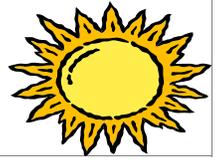


OLD LYME TYMES

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FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Things are really beginning to change at the Town Hall. The most obvious is the demolition of the Speirs house at 50 Lyme St. in preparation for site-work. The house was able to serve one more important function, as a training exercise for the Fire Department. The Tree Commission supervised the removal of a number of plants to an on-site nursery. Under the supervision of Building Committee member Betty Chamberlain, all the Impressionist art has been transported to the Florence Griswold Museum for safekeeping during the project.

When voters approved \$4.4 million for **Town Hall renovation**, the unknown was what our construction cost would be. Building Committee Chair John Forbis, assisted by Bob Chapman, Max Greenwood, Gil Boro and others, worked tirelessly to develop a good estimate. When bids were opened on April 5, four exceeded our cost estimate and three were below it. After thorough analysis, the Committee selected Netsch Construction of Chester's low bid of \$2,999,636. This is \$400,000 less than the Committee's estimate. The Committee has thanked all contractors who submitted bids.

In keeping with our aggressive construction schedule, we were prepared to start construction on May 3. The project has two phases: (1) construction of the south wing (meeting hall and offices below) and construction of the second level of the north wing and (2) renovation of the existing Town Hall. The first phase is estimated at 12 months; the second at 4 months.

On May 1 the Town borrowed \$3.3 million for nine months at a rate of 3.6%. We will earn about 5% on unused funds which will offset the interest expense. In February 2008, we will evaluate a second short term note or perhaps lock in a long term bond.

Perhaps the most complicated aspect of the project so far has been the relocation of 13 of the staff from Town Hall to other locations. Finding alternate space was a challenge, but we have moved the **Land Use, Building, Health, Fire Marshal and Park & Rec.** staff to the **Marketplace (A&P Shopping Center)**, on the left side of the main entrance. **Probate and Registrars** have been relocated to the second floor at **100 Halls Road** (corner of 156) New phone numbers are listed in the newsletter.

The remaining staff will remain in **Town Hall**. This includes the First Selectman and assistants; Tax Collector, Assessor, Town Clerk, and their assistants, and the Finance Office. Because the contractor will be working in the lower level and on the second floor, we also arranged alternate meeting space. Most **board and commission meetings** will be held in the meeting rooms of Christ the King Church at 1 McCurdy Rd and the others will be held at the Library, Senior Center and other locations. Consult the Newsletter for the new locations.

In an effort to construct an environmentally friendly "green" building, we will install a 10 kilowatt photovoltaic system on the south roof. CL& P has a

program that provides one free 1 kWh (worth \$10,000) for every 100 households signing up for **Clean Energy Options**. Please consider signing up!

The second big project in town is the construction of the two baseball/softball fields at **Town Woods Park**. The Town Woods Building Committee prepared the bid specifications following approval of the \$785,000 project by the voters of both Lyme and Old Lyme. The Committee received two bids on the project on April 13 and, after proper analysis, recommended that the job be awarded to the low bidder: Machnik Brothers, Inc. The low bid of \$584,760 compares favorably with the Committee's estimate of \$634,200 for the construction portion of the project. We expect work to begin in May and be completed in September. Because we will depend on seeded grass (versus sod), the fields will not be available for use until the fall of 2009.

The **Landfill Closure** project is progressing well and we expect to officially begin using the **Transfer Station** on July 1. Residents will pay for the disposal of bulky waste items based on weight rather than by the load. **There will still be no charge for recycled items.**

We have distributed new, **blue recycle bins** with black tops (one per household) to be used for curbside recycling of household paper. The blue bins will keep the paper dry (we are charged by the pound to dispose of paper) and minimize paper blown around by the

wind. Curbside recycling is not only good for the environment, it saves the Town money! We calculate a ton of garbage costs the taxpayers \$143 per ton, whereas a ton of recycled items costs \$97 per ton. Please recycle!

The Board of Finance conducted a **Budget Hearing** on April 23 to present the fiscal year 2008 Town budget. The Town budget increase is 3.23%, comprised of a Town increase of 4.36% and a School increase of 2.82%. Because the Town's grand list grew 0.83%, the mill rate will increase by 0.4 mills or 2.25%. The Board of Finance decided to allocate an additional \$164,000 toward non-recurrent items. Had this not been done, the Town increase would have been 2.19% rather than 4.36%. Thanks to Chairman Andy Russell and the other members of the Board for a job well done.

Public Works is just about finished installing water main laterals to 13 properties and reconstructing **Hartford Ave.** We will then re-stripe the street and replace the signage. With the help of Walter Zabel of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sound View Beach Assoc., we plan to reconstruct the flagpole planter at the foot of Hartford Ave. and illuminate the pole. Beachcomber owner Frank Noe has generously agreed to donate the electricity.

While we expect some **flooding** in the spring, the rain storms this year caused excessive flooding in several parts of town. The effect of one storm was worsened because the ground was frozen, causing additional runoff problems. Due to the failure of a private dam, a section of Rte 156 near Windward La. has flooded several times. We are working with Amtrak and the state DOT on possible solutions. We also plan to submit a grant for FEMA hazard mitigation funding to work on one or more drainage projects.

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars and move the bus

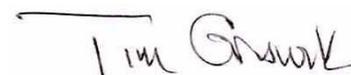
barn out of a residential area, we asked our landfill closure engineer to provide District 18 with details of steps to be taken to **relocate the bus barn** to a section of the landfill property and the associated costs. The Town is offering the use of the property to the District at no rental cost. Because the District now pays about \$50,000 in rent for the bus barn, we believe the annual savings would pay for the engineering and construction costs in a relatively short time. Hopefully, the District will take the initiative and implement this cost saving proposal.

We have formed an **Organic Pesticide Study Committee** to evaluate the use and cost of organic fertilizers and pesticides versus synthetic ones at Town Woods Park. Chairman Phil Neaton and other members will make recommendations in the near future.

The Deputy Commissioner of Homeland Security recognized the Town of Old Lyme on its certification as a **National Incident Management Systems** town. Emergency Management Director Dave Roberge arranged for the training of numerous elected and appointed officials.

Last, congratulations to Sue Bartlett & Kim Groves for achieving the status as Zoning Enforcement Technicians, the culmination of coursework and passing an exam.

The Board of Selectmen hopes you have an enjoyable summer. See you at the fireworks!



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The **Annual Memorial Day Parade** steps off at 11am on Monday, May 28 from the Lyme Street Firehouse. Memorial ceremonies take place in the Duck River Cemetery.

Lions' Antique Car Show and Flea Market takes place 9am to 3pm at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. Contact Phil Parcak (434-9044).

The **Midsummer Festival** returns to town July 27 & 28. All activities take place along Lyme Street, at the Florence Griswold Museum, Lyme Art Association, and Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts.

Friday night features *free admission* to the Florence Griswold Museum, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, and the Lyme Art Association from 5 to 7pm. At 7pm, **Yankee Brass Band** begins its free concert on the banks of the Lieutenant River at the Florence Griswold Museum.

Saturday highlights include a French-style country market, musical performances, artist demonstrations, an outdoor art sale, hands-on activities for all ages, food, and more. The Festival concludes with a **Town Band Concert** and **Town-sponsored fireworks** behind the middle school.

The **Old Lyme Town Band's** summer schedule includes free concerts on June 28 in Deep River, 6:30-8pm (rain or shine); July 1 on the Westbrook Green, 6-8pm; July 11 on the Old Saybrook Town Green, 7 pm; July 28 behind Lyme Old Lyme Middle School, 7:30 pm –prior to the fireworks– rain date 7/29; July 31 at Mystic River Park, 7 pm, and Aug. 2 at the Lymes' Senior Center, 7pm (rain or shine). Bring a picnic supper, a blanket or chairs and enjoy traditional band favorites, marches, Broadway tunes,

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some oldies, and something new. The band welcomes new members of all ages and rehearses on Monday evenings at the Church of Christ the King on McCurdy Road. For further information, phone 434-2671 or visit www.oldlymetownband.org.

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On June 9, a **High Hopes** benefit event features BIG BAD VODOO DADDY. Phone 434-1974 for more information or to request an invitation.

The Lymes' Senior Center has planned a **free summer concert** series: The Kitchen Klankers at 2pm on June 6, The Waterford Community Band at 7pm on July 5, The Community Bands at 7pm on July 12, The Noank-Mystic Community Band at 7pm on July 19, and Old Lyme Town Band at 7pm on August 2.

Other summer Senior Center events include the Senior Club Picnic on June 16, 11:30am; and **Summer Bingo** at 1pm on July 18 and Aug 15.

The Old Lyme Children's Learning Center will hold its 3rd annual **Rockin' Around the Blocks Music Festival** on Saturday, July 21, 4 to 8pm at Town Woods Athletic Fields. Live music, food for sale and a variety of activities for young children will be featured. The Clinton Rotary Club and Lyme & Old Lyme Fire Departments will create Amber Alert Child Identification cards upon request. Picnic baskets and blankets welcome. All proceeds are for new playground equipment for the Center. Purchase tickets in advance at the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center and the Turning Page bookstore, or pay at the gate on July 21: \$9 adults, \$6 ages 3-12, free for ages 3 and under.

An LYSB **Summer Theater Camp** run by *Madhatters Theatre Company* takes place August 6 to 10. A summer performance of "Snow White and the Dwarves" is scheduled for August 10, at 7 pm. Register with Madhatters: 395-1861.

Wednesday night LYSB **Beach Dances** for middle school students begin July 11, 7 to 9pm at White Sands Beach. Dancing under the stars. \$5 tickets can be purchased at the dance. Snacks, drinks and a DJ.

Chill Out!, an LYSB program, runs after Park and Rec day camp Monday through Thursday from 2 to 5 pm. Six one week sessions begin June 25 for a fee of \$40 per week. Activities will include basketball, pool, board games, arts and crafts, and more. LYSB staff will escort campers from day camp to the LYSB. Space is limited. Register at 434-7208.

Super sleuths and daring detectives are invited to **Get a Clue** at the OLPGN Library. The 2007 Summer Reading Program features activities for preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, a reading club and more. Families are invited to join the Read Aloud portion of the program. Registration begins for all programs on June 18.

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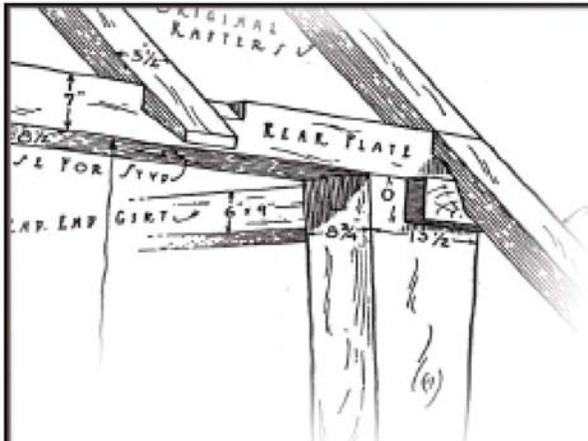
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On June 25, the Children's Museum presents **Crime-lab** at the OLPGN at 11am for ages 8 and up. Solve a robbery using fingerprinting and chromatography. A *Mysterious Mondays Craft Series* for ages 5 and up takes place at 2pm from July 2 through July 30. On July 21, Sparky's Puppets present **The Book Detective** at 11am. A raccoon detective uses a secret code to help children of all ages discover the wonders hidden in library books.

On August 6, Mary Jo Maichack offers **Riddle Me This** at 11am, also for all ages. Watch a puzzling origami story unfold. Be an actor/solve a mystery. Learn riddles, jokes, and brain teasers. Songs and laughs for all ages.

Do you know where the Elizabeth Karter Watch Rock, Hoffman, George & Woodward Griswold or Lohmann Buck Twining Nature Preserves are located? Find out on June 2nd, **National Trails Day**. The **Old Lyme Conservation Trust** will hand out maps at the Preserves between 9am and noon and answer questions about the Trust. Visit www.olct.org for directions and details.

Also, make sure to visit the **Old Lyme Conservation Trust** in the "Hands On Minds On" section of the Midsummer Festival, on the grounds of the Florence Griswold Museum, July 28. Finally, keep a lookout for a newsletter, coming soon, with activities for the whole family.

The **Old Lyme Rowing Association**, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department, is sponsoring a series of programs on Rogers Lake for both new and experienced rowers. For middle schoolers, Learn to Row will begin on June 25; three two-week sessions, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8:15-10:15am. For high school rowers, sessions run five days a week, from 6-8 am. For adults, two week learn to row sessions also begin on June 25, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 6-8 pm. Classes tend to fill up quickly, so register early. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Rec office, now at Old Lyme Marketplace, or at www.lymeoldlymerowing.com.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of the Town of Old Lyme that I have a warrant to collect a tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2006. Motor Vehicle taxes are due in full on July 1, 2007. Real Estate and Personal Property bills may be paid in full on that date, however, Real Estate and Personal Property bills over \$100 are paid in two installments: July 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008. Partial payments are always accepted.

If the tax or installment due is not paid within one month of the due date, the tax becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of one and one half percent per month, 18% per year. The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. August interest is 3%.

Questions pertaining to assessments and exemptions should be directed to the Assessor, 434-1605, ext. 218 or 219. Tax questions? Phone 434-1605, ext. 216.

Office hours: Weekdays from 9am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm.

Judith Tooker, Tax Collector

You can pay your tax bills online at www.oldlyme-ct.gov

The Assessor's Office reminds residents of tax relief for **Renters**, age 65 years or totally disabled. Applications must be filed from May 15 through Sept. 15 with Social Services Coordinator Sherry Meyer, at the Lymes' Senior Center (434-4127). Personal Property forms will be mailed at the end of September and are due on or before November 1. A 25% Penalty is imposed if *postmarked* after November 1.

For new residents to receive veteran's exemption on their property they must file their discharge papers with the Town Clerk's office before Oct. 1. Anyone interested in applying for Open Space must file an application (available at the Assessor's office) and present it to the Assessor between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31.

Phone the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall: 434-1605, ext. 218 (Walter E. Kent, Jr. Assessor) or ext. 219 (Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment)

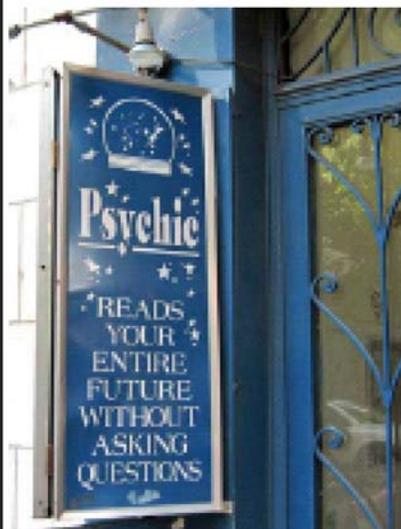


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With mosquito season beginning once again, the Town Health department recommends the following:

- Minimize time outdoors at dusk and dawn
- Be sure door and window screens are tight fitting and in good repair
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeved shirts
- Clothing material should be tightly woven
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors• Consider using mosquito repellent when outdoors and follow label instructions
- Use the lowest concentration of DEET effective for the time spent outdoors and wash treated skin when returning indoors
- Do not apply DEET under clothing, to wounds or irritated skin, the hands of children, or to infants less than 2 months

To eliminate breeding sites around the home:

- Dispose of water-holding containers, such as ceramic pots, used tires, tire swings
- Drill holes in the bottom of containers such as those used for recycling
- Clean clogged roof gutters
- Turn over objects that trap water when not in use, e.g. wading pools and wheelbarrows
- Change water in bird baths weekly
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and use pool covers
- Use landscaping to eliminate areas where water can collect on your property

The Town will do all that it can to make this a safe and pleasant summer. Phone the Health department, now at the Old Lyme Marketplace, with questions: 434-4465.



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With the passing of the state statute that bans the use of chemical pesticides on the grounds of elementary schools and day care facilities, the town's **pesticide awareness committee** has written to the Boards of Selectmen in Lyme and Old Lyme urging the towns to comply with the ban at Town Woods. The DEP has a pilot program to assist towns with technical advice on how to go organic. New awareness about health risks for children, pets, and wildlife associated with lawn chemicals has prompted a growing movement of informed citizens to join the Freedom Lawn Initiative, a voluntary organic lawn care campaign. The campaign was inaugurated here on Earth Day at the First Congregational Church where information about the

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The **Conservation Commission** is soliciting input for the next **Plan of Conservation and Development**. Look for a questionnaire asking about issues residents believe are important sometime this summer. Other commission activities include pesticide avoidance; active participation in natural disaster emergency planning initiatives; support of a change to the zoning regulations requiring open space for multifamily developments; participation in the marshland and stream-belt protection program announced by the DEP, CRERPA, and Tidewater Institute, and endorsement of the new initiative to link open space between towns along the Connecticut River estuary; using GIS technology to create a natural resource inventory. Their goal is to improve preserving and managing the Town's valuable natural resources. Visit www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

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Our Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. has scheduled a **free public blood pressure screening clinic** on June 13, 10 am to noon by the A&P in the Old Lyme Marketplace. Stop by and get this important reading done. High blood pressure is often "silent" – a person may not feel any symptoms but still have a dangerously elevated blood pressure, which could lead to a heart attack or stroke.

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The Association thanks the Nurse's Office at the Lyme/Old Lyme High School for its support of the OLVNA's annual clinic there. Nearly 60 students took advantage of blood pressure screenings and a presentation on skin cancer and sun safety by an oncology nurse specialist during lunch periods.

Seasonal as well as year-round residents are welcome to come by **Town Nurse** Linda Camarra's office in the Lymes' Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road. Linda is there from 12 noon to 1 pm every Monday to Friday for free consultations, physician ordered clinical services and /or blood pressure checks.

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The **Historic District Commission** has inaugurated a *plaque program* to acknowledge historic buildings in the District. The buildings must have been built before WWII (1939). The plaques contain the name of the original owner or the structure's purpose (Grange Hall, etc.) and the approximate date of construction. The first plaque has been placed on 33 Lyme Street (presently owned by Victoria Barri) with the name of the original owner, Hiram G. Marvin, and circa 1824 as the approximate date of construction.



Our Historic District, established in 1971 by popular vote, is the oldest in the Valley Shore and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The District runs from the Church Corner on McCurdy Road for approximately 1.5 miles to Rose Lane and contains about 80 structures. Fifty buildings pre-date 1900 and eight pre-date 1800. The Historic District Commission strives to preserve the District's character and history; the *Historic Plaque program* aims



to authenticate and highlight the structures. An application form for structures that qualify is available at Town Hall, at the Land Use office (now located at the Old Lyme Marketplace), and at www.oldlyme-ct.gov

New blue **Town of Old Lyme Recycling** bins were distributed to households earlier this year (shoreline neighborhoods will receive them shortly). The containers are clearly marked to be used *for household papers only*. Please continue to use your own receptacles or a plain paper grocery bag for bottles, cans, & plastics.

Recycling information is available on the Town's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov), in the Selectman's Office at the Town Hall on Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/Transfer Station. Phone Michele Hayes-Finn (434-1605, ext. 212) with questions.

The Social Services Department will accept applications for the **Renter's Rebate Program** from May 15 to September 15. Renters must provide income, proof of disability and utilities paid. Utilities include gas, fuel, electricity and water. Make an appointment with Social Services Coordinator Sherry Meyer: 434-4127.

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The **Duck River Garden Club** will hold its annual meeting on June 11. Regular monthly meetings will resume in September. Meanwhile, check out the public plantings that are planted and maintained by DRGC members. Watch for the "gardeners" in their easily recognizable yellow hats! Duck River Garden Club is affiliated with the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. For membership information, phone Doreen Thomas at 434-7740.

LYSB's **Playgroup Registration** for the 2007/2008 year will start in August. A summer group of pre-natal parents and those with children up to age one will be meeting weekly throughout the summer at LYSB. If you are interested, phone 434-7208 to register.

The Household Hazardous Waste season began in April and will continue through the end of October. **Household Hazardous Waste collections** take place in Essex on May 19, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, September 22 & 29, and October 20 & 27. visit www.info@crerpa.org/waste_management.

Edyse Smith sends special thanks to the people of Old Lyme for their support of her fundraising efforts for the April 22, **MS (multiple sclerosis) Walk**. Edyse exceeded her \$5,000 goal and is very appreciative of the community's support. She and her family have raised funds for MS for 11 years, since her daughter was diagnosed.

Dog licenses must be renewed through the Town Clerk's office during the month of June. **Proof of neutering/ spaying and current rabies inoculation is required.** Contact the Town Clerk (434-1605, ext. 220 or 221) with questions.



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Beginning this fall, the Old Lyme Tymes will be replaced by **Old Lyme Events**, published by Essex Printing.

The Old Lyme Tymes began as an 8 page newsletter in 1997. Its primary purpose was to enable the First Selectman, Town Hall offices, and Boards & Commissions to keep residents informed about town issues.

We are grateful to the advertisers who have supported our efforts, enabling us to publish and distribute the Old Lyme Tymes at a modest cost. It has been a pleasure working with businesses and community organizations in Old Lyme!

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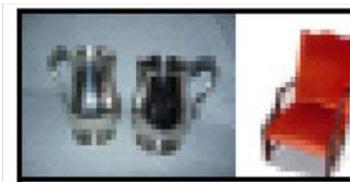
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NEW MEETING LOCATIONS

Most Board & Commission meetings will take place at CHRIST THE KING PARISH HALL, the OLPGN LIBRARY or the LYMES' SENIOR CENTER during the Town Hall renovation. Please check the town website for verification or phone Michele Hayes-Finn (434-1605, ext. 212)

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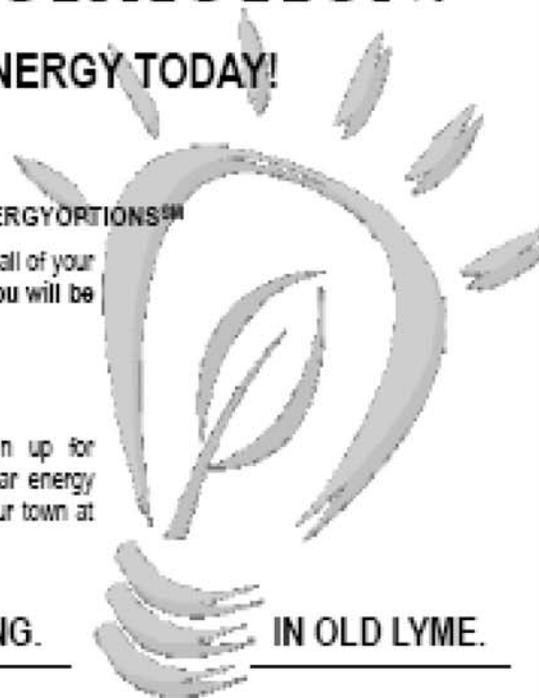
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Tree Commission meetings take place at the Senior Center during the Town Hall renovation.

Major tree work on Lyme Street, Whipporwill Road, Sill Lane and Town Woods Road this year included removals, crown trimming and lifting, removal of choking vines from around the trunks of the trees and clearing brush from the sides of the roads.

A special meeting was held with CL&P regarding trimming along Lyme Street. The goal was to revise standard trim practices for minimal trimming around wires because of the unsightly, gaping holes left in the trees using the old practice.

The Commission met with the Town Hall Expansion Committee landscape architect to assist with the new landscape plan. A nursery was created behind Town Hall to relocate shrubs, and commission members will maintain the shrubs until new planting begins. In May, the commission will begin weeding and mulching 24 young town trees. Our Elm trees received fertilization last fall and will receive Dutch elm disease preventative treatment this spring.

A permit is required from the Tree Warden to trim, remove or plant trees and shrubs on the town right-of-way as outlined in the tree ordinance. Applications are available at the Town Hall and at www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

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The Freedom Business: Connecticut Landscapes through the Eyes of Venture Smith (through June 24);

A Circle of Friends: The Artists of the Florence Griswold House (through July 1);

The Way We Work: David Macaulay's Human Body;
Picturing Health: Norman Rockwell and The Art of Illustration

LYME ART ASSOCIATION

The Trail of the Connecticut Impressionists (through July 7);

Cityscapes (June 14 - July 8)

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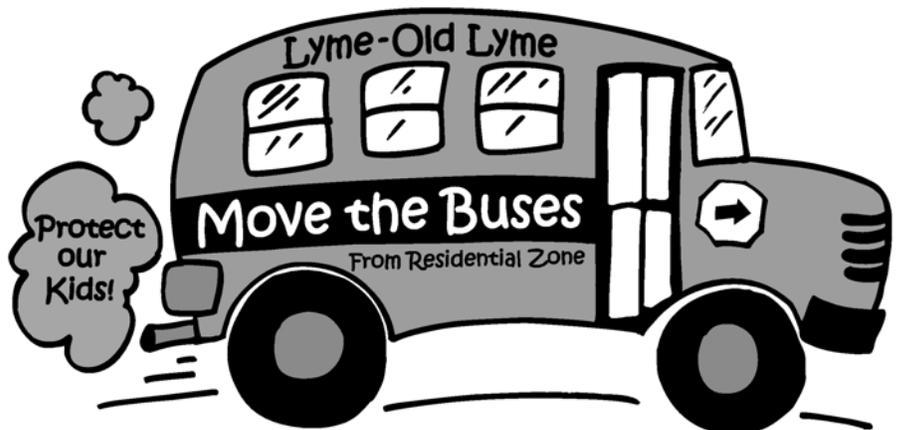
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Advance reservations are required for many listed programs and some fees may apply.
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MAY

- * 19...Household Hazardous Waste collection
- * 24.... Mother/Daughter Workshop 6–8pm LYSB. \$40 per pair. Register.
- * 25... Lifeline Screening at the Lymes's Senior Center 9am to 5pm
- * 28....Memorial Day Parade, 11am
- * Lion's Antique Car Show & Flea Market, 9am to 3pm at Lyme Academy

JUNE

- * 2... National Trails Day Old Lyme Conservation Trust hands out maps at Preserves between 9am and noon
- *Lyme Academy Arts Ball
- * 6.....The Kitchen Klankers concert at 2pm, Lymes' Senior Center
- * 7.....Baby Signs Workshop, 6:30 pm LYSB 434-7208 x 207
- * 8... EAT, DRINK, & FLAMENCO at FGM 6:30pm. Reservations required
- * 9...Household Hazardous Waste collection
- *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Benefit Concert for High Hopes
- * 9 & 10...2nd Annual Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, 10am to 5pm
- * 13.... OLVNA free public blood pressure screening clinic 10 am to noon, by the A&P.
- * High Hopes Volunteer Orientation & Training 4- 8pm
- * 14.... Lecture 2pm Unearthing the Past: The Venture Smith Archaeological Project with Dr. Nicholas F. Bellantoni,
State Archaeologist. Fee
- * 16....Senior Club Picnic 11:30am Lymes' Senior Center
- *Consumer Electronic collection
- * 18... Registration begins for all OLPGN summer programs
- * 19....Celebrating Juneteenth in Song: A Concert of Music by African-American Composers at FGM, 7pm
- * 23.....Household Hazardous Waste collection
- * 25... CRIMELAB by The Children's Museum, 11am, at OLPGN
- * 27.....Sign, Say & Play Playgroup 10am. 6 week LYSB program begins.
- * 28... Old Lyme Town Band Concert, Deep River Town Landing, 6:30-8pm (rain or shine)

JULY

- * 1.... Old Lyme Town Band Concert, 6 to 8pm on the Westbrook Green
- * 5.....Waterford Community Band,7pm at the Lymes' Senior Center
- * 6 & 7...White Elephant Sale at First Congregational Church: 9am to 2pm Friday, 8am to noon Saturday
- * 7...Household Hazardous Waste collection
- * 11... Old Lyme Town Band Concert, 7pm on the Old Saybrook Green, Main Street
- *LYSB Music Together Class: Free sample class at 1:15pm. Registration required.
- *LYSB middle school Beach Dances at White Sands Beach begin. 7 to 9pm. \$5

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