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From Your First Selectman, Timothy C. Griswold

Over the last month, the outward appearance of the town hall has changed considerably. On the south side, the foundation for the Meeting Hall wing has been completed and on the north side, the framing of the new second level is well under way. John Forbis, our tireless Building Committee Chair, and Bob Sullivan, our project supervisor, have been working with our contractor, Rudolph Netsch of Chester, CT, to ensure the pace of the project is maintained and that all issues are resolved in a timely manner. Thanks to our Tree Commission for supervising the transplanting of a number of Town Hall plantings to a nursery and for protecting many other plants and trees.

Ten members of the Town Hall staff remain in the Town Hall: First Selectman and his two assistants; the Tax Collector, Assessor, and Town Clerk and their assistants; and the Financial Administrator plus the Town Hall Cat, Emma. The Land Use Department Parks & Rec., Building, Health and the Fire Marshal have relocated to the Marketplace (A&P Shopping Center) and the Registrars & Probate have relocated to 100 Halls Road. Staff located outside Town Hall has new phone numbers and the Town Hall has a new fax number (434-1400). Board, commission and Committee meetings are being held at new locations and this is working out well. See page 16.

The contractor's first priority was to remove certain interior walls, ceilings and other items within the existing Town Hall. One of the most challenging items was the removal of the two story concrete vault in and below the old Selectman's Office. Rudy Netsch brought in a robotic jackhammer device that literally beat

the vault into pieces, and what a lot of noise it made! The building shook for about three days, but once done, it allowed for the construction of the new elevator shaft. Another challenging item was the removal of asbestos in the building. It was in certain floor tile glue, wrapped pipes hidden in interior walls, and the glazing putty on all the windows. While the asbestos removal was time consuming and costly, the job is done.

Once most of the interior demolition work was done, the contractor excavated the foundation hole for the south wing. The material was stored on site so it could be reused to build up the old Speirs lot to accommodate the new driveway. The foundation, the rough plumbing and the concrete floor have been installed. After some structural improvements, the framing of the second level of the north wing has nearly been completed. Following that, the contractor will begin framing the south wing so the building will be closed in for winter. We are pleased with the pace of the project and with the responsiveness of our contractor.

One of the energy-efficient measures we are implementing is to install ten photovoltaic solar panels on the south-facing roof of the Town Hall. The ten panels will supply the Town Hall with ten kilowatts of clean energy power and excess power can be sold back to the grid. Here is where you can help: for every 100 households that sign-up for the CT Clean Energy Option, the Town will receive one free kW panel, worth \$10,000. Please sign-up via the internet (www.ctcleanenergy.com) or call the CT Clean Energy Fund at 860-563-0015. Please see the related articles in this magazine.

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baseball/softball fields at the Town Woods Park. The Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme awarded the contract to Machnik Brothers and work began in June. The first task was to strip the topsoil so that the fields could be built up and shaped. Now that has been done, the irrigation can be installed and the topsoil can be returned. One potentially big problem was finding sufficient water to run the irrigation system. After a few dug wells proved to be unsuccessful, Chairman Bob Dunn and the committee approved a drilled well. Happily, the drilled well is producing about 100 gallons per minute, which is more than sufficient. Once the dirt work is done, Machnik will seed the fields in September and, if all goes well, we should be able to use the fields next fall.

While the High School Building Project is under the jurisdiction of Regional School District 18, the consequence to the taxpayers of Old Lyme is significant. When the Chair of the High School Building Committee asked the Board of Selectmen to endorse the \$54 million project on March 19, I voted against the endorsement, primarily because of the price tag. The District voters rejected the project on May 8 by a margin of 2:1 (2,791 to 1,786).

Following the defeat, I and others recommended the composition of the Building Committee be changed to make School Board members ex officio and to add new members in equal number composed of those who opposed the project. This would enable the committee to immediately begin working on a new plan with input from

those who supported and those who opposed the original plan. I sent a list to the BOE Chair consisting of eight people who have significant construction and site work experience. Ultimately, she added one suggested member and decided against reconstituting the Building Committee until October. In the meantime, she has created an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, consisting of about fifty people, that will meet over the next two months and will make recommendations to the Board of Education on October 17.

Because a large number of people want the Building Committee to immediately begin work on a new plan, I have asked the eight suggested appointees to analyze the work of the Building Committee and to develop an alternative plan or plans. This Citizens Building Committee has met several times and has asked members of the High School Building Committee and others to join the effort. We believe we should not waste the summer simply listening and we are confident real progress can be made on an affordable plan that will meet the needs of the district.

In March, the Harbor Management Commission prepared a proposal that provided that the Town of Old Lyme swap its one-third acre Town Landing parcel located at the end of Tantummaheag Road for a twelve-acre parcel owned by Diana Atwood Johnson located off Mile Creek Road Ms. Johnson agreed to allow pedestrian access over the Town Landing parcel but not vehicles.

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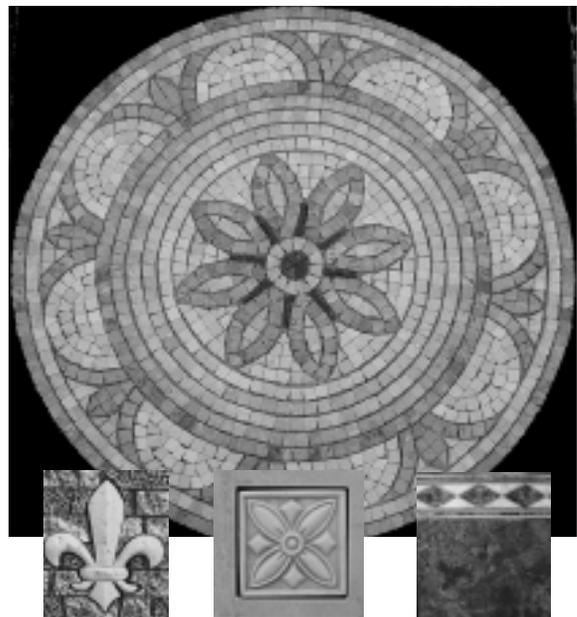


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The twelve-acre Mile Creek parcel is a former gravel quarry and has direct access to the Black Hall River. Following endorsements by several town agencies, the selectmen reviewed the proposal on May 21. About fifty people attended the meeting, most of whom spoke against the proposal. The main argument of the opponents was that the town should not trade a precious access to the Connecticut River, owned since 1701, for another access to the Black Hall River. Several people said if the Town wants the Mile Creek property, it should acquire it on its own merits. In the end, Ms. Johnson withdrew her proposal. In order to better understand how many landings the town has and what, if anything, should be done to improve public access to them, I have formed the town Landing Study Committee. The committee held an initial meeting and it should make a report to the Board of Selectmen before year's end.

The Ethics Formation Committee has been relatively quiet since the Annual Town Meeting in January when a vote on the Code of Ethics Ordinance was postponed until some details could be worked out. The Committee has changed some of the language in the ordinance and will present the new version to the selectmen, a public hearing and to a future town meeting before the end of the year.

The opening of our upgraded transfer station has been postponed until January of 2008 in order to complete the necessary improvements. There is adequate capacity in the landfill to accommodate this extra time, but we are anxious to make the conversion. As has been stated before, residents will still be able to dispose of recyclable materials for free, but we will be charged by the pound for the disposal of bulky waste. Following the opening of the transfer station, we will work on closing the landfill by way of a capping process that will likely take eighteen to twenty-four months. We have distributed a fourteen-gallon recycling bin to each household to assist in recycling household paper, magazines and newspapers. The bins have lids that will help to keep the paper dry and cut down on wind-blown papers.

The voters passed the fiscal year 2008 budget at the Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 21. The total budget increased \$921,879 from \$28.6 million to \$29.5 million, or 3.23%. Because the grand list grew by 0.83%, the tax rate increased from 17.8 mills to 18.2 mills, or 2.25%. The town's Capital and Non-recurring budget is \$673,500 and, in addition, we will add \$645,000 to our four Capital Project Funds (Revaluation, Landfill Closure, Open Space and Fire Equipment) for future large expenditures. The Regional School District 18 portion of the budget is 73.2% and the town portion is 26.8%.

The reconstruction of Hartford Avenue was suspended last fall due to the approach of winter and it resumed this spring. Because we were replacing pavement south of Martino Road, a number of property owners asked if the Connecticut Water main could be extended to the south end of the street. About fourteen property owners paid \$2,000 for each lateral connection to the main, which greatly improved their service. Due to the time requirement of this work, we were unable to install the top layer of pavement before the summer surge and we plan to complete this work after Labor Day. With the cooperation of the VFW (Walter Zabel, in

particular) and the Sound View Beach Association, we were able to rebuild the planter at the end of Hartford Avenue to include illuminating the flagpole.

I have formed a Boat Study Committee composed of members of the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., the Emergency Management Director, the Harbor Management Commission and the Board of Finance to analyze the need for a town boat or boats. The town owns a 1981 24-foot Privateer that "has a lot of mileage" and has been used as a marine patrol boat and a Harbor Management boat. In light of recent boating mishaps, the town must decide what its boat requirements are and how to address them. This includes an evaluation of regional boat resources. A recommendation will be made to the Board of Selectmen with possible follow-up by the Board of Finance.

Last, we have had some changes in personnel. After nine years of service, Trooper First Class David Todd has been reassigned from Old Lyme to Troop F, Westbrook. After eight years, Officer Howard Smith resigned from the Old Lyme Police Dept. Jeff Olaski of Public Works resigned so he and his wife may move to North Carolina. Bob Gentile has been hired as our Recycling Supervisor and Landfill Closing Coordinator. We congratulate Bert Dean for his sixty years of volunteer service to the Old Lyme Fire Department!

The Board of Selectmen hope you have had an enjoyable summer and we all look forward to the fall and winter seasons.

- Tim Griswold, First Selectman

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From the Publisher

Welcome to the premier issue of *Old Lyme Events*. Many of you are probably thinking, who are you, what are you and why are you in my town? I am going to take a few paragraphs to answer the above questions as well as shed some light on the future of *Old Lyme Events*.

Over ten years ago, Essex Printing Company, located in Centerbrook, started a quarterly Town Hall magazine called *Essex Events*. Since then, the towns of Chester, Old Saybrook, Westbrook and Clinton have been added to the *Events Magazine* family. Growth and readership has been nothing less than phenomenal. Advertisers enjoy the opportunity to advertise in one town, two towns, or in multiple editions. Including Old Lyme, *Events Magazines* reach the entire population of the Lower Connecticut Valley, a claim no other publication can make.

Our format is simple. Articles are solicited from key employees of the Old Lyme Town Hall, local nonprofit organizations, chamber of commerce, schools, the library and other local interest individuals. The articles are published as written, with no reporter placing their own "spin" on the subject matter. This should provide the reader with an insight to local information that is not currently provided by other news organizations.

Local advertisers are solicited by our sales staff, headed by Susan Scott (860-227-1022) with layout and design coordinated by Donna Fiorentino. Essex Printing completes the printing process and mails the magazine to each resident and P.O. box holder in Old Lyme. Several hundred additional magazines are also distributed to the Town Hall and other highly visible locations. There is no cost to the Town Hall for *Old Lyme Events*. We absorb the costs of sales, layout, design, printing and mail charges. Our overhead is paid by the advertising revenue. The Town of Old Lyme benefits by having a beautiful quarterly four-color magazine printed and delivered to residents at no cost to taxpayers, a significant savings over the previous newsletter.

Old Lyme Events is the successor to *Old Lyme Times*, the newsletter that was coordinated by Cathy Frank at the Town Hall. She will still be involved in the solicitation of articles from town personnel for *Old Lyme Events*. Her efforts over the last several years have been extraordinary, and she is to be complimented for her diligence and professionalism.

All of our *Events Magazines* are non-political. We take no letters to the editor. We have no editorial section. We do not have a gripe column. We have no political opinion column. We do ask, however, that each First Selectman participate in the sharing of information by writing a column each quarter about what is going on in your town. Again, this is not some reporter's interpretation of what is going on but observations and comments from your senior elected official, Timothy Griswold.

We are always open to improvements in our content, and ask you, the reader, to call us with any additional articles you believe would be interesting to other residents of Old Lyme. The magazine is advertiser driven, and we ask that you utilize your local merchants for their goods and services. Of course, if you happen to mention that you saw their ad in *Old Lyme Events*, we would be very pleased.

So, enjoy the first issue. Keep it around the house or office. Use it as a reference tool. Let the writers know you read their articles. Look for us again in three months and thank you for the opportunity to discuss *Old Lyme Events*. We are proud to welcome Old Lyme to the family of *Events Magazines*.

– David V. Winstead, Ph.D., Publisher



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Lyme/Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER UPDATE

Our **monthly meetings** resume at Cherrystones on Thursday, September 20: social hour at 6:15 p.m. with a dinner program beginning at 7 p.m. Past meetings have featured presentations by the Old Lyme Art Alliance and Tony Sheridan, president of the Eastern Connecticut Chamber; readings by local authors; and performances by the Lyme Old Lyme High School Select Singers.

A fall date will be announced for our **Adopt-a-Highway campaign**. Volunteers are always welcome at our roadside clean-ups.

Our first **Business After Hours** is scheduled for September 26, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Paulson Training in Chester. There will be demonstrations on making training films and advertising spots, refreshments, and entertainment. Members: \$10, non-members: \$20.

Municipal elections take place in Lyme & Old Lyme in November, and the Chamber will once again sponsor Meet the Candidates nights: Tuesday, October 23 at the Lymes' Senior Center for Board of Education candidates and Thursday, October 25 at the Lyme Old Lyme Middle School for Board of Selectmen. Both sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and are open to all in the Lyme/Old Lyme community.

Visit our website (www.lolcc.com) for more details on all of our fall activities, and mark your calendars now for December 7 our annual **Carol Sing & Tree Lighting** at the Old Lyme Marketplace. **Donations for our Toys for Tots** campaign will be

accepted at this annual event.

We broke more than a few Chamber records last year: our membership peaked at just under 200; the success of our annual "Taste of the Lymes" broke all previous records; and we awarded an unprecedented number of scholarships to deserving students. We look forward to building on that success by encouraging our current members to volunteer their assistance with an event or committee.

If you are not a member yet, please consider joining us. Applications are available online at www.lolcc.com, or you can phone 888-302-9246.

– Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce
President Charles Delinks

FALL LEAF COLLECTION will take place the week of November 19 for leaves left at curbside in biodegradable bags. Bags can be purchased at local hardware, grocery and discount stores, or at any Home Depot or Lowe's.



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Family Fun Day – Mimi's Place will be open on the first and third Saturdays of each month during Sept. and Oct. This group is a mixed age - open forum group for children up to age 5 with an adult. Do you have an older child involved in a sport nearby? Perhaps you are a grandparent with children visiting? Are you are a working adult or looking to give direct attention to a single child in your family? If so, drop in and enjoy our child-friendly atmosphere, toys, games, crafts and playground. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and close at noon.

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November 27: Sibling Rivalry. Let's explore the benefits (yes benefits!) of Sibling Rivalry and chat about ways to lessen the negative behavior in your home.

See winter schedule for more Parent Time dates and topics.

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Sign, Say and Play Playgroup® – Oct. 16 – Nov. 20 1-2 p.m. and Jan. 8 – Feb 12 1-2 p.m. Six-week play classes for parents with hearing children ages six months to 3 years. Each week we will introduce you to new signing activities, songs and play, featuring the following themes; mealtime, bedtime, bath time, getting dressed, pets and at the park.

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Itsy Bitsy Yoga® at LYSB – For parent and child. Thursdays, Sept. 6 - Oct 11, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Fee for 6 week class is \$90.00.

ketball, 4 square, pool, movies, ps2 and much more. Center School students will be picked up at 3 o'clock and walked over, and Lyme students can take a bus directly to the LYSB. The cost of this program is \$100 for the year and includes snacks. Space is limited, so please call 434-7208 to register.

Kids Care Club – For grades 3-5. Meets the 1 Monday of each month, 3:00-5:00 p.m., starting October 1.

Kids Care Clubs are groups of young people who work together to help others in their communities and around the world. Through hands-on projects such as Eat Wise - Exercise!, Kids Care BookShare, Team up for Kids in Foster Care, Holiday Hope Chests, Kids Care for Kids in Southeast Asia and Operation Kids Care, members of Kids Care Clubs have helped the elderly, hungry, homeless, disabled, sick, and victims of disasters. Come to a meeting and see how you can help out in the community. This program is free, but registration is required. Please call LYSB at 434-7208

Holiday Gift Workshop – Mondays December 10 and 17 3:00-5:00 p.m. Grades 3-5.

Come to the LYSB for two Mondays to create holiday gifts for your family. We will make a special gift each week. Registration is \$30. Space is limited so please call Missy at 434-7208 to register.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade After-School Program – Every Wednesday starting September 5 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come and hang out at the LYSB after school. Participate in a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, air hockey, foosball, bas-

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Middle School After-School Program (MSAS) – Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Come and hang out at the LYSB activity center after school and participate in a variety of arts and crafts, sports, games, and much more! Students can walk to LYSB after school and passes for the late bus will be provided. This drop-in program is open to any LOLMS student and is free of charge; however donations are welcome. Permission slips are required for all attendees and are available on our website www.lysb.org.

Sitter Safety Course – Mondays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

An intense sitter safety-training course that is appropriate for babysitters, big brothers and sisters, and children staying home alone for the first time. This course touches on a variety of safety skills such as basic first aid, fire safety and 911 skills. Registration fee is \$40 and includes supplies, snacks and guest speakers. Space is limited so please call LYSB @ 434-7208 to register.

Jr. YAC (Youth Advisory Council) – The first Monday of every month starting October 1, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Jr. YAC is a middle school community service/substance abuse prevention group that participates in a variety of fun and exciting projects throughout the course of the year. Jr. YAC is open to any LOLMS student. Please join us for our first meeting on October 1 and see how you can make a difference in our community.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

YAC (Youth Advisory Council) – Mondays 7:00-8:00 p.m., starting September 17.

YAC is a high school community service group that participates in a variety of fun projects throughout the year. We also discuss issues important to teens in our community. All high school students are welcome to join. Join us any Monday night!

Friday Fiesta – Friday, September 14, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Come join us at a party thrown by the LYSB for high school students in Lyme and Old Lyme. This Friday Fiesta will offer a night of entertainment by a DJ, food, dancing and fun! Admission is \$5. Please call Missy @ LYSB, 434-7208 with questions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Action for Substance Free Youth (CASFY) – Meets at 7:00 p.m. at LYSB. September 11, October 10, November 14.

CASFY is a collaboration of community members and organizations dedicated to promoting a drug-free community. This is achieved through advocacy, support, and education. We could use your ideas. Join us!

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents – Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Halloween Bash – Wednesday, October 31, 4:30-6:30 p.m. The LYSB town-wide Halloween Bash is a fun family event that includes games, crafts, story telling and more.

This free event is appropriate for children ages 12 months through 2nd grade. All little “goblins” must be accompanied by an adult. Come dressed in costume. There will be a costume parade that will leave the firehouse at 6:30 pm and march down Lyme Street.

Mother/Daughter Night Out – Thursday, November 1, 6:00-8:00 pm. Open the lines of communication with your daughter! Designed to give girls a better understanding of what their bodies will go through during puberty. Topics will include the importance of a positive body image and how to deal with difficult situations. A fun and educational night out for girls in 5th grade and their mothers. Cost is \$40 per pair and includes resource materials, goodie bags and a pizza dinner. Space is limited, so please call LYSB at 434-7208 to register.

Gingerbread House Night – Family Workshop Wednesday Dec. 5th 6:30pm \$25.00 per family. A great family tradition! Make your very own gingerbread house to take home. LYSB will set up & clean up! Bring your camera and have some fun.

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From State Representative Marilyn Giuliano



Toward A Sustainable Future

Efforts are under way both in the legislature and the governor's office to create an environmental vision for Connecticut that is cleaner, greener and renewable. These initiatives can be boiled down to one fundamental principle – environmental sustainability. Environmental sustainability seeks to promote conservation, encourage innovation in energy efficiency technologies, and look toward energy diversification to address our long-term state needs.

As government develops environmental public policy, let me share some initiatives of note:

- That 20% of all energy sold and used in Connecticut come from clean or renewable resources, such as solar and geo thermal energy;
- That as a state, we achieve a 20% reduction in peak electricity consumption;
- That fossil fuel consumption be reduced;
- That all state and school construction projects incorporate energy-efficiency technology; and
- That residential and commercial heating oil sold and used in Connecticut contain a mandatory mix of 20% alternative fuels.

During this session of the General Assembly, I co-sponsored legislation that will apply green building standards to new state construction projects and will extend the property tax exemption for solar energy-electricity generating systems. "Green" construction standards focus on energy efficiency, water conservation and solar access. These standards will now apply for new taxpayer-funded state and local buildings, will help curtail energy use, and will save operating costs over the 40- or 50-year life of new buildings.

Effective July 1, there is a permanent sales tax holiday on compact fluorescent light bulbs and Energy Star appliances. Those appliances exempt from the sales tax include refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers, air conditioners, room humidifiers, water coolers and battery chargers.

One thing everyone can do to hold down electric bills and share the existing electricity supply is conservation. That includes improving home insulation; installing weather stripping, installing programmable thermostats; using more efficient appliances; and equipping lights with timers, photocells and motion-sensitive devices so they turn off when not needed.

New energy conservation legislation calls for the distribution of "smart meters" that will allow electric customers to pay at variable rates depending upon demand at the time the electricity is being used. Smart meters are designed to encourage customers to switch electricity usage to off-peak periods when electricity is cheaper. At the same time, this reduces the peak load burden on our state's electricity grid.

Conservation alone cannot supply all the state's future energy needs. Certainly, it can slow the growth in usage, but the state needs to increase the supply of clean, affordable energy for schools, homes, hospitals and businesses. This session's energy legislation steps up state efforts to develop more forms of renewable energy, such as solar and geothermal energy.

As a state, our energy and environmental challenges are great. However, we must never underestimate the limitlessness of our resolve to work together to move each town, our state and this region of our country toward environmental conservation, innovation and sustainability. Cleaner, greener and renewable energy sources must be our shared goal. (Old Lyme First Selectman Tim Griswold's column contains additional information about Old Lyme's Clean Energy Campaign.)

If readers have questions on these or other state issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-842-1423.

– Marilyn Giuliano

(State Rep. Marilyn Giuliano, Republican leader on the legislature's Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, is state representative from the 23rd Assembly District of Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and coastal Westbrook.)

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Town Hall Expansion Project

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- Building Department: Old Lyme Marketplace434-4463
- Fire Marshal: Old Lyme Marketplace434-4464
- Health Department: Old Lyme Marketplace.....434-4465
- Land Use Departments (Planning, Zoning, ZBA, Inland Wetlands): Old Lyme Marketplace434-4467
- Parks & Recreation: Old Lyme Marketplace434-4469
- Registrars of Voters: 100 Halls Road (corner of Route 156).....434-4474
- Probate Court & Passport processing: 100 Halls Road.....434-4475

The following offices will remain in the Town Hall at 52 Lyme Street during construction:

- Selectman's Office.....434-1605, ext. 212 or 210
- First Selectman434-1605, ext. 211
- Town Clerk.....434-1605, ext. 220 or 221
- Assessor434-1605, ext. 218 or 219
- Tax Collector434-1605, ext. 216 or 217
- Finance434-1605, ext. 215

During the initial construction phases of the Town Hall Expansion project, regularly scheduled monthly meetings of **town boards & commissions** have been relocated as follows:

- Christ the King Church, 7:30 p.m. except as noted
- 1st MondayBoard of Selectmen
- 1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)Conservation Commission
- 1st ThursdayParks & Recreation Commission
- 2nd TuesdayZoning Board of Appeals
- 2nd ThursdayPlanning Commission
Harbor Management Commission
- 2nd Friday (8:30 a.m.)Open Space
- 3rd MondayBoard of Selectmen
- 3rd TuesdayBoard of Finance
- 3rd ThursdayWPCA
- 4th MondayZoning (Regulation Rewrite)
- 4th TuesdayInland Wetlands Commission

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- 1st Wednesday (8:00 a.m.)EDC
- 2nd Thursday (2:00 p.m.)Technology Committee

Lymes' Senior Center

- 2nd Monday (1:00 p.m.).....OLVNA
- 2nd Monday (7:30 p.m.).....Shellfish Commission
- 3rd Thursday (4:00 p.m.)Tree Commission

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- 1st Monday (9:15 a.m.)Historic District Commission

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First Selectman's Bus Barn Report

For years, Regional School District 18 has parked its school busses at the bus barn on Jadon Drive in response to complaints by residents there about the significant amount of diesel exhaust emissions caused by warming-up the busses each school morning, we worked on two corrective actions.

First, with the help of Congressman Simmons' office, we applied

for and were awarded a \$165,000 EPA grant to install particulate filters on twenty diesel school busses. The grant also funded the additional cost associated with the purchase of ultra-low sulphur diesel fuel for one year. These upgrades made the busses healthier for the students and drivers as well as improved the air quality in general.



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In April of 2005, I hosted a meeting with school officials and Health Department officials to discuss the consequence of the bus diesel fumes on the residents of Jadon Drive. While the emissions may be below the allowable thresholds, the 30-to 40-minute warm-up period for 20 busses each morning does create an unhealthy blue haze.

In conjunction with the town's closure of the landfill on Four Mile River Road, we explored the possibility of using some of the 27-acre parcel to build a bus barn facility. The district entered into a new five-year contract with its bus company which will end in June 2010, so we had five years to work on a proposal. In September 2005, I asked the district to analyze the landfill location because the town might offer some property at no rent. Because the District pays about \$45,000 per year for rent (through the bus contract), this savings could pay for the bus barn improvements within a few years. While the District said it was/is willing to explore the concept, it said the town must perform all the due diligence concerning the new location. Over the next year, the town and the district debated who should do the analysis and pay the related costs.

I maintain that if the district would have a new rent-free facility with a long-term lease in an area with no homes, why shouldn't the district be willing to spend the up-front cost of the analysis? If the landfill location was acceptable, the district would not have to be concerned that a landlord would decide not to renew a lease.

In order to quantify the steps to be taken for approval and the related costs, I asked our landfill closure engineer to give us a detailed "roadmap." I sent a copy of the engineer's response to the district in February of 2007, but there has been no action since.

Since the bus contract expires in June of 2010, there still should be enough time to do the engineering work, secure the approvals and build the facility. However, we have made little progress over the last two years and further delay may not allow enough time to get the job done. I urge taxpayers to speak to members of the Board of Education and urge them to do the analysis and make a decision. Isn't the prospect of a rent-free facility in a non-residential area with a long-term commitment worth the time and monetary investment by the district?

More information about moving the bus barn can be found at www.movethebuses.com.

— First Selectman Tim Griswold

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LECTURE

Sunday, September 16 • 2 p.m.

Art & Medicine: Using Fine Art to Enhance Observational Skills

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Join Dr. Irwin M. Braverman, Professor in the Department of Dermatology at the Yale Cancer Center, who has developed a program for medical students that uses art to enhance their observational skills and ability to ascertain how thoughts and feelings are communicated visually. Working with the art on view, Dr. Braverman explains and then demonstrates his approach with members of the audience.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday, September 19 • 7 p.m.

Rockwellian Doctoring: Medical Myth or Best Practice

Gerard N. Burrow, M.D., Panel Moderator

Panelists: William Lieber, M.D., Peter Dixon, M.D.,
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Sylvia Yount of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts discusses Celicia Beaux and the American portrait tradition. This lecture is designed to tie into the Florence Griswold Museum's exhibition Faces and Figures, which features the recent gift of a Celicia Beaux portrait of Ethel Saltus Ludington.

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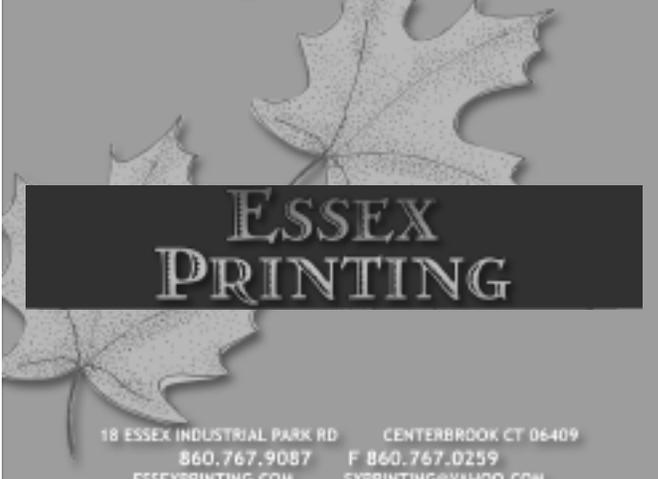
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The community responded to that need with an impressive capital campaign that led to the construction of a modest building and the first pool on the current twenty-six-acre site on Spencer Plains Road.

In the early 1980s, expansion was already in order, and the gymnasium, fitness center, and a childcare center were added, and again in 2002, the construction of the Lee Family Pool. The Y as we know it today has been thriving ever since.

Last year's quarter-million dollar capital improvement program successfully positioned the Y for continuing growth and expansion. C.E.O. Paul Mohabir's Vision 2010 is a plan to reach out within the twelve local communities to bring the Y's services to more through schools, municipal parks and recreation programs, and local churches of all faiths. I guess you can say, the Y is going back to its roots!

For ninety years our region has been better for the presence of the Valley-Shore YMCA for what it offers for residents in its facilities and programs and in its opportunity for service. The Y's Board of Directors and staff invite all of you to be part of its ongoing renaissance, to see and be part of the next ninety years and all the excitement we expect.



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Old Lyme Conservation Trust



A New Preserve Has Opened in Town

The Goberis Chadwick Preserve (twenty-five acres) was donated to the Trust in 1998 but only recently has the preserve been open to the public with new trails, a sign and a parking area. The preserve is named in memory of Theodora Goberis, who generously donated the property to the Old Lyme Conservation Trust and in memory of the Chadwick infant and others, whose graves are in the small cemetery next to the preserve. It is a wooded property that includes a brook, wetlands, rock ledge, huge boulders and stone walls. It is located off Shore Road in South Lyme. Drive up the gravel driveway at



372 Shore Road to a parking area on the left. Take care to avoid stumps and rocks. There is a loop trail with moderate changes in elevation takes about forty-five minutes to walk. There are also some shorter interior trails.

Theodora Goberis, or Teddy as she was known to her friends, was born in Hartford in 1917. She attended Norwich Free Academy High School and later graduated from Alfred University. As a member of the faculty of Norwich Free Academy, she was an art instructor for forty-four years. She died in 2006 at the age of eighty-nine.

In 1767, nine years prior to our Declaration of Independence, the marriage of Reuben Chadwick and Martha Miller took place in South Lyme. Thirteen months later, they had their first child, a daughter, who lived for only two days. The gravestone is located in a small cemetery bounded on three sides by the Goberis Chadwick Preserve. The cemetery also includes the graves of seven other people whose names are unknown.

Relatives and friends of Theodora Goberis were recently given a tour by OLCT of site work that has been done to the Goberis Chadwick Preserve including the newly developed trail system. Responses were appreciative and the conclusion was that Theodora Goberis would have been very pleased with the site.

Help Us Look for Big Foot in Old Lyme

There are reports that Big Foot has been seen on OLCT preserves in Old Lyme! Therefore, the Old Lyme Conservation Trust is announcing a Big Foot Search between September 29 and November 24 this year. Anyone can participate in the search at any time. All you have to do is to visit one of OLCT's preserves and fill in a questionnaire (available online or by writing to OLCT, PO Box 163, Old Lyme, CT 06371). Anybody who fills in the questionnaire will receive a Big Foot Search Button and will participate in the drawing of several \$25 cash prizes (one entry per person). OLCT will also arrange walks to look for signs of Big Foot and other interesting things among our local flora and fauna on Saturday, September 29, October 27 and November 24. Please visit www.olct.org for more information and entry forms.

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Advanced Directives

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Advanced Directives are a mode of communicating the wishes of a patient who is incapable of making health care decisions either because of diminished decision-making capacity, as in the case of advanced Alzheimer's Disease, or incapacitation, such as a diagnosis of permanent vegetative state. These can take the form of designating a proxy decision-maker, explicit instructions or a combination of both. Taking measures to establish Advanced Directives will help to ensure that the health care decisions being made on your behalf are consonant with your values and wishes.

A Living Will is a document designed to relay your wishes about withholding or withdrawing treatments in the event that you are permanently unconscious or terminally ill and incapable of making health care decisions. For example, a Living Will might state your wish not to be put on life support (such as artificial respiration, nutrition and hydration). Living wills also often include information about decisions such as organ donation. In essence, this document expresses your personal values and choices about the type and extent of the measures you want to prolong your life in the event of

a terminal prognosis.

A Health Care Power of Attorney (HCPOA) allows you to name an Agent (or Proxy) to make decisions on your behalf when and if you are unable to do so. This avenue is broader than a Living Will and applies to any and all health care decisions. Furthermore, the HCPOA allows you to state your wishes about certain procedures as well as helps to express your general values, which will assist your agent in determining what decision you would have made. Keeping this in mind, as a spouse or child of a patient you might be called upon to make a crucial health care decision for a loved one, and the better prepared your family is, the better able you will be to ensure that their wishes are respected.

These decisions are of an extremely personal nature and have no right or wrong answers. It is important to discuss your wishes with your attorney so that he or she can assist you in creating the most appropriate plan for you and your family. Your attorney can also advise you on how to select a Health Care Agent and how to ensure that your Health Care Directives are easily accessible to your physicians and family in the event that they are needed. Legally expressing your wishes will not only help to ensure your autonomy but will also significantly lighten the burden on your loved ones.

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Tim Griswold for First Selectman

Republican First Selectman Tim Griswold's distinguished tenure is based on a history of successful experience. He was a US Navy Lieutenant, Vietnam veteran, and has worked as a commercial banking executive for more than 25 years. Tim served on the Board of Finance for 18 years (5 years as Chair) and as First Selectman for the last 10 years.

An active member in numerous civic organizations, Tim is the Second Vice-President of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM). Locally, Tim is a member of the Lyme/Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce and the Lyme/Old Lyme Lions Club and serves on the board of trustees of the Florence Griswold Museum.

Tim has consistently initiated and successfully completed numerous projects that maintain the rural character of Old Lyme while providing quality community services with prudent fiscal planning and integrity, thus upgrading Town services without significant tax increases.

- Over 1,800 acres of open space land (e.g., Champlain Farms and MacCurdy Salisbury property) have been set aside along with hiking trails and waterway access points
- Recommended that the Memorial Town Hall remain in the heart of the village: Led the creation of the plan and approval at referendum, occupancy scheduled for September 2008
- In partnership with community members in Old Lyme and Lyme, created the Town Woods recreation area: Five new athletic fields, new field house, & an accessible children's playground, Seventy three percent of the funding has been provided by State Grants
- Committed to excellence in education and to addressing the needs of the Lyme/Old Lyme High School:
 - Formed the Citizens Building Committee of highly talented professionals to prepare affordable alternatives to address the High School's needs
 - Annually, sponsored LOLHS students' attendance at the CCM convention & participated as a Job Shadow for LOLHS students

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- Working with District 18, Tim worked to make its bus operations environmentally and community friendly:
 - Creating a plan to relocate the buses to a non-residential area with no rental cost
 - Working with then-Congressman Simmons, assisted in obtaining an EPA grant to install filters on 20 buses & to purchase ultra low sulfur diesel fuel.
- Upgraded local streets and sidewalks with State grant assistance (e.g., reconstructed Lyme Street, reconstructed Hartford Avenue, assisted refurbishing Soundview Community Center).
- Supporting our first rate volunteer fire department and ambulance association (e.g., instituted program to attract & retain volunteers with a tax abatement, consistently upgraded fire equipment and apparatus, including a new pumper/hose tender)
- Led the development of Old Lyme's automated refuse collection system, modern transfer station, and paper recycling bins. Instituted the regional Household Hazardous Waste facility in Essex (serving 9 CT towns), 100% funded by State grants
- Strengthened Old Lyme's governing structure with the establishment of the Tree Commission, the Ethics Formation Committee, & Church Corner Committee & fused the Town's Land Use functions
- Leader in bringing innovative technology to Old Lyme and Town services: Enabled high speed internet service, new financial accounting system, on-line tax payment system, Town Web Site, Town Hall solar power system, and optical scan voting machines

These accomplishments were realized because of Tim's leadership and ability to forge partnerships with numerous individuals and governmental, community, and business organizations. Tim has been able to significantly upgrade the Town services without significant tax increases.

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Reverse Mortgages Offer Solutions to Seniors

Millions of retirement-age homeowners are struggling to pay for monthly expenses, healthcare costs, home improvements and real estate taxes. Many of those homeowners have already discovered that a Reverse Mortgage can be the financial tool they need to generate a tax-free income and relieve the stress they feel when trying to figure out how to pay for all of life's expenses.

A Reverse Mortgage enables homeowners 62 or older to use part of the equity in their home without selling the home, giving up title to the home, or taking on a monthly mortgage payment. It's called a Reverse Mortgage because, rather than making payments, the lender makes payments to you. The loan is repaid

when you permanently leave your home, and you can never owe more than the value of your home. You or your heirs can either pay the Reverse Mortgage balance and keep the home or sell the home and use the proceeds to pay off the Reverse Mortgage. Since there is no limit to what one can do with the Reverse Mortgage proceeds, some seniors have used the proceeds to start a retirement business, pay off their existing mortgage, purchase a second home or just simply make their retirement more enjoyable.

Homes that qualify for a Reverse Mortgage are single-family homes, qualified condominiums, townhouses, manufactured homes, and one- to four-family owner-occupied homes.

The amount you receive from a Reverse Mortgage depends on your age, where you live, the value of your home and the current interest rate. Proceeds can be paid as an upfront lump sum amount, line of credit, fixed monthly payment for as long as you live in your home, or a combination of monthly payment and credit line, and all the costs can be rolled into the Reverse Mortgage so the borrower incurs little out-of-pocket expense.

Seniors should talk with a Reverse Mortgage Specialist to determine their eligibility under the Reverse Mortgage program and to determine the amount of proceeds they can receive.




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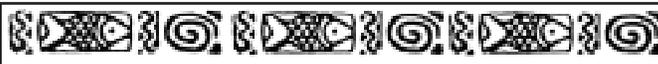
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Old Lyme Social Services Department

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On October 22 we welcome Yale New-Haven's Digital Mobile Mammography Van that will offer breast screenings to women over 40 years of age or older. Women interested in scheduling a screening mammogram can call Yale-New Haven Breast Center at (203) 688-6800, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to schedule their appointment. Early detection saves lives!

Social Services will begin accepting applications for the **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program** starting on November 1. Assistance is based on income and household size. Please call 434-4127 to make an appointment.

PARKS AND RECREATION

For all Parks and Recreation information, visit the Town of Old Lyme Website www.oldlyme-ct.gov and click Parks and Recreation. All program information is listed on the webpage. Watch for on-line registration availability for Youth Basketball.

The Parks and Recreation Office is temporarily located at 74 Halls Road in the Old Lyme Marketplace (A&P Shopping Center). The office number is 434-4469 and the director is Don Bugbee.



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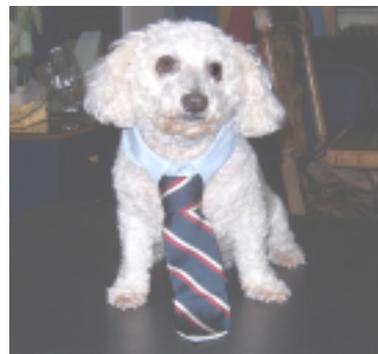
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From the Assessor's Office

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

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 a personal property list with the assessor annually during the month of October. Failure to file on or before November 1, 2007 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 October 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008.

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 October 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008.

Ex-Servicemen claiming statutory exemption because of physical disability, in addition to regular exemption must submit an exemption certificate from the Veterans Administration by October 1 annually in order to prove claim.

Veterans must have filed their discharge (DD214) in the town clerk's office by September 30, 2007 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, nor does it require service involving a combat or a combat-support role during the period beginning August 2, 1990. As a result, anyone who served anywhere for at least 90 days after August 2, 1990 and meets the criteria of SS12-81(19), is eligible for an exemption commencing October 1, 2005.

Persons on **active duty** must present to the assessor the required form (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 his or her 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 1st 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 September 1 and October 31. The only exception is during a revaluation year, when the deadline is extended to December 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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- Oct 11 AARP 55 Drive Course 1-5 p.m.
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- Oct 31 Halloween Lunch & Party 12 Noon
- Nov 07 "The Middle Tuners" Music Group 2 p.m.
- Nov 13 National Memory Screening Day 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Bingo 2 p.m.
- Dec 16 Old Lyme Town Band Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- Dec 21 Christmas Lunch & Party 12 Noon



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	Fire Starters including Hand-	Paint Thinner	Rodent Poison
		Rust Preventatives	Weed Killer

The following is a list of the kinds of materials that are NOT accepted:

Aerosol Cans, Empty	Explosives, Fireworks, Ammu- nition (Contact the State Police)	Infectious or Biologically Active Materials	Radioactive Material
Any Commercial Hazardous Waste	Fire Extinguishers (Contact Local Fire Department)	Latex Paint (Can be air dried or absorbed with sawdust or kitty litter and disposed in the garbage)	Unknown Materials
BBQ Propane Tanks (Contact propane gas company)			Vehicle Batteries
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Clean Energy Campaign

When the opportunity arrived to sign up for renewable energy for power at home a couple of years ago, Betsey Cooley and her family did. Now, thanks to the State's "20% by 2010" program, the Town of Old Lyme has committed to obtain 20% of its municipal power from clean sources and has initiated a campaign encouraging Old Lyme residents and business to switch to clean energy.

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund will pay for one 1KW photovoltaic panel installed on our new town hall for every 100 CL&P customers who sign up. This will help offset construction costs of the new building and contribute toward Old Lyme's "20% by 2010" goal.

Electing the clean energy option results in slightly more expensive electricity (perhaps \$5 to \$10 per month for most households). Part-time summer residents also count toward the 100 sign-ups even though they will incur the slight additional cost for only a few months. For this reason, our summer residents are an important part of the campaign.

Residents and businesses can instruct CL&P to obtain their electric usage from clean sources at www.ctcleanenergyoptions.com. Enrollment forms are also available at the Town Hall Selectmen's Office.

Further information is available from Betsey Cooley (434-7546) and Stanford Brainerd (434-0694), who are coordinating the town's campaign. They ask, "Won't it feel good to drive down Lyme Street with your grandchildren and show them what YOU did to help promote clean air, healthy communities and energy independence?"

(Read more about Connecticut's 20% by 2010 program and Old Lyme's Clean Energy Campaign in *Old Lyme Events* columns written by Old Lyme First Selectman Tim Griswold and State Representative Marilyn Giuliano.)

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Q. Congratulations on becoming the 3rd President of Lyme Academy College. What excites you about your new role?

A. My role is to be steward of a great legacy and a visionary for its future growth. I feel thrilled and privileged to have this opportunity at a time when the College is poised for growth and prominence on a national level.

Q. Why did you choose to take this position?

A. Becoming President of Lyme Academy College is my "dream job." To be back in the dynamic environment of academia with a first rate art faculty, and students who are truly emerging artists, is like coming home.

Q. What is your "First 100 Days" plan?

A. I plan to be "listening and meeting" with, what I would call, concentric circles of people, raising awareness and building philanthropic support. First, I need to understand the philosophy and learning environment by connecting with the faculty. I need to listen to our diverse student body. I want to partner with our alums who know us the best. I want to build ways to communicate with them that are consistent and fresh and enlist their support for growth and awareness building. I need to personally appreciate our financial supporters and get to know them. I need to introduce myself to the business community locally and statewide. I want the world of artists, collectors, educators, patrons, elected officials and future student/artists to know of our true uniqueness.

Q. Elisabeth Chandler Gordon had an important reason for founding this school. As President what do you see is your major focus?

A. My focus will be community expansion. The College is the community. I want us to be thoughtful and respectful of our mission, yet consider expanding our boundaries, which could be about curriculum, philanthropic support, vol-

unteers, fundraising, technology, facilities, career placement, etc.

Q. Lyme Academy College just celebrated its 30th anniversary and hails alumni from 47 states. What place in the art world will the College take in the next 30 years?

A. The College is an elite institution because of the curriculum we offer today, which systematically builds the artistic skills, conceptual knowledge, and confidence that serve our graduates throughout their lives and careers. The founders redefined the purpose of the art college and its teaching philosophy in 1976. It is our responsibility to continue redefining the arts community.

Q. What is your vision for the College? Do you envision major growth in campus, student body, faculty? How will this happen?

A. I came to Lyme Academy College because of its capacity to grow. I personally needed to come to a place that has a fantastic "product" and has the possibilities of growth. I feel a great responsibility not to allow the College to become insulated.

Q. Since you are moving from the Hartford area to the shoreline, it appears that you are making a strong commitment to the College and the community. Would you say this is true?

A. Absolutely. My husband and I are fortunate to be able to be flexible at this point in our lives, and both of us are looking forward to becoming an integral part of the community both professionally and personally. This is a great new adventure and we hope a lasting one.

Q. In addition to building the skills and critical thinking of emerging artists, what do you see as the role of Lyme Academy College in the community?

A. I see the College as an anchor in this area. It is definitely a part of an evolving history of the arts environment on the Connecticut shoreline, in addition to being a contributor to the region's economy. We understand that our growth will foster other growth in a positive way.

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Additional automated trash containers should be ordered through Michele Hayes-Finn (434-1605, ext. 212) in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall on Lyme Street. Containers cost \$60.

Please note that 95 gallon containers are on order with the manufacturer. Shoreline Sanitation does not expect delivery until early October.

Recycling Holidays are: Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day. For Monday holidays, pick-up will be the following day. All other days remain on schedule. There is no recycling pickup on the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week. Curbside pick-up is provided for clean, co-mingled bottles, cans and #1 & 2 plastics. A blue Town of Old Lyme Recycling bin with cover was distributed to each household earlier this year, clearly marked to be used for household papers only. Please continue to use your own receptacles or a plain paper grocery bag for bottles, cans, & plastics. Corrugated cardboard boxes need to be flattened for recycling. Recycling information is available on the Town's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov), in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall on Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/Transfer Station. Please phone Michele Hayes-Finn (434-1605, ext. 212) with additional questions.

Transfer Station/Landfill Winter Hours begin the first week of October through the end of April. Winter hours are Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. Watch for more information on Transfer Station policies and rates.

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Calendar

Holiday concert
 Sunday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.
 Church of Christ the King
 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme

Holiday concert
 Sunday, December 16, 2:00 p.m.
 Lymes' Senior Center
 26 Town Woods, Old Lyme.
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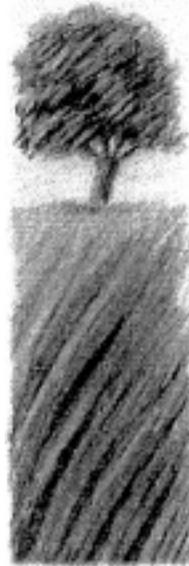
The Old Lyme Town Band will present two holiday concerts. Traditional music of the holiday season will be presented by the fifty-member band, which draws its membership from all the area towns. The band is under the direction of John LaDone.

– Ann Lander, 434-2671

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EVENING MEDICAL SCREENINGS

2nd & 4th Wednesday, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. R.N. Tina Belmont, Old Saybrook Town Nurse, is in Old Saybrook for blood pressure screenings and to answer questions.

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Dinner and Entertainment, September 25, from 5 – 7 p.m. Call Deb at 388-1611 for more information and how to get your tickets!

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– Art LiPuma, manager, Seaside Wine & Spirits

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The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association will hold a free blood pressure screening clinic at the Old Lyme Shopping Center in front of the A&P on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The annual flu clinic, for Old Lyme residents aged 50 or over or of/any age with a doctors note stating a chronic medical illness or condition, is tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 20, 2007 at the Lymes’ Senior Center. Please monitor the local print media for full details closer to the date of the event-

The annual Old Lyme VNA Health Day, that is open to all the public, will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Lymes’ Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Low cost blood tests are available as well as a variety of free health screenings by area doctors and other health care professionals. Full details of this event will be published in the local print media closer to the scheduled date.

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CHILDREN EVENTS FOR FALL 2007

Contact: Ronna Keith, Youth Services Librarian

Autumn Stories

Mondays (Sept. 10 – Oct. 15) – ages 2 to 3 - 10:30am
Enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and a simple craft.

Thursdays (Sept. 13 – Oct. 18)

Babytime - 10:15 a.m. - newborn to 2

Enjoy stories, rhymes, music and movements with your child

Fridays (Sept. 14 and ongoing)

Lunch Bunch – ages 3 and up - 10:30 a.m.

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The PGN Library's storytime is open to the public not just those participating in the LYSB's program.

Story times are open to the public. Registration is required. Please contact the library at 434-1684.

Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Community Room

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Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday	
Dec. 24-Jan 2 Holiday Recess	Professional
Jan. 21 Martin Luther King, Jr.	Development Days:
Feb. 18-22 Winter Break	October 9 (1/2 day)
March 21 Good Friday	January 2
April 14-18 Spring Break	March 24
May 26 Memorial Day	May 23 (1/2 day)

Snow days are added to the end of the school year.
We average 2-3 per year, so please plan accordingly.

Registrars of Voters

Important Dates from the Registrars of Voters

NOVEMBER 6, 2006

NOVEMBER ELECTION (Municipal Candidates)

October 5, 2007

Absentee ballots available at Town Clerk's office (Town Hall)

October 20, 2007 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Special Voter registration session
Registrars' Office (100 Halls Road)

October 23, 2007

Mail-in application of new voters must be postmarked
by this day and received by November 5th.

October 30, 2007 – 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Deadline for registering in person
(Registrars' or Town Clerk's office)

November 5, 2007- 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Limited registration session for those whose qualifications as to
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November 6, 2007

Polls are open at the Cross Lane Firehouse from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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Game	Date	Day	Opponent	Field
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2	September 21	Friday	Housatonic	Home
3	September 28	Friday	Morgan	Home
4	October 5	Friday	Hyde Leadership	Home
5	October 12	Friday	Cromwell	Home
6	October 19	Friday	North Branford	Away
7	October 26	Friday	Canton	Home
8	November 3	Saturday	Old Saybrook-Westbk	Away
9	November 9	Friday	Vinal-Coginchaug	Home
10	November 17	BYE		
11	November 22	Thursday	Haddam-Killingworth	Away

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To those of us who grew up in the fifties, when the hot rod era was really catching on, the Deuce meant even more. These cars were cheap, available, V-8 powered and they had the *look*. Ford really got that right. So, they became the basis for wonderful automotive creations, rebuilt and modified to satisfy the dreams and ideas of young auto enthusiasts, hot rodders.

I had the good fortune to own the car pictured here from

1958 to 1960. It had already been converted into a hot rod in the early fifties and was a well-known car in southeastern Connecticut as both a street-driven vehicle and a drag racer.

I bought the car with no engine but soon was building a modified Studebaker V8 engine for it, complete with custom fabricated four-carb intake manifold, the outside exhaust you see pictured and many internal modifications that we hoped would all add up to more power. I also upgraded and rebuilt the suspension, built the fenders, and installed Thunderbird bucket seats and countless other improvements. As you can see, I hadn't completed the hood, radiator and grill area as of the picture date of April 1960.

I never completed the car but sold it to a friend in the New London area and soon joined the Air Force and lost track of it. But I count myself fortunate for having owned it and being part of that era. Sure wish I owned the car today What fun that would be!

See you next time and keep the shiny side up.

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Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce awarded its 2007-2008 scholarships at its June dinner meeting

Charis Talcott, a junior at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, was awarded the N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Junior-Year Scholarships Award for Entrepreneurial Promise and Achievement, established in 1999. Until his death in 1998, Mr. Sheffield had served the Chamber for more than fifty years and was active in many other community organizations. In addition to her academic excellence, Ms. Talcott has been active in providing computer support and website assistance for the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau and the First Congregational Church.

The Chamber's Scholarship Award for Promise and Achievement in the Visual Arts is given to local students or residents who attend the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. The 2007 recipients are Caitlyn Concascia, a 2005 Lyme Old Lyme High School graduate who transferred to the Lyme Academy in January; Richard Lacey III, member of the LOLHS Class of 2007; and Shane Scarratt, a 2005 LOLHS graduate who entered the Lyme Academy's B.F.A. program in 2005.



A pre-college summer scholarship to the Lyme Academy was awarded to Drew Archer and Jesse Bonelli, both Old Lyme residents who attend Lyme-Old Lyme High School.

Scholarship funding is provided through several Chamber benefit activities including CMRK-St. Vincent DePaul recycled clothing bins, donations and the annual Taste of the Lymes'.



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Old Lyme Historical Society

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- *Poverty Island*, by Neri A. Clark, is a memoir of a young man's adventures and hard times on a 500-acre island off Griswold Point during the Great Depression.
- *This Ancient and Interesting Town* is a reprint of an 1876 article (author unknown), originally published in Harper's magazine, that recounts the town's history through anecdotes about many of its prominent residents.

Both monographs are for sale at The Turning Page, in the Old Lyme Marketplace. The bookstore also sells note cards printed with illustrations by Old Lyme artist Catherine Christiano that were published in *Poverty Island*.

To become a member of the Society, log on to our website, www.OLHSI.org and click on "Join Us" on the left column.



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Sincerely,
Bonnie Reemsnyder





Lyme Art Association

The Lyme Art Association invites all who appreciate fine art to step through its doors and partake of The New England Landscape Invitational Exhibition Sept. 14 - Oct. 27 in the LAA's gallery at 90 Lyme Street. This nationally publicized exhibition brings some of New England's most renowned landscape painters to the LAA's four gallery rooms and has become the association's most noteworthy and spectacular show each year. In addition to featuring the LAA's own outstanding elected and associate artists, it will showcase distinguished artists from the region who have been invited by the exhibition committee to submit their work.



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The theme of New England Landscapes coincides with the yearly celebration of the Autumn Members' Exhibition, begun in 1932 at the gallery by America's first Impressionist painters. Historical figures of early American Impressionism were the original incorporators of the Lyme Art Association, including Childe Hassam, Willard L. Metcalf, Will Howe Foote and William Chadwick. Organized in 1914, the Association purchased land from Florence Griswold upon which to build their gallery and hired well-known architect Charles A. Platt, designer of the Freer Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. and the Lyman Allyn Museum in New London, CT, to design the building. Eighty-one years later, that same building now houses four gallery rooms and proudly displays the work of the region's outstanding representational artists. It also provides a good opportunity to catch the region's exciting new artists just as they are breaking into public view. In 1986 the building was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

The mission of the Lyme Art Association is to advance the cause of representational fine arts by owning, maintaining, and preserving an historic building and galleries, holding art exhibitions, and conducting educational programs for the benefit of the local community and the general public. Art classes and workshops are offered year-round for members and nonmembers alike. The galleries are also available for private rentals. They make a uniquely beautiful artistic backdrop to weddings, anniversary parties, corporate gatherings and holiday celebrations.

The Opening Reception for the New England Landscape Invitational Exhibition will be Friday, Sept. 14 from 6-8 p.m. Regular viewing hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10-5 p.m. and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Mondays. Free parking is available on site.

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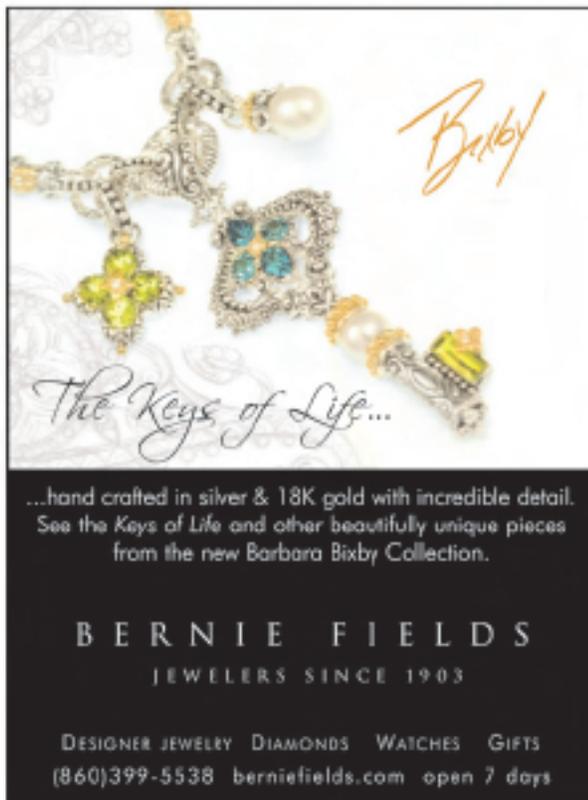
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A Special 50th Birthday



In late summer of 1957, “Paulie B,” a working Connecticut musician, had just had the tool of his trade stolen, a 1955 Fender Stratocaster electric guitar. This was his first solid body electric guitar, the likes of which was played by Buddy Holly and so many country western and rock & roll musicians of the time. With disappointment in his heart over his recent loss, he mustered up enthusiasm to visit John Tirkot Music in West Hartford to see how he might replace it.

Paulie was thrilled to find he could purchase a new version of the same guitar and be back in business for the last of the summer gigs in East Hampton, where those New Yorkers would weekend and “dance past midnight,” as he recalls. Having had

much better luck over the years, that guitar was the last one Paulie would buy. Fast track to 2007: Paulie, now 72, had not played for some 15 years since he chopped off the end of one of his fretting fingers. So he decided, maybe it was time to sell his old guitar.

What he soon found out after having his son do a little research, is that this utilitarian instrument of fifty years was actually one of the most sought-after vintage guitars in the market today. This particular year, 1957, represents a unique period of the development of the Fender Stratocaster line, the most commercially successful guitar design in history. This particular year had some subtle-yet-significant design features that are to this day deemed “the ultimate” in the guitars more than fifty-year reign.

After Paulie brought it to a local music shop, the proprietor contacted me to let me know that a 1957 Strat just walked into his store with its owner. Being an active guitar player since the first grade and a novice collector of guitars of late, the thought of such an opportunity to hold such a piece of vintage Americana was an event only imaginable. When I arranged to see the guitar and hear the story, I had to figure out how I could make this a part of my collection.

After meeting with Paulie and speaking with his son, we came to terms. I’ve since enjoyed the opportunity to investigate this guitar’s history; the various parts, that date such an instrument, have this guitar being born in the California Fender plant in August 1957 and shipped in September, just in time for Paulie B to adopt her from a Connecticut music store.

During the last couple months of 2007, there has been much hype of the 50th Anniversary of the 1957 Fender Stratocaster with various commemorative reissues being promoted. But I think I’ll just enjoy a quiet evening celebrating my baby’s birthday, strumming a verse of “That’ll Be The Day.”

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– See you on the tee

Rob Barbeau, Golf Professional Old Lyme Country Club



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Candy Green's Crème Brulee French Toast

- 4-6 thick slices (1-1/2" thick) challah or babka or Portuguese sweet bread staled overnight
- 1 t. softened butter
- 1 stick (1/4 lb) melted butter
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups cream
- 1 t. vanilla

Grease a shallow baking dish with the softened butter. Place the stale bread in the dish without overlapping it. Pour the melted butter evenly over the bread.

Beat the eggs and sugar. Add the cream and vanilla. Pour over the bread. Soak at room temperature for several hours or overnight in the refrigerator. Turn the slices occasionally. Be careful! The bread is fragile at this point, so once the bread is thoroughly saturated, leave it alone.

If the bread mixture had remained in the refrigerator overnight, bring it to room temperature before baking.

Preheat the oven at 350 degrees F. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes. Serve immediately with maple syrup or powdered sugar. Serves 4-6.

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