

OLD LYME TYMES

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FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

It has been a long, hot summer but we have seen the completion of two important projects in town: the **Town Woods Field House** and the reconstruction of Lyme St. The Field House ribbon cutting occurred on June 18 during a ceremony which included Sen. Andrea Stillman, Rep. Marilyn Giuliano and local officials. The Lyme/Old Lyme VFW opened the ceremony with the dedication of the new flagpole to our youth. Building Chairman Bob Dunn thanked the many tradespeople and volunteers who worked so hard to make the Field House a reality. The building will come in under its budget of \$315,000, thanks to the diligence of builder Steve Hallahan and the generous donations of money, material and labor of our subcontractors. The **Town Woods Park** is owned 75% by Old Lyme and 25% Lyme. The three soccer/lacrosse fields were opened for play last September and have been skillfully maintained by Ron Tyler of Country Lawn & Garden Landscape and Vice Chairman Phil Neaton.

In addition to the fields and Field House, the **Playground Committee**, under the leadership of Teri Lewis and Katie Balocca, has done a superb job of raising funds to construct a handicapped accessible playground near the Field House. The Committee has been awarded a \$20,000 grant by the State with the help of Rep. Giuliano. The Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme have been tentatively approved to receive \$150,000 each to help construct Phase II of the Park, the two softball/baseball fields. However, until the

Bond Commission approves, this funding is not a sure thing. If you have not already done so, please visit the Park (no dogs) and see what has been accomplished.

As I reported in the previous newsletter, the reconstruction of **Lyme Street** is complete. It was a substantial project for the Town in terms of its scope and the complexity of the paperwork. The timing of the final DOT approvals did not allow our contractor, American Industries of Jewett City, to complete the job before the onset of winter, but the majority of the work was completed before Memorial Day. Since then, we have worked on sidewalks, driveway aprons and crosswalks. The last item will be to install a sidewalk from the Lymes Youth Service Bureau to the Center School driveway. We are confident we will come in under the \$940,000 budget, but there are many loose ends to tie up before the final number is known. Thanks to residents and business owners who had to endure the inconveniences of construction – I believe most agree the final result is great.

During the July 20 Town Forum, plans for the **Church Corner** were shown to the residents. The Church Corner Committee has been working since May 2004 to come up with a plan that will improve the appearance and safety of Lyme St/Ferry Rd. intersection and the corner at the intersection of Lyme St. and McCurdy Rd. The Committee is comprised of representatives from both churches, the Historic District and the neighborhood. We believe

the plan has addressed these issues successfully. The next step is have it reviewed by a traffic consultant and sending plans to the DOT for approval. We hope we will be approved for funding and can start the project in the summer of 2007.

The Zoning Commission has approved the **Sound View Village District**, which becomes effective on September 1. As the Board of Selectmen's representative, Selectman Skip Sibley has worked on this zoning change over 3 years. The new regulations make non-conforming properties either conforming or less non-conforming. They also allow year-round status for commercial properties and allow off-site and off-street parking for business properties. The regulations set standards for multi-family property lot size and incorporate an advisory architectural review process. While the new regulations may not address all concerns, they are a good first step and will hopefully stimulate new investment and improvement in the Sound View area.

The Board of Selectmen and Superintendent Klein have been working on the environmental issues associated with the **bus barn** located on Jadon Drive. Neighbors of the bus barn have complained about diesel fumes from idling busses, associated noise and occasional minor fuel spills. We have met with several knowledgeable people on the matter, including the DEP, to determine what can be done. When it comes to school busses, the regulations for air pollution and noise are not uniformly applied due to safety checks

and warming the busses. The school district has submitted a grant application to the EPA in hopes of obtaining funding to install exhaust filters and pay the premium for ultra low diesel fuel. We hope for an answer by October. In addition, we are evaluating the feasibility of offering a portion of our landfill property on Four Mile River Rd. as an area to park the bus fleet. This option would require a number of steps before it could become a reality.

The **Information Technology Committee**, chaired by Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, conducted a pilot demonstration of the Town's geographic information system (**GIS**) and our vendor, Applied Geographics will now complete the base mapping for the entire town. Once this information is complete, we can add other layers of information on the system. We estimate the GIS will be completed next spring. The Committee also had a presentation from a vendor that offers **E-commerce** services. This would enable townspeople to make payments to the town via the internet in the form of debit transactions. While there are small fees associated with electronic payments, it allows one to transact business 24 hours a day from one's home or office.

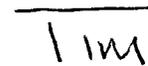
The **Rogers Lake Authority** held a meeting on June 25 to discuss the weed problem in Rogers Lake. The Authority's weed study consultant and a representative from the DEP discussed the pros and cons of chemical treatment, as opposed to mechanical harvesting or no treatment at all. At the end of the presentation, the audience of 70 people was about evenly split on whether to use chemicals. Those opposed to the chemical treatment will make a presentation before the Authority on September 13. A number of board and commission members were invited to an **open space workshop** on July 26 facilitated by Atty. James Mattern. He discussed the approval steps that should be taken by the various committees, boards and commissions before an open space proposal is brought to town meeting.

A few months ago, I reported the **Probate Court** system wanted to consolidate probate courts throughout the state into population groups of 50,000 in order to save money. For Old Lyme, it was proposed that we either consolidate or keep our local court with a \$5 per head

payment from the Probate System (\$37,500). At present, the town spends about \$3,500, but the proposal would have us pay all costs (over \$100,000), so the net cost to the town would be over \$62,500. Happily, the legislation did not pass, but we have not heard the end of this.

The **Halls Road sidewalk** is now complete, except for painting the leading edge of the curb with yellow paint. This improved the safety for pedestrians and I thank the **Chamber of Commerce** members Joe Bruno, Bill Christiansen and Neil Gottfried for their ideas and help with the project. The **Midsummer Festival** had record attendance and the fireworks behind the Middle School were outstanding. We thank the **Old Lyme Town Band** for providing its 30th anniversary concert before the fireworks. Old Lyme is proud to be the host community of three of the fifty whales on the **Whale Trail**. The Whale Trail is a public exhibit of sculpture in southeastern Connecticut from Old Lyme to Westerly, Rhode Island. The Old Lyme Market Place, the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts and the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library will each display their whales until October, when all whales will be auctioned off to benefit the charities. Brochures about the Whale Trail are available at Town Hall. (*photos of our whales are included in this issue*). Residents are reminded that the **Household Hazardous Waste Facility** will be open in Lyme on Sep. 10 and in Essex on Sept. 17 and 24 as well as Oct. 1, 8, 15 22 and 29. There will also be a **consumer electronics collection day** in Essex on Sept. 17. All collections are from 9 AM to 1 PM. Last, but not least, congratulations to **Kristen Cody** for achieving the **Gold Award**, the highest award in Girl Scouting. Kristen's 50+ hours of work benefited the Women's Center of Southeastern CT. She is the first Girl Scout from Old Lyme to achieve this distinction since 1993.

The Board of Selectmen hopes you have a wonderful fall season.



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New members are always welcome. Firefighting is just one of many duties available. Phone or stop by the Lyme Street Firehouse Wednesday s after 7PM. Newly elected officers of the department include: Chief Rob McCarthy, Deputy Chief Dave Jewett, President Skip Beebe, and Secretary Ellis Jewett. Watch for **Fire Prevention Week Activities** October 3 to 8. **Open House** at the Lyme Street Firehouse is Friday, October 7.

The Firemen's Auxiliary has scheduled its annual **Cow Chip Raffle** for 1PM, 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).

On October 29 at 9 AM, the OLPGN Library launches a new fundraiser: **Phoebe's "Fun Run Walk & Carry,"** a 5K Run and Fun Walk.

Autumn Story groups for ages newborn to age 4 began the week of Sept. 12 and end in mid-November. **Storyteller Peg Donovan** will tell not so spooky stories at OLPGN's **Halloween Party** at 6PM on October 26. Great fun for the whole family! Costumes are welcomed, but optional. Children ages 3-5 can make decorations for **Thanksgiving** at an 11AM **Craft Hour** on November 22. Please register for all library programs.

Fall events at the Old Lyme PGN Library include a **Whales, Whaling and Whalemen** presentation followed by **Chanteys and Sailors Songs** performed by role - playing educators and a chanteyman from Mystic Seaport – ages 14 to adult, Sept 28, 7PM. A **Beluga Whales program** with *Traveling Touch & Learn Invertebrate Tank* for children grades 1-3 is scheduled Sept. 29 at 4:30PM. Registration is required.



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Assessment date of Taxable Property is October 1

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Totally disabled persons, if they meet the requirements of Section 12-81(55) of the General Statutes, are eligible for a \$1,000 exemption upon submission of proof of such a disability between Oct. 1, 2005 and Jan. 31, 2006.

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 and Jan. 31.

Ex-Servicemen claiming statutory exemption, because of physical disability, in addition to regular exemption must submit exemption certificate from the Veterans Administration by Oct. 1 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 are 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 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 1 car exemption if the car is garaged out of State. A letter from their commanding officer is required by Oct. 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 Oct. 1.

Office hours Monday through Friday, 9 AM TO 4 PM.

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Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts offers the following *Continuing Education Workshops*: September 23-25 An Artist's and Naturalist's Escape to Block Island, Co-sponsored by the Connecticut Audubon Society; October 1-2 Marine Art Workshop with Sergio Roffo, co-sponsored by the American Society of Marine Artists; December 2-4 Botanical art with Katie Lee, instructor at the New York Botanical Garden. www.lymeacademy.edu

Fall Exhibition listings are included on our calendar.



Recycling Holidays are: Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Columbus Day. Pick up will be the following day. There is no Recycling pick-up on the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week. Curbside pick-up is provided for clean, comingled bottles, cans and #1 & 2 plastics and newspapers, magazines and papers (junk mail, etc.). Corrugated cardboard must be broken down and flattened. Town of Old Lyme recycling bins are not yet available: please continue to place your recycling in your own uncovered plastic containers or paper grocery bags.

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 - 4:00 PM. Closed Sunday and Monday.

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First Selectman Tim Griswold attended the groundbreaking for the Estuary Senior Center

The **Holiday Basket** program is in full swing with approximately 25 families who will receive baskets from the generous organizations and individuals who support our efforts each year. Toys are also collected and distributed to needy families by some generous businesses and local schools in this area. Our needy children are enrolled in the *Warm The Children* Program each year. The wonderful *Clothing Closet* is open and available each day behind the Senior Center. Racks of wonderful good quality clothing are all free for the taking. **Social Services** is located at the senior center. Kay Mannetho is available 10-4 Monday through Friday. Phone 434-4127.

A curbside **Fall leaf collection** takes place the week of Nov. 14; **Spring leaf collection** begins the first week in May. Place leaves at curbside in biodegradable bags. *Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected.* Leaves may be composted on your property or delivered to the Landfill to be composted. Christmas trees are picked up curbside after the holidays.

The **Household Hazardous Waste Facility**, exit 4 in Essex, is open 9 AM to 1PM Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Proof of Old Lyme residency required. There is no fee for residents, but the Town is charged \$50 per vehicle. Please consider neighborhood collections to minimize fees charged to the Town.

No **Trash Collection** by *Shoreline Sanitation* on: New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. Trash that would normally be collected on Thanksgiving will be picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pick up.

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Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15. Fire Marshal David Roberge advises this year's theme is "Use Candles with Care". National statistics show that candle fires are one of the few types of home fires that have drastically increased over the past 10 years, and that two out of five home candle fires start in the bedrooms. Beginning in December, the number of monthly candle fires nearly doubles and the leading source of fuel is holiday decorations. When you use candles for romantic dinners, atmosphere and celebrations, you're dealing with an open flame. Always use a sturdy non-combustible candle holder that won't tip over easily and are large enough to collect dripping wax. Place the candle on a sturdy uncluttered surface. Keep candles at least two-feet away from anything that can burn. Never place candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the open flame. As a candle is an open flame device always extinguish candles when they burn down to two inches of their holder. Be careful not to splatter the hot wax. Never leave burning candles or glowing wicks unattended.

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Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce meets September through June at Cherrystones on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 6 PM reception; 7 PM dinner meeting. The October meeting features candidates for Board of Selectmen and Board of Education. Toys for Tots donations are accepted at the December meeting. Watch for the annual tree lighting in early December. *Taste of Old Lyme* is scheduled for April 2. President: Charles Delinks. Phone Pam or Lia at Office Express (434-9200).

Lyme Old Lyme Lions was chartered over 50 years ago. Their goal is to provide community service and support International Lions' efforts to eliminate blindness and assist the vision-impaired. Meetings monthly at the Lymes' Senior Center. *Dollars for Scholars Pasta Dinner* takes place Nov. 16. President: Ray Magaldi (739-3109); Membership: Mike Walker (434-5579)

Duck River Garden Club usually meets on the 2nd Monday, 7:30 PM at the Lymes' Senior Center. President: Ellie Krasny (434-0889).



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Animal Control Officer Martha Rumskas is planning a canvass, supported by State Statute, to see who has not licensed their dogs. If you have an unlicensed dog, please visit the Town Clerk's office with Rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate and license your dog. The Animal Control Department rescued many cats and kittens and had many kittens born at the shelter to pregnant stray cats. This means these cats are not out on the street multiplying! They still have a few kittens and adult cats that need good homes. If you plan on visiting the shelter, please call first (434- 3047)

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. Presidents are Leslie Crolius (434-1477) and Annie Creagan (434-4212).

The Old Lyme Town Band rehearses 7PM Mondays at the High School. New members are always welcomed. Phone 434-2671 or visit oldlymetown-band.org.

Contacts:

Bikes for Kids: Chuck Graeb 434-3684

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Municipal Elections take place November 8 at the Cross Lane Firehouse. Polls are open 6AM to 8PM. *Please bring a photo ID with you to the polls.*

New residents can register to vote Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM at the Town Hall with the Registrar of Voters or the Town Clerk. Voter registration forms can also be downloaded from the Town Clerk's page on www.oldlyme-ct.gov

Please include a photocopy of a photo ID with mail-in registration. A special Voter Registration Session takes place Saturday, October 22, 10AM to 2PM at the Town Hall.

Voter registration for eligibility to vote on November 8 ends October 25. *Exceptions are made only* for those who become citizens, become town residents, or turn 18 years of age between October 25 and November 7.

If you will be out of town on Election Day or unable to get to the polls, you can submit an Absentee Ballot Application to the Town Clerk. Applications can also be downloaded from the Town Clerk's page on www.oldlyme-ct.gov. Absentee ballots will be available October 7.

As of end-August, the following candidates are on the ballot:

First Selectman: Timothy C. Griswold (R) Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)

Selectman: Arthur E. Sibley, Jr. (R) David B. Woolley (D)

Town Clerk: Irene A. Carnell (R)

Board of Finance: Christopher Kerr (R) (to complete term 2005-2007); H. Perry Garvin III (2005-2011) (R) Wayne Devoe (2005-2011) (D)

Board of Finance alternate: Judith Read (R) Janet G. Sturges (R) Adam Burrows (D)

Board of Assessment Appeals: James Blair (R)

Planning Commission: Christopher Kerr (2006-2011) (R) Harold L. Thompson (2005-2010) (R) Robert DePianta (2005-2010) (D) Patrick Looney (2006-2011) (D)

Zoning Commission: Jane Marsh (2006-2011) (R) Jane Cable (2005-2010) (D) Patrick Looney (2006-2011) (D)

Zoning Board of Appeals: Thomas E. Schellens (2005-2010) (R) Edgar Butcher (2005-2010) (D) Kip Kotzan (2006-2011) (D)

Zoning Board of Appeals alternate: Wendy Brainerd (R) Judy McQuade (R) Joseph St. Germain (D)

Regional District 18 Board of Education: Karen Conniff (R) Russell Gomes, Jr. (R) Nanette Salvino (R) Roderick White (R) Andrea L. Fenton (D)

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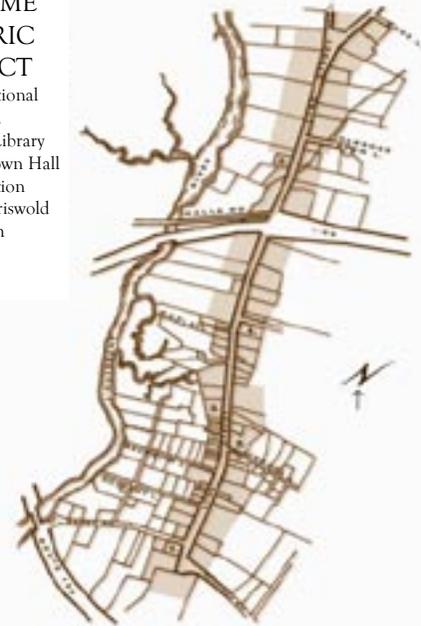
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The Old Lyme Historic District, established in 1971, begins at the Town Green on the south end of Lyme Street and continues for approximately 1.5 miles past the Town Green at the north end to Rose Lane. It is administered by the town appointed Historic District Commission. The Historic District Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 9:15 AM in the Town Hall. Each meeting opens with 15 minutes reserved for the public.

Property owners who wish to plant, cut, remove or trim trees on town right-of-way must apply to the **Tree Warden for a permit** before proceeding. This process is outlined in the Old Lyme Tree Ordinance. Applications are available in the Selectmen's Office.

OLD LYME HISTORIC DISTRICT

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2. OL PGN Library
3. Memorial Town Hall
4. Fire Station
5. Florence Griswold Museum



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The **Florence Griswold Museum** offers special reduced admission fees during the Florence Griswold House Restoration Project. Admission is \$5 for adults, seniors, and students. There is no charge for visitors under 12 years of age. Celebrated as the Home of American Impressionism, the Florence Griswold House is presently undergoing the most extensive renovation in its illustrious 188-year history. It will reopen next summer with a new, permanent reinterpretation as the boardinghouse of the Lyme Art Colony around 1910.

The **Lymes' Senior Center** offers nutritious lunch for \$2.25 and a place to do a puzzle or select a book from a vast library of popular authors. There are numerous activities including Bridge, Yoga, exercise, Creative writing classes, T'ai Chi, a foot care clinic, computer classes, and a watercolor workshop. Add bi-monthly Birthday Parties in our cheerful building and you have every reason to feel lucky to be a senior citizen in Old Lyme. The next **55 Alive** classes are in November. Call Kay Mannetho for information on programs: 434-4127.

Christ the King invites families to their **Harvest Fun Day** on September 24, 9AM to 3:30PM. Music, crafters, food, bake sale, apple pie contest and more. Contact Trish Lynch 434-2171 or Arlene Touranjoe 434-4228.

The Lyme Art Association

presented a weeklong workshop for plein air artists from September 11-16. From Sept. 16 through October 22, the Association presents *The New England Landscape*, with works depicting local Old Lyme scenes, from shoreline to countryside, and surrounding area landscapes and landmarks painted on location in mid-September. Additional works in the show are from locations throughout New England.



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Social Services continues to offer assistance with fuel, food, clothing, prescriptions and information to all the people of Old Lyme on an emergency basis. All gifts to the Emergency Fund are tax deductible. All donations go to residents of Old Lyme. Gift certificates for Stop & Shop and A&P are always helpful. The Clothing Closet is up and running behind the Senior Center. Used clean clothing may be dropped off at the Town Hall basement or the Lymes' Senior Center for free distribution from the Closet.

Last winter, with the help of the *Lions Club* and *American Legion*, Social Services was able to purchase gallons of fuel oil for emergency deliveries. This year we hope to be able to purchase more with your help. Please support the fuel fund with a check to the Social Service Emergency Fund (mark **“Fuel Fund”** on the memo line). With your help we will keep more people warm next winter. Phone Social Services Coordinator, Kay Mannetho (434-4127).

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau has started fall registration for pre-natal to age eight programs. Please apply in person at LYSB, 59 Lyme Street Old Lyme, Ct. or visit www.lysb.org Phone 434-7208, ext. 207. This year Mimi's Place programs will include: **Music Together** for children ages birth to age four with an adult; **Paws & Read** with Bailey and his owner Cynthia Richie (*a Remedial Reading/Language Arts Consultant*) for readers ages 6-8; **Play-groups** arranged by child's age. Adult participation is expected; and **Parents as Teachers**, with personal home visits, parent group meetings, screenings and a resource network.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

- 7.....High Hopes Fall program begins (12-week semester)
12...Autumn Storytimes begin at OLPGN. Register
8 to 16... **Painting in Paris Workshop With Gay Faulkenberry** at LAA
10..... 8AM In the Meadow Grasses with FGM: Birds at Pleasant Valley. Maggie Jones, Executive Director of the Mystic Nature Center, leads birding walks. Dress for nature walking and bring binoculars! Co-sponsored by the Denison Pequot-sepos Nature Center. Fee: \$5 (members FREE).
.....Kids Art Class (ages 7-12) at LAA begins. 9:30 to noon through 11/19. Register
11-16... **Fall Plein Air Workshop Week and Exhibition** at LAA
14...Volunteer Orientation at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, 4 to 7PM. Register
18...The Magic Fund Dressage Festival at High Hopes
23-25..... An Artist's and Naturalist's Escape to Block Island, Lyme Academy workshop. Register
24...**Trek for Tech**, LOLMS walk/run fundraiser
....**Harvest Fun Day** at Christ the King Church, 9AM to 3:30PM
...Lord Creek Farm Hunter Pace at High Hopes
28...7PM **Whales, Whaling, and Whalemen** at OLPGN. Ages 14 to adult.
29...4:30PM **Beluga Whales** program at OLPGN, grades 1 to 3

OCTOBER

- 1-2... Marine Art Workshop, Lyme Academy. Register
.....Painting the Impressionist Landscape workshop at LAA. Register
3...High Hopes 2nd **Annual Golf Classic** at Lake of Isles. Phone 434-1974, ext. 22
....**Fire Prevention Week** begins
7...Open House at Lyme Street Firehouse
8... LOLHS Robotics "Bash at the Beach"
8 & 9...Portrait Workshop at LAA. Register
11...11AM to 3PM Lyme Academy Open House Campus and studio tours for BFA, Certificate, Post Baccalaureate, Continuing Education and Pre-College Programs, Portfolio Reviews for students.
12...High Hopes Volunteer Orientation 4 to 7 PM. Register
15...The Orientalists at LAA. Book signing, exhibition, slide lecture
16...Firemen's Auxiliary **Annual Cow Chip Raffle**, 1PM behind Middle School
16...High Hopes Annual Meeting
21, 22.....Old Lyme Players present "**Picnic**" at LOLHS. 7:30PM
22...Special Voter Registration Session at Town Hall, 10AM to 2PM. Bring photo ID.
.....Center School's **Fall Fair**
26...6PM OLPGN Halloween Party with storyteller Peg Donovan. Register.
29...OLPGN's 5K **FUN RUN, WALK & CARRY**, 9AM

NOVEMBER

- 5....OLVNA HEALTH DAY, 8AM to noon at Lymes' Senior Center
8...**ELECTION DAY**. Vote at Cross Lane 6AM to 8PM. Bring photo ID.
16...L/OL Lions Club Dollars for Scholars Italian American Dinner, 5:30 to 7PM at LOLHS
High School Play
22...OLPGN Thanksgiving Craft Hour for ages 3 to 5. Register.

DECEMBER

- 2-4... Botanical art with Katie Lee, Lyme Academy. Register
- 2...**Holiday Craft Night** at Mile Creek Elementary School
- 4....Old Lyme Town Band's Holiday Concert at Lymes' Senior Center, 2pm (snowdate: 12/18)
- 10...Friends of the OLPGN Library Holiday Book Sale

Ongoing Exhibitions:

Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts

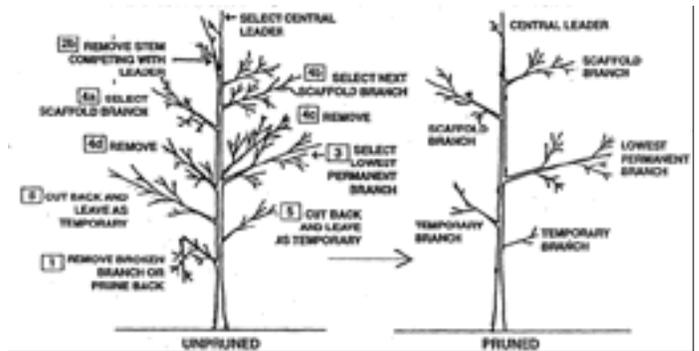
Sept. 30-Nov. 5 Faculty exhibition, Chauncey Stillman Gallery and Award-Winning Graduates, Ann Holley, sculpture, and Mike Romney, painting, Sill House Galleries (Sept. 30 Reception 5-7pm)

Nov. 11-Dec. 3 Alumni Exhibition, Sill House and Chauncey Stillman Galleries (Nov. 11 Reception 5-7pm)

Florence Griswold Museum Sept. 17 "The Allen Sisters: Pictorial Photographs of New England, 1885 - 1920"

Lyme Art Association Oct. 28 -Dec. 3 LAA Elected Artist Show (Oct. 28 Reception 6-8pm); Dec. 9 - Jan. 14 Deck the Walls LAA Member Artist Show (Dec. 9 Reception)

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Volunteer Spotlight: Glynn McArAw has been a member of the **Parks & Recreation Commission** since 1982, and its chair since 2000.

She moved to Old Lyme in 1974, joined the Duck River Garden Club in 1975, and was actively involved in the activities of her 3 young children. It was Charlie Kiernan (former Selectman & the first male member of the Duck River Garden Club!) who appointed her to the Commission.

In those years, Glynn recalls, programs were ably run by Rob Roach and Ralph Kehoe and the Commission was chaired by Roger Grover. There were fewer than 100 participants, and the summer long day camp cost all of \$10.

As the decades passed, participation grew, programs expanded, and Glynn's knowledge of the Commission and department history was put to good use. She considers the Town Woods Athletic Facility a major accomplishment for the Commission and the town. She has been involved with the project since 1999 and recalls the many hours devoted by the early architects of the plan, including Gary Smith and Andy Lombard.

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month. "We get a lot accomplished." Glynn credits Director Don Bugbee for what she calls "a phenomenal job" of scheduling facilities and organizing groups for programs that have expanded dramatically.

She also acknowledges the hard work of commission members, and stresses the importance of being "team players." Her only disappointment is in "not getting things done fast enough."

Glynn has been a board member for the LYSB, OLPGN Library, and Lyme Art Academy. She is also the co-founder of **Pet Connections**, a non-profit animal rescue service started in 1988. She estimates that they have placed over 1,000 abandoned or abused dogs and cats into new homes. Their current goal is to build a permanent shelter for the animals that now go into foster care while awaiting adoption.

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The next step for the Parks & Recreation Commission will be Phase II of the Town Woods project. If you have questions about a Parks & Recreation program, phone Director Don Bugbee (434-1605, ext. 235). Information about Parks & Rec Programs is available at www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

If you are interested in volunteering for a board or commission, please complete the Request for Appointment form available in the Selectman's Office or at www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

Two Scholar-Entrepreneurs who have just completed their Junior Year at **Lyme-Old Lyme High School** have been named winners of the **N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Junior-Year Scholarship Award for Entrepreneurial Promise and Achievement**, which is supported by the **Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce**. The Juniors are **Jennifer Czarnowski** and **Emily Zemba**. The scholarship fund now totals \$1500 and was established in 1999. Until his death in 1998, Mr. Sheffield had served the Chamber for more than 50 years and was a leader in many other community-service organizations.

Shane Scarratt, a 2004 graduate of Lyme-Old Lyme High School, has been awarded the Chamber's \$750 Senior-Year **Scholarship Award for Promise and Achievement in the Visual Arts**, allocated for a student who is planning to attend the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. The scholarship was established in 2003 to recognize and reward achievement in the visual arts ~ long a strength of the Lyme-Old Lyme communities. Lyme-Old Lyme High School students **Christina Jacobs** and **Clare Conniff** received the Chamber's Pre-College Summer Scholarships. In addition to their work at the Academy this summer, they plan to continue their art education into the fall in independent programs while attending high school.

Over 30 children participated in the First Annual "Learn to Earn, Earn to Give" Kid's Market. The children raised \$1225 and donated 50% of their profits to the **Town Woods Playground**. They sold walking sticks, ribbon belts, face painting, spin art, swamp water and cookies, fruit dipped in chocolate, tarts, flip flops, dog biscuits, jewelry, maple syrup, squash, balloon animals and more. "It was an unexpected pat on the back from the very children we are building this playground for. The money they donated to the playground will be used to buy a spring rider horse. We are very proud of their success and hope they feel that same pride when they see their spring rider horse in the playground," acknowledged Playground Committee volunteer Katie Balocca.

Town Woods Volunteer Playground Committee members & friends



The Volunteer Playground Committee (Teri Lewis, Katie Balocca, Beth Cote, Cindy Cowee, Patti Cushman, Donna Dean, Wendy Guenther, Ellen Holloway, Sophie Marsh, Brenda Moriarty, Lara Stack, Tricia Swaney and Suzanne Wnek) has raised over \$45,000.

In addition, a \$20,000 STEAP grant was obtained through the efforts of State Representative Marilyn Giuliano.

Committee members plan to thank the community for its support at a ceremony in end-October. Watch local news sources for the date and time of the playground dedication.

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