

We awarded the contract to reconstruct **Lyme St.** from the firehouse to the Parsonage to American Industries of Jewett City. The project involves installing new granite curbs on both sides of the street, replacing the driveway aprons, installing new drainage and replacing or rehabbing selected sidewalk sections. American will begin the curb work in early November and projects it will take about three weeks to complete. Once complete, we will decide whether or not to pave this year or wait until next spring. Given the time of year, weather will be the determining factor. We will maintain traffic on Lyme St. and Library La. during construction, but property owners will experience some inconvenience when construction is near their property.

The three soccer/lacrosse fields at the **Town Woods Park** were officially opened on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Parks and Recreation departments and the soccer clubs of Lyme and Old Lyme are using the fields. The fields look great and everyone is impressed with how the project turned out. Steve Hallahan is constructing the recreation building and it should be completed in December. The group working on fundraising for the playground has done well and they plan to have the playscape operational next spring. The STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grants for the two baseball/softball fields (Phase II of the project) submitted by the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme were not approved, so we will hopefully be successful in a future STEAP round.

The **Church Corner Committee** presented its conceptual plan to the Historic District Commission and received a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Committee will present its plan to the property abutters on Lyme St., McCurdy Rd., and Ferry Rd. in order to receive feedback from those most affected. There will be a public informational meeting in the future and we will seek grant funding for the project. It is not likely that we will see any construction activity within the next three years.

The Town's **Information Technology** Committee is about to launch the Town's website ([oldlyme-ct.gov](http://oldlyme-ct.gov)). This site will enable the public to access lots of information, including minutes of meetings and forms for use in Town Hall. The Committee is also evaluating vendors that will assist the Town in implementing a geographic information system (GIS). This system will enable the public and the Town Hall staff to access information concerning individual land parcels, such as zoning, wetlands, building and health. We hope to

make a vendor selection by year-end so the system can be established during the first quarter of 2005. Last, the Committee will make a recommendation concerning a new accounting software package.

In April 2004, Chief Justice William Sullivan told the **CT Probate Court** Assembly he wanted to reduce the number of probate courts from 123 to 50. Judge James Lawlor, the Probate Court Administrator, heard from many judges of probate how harmful that consolidation plan would be. Judge Lawlor has proposed a plan that would have the probate court system pay all the expenses of courts serving populations of over 50,000 people, while requiring towns with smaller courts pay all their expenses (in excess of \$100,000 in our case). Such towns would receive an annual payment of \$2 per person (\$15,000 in our case). We now pay \$3,500 per year, so the budgetary impact would be severe. In addition, all fees paid for probate services would continue to go to the probate system. We believe this proposal would charge the Town twice. We intend to fight it because the Probate Court in Old Lyme is a self-sustaining system.

The committee working on the **Sound View Design District** regulations hopes to have new regulations before the Zoning Commission by February of next year. If approved, the new regulations should encourage further property upgrades along Hartford Ave. After the State of Connecticut revoked the \$350,000 grant it approved for the Sound View Community Center, we learned the State has approved funding for a new septic system and a new HVAC system for the building. This is good news for the Center, but its need for donations is still acute.

With the assistance of our revaluation company, Assessor Walter Kent will be sending out **revaluation notices** in the latter part of November to owners of Old Lyme real estate. The notices will list the "old" value and the "new" value. Owners may schedule a meeting with a representative of the revaluation company by calling the phone number on the notice.

Old Lyme participated in an evaluated Millstone nuclear power plant exercise in September. The exercise tested the **emergency management staff** and volunteers on how well they deal with a simulated nuclear incident at the plant. Under the direction of Emergency Management Director David Roberge, the Town performed very well. The evaluators were particularly

impressed with the student evacuation procedure of Regional District 18.

The new **Hazardous Household Waste** facility conducted 19 collection days over the last six months, one of which was in Lyme. While the final numbers are not in, we believe we had over 200 households participate. In addition, there was a *consumer electronics collection day* which had good attendance. We will critique the program over the winter as we prepare for next season.

The Board of Selectmen hopes you have an enjoyable holiday season!

Timothy C. Griswold  
First Selectman

#### **Old Lyme Reassessment**

The Town of Old Lyme is nearing the completion of its state-mandated reassessment program. The program will bring assessments up to 70% of market value as of October 1, 2004.

The Assessor and the Town's consultant, Vision Appraisal, will mail assessment notices to every property owner in late November. The notice will inform taxpayers of their old assessment, the proposed new assessment, and a telephone number to call if they wish to review the proposed assessment with Vision Appraisal.

Hearings will take place in Old Lyme. Additional information on each property will be available through the Vision Appraisal website.

Following the review of over 200 sales from October 1, 2003 through October 1, 2004, all residential property assessments have increased. *Increases in assessment do not necessarily mean an increase in taxes.* The Board of Finance will establish a new mill rate when budgets for the next fiscal year have been approved in the spring.

**Animal Control Officer** Martha Rumskas is making plans for a new placement program for cats at the Shelter. Watch for details. If you have lost a cat, please call (if you have already called, call again). Remember

that there is a **no tolerance policy** for dog licensing. *Present proof of rabies inoculation to obtain a license at the Town Clerk's Office.* If you are looking for an animal to adopt, please call 4-3047. Maybe Animal Control can help you find your new pet!

The Board of Selectmen is seeking nominations for **Citizen of the Year**. The honor will be announced at the Annual Town Meeting in January.

The LYSB's 5th Annual **Polar Cub Plunge** takes place December 18. Members of YAC will jump into Long Island Sound to raise money for the YAC Scholarship.

The shortage of **election workers** was reported nationally and regionally. If you'd like to know more about becoming a local election worker, contact the Registrars of Voters (434-1605, ext. 226) Workers must be registered as Democrats or Republicans.

#### **TOWN OF OLD LYME** **TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of the Town of Old Lyme that the second installment of a tax of 25.5 mills on the dollar laid on the grand list of October 1, 2003 is due January 1. Also due on that date are the supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills. Payments must be made on or before February 2 to avoid penalty.

Any payment made after that date will be charged interest at the rate of 11/2% per month going back to the due date. (February interest is 3%) Payments may be made at the Old Lyme Town Hall or mailed to the Old Lyme Tax Office, PO Box 482, Old Lyme.

Judith Tooker, Tax Collector

Celebrate **Thanksgiving weekend** with the Florence Griswold Museum: *Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides* with Santa on Friday, 10AM-2PM; *Holiday Face Painting* on Saturday, 11AM-3PM; and *Holiday Art Making* on Sunday from 1 to 5 PM - the 1<sup>st</sup> of 6 weeks of hands-on holiday craft workshops.

The **Old Lyme Town Band** presents its winter concert at the Lymes' Senior Center Dec. 12 at 2PM. The band, under the direction of Richard Wyman, will perform seasonal and traditional band music including *Greensleeves*, *Toyland Suite*, *Festive Sounds of Hanukah*, *Sleigh Ride*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Holts' First Suite in E flat*, and Sousa's *Our Flirtations*. Free/open to all.

The *Con Brio Choral Society and the Con Brio Chamber Orchestra* under the direction of Dr. Stephen D. Bruce, will present a **Christmas Concert** on Dec. 10 at 8pm at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. Tickets \$20; \$18 seniors and students. Call 767-0026 or 767-0394.

Enjoy **holiday stories**, fingerplays, music, and a simple craft Wednesdays in December at 11AM at the OLPGN. The Lyme Old Lyme Auxiliary of the Child & Family Agency host a **Holiday Cookie Sale** on Dec. 4, 10AM to 2PM at the Old Lyme Marketplace. Proceeds benefit programs & services in southeastern Connecticut.

**Holiday happenings** sponsored by the LYSB include **Gingerbread House Family Night** on December 1 and **Kids ala Carte Holiday Fun**, four sessions of crafts for ages 3 & up, beginning November 19. Phone Arleen Sharp at the LYSB for details & to register. 434-7208. Get your **picture taken with Santa**, December 4, Old Lyme Shopping Center. All proceeds benefit the LYSB's Youth Advisory Council Scholarship.

Enjoy a **Holiday Puppet Show** at the *Florence Griswold Museum* on Dec. 11 at 11am or 2pm. Encore Performances of *Rainbow's Tale: A Colorful Fairytale* will be presented on New Year's Day!

**"Deck The Walls,"** *The Lyme Art Association's* annual holiday exhibition & sale opens on Dec. 3, 6 to 8PM with music and refreshments. Donations appreciated. A portion of proceeds go to *The Shoreline Soup Kitchen*. The exhibition/sale continues through Jan. 8.

The Florence Griswold Museum sparkles with **The Magic of Christmas** Nov. 20 through Jan. 2. A special

feature is Miss Florence's Artist Tree, adorned with wooden palettes painted by over 50 artists. A special **Holiday Shopping Night** takes place Dec. 9, 5-8pm. The Museum Shop and galleries will be open late with special discounts.

Spend *An Angelic Afternoon* Dec. 4 with a Student Harp Ensemble at the Florence Griswold Museum. 1PM

The *Chamber of Commerce* welcomes all to its **Annual Tree Lighting & Carol Sing** on Dec. 3, 6:30PM at Old Lyme Marketplace.

Richard Clark presents a solo performance of **Shakespeare's Greatest Hits!** *The Lunatic*, *The Lover* and *the Poet* at OLPGN on January 22, 2:30PM. Snowdate is January 29. 12 different characters, 25 monologues and soliloquies from his most famous plays. Laugh with fools, cry with the afflicted, dream with the poets.

Join the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library for its Connecticut River Estuary series, designed to familiarize residents with local ecological issues and provide guided educational tours of local natural areas within the region. **Ecologist Judy Preston** has been practicing conservation in the Estuary region for over ten years. December 1 *Talk 7PM* "Escape to the Galapagos Islands;" January 8, 9AM A guided walk through the Fairfax South Preserve; February 2 *Talk 7PM* "Understanding Ecology: The Layer Cake Approach to Landscapes;" March 5 *Walk 9AM* The Natural History of Selden Creek; April 2, 9AM A Walk through Great Cedars Conservation Area. All walks will originate and end at the library. *To register, please call the Library at 434-1684.*

Check the Town web site at [oldlyme.ct.gov/index.html](http://oldlyme.ct.gov/index.html) for information about trails, rules, and other tips about using the town's **Open Space** properties. Chairman George James reports that the Open Space Committee is currently making trails and putting up trail signs. Trail maps will be available as downloads from the web site. Also, check the **Old Lyme Conservation Trust** web site at [oldlymeconservtrust.org.htm](http://oldlymeconservtrust.org.htm) for trail information on their properties.

The **Old Lyme Conservation Trust (OLCT)**, has received a donation of 46 acres of scenic forest on the Lieutenant River by John Lohmann of Old Lyme, the Twining Family Trust, and Edith Buck of Essex. The property has 2,000 feet of frontage on the Lieutenant River, an important tributary of the Connecticut River. An old trail leading from the road to the river has been cleared and the public is welcome to visit. **OLCT's** annual meeting will be held in March of 2005. Check local listings and visit [www.oldlymeconservtrust.org](http://www.oldlymeconservtrust.org) for details on properties, meetings and other events.

The first required 7 year *pumpout cycle* for all septic systems in Old Lyme was completed on June 18. The WPCA wanted homeowners to have sufficient time to have their septic systems pumped, inspected, and repaired if needed. At the recommendation of the State, the Town will now begin a mandatory 5 year pumpout cycle. The ideal pumpout frequency for *your* system varies with the property and the system installed. Every two to three years is normal even for recently installed systems. The fee is very reasonable compared to the cost of having to replace a leach field or a backed up system. Therefore, the WPCA urges you *not to wait* until the last moment or until a failure occurs. Call now for an appointment. For your convenience, the WPCA suggests you select a pumper who uses the local septic waste transfer station so that the Town has an accurate record.

The **Lymes Senior Center** is not only a place to have a nutritious lunch for \$2.25 with your friends, but also a place to do a puzzle or select a book from our vast library of popular authors. There are numerous activities to keep you active in both mind and body. Chose from activities including Bridge, Exercise, Tai' Chi, Yoga, Creative Writing, Computer or Watercolor workshops. 55Alive classes take place January 11 & 12, 12:30-4:30PM. Phone Kay at 434-4127.

Town Nurse Linda Camarra, R.N. is in her office at the Lymes' Senior Center each weekday from noon to 1PM

for consultations, blood pressure checks and other health care services. Also, should any health services be needed, please request **Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association/Interim HealthCare** from your doctor or hospital. Phone 434-7808 (nights and weekends 434-9003).

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. is sponsoring free *adult audio screenings* on Nov. 22, 10 to 11:45AM, & Dec. 7, 1 to 2:45PM, at County Hearing & Balance at 83 Halls Road. Phone 434-7808 for an appointment. The OLVNA's *Ultrasound Tests Clinic takes place* Dec. 16 at the Lymes' Senior Center. Life Line Screening will test for carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm and osteoporosis. The vascular tests are \$45 each or all three for \$109. The osteoporosis test is \$35 or can be added to the vascular tests package for \$20. **Appointments necessary** 1-800-324-1851.

Preeclampsia and eclampsia are among the major contributors to maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality worldwide. The conditions are also associated with substantial health problems in both women and children. Phone Tracy MacKinstry 669-9900 ([Tracy@MacKinstry.com](mailto:Tracy@MacKinstry.com)) for information about a support group. [www.preeclampsia.org](http://www.preeclampsia.org)

Marita, Andrina & Terry of **Lymes' General Store** have announced that their store will close its doors at the end of this year. Andrina's & Terry's "other" careers require more of their time, and Mom (Marita) has been running the store more & more often. Marita looks forward to retiring (again) and traveling. Texas & Norway are on her list. The trio celebrate their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary November 26 & have scheduled a farewell sale in November & December.

Watch for the December opening of **Lymes' Own SUBWAY®**, at the Old Lyme Marketplace. Owner Brenda Bohinc managed the Little League concession in town and found the process so enjoyable that she went into the Subway business! Her Lymes' Own SUBWAY®, next to the Woman's Exchange, will be open daily serving hot breakfast sandwiches as well as the trademark subs. "We hope it will become a small center of community interaction... and be a resource for families and business here." SUBWAY® Restaurants is the largest sandwich franchise in the world, with more than 21,227 restaurants in 75 countries.

All current Parks and Recreation information is listed on the Town of Old Lyme's Website. <http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov>. For additional information or questions, contact Director, Don Bugbee 434-1605, ext. 235 or [olparkrec@snet.net](mailto:olparkrec@snet.net)

"I would like to thank everyone involved with the Fall Programs. This year we offered Youth Soccer, Youth Flag Football, Adult Yoga and Adult Basketball. Thanks go out to all of the players, coaches, referees, assistants and program directors. Everyone seemed to enjoy whatever program they were involved in and participation was high. The opening and use of Town Woods Park was a complete success. It is a beautiful park that we are very fortunate to have. There was quite a bit of soccer played there by Parks and Recreation teams and Soccer Club teams this season. The new fields held up well, with lots of use, and were maintained beautifully.

Also, please try to find some time this winter to support our local Middle School and High School athletes at their games. Many of these kids work for or are involved with Parks and Recreation throughout the year. These are good kids doing good things and I think you would enjoy the games. Thanks again to all who support Old Lyme Parks and Recreation. " - Don Bugbee

**Winter Parks & Recreation Programs** include Youth Basketball (Grades K-8) January 8 to March 5. Adult Basketball Wednesdays 6:30 to 9PM at Mile Creek Gym through May 2005. Adult Yoga classes will be formed after the Holidays. Details will follow.

Can you still see the Milky Way from your front yard? Light pollution is growing along with our development. *We can help to prevent and reduce light pollution by carefully selecting the types of outdoor lighting fixtures we use on our homes and permit on commercial sites.* Proper exterior lighting plans promote safety, conserve natural resources, make better neighbors, retain a community's character, and protect precious habitat for plants, animals and humans. Join the dark side, and consider replacing lighting fixtures that shine excess light with fixtures that are fully shielded. *A message from the Conservation Commission.*

Governor M. Jodi Rell and the Connecticut National Guard have announced **Operation E.L.F.** to help Connecticut service members and their families during the holiday season. 500 Connecticut Army National Guard soldiers currently mobilized and deployed in

Southwest Asia (Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan).

Donations of new, unwrapped toys, grocery gift cards, phone cards, fuel oil, Christmas trees, snow removal services can be sent to: Connecticut National Guard Foundation, Inc. 360 Broad Street, Box 53 Hartford, CT 06105-3795 [www.ctngfoundation.org](http://www.ctngfoundation.org)

**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.

The **4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** takes place Thanksgiving Day at the Lymes' Senior Center. All are welcome. Free tickets available at the Senior Center or the Town Hall. Holiday baskets will also be distributed to those in need thanks to the generosity of this community. Socials Services is also participating in the *Warm the Children* program. For information call Kay Mannetho (434-4127) as soon as possible.

A group of young parents has been raising funds for a **Town Woods Playground**. You can support their efforts through donations to change cans in local businesses; the purchase of an engraved brick for the Playground; dining at Illiano's on January 12.

The Lions' **Dollars for Scholars pasta dinner** takes place November 17, 5:30 to 7PM at the high school. Tickets are \$8/\$5 for students. Children under 12 are free. Proceeds benefit 3 scholarships awarded by the Lions to graduating seniors in Old Lyme & Lyme.

Consider volunteering your time to a **Town Board or Commission**. Current openings exist on Adelpia Cable Advisory, Zoning, Tree, Open Space, Flood & Erosion Control, and more.

The **Assessors Office** reminds residents of **Elderly & Totally Disabled and Additional Veterans** tax relief availability. Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Relief for Homeowners is available from February 15 through May 15. An additional Veterans Exemption is available. To qualify, recipients must have reached the age of 65 or older by the end of the previous year or be totally

disabled. Eligibility is also based on combined/single income limitations and length of home ownership. Applicants may not be receiving federal, state, county or municipal financial subsidy or aid. **Blind Exemptions** must be filed by January 31. You must be a resident of Old Lyme and must submit a letter from your physician stating permanent loss of vision. Exemption is \$3,000 off assessed value. It is not required to file annually. **Totally Disabled Exemptions** must be filed by January 31, 2005. You must be a resident of Old Lyme and meet Federal Regulations concerning Totally Disabled Persons. Exemption is \$1,000 off assessed value. Phone Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment Technician with question (434-1605, ext. 219).

4809 of the 5984 registered voters in Old Lyme voted on November 2 – **an election turnout of 80.36%**. The number includes 476 Absentee Ballots & 72 Presidential Ballots. Official Results:

*President*

Bush & Cheney 1898 Kerry & Edwards 2396  
Cobb & LaMarche 4 Peroutka & Baldwin 5  
Badnarik & Campagna 16 Nader & Camejo 53

*US Senator*

Orchulli 1243 Dodd 2880 Knibbs 16 Rasch 29

*Representative in Congress*

Simmons 2390 Sullivan 1785

*State Senator*

Diebolt 1956 Stillman 2151

*State Representative*

Giuliano 2622 Wilhelms 1427 Palmieri 41

*Registrars of Voters*

Sjursen 1691 McCarthy 2258 White 22

**[www.state.ct.us](http://www.state.ct.us). (State)**

**[www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov).(Town)**

[reg18.k12.ct.us](http://reg18.k12.ct.us) (Reg'l School District #18)

[www.flogris.org](http://www.flogris.org) (Florence Griswold Museum)

[www.lymeacademy.edu](http://www.lymeacademy.edu) (Lyme Academy of Fine Arts)

[www.huskyhealth.com](http://www.huskyhealth.com) (children's insurance)

[www.Old-LymeConservTrust.org](http://www.Old-LymeConservTrust.org)  
(OL Conservation Trust)

[www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) (OLPGN Library)

[lyme-old-lyme-chamber.com](http://lyme-old-lyme-chamber.com). (Chamber of Commerce)

[www.cappellacantorum.org](http://www.cappellacantorum.org) (Capella Cantorum)

[www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org) (LYSB )

[www.oldlymetownband.org](http://www.oldlymetownband.org) (Old Lyme Town Band)

[www.visionappraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com) (home information)

[www.potapaugaudubon.org](http://www.potapaugaudubon.org) (Potapaug Audubon Society)

How to reach elected representatives:

**State Representative Marilyn Giuliano** (23<sup>rd</sup> District):  
Legislative Office Building, Room 4200  
300 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106  
1-800-842-1423 [Marilyn.Giuliano@housegop.state.ct.us](mailto:Marilyn.Giuliano@housegop.state.ct.us)  
Fax 860 240-0207

**State Senator-elect Andrea Stillman** (20<sup>th</sup> District)  
Hartford 1-860-240-8600  
within the district 860 443-8568

**US Senator Christopher Dodd**

Russel Senate Office Building, Washington , D.C.  
20510 1-800-334-5341 or 1-202-224-2823  
Putnam Park, 100 Great Meadow Rd. Suite 205,  
Wethersfield, Ct. 06109

**US Senator Joseph Lieberman**

123 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.  
20510 1-202-224-4041  
Commercial Plaza, 21st Floor, Hartford, CT 06103  
1-800-225-5605 or 1-240-3566

**US Representative Robert Simmons** (2nd District)

Room 511 Cannon Office Building, Washington, D.C.  
20515 (voice) 1-202-225-2076 , (fax) 1-202-225-4977  
2 Courthouse Square, Fifth Floor, Norwich, CT 06360  
(voice) 886-0139 (fax) 886-2974

There is *no Recycling pick-up* on the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week. A curbside **Fall leaf collection** begins Nov. 15; Place leaves at curbside in biodegradable – **no plastic** – bags! Christmas trees are picked up curbside in January. There is *no Trash Collection* by *Shoreline Sanitation* on New Year's Day (January 1), Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day. Trash that would normally be collected on *Thanksgiving Day* will be picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pick up.

## Community Organizations & Contacts

Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce meets September through June at Cherrystones on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. 6 PM cocktails/reception; 7 PM dinner meeting. President: Jane Cable. Contact Gail Roth 434-1575

Lyme Old Lyme Lions meet September through June at The Lymes' Senior Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
President: Phil Parcak. Contact Phil (434-9044) or Tim Griswold (4-1605, ext. 211)

Lyme/Old Lyme Junior Women meet at the Lymes Senior Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.  
Presidents Becky Hall (4-2832) and Kristy Maguire (4-5327). Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 28

Duck River Garden Club meets at 7:30 PM at St. Ann's Church on 10/11, 11/, 12/6,2/ 21, 3/14, 4/11, 5/ 9; May 6 & 7 *Annual Plant Sale*.  
President: Ellie Krasney 434-0889

The Old Lyme Town Band rehearses 7PM Mondays at the High School at 7PM. New members are always welcomed. Phone 434-2671 or visit [oldlymetownband.org](http://oldlymetownband.org).

Contacts:

Bikes for Kids: *Chuck Graeb* 434-3684

Girl Scouts:

*Jen Rozanski* 434- 3104, *Ann Wright* 434-0764

Cub Scouts: *Andi Spragg* 434-4015

[aspragg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aspragg@sbcglobal.net)

Boy Scouts: *Mike Gentry* 434-1587.

Little League: *Jerry Zrenda* 434-0755

Soccer Club: *Peter Garland*: 434-8756

Lacrosse: *Jeff Flower*: 434-1402

Old Lyme Town Band: *Ann Lander* 434-2671

Old Lyme Conservation Trust: 434-0608, [oldlymeconservtrust.org](http://oldlymeconservtrust.org)

website: <http://www.oldlymeconservtrust.org/>

**Carbon Monoxide** is a colorless, odorless gas. When inhaled, it displaces the oxygen from the bloodstream, preventing the absorption of oxygen resulting in asphyxiation. It cannot be detected by taste or smell. It produces symptoms of headache, nausea, or fatigue and can cause unconsciousness or death.

**Dangerous amounts of CO can accumulate in the home as a result of an appliance being poorly installed or maintained** or by operating an appliance that might have been broken or damaged. When appliances use fuel that is not efficiently burned, or when these appliances are poorly ventilated, the Carbon Monoxide is unable to escape.

An automobile or lawnmower engine running in a closed garage can make the air noxious within a few minutes; a leaking furnace flue or fireplace may fill an entire house with the unsuspected poison. **Never use a gas or charcoal grill appliance inside the home or enclosed garage.**

A properly installed CO detector in your home can alert you to increasingly dangerous levels of CO before tragedy strikes.

For more information on how to protect your family from carbon monoxide poisoning, contact the **Fire Marshal's Office** (434-1605, ext. 231), or [olfiremarshal@snet.net](mailto:olfiremarshal@snet.net). Learn more at: [www.carbonmonoxidekills.com/codetector.htm](http://www.carbonmonoxidekills.com/codetector.htm) and [www.epa.gov/iaq/co.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/co.html)

### Additional Winter Safety Tips

- \* **Clean chimneys** after each season to prevent buildup of creosote & a resulting chimney fire
- \* Change **batteries in smoke detectors** twice each year
- \* Make sure your **woodstove** has been properly installed. Obtain a permit from the Building Permit & have the installation inspected by the Fire Marshal or Building Official
- \* Do not overload **electrical outlets**
- \* Water freshly cut **holiday trees** daily and keep all decorations a safe distance from sources of heat
- \* Prepare & practice a **family escape plan** that includes a meeting place outside the home

Effective November 1 the PASSPORT Statement of Consent by non-applying parents, for children under age 14, **MUST BE NOTARIZED**. Revised forms are not available.

The proposed reorganization of the Probate Court System includes the following: 1. A two-tier court system: 22 courts serving populations over 50,000 (urban courts) and 101 courts serving fewer than 50,000 (local courts).

2. All revenue from both urban and local courts would be sent to Probate Administration. 3. The urban courts would be totally financed by Probate Administration. 4. The local courts would be financed partly by Probate Administration (one-third) and partly by the towns (two-thirds). 5. The amount returned to the local courts would be based on population; \$2 per resident and the town would pay \$4 per resident. 6.

Contested matters would be heard in an urban court of over 50,000 population by a judge selected and appointed by either Judge Lawlor or the Chief Justice. Contested matters include such things as involuntary conservatorships, guardianships, paternity and mental retardation matters. Judges in local courts become Administrative Judges.

#### **What does this mean for Old Lyme?**

1. The 2004-2005 budget amount for the probate court is \$3,500. 2. Based on a population of 7,500, Old Lyme would receive \$15,000 from Probate Administration.

The amount of expense to operate the court above \$15,000 would be paid by the town and could exceed \$30,000. 3. The court system would change from a user fee system to one where the residents are paying through their tax dollars and again when they use the court. If you are fortunate enough to live in an area with a court serving more than 50,000, you do not pay twice, you pay only user fee.

4. The cost increases and service decreases. 5. Parties will be required to travel to wherever the urban court is located (New London, Norwich, Middletown)

I believe the reorganization plan, as presented by Judge Lawlor, will experience several changes before being presented to the Legislature. I will attempt to keep you informed of the probate court situation.

*Hon. Sylvia L. Peterson, Judge of Probate*

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts* presents “Contemporary Realism: Selections from the Arnot Art Museum”, in the Chauncey Stillman Gallery December 4 through January 29

*LymeAcademy* Chauncey Stillman Gallery and Sill House Gallery November 5- 27 4th Annual Alumni Assn Members Exhibition

LAA welcomes back *The Plein-Air Painters* of America for their 2<sup>nd</sup> exhibition & sale through Nov. 27.

FGM presents *A Matter of Style* (history of the Lyme Art Colony) through April 17

FGM presents *From Likeness to Landscape* (Hartford Steam Boiler selection) through May

## NOVEMBER

OLPGN Artist of the Month Exhibit & Sale: *Elin Larson* Recent Watercolors

17..... High Hopes' NARHA Annual Conference Begins.

...Lyme Old Lyme Lions *Dollars for Scholars Pasta Supper*, 5:30 to 7PM at Lyme Old Lyme High School.

\$8/\$5 students/children under 12 free

19....Tellabration sponsored by OLPGN. 5:30PM.

.....Kids ala Carte Holiday Fun program at LYSB begins. \$25. Advance registration required. Also Dec. 3, 10, 17

20....through January 2: *The Magic of Christmas* at FGM

21...Support the LYSB at Evening of Giving at Crystal Mall, 6 to 10PM. Tickets through LYSB.

22...OLVNA adult audio screenings at County Hearing & Balance, 10 to 11:45AM. Appointments necessary: 434-7808

25....4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Lymes' Senior Center.

26.....*Horse drawn carriage rides with Santa* 10AM to 2PM at FGM. \$1

27...Holiday Face Painting at FGM. 11AM to 3PM. Fee

28...Joy in the Making: hands on holiday craft workshops, 1 to 5PM Sundays at FGM through January 2

30...Winter Band Concert at High School, 7:30PM

## DECEMBER

Joy in the Making: hands on holiday craft workshops, 1 to 5PM Sundays at FGM through January 2

OLPGN Artist of the Month Exhibit & Sale: *Linda Elgart* Paintings

Holiday Stories Every Wednesday at 11AM at OLPGN

1..... Escape to the Galapagos Islands, 7PM Talk at OLPGN

...High Hopes New Volunteer Orientation

....*Gingerbread House Family Night* at the LYSB. Call for details

.....Miss Florence's Christmas Tea Party Tours for adults at FGM. \$12. 2PM

3....Annual Tree Lighting sponsored by Chamber of Commerce at Old Lyme Marketplace, 6:30 PM

.....Kids a la Carte Holiday Fun. See 11/19 listing

....Opening Reception *LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts*: “Contemporary Realism: Selections from the Arnot Art Museum” 5 to 7PM

...Deck the Walls annual Christmas exhibition & sale at LAA, 6 to 8PM

4...An Angelic Afternoon at FGM with student harp ensemble. 1PM

...Pictures with Santa at Old Lyme Shopping Center. *LYSB*

....*Child & Family Agency Lyme Old Lyme Auxiliary* Holiday Cookie Sale 10AM to 2PM, Old Lyme Marketplace

- 5-7.... NARHA On Site at High Hopes
- 7....OLVNA adult audio screenings at County Hearing & Balance, 1 to 2:45PM. Appointments necessary: 434-7808
- 8.... Miss Florence's Christmas Tea Party Tours See 12/1
- 9...Holiday Shopping Night at FGM. Special discounts, free gift wrapping, refreshments. 5 to 8PM
- 10... Kids a la Carte Holiday Fun. See 11/19 listing
- ....Con Brio Christmas Concert, 8 PM at First Congregational Church. Tickets 767-0026 or 767-0394
- 11...*Rainbow's Tale puppet show* at FGM. 11AM & 2PM at FGM.
- 12... Old Lyme Town Band at Lymes' Senior Center 2PM. All welcome! snow date 12/14, 7PM.
- 13...Register for Winter Storytimes at OLPGN
- 15... Miss Florence's Christmas Tea Party Tours See 12/1
- 16....*Ultrasound Tests Clinic* at Lymes' Senior Center, sponsored by the OLVNA. Appointments necessary: 1-800-324-1851
- 17... Kids a la Carte Holiday Fun. See 11/19 listing
- 18...*Polar Bear Plunge* with the LYSB's YAC raises scholarship funds.
- 20....Yummy in the Tummy Teddy Bear Tea Parties at FGM. Reservations required. Fee
- 22... Miss Florence's Christmas Tea Party Tours See 12/1
- 29... Miss Florence's Christmas Tea Party Tours See 12/1

## **JANUARY**

OLPGN Artist of the Month Exhibit & Sale: *Cathy Christiano* Black & White Art

- 1...New Year's Day. *Rainbow's Tale puppet show* at FGM. 11AM & 2PM at FGM.
- 3 .....High Hopes Winter Program Begins
- .....Winter Storytimes begin at OLPGN
- 6.....High Hopes Instructor Training Course Begins
- 8... *Winter Ecology: Life's Adaptations to the Cold*: A guided walk through the Fairfax South Preserve, 9AM, OLPGN
- 12....Town Woods Playground Day at Illiano's Restaurant. 10% of food purchase donated to playground effort.
- 13... New Volunteer Orientation at High Hopes
- 14... *The Effective Riding Instructor* - Lecture at High Hopes
- 21..... *The Therapy Horse* Lecture at High Hopes
- 22...*Shakespeare's Greatest Hits* presented by Richard Clark at OLPGN library, 2:30PM (snowdate 1/29)
- 22-23..... *Physical Disabilities* lecture at High Hopes
- 24....Annual Town Meeting, 7:30PM
- 26....*Pajama Time* at OLPGN 6 to 6:30PM. Wear your pjs & bring a stuffed friend
- 27... Gallery Talk at *LymeAcademy College* on "Contemporary Realism: Selections from the Arnot Art Museum," 7PM

## **FEBRUARY**

OLPGN Artist of the Month Exhibit & Sale: *Jeff Alfieri* Photography

- 2... *Understanding Ecology: The Layer Cake Approach to Landscapes*, Talk at OLPGN 7PM
- 5-6..... Human Behavior and Psychology Lecture at High Hopes
- 10,11,12...*Les Miserables* at Lyme Old Lyme High School. 7:30PM.
- 11..... *Valentine's Day Drop-in Crafts* at OLPGN, grades 6 & up. 2:30PM

*Deadline for the Spring issue of the Old Lyme Tymes is Friday, January 30*

