, our Supt. of Public Works, said the new scale will be installed shortly after Labor Day along with a small scale house. Over the winter, we will build an equipment and storage barn and complete the other improvements to the transfer station site. By the spring of next year, we should be ready to discontinue the use of the landfill and begin using the transfer station. What this means is that we will no longer be able to dump items the way we used to. Instead, our vehicles will be weighed on the way in and on the way out. The difference in the weight will be charged at the prevailing rate. We will still be able to bring eligible recycling items to the transfer station at no

cost. Also, hazardous household waste items must be properly disposed of at one of the 16 HHW recycling days between May and October.

The Town and District 18 signed an **energy purchase agreement** in June that will provide a 5-year fixed rate for most of our electricity from TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. We are pleased to report that the new price (in Jan 2007) will be only 3.4% higher than we are paying now; fixed for 5 years. This program applies to the Transitional Standard Offer (TSO) which is now 9.8 cents per kwh and will go to 10.135 cents per kwh. Even better, we were able to include the Library in the bid.

The **Church Corner Committee** has been quiet over the last quarter as we try to reconcile the parking and fire lane requirements in the vicinity of the Congregational Church. Most of the elements of the plan have been reviewed by an outside traffic consultant so, once the parking issue has been resolved, we will hold a public information meeting and send the final plan to the DOT. We hope the reconstruction of the street plus sidewalk and other improvements will occur in the summer of 2008.

The Town is about to enter into a conditional purchase and sale agreement with the owners of two parcels of land, totaling about 42 acres, along Buttonball Rd and Rte 156 that will be added to our **open space**. The purchasers will be the Town and the Black Hall Club (50% each). Once the sales agreement is signed, the matter must be approved by the membership of the Club and by various Boards and Commissions of the Town. Final Town Meeting approval will also be required, probably later this year. Because the State is not as active in assisting communities acquire open space, it is wonderful that the Town has the Club as its potential partner. We expect the purchase will be spread over three years to help with budgeting.

Last October, we experienced **flooding conditions** along Rte 156 near Windward La. (near Dairy Mart at Point O' Woods) when a private dam failed. We had lesser flooding in that area during the summer and, on both occasions, the access to Windward La. was impassable. Dave Roberge, our Emergency Management Director, and I met with representatives from Amtrak to discuss whether the drain culvert under the tracks is too small, now that the dam is gone. Amtrak agreed to reconstruct the headwall of the culvert in fiscal year 2007, which may be partially blocked by roots and rocks. If this does not work, a more complicated and expensive solution will be required. Speaking of water, we hope to connect the Cross Lane firehouse to the CT Water pipe in Cross La. that serves the Mile Creek School. The water quality has deteriorated over the last few months and this connection should solve the problem.

We recently honored **Bea McLean**, who completed her 50th year as Treasurer of the Town of Old Lyme this month, a State record! Friends and family hosted an event for Bea and Rep. Marilyn Giuliano presented her with a congratulatory proclamation from Gov. Rell. During the summer, the Town had two community events: the Memorial Day Parade and the Midsummer Festival. The parade is a true family event and the student speeches focus us on the real meaning of the day. The Midsummer Festival is a regional attraction that was followed by a Town Band concert and punctuated by a great fireworks display. Last, we thank the **Tree Commission** for conducting a tree planting Arbor Day event in April for a number of Center School children.

The Board of Selectmen hopes you have enjoyed your summer and we look forward to the great fall weather ahead.



Timothy C. Griswold
First Selectman



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The recent weather related events both in the Gulf and locally in town have shown us that we must be more vigilant in our ability to prepare.

Whatever the incident, either natural or manmade, the impact of a disaster can be reduced if individuals learn to prepare. As the Office of **Emergency Management** continues to make emergency preparedness a top priority this year, we need your help. As residents you need to plan for your personal safety and the safety of your family. **You should create a personal emergency plan**, which all members of your family should know. This plan should include what you would do if you had to shelter in a place within your home for several days without electricity or water, as well as what you would need if you had to evacuate your home or community for several days.

Everyone should have some basic emergency supplies (flashlights with working batteries, portable radio, ample bottled drinking water and canned food) sufficient for at least 4 to 5 days. A detailed list of recommended emergency supplies and personal emergency planning information is available at Town Hall and on the town's Emergency Management website.

Within this newsletter is a **Special Needs Questionnaire**. If you or someone you know has special needs, please complete the form and return it to Town Hall. This information will aid in assisting individuals in the event of an emergency. Contact David Roberge, Emergency Management Director (434-1605 ext. 231).

In recognition of the extended outreach of Connie Pike, townspeople are invited to celebrate in a **Gathering of Friends with Constance Pike** Oct. 22 from 4-6 p.m. at the OLPGN Library. RSVP to the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center (434-1728) or Library (434-1684).

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The Friends of the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library will hold their annual **holiday book sale** on December 2 from 10 am until 4 pm. All kinds of practically new books will be on sale. A preview party will be held on December 1 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Join the Old Lyme Fire Department on Friday, October 13, 6 to 8 pm for **Fire Prevention Week Open House** at the Lyme Street Firehouse. This is open to everyone; the fire trucks and ambulance are all opened with firemen and medical technicians to answer questions. There will be a smokehouse to demonstrate what happens when a fire starts in a house. The State Police do a demonstration with an accelerant sniffing dog. The firemen demonstrate auto extrication and fire extinguisher use. We have a small house that we let children put out a simulated fire with a real fire hose. Free plastic firemen hats and window stickers for children's bedrooms.

The Firemen's Auxiliary has scheduled its annual **Cow Chip Raffle** for 1PM on October 16. First prize is \$1,000. Raffle tickets are available from any member. Phone Pat McCarthy (434-1692) or Mary Ellen Jewett (434-5472).

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The Old Lyme Conservation Trust celebrates its 40th anniversary this year with some special events. Come and learn more about the Trust and its history at a celebratory event at the Lyme Art Association on Thursday, October 5. See www.olct.org for details.

Lyme Art Association, home of the American Impressionists and National Historic Landmark, is one of the oldest art colonies in the U.S. Six major exhibitions each year plus demonstrations, workshops, lectures and art classes. Free admission. 434-7802 www.lymeartassociation

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The Florence Griswold Museum presents a **Family Fall Pumpkin Decorating** event on Oct 15 and a **Spooktacular Teddy Bear Tea Party** on Oct 30. An evening lecture series begins Sept 20. Special events include **Katrina: One Year Later**, a discussion with New Orleans resident Robert C. Tannen on Oct 13, **poetry reading & book signing** with Poet Laureate Marilyn Nelson and Anne Farrow on Oct. 4, and a one woman performance of **They Called me Lizzy: From Slavery to the White House** on Oct. 22.

Throughout the fall and winter **Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts** will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding in 1976 by Elisabeth Gordon Chandler. *Continuing Education Studies* at Lyme Academy begin the week of Sept. 11. Contact Susan Mossey, 434-5232, ext. 120.

Children's events at the **Old Lyme-PGN-Library** include registration for **Autumn Stories** beginning Sept 5 with Storytimes beginning Sept 18. All programs are free to the public but do require registration, please call the library at 434-1684. A **Halloween Party** for children ages 3-7 takes place Oct 25 at 6pm in the Community Room. Costumes are optional, but encouraged. On Nov 8, 6pm, the Hampstead Players present **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**.

The **Old Lyme Town Band** welcomes new members of all ages from Old Lyme and the area and is seeking percussion, saxophone, trombone and euphonium/baritone players. Rehearsals are from 7-9pm on Monday evenings. The band is under the leadership of John LaDone. Phone 434-2671



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or visit oldlymetownband.org. The Town Band will present a **Holiday Concert** on Dec. 10, 2pm at the Lymes' Senior Center. Free and open to all. Snowdate: Dec 17.

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau programs include **Money and Kids Workshop**: Raising financially responsible children (Sept 28, 6 to 8 pm), an introductory workshop for parents. Special session for children ages 10+ focusing on allowance, budgets, spending, etc. \$5 per family; **1-2-3- Magic Effective Discipline for Children 2-12** on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 & 18 at 7pm. \$45 per family. A humorous look at parenting, a serious look at discipline. A **Sitter Safety Course** (Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 13, 20 - 2:10- 4pm) covers basic first aid, fire safety and 911 skills. \$40 grades 6 and up. **Mother/Daughter Night Out** is for girls in 4th and 5th grades and their mothers on Nov 2, 6 to 8 pm. \$40 per pair includes pizza & materials. Betsy Groth, APRN, CPNP and Patty Musgrove, LOLMS health teacher facilitate. Register 434-7208.

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR SUBSTANCE FREE YOUTH is a community group dedicated to reducing underage drinking and substance among our youth. Open to all on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at LYSB.

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Students will create their own plays with **Madhatters Theatre Company** in an **LYSB Creative Drama Workshop**. The play will be performed in Clinton on Nov. 17. 9 week session, \$120, starting Sept. 22. **Madhatters Theatre Company** is registering for **Winter Wonderland 2006** to be performed at the Ivoryton Playhouse in December. 11 weeks \$160. The **LYSB** offers a variety of programs for parents, families, and children of all ages. For information on **Paws and Read**, after school programs, student community service programs, an **Ages & Stages** screening program and much more, contact the **LYSB** at 434-7208.

Cappella Cantorum's non-auditioned Registration/Rehearsal for Bach's "Magnificat" & Vivaldi's "Gloria" takes place Sept. 11, 7 pm. Late registration is Sept. 18, John Winthrop Middle School, Rte. 80, (exit 5, Rte 9) Deep River. The 100 voice chorus is under the direction of Barry Asch. The performance is scheduled for Dec. 3, at St. Mark Roman Catholic Church, Westbrook. Professional orchestra and soloists will be featured. Registration \$30, Music \$16. Call 388-2871 for information.

The **Duck River Garden Club** has scheduled monthly meetings. Sept 11: *Asian Landscape with Sheila Wertheimer*; Oct 9: *Your Garden Fall to Winter with Jane Brook Barba*; Nov 13: *A Design for the Holidays with Claudia Van Ness*. The Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, Sept through June, 7pm, at the Lymes' Senior Center. Ongoing projects include maintenance of plantings at 9 town locations, holiday wreaths for

public buildings, weekly exhibits and donations of books to the **OLPGN Library**, Garden Therapy flowers and entertainment for seniors at **Bridebrook**, and scholarships to **OL** graduating seniors. The annual plant sale in May provides support for these and other efforts. **Duck River Garden Club** is affiliated with the **Federation of Garden Clubs of CT** and the **National Council of Garden Clubs**. Contact president, **Jeanne Munnely** at 434-1336, or publicity chair, **Doreen Thomas** at 434-7740.

A **Walk Marathon for Breast Cancer Research** takes place October 14. The foundation's name honors **Terri Brodeur** of **Old Saybrook** who succumbed to the disease in 2005 after a two-year battle. For more information, visit the Foundation's webpage. Register at 444-7440 or at TerriBrodeurBreastCancerFoundation.org

November 4 is **Health Day** at the Lymes' Senior Center. The **Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association** sponsors this annual event, 8am to noon. Phone 434-5241.

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In June at the Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention, **Lymes' VFW Post 1467** was honored as an *All State Post* for 2005-2006. Commander Bob Roser, who received All State honors as well, reported that some 30 active members recorded over \$26,295 worth of volunteer hours, mileage and cash donations to veteran and community related projects. This is the 4th time in its 12 year history that the prestigious award has been given to our local Post. Dinner meetings are held at the Lymes' Senior Center the 4th Monday of the month. The next meeting is 5:30 pm, September 25. All eligible veterans who served overseas in time of war are welcomed. Contact new Post Commander, John McElroy at 434-7515.

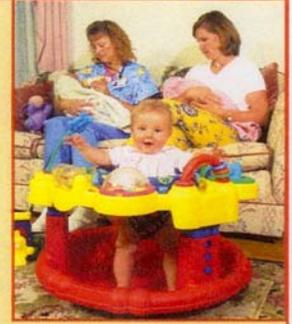
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Friends of the OLPGN Library: Mary Stone 434-7754

(stonehawkins@ctol.net)

Bikes for Kids: Chuck Graeb 434-3684

Girl Scouts: Denise O'Neil 434-0742

Cub Scouts: Andi Spragg 434-4015

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Boy Scouts: Mike Gentry 434-1587

Little League: Jerry Zrenda 434-0755

Soccer Club: Brian Cole 434-9034

Lacrosse: Jeff Flower: 434-1402

Old Lyme Town Band: Ann Lander 434-2671

Old Lyme Conservation Trust: 434-0608 www.old-lymeconservtrust.org

Rogers Lake West Shores Association, Inc. PO Box 644

Old Lyme: Hall Rental Robin Koenigs 434-3091

Committee for the Health of Rogers Lake - Maureen

Plumleigh, Chair 434-5629

Connecticut River Film Forum: ccomfort@wesleyan.edu

(Connie Comfort) or Stanford Brainerd, 6 Lyme Street.

Laminated maps for canoesists and kayakers are available at the Town Hall. Reservations requested for a FREE program on **Cold Weather Paddling** at North Cove Outfitters in Old Saybrook on Nov 8, 6:30-8pm. 388-6585.

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The **Connecticut River Film Forum** shows movies 6 times each year at the OLPGN Library. Membership is \$20 for the year. Information's available from Stanford Brainerd at 6 Lyme Street or Connie Comfort at ccomfort@wesleyan.edu. The 2006-2007 series will feature: TOUCH OF EVIL (Oct 11 & 12), KOLYA (Nov 8 & 9), GOODBYE LENIN (Jan 10 & 11), CENTRAL STATION (Feb 14 & 15), WAITING FOR GUFFMAN (March 14 & 15), ANATOMY OF A MURDER (April 11 & 12).

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Transfer Station/Landfill Winter Hours: First week of October through end of April: Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 am - 3:45 pm, Saturday: 8:30 am - 4pm. Closed Sunday and Monday; *Open Mondays through Sept 25 only.* Curbside leaf collection takes place the week of Nov 13: Place leaves curbside in biodegradable bags. *Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected.* Leaves may be composted on your property or delivered to the Transfer Station to be composted. Christmas trees picked up curbside after the holiday.

Shoreline Sanitation observes the following holidays in 2006: Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November) Christmas Day (December 25). In observance of **Thanksgiving Day**, trash will be picked up: Thursday - Holiday; Thursday & Friday pick up will be done on Friday. In ob-

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servance of **Christmas Day**, trash will be picked up: Monday - Holiday; Monday pick up will be done on Tuesday; Tuesday pick up will be done on Wednesday; Wednesday pick up will be done on Thursday; Thursday & Friday pick up will be done on Friday.

Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce meets Sept through June at Cherrystones on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 6 PM reception; 7 PM dinner meeting. Toys for Tots collection and the annual tree lighting takes place in December; *Taste of Old Lyme* in the spring. President Charles Delinks. Contact: Office Express (434-9200).

Lyme Old Lyme Lions was chartered over 50 years ago. Their goal is to provide service and support International Lions' efforts to eliminate blindness and assist the vision-impaired. Meetings monthly at the Lymes' Senior Center. President: Ray Magaldi (739-3109); Membership: Mike Walker (434-5579)

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November 7 is **Election Day**. Polls will be open at the Cross Lane Firehouse from 6am to 8pm. Absentee ballot applications are available through the Town Clerk's office or can be downloaded from a link on the Town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov).

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**ASSESSMENT DATE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN
THE TOWN OF OLD LYME IS OCTOBER 1**

Owners of tangible Personal Property, other than registered automobiles, such as commercial furniture, machinery and equipment, leased equipment, unregistered automobiles, camp trailers, etc., must file personal property list with the Assessor annually during the month of October. Failure to file on or before **Nov 1, 2006** forces the Assessor, by law, to file the list and add a 25% Penalty (Sec. 12-42, PA 87-245). Totally disabled persons, if they meet the requirements of Section 12-81(55) of the General Statutes, are eligible for the \$1,000. Exemption upon submission of proof of such a disability between **Oct 1, 2006 and Jan 31, 2007**.

Any individual entitled to an exemption under Section 12-81(17) shall provide proof to the Assessor that he is blind and must file between **Oct 1, 2006 and Jan 31, 2007**.

Ex-Servicemen claiming statutory exemption, because of physical disability, in addition to regular exemption must submit exemption certificate from the Veterans Administration by October 1st annually in order to prove claim. Veterans must have filed this discharge (DD214) in the Town Clerk's office by Sept 30, 2005 in order to receive exemption. Section 12-81(g) provides for an increase in the property tax exemption amount granted to a qualified veteran if certain income requirements could be met.

Although referred to in Title 38, Section 101 of the United States Code (38 USC 101) as the Persian Gulf War, SS27-103 does not require a person to have served in the Persian Gulf, or does it require service involving a combat or a combat support role during the period be-

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ginning Aug 2, 1990. As a result, anyone who served **anywhere** for at least 90 days after Aug 2, 1990 and who meets the criteria of SS12-81(19), is eligible for an exemption commencing Oct 1, 2005.

Any person on active duty must present to the Assessor (Sec. 514) of the Soldiers and Sailors Act or a letter from their Commanding Officer stating date of entry and that they are on active duty. Any service person on active duty claiming Connecticut as their legal residence is entitled to one car exemption if the car is garaged out of State. A letter from their commanding officer must be forthcoming by October 1 in order to have this vehicle exempt. An application to the Assessor for classification of land as Open Space, Farm or Forest must be filed between Sept 1 and Oct 31. **The only exception is during a revaluation year, when the deadline is extended to Dec 30.** No other extension of the filing period is available and failure to file within the prescribed time period is a waiver of the right to the classification for the assessment year commencing October 1.

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Lymes' Elderly Housing, Inc. (**Lymewood**) needs to fill several Board of Director seats. Board members serve for three years. The Board meets 6 times per year and the annual meeting takes place in January. All meetings take place at Lymewood. Board members are also invited to attend special activities at Lymewood, including an Ice Cream Social, St. Patrick's Day dinner and Holiday Party. For more information or to volunteer, contact Chair Kathy Murphy (434-8561), Treasurer Diana Seckla, or Secretary Sylvia Peterson.



Friends and colleagues celebrated Bea McLean's 50th anniversary as Town Treasurer in August.

Congratulations to scholarship winners. The **Chamber of Commerce** awarded the N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Scholarship to LOLHS juniors Benjamin Koski and James Logan. Shane Scarratt, who attends the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, received the Chamber award for Promise and Achievement in the visual Arts.

The Old Lyme VNA awarded **Mary H. Noyes Memorial Scholarships** to graduating seniors Brittany Hoynack and Marissa Kerwin. The **Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association Scholarship, Inc.** scholarship was awarded to Brittany Hoynack and Carrie McCarthy.

Lyme/Old Lyme Junior Women meet 7:30pm at the Lymes Senior Center on the 3rd Monday of the month. *Expressions*, their annual art sale fundraiser, takes place in the spring.

Pet Connections is a non-profit volunteer group that rescues, rehabilitates and places abandoned and abused animals. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. PO Box 1033, Old Lyme.



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The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association will conduct a **free blood pressure screening clinic** in the Old Lyme marketplace near the A&P on Sept. 13, 10am to noon.

The **Annual Flu Clinic**, for residents aged 50 or older or those of any age with a physician's note indicating a chronic medical condition, is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 21 at the Lymes' Senior Center. Please watch for confirmation and additional details in local papers.

OLVNA's annual **Health Day**, takes place Nov. 4, 8am to noon, at the Lymes' Senior Center. Low cost blood tests and a variety of free health screenings by local health professionals are open to all. Watch local papers for additional information.

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The **Lymes' Senior Club** and the **Craft Club** meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The Craft Club meets from 10am to noon. The Senior Club meets at 1:30pm. On Oct 4, The Guiding Eyes for the Blind will present a dog demonstration. Halloween Bingo takes place Oct 18. On Nov 1, they welcome guitarist/vocalist Jon Cundie and Thanksgiving Bingo takes place Nov 15. The Craft Club will be selling homemade holiday gifts daily.

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The **Lymes' Senior Center** offers a full schedule of activities: Bridge, Computers, Tai Chi, Exercise, Watercolor, Creative Writing, and more. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon for only \$2.25. Phone 388-1611 to make a Meals on Wheels reservation. Phone Sherry Meyer (434-4127) for more info on the Senior or Crafts clubs, and activities at the Senior Center.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Town Hall 434-1605 Landfill 434-2337 Lymes' Senior Center 434-4127 OL/PGN - Old Lyme/Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library 434-1684
 LYSB- Lymes' Youth Services Bureau 434-7208 High Hopes Therapeutic Riding 434-1974
 Lyme Art Association 434-7802 Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts 434-3571 FGM- Florence Griswold Museum 434-5542
 Old Lyme's designated Emergency Shelter is Lyme Old Lyme High School

FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM: 434- 5542. through March 25 *The Freedom Business*: Connecticut Landscapes Through the Eyes of Venture Smith featuring the poems of Marilyn Nelson and *A Collective Endeavor*: Three Decades of Acquisitions
 LYME ART ASSOCIATION: Lyme Art Association and Gallery 90 Lyme St., 06371, (I-95 Exit70). Hours: Tue-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-5. Free admission. (860)434-7802 www.lymeartassociation. through Oct 30 *New England Landscape* award winning landscape artists who are members of the New England Plein Air Painters

LYME ACADEMY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS: 84 Lyme Street 434-5232 www.lymeacademy.edu
 Throughout the fall and winter Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding in 1976 by Elisabeth Gordon Chandler. Through Sept 23 Chauncey Stillman Gallery *Kindred Spirits*: Retrospective of the College's Founder, noted sculptor Elisabeth Gordon Chandler and her late husband and former faculty member, Laci de Gerenday; Oct 6-Nov 18 Chauncey Stillman Gallery: *Faculty Exhibition*, Opening Reception: Friday, Oct. 6, 5-7pm; Dec 1-Feb 24 Chauncey Stillman and Sill House Galleries: *Celebrating 30 Years of the Fine Arts: Alumni Retrospective: 1976-2006*

Fall Household Hazardous Waste drop off days are Sept. 23 and Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

SEPTEMBER

- 11.... LYSB playgroups begin
- ... High Hopes Volunteer Orientation 9am-noon. Call 434-1974 to register.
- 11 & 18... **Cappella Cantorum** Registration/Rehearsal Barry Asch (388-2871)
- 13...OLVNA free blood pressure screening at OL Marketplace 10am to noon
- 18...Autumn Stories at OLPGN begin. Register
- 19... **Music Together** at LYSB begins this week
- 20...*Called on the Carpet: the Art of Historic Floor Covering* FGM lecture by Dan Cooper, 7pm. Fee
- ... High Hopes' **Annual Golf Classic** at Mashantucket Pequot's Lake of Isles - North Course. 434-1974
- 22... **Drama Programs** for grades K-6 at LYSB with Madhatters Theatre Company begin
- 23...**Harvest Fun Day** at Christ the King Church, 9am to 3:30pm
- ...Open House for Educators at FGM. 11am to 4pm. FREE
- ...20th Annual Lord Creek Farm Hunter Pace to benefit High Hopes and the Connecticut Valley Pony Club
- 24...**Magic Fund Dressage Show** at High Hopes
- 24-29... **Old Lyme Plein Air Workshop** at Lyme Art Association *Come Paint with the Masters!* 1-day & weekly rates. Call 434-7802 f26... High Hopes Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm - 7:30pm. Call 434-1974 to register.
- 27....LYSB's 1-2-3- **Magic Effective Discipline for Children** 2-12, 7pm 4 part series begins. 7pm. \$45
- 28...LYSB's **Money and Kids Workshop**: Raising financially responsible children 6-8 pm Advance registration required. Fee is \$5 per family.
- 29..."Portfolio Diversification and Non correlating Investments" the Oakley Wing Group at Smith Barney, noon-1pm. Lunch served. RSVP Lisa 767-7100.



OCTOBER

- 2 - 6... Plein Air Painting at Lyme Academy. Fee. Register
- 4...Guiding Eyes for the Blind dog demonstration at the Lymes' Senior Center, 2pm
-**Poetry Reading & Book Signing** at FGM. State Poet Laureate Marilyn Nelson, author Anne Farrow. 7pm. Fee
- 5...Old Lyme Conservation Trust's 40th anniversary celebration. Visit www.olct.org for details
- ...Living with Heirlooms. FGM lecture, 2pm. Fee
- 7... *Madhatters Theatre Company* **WINTER WONDERLAND** rehearsals begin. 11 weeks \$160.



- 7... **Consumer Electronics Collection**, CRRA Transfer Station, Essex (exit 4 off Route 9)
9am to 1pm
- 10...A Collective Endeavor: A Twilight Tour at FGM with Jeff Anderson, 7pm. Fee
- 11....Fall Foliage Cruise sponsored by Lymes' Senior Center. Phone Sherry (434-4127)
- 11& 12...Touch of Evil at OLPGN (CT River Film Forum)

- 12...Make Mine Mocha. FGM lecture, 2pm. Fee
- 12-15...Still Life Course at Lyme Academy. Fee. Register
- 13...OL Fire Department's **Fire Prevention Week Open House** at the Lyme Street Firehouse, 6 to 8pm
... Artist Robert Douglas Hunter, from 6 to 8pm at the Lyme Art Association
- 14.... **Walk for Breast Cancer Research** www.TerriBrodeurBreastCancerFoundation.org, or 444-7440
-8th Annual LOLHS Robotics Team's **Bash at the Beach** at LOL High School
- 15...Family Pumpkin Decorating at FGM. 2pm. Fee
- 16... Sitter Safety program at LYSB begins. Register. Fee
...**Cow Chip Raffle** 1pm at LOLMS field
- 18...*Astronomy 101* at Ashlawn Farm, with North Cove Outfitters, 8pm. Phone 388-6585
...Halloween Bingo at the Lymes' Senior Center 2pm
- 19...All That Shimmers. FGM lecture, 2pm. Fee
- 20...All Prima - Get Real! 1 day workshop at Lyme Academy. Fee. Register.
- 21...*State Rep. Marilyn Giuliano* meets with constituents at the OLPGN, 9 to 10:15am
.....OLVNA annual Flu Clinic (tentative date)
- 21-22...Portrait Painting Clinic at Lyme Academy. Fee. Register
- 22... They Called me Lizzy: From Slavery to the White House in the FGM Museum Theater, 2pm. Fee
...A Gathering of Friends with Connie Pike, 4 to 6pm at OLPGN. RSVP
- 25... OLPGN's **Halloween party** for ages 3 to 7, 6pm
- 26...Shifting the Paradigm: Questioning the Authenticity of our Food at FGM with James G. Ferguson, 7pm. Fee
...Silver, Saucers, and Silk. FGM lecture, 2pm. Fee
... **Plein Air Painting** at Lyme Art Association with Gabor Svagrik. 9am-4pm. Fee.
- 30...A **Spooktacular Teddy Bear Tea** at the FGM. Fee. Advance Registration



NOVEMBER



- 1...Guitarist/vocalist Jon Cundie at the Lymes' Senior Center 2pm
- 2...A Stitch in Time. FGM lecture, 2pm. Fee
... **Mother/Daughter Night Out** at LYSB 6 to 8 pm
- 3,4,5...Watercolor & Pastel Portrait Workshop at Lyme Academy. Fee. Register.
- 4...OLVNA's **Health Day** at the Lymes' Senior Center, 8am to noon
- 7...**Election Day**: Polls open at Cross Lane Firehouse 6am to 8pm
- 8...Hampstead Players present **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, 6pm at the OLPGN
- 8 & 9... Kolya at OLPGN (CT River Film Forum)
- 11...Thorne Lecture at FGM: Grain of Truth: Crafting Culture in Wood 5pm
...*Say Humbug to Holiday Stress* workshop at Lyme Academy. Fee. Register.
- 15...Thanksgiving Bingo at the Lymes' Senior Center
- 17...Madhatters Theater LYSB workshop presentation in Clinton

DECEMBER

- 2...Friends of the OLPGN Library's **Annual Holiday Book Sale**, 10am to 4pm
- 3...**Capella Cantorum** performance in Westbrook.
- 7... **Gingerbread House** LYSB Workshop 6:30 - 8:30 pm. \$ 25 per kit. Advance registration. 434-7208
- 10...Old Lyme's **Town Band's Holiday Concert**, 2pm at the Lymes' Senior Center



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"This is my dream job - I love it here!" proclaims Sherry Meyer. She was named **Social Services Coordinator and Senior Center Director** for the Town almost a year ago. The people she has met through the combined position, she says, are "like family."

Sherry lives in Westbrook with her husband, Don, 3 teenagers (Hannah, Shannon, and DJ), 2 dogs and 2 horses. A third horse - Happy - was 38 years old when he died just last year. "My whole life has been horses," Sherry admits.

Before joining the Town staff, Sherry had positions with the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, Middlesex Hospital, and Essex Meadows. She studied Marketing at Endicott College.

A meeting with Sherry in her Senior Center office is interrupted frequently by minor emergencies (a clogged sink in the kitchen), phone calls from residents ("come down anytime & I'll do it for you" she tells a caller with renters' rebate questions), and Senior Center board members & regulars who just want to say hello.

One of her initial initiatives was to put together a Welcome packet for senior new to town. The folders are filled with information about services and activities.

She has expanded the Center's schedule of weekly activities by adding social trips. A Fall Foliage Cruise is set for Oct 11; she is setting up a "country hoedown" for November; and setting up a trip to see butterflies in Massachusetts in the spring. Sherry runs her ideas by the Center's 50 to 75 regulars and gauges the popularity of an activity by their response.



At times, she & Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Linda Camarra will don borrowed clothing & do impromptu skits. (Linda was a Disco Queen in a recent one).

When she thinks of the Senior Center, the first word that comes to Sherry's mind is "laughter - we have so much fun here!" she says. She encourages people to come to the Center on Town Woods Road to see for themselves just how much fun it can be.

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Social Services Coordinator Sherry Meyer will accept application for the **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program** beginning November 1. Assistance is based on income and household size. Phone her (434-4127) to make an appointment or find out if you qualify.

"It is the generosity of individuals and businesses that have always made the Holiday Basket program successful, and makes our community a special place to live," says Sherry. The annual **Holiday Basket** program will continue this year for Old Lyme families in need. She would like to hear from town organizations, business and individuals who are willing to adopt local families in need. Help the effort with donations of gifts, toys or food cards. Donations can be brought to the Senior Center on Town Woods Road. Also, if you know of someone in need of assistance, please encourage them to call Sherry. Confidentiality is assured and recipients remain anonymous. "Thanks for making a difference in Old Lyme," she adds.

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If you would be in need of transportation or any other assistance during an emergency, or know of someone who would need assistance, please complete this special needs form and return it to **OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, 52 LYME STREET, OLD LYME, CT 06371.**

In order to provide the highest level of assistance to the residents of Old Lyme, the Office of Emergency Management is asking residents to pre-identify themselves in the event of needing special assistance during an emergency. Phone 434-1605, ext. 231 with questions. In the event of an emergency, local emergency workers will contact you and provide assistance.

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