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First Selectman's Corner

There were a number of significant events in Town during the months of May, June and July. The Town's observance of Memorial Day is, perhaps, the most significant local event of the year. On June 29th, we had our annual parade from the Lyme St. Firehouse to the Duck River Cemetery with the usual marching bands, veterans, school teams and many other local groups. The ceremony at the Duck River Cemetery flag pole featured essays written by Lyme Old Lyme essay finalists and there were inspiring remarks from former VFW Post Commander David Griswold. Following the march back to the Firehouse, the public was treated to hot dogs and soda, compliments of the Old Lyme Fire Department.

Speaking of the Fire Department, its members put together a wonderful 100th year anniversary celebration that included the mobile 911 exhibit. An 83-foot trailer truck arrived in Old Lyme on Friday, July 14th with scores of well wishers lining Ferry Rd. and Lyme St. as it made its way to the Middle School. Overnight, the trailer expanded to an 1,100 square foot exhibit space dedicated to those who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. On July 15th, the OLFD welcomed hundreds of people to a memorable 100th year celebration of the grounds of the Lyme St. Firehouse. The event was well planned and well executed.

On 21 June, the Old Lyme Arts District once again held its Make Music Day event on Lyme St. The event featured numerous local and regional music groups that performed between 5:00 and 7:00 pm on the longest day of the year.

The Mid-Summer Festival kicked off with a lively Savage Brothers concert on the lawn of the Florence Griswold Museum on Friday, June 28. On Saturday the numerous exhibitors lined Lyme Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Classic Car Show was held on the grounds of the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center (formerly Bee & Thistle Inn) attracted about 70 classic cars. The threat of rain held off during the day but the traditional fireworks display was cancelled and was rescheduled for August 15th.

The Sound View Fourth of July parade took place on Saturday, July 1, with the usual dozens of young peoples' decorated bicycles



Timothy Griswold
First Selectman

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and golf carts. Thanks to Gail Fuller and Frank Pappalardo for being the coordinators of this event.

The 36-1 Buttonball Rd. Open Space parcel has new signage and a walking trail along the marsh has been mowed. The Harbor Management Commission will hire an engineer to draft a permit that will be submitted to the DEEP to approve an approximate 100-foot dock with a ramp leading to a small floating dock in Horseneck Creek. The Open Space Commission will install a split rail fence along the marsh and the northern border to keep visitors off the marsh and private property. It will likely take about two years to complete these improvements.

Despite trying to negotiate an acceptable agreement with the abutters of the Tantommaheag Landing, on July 31, the Town removed various plantings that they have placed on the Landing that obstruct vehicular access. The Town also mowed the lower part of the Landing that leads to water. We installed a small sign outside the stone pillars stating "Tantommaheag Landing," with the hours of operation, but the sign was removed in less than 24 hours. Sadly, it appears there will be no agreement in the near future.

David Roberge, Old Lyme Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Director, was informed by Senator Chris Murphy's office that the Town has been approved for a \$708,000 grant to fund 75% of eligible costs to expand the Emergency Operations Center at the Boughton Road Firehouse. At present, the Emergency Management staff are relegated to two small rooms in the Firehouse when they muster to direct responses to large weather events and, God forbid, a nuclear event at the Millstone power plant. While we wait for more information, we are grateful for this important financial assistance.

TOWN PROJECT UPDATES

Halls Rd. Improvement Committee

AI Engineering of Middletown, CT has been working on the design of the Bow Bridge over the Lieutenant River and the approaches to the bridge. Work on an easement to the east side of the bridge is ongoing and we look forward to seeing the final design concepts soon

Sound View Sewers

Although the WPCA was informed by the CT DEEP that there is a strong possibility that the DEEP will provide a forgivable loan in the range of \$14 to 17 million to augment the 25% Clean Water Grant in April, there has been no real progress to secure a written commitment for the financing

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as yet. The Town and the three private beaches must extend their agreements with East Lyme, Waterford and New London to send wastewater to the processing plant in New London. This will involve new costs and, without the forgivable loan that seemed a sure thing, the entire sewer project may not move forward.

Senior Center Building Expansion

The Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme have secured approval from their voters to proceed with the Senior Center Expansion project at a cost of \$5,263,541. This is net of the \$281,000 of architectural and design fees that Lyme and Old Lyme have already paid. Lyme and Old Lyme have agreed to split the cost of the project 75% Old Lyme and 25% Lyme, so Old Lyme's share is \$3,947,656 and Lyme's share is \$1,315,885. The Building Committee is working to obtain the services of a Construction Manager (Owners Representative) and, once done, the Committee will work to hire the General Contractor. The plan is to close the Senior Center in September so that its contents may be removed and construction should start in October. The Senior Center will be closed for about twelve months and its activities will be relocated to other locations.

Ferry Rd. Sidewalk Replacement

We received confirmation that the State DOT approved a one-year extension of our STEAP grant to August 2024. At present, we are working on a property easement to allow the sidewalk to go around a mature tree. Once done, we can receive approval from the State of CT to proceed and we will put the project out to bid (hopefully in August.) The plan is to begin work in October and have it completed by year end.

Swan Brook Outlet

Following the replacement of the wood crib at the Long Island Sound end of the two 36-inch pipes under the Hawks Nest Beach Club beach, the west pipe again became clogged. However, during a significant rain event in June, the water pressure blew the sand out of both pipes and they have remained unclogged and are operating efficiently since then. We want the Monster-Vac truck to return to run a camera up and down both pipes to be sure the seams are tight. Future maintenance will likely be required to keep both pipes flowing properly.

STAFF NOTES

Amy Bonatti has been hired as the Social Services Director, replacing Jennifer Datum who became the Democratic Registrar of Voters.

Tracy Beatty has been hired as the Assistant to the Finance Director, replacing Amy Jensen.

Liz Hoffmann has been hired as the Assistant to the Building Official, replacing Kathy Hall.

Ethan Kula graduated from the State Police Academy in July and began his 13 weeks of field training.

Sheila McKinley-Bell has been hired as our Human Resources Consultant for six months (to mid-Jan 2024.)

Anita Mancini has been hired as the Finance Director, replacing Nicole Leger.

We are tired of the 90 plus degree weather and look forward to Labor Day and the autumn season.

Timothy C. Griswold, First Selectman

Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office would like to inform residents of the following deadlines. All forms and proofs unless noted must be filed by October 1, 2023, in the Assessor's office.

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear appeals for the value of Motor Vehicles for the 2022 Grand List on September 12, 2023, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Old Lyme Town Hall.

Assessment Date of Taxable Property for the Town of Old Lyme is October 1st of each calendar year.

Per Section 12-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes owners of tangible

Personal Property, other than registered motor vehicles, such as commercial furniture, machinery and equipment, leased equipment, unregistered motor vehicles, camp trailers, etc., are required to file a personal property list with the Assessor. Declarations are required to be filed annually during the month of October. Failure to file BY November 1, 2023, forces the Assessor, by law, to file the list and add a 25% Penalty (Sec. 12-42, PA 87-245).

Totally Disabled Persons are entitled to an exemption if they meet the requirements of Section 12-81(55) of the General Statutes. Please contact our office for acceptable forms of proof.

Any resident who is Blind is entitled to an exemption under Section 12-81(17) shall provide proof to the Assessor.

Veterans must have filed a DD214 in the Town Clerk's office by September 30, 2023, in order to receive any of the applicable exemptions under Section 12-81. Disabled Veterans are eligible for an exemption in addition to the regular exemption with the filing of a disability rating from the Veterans Administration. Sec 12-81(g) provides for an increase in the property tax exemption amount granted to a qualified Veteran if certain income requirements are met applications must be filed with the Assessor's office no later than October 1. Veterans with motor vehicles

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who are not homeowners are eligible for the income-based exemption, please contact the office to review qualifications.

Under the Federal Service Member Civil Relief Act persons on active duty must present to the Assessor a current earning and leave statement or a letter from their Commanding Officer along with a yearly application for exemption. Any Servicemen on active duty claiming

Connecticut as their legal residence must file prior to Dec 31st.

Farm, Forest or Open Space applications are due between September 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023. No extension of this filing period is available, failure to file is a waiver of the right to the classification for the assessment year commencing October 1st. If you have recently purchased a property and do not know if this applies to you, please contact our

office to review.

Many of our programs and helpful links to mapping, property information, forms, and program updates can be found on the Assessor's page of the town website at: www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

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Town Hours & Holiday Schedule

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Monday, **September 04** - Labor Day
Monday, **October 09** - Columbus Day
Friday, **November 10** - Veteran's Day
Thursday, **November 23** &
Friday **November 24** - Thanksgiving
Monday, **December 25** - Christmas Day
Monday, **January 01, 2024** - New Year's Day

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Food Share Garden Flourishing, Embraces Summer Heat & Humidity

The Lyme Old Lyme Food Share Garden is well into its second growing season at Town Woods Park. Volunteers and plants alike have embraced the summer heat and humidity and the garden is flourishing. In fact, the robust volunteer base has enabled the LOLFSG to plan an onsite expansion of the growing fields and to plant a pollinator pathway adjacent to the garden.

ANNUAL SPONSOR A ROW CAMPAIGN WILL KICK OFF IN EARLY OCTOBER

The LOLFSG is immensely grateful to individuals, families, organizations and businesses who sponsored the garden this season. The annual cost to maintain a garden bed from seed through delivery to a local food pantry is approximately \$250. All money will go directly towards the operating expenses of the garden, including seeds/transplants, fertilizer, weed barrier fabric, irrigation tape, electricity and tools.



In appreciation, each \$250 donation will be recognized with a sign at the garden and on the LOLFSG website. All donations from October 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 will be recognized at the garden during the 2023 season.

OPEN HOUSE

The LOLFSG Open House is returning

on Saturday September 30 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Please join us at the garden at Town Woods Park behind the Field House to tour the garden, enjoy the buzz of the pollinator garden, walk the expansion, meet volunteers and participate in a composting workshop! All ages are welcome.

VOLUNTEERING, VISITING OR SUPPORT

As we grow, we invite all ages to join the organization. Please consider volunteering, visiting the garden, or continuing to support the LOLFSG financially. Updates and additional photos are available through Facebook or <https://www.lolfoodsharegarden.org/>.

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Students Excel at Connecticut Invention Convention & Move to Nationals

The state finals for the Connecticut Invention Convention were held June 10 at the University of Connecticut. Numerous Lyme-Old Lyme students were honored with awards at the state finals, with three students chosen to present their creations at the National Invention Convention. Only twenty-five students from all of Connecticut were chosen to move forward to the national competition, and three of those students will be 6th graders at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School this fall.

Rowan Cantner invented an EZ Talk Helmet which makes it easier to communicate with others during activities such as skiing. Ella Davis created The Clicker Slipper which helps keep track of television and other remote controls. Beckett Goss created the JOE Operating System which makes a computer easier to use.

Each has been invited to attend the National Invention Convention in Dearborn, Michigan in June of 2024 and will be fine-tuning their creations until that time.



Lyme-Old Lyme students Ella Davis, Beckett Goss and Rowan Cantner at the Travelers Invention Symposium.



Ella Davis explaining The Clicker Slipper and the problem it solves.



Beckett "Gig" Goss presenting his Joe OS invention to classmates.



Rowan Cantner demonstrating how his EZ Talk Helmet works.

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OL Social Services maintains an emergency fuel fund for residents who need immediate help or may not qualify for CEAP. We gratefully accept donations to this fund. Checks may be dropped off or mailed to the Town Hall.

EMERGENCY FOOD CLOSET

OL Social Services also maintains a small emergency food closet at the Town Hall. Please consider donating any non-perishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper goods to help residents in need. A drop box for donations is located on the table outside of the main floor Meeting Hall at the Town Hall. All donations are greatly appreciated!

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Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, or by appointment.

INFORMATION

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact: Amy Bonatti, Social Services Coordinator at: 860-434-1605, ext. 228 or email: socialservices@oldlyme-ct.gov.

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Halls Road Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the town considering changes to Halls Road?

In 2015 community members asked for safer pedestrian passage to and from Halls Road. The Halls Road Improvements Committee (HRIC) was formed to address this issue. After several public meetings the town heard that townspeople wanted more than sidewalks and lighting. They wanted the town's commercial area to look more like Old Lyme, to have apartments for older and younger citizens, and to be a more attractive town center than the existing strip centers.

2. What is the Halls Road Master Plan and why was it developed?

A formal Master Plan is an important tool in seeking grants for work on Halls Road, for encouraging investment, and for setting broad goals designed to insure the future of Old Lyme's main shopping district. It covers two main aspects of change:

a. Public Improvements:

Paid for by the town with the help of grants from the state, these include creating sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, cross walks, and a new pedestrian/cycling bridge over the Lieutenant River at the old bridge abutments.

b. Private Investments:

Private investors created the existing Halls Road, and they will create any future Halls Road. The town's role was and is to guide private investment into the channels the town wants and needs. The Master Plan envisions a walkable, bike-able shopping street in a mixed-use neighborhood. This is the most supportive environment for 21st-century retail. It is also attractive for those who want a convenient, walkable neighborhood with smaller-scale housing. None of this is allowed under current zoning (C-30S). The town needs a new, alternative zoning to allow these changes, and to encourage the private investment that will realize the Master Plan.

3. How was this plan developed?

a. Initially, the Yale Urban Design Workshop did valuable CAD drawings of existing conditions and held two public workshops on town planning.

At their departure, it became a home-grown process of creating a vision of the best future Halls Road – one prosperous for businesses and amenities that serve the town. Mixed use, retail visibility, and attractiveness were key goals, as was a safe pedestrian connection to Lyme Street. Volunteers further adapted the "vision statement" in wide-ranging conversations around town.

b. In an Old Lyme EDC economic development study, Advance CT conducted surveys and workshops to identify community needs across Old Lyme.

The future of Halls Road figured prominently in town-wide discussions, which significantly influenced planning.

c. The Town hired BSC Group to help create a formal master plan based on community input and town studies.

The plan was presented in multiple community venues.

4. What were the main findings that informed the master plan? In order of community preference:

a. Any new construction should reflect Old Lyme's small town character.

b. Create a new pedestrian bridge to make a safe connection between Halls Road and the arts, historic and municipal districts on Lyme Street.

c. Businesses would rather be up on a walkable street than be tucked away in a strip center.

d. Older citizens want to stay in Old Lyme. Today, they must leave Old Lyme to find smaller-scale housing options.

5. How was this master plan presented?

HRIC held two open houses at Memorial Town Hall to talk with all comers about the Master Plan. HRIC published the plan on the town website, publicized it, and took the plan to the community with multiple presentations to Commissions, community organizations, and local businesses.

6. How would the public improvements be made and who pays for them?

The town is responsible for public improvements and their cost. The town has applied for grants that can cover a significant part of the costs, and will seek additional grants.

a. The work along Halls Road requires approval from the CT Department of Transportation (DOT).

In July, 2022 the town applied for a grant under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) which is overseen by CT DOT. Their review of this application is also DOT's formal approval of the proposed improvements.

b. The pedestrian bridge and associated trails are not covered under the LOTICIP grant.

The town hired AI Engineers (AIE) to create alternative designs for public review and town approval. AIE will then handle formal design and permitting, create construction documents (CDs), and oversee the construction bid process. The town has received grants to cover AIE's work, and will seek construction grants.

7. How will Private Investment be changed from a commercial only district?

The town has proposed an alternative to the current (and unchanged) C-30S zoning. The Halls Road Overlay District (HROD) gives owners the option to follow its less restrictive rules: In exchange for building a small amount of first-floor front retail along Halls Road, they can build multi-family residential above that, or elsewhere on their property; significantly increasing return per acre.

8. Will my taxes increase if the HROD is used?

No. Development on Halls Road brings new tax revenue to Old Lyme.

9. How does the HROD prevent overdevelopment?

HROD has explicit size and setback limitations. Parking, surface

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coverage, and infrastructure requirements each pose additional limitations on building size and density. Design Guidelines based on the varied styles of Lyme Street define what is and is not acceptable in the HROD. The Design Review Board works with developers to help them create successful projects in keeping with the Guidelines.

10. How will the Private Investment be done and who pays for it?

Owners and developers along Halls Road, whether in C-30S or HROD, are wholly responsible for their own properties and projects. That includes the costs of meeting regulatory requirements of all kinds, including those for water and septic. The town has no responsibility for these private expenses.

11. How does the overlay district affect Old Lyme's housing needs?

There is a pent-up need for smaller-scale housing in the town. Halls Road is a particularly attractive place for this, as it offers easy access to shops and the main town center.

12. Is affordable Housing required?

No, it is not required but can be instituted if the owner chooses to do so.

13. How will changes to Halls Road effect property values?

In general, the HROD allows greater returns per acre than C-30S.

Being attractive to new investment makes property values rise.

14. Can Halls Road stay just like it is today?

No. The world changes, even if we do nothing. Under current market conditions, C-30S zoning and easy highway access drive new investment on Halls Road into highway services (gas stations, fast food, etc.). HROD offers better returns, and thus competition for truck stop developers. We can guide our own future, but we cannot stop change.

Thank you for taking the time to read this FAQ. If you have further questions or comments please contact us at: hallsroadcommittee@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Registrar of Voters

Election Information



- Tuesday, November 7, 2023
 - Polls open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - Voting takes place in the gymnasium of the Lyme-
- Old Lyme Middle School,
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REDUCING PLASTIC USE IS EASY.

1. Stop Using Plastic Cutlery

Have you ever tried to cut a piece of broccoli with a plastic fork? Yeah, not fun. And yet Americans use 100 million plastic utensils every day, much of which comes wrapped in even more plastic. When ordering food online, opt out of receiving plastic utensils.

2. Party Plastic-Free

No party needs those red Solo cups, which may take 450 years to decompose. So why not use real cups?

3. Say Good-bye to Balloons

Many balloons are made of plastic, and when they get away, they can travel for thousands of miles before touching down. Some

birds mistake them for food, and others mistake them for nesting material.

4. Take Advantage of Tap Water

Evian. Fuji. Smart Water. They all sound special—but they really are not any healthier or tastier than tap. In most parts of the world tap is just as safe to drink as that which comes in plastic. Find a reusable bottle that you love, and use it! If you still like Big Water's advertising ploys, reuse the bottles as much as possible.

5. Skip the Plastic Straws

The humble straw: American staple, transporter of sodas and iced tea—and a major threat to wildlife. If you don't need these suckers, don't use them. If you do need to use a straw, try a sustainable alternative.

6. Buy Bulk Foods

Food and packaging containers account for nearly half of all trash in landfills; buying in bulk can help stem that stream.

-Adapted from the National Audubon Society.

For more information on how to reduce waste in Old Lyme go to the Solid Waste and Recycling page of the OLDLYME-CT.GOV



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Assessor	Melinda Kronfeld	434-1605 x218
First Selectmen	Timothy Griswold	434-1605 x211
Board of Selectmen	Matt Ward	434-1605 x212
Board of Selectmen	Martha Shoemaker	434-1605 x212
Building Official	Mark Wayland	434-1605 x230
Emergency Management & Fire Marshal	David Roberge	434-1605 x231
Finance Director (interim)	Kelly Sterner	434-1605 x232
Harbormaster	Harry Plaut	434-1605 x212
Ledge Light Health District		434-1605 x214 860-448-4882
Parks and Recreation	Don Bugbee	434-1605 x235
Police		434-7080
Probate Court	Hon. Jeffrey McNamara	739-6052
Public Works	Ed Adanti	434-1605 x243
Registrar of Voters	Catherine Carter & Jennifer Datum	434-1605 x226
Senior Center	Stephanie Lyon Gould	434-1605 x240
Social Services	Amy Bonatti	434-1605 x228
Tax Collection	Judith Tooker	434-1605 x216
Town Clerk	Vicki Urbowicz	434-1605 x220
Treasurer	Michael Reiter	434-1605 x232
Zoning Enforcement	Eric Knapp	434-1605 x225
OTHER AGENCIES		
Library/Passports	Katie Huffman, Director	434-1684
School District #18	Superintendent of Schools	434-7238
Youth Services Bureau	Mary Seidner, Director	434-7208

Old Lyme - Community Listings

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OLD LYME VISITING NURSE	(860) 434-7808
OLD LYME HISTORICAL SOCIETY	(860) 434-0684
9 TOWN TRANSIT.....	(860) 510-0429
LYME/OLD LYME JR WOMEN'S CLUB	(860) 501-9773
DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE	(860) 434-2271
REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE.....	(860) 434-0740
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MILE CREEK SCHOOL.....	(860) 434-2209
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MIDDLE SCHOOL	(860) 434-2568
LYME/OLD LYME HIGH SCHOOL	(860) 434-1651
LYME CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	(860) 434-1233
MULTICULTURAL MAGNET (NEW LONDON)	(860) 437-7775

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Trash and Recycling

**CURBSIDE TRASH REMOVAL IS PERFORMED
BY CWPM, 860-447-1473.**

There is no trash pick-up on the following Holidays:

Christmas (Dec. 25,) New Year's (Jan. 1,) Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.,) and Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.). Trash normally collected on Thanksgiving will be picked up the next day (Friday,) and regular Friday pickup will be picked up on Saturday. Please be advised that CWPM DOES NOT take off the same holidays as the Town does.

Please have trash container out at curbside by 6:00 am on your assigned day. Containers should be three feet away from any other objects, such as mailboxes, cars, other containers, planters, etc. Please be mindful not to block breakdown/emergency lane with receptacle. Clearly mark your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Phone Michele Hayes at: 860-434-1605, ext. 212 with any additional trash removal questions that you may have.

Single stream curbside recycling pick-up is provided for clean bottles, cans, plastics and paper products co-mingled in the green recycling carts every week. Corrugated cardboard boxes need to be flattened for recycling. A complete list of acceptable single stream recyclables is available on the Town's website at: www.oldlyme-ct.gov - click the trash and recycling link. Information is also available in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, and at the Landfill/Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Please phone Michele Hayes at: 860-434-1605, ext. 212 with any additional questions you may have.

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Recycling information is available on the Town's website at: www.oldlyme-ct.gov, as well as in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Clearly mark your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Phone Michele Hayes at: 860-434-1605, ext. 212 with additional questions you may have.

Additional automated trash and recycling containers should be ordered through Michele Hayes at: 860-434-1605, ext. 212 in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street. Containers cost \$90. Please mark clearly your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Homeowners are responsible to replace lost, stolen or broken cans at their expense.

Transfer Station Information

TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL HOURS

The Transfer Station is located on Four Mile River Road and is open Tuesday - Friday, 7:30 am - 3:45 pm, Saturday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Taxpayers' vehicles should have a Transfer Station sticker affixed to the right-hand side of windshield. Vehicles without a sticker should bring proof of property address (i.e., tax bill, mortgage statement or closing papers,) along with a driver's license and registration.

Electronics are now accepted at the Transfer Station:

Residents can bring the following items to the Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road: computers (personal computers, mainframes, med-range computers, laptops); networking equipment (hubs, switches, control cards, etc.); computer monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, adaptors, stereos, speakers, VCR's, scanners, fax machines, copiers telephones and telephone systems, computer wire and cable; computer drives and storage devices (floppy drives, CD ROMs, hard drives,) power supplies, circuit boards, microwaves, scrap copper (cable, pipe, etc.), scrap aluminum (machine and machine parts, cable extrusions, etc.), fluorescent light bulbs, UPA (uninterrupted power supply) batteries, and related computer and electronic equipment.

Recycling Area: No fees for the following items (with windshield sticker.) *Waste Oil *Motor vehicle batteries *Small appliances (no freon) *Mattress & box springs *Covered and non-covered electronic devices *Fluorescent light bulbs *UPS (uninterrupted power supply) batteries, and related computer and electronic equipment.

FEES APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Tires: Auto w/no rim \$6 each, Auto w/rim \$10 each, Light Truck \$10 each. *No Retail or Wholesale Tire Outlets.*

Upholstered furniture: Large \$10 per item, Small \$5 per item

Carpet: 8x10+ \$10 per item; 8x10 or less \$5 per item

Appliances with Freon: \$10 each

Propane tanks: Tanks 20 pounds (grill size) \$3.

Bulky Waste and Demolition: Vehicles will be charged by weight at 7.5 cents per pound or \$150 per ton. Loads less than 100 lbs. are charged a minimum fee of \$7.50. Recyclables should

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not be mixed in the same load with Bulky Waste or Demolition Debris.

Brush is charged on a per load basis with a \$5 minimum, 3 cents per pound or \$60 per ton. No wood or limbs thicker than four inches are accepted.

Grass clippings are not allowed at the Transfer Station be-

cause of chemical contamination from pesticides and fertilizers and **cannot be deposited in your trash can**. Please compost on your property.

Leaves: No commercial leaf disposal is allowed; minimum charge is \$5; Pickup truck or small trailer charge is \$15; larger vehicles/trailers – Charge determined by Town personnel. *Resident must empty and remove paper or plastic bags.*

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Current Connecticut law allows taxpayers to deduct 100% of their pension and annuity income if their federal adjusted gross income is less than \$75,000 for single filers /married filing separately /heads of household and \$100,000 for joint filers. Unfortunately, there is a cliff provision that eliminates the deduction should the tax filer(s) exceed those income limits. For many, beginning with the 2024 tax year, this cliff will be eliminated and substituted with a phase-out. As a result, single filers with AGIs of at least \$75,000 but less than \$100,000 and joint filers with AGIs of \$100,000 but less than \$150,000 will be able to deduct a portion of their pension and annuity income.

In addition, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) will begin to receive beneficial tax treatment starting with the current tax year. 25% of IRA income can be deducted this year, 50% in 2024, 75%

in 2025, and 100% in 2026. Income thresholds are identical to those used for the pension and annuity deduction. Similarly, the cliff becomes a phase-out beginning in 2024. These rules do not apply to ROTH IRAs.

Unchanged in the budget, taxpayers may deduct 100% of their federally taxable Social Security income if their AGI is below \$75,000 for single filers (or MFS) or \$100,000 for joint filers and heads of household. Taxpayers with AGIs equal to or above these thresholds qualify for a partial deduction through which no more than 25% of their total Social Security benefits received are subject to tax.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

Devin Carney, State Representative



Tax Department

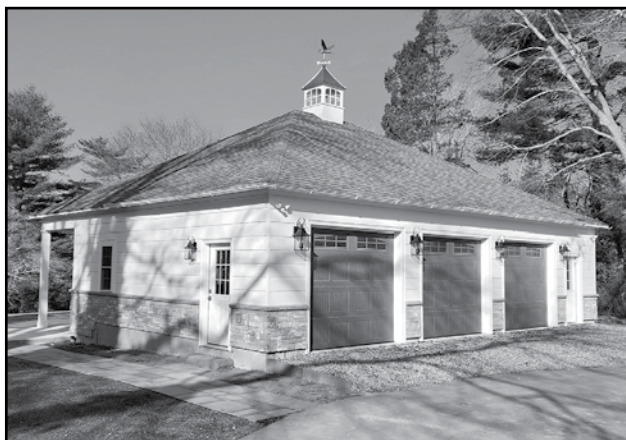
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Fall Events - September 5 – December 4

September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

And we're celebrating by giving away a Phoebe swag bag! Enter to win by signing up for a library card. Already have a card? Great! Library card holders can enter to win by sharing a Library social media post, attending a program, or mentioning sign up month to the staff.

Events for All Ages

- **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY**

Wednesday, 9/6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

- **NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY
COMMUNITY FILM**

Thursday, 9/28, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- **BANNED BOOKS WEEK:**

Let Freedom Read! Read In to Speak Out

Sunday, 10/1, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

- **PHOEBE'S HAUNTED BOOK CELLAR:
Malice in Wonderland!**

Tuesday, 10/31, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

- **SWIFTY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY!**

Friday, 11/10, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Children's Events

Julie Bartley/Children's Librarian

jbartley@oldlymelibrary.org | 860.434.1684

- **CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (all ages)**

Tuesdays, (9/12-10/17 & 11/7-12/12) 11:00 am

- **PHOEBE'S WEE READERS BABY PLAYGROUP
(infants to 3)**

Thursdays, (9/14-10/19 & 11/9-12/14) 11:00 am

- **MEET THE CHICKENS!**

Wednesday, 9/13, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

- **MUSIC WITH MARGIE:**

Falling into Autumn!

Wednesday, 10/11, 5:30 pm

- **WONKA WONDERLAND:**

After School Movie Screening

Wednesday, 12/13, 3:00 - 5:00 pm



Teen Events & Activities

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ndesis@oldlymelibrary.org | 860-434-1684

The Teen Department is currently accepting new volunteers in grades 7 and up! Visit <https://oldlymelibrary.org/tlcapp/> to apply.

- **ORIENTATION FOR FALL VOLUNTEERS**

Friday, 9/29, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

- **TEEN MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday, 10/13, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- **HAUNTED BOOK CELLAR WORKDAYS
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Adult Events

Linda Alexander, Public Services Manager

laalexander@oldlymelibrary.org

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- **CONTEMPORARY CLASSICS BOOK DISCUSSIONS
with Marsha Bansavage via Zoom**

Tuesday, 9/5, Mondays, 10/2, 11/6, & 12/4, 7:00 pm

- **BUILDING A LASTING LEGACY:**

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Wednesday, 9/6, 6:30 pm

- **CHAT GPT: Let's Talk About It**

Wednesday, 9/13, 6:30 pm

- **PHOEBE'S MORNING BOOK CHAT**

Thursdays, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 11:00 am

- **ART SHOW OPENING: Photographer Tony Donovan**

Thursday, 9/14, 7:00 pm

- **NATIONAL INDOOR PLANT WEEK:**

Annual Houseplant and Cutting Giveaway

Starting Monday, 9/18 while supplies last

- **FARAWAY FICTION BOOK CHAT**

Wednesdays, 9/20 & 11/15, 6:30 pm

- **PLANTING NATIVE**

with Nancy Ballek

Wednesday, 9/27, 6:30 pm



- **GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS FOR MONARCHS & POLLINATORS**

Wednesday, 10/4, 6:30 pm

- **STAND UP TO ANTISEMITISM AND HATE:**

What it Is and What We Can Do About it Together

Wednesday, 10/11, 7:00 pm

- **ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY**

Saturday, 10/14, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

- **DARK NONFICTION BOOK CLUB**

Wednesdays, 10/18 & 11/8, 6:30 pm

- **IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

Wednesdays, 10/25 & 11/8, 6:30 pm

- **STARGAZING AND MOONGAZING**

with the Astronomical Society of New Haven

Saturday, 11/4, 8:00 pm

- **LOCAL AUTHOR TALK: Ron Farina**

Saturday, 11/11, 1:00 pm

- **VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS**

Lidia Bastianich,	Thursday, 9/7, 7:00 pm
Adam Alter,	Wednesday, 9/20, 2:00 pm
Amor Towles,	Wednesday, 9/27, 8:00 pm
John Irving,	Thursday, 10/26, 7:00 pm

- **PHOEBE'S MEDITATION**

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- **MAHJONGG CLUB**

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Phoebe's BookCellar

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Friday, December 1 & Saturday, December 2

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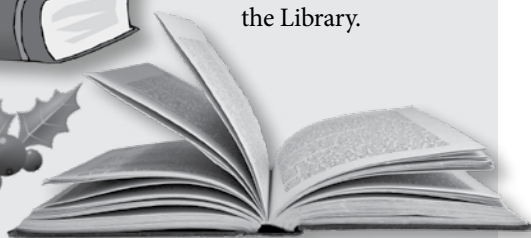


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As of September 30th, we will no longer be using our building to make room for our expansion and renovation. Rest assured that our programming will go on! Starting Monday, October 16th our programs will resume in multiple locations.

We can still be reached by phone at: 860-434-1605 ext 240 and by email at: seniorcenter@oldlyme-ct.gov.

We will have office hours starting October 16th, Monday- Friday from 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the American Legion Room at the Old

Lyme Town Hall. Although some locations are still being decided, the programs that have confirmed locations are listed below.

Please know that staff and volunteers will be on site to help you find your way. I would like to thank all the various locations for their graciousness in our time of need. Without their hospitality and cooperation, our programs & services would be severely diminished. I would also like to thank our members for their flexibility and continued patience.

Below is just a Small Portion of Our Offerings

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION at: <http://seniorcenterct.org>

CLASS / LECTURES / EVENTS	START DATE	FREQUENCY	TIME	PLACE
MONDAY				
Why Weights Class	Oct. 16th	Every Monday	8:30 am	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Tap Class 1 & 2	Oct. 16th	Every Monday	9:30 & 10:15 am	The Dance Studio of Old Lyme
Blood Pressure Clinic	Oct. 16th	Every Monday	11:00-1:00 am	OL Town Hall (Lobby)
TUESDAY				
Tai Ji Quan	Oct. 17th	Every Tuesday	8:30 am	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Sit and Be Fit	Oct. 17th	Every Tuesday	10:15 am	First Congregational Church
Lunch	Oct. 10th	Every Tuesday	12:00 am	First Congregational Church
Blood Pressure Clinic	Oct. 17th	Every Tuesday	11:00-1:00 am	First Congregational Church
Setback Card Game	Oct. 17th	Every Tuesday	1:00 am	St. Anne's Church
We "Felt" It	Nov. 7th	First Tuesday	1:00 pm	OL Town Hall (Mezzanine Conference Room)
Pedicures	Nov. 7th	Tues. Before 2nd Thursday	10:30-2:00 pm	Lyme Library
WEDNESDAY				
Low Impact	Oct. 18th	Every Wednesday	8:30 am	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Yoga Movement	Oct. 18th	Every Wednesday	10:00 am	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Veterans Coffeehouse	Oct. 18th	Third Wednesday	9:45 am	St. Anne's Church
Lunch	Oct. 10th	Every Wednesday	12:00 pm	First Congregational Church
Reiki	Oct. 18th	1st and 3rd Wednesday	1:30-4:30 pm	Lyme Library
Knit-Wits Knitting	Oct. 25th	2nd and 4th Wednesday	10:00-12:00 pm	OL Town Hall (Mezzanine Conference Room)
Blood Pressure Clinic	Oct. 18th	Every Wednesday	11:00-1:00 pm	First Congregational Church
THURSDAY				
Why Weights Class	Oct. 19th	Every Thursday	8:30 am	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Lunch	Oct. 19th	Every Thursday	12:00 pm	Congregational Church
Blood Pressure Clinic	Oct. 19th	Every Thursday	11:00-1:00 pm	Congregational Church
Nickel, Nickel	Oct. 19th	Every Thursday	1:00 pm	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Duplicate Bridge	Oct. 19th	Every Thursday	12:30 pm	St. Anne's Church
Manicures	Nov. 2nd	1st Thursday	10:30-2:00 pm	Lyme Library
Pedicures	Nov. 9th	2nd Thursday	10:30-2:00 pm	Lyme Library
Foot Care Clinic	Nov. 16th	3rd Thurs. Every Other Month	10:30-4:00 pm	Lyme Library
FRIDAY				
Low Impact	Oct. 21st	Every Friday	8:30 am	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Painting/Art Workshop	Oct. 21st	Every Friday	9:00-12:00 pm	St. Anne's Church (Room)
4S Class	Oct. 21st	Every Friday	10:15 am	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Blood Pressure Clinic	Oct. 21st	Every Friday	11:00-1:00 pm	OL Town Hall (Lobby)
Line Dancing	Oct. 21st	Every Friday	2:15 pm	Rogers Lake Clubhouse
Cribbage	Oct. 21st	Every Friday	1:00 pm	St. Anne's Church

Duck River Garden Club Kicks Off a New Year



Old Lyme's Duck River Garden Club is kicking off a new year in September. Our members have been busy this summer.

We maintain many civic beautification sites in town including The OL Town Hall, McCurdy Road Island, the Town Entrance/Exit 70, Post Office on Halls Road, as well as containers at the Town Green on Lyme Street and Sill Lane, and the Lymes' Senior Center. The club has focused on adding native and pollinator-friendly plants to the sites. You may have seen the lovely flower arrangements in the Old Lyme Library which members create weekly.

We resume our monthly educational programs and club meetings on September 27 in Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall. September will include a tailgate plant exchange and an informative lecture on the **ABCs of Fall to Winter** garden prep that will ensure the best growing environment for spring.

In October, the program will be about adding color to your garden with exciting mixtures of bulbs and perennials. November's program will feature crafting a nature inspired holiday arrangement.

Please check the club's website at: www.oldlymeduckrivergc.org for updates or follow the club's Facebook page. Thank you for supporting DRGC's annual plant sale in May. The proceeds support our educational programs, scholarships, and civic beautification.



We welcome new members.

Please contact Linda Clough, DRGC President, at email: Linda.clough1226@comcast.net or 860-601-0446. Membership information is available on the website.



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LYME / OLD LYME PREVENTION COALITION

Our mission is to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use among youth by collaborating with the community to raise awareness, modify social norms, educate youth and adults, initiate policy change and promote healthy activities. Our group includes parents, youth, school administrators, police, and community members. Join us at our next meeting for new information and an opportunity to build a safer community for our youth. Meetings are virtual on ZOOM with the dates / times available on our website at: www.lysb.org/prevention.

LYME / OLD LYME: In it Together Podcast

The Lyme / Old Lyme: In it Together Podcast is a joint project between LYSB and the L / OL Prevention Coalition with topics about raising healthy families. Co-hosted by Alli Behnke, MSW, Gavin Lodge, and LOLHS youth, we discuss parenting, substance use, prevention, raising families in CT, collaborating as a community, etc. Find us at: www.lysb.org/podcast to follow us on platforms: Stitcher, Apple Podcast, and Spotify.

DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Lyme Street Fire House, 69 Lyme St., Old Lyme.

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) and the Lyme / Old Lyme (LOL) Prevention Coalition will give residents another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs. This event is free and anonymous — no questions asked.

PLAYGROUPS!!! at Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

Starting in September. Too many to list here!

- Pre-PreSchool Playgroup
- Sensory Playgroup
- Music with Mallory
- Fun With Ones
- Baby Signs



- Babies Group & Infant Massage

LYSB offers a variety of playgroups based on child's age and interest. For a full description of our groups visit our website at: www.lysb.org. LYSB is always looking for new facilitators for playgroups. Let us know if you're interested!

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC)

Every Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

YAC is a high school community service club that participates in a variety of fun projects and activities throughout the year. All high school students in L / OL are welcome to join us, fun is guaranteed!

Register at: www.lysb.org



JR. YAC (Youth Advisory Council)

First Wednesday of the month, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Jr. YAC is a community service group open to all middle school students interested in helping out within their community. Jr. YAC members will work alongside High School Youth Advisory members on a variety of community service events that come our way. This program is free but all participants must register. Space limited. Register at: www.lysb.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Every Tuesday & Thursday, 2:15 - 4:00 pm at LYSB.

This is a drop in program and a permission slip is required. Come hang out with your friends while listening to music, playing ping pong, games, Wii, crafts & snacks. Students can walk to LYSB from the Middle School, and may get a pass for the LOLMS late bus. Registration fee: \$50/year. Register online at: www.lysb.org.

ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (Grades 2-5)

Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Come to the LYSB Etherington Activity Center to hang out with your friends and participate in a variety of fun activities. We'll do arts and crafts projects as well as play basketball, games, and much more! Snacks and refreshments are provided. Students from Mile Creek and Lyme Schools will take the bus directly to LYSB. Space is very limited. To register online visit us at: www.lysb.org.

PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY

Saturday, October 21, 1:00 pm at LYSB

\$12 per pumpkin

Why mess up your own house? Join us outside at LYSB for an afternoon of family pumpkin painting fun. Register at: www.lysb.org.



HALLOWEEN PARTY & COSTUME PARADE

Monday, October 31,

Party 5:00 - 6:00 pm,

Costume Parade 6:15 pm

LYSB hosts an annual Halloween Party for children ages 12 months through 2nd grade. This is a free, fun family event offering games, crafts, photo booth fun, face painting, and more. All "little goblins" must be accompanied by an adult. The traditional costume parade will leave the firehouse at 6:15 pm. when all party participants can march down Lyme St. behind a fire truck!



LYSB HOLIDAY PARTIES

Sunday, December 3rd, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

LYSB's annual fundraiser that brings neighbors together to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season while raising funds for our holiday giving program.



30 simultaneous parties throughout Lyme and Old Lyme are now being planned and we want to make sure you get an invitation. If you are interested in hosting a party, or adding your name to the invite list, please contact us at: 860-434-7208 x0.

GIRLS CIRCLE

A three week empowerment program for girls

For grades 6-8:

Three Mondays: October 16, 23, 30, 2:15 - 4:00 pm

For grades 4-5:

Three Tuesdays: October 6, 13, 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

"The shortest distance between isolation and belonging is a Circle."

Join us each week for a new theme and activity designed to increase girls' self esteem, body image, and social support.

During this program girls will:

- Develop connections and feel included
- Build strong interpersonal skills
- Strengthen self-care and well-being, even under stress
- Dissolve barriers to respect, confidence, and empathy
- Nurture friendships

This program is free. Space limited. Register at: www.lysb.org

SITTER SAFETY CLASS

Three Mondays, November 6, 13, 27, 2:10 - 4:00 pm

An intense sitter safety and training course appropriate for babysitters, big brothers and sisters, and children staying home alone for the first time. This course touches on a variety of safety skills such as basic first aid, fire safety, and 911 skills. Fee is \$50 and includes supplies, snacks, and guest speakers.

CPR FOR BABYSITTERS

Monday, December 3, 2:10 - 3:30 pm

Add this valuable class to your LYSB babysitter's course and learn how to save a life! Learn CPR and how to clear a blocked airway in children and infants. Parents want to hire babysitters who know CPR and can help kids who are choking. Instructors will teach you everything you need to know to provide lifesaving care during a cardiac or choking emergency in this class. Class cost is \$55 and awards a Certificate of Completion. Scholarships available.



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Visit the website for more information at: <http://www.211.org/#>

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Two Local Treasures to be Proud Of



Martha Marx,
State Senator

One of the many wonderful things about our community is the great local resources and organizations that work every day to provide public services and new opportunities for learning and growth for so many in town. This summer, I had the pleasure of visiting some of these local treasures, learning more about how they operate, the benefits they provide for all of us

and how they can receive further support from the state.

My recent travels included a stop at the more-than-200-year-old **Florence Griswold Museum**, an art museum on Lyme Street focused on the works of Florence Griswold. The beautiful museum hosts a collection of thrilling and intricate artworks from famous artists around Connecticut and the world, providing enrichment right here in our backyards. Additionally, the museum has the Florence Griswold House,

a boardinghouse owned by the famous artist, which has been preserved to be effectively a modern portal back to the early 1900s. This local relic provides historical and artistic enrichment for the community.

I also had the privilege to visit **High Hopes of Old Lyme**, an organization providing therapeutic horse riding opportunities to people including veterans and youth who have experienced trauma. Their experiences learning to coexist and ride the horses provide new connections that can help them learn and grow, and High Hopes has aided more than 1,000 people through its programs.

Any community with one such organization should be proud of its local treasures. For us to have two – and these are just the tip of the iceberg – is a wonderful thing, and one that should foster pride in our Old Lyme community.

Martha Marx,
State Senator

Town Clerk's Office

Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk | Courtney C. Joy, Assistant Town Clerk

Congratulations!

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:

April

David William Middleton & Donna May Mann
Ryan Thomas Kiernan & Rachel Victoria Hourigan
Gregory Allen Tarca & Ainsley Duffy McGill
Maya Chalese Cooper & Brittiney Maria Gallagher

May

Luis Fernando Zeledon Palacios & Mio Sakai
Larry Emmanuel Grijalva & Julie Marie Jeski
Joseph Louis Anthony, II & Katy Marie Elkins
Joseph Bernard Gaffney & Jessica Solanda Nowillo

June

Shane Richard Battista & Olivia Rose Norris
James Clement Van Pelt, Jr. & Anna Coble Mock
Vincent Frank Fiore & Elise Anne Gilchrist
Brett Andersen Davis & Emily Ruth Surprenant
Patrick Dennis Hallahan & Samantha Abdel Arbuckle-Moarsi
Brandon Anthony Bates & Maureen Lucrezia Spalluto
Jordan Vincent LaPlaca & Caitlin Ellen Read
Walter Antonio Oporto-Rodriguez & Lisbet Yosery
Carcamo Martinez
Kafui Makafui Fessi & Kenneth Charles Green
Nicholas Ryan Klock & Danielle Irene Miano
Stacy Raymond Kosecki & Makayla Lynn McCoy
Christopher Sebastian Amato & Amanda Denise Tufano

With Sympathy

We would like to express our condolences to the families of recently deceased Old Lyme residents:

April

Constance Leone Gray
George Joseph Perchal
Stephen J. Joncus
Ernest J. Worster
Timothy Andrew Eastland
Janet Anne Elizabeth Hine

Berniece Carney
Lorraine Dean Reynolds
Ann M. Griffith
Thomas V. Yourell

May

Renni Ridgeway-Korsmeyer

Richard Allen Hashagen
Hans-Jürgen Hess
Bruce Michael Dooley, Sr.
Rose C. Papuzynski

June

Rita Ellen Krajewski

Adrienne Dodakian
Bruce William Pearce
Timothy Alan Greenwood
Jane Gray Clark
Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
Richard Milton Dressler
Stephen R. Kevitt

Upcoming Events at the Lyme Library

September 5h-December 4th

"The Sweet Spot"

the Lyme Library's Coffee Cafe

Tuesday, September 5, 10:30 am

Tuesday, October 13, 10:30 am

Lyme Public Library's Community Room

Email programreg@lymepl.org to register for the event.

Join your friends and family and learn more about what's happening at the library. Meets at the library every first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.



"The Thought-Filled Conversations" Book Club (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 5, 4:00 pm

Zoom

Email programreg@lymepl.org to register and receive the Zoom meeting invitation.

This is a book club devoted to exploring the history of both conservative and liberal thought on American politics and society. The club will meet via Zoom. A great way to prepare for the club's meeting is to read this online article at: <https://values.institute/conservative-vs-progressive-values-what-is-the-difference/>.

September's title: *The Right: The Hundred-Year War for American Conservatism* by Matthew Continetti

"Going Green 101 for Homeowners: Projects with impact and the Financial Considerations" with Rudy Stark of Connecticut Green Bank

Tuesday, September 5, 6:00 pm

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Email programreg@lymepl.org to register.

Rudy Stark of Connecticut Green Bank will present on what projects homeowners might consider for reducing energy use and talk about what funding resources are available in Connecticut.

"The History of the Nehantic Nation: Past, Present and Future" with John Pfeiffer

Thursday, September 14, 6:00 pm

Lyme Public Library-Community Room

Call 860-434-2272 or email to: programreg@lymepl.org

Historian John Pfeiffer will discuss this "myth of extinction" of the Nehantic Nation during his lecture and educate us on the past, present, and future of the Nehantic people in Connecticut and beyond.



Yoga and Meditation

with Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga

Friday, September 15, 10:30 am

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

\$10.00 per class paid to the instructor at the door. Participants should bring yoga mats if they have them. Experience is not necessary.

"As the Page Turns"

Lyme Library / Lyme Senior Center Book Club

Friday, September 15, 1:00 pm

Friday, October 20, 1:00 pm

Friday, November 17, 1:00 pm

Lyme Public Library Community Room

To register call 860-434-2272 or email: programreg@lymepl.org

The selected book for the month can be picked up at the Lyme Public Library circulation desk. This month's book is: *"Learning to Die in Miami: Confessions of a Refugee Boy"* by Carlos Eire.

One-on-One Tech Support Help Day

with Pastor Sue Latourette

Saturday, September 16, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Lyme Library Conference Room

Sign-up sheets at the Lyme Library Circulation Desk

Please come to the library and sign-up for one (or more) of the ½ time slots. All we will need is your name, contact information and a brief description of your technology issue. Make sure to bring along all the charging plugs, etc. for your devices and have your usernames and passwords available.



The Lyme Library "Stitchcraft" Club

Saturday, September 23, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Saturday, October 28, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 25, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Lyme Public Library's Periodicals Room

Email: programreg@lymepl.org to register.

If you enjoy knitting, embroidery, crochet, cross stitch, quilting or any other form of easily portable hand crafts join us on the 4th Saturday of each month. This is the perfect opportunity to gain experience and expand your creativity.

Lyme Library American Mah Jongg Club

Tuesday, September 26, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Email: programreg@lymepl.org to register

Every last Tuesday of the month is the meeting of the Lyme Library American Mah Jongg Club. Previous experience playing Mah Jongg is preferred. If you have your own set of tiles you are encouraged to bring them along.

Poetry as Memoir: A Workshop with Bessy Reyna

Saturday, September 30, 2:00 pm

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Register by emailing: programreg@lymepl.org

Award winning poet and journalist, Bessy Reyna will guide participants in how to use their original poetry to compile their own memoirs.

The History of Colonial Witch-Hunting in Connecticut with Beth Caruso

Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Register by emailing: programreg@lymepl.org

Beth M. Caruso discusses the overwhelming factors that led to the beginning of the witch trials in colonial New England and the history of CT resident Alice "Else" Young, the first colonial hanging victim.



Lyme Public Library Cookbook Club

Saturday, October 14, 1:00 pm

Saturday, November 11, 1:00 pm

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Email: programreg@lymepl.org to register.

Monthly cookbook club where the participants will be using recipes from a particular cookbook and making items to share with the group. Build your culinary skills and share with others.

Art Exhibit

by Angie Falstrom

December 1 - January 30

Lyme Library Community Room

Call 860-434-2272 for more information.

The paintings of local artist Angie Falstrom will be next featured in our continuing series of exhibitions in the community room.



Parks & Recreation Fall Programs for Children & Adults

Registration has begun for the fall Parks & Recreation programs.

Visit the Parks & Recreation page on the Town website to see all the fun activities being offered and to register.

ADULT PROGRAMS	Day	Location	Time	Dates
Zumba	Tuesdays	Center School Gym	5:30 - 6:30 pm	9/12 - 10/30
Soccer League	Sundays	Town Woods Park	4:00 - 6:00 pm	9/10 - 10/29
Basketball				9/13 - 11/29
Volleyball	Thursdays	High School Gym	6:00 - 8:00 pm	9/14 - 11/16
YOUTH PROGRAMS				
Pre-K - 5th Grade				
Soccer	Saturdays	Town Woods Park		9/16 - 10/28



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Exciting News, the Courts at Cross Lane Park are Being Refurbished!

So get ready to level up your game of basketball, tennis and pickleball! The two basketball courts and two of the tennis courts are being reconstructed.

The third tennis court area is being made into four pickleball courts. The courts will be closed to the public for the next several weeks.



The Old Lyme Town Band



The Old Lyme Town Band finished its 48th summer season with a bang when it played its complete concert for the rescheduled Old Lyme fireworks. As the band watched the fireworks after their performance, there was lightning in the distance behind us and a beautiful display in front!

The band's fall and winter season begins Monday, September 18th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the hall of Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Lane. The 40-member band which is under the direction of Richard Chiapetta, welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. Some of our long-time members joined us saying they haven't played in years and are still with us. For questions or more information, please call band president Brian Girasoli, 860-608-2405.



55 Lyme Street
Drawing by Edie Twining Design.

Old Lyme Historical Society

Located in the former Grange Hall at 55 Lyme Street, OLHSI is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to researching, preserving, and sharing the history of Old Lyme.

Old Lyme's summer has been beautiful. As OLHSI makes ready for fall, we hope you'll join us!

Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 pm

Noted historian and re-enactor Kevin Johnson will present, in character, The Life and Times of Pfc. William Webb, a Connecticut-born African-American veteran of the 29th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. Johnson's portrayal has been widely acclaimed, and we look forward to his presentation at 55 Lyme Street.

In October (date TBD)

Michaëlle Pearson and Jim Lampos will lead a Tour of the Duck River Cemetery. Dating from the 1690s, Duck River is the largest and one of the oldest cemeteries in town. It is the resting place of many notable characters in the history of Lyme and Old Lyme. Please check our web site for details.

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm

At 55 Lyme Street, historian Bruce Stark will talk about his latest book: *The Myth and Reality of Slavery in Eastern Connecticut*. Prompted in rebuttal of an ill-founded claim that "slave plantations" existed in 18th century Connecticut. The book explores the realities of slavery, tenant farming, and absentee landlords in that era, focusing on Lyme and Salem (then New Salem). Clashes between Patriot and Tory were played out in the context of these economic realities. These important aspects of Colonial life are rarely covered in the survey histories we all grew up with. We welcome the opportunity to get a more rounded view.

Tuesday, October 31

OLHSI will join our neighbors on Lyme Street in celebration of Halloween. The early evening is a procession of the most amazing collection of princesses, monsters, and fantastic beings of all sorts. If you have little ones, we highly recommend a stroll by 55 Lyme Street.

For the latest details on these and other happenings of the Old Lyme Historical Society, please see our website.



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A Stately Home Called Boxwood

BOXWOOD

Boxwood, one of the Old Lyme Historic District's landmarks, is the oldest of only three brick buildings in the District. The others are the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library (1897) and the Old Lyme Fire Department (1961.)

In 1842 Richard Sill Griswold, who was employed by his family's prosperous New York shipping firm, built the stately home at 9 Lyme Street that today is called Boxwood. The house stands on land that Richard's wife Frances Mather Griswold inherited from her father James Mather. The property passed to Richard Sill Griswold, Jr., who retired from the brass manufacturing business in Waterford and renovated his father's estate. He added a north wing and a third story and also installed elaborate boxwood gardens behind the house. The expansion allowed his wife, Rosa Brown Griswold, to open the **Boxwood School for Girls** in 1890. Summer Lyme School of Art classes were held at Boxwood in the early 1900s. In the 1930s the home became a popular summer inn called Boxwood Manor.

Dr. Matthew Griswold purchased the property in 1958 after the inn closed, remodeling it into 19 rental apartments. After the Griswold family sold Boxwood in 1975, it was converted to condominiums.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Old Lyme Inn at 85 Lyme Street occupies a house built by Daniel Chadwick in the mid-19th century. The Champlain family later acquired the house, which sat on their 360-acre farm. The Old Lyme Inn opened in 1976, succeeding the Bar-bizon Oak Inn, which operated from the mid 1950s into the 1960s.

Thanks to Kevin Cole for his correction concerning a previous Old Lyme Events note about the A&P grocery store. In the 1930s, the A&P was not located at 34 Lyme Street, now an ice cream shop. That property was Murph Saunders's auto service business. The A&P was immediately to the north, in a building no longer standing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more about Boxwood, read "*Landmarks: Painted Gardens, Part I – Boxwood Manor*," <https://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/landmarks-painted-gardens-part-1-boxwood-manor/>, and "*Landmarks: Old Lyme Inns in the Mid-20th Century*," <https://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/landmarks-old-lyme-inns-in-the-mid-20th-century/>.

For information about the Historic District Commission, visit us at: <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/352/Historic-District-Commission>.



Musical Masterworks

September 4, 2023 - Dececeber 4, 2023

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 3:00 pm

First Congregational Church, Old Lyme
4 Lyme Street, Old Lyme

This season we have a wealth of artists new to Musical Masterworks, making music heard nowhere else but here, in October we debut four new MM newcomers.

Amy Yang, Piano
Alexi Kenney, Violin
Tessa Lark, Violin
Melissa Reardon, Viola
Alice Yoo, Cello

Rameau, La joyeuse
Lark, The Gemini

Rameau, Le Rappel des oiseaux
Lark, The Poet

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Dvořák, Silent Woods for Cello
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ABANDON IN PLACE: The Worlds of Anna Audette
on view September 30, 2023, through January 28, 2024.



Photograph of Anna Held Audette,
c. 1979. Courtesy of Louis G. Audette.

Connecticut artist Anna Held Audette (1938–2013) discerned loveliness in decay, creating monumental oil paintings of the dis-used factories, machines, and scrapyards that are America's ruins.

Her works, positioned somewhere between landscape, still life, and

abstraction, reference the arc of America's ascendance and decline as a manufacturing titan.

Appreciative of art and architecture from across the ages, Audette perceived transcendent humanity and ingenuity vested in the crafted objects and spaces that caught her eye, defying expectations for women artists by embracing the inhospitable places recorded in her work.

The Museum's very popular annual
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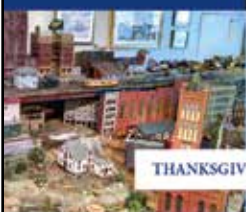
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Autumn Colors at The Lyme Art Association

Many Wonderful Things to Experience This Fall and Beyond

As fall begins, the Lyme Art Association (LAA) doors open once again for our annual juried show that wows viewers with the beauty of autumn colors, **New England Landscape. On view from September 30 – November 9**, it is sure to warm hearts.

Running concurrently and juried by Peter Anton, is **Bon Appetit**, an appetizing feast for the eyes that takes viewers on a visual culinary journey by creating captivating pieces that look good enough to eat.

Wrapping up this year's exhibitions are **Deck the Walls and Our Fragile Planet on view November 17 – December 31**. Deck the Walls provides a great opportunity to find a gift for your favorite art lover, while Our Fragile Planet displays the majesty and preciousness of life on our planet.

LAA's wonderful art programming picks up again this fall with classes and workshops **starting September 25**. Michael Laiuppa's **"Hands-On Hands"** workshop will help students meet a challenging topic: painting the human hand. The dynamic teaching duo Howard Park & Lisa Miceli will run three great classes: **"Seascapes & Boats," "Fall Landscapes"** and **"When Is Your Painting Done?"** Visit LAA's website to see our full schedule, including classes by Jeanne Potter, Jack Montmeat, and more.

On October 19, LAA's spectacular fundraiser **"Palate to Palette"** returns. This wonderful event includes a fun-filled art auction, live music, and food from premier shoreline restaurants and caterers. **Then on October 21**, bring the family to **Pumpkin Day** at LAA for more live music and art for all!

Finally, a huge thank you to the whole community for making this Summer's Skylight Project possible. Come visit the gallery this fall and see the exhibits illuminated by our beautiful new skylights, which will keep Old Lyme's historic landmark safe from storms and sustainable for its next hundred years.

Founded by American Impressionists and located in a skylit 1921 building with world-class galleries and studio, LAA exhibits over 2,000 artworks each year in themed, juried shows. LAA offers classes, plus enriching programs for the community and artists. Free admission; contributions appreciated.

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The 2023 Harvest Festival at Christ the King Church offers something for everyone! Start your day browsing the bargains at the gigantic King's Rummage Sale, where you'll find housewares and kitchen items; books, CDs and DVDs; holiday decorations; fabulous furniture;

jewelry; artwork; toys; and more! Let the kids try their luck at the Games and Crafts, such as Soccer Kick, Hockey Shot, Bowling, and Paint-a-Pumpkin.

You can bid on creative themed baskets, gift certificates, original artwork, and unique items at the Silent Auction.

Come hungry so you can enjoy lunch served up by the Men's Club - with live entertainment from talented local musicians!

Then pick out a tasty treat from the homemade goodies at the Bake Sale! But don't go home without stopping by the Fall Plants & Produce stand on your way out, to choose some pumpkins, mums, or ornamentals for your front porch.

If you can't get there Saturday, you can still check out the Rummage Sale, Plant Sale, and the Silent Auction on Sunday morning, September 17, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. (*On Sunday, Rummage Sale items will be half price!*)

As always, admission to Christ the King's Harvest Festival is FREE!

Christ the King Church is located at: 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme.

Information

Visit our website at: www.christthekingchurch.net for directions. **Follow us on Facebook** (@ChristtheKingChurch OldLyme) for regular updates! For more information, email: ctkharvestfestival@gmail.com or call: 860-434-1669.



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Lyme Academy of Fine Arts A New Season of Educational Programs

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The Lyme Academy's Young Masters Afterschool Program provides students ages 12 and up with one-on-one instruction in observational drawing, painting, and sculpture. Students are guided through a progression of skill-building assignments created to engage and challenge, while also growing confidence and ability. Working in an inspiring and professional studio environment, students follow a yearlong drawing curriculum before moving on to a second year of painting or sculpture.

The Young Masters After School Program starts October 3, 2023. Free trial class is available for new students.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Studio Classes at the Lyme Academy offer students of all levels an opportunity to receive the highest caliber of one-on-one professional art instruction, with the freedom to design their own schedules. Classes are offered weekdays, nights, and on weekends during ten-week trimesters, with additional classes and workshops offered year-round. These classes are a great introduction for the local community to the Academy.

Continuing Education classes start Monday, October 2, 2023. Free trial class is available for new students.



OPEN HOUSE

Join us at the Lyme Academy's Fall Open House on October 18th to tour the campus, meet the faculty & staff, learn about Lyme Academy's fall programs, see live drawing demonstrations, and meet acclaimed artists and Academy faculty members Jordan Sokol and Amaya Gurpide, Co-Artistic Directors; Chad Fisher, Sculpture Chair; Rick Lacey, Director of Youth Programs; and Edmond Rochat, Director of Continuing Education and Principal Anatomy

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Lyme Co-Artistic Director, Amaya Gurrpide, gives an introduction to portrait drawing to Core students at the Lyme Academy.
Photo by Andrew Paez.



Lyme Director of Youth Programs at Lyme Academy, Rick Lacey, gives a drawing lesson.
Photo by Jordan Sokol.

Instructor. Before you leave, be sure to visit de Gerenday's Fine Art Materials and Curiosities, our school art store, which will be open until 8:00 pm!

Lyme Academy Fall Open House

Wednesday, October 18, 2023,

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

This event is free and open to the public.

Learn more at: www.lymeacademy.edu

The mission of the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts is to teach the foundational skills of drawing, painting, and sculpture in the figurative tradition. By its commitment to training students in these skills and an engagement with contemporary discourse, the Academy will empower a new generation of artists. Through its programs, the Academy is committed to enriching the cultural life of the community.

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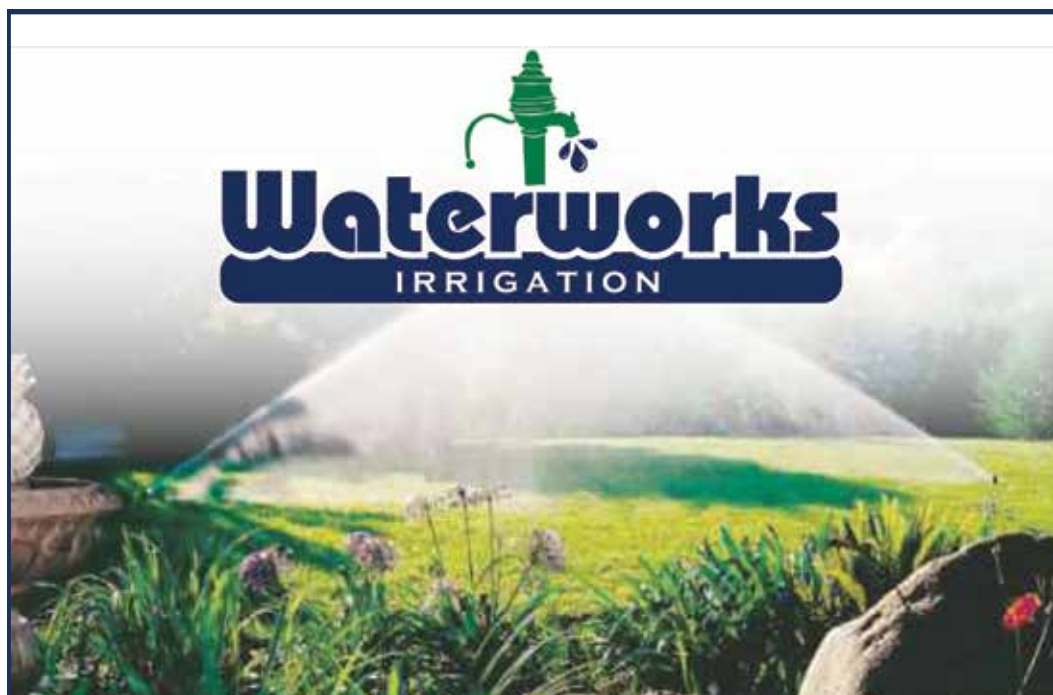
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(CT Audubon, 2019)

In 2022, the Old Lyme Open Space Commission (OLO-SC) designated 8 acres located on Ferry Road at the mouth of the Connecticut River as the **Ferry Landing Wildlife Refuge** (FLWR) and began a multi-year habitat restoration project. The property includes a seven acre freshwater pond, inland wetland, with riparian and up-land areas providing important habitat for many birds and animals.

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bittersweet, and our phragmites management program is moving forward.

Thanks to Lyme-Old Lyme High School environmental club, citizen volunteers, and college interns from Three Rivers CC and Mitchell College, the removal of invasive plants has allowed many native plants to “reclaim” their territory. 53 new, native trees and perennials have been planted. Phragmites management so far has allowed native cattail and sedge to emerge at the pond’s edges.

Onsite wildlife cameras have “captured” coyotes, bobcats, muskrat and other mammals on the refuge. Avian residents include yellow-crowned night herons, Cooper’s hawk, and great horned owls. Look for new wildlife videos and more project information on the Town of Old Lyme website soon!



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On August 3, founders and past leaders of



Lyme Selectwoman Kristina White, Melvin Woody, Suzanne Thompson, Evan Griswold on the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center grounds at the 50th Celebration of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission.

the commission were honored at a celebratory reception at Connecticut Audubon's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, on the banks of the Lieutenant River within the Gateway Zone in Old Lyme.

Lyme's Melvin Woody, who has served on the commission the entire 50 years since its inception, and Old Lyme's Evan Griswold, who was elected chair of the commission when he represented Essex, were thanked for their commitment over the years. Former Old Lyme commissioner Peter Cable was also recognized. Current Old Lyme

appointees to the Commission are Suzanne Thompson, who serves as chair, and Greg Futoma, chair of the commission's communications committee.

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