

OLD LYME TYMES

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FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

At the Annual Town Meeting in January, the Board of Selectmen named George James as the **Citizen of the Year** for 2006. A 38 year town resident, George has a long record of impressive volunteer service, from open space to zoning to water pollution control. He has also served on the boards of the LYSB and the Old Lyme Conservation Trust. Being a "hands on" individual, George has personally created miles of hiking trails throughout the Town's open space parcels. During his service on the Open Space Committee, over 950 acres of land has been protected. We salute George and thank him for his service.

On January 30, voters approved \$4.4 million to expand and renovate the **Town Hall** by a margin of 60%. This is a remarkable achievement when you consider that the Town Hall Expansion Committee, under the leadership of John Forbis, only began its work last April. Now that all Town approvals have been secured, plans will be finalized for the project to go out to bid. We expect to select a contractor in March and begin construction in late April. Our first step is to remove the asbestos from the Speirs house at 50 Lyme St. and then remove the house itself. We had hoped an organization could use the house and move it, but there were no takers.

The next step is construction of the south wing to contain the large meeting hall, and the second story of the north wing (above the Town Clerk and Probate offices). In order to facilitate the construction work and to minimize the disruption of certain departments,

we plan to temporarily relocate the staff from Land Use, Building, Health and Probate to another location. Once construction of the wings is complete, the rest of the staff will move into the newly constructed space. This will enable renovation of the old space with minimal disruption, except for the Town Clerk's office, which must maintain access to its vault. We know there will be disruption and inconvenience during the 14month construction schedule, and we ask for your patience and cooperation. We plan to have photos and a narrative on the Town's web site www.oldlyme-ct.gov so all may keep up to date with the progress of the job.

The **Town Woods Park Building** Committee, chaired by Bob Dunn, has recommended that Lyme and Old Lyme proceed with Phase II: the construction of two baseball/softball fields behind the Field House. The principal reason for doing this now is that both towns were awarded \$325,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grants (a total of \$650,000). The Committee calculates the project cost at \$785,000, leaving a balance of \$135,000 to be split by the towns: 25% Lyme (\$33,750) and 75% Old Lyme (\$101,250). The STEAP grants will pay for 83% of the project. The towns' STEAP applications were approved last fall. While we have some flexibility in spending the money, it is risky to leave it on the table for too long lest it be assigned to another project. Also, the STEAP grant will not increase over time, whereas construction costs likely would. Any cost in-

creases will be borne by the towns. Phase I of the project (the three soccer/lacrosse fields) and the Field House came in \$150,000 under budget. In a sense, we are asking for \$135,000 of that \$150,000 for Phase II.

There was an information meeting on February 8. A Town Meeting to vote on the \$785,000 appropriation is March 12. Please review information about the project on the Town's website.

The **Landfill Closure Project** is proceeding on schedule. We plan to open the Transfer Station in May and discontinue the public use of the landfill at that time. This means that residents will bring their bulky waste items (no garbage or recyclable materials) to the transfer station. Their vehicles will be weighed on the way in and on the way out. The difference in weight will be assessed a fee to cover the cost of disposal. Old Lyme is one of the last towns to close its landfill. We have been putting money aside over the last few years for the estimated \$1.3 million closure cost.

Once the landfill is closed, we will begin the capping process. This requires a semipermeable layer of about 18 inches in thickness followed by a 6-inch layer of dirt that will support vegetation. The Town must then monitor the landfill for years to come to ensure contaminants are not making their way out of the landfill.

The closing of the landfill will have no impact on our effort to recycle eligible items. We urge all residents to participate in curbside recycling. You

may bring recyclable items to the transfer station at no charge. In an effort to increase our recycling, currently estimated at 25%, we will be distributing 14 gallon recycling bins to each household. The bins have lids and are stenciled with the Town seal and "household paper, newspapers and magazines." Not only is recycling good for the environment, it costs less per pound to dispose of recycled items than it does to dispose of household trash. Please do your part!

The Ethics Formation Committee, headed by Jack Collins, has been working since last April to develop a **Code of Ethics**. We do not believe there is a problem in town, but we think it makes good sense to have a Code for our elected and appointed officials and employees to follow. The Committee had a public information meeting on the Code in December, at which members of the public made comments. When the Code was presented at the Annual Town Meeting in January, there were concerns expressed, such how members of the proposed Ethics Commission should be appointed. We postponed action on the Code and the Committee will consider the comments from the public and make changes it deems appropriate.

The **Public Works** Department has had a busy fall. With the help of outside contractors, they reconstructed Cross Lane, Champlain Dr, Chadwick Dr, Lee Dr, Victoria Dr and Hartford Ave. Some drainage system work was required. In addition, Public Works extended the 8-inch water main in Hartford Ave. from Martino Rd. to the beach. Twelve property owners paid \$2,000 each to have a pipe from the 8-inch main to their properties in order to improve their water service. This will not change the seasonal or year-round status of their properties. Last, we connected the Cross La. Firehouse to the water main because the well water was of inferior quality.

The **Information Technology Committee** has selected an accounting software system to replace the obsolete system we are using. We plan to convert on July 1, the start of the Town's fiscal year.

At a **Special Town Meeting** on October 16, voters approved the purchase of two parcels of land containing about 40 acres on Buttonball Rd. and Rte 156 owned by Black Hall Woods, LLC. In January, the principals of the seller notified us that they are not prepared to complete the transaction. This is very disappointing to the Town and the Black Hall Club, our 50% partner in the deal. We are exploring our options and will keep you posted.

At the Annual Town Meeting in January, voters approved an **affordable housing ordinance** that allows a landowner with an oversized lot to carve out a lot for the purpose of affordable housing without affecting the owner's ability to subdivide the property later. Old Lyme does not have much affordable housing and we hope this ordinance will encourage owners of larger parcels to consider this strategy.

In January, the Board of Selectmen **appointed 45 citizens** to various boards, commissions and committees. We owe our dedicated volunteers a debt of gratitude for the many hours they contribute to our community.

The **Old Lyme Fire Dept.** has just placed an order for a pumper/hose tender fire truck. This truck will replace a 1983 hose tender and will add considerable versatility to the Department's rolling stock. At a cost of \$279,000, it will take about ten months to build, so we should take delivery in September of 2007. The complex task of deciding what to purchase and when is done by our fire volunteers. Because of their expertise, we enjoy a good insurance rating which saves us all in premium costs.

Last, since the death of Marmalade, our beloved Town Hall cat, we have adopted another cat, Emma, who came from our animal shelter. She loves to welcome people to Town Hall and is very curious about what goes on.

The Board of Selectmen hopes you have had a good winter and we all look forward to spring.

Tim Graw



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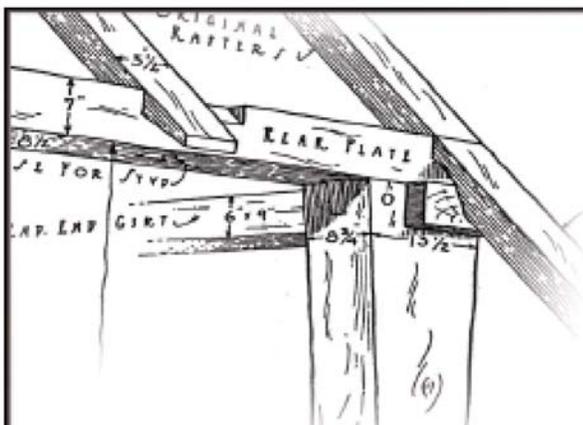
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The Assessor's Office reminds residents of **Elderly & Totally Disabled** and **Veteran Tax relief** availability. **Elderly & Totally Disabled** Tax Relief for Homeowners applications will be accepted February 15 to May 15 in the Assessors Office. Renters' applications will be accepted May 15 through September 15 at the Senior Center. An additional Veterans Exemption is available for those who qualify. To qualify, recipients must have reached the age of 65 by the end of the previous year. Eligibility is also based on combined/single income limitations, and length of homeownership/tenancy. Applicants may not be receiving federal, state, county or municipal financial subsidy or aid.

Board of Assessment Appeals will meet on Saturday, March 3, 9am to noon; Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 to 8:30pm; and Thursday, March 8, 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Assessors office. **Applications for Real Estate Assessment hearings must be made in writing on or before February 20.** Applications are available in the Assessors Office and must be returned **in their entirety**. A September date for **Motor Vehicles only** has not been set. For information, phone Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment Technician, 434-1605, ext. 219.

Volunteers from the **Fire Department** and **Ambulance Association** request your assistance so that they can get to your home quickly in an emergency. **Please display your house number** in a location that is visible from the road. Place numbers on both sides of the mailbox (except cluster boxes, where the number may be placed on the front of the box). If there is no mailbox at the front of your property, numbers should be placed on the house (if they are readily visible from the road and not blocked by landscaping), or on a private sign or post at the entrance to the driveway, at a height of 3 to 4 feet. Numbers should be at least three inches high (except on the front of cluster mailboxes) and be plain block numerals, on a background of contrasting color, preferably black on white. Reflective numbers are desirable.

Did you know that you can **receive immediate notification of Town news** as it is posted to our website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov). Many of the website postings, including Board of Selectmen Agendas and News & Announcements are "subscribable." Visit the website for instructions on how to subscribe (you will be asked to provide your e-mail address). If you are interested in an area that is not currently subscribable, contact the Selectman's Office (434-1605, ext. 210; selectmansoffice@oldlyme-ct.gov).



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he Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce hosts its 7th annual "Taste of Old Lyme" April 15, 3 to 6 pm in the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts' Chauncey Stillman Gallery. Proceeds support Chamber-sponsored scholarships. Event coordinators are Pam Stevens and Pat McCarthy. Margaret and Allen Ames of Old Lyme's *The Rogers Lake Liquor Shoppe* are coordinating wine and beer selections. Donations \$20 per person with advance tickets available at local businesses. No one under 21 can be admitted. For additional information, phone 434-1692.

The Bizz, LYSB's 9th annual town wide talent show, takes place March 30, 7pm, at the L/OL Middle School. Tickets \$5 at the door. Auditions are March 5 or 6, 5 to 7pm at the LYSB— all participants must audition first. Phone 434-7208.

The **Friends of Music** host their Annual Scholarship Benefit March 9, 7 to 10pm, at Lyme Academy's Sill House. Tickets for the wine tasting available at *Divine Wine Emporium* and the Town Hall. Contact Marie Ryan (434-6454).

The LYSB's **22nd Annual Student Art Show**, March 23 to 30 at the Lyme Academy's Sill House Gallery, features the works of K-12 students in LOL Public Schools. **Opening Reception:** March 23, 4 to 7pm.

The **Friends of Music** are conducting a **cell phone drive** to raise funds to support Lyme Old Lyme Schools' music department. Used cell phones can be dropped off at OLPGN Library, LOL High School, LOL Middle School, and the Town Hall. Phone Marcia Neville (434-3680).

The **Old Lyme Town Band**, directed by John LaDone, welcomes new members of all ages at any time. Rehearsals Mondays, 7-9 pm, at the Church of Christ the King. The Band performs April 29, 2pm at the Lymes' Senior Center and May 20, 2pm, at the Church of Christ the King. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Phone Ann Lander (434-2671) or visit oldlymetownband.org.

The LYSB presents its **Battle Of The Bands** on Friday, May 11 at 7pm, LOLHS Auditorium. This fundraiser for the youth scholarship program features *The Brightwings*, *41 North*, and other local bands. Bands interested in performing should call LYSB at 434-7208.

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Lyme Old Lyme Lions invite you to their annual **Dollars for Scholars Pasta Supper** at LOL High School, April 18, 5:30 to 7:30pm. Proceeds support the scholarships awarded annually by the Lions.

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Do the **Bunny Hop** at LYSB on April 7, 10am to noon. Easter Egg Hunt, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating, and more.... Springtime fun for the whole family. This event is free, however, pictures with the Easter Bunny will cost \$4 and will benefit the Youth Advisory Council Scholarship Fund.

Watch Comcast Cable's Channel 14 at 6:30pm on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month for **Conversations**, a series of interviews conducted by LymeLine.com editor Olwen Logan. Guests have included Charles Delinks, Chamber of Commerce president (December) and Jim Graybill, Lions Club president (February). Programs featuring State Representative Marilyn Giuliano (R, 23rd) and

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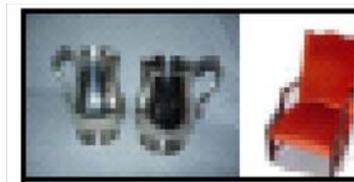
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members of the LOL Junior Women air in March & April. For information, contact producer Catherine Frank (434-7864).

Bert Dean is celebrating his 60th year as an Old Lyme Fire Department volunteer! The Town extends its congratulations & appreciation to Bert for his six decades of service to the people of Old Lyme.

Congratulations to Editor Michele S. Dickey on the publication of the **Annual Town Report**. The report covers the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Copies are available at the Town Hall, Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, and Lymes' Senior Center.

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The Junior Women's Club and the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association sponsor their annual **Pre-Kindergarten Audio-Visual Screening Clinic** on May 8, 8am to 1pm at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme Parish Center, 2 Ferry Road. The clinic is a free community service to all incoming kindergarten students to Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Schools. Parents may make appointments at the time of school registration or phone the OLVNA Administration (434-5241) during normal business hours.

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association awards two **scholarships** each year to graduating students who have declared majors in health-oriented fields. Application is through the High School's Guidance Department. Eligible Lyme or Old Lyme seniors attending other high schools may phone the OLVNA (434-5241), before April 30, for application information. The OLVNA is included on Essex Savings Bank's Community Investment Program ballots. All donations support public health services and programs.

The Old Lyme Fire Department sponsors their **Annual Fishing Derby** for children in grades K-5 on April 14, 7 to 11am, rain or shine, at the Cross Lane Firehouse. Prizes awarded for the biggest, smallest, longest and the most fish caught. *Parents must accompany children.* A **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the Fire Department Auxiliary is also April 14, 7 to 11am at the Cross Lane Fire House. Tick-

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ets (\$5 adults; \$3 children 10 and under) at the door. Mary Ellen Jewett (4-5472); Judy McCarthy (4-1430).

The **Lymes' Senior Center** has a regular schedule of activities that includes bridge, exercise, Tai-Chi, computer instruction, bingo, watercolor, creative writing, and new "sittercise." A Senior Club and Crafts Club meets twice monthly. Phone Sherry Meyer (434-4127). A nutritious lunch is served weekdays at noon (\$2.50) and *Meals on Wheels* is available for homebound seniors. Lunch reservations should be phoned in to 388-1611.

The OLVNA distributed 400+ doses of influenza vaccine to residents during this year's immunization program. **Town Nurse Linda Camarra, RN** is in her office at the Lymes' Senior Center each weekday from noon to 1 pm for consultations, blood pressure checks and other health care services. Should in-home nursing care or other health services be needed, ask for the OLVNA from your doctor or referring hospital or call 434-7808.

The **Duck River Garden Club's** annual plant sale has been updated and expanded! Their new "Garden Fair" on May 18 & May 19 will feature quality perennials and annuals, herbs, shrubs and members' plants, and will include specialty items and new products from garden-related vendors. Looking for a special gift for Valentine, Easter or Mother's Day giving? Consider a gift certificate for redemption at this year's Duck River Garden Fair. For gift certificate order forms, contact Doreen Thomas at 434-7740.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Friends of the OLPGN Library: Mary Stone 434-7754

(stonehawkins@ctol.net)

Bikes for Kids: Chuck Graeb 434-3684

Girl Scouts: Denise O'Neil 434-0742

Cub Scouts: Andi Spragg 434-4015 aspragg@sbcglobal.net

Boy Scouts: Mike Gentry 434-1587

Little League: Jerry Zrenda 434-0755

Soccer Club: Brian Cole 434-9034

Lacrosse: Jeff Flower: 434-1402

Old Lyme Town Band: Ann Lander 434-2671

Old Lyme Conservation Trust: 434-0608 [www.old-](http://www.old-lymeconservtrust.org)

lymeconservtrust.org

Rogers Lake West Shores Association, Inc. P.O. Box 644

Hall Rental and Tax Collector - Robin Koenigs 434-3091

Committee for the Health of Rogers Lake - Maureen Plum-
leigh, Committee Chair, 434-5629

Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce meets September through June at Cherrystones on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 6:15 pm reception; 7 pm dinner meeting. *Taste of Old Lyme* is scheduled for April 15. Toys for Tots donations are accepted in December and the annual tree lighting takes place the first Friday in December. President: Charles Delinks. For information, phone 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 Hideaway. Annual events include Superbowl Pancake breakfast, Dollars for Scholars Pasta Supper, Memorial Day Car Show, Midsummer Festival Antiques Appraisal. President: Jim Graybill.

The **Duck River Garden Club** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, Sept. through June, 7pm at the Lymes' Senior Center. Ongoing projects include maintenance of plantings at 9 town locations, holiday wreaths, exhibits and book donations to the OLPGN Library, flowers and entertainment at Bridebrook, and scholarships to graduating seniors. An annual plant sale provides support for club efforts. Affiliated with the Federation of Garden Clubs of CT and National Council of Garden Clubs. Contact Jeanne Munnely, president (434-1336), or Doreen Thomas (434-7740).

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Lyme/Old Lyme Junior Women meet 7pm at the Lyme's Senior Center: March 19, April 24, May 21. *Expressions*, their annual art sale fundraiser, takes place April 27 through 29. Presidents are Leslie Crolius (434-1477) and Annie Creagan (434-4212).

Mark your calendars for Lyme Old Lyme Junior Women's Club **20th Annual Expressions Art Show** at Lyme Art Association will run Friday, April 27 through Sunday, April 29. For more information, phone Kate Saunders (434-2726).

The Old Lyme Town Band welcomes new members of all ages at any time. Rehearsals Mondays, 7-9 pm, at the Church of Christ the King. The band is under the direction of John LaDone. Contact Ann Lander (434-2671) or amlander@sbcglobal.net or visit oldlymetownband.org.

Participation in the regional **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** and **Consumer Electronics** collections increased last season. Thanks to Old Lyme volunteers, **Dan Cotton, Donald Quigley, Edwin Mundy, Mariette Brown**. The Hazardous Waste Facility will reopen in April. A Consumer Electronics Collection has been scheduled for April 21. Until the facility reopens, please safely store your household hazardous waste in their labeled containers, out of reach of children and pets. Flammable products should be safely stored away from heat sources. www.crerpa.org

The **Lymes' Youth Service Bureau** has scheduled a number of workshops, including: **Healthy Youth: A Workshop for Parents** March 22, 7-9pm, at the LOL Middle School and **1-2-3 Magic for Educators: Effective Classroom Discipline for Children Pre-K through Grade 8**. March 22 & 29th 7 to 10 pm. \$60 includes materials and book. More information on Dr. T Phelan, Ph. D. can be found at www.parentmagic.com. Register (434-7208).



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www.lymeartassociation through March 10: **14th Annual Associate Artists Exhibition;** Feb 16-March 17: **Interiors Exhibition;**

LYME ACADEMY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS: 84 Lyme Street 434-5232 www.lymeacademy.edu. Lyme Academy is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding in 1976 by Elisabeth Gordon Chandler; through February 24: **Celebrating 30 Years of the Fine Arts: Alumni Retrospective: 1976-2006.**

LYSB programs for new and expectant parents include **Babies First, Baby Signs Parent Workshop, and Sign, Say & Play Playgroup.** Registration is now being taken for spring **Music Together® of the River Valley** classes. Newborns through age 4 are welcome with an adult. Phone 434-7208, ext. 207 or visit www.lysb.org.

Mother/Daughter Night Out (Thursday, April 26 from 6 to 8pm) and **Guy's Night Out: Time for a Change** (Tuesday, April 24, 6 to 8pm) are parent/child (5th & 6th grade) workshops that deal with puberty. \$30 per pair includes resources and a pizza dinner. Phone LYSB to register at 434-7208.

Community Action for Substance Free Youth (CASFY) meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7pm at LYSB. All are welcome.

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Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library has a new **Books to Movies - Film Series** on the last Wednesday of each month through April. The books and their corresponding movies are geared toward families with children ages eight and above. It is not necessary to have read the book. Books will be available at the show. **Because of Winn-Dixie**, will be shown at 6pm on February 28. Program is open to the public and registration is required. Phone 434-1684. Other films will be shown on March 28, and April 25.

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Ongoing Parks & Recreation programs include **Adult Basketball** (Open Gym for residents. No sign-ups/fees required). Sessions are held at the High School Gym Wednesdays 6:30- to 9pm through June 6. Teams are formed based

on participation. Sessions may be delayed or cancelled during the High School basketball season. Check the Parks and Recreation website for updates. **Youth Basketball:** Boys and Girls Programs run on Saturdays, January 6 through March 3. **Adult Yoga Classes** are held at the Middle School on Wednesdays, 7-8:15 pm, January through March. Call Grace (395-7862) for schedule, fees and availability.

Don Bugbee is accepting applications for **Summer Employment**. Forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Office weekdays, 9am to 4pm. Positions are available for Day Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, Water Safety Instructors, Parking Lot Attendants, and Cross Lane Grounds Attendants. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. New applicants must complete the employment form. Returning employees must contact the Parks and Rec Office as soon as possible.

Celebrate special days at the OLPGN: **Dr. Seuss's Birthday** on March 2 at 10:30 am; **St. Patrick's Day** Storytime on Saturday, March 17 at 1pm. Registration is required. Phone 434-1684.

Kids ages 11 to 13 are invited to bring or discuss their favorite book at an OLPGN's **Teen Reads Book Club**. First meeting: Wednesday, March 21 at 3 pm. Future books will be decided upon. Everyone who attends will get a free book! The book club will also meet on April 18 & May 16. Register with the Youth Services Librarian.

Special spring events at the OLPGN Library include **Owl Prowl** (Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center) on Thursday, April 5 at 4:30 pm; **Animal Life Cycles** (The Children's Museum) Thursday, April 19 at 2:30 pm and **Batty About Bats** (A Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center program) Thursday, May 3 at 4:30 pm. Participants must be registered at least 24 hours before the programs. Also scheduled: Local author Linda Krulikowski (aka **THE SNAKE LADY**) on Thursday, May 17 at 4:30 pm. Registration is required. Phone 434-1684.

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The Old Lyme Conservation Trust's annual meeting takes place Sunday, March 18 from 3 to 5pm at the Grange Hall, 55 Lyme Street. All are welcome to learn more about the Trust, its properties and its activities. Guest speaker this year is Old Lyme author Richard Conniff who will speak on "Global Warming, Local Action."

Check the community calendar for upcoming Orientation & Training events at **High Hopes Therapeutic Riding**. New volunteers are always welcome. Phone 434-1974.

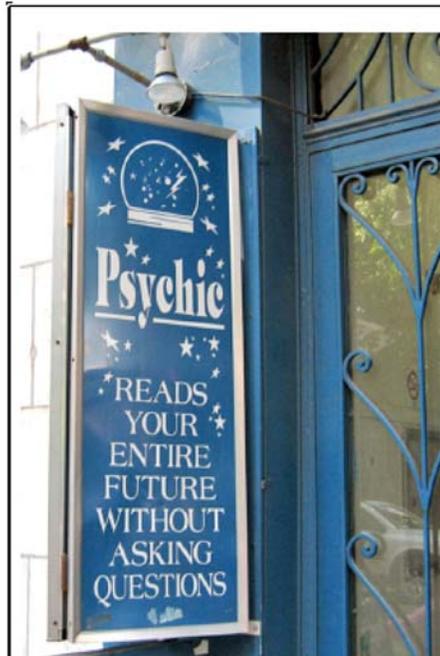


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Our 2006 Citizen of the Year, George James, has always been interested in the environment and the outdoors. When he moved here 38 years ago ("I'm still a newcomer," he laughs), he volunteered to serve on a new study group formed by the Board of Selectmen to investigate water pollution. That marked the beginnings of his extensive and lengthy service as a volunteer in the Town of Old Lyme. A member of the **Water Pollution Control Authority** since 1995, George served as its chair for several recent years. He has served on the **Open Space Committee** since 1997 and was chair for 8 years. Currently an alternate on the **Conservation Commission**, he acts as liaison between the Town and the **Old Lyme Conservation Trust**. George has also been on the board of the **Lymes' Youth Services Bureau** and has participated on **Regional District 18** curriculum and high school community service committees.

(Gunilla & George James with First Selectman Tim Griswold)



He admits that part of his day, everyday, is spent doing something for the Town, whether it's working on Open Space trails or dealing with the unavoidable minutiae of commission and committee work. "There are 1,000 things to do," George says, yet he has no complaints. He is proud that 950 acres of Open Space have been set aside by the Town and he enjoys every minute of the trail-making duties he has assumed. He looks forward to adding downloadable trail information to the town website.

Underlying all of his activities is George's respect for the land. An ad hoc **Pesticide Avoidance Committee** formed, he explains, out of concerns about the impact of pesticide use on the health of our children, ourselves and our water supply. He recently joined with others to form the **Friends of Rogers Lake**. Education is key to their "concern to preserve Rogers Lake at least in its current condition." George James says that he has always envisioned Adam in the Garden of Eden being told to "tend my garden," and he has made a personal commitment to see that it continues to be tended.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Advance reservations/fees are required for many listed programs. Phone sponsoring agencies to confirm all listed events.

MARCH

- 1...Baby Signs® Parent Workshop at LYSB, 9:30am or 6:30pm
- 2... Dr. Seuss' Birthday, OLPGN, 10:30am
- 3... **Board of Assessment Appeals** 9am to noon (**applications for hearings must be made in writing by Feb. 20**)
- 5 & 6...**The Biz** auditions 5 to 7pm at LYSB (all participants must audition first)
- 6... **Board of Assessment Appeals** 6:30 to 8:30pm
- 7...Sign of the Times Acoustic Singing Trio at Lymes' Senior Center, 2pm, Free
- 8... **Board of Assessment Appeals** 6:30 to 8:30pm
-**Sign, Say & Play Playgroup™** at LYSB (through April 12), 9:30am
- ...Monthly Book Chat at OLPGN, 11am (*Are You Somebody?*)
- 9...Scholarship Benefit (Friends of Music) wine tasting, 7 to 10pm. Lyme Academy Sill House. \$25.
- 10..... High Hopes Volunteer Orientation & Training, 3 to 6:30pm
- ...**Lecture** at OLPGN: The Art & Villas of Renaissance Venice
-Special Town Meeting: Town Woods Park Phase II, 7:30pm, LOL Middle School Auditorium
- 14... A Day on Broadway with FGM. See "Grey Gardens" Fee: \$135 (members \$125).
- 15, 16 **Waiting for Guffman** 7:30pm CT River Film Forum at OLPGN
- 17... **St. Patrick's Day** Storytime 1pm OLPGN
-**St Patrick's Day Celebration** Lunch & Band at Lymes' Senior Center, noon
- 18... The Old Lyme Conservation Trust Annual Meeting , 3 to 5 pm, Grange Hall, 55 Lyme Street.
- 20....High Hopes Volunteer Orientation 4:30 to 8pm.434-1974
- 21... **Teen Reads Book Club** 3 pm in the OLPGN Community Room
- ...Spring Bingo at Lymes' Senior Center. 2pm. Free
- ...Book Discussion: The Memory Keeper's Daughter, OLPGN, 7pm
- 22... **LYSB's Healthy Youth: A Workshop for Parents**, 7-9pm at the LOL Middle School
- 22 & 29... 1-2-3 Magic for Educators: Effective Classroom Discipline for Children (LYSB), 7-10 pm
- 23 to 30...**22nd Annual Student Art Show**, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. Opening Reception: Friday, 4-7 pm
- 27...Public Meeting on proposed High School Building Project, 7:30pm, LOL High School auditorium
- 28... **Books to Movies - Film Series** 6pm, OLPGN
- 30... **The Bizz**, LYSB's 9th annual talent show 7pm at LOLMS
- 31...Annual **Bookworm Ball** at OL Country Club, 7pm (OLPGN)

APRIL

- Spring Stories at OLPGN Apr. 2 - May 25
- 2...Honey Bunny Teddy Bear Tea at FGM, 11:30am or 2:30pm
 - 4...Marlene Clark, ventriloquist/comedian at Lymes' Senior Center, 2pm. Free
 - 5...**Owl Prowl** (Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center) 4:30 pm, OLPGN ages 5 and up.
 - 7...The Bunny Hop at the LYSB, 10am to noon



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- 9...Regional District 18 Public Hearing on Proposed Budget; HS Building Project, High School Auditorium, 7:30pm
 11....High Hopes Volunteer Orientation & Training 4:30 to 8 pm.
 11,12... Anatomy of A Murder 7:30pm CT River Film Forum at OLPGN
 13-15...NARHA Region I Conference (High Hopes)
 14... OL Fire Department's **annual Fishing Derby** (grades K-5) & Pancake Breakfast. Rain or shine, Cross Lane Firehouse.
 15... 7th Annual **Taste of Old Lyme** (Chamber of Commerce), 3 to 6pm at Lyme Academy
 17...Celebrate **National Poetry Month** at OLPGN (**Sue Ellen Thompson**), 4pm
 18... **Teen Reads Book Club** 3pm at OLPGN
Bingo at Lyme's Senior Center, 2pm
Author reading: Mary-Ann Tirone Smith (Girls of Tender Age) OLPGN, 7pm
Dollars for Scholars Pasta Supper at LOL High School, LOL Lions Club, 5:30 to 7:30pm
 19... **Animal Life Cycles** (The Children's Museum) 2:30 pm, OLPGN
 ...**Crystal Clear: The Glass Music** of Brien Engel at FGM, 11am
 21...**Consumer Electronics Collection** at Regional Facility in Essex
 23....High Hopes Volunteer Orientation & Training 9am to 12:30pm
 ...Board of Finance Public Hearing on proposed Town Budget, MS auditorium, 7:30pm
 24... **Guy's Night Out: Time for a Change**, 6 to 8pm (LYSB)
 25... **Books to Movies - Film Series** 6pm, OLPGN
 26... **Mother/Daughter Night Out**, 6 to 8pm (LYSB)
 27, 28, 29....LOL Junior Women's **Expressions Art Show & Benefit Sale** at Lyme Art Association
 29...**Old Lyme Town Band Spring Concert** 2pm, Lymes' Senior Center Road. free

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- 2...Stroke Prevention Seminar, Lymes' Senior Center 2pm. Free
 3... **Batty About Bats** (A Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center program), 4:30pm, OLPGN
 5...FREE DAY: FGM's 3rd annual Open House Day
 7...Regional District 18 Budget Meeting. MS Auditorium, 7:30pm
 8... Pre-K Audio-Visual Screening 8am to 1pm (LOL Jr Women/ OLVNA) at First Congregational Church Parish Center
 High Hopes Volunteer Orientation & Training 4:30 to 8pm
Regional District 18 Budget & Renovation Project Referendum 6am to 8pm, Cross Lane Firehouse
 10...Monthly Book Chat at OLPGN (Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War), 11am
 11... LYSB's **Battle Of The Bands**, 7pm at LOLHS Auditorium
 13... Magic Fund Dressage Horse Show at High Hopes
 16... **Teen Reads Book Club**, 3pm, OLPGN
 ...Bingo at Lyme's Senior Center
 17... The Snake Lady (Linda Krulikowski: Snakes of New England) 4:30 pm, OLPGN
 18 & 19..... Duck River Garden Club **Garden Fair**, OL Shopping Center. Friday, 3 to 7pm; Saturday, 9am to 1pm
 20..... **Old Lyme Town Band Spring Concert**, 2pm Church of Christ the King. Free
**High Hopes 22nd Annual Horse Show**
 21...**Annual Town Budget Meeting**, MS Auditorium, 7:30pm
 31...Memorial Day Parade
LOL Lions Club Annual Car Show at Lyme Academy 9 to 3pm



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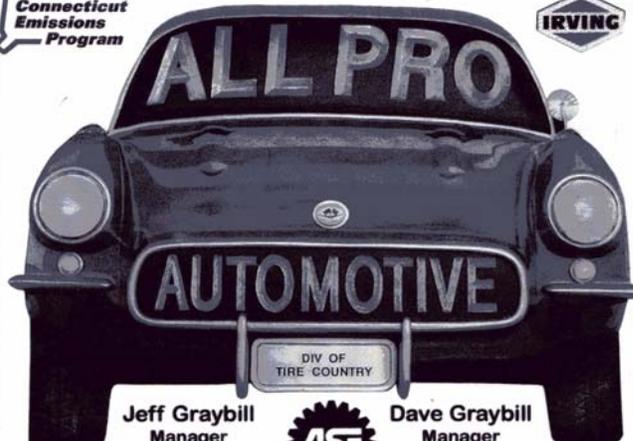
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