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First Selectman's Corner

The Boards of Selectmen and Finance have met throughout the months of January, February, March and April to work on the Town budget and it was presented to and approved by the voters on May 15th. It has been a challenging job this year but we are pleased that the mill rate will remain the same, at 23.5 mills. The advent of the \$57.5 million school building project, the \$5.3 million Senior Center expansion project and the current inflationary pressures made the budget process challenging this year.

The members of the 36-1 Buttonball Rd. Committee have completed their mission and presented the Board of Selectmen with their report and recommendations, which the Selectmen voted to approve. Their principal recommendation is that the Town will submit a permit application to the CT DEEP to construct a 100-foot dock across the marsh leading to Horse Neck Creek that would have a 10-foot by 10-foot viewing platform at each end. At the Creek end, there will be a perpendicular ramp that will lead to a small floating dock where the public may launch small boats and kayaks. There is limited public parking on the 3-acre parcel and there will be a simple road that will enable people to drop off small boats near the dock and then park their vehicles. A split rail fence will be installed along the marsh with signage instructing visitors to stay off the marsh. It is expected this will be a two-year project.

Despite trying to negotiate an acceptable agreement with the abutters of the Tantommaheag Landing, the Town and they are at an impasse. The Town's legal counsel asserts that the Landing is part of the Town's Tantommaheag Road and the abutters maintain there is no Town road over the Landing. The Town must now decide what course of action it will take to protect its interests.



Timothy Griswold
First Selectman

Regional District 18 was informed that it has been awarded a \$12 million grant to defray some of the expenses related to the school renovation project. This is very good news and the grant will be in addition to the standard State of CT project reimbursements. The School Board formed a Building Committee and the Committee is in the process of recommending a construction manager for the project.

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 Congressionally Directed

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EOC Grant totaling \$708,000 to fund 75% of eligible costs to expand the Emergency Operations Center at the Boughton Road Firehouse. At present, the staff are relegated to two small rooms in the Firehouse when they muster to direct responses to large weather events and the Millstone power plant nuclear safety drills. While we wait for more information, we are grateful for this important financial assistance.

You may have noticed Frontier Communications has been very busy installing fiber optic cable service in Old Lyme. Homeowners and businesses may subscribe to the service if they wish.

The Boards of Selectmen and Finance voted to exercise the Town's option to extend the four-year refuse and recycling disposal contract with CWPM. We have been very satisfied with CWPM's service over the last four years and the firm is also handling trash and recycling business that was formerly handled by MIRA in Hartford.

TOWN PROJECT UPDATES

Sound View Sidewalks: The sidewalk project (Hartford Ave. and Rte. 156) and the bus stop project are complete and the Committee has recommended that the Town release the retainage and dissolve the Committee. Thanks to Chair Mary Jo Nosal and the Committee members Jim Lampos, Erik Olsen, Frank Pappalardo and Bonnie Reemsnyder for all their work over the six-year project.

Halls Rd. Improvement Committee: The Committee presented the Village District Overlay Zone to the Zoning Commission at several Public Hearings and, on March 27 2023, the Commission voted 3 to 2 to approve. However, because the Planning Commission made an unfavorable recommendation, the Zoning approval required a "super majority" vote (4 to 1) so the Overlay Zone was not approved.

The Zoning regulations provide for a one-year "cooling off" period before reconsidering the application again, but the Zoning Commission could waive that requirement and revisit the application. The Committee is considering resubmitting the plan with some revisions in the near future.

Bow Bridge: After receiving three design bids for the Bow Bridge over the Lt. River and its approaches, the Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and Finance that the bid from AI Engineering of \$148,500 be accepted.

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The Boards of Selectmen and Finance approved the following Source and Use of Funds proposal:

Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	
ARPA Funds	\$135,000	AI Engineering Fee	\$148,500
Contingency	\$6,000	Town Appropriation	\$19,500
Total	\$154,500	Total	\$154,000

The AI Engineering contract was signed on March 23, 2023 and the firm has started its work.

Sound View Sewers: In April, 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. This is sensational news but the Town and the three private beaches must await written confirmation about this forgivable loan. We have also heard that the State of CT will repave Route 156 from Halls Rd. to approximately Cross Lane this summer. By stopping at Cross Lane, the Town will hopefully be able to install the force sewer main from Sound View to East Lyme before the rest of Rte. 156 is repaved.

Senior Center Building Expansion: Point One Architects has revised its total Senior Center Expansion project cost estimate to be \$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 25% Lyme and 75% Old Lyme, so each Town must ask its voters to approve the gross expenditure (\$5,263,541). Old Lyme share is \$3,947,656, so Old Lyme has scheduled an informational meeting on June 12th at 7:00 pm that will be ajuroned to a paper ballot vote on June 20 from noon to 8:00 pm. If both towns receive approval, the project could go out to bid in July and construction could start in the fall. Once construction starts, the Senior Center will be closed for about twelve months and its activities will be relocated to other locations.

Ferry Rd. Sidewalk Replacement: The project was delayed due to some technical issues which have been resolved. The Town has asked the State of CT DOT to extend the project end date from August 2023 to August 2024 and our engineer is ready to put the project out to bid this summer. If the bids are acceptable, the project could start after Labor Day and be completed by the end of 2023.

Swan Brook Outlet: In January, the first phase of the project, unclogging the west 36-inch pipe, under the Hawks Nest Beach Club beach, was completed. Then, Machnik Bros. replaced the wood timber crib at the Long Island Sound end of both pipes. During the time the wood crib was being built, sand re-entered the west pipe, so we will have the same contractor return to remove the sand in both pipes and then run a camera through each pipe to determine if there are any seams between the pipes that need to be repaired. Once that is resolved, we hope the new

wood crib will prevent sand from accumulating in the pipes.

TOWN BUDGET MEETING

At the Town Budget Meeting on May 15th, the voters approved accepting a 1.88-acre parcel of open space, as required by the Planning Commission, from Greenscapes Development as part of its 8 lot subdivision located at 21 and 39 Buttonball Rd. The subdivision abuts the Black Hall Club. The voters also approved the Town Budget for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2024. Budget information is available in the Town Hall. The voters did not approve the proposal to change the elected positions of Tax Collector and Town Clerk to be appointed positions with terms of six years. Voters expressed concern that the three-person Board of Selectmen would appoint these officials rather than the voters and they thought a six-year term was too long (terms are currently four years).

VETERANS OF OLD LYME

The veterans of Old Lyme enjoyed another wonderful Memorial Day Parade and rendered honors to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and veterans for replacing hundreds of American flags at the gravestones of Old Lyme veterans in the eight Town cemeteries throughout town.

MERGER

Congratulations to the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce for merging with the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce. Old Lyme businesses may join the Old Saybrook Chamber and take advantage of numerous events and other benefits – all at affordable rates.

LYME-OLD LYME LIONS

The Lyme-Old Lyme Lions recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with a wonderful dinner program at the Old Lyme Inn. President Karen Geisler welcomed several senior State Lions officials and Bob Whitcomb and Morgan Ely were toasted as Charter LOL Lions Club members.

We are pleased to announce that **Michaelle Pearson** has been hired as the new Editor of the Old Lyme Annual Town Report. She will take over for Michele Dickey who served as our editor for 30 years. We congratulate **Kathy Hall**, on her retirement as the Administrative Assistant in the Building Dept. after 35 years. Can you imagine how many building permits she processed? Last, we learned that **Bobby Swaney**, who was employed by the Public Works Dept. for 51 years died recently. His knowledge of roads, drainage pipes and all things Public Works was remarkable.

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Timothy C. Griswold,

First Selectman

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Assessors Office

The Assessor would like to bring to your attention the following important deadlines.

Beginning in the month of May the Assessor and staff will be conducting field reviews and building permit inspections on an ongoing basis. If you see us out and about in town, feel free to say hello.

Per CGS 12-41, All business operating in the Town of Old Lyme are required to file a list of **Business Personal Property** with the Assessors office on or before November 1, 2023. Declaration forms will be mailed by the end of September, failure to receive a form from our office does not relieve obligation of business owner to file prior to November. Additional information and forms are available on our website.

Any Service Members eligible for a **Veterans Exemption** under CGS 12-81 must have on file their DD214 or

equivalent discharge papers with the Town Clerk before October 1, 2022.

Any property owner wishing to file for **Farm, Forest and Open Space** under PA490 must file an application with the Assessor between September 1 and October 31, 2022. Applications are available online or in the Assessors office.

Property information, Maps and other pertinent information is available through our webpage & GIS. Please visit: OLDLYME-CT.GOV follow the Link to GIS Mapping.

Any questions please contact:

Melinda R. Kronfeld, Assessor at:
860-434-1605 x 218 or x 219 Mickie Fraser,
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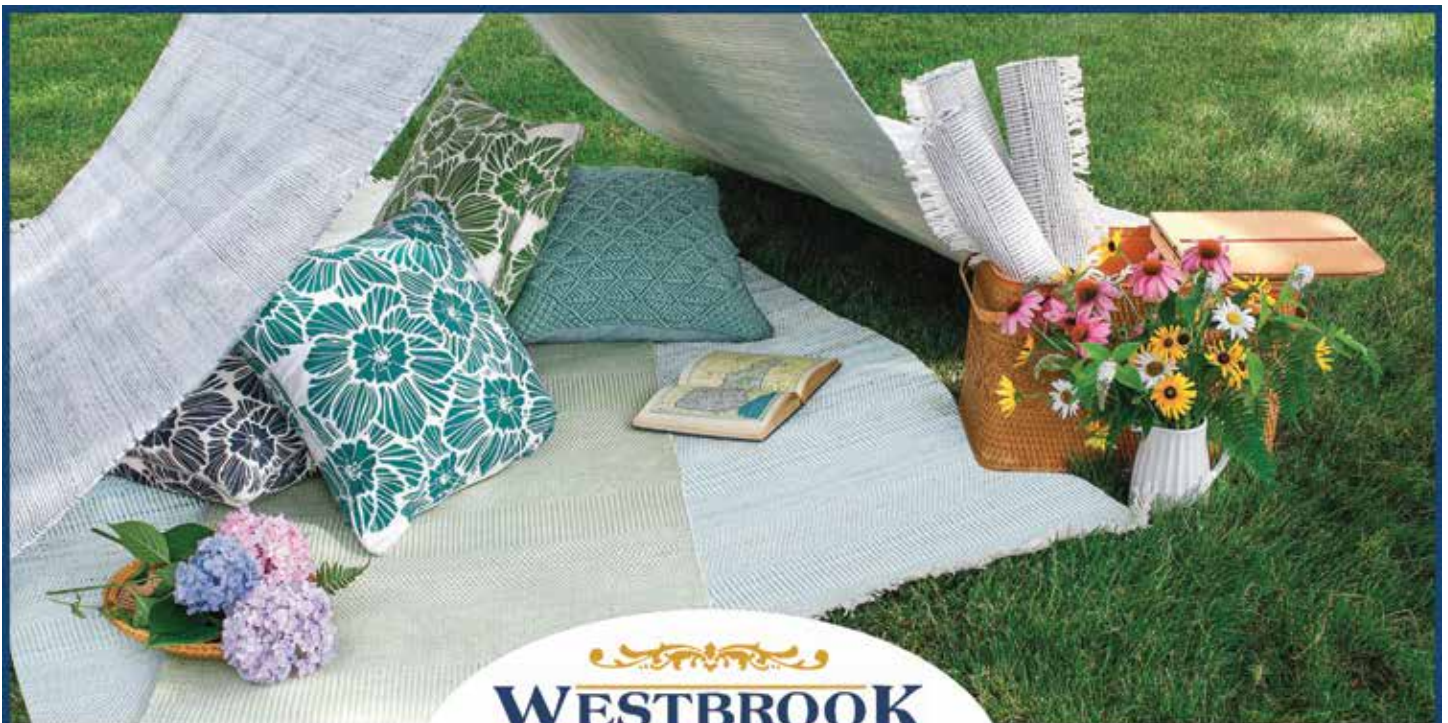


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If the tax due, or installment due, is not paid within one month of the due date, the tax becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of one and one half percent (1 1/2%): 18% per year. The minimum interest charge is two dollars. August interest is 3%. These interest rates, dates and charges have been set by Connecticut state statute.



Questions pertaining to the assessments and exemptions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at: 860 434-1605, ext 218 or 219. For tax questions, please call Tax Collector at: 860 434-1605, ext 216 or 217.

Tax bills will be mailed the last week of June (escrowed mortgage bills are mailed to the bank or escrow firm) and your 2023 tax bills can be viewed at that time on the Town of Old Lyme website. See oldlyme-ct.gov, go to Tax Collector,

scroll down to Online Services to submit payment online. You will be directed to www.mytaxbill.org to submit payment; bank service fees are 3% for credit or debit card payments or \$ 0.50 for ACH checks from a checking or savings account.

You also may pay in person at the Tax Office, Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme St., weekdays 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, drop off your payment in the Town Hall front door mail slot, or by mail: Old Lyme Tax Collector's Office, 52 Lyme St, Old Lyme, CT 06371. Please note, to avoid interest penalties that start on unpaid taxes in August, payments must be received by our office or post-marked by August 1, 2023.

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Food Share Garden Embraces Food Waste, Pollinators, & New Volunteers

Lyme Old Lyme Food Share Garden volunteers mobilized in mid-April to pull weeds and push wheelbarrows, spreading compost, wood chips and good cheer. The organization is delighted to be entering its second year of planting, though challenged by the vagaries of Mother Nature, with record highs in April and a frost during the third week of May!

Volunteers have been prepping beds, planting seeds and transplanting seedlings. By the time of publication, frosts will be a distant memory and tasks will have pivoted to harvesting and delivering. Volunteers have also installed a large pollinator garden just outside the garden. Swing by to see the blooms and their pollinating partners!

The Board of Directors has also been communicating with other area giving gardens and United Way, a partnership that has led

to the joint application for a grant through Kubota for a tractor. If the LOLFSG is fortunate to be awarded the grant, the equipment will relieve some of the backbreaking work the volunteers do and will allow us to expand the garden's composting capacity. Due to the tremendous community support, the LOLFSG has decided to expand the garden. Preliminary clearing of brush has begun and there are tentative plans to erect fencing later in the summer.

In conjunction with the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, the LOLFSG has begun a pilot Food Waste collection project within the Library Lane neighborhood. Approximately 12 families have dropped off more than 350 lbs of plant-based items at a "food waste kiosk" at the corner of Dunns Lane and Library Lane. The food scraps are transported to the Food Share garden where it is turned into beautiful compost.



Due to interest in the project, an additional collection site has been installed outside of the garden's main gate. Community members are invited to contribute their fresh or frozen food waste. All plant-based materials are acceptable but please do not include dairy and meat products.

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Halls Road Improvements Committee Update

On March 27 the Old Lyme Zoning Commission voted 3-2 in favor of creating the Halls Road Overlay District (HROD). Because the Planning Commission had previously given the HROD a 'negative referral,' it required a 4-1 vote to pass, and the measure failed. The HROD is a significant piece of zoning regulation. It takes significant effort to understand the details. Many of the objections raised were covered by parts of the HROD proposal that apparently were not noticed or were misunderstood. With the support of the Board of Selectmen and the heads of the commissions, we plan to reapply, and to do a better job of explaining the proposal in detail, and answering the objections raised.

The challenges that prompted the effort to make changes along Halls Road still face us. We need to acknowledge the changing business climate and support our retail businesses in the new environment of the coming decades. The people of Old Lyme want a safer, more attractive, walkable, bike-able, mixed-use town center where they can live, work, and shop. Smaller-scale housing remains in short supply, and Halls Road is one place where it could be built without using up the remaining open space. Old Lyme is planning major investments in public improvements, but the Halls Road area also needs to be allowed the option to change for the better. Restricting Halls Road to "commercial only" now tends to favor highway services over all other uses—a thing that no one wants. Guiding our future is an important matter for Old Lyme. The HROD creates the option for a better future.

In the area of improvements to public infrastructure, the town has hired A. I. Engineers (AIE) to proceed with design development of a new pedestrian/cyclist bridge and trails safely connecting our main commercial district on Halls Road with our Arts District and historic town center on Lyme Street. The bulk of the funding for this project is from the ARPA grant awarded last June. In February of this year we also applied for a small grant under the CT Recreational Trails Program to support the bridge and trails. HRIC and the Town will work on required easements and rights-of-way. The work of AIE on the project will include an economic analysis, site survey and assessment, and geo-tech investigation leading to preliminary phased designs. AIE will produce three options (with cost estimates) for creating the bridge and trails. AIE's work will be available for public review, and a final design selected.

Once a final design is approved, AIE will create full construction documents (CDs) for the bridge and trails, and detail the project's permitting requirements. The CDs will also be used to seek grants to cover the construction costs of the project. AIE will assist in seeking grants, and manage the bidding to move the project to the construction phase.

Last year the BSC Group helped Old Lyme apply for a grant under CT-DOT's Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). The grant could cover a substantial part of the construction costs for the main improvements planned for sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, etc. along Halls Road. (The bridge and trails are a separate matter, from CT-DOT's point of view.) Our LOTICIP application is also the first formal review of our plans by CT-DOT, and we must wait for their approval to proceed on this part of the plan. The LOTICIP program has many applicants and the waiting list for review is long. This is Old Lyme's first request under LOTICIP, and we hope to see some action on our application in 2024.



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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

At the May Board of Education meeting, Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) was honored with the Distinguished Friend of Education Award given by the Connecticut Association of Schools.

Holly McCalla, business manager for Lyme-Old Lyme Schools, was named the 2023 Celebrated School Business Official, an award given by the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials.



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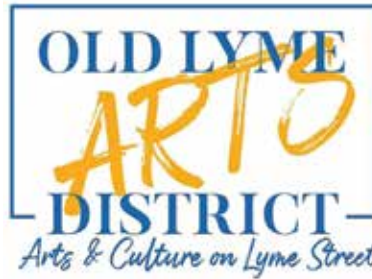
Make Music Old Lyme Stroll Returns

The Old Lyme Arts District is happy to announce that its **Make Music** Old Lyme annual stroll returns to Lyme Street on Wednesday, June 21st from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. An international event on the Summer Solstice, Make Music Day celebrates free music for all.

Young families will start their fun at LYSB for the Sunny Train concert at 4:00 pm (check LYSB.org for updates.) Everyone's favorite Connecticut rockin' railroad band, Sunny Train will have little ones up and dancing with its interactive family music.

The Music Stroll then kicks off at 5:00 pm, with musicians along the sidewalks of Lyme Street from the First Congregational Church to the Lyme Academy.

You may decide to bring a lawn chair to enjoy your favorite musicians or



walk the full length of stroll, enjoying the talent of our local jazz, soft rock,

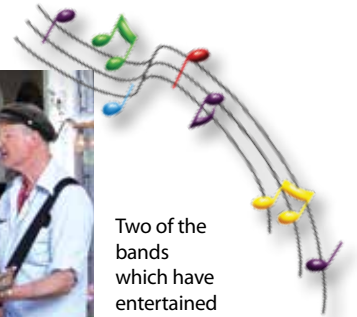


Nightingale Fiddlers and Friends.

folk, and Americana musicians.

This event is produced by the Old Lyme Arts District with musical bookings by Nightingale's Acoustic Café.

Attendees can check a full schedule of musicians and their locations available on: ExploreOldLyme.com/MakeMusic.



Two of the bands which have entertained in past Make Music Old Lyme Strolls.



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Historic District Commission

A Bit of History

Just what is the Old Lyme Historic District, and how did it come to be?

In order to protect the character of Old Lyme's historic center and the adjacent wetlands along the Lieutenant River, and to prevent ill-planned development, voters approved an Historic District in 1971. That same year, the District, which extends from the south end of Lyme Street to Rose Lane, was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register designation provided essential protection for the town's historic resources in 2017 when the Federal Railroad Administration proposed an overhead rail bypass through Old Lyme.

For over half a century, Old Lyme's Historic District Commission, operating pursuant to state statute and town ordinance, has collaborated with property owners concerning their applications for new buildings and exterior modifications, and for new fences, signs, driveways, walkways, and HVAC units. The Commission regularly approves applications that preserve and enhance the Historic District's special character. During its most recent fiscal year, the HDC approved 38 applications.

The Historic District continues to attract new residential property owners, new businesses in buildings originally constructed

for commercial use, and new non-profit organizations that enrich the town's cultural resources. The Lyme Street neighborhood's historic character and scenic charm draw residents and visitors alike for quiet walks, non-profit events, and community celebrations.

Did You Know?

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Morrison Waite (1816-1888) was born in Lyme and grew up in the historic house at 27 Lyme Street. During the Court's recesses he summered in town, at times lodging in the Noyes-Beckwith House at 32 Lyme Street.

The town's first "supermarket," the A&P, opened around 1928 in what was known as the Corner Store, on the corner of Lyme Street and Ferry Road across from the Congregational Church. The A&P moved in 1934 to a remodeled building at 34 Lyme Street, today a popular ice cream shop. Hamburger then cost 15 cents a pound; a nickel bought milk, peanut butter, or mayonnaise.

For More Information

Visit us at: <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/352/Historic-District-Commission>.

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Midsummer Festival Returns with Kickoff Concert

The Old Lyme Midsummer Arts Festival returns this year on Saturday, July 29th. The kickoff lawn concert at the Florence Griswold Museum is back the evening before, Friday, July 28.

The Midsummer Festival is produced by the Old Lyme Arts District, a partnership of arts and cultural organizations and businesses on Lyme Street.

Watch for a full schedule of events and activities in Lyme-Old Lyme mailboxes in the weeks leading up to the Festival. You can also go to ExploreOldLyme.com/Midsummer-Festival or follow the Old Lyme Arts District on Facebook for up to the minute updates.

All times and offerings are at the time of this press deadline and are subject to change:

FRIDAY, JULY 28th:

Florence Griswold Museum Lawn

Concert: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Bring your chairs or blankets to enjoy this free lawn concert, a highlight of the summer. This year The Savage Brothers will rock the riverfront. This six-piece funk / rock band features a two-piece horn section.

Arrive early to enjoy the Midsummer Super Sale in the Museum Shop and the Museum's galleries, open free to the public from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 29th:

LYSB 5K Run/Walk and Kids K: 8:00 am

This run begins behind 59 Lyme Street and winds through the village streets. Friends and neighbors cheer on the runners. A Kid-K immediately follows on the school campus grounds. Registration at: LYSB.org.

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Midsummer 2019 dog show, top, and viewing Arts and Crafts, below. Photos by Sean Flynn.



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Lion's Club Classic Car Show: 9:00 am

The Car Show is back at 100 Lyme Street (now the RTP Estuary Center). Enjoy seeing the antique, exotic, and hot rod vehicles and then enjoy something from the Lion's Club Grille. (Entrance Fee to Car Show)

Art, Food, and Family Fun:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

CHECK OUT THE OFFERINGS AT EACH LOCATION:

Old Lyme Inn: Fence Artists Art Sale

Florence Griswold Museum: Parading Paws Dog Show, Food Trucks, Museum Open House, Super Sale

Lyme Art Association: Nonprofit Organizations and Art Sale Tents

Lyme Art Academy: Hands-On Activities with Nonprofits and Live Music

Studio 80+ Sculpture Garden: Community Sculpture and Sculpture Showcase

Patricia Spratt for the Home: Midsummer Warehouse Sale (check for hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Town Hours & Holiday Schedule

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS IN 2023

Monday, **June 19** - Juneteenth
 Tuesday, **July 04** - Independence Day
 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

TOWN HALL HOURS FOR MOST DEPARTMENTS:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

TRANSFER STATION / LANDFILL HOURS

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Put Waste in its Place!

Town of Old Lyme residents have more options for properly disposing of their waste – this helps to offset our costs of trash collection and waste management, which are paid for by property taxes. Proper recycling and repurposing of materials reduces the amount of waste we send to incinerators or out-of-state landfills. The town receives money for recycled and repurposed materials, too.

Old Lyme Transfer Station now has a **Textile Recycling** bin. Drop off your old, unusable clothing, bedding, blankets, towels, sewing remnants and other fabrics that are beyond their useful life and can no longer be worn or resold. Do not throw away these items in your weekly trash. Instead, these can be repurposed into insulation and other industrial uses. See the full list of materials that can be placed in this bin at www.baystatetextiles.com.

There also is a **Goodwill** donation bin next to the Textile Recycling bin where you can drop off items that can still be worn or used.

Curbside Recycling: Please remember that Old Lyme's curbside single stream recycling of paper, cardboard, tin cans and plastic containers goes in your green container. See the list of What's In /

What's out on page 23. Remember, **DO NOT BAG** these recyclables – keep them loose, dry and clean.

Plastic bags DO NOT go into your green recycling bin. Instead, please turn them in for the Trex Challenge. Since 2020, Lyme-Old Lyme Schools students have kept over 13,000 pounds of these plastics out of our incinerators and waste stream. These plastic films are repurposed into composite decking and outdoor living products. Look for the bins at LYSB, Old Lyme Town Hall and Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library this summer, as well as at the entrances of Lyme-Old Lyme Schools. Our students win awards for the amount of plastic film they turn in each year.



There are other collection and recycling bins around town. These are not part of the town's trash collection and waste management program. These benefit multiple organizations, including scholarships for Lyme-Old Lyme High School students by the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce. When our town's chamber recently merged with the Old Saybrook Chamber, it arranged for its scholarships to Lyme-Old Lyme students to continue as long as funds are generated for them.

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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

USEFUL NUMBERS

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SENIOR CENTER.....	(860) 434-1605 x240
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
LYME ART ASSOCIATION.....	(860) 434-7802
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - LYMES' POST 1467	(860) 434-4207
AMERICAN LEGION - POST 41.....	(860) 664-0047

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LYME/OLD LYME HIGH SCHOOL	(860) 434-1651
LYME CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	(860) 434-1233
MULTICULTURAL MAGNET (NEW LONDON)	(860) 437-7775

COLLEGES

LYME ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS	(860) 434-5232
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Please check information on the outside of each bin to see what it accepts and the organization that benefits.

Old Lyme Solid Waste & Recycling Committee is appointed by Old Lyme Board of Selectmen. We welcome residents to attend our meetings, which usually are held the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 pm, at Old Lyme Town Hall. See oldlyme-ct.gov, Solid Waste & Recycling Committee page.

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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Friday pickup will be picked up on Saturday. 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.

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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 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 because 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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For more information about waste reduction, recycling and composting, please visit Town of Old Lyme's website.

For a detailed list of what can go in the Bay State Textiles bin, please go to: www.baystatetextiles.com.



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A Guide to Recycling

No Plastic Bags Allowed

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Remember: NEW Additional Items - What's In & What's Out

What's IN?

Paper

Cardboard & boxboard
Food & beverage cartons
Junk mail
Magazines & newspaper inserts
Newsprint
Office paper
Pizza boxes

Glass

Beverage bottles & jars
Food bottles & jars

Metal

Aerosol containers (food grade only)
Aluminum foil
Cans & bottles
Foil containers
Metal lids from cans & bottles

Plastic

Plastic bottles (with or without caps attached)
Plastic containers, tubs & lids
Plastic one-use cups (no lids, no straws)



What's OUT?

Paper

Gift wrap & gift bags
Ice cream containers
Paper cups (hot & cold)
Shredded paper
Take-out food containers
Tissue paper

Glass

Ceramic mugs & plates
Drinking glasses

Metal

Aerosol containers (deodorizers, cleaners, pesticides, etc.)

Foil tops from yogurt containers

Paint cans
Pots & pans
Small pieces of scrap metal
Spiral wound containers

Plastic

Loose bottle caps
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Children's Events

Julie Bartley/Children's Librarian
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Thursdays, July 13 - August 17, 11:00 am

BRYSON LANG COMEDY JUGGLING*

Tuesday, June 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

PAWS & PAGES

with The Connecticut Humane Society*

Tuesday, June 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

CELEBRATING THE FAMILY TABLE

with Kellogg Environmental Center*

Tuesday, July 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

LET'S GLOW CRAZY DISCO PARTY!

Tuesday, July 18, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

CUDDLY OR CREEPY?

A Choose Your Own Animal Adventure with Xen's Critters*

Tuesday, July 25, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

STEM CREATIVITY LAB WITH BUILDWAVE*

Tuesday, August 1, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

VISIT THE OLD LYME FIRE DEPARTMENT*

Tuesday, August 8, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Firehouse

LAWN GAMES AT THE PHOEBE

Tuesday, August 15, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

LIBRARY CARD TICKET TO RIDE CELEBRATION at The Old Lyme Carousel

Thursday August 31, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

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Teen Events & Activities

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Looking for creative images and writing for **Let's Get on the Same Page**, the new youth magazine! Open to all youth under 20; submissions due by August 1. Visit <http://oldlymelibrary.org/youthzine> for details.

TEEN / TWEEN WRITING & DOODLING CLUB

Weekly on Thursdays from June 22 - July 27, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

CUDDLY OR CREEPY WITH XEN'S CREATURES*

Tuesday, July 25, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

VINYL ALBUM LISTENING PARTY

Thursday, August 3, 5:00 - 6:15 pm

VISIBLE MENDING WORKSHOP

with Sophia Dejesus*

Saturday, August 19, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

LET'S GET ON THE SAME PAGE MAGAZINE RELEASE EVENT

Saturday, September 2

Adult Events

Linda Alexander, Public Services Manager

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ROCK THE PHOEBE 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friday, June 23, 7:30 - 9:30 pm,

Tickets \$125 at: oldlymelibrary.org



* Registration Requested
Register at: oldlymelibrary.org

HIGH SPEED TRAINS IN CT!?

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 pm

MEDITATION 101

with Sophia Meditation*

Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 pm

TRUE CRIME TRIVIA NIGHT*

Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 pm

PEACE & HEALTH:

Local Author Talk

with Charles Barber*

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 pm

LOCAL AUTHOR TALK: Ron Farina*

Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 pm

DARK NONFICTION BOOK CLUB:

Stiff by Mary Roach*

Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 pm

VISIBLE MENDING*

Saturday, August 19, 10:30 am

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS*

Tananarive Due,

Wednesday, June 28, 8:00 pm

Charles Soule,

Saturday, July 15, 2:00 pm

Ethan Kross,

Thursday, July 20, 6:30 pm

Erika Sánchez,

Tuesday, July 25, 4:00 pm

Cassandra Clare,

Wednesday, August 23, 8:00 pm

THERAPY DOG VISITS

Tuesdays, July 11, August 1, September 5

PHOEBE'S MORNING BOOK CHAT*

Thursday, July 13, 11:00 am

Braiding Sweet Grass

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Thursday, August 10, 11:00 am

The Reading List

by Sara Nisha Adams

MAHJONGG CLUB

Weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

PHOEBE'S

MEDITATION

Weekly on Fridays
at 10:00 am



Phoebe's BookCellar

MAKE MUSIC SALE

Wednesday, June 21, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

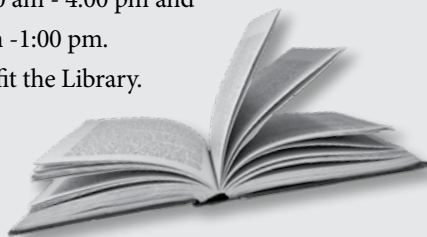
As you wander down Lyme Street enjoying **Make Music Old Lyme on June 21**, browse the BookCellar's music books on the Library lawn. Lots of other genres will be represented too including our always popular puzzles. Pop down to the BookCellar to see our full selection of books, CDs, DVDs, and children's books.

REGULAR BOOKCELLAR HOURS ARE:

Wednesdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and

Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

All proceeds benefit the Library.



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We are now on Facebook listed as Lymes Senior Center.
Follow and like us to keep up to date on upcoming events!

Call 860-434-1605 EXT. 240
to register or for more information
on becoming a member
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
FOR UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS
at: <http://seniorcenterct.org>

Below is just a Small Portion of Our Offerings

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

CLASS / LECTURES / EVENTS	DATE OF FIRST CLASS & TIME / DURATION	COST
EXERCISE & DANCE CLASSES		
Why Weight(s)? Class	Mondays at 8:15 am	\$5.00
Tap Classes	Starts back up in September	\$5.00
NEW- Tai Ji Quan with Kate	Tuesdays at 8:45 am	\$5.00
Sit n Be Fit	Tuesdays at 10:15 am	FREE
Low Impact Class with Kate	Wednesdays at 8:30 am	\$5.00
Yoga Movement Class	Wednesdays at 10:00 am	\$5.00
Why Weight(s)? Class	Thursdays at 9:00 am	\$5.00
Low Impact Class with Kate	Fridays at 8:30 am	\$5.00
4S Class (Sit, Stretch, Strength & Song)	Fridays at 10:15 am	FREE
Beg. Country Line Dancing	Fridays at 2:15 am	FREE
Yoga with Lynn	Saturdays at 8:30 am	Drop in rate \$12

UPCOMING IN PERSON CLASSES - Please reserve your spot for any of these classes by calling: 860-434-4127!

iPhone Photography Class P.2 Wednesday, June 14, 10:00 am

Learn how to use all the apps available on our iPhone to edit our favorite images. Also learn how to use online photo developing services such as Walgreen's photo services or Mpix to quickly and inexpensively make photos

Beginners Course on Freshwater Fly-Tying

Learn the art of creating freshwater fly-fishing ties! Taught by Mark Lewchik, participants will attend a 3-week session (2 sessions available) to learn the art of freshwater fly-tying.

Session 1 (June) Thursdays, June 15, June 22, and June 29 at 3:00 pm FREE for members!

Session 2 (July) Thursdays, July 6, July 13, and July 20 at 3:00 pm FREE for members!

*Please call 860-434-4127 to register for this program or for more information

** If you have your own vice, please let us now when you sign up as seat capacity is limited based on the amount of vices we have to share.

Perspective Drawing Class Tuesdays, July 11 & 18 \$20 for members
for the 2-week session

Taught by Jeanette Green; Learn how to create realistic space in your drawings or paintings by using perspective. We will practice the basics in the first class by implementing one-point and two-point perspective. In the second week, students will draw a corner of a room, detailed with furniture, rugs, framed art and other details. Even if you only paint landscapes, you can benefit from this class. Limited Seat Capacity: Call 860-434-4127 to register. Payment due in advance.

LIFELONG LECTURES & PERFORMANCES - FREE for members, \$10 for non-members 55 years of age and better

The Lost City of NY's Demolished Landmarks	June 7 at 1:00 pm	FREE
The Life and Magic of Harry Houdini	June 26 at 1:00 pm	FREE
Connecticut River Past, Present, & Future	July 5 at 1:00 pm	FREE
History of Beal Street	July 24 at 1:00 pm	FREE
The Life of Milton Hersey	August 28 at 1:00 pm	FREE
1904 St. Louis World's Fair	September 6 at 1:00 pm	FREE
Life of Amelia Earhart	September 25 at 1:00 pm	FREE

HEALTHY BRAIN SERIES - 5 Week Workshop - FREE for members, \$10 for non-members 55 years of age and better

Presented by a certified dementia specialist from Hartford Healthcare Center for Healthy Aging

Session 1 - Challenge Your Mind Daily:

Activities To Keep Your Mind Sharp June 6 at 1:00 pm FREE

Session 2 - Feeding the Brain:

The Importance of Diet and Hydration June 13 at 1:00 pm FREE

Session 3–Benefits of a Purposeful Life:

Finding Meaningful Engagements	June 20 at 1:00 pm	FREE
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Session 4 - Good Sleep and Brain Power:

The Importance of Sleep & Your Brain	June 27 at 1:00 pm	FREE
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Session 5 - The Blue Zones: Lessons for Living

Longer from the People Who've Lived the Longest	July 11 at 1:00 pm	FREE
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DAY TRIPS - Flyers available at the Lymes' Senior Center, Payment Due upon Sign-Up

Encore Boston Casino Trip	June 15	\$86.00
Webster Lake Riverboat Cruise with lunch	June 22	\$125.00
Beautiful-The Carole King Musical at the Theater by the Sea	July 6	\$155.00
American Museum of Natural History (Open to all ages)	June 15	\$112.00 adults, \$107.00 children
Shades of Bubl� at the Aqua Turf (Lunch & Show)	August 10	\$122.00
Spirit of Boston Luncheon Cruise	August 24	\$158.00
Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty	September 12	\$116.00
Salem and Marblehead Massachusetts	September 26	\$135.00
Made in Vermont- Lunch & Country Shopping	October 5	\$137.00
Cranberry Bog Tour including lunch	October 24	\$137.00
A Taste of Italian New York	November 4	\$147.00
Radio City Christmas Spectacular (Open to all ages)	December 2	\$238.00

SERVICES - Call 860-434-4127 to Schedule Appointments

Mini-Pedicures	\$25.00
Haircuts	\$15.00
Foot Clinic w/ Town Nurse (doesn't cut toenails)	FREE
Foot Clinic w/Foot Care Associates (cuts toenails)	\$35.00
Blood Pressure Clinic	FREE
Medicare Enrollment for People Turning 65 or New to Medicare	FREE
Manicures (includes light cuticle work, filing, & paint)	\$15.00
Hearing Clinic	FREE
Reiki Appointments	FIRST TIME FREE / \$50

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Get Reconnected After Covid

The past few years with Covid have wreaked havoc on all of us. As we are reemerging from these unstable times of isolation, keeping distance, mask wearing, and avoidance of crowded places, anxieties have been at an all time high. We are wired to be connected to others, and covid times have kept us focused on individual needs. The past few years have required us to be disconnected as a community. This has contributed to the increasing anxieties as now we need to reconnect and people are afraid and insecure about this.

Here are a few safe ways to start to find your way back to the community:

First, be aware of others around you—instead of avoiding eye contact by staring at your phone, make that eye contact, smile, maybe even say hello.

Instead of staring at the social media of people you lost touch with or don't know, strike up a conversation with someone while waiting for the dentist, in the grocery store, drug store, etc. You never know when you'll make a new friend.



Secondly, allow time to complete tasks without rushing. We became used to getting in and out of places as fast as possible. Slow down and be tolerant when waiting in line or when things don't go exactly as scheduled. We're still all human and delays happen. Getting irritated only makes you unapproachable. Instead, use this time to talk with someone you're with or someone new.

Connecting with others is difficult sometimes but you never know when it'll make a difference in your day or someone else's day just by smiling.

Lisa Pionke, LMFT, East Lyme Psychological Associates



Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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LYMES CREATIVE ARTS Announces a summer of middle and high school arts experiences at a very low or no cost. Film making, photography, studio arts, watercolor doodling, ceramics, piano, and more. View the entire list and schedule at: www.lysb.org/teenarts.

BINGO ON THE BEACH

Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

White Sands Beach

This is a free event. Bring your own picnic, beach chairs and blankets and get ready for some good ol' fashioned family fun. Open to all Lyme / Old Lyme families. Registration not required.

MIDSUMMER 5K

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Featuring 5K Run, 5K Walk, Kids K in Old Lyme Village to benefit LYSB Youth Programs. Info and registration at: www.lysb.org/5K.

LYSB NIGHT AT THE YARD GOATS

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 pm

Join us for LYSB Family Night at the Yard Goats at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford. The Hartford Yard Goats are taking on the New York Yankee affiliate, the Somerset Patriots. Our group tickets are located in the Picnic Pavilion on the concourse level and include a 2.5 hour all you can eat buffet! Game starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 per person and fans get a free Yard Goats hat walking into the game (while supplies last.) Limited tickets available at: www.lysb.org.

WHAT A HOOT! OWLS AT LYSB

Thursday, July 20, 5:30 pm

Join the experts from Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center to learn all about these awe-inspiring creatures. If you are lucky, you might even get to meet a real OWL! Register at: www.lysb.org/summer \$10 per family.

FANTASTIC FROGS AT LYSB

Thursday, August 10, 5:30 pm

Our friends from Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will be at LYSB for this fun interactive program. Families will learn more about these unique animals, their amazing adaptations while seeing them up close and in person! Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer. \$10 per family.

BEACH DANCES

Tuesdays, June 20 to August 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (no dance 7/4)

For Middle Schoolers at White Sands Beach, \$5 per week admission – music, food, fun, friends! Weather permitting, please check our website or facebook page for possible cancellations due

to weather by 5:00 pm on Dance nights. LYSB requires a one-time registration at: www.lysb.org.

RUN LIKE A GIRL

Wednesdays, June 28 to August 16, 8:30 - 10:30 am

For girls entering grades 4-8

Join us for a summer of running while building self-esteem, inspiration, goal setting, leadership, courage, and more! Each week we'll go for a group run on local trails, followed by fun activities at LYSB. Beginning runners welcome! Fee: \$30, includes tshirt and supplies. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

SENSORY SATURDAY PLAYGROUP

Saturday, June 25 and July 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Ages 1.5 to 5, \$12 / date, register for one or both

Hands on summer fun and sensory play. Please bring or have your child wear a bathing suit & a towel. Groups will meet outside if weather permits. Inside if necessary. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

INFANT & BABY MASSAGE

Mondays, June 10 and 17, 2023, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages infant to crawler, \$20 Infant massage is a great way to communicate and comfort your baby. A two-week class that allows you to massage your baby while learning the full massage routine. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

ACTS OF KINDNESS: Service Projects for Young Children

Tuesdays, June 20 to July 18, 10:00 - 11:15 am

Ages 3-6, \$10 / date, register for one or all four.

Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

CREEPERS, CRAWLERS & CRUISERS

Five Thursdays, June 15 to July 20, 10:00 - 11:00 am,

(no class on 7/6) Ages 1ish to 2ish, 5 weeks, \$50

In this playgroup you will enjoy both inside and outside play. Sensory, simple water play, group time, crafts, and a story. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT PLAYGROUP

Ages 1.5 and up, 10:00 - 11:30 am, \$15 / day.

Various dates throughout the summer. Check www.lysb.org for schedule and themes. Let's be active, dance, make music, and have fun! Music and Movement is an outdoor class, starting with free choice play as we gather and then moves to a group circle

with a welcome song. Each class we will do finger play songs, try instruments, use gross motor full body movement, practice movement skills with equipment, sing, and dance. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer

PARTY PIGS with Gilbert & Meadow

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Ages 2 and up, \$15 / child

Connecticut's famous "party pigs!" Gilbert with his young friend Meadow will join us outside at LYSB. Gilbert is an American Mini Pig who loves to travel & amuse those whom he visits. Meadow is an American Mini Pig under one year old and much smaller. She loves to join in on the games. Join us for this action-packed hour of fun. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

WILDCAT EXPLORERS

Exploring various outdoor locations in Old Lyme

Ages 0 and up, 10:00 - 11:30 am, \$15 per family / date. Check our website for dates and locations in July and August.

Little explorers and their parents will enjoy time in Old Lyme Land Trust areas with friends. Meet at a different trail head and start our journey with an opening circle, go on a hike, outdoor craft game, story, and finish with a closing circle. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

CHILL OUT AT LYSB

June 26 to July 27, Monday through Thursday, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, after Park & Rec camp (no program on 7/4)

Children will be escorted from park and rec day camp to the LYSB where they can hang out with their friends, play basketball, watch movies, games, art and crafts and much more. Snacks will be provided. Fee: \$250 per child for the five-week session. (you must register for all five weeks) Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

SITTER SAFETY & CPR CLASS

Sitter Safety:

Three Wednesdays, July 12, 19, & 26, 12:00 - 1:45 pm

CPR For Babysitters:

Friday, July 26, 12:00 - 2:00 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: Sitter Safety \$50, CPR \$55, Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

BOLD (Boys Outdoor Leadership Development)

• Session I:

Mon, July 10 to Fri, July 14, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

• Session II:

Mon, July 31 to Fri, August 4, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Looking for a camp for young kiddos? PRE-K / KINDERGARTEN SUMMER CAMP

Sponsored by the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center
at Center School in cooperation with Region 18

Running weekly from June 26-July 31



Six Weeks*
of hands-on learning for children
ages 3-6

camp runs Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

cost: \$375 / week

*you do not need to enroll for all 6 weeks

THEMES

Week 1: Gardening

Week 4: Water Fun

Week 2: Camping

Week 5: Zoo

Week 3: Construction

Week 6: Outer Space

Email: office.olelc@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Registration closes May 26th.

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Youth Service Bureau... continued from page 29

For adventurous Lyme Old Lyme middle school boys to learn leadership, respect, listening and teamwork. We will participate in activities such as ROPES, paddle boarding, Open Space Hike, and more adventures on Land and Sea. This program is outside therefore events could be cancelled due to inclement weather. Space is limited. Fee: \$125.

SHORELINE TRACK & FIELD CLUB, RUN • JUMP • THROW

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 27 to August 3, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Grades 4 to 8, \$50 includes tshirt

4th to 8th graders can feel what it's like to be on a track team, coached by seasoned high school and college student leader athletes. Kids will try a variety of events and eventually join a group, including distance group for long distance track events (events 800m or longer.) Every other Saturday starting at 9:00 am, we will host optional meets. Beginners welcome. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

CLAY CLUB

Three dates: July 25, 27, August 1, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Ages 6 to 12, \$20/day, register for one or all three

We will practice the basic techniques for creating with polymer clay. We will have a magical forest theme for our guided projects. The pieces will be baked at LYSB and ready to take home at pick up. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

ENGINEERING CAMP

• AGES 5 to 8:

Mon July 31 to Fri August 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

• AGES 9 & up:

Mon Aug 7 to Fri August 11, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Discover the marvelous and spectacular world of engineering through the hands-on, minds on summer camps offered by Engineering Imagination, LLC! In these exciting, educational summer camps, participants will use a variety of mediums such as LEGO, recycled materials, salvaged motors and gears, balsa wood, and more to explore the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) curriculum. Fee: \$300. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

MERMAID CRAFTERS

Three dates: August 3, 8, 10, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Ages 6 to 12, \$20 / day, register for one or all three

Calling lovers of sparkle, seashells, scales, purples, blues, and turquoises. We will meet in Mimi's Place for some crafting fun all with a mermaid theme. Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

HAMBURG FAIR SINGERS

Wednesday, August 16, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

at LYSB - Saturday, August 19, at the Hamburg Fair Stage

All ages, free. Perform on stage at the Hamburg Fair!! Calling all youth singers in Lyme/Old Lyme! Steve Roslonek of SteveSongs, on air host of PBSKids Television, will be performing at the Fair and he needs YOUR help!

Come to a one-day rehearsal at LYSB to learn some of Steve's best-known numbers, and the Hamburg Fair Song. No previous experience is necessary and fun is guaranteed! Register at: www.lysb.org/summer.

Town Clerk's Office

Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk

Courtney C. Joy, Assistant Town Clerk

Congratulations!

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:

January

Dillon Michael Dooley & Elisabeth Noel Calderon

March

Antonio Carlos Robaina & Susan Brodeur Handy
Donald Leigh Porter & Deborah Marlene Peterson
James David Walsh, 3rd & Emily Evans Knight
Brian John Swanson & Rosa Maria Diaz

With Sympathy

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

November

Frances T. Urquhart

Christopher Mullaney

Marion Doris King

Leroy Richmond Clark

Barbara Ann Russo

Nancy E. Gibson

Donald Francis Woods

Margaret Sharon

Helen M. Mea

Christopher Anthony

Romeo

Margaret Jane Ebbets

Dana McCrerrick Kenny

Earl Joseph Peters

Irene Noda

Jane A. Temple

January

Sandra Jean Cameron

Mary Kathryn Stanton

Roger E. Morgan

Albert John Meyer, Jr.

February

Dolores Doukas Green

Robert E. Swaney

Donna Reynolds Speirs

Edwin Thomas Manchester

March

Evelyn May McInerney Roman

The Old Lyme Town Band

Our 2023 concert season has begun. The Old Lyme Town Band, under the direction of Rich Chiappetta, is busy preparing brass fanfares, classic folk tunes, familiar medleys, and traditional band marches for you all to enjoy.

OPENING CONCERT

The opening concert of our 2023 season was held on Friday evening, April 14th at 7:00 pm at Christ the King Church in Old Lyme. It was a Free Event. The concert will showcased both the Old Lyme Town Band (host band) and the Noank-Mystic Community Band. Each band will entertained with several musical selections like Festival Prelude, Midway March, Loch Lomond, Fantasy on Yankee Doodle, and American Overture; then all joined together for the grand finale. It was a fun evening of uplifting music!

FIRST OUTDOOR CONCERT

On Wednesday evening, May 24th at 6:00 pm, the Lyme Senior Center hosted the Old Lyme Town Band for our first outdoor concert of the season. Many brought lawn chairs, and their favorite snacks and sweaters. Much enthusiasm and a fun filled evening of music was had by all. We heard tunes such as Celebration Fanfare, Wicked, the Lion King, Stars and Stripes Forever, Blue Ridge Saga, The Music Man, and many more. It was a Free Event!

New concerts are being added often, so please be sure to check the Old Lyme Town Band.com website or our Facebook page for additional information and performance updates.

If you play an instrument, we would love to have you join our group. No audition is necessary. The OLTB welcomes players of all ages, from the surrounding towns. Our rehearsals are held on Monday evenings, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Christ the King Church in Old Lyme.

For more information contact:
Ann Lander at: 860-434-2671, landeral15@yahoo.com.

Old Lyme Town Band Summer Concert Schedule

FREE EVENT

Bring your lawn chair and a favorite snack!

Nautical Tunes ☆ Americana Pieces ☆ Classic Marches ☆ Movie Theme Favorites

There will be tunes for everyone!



May 24	6:00 pm	Lyme Senior Ctr., Old Lyme
June 21	TBD	Make Music Day, Old Lyme
June 22	7:00 pm	Soundview Beach, Old Lyme
July 10	7:00 pm	Ocean Beach, New London
July 19	6:00 pm	McCook Park, Niantic
July 25	7:00 pm	Mystic River Park, Mystic
July 29	7:30 pm	Old Lyme Fireworks (middle school)
July 30	4:00 pm	South Green, Old Lyme



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Upcoming Events at the Lyme Library

June 12th - September 4th



Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, June 14, July 5, 10:30 - 11:15 am

Community room and Children's room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

For children ages infant to 4. Discover what it is like to visit the library! Have a story time, sing-along and craft with Ms. Natalie and meet new friends. Caregivers can check out books to take home to continue the fun of the library visit.

Yoga and Meditation

with Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga

Friday, June 16, 10:30 am

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Yoga and meditation classes at the library. \$10.00 per class paid to the instructor at the door. Participants should bring yoga mats if they have them. Experience with yoga and meditation is not necessary to participate.

Cost: \$10.00

"As the Page Turns"

Lyme Library/Lyme Senior Center Book Club

Friday, June 16, July 21, August 18, 1:00 pm

Lyme Library Program Room

Email: programreg@lymepl.org to register.

A collaboration with the Lyme Library and Lyme/Old Lyme Senior Center. The selected book for the month can be picked up at the Lyme Public Library circulation desk. June's book of the month: *"In the Unlikely Event: A Novel"* by Judy Blume July's book is: *"The Namesake"* by Jhumpa Lahiri

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT

"Find Your Voice"

Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M. Saturday Bubble Lab

Saturday June 17, 11:00 am

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

A S.T.E.A.M science event using bubbles. Children will explore the science behind blowing the best soap bubbles while learning about the optics of light and color, chemical composition, surface tension, measurement, and geometry. This program is appropriate for kids ages 6-11.

One-on One Tech Support Help Day with Sue Latourette

Saturday, June 17, July 15, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Lyme Library Conference Room

Sign-up sheets at Lyme Library Circulation Desk

Are you having basic technology issues? Well, Sue Latourette will be at the Lyme Library to help get you past your technological hurdle. Please come to the library and sign-up for one (or more) of the ½ time slots on our tech support sign-up sheet. 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 to log into the accounts you are having trouble with.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26,
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 - 11:15 am

Community room and Children's room

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For children ages infant to 4. Discover what it is like to visit the library! Have a story time, sing-along and craft with Ms. Natalie and meet new friends. Caregivers can check out books to take home to continue the fun of the library visit.

The Lyme Library Bridge Club

Friday, June 23, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Previous experience playing Bridge is preferred but not required. This is a great way to exercise your mind and spirit by meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

David Ruggles and the Birth of Nonviolent Civil Disobedience with Local Historian Jim Lampos

Saturday, June 24, 11:00 am

Location: Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Historian and author, Jim Lampos will speak about Lyme's, native son David Ruggles who was instrumental in establishing Black activism before the American Civil War. The lecture will include information on David Ruggles' enlightened education in Norwich which would lead him to establish the tenants of nonviolent civil disobedience that influenced the civil rights movements world-wide.

Lyme Library American Mah Jongg Club

Tuesday, June 27, July 25, August 29, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Lyme Public Library's Program Room or
Periodicals 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. The library has two complete American Mah Jongg sets and 8 copies of the *"Official Standard Hands and Rules 2023"* booklets that participants can use while in the building but if you have your own set of tiles, please bring them along.

Yoga and Meditation

with Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga

Friday, June 30, 10:30 am

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Yoga and meditation classes at the library. \$10.00 per class paid to the instructor at the door. Participants should bring yoga mats if they have them. Experience with yoga and meditation is not necessary to participate.

Cost: \$10.00

The Lyme Library Bridge Club

Friday, June 30, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Previous experience playing Bridge is preferred but not required. This is a great way to exercise your mind and spirit by meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT

"Find Your Voice"

Imagine Musical Yoga with Joan Fisler
of Red Barn Yoga

Saturday, July 8, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Community room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Come enjoy an interactive musical yoga class with Ms. Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga. This class is for kids aged 2 to 5 years old and their grown-ups. Siblings are welcome! Please bring your own mats if possible.

The Sweet Spot

Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 am

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Join your friends and family at "The Sweet Spot," the Lyme library's. Refreshments have been provided by volunteers All items are free, but feel free to add to the "donation jar." "The Sweet Spot" provides games,

magazines, newspapers and a warm and cozy space for folks to meet up and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones. Come join the fun and learn more about what the library has to offer the community. This program is made possible by a collaboration between the Friends of the Lyme Public Library and the Lyme Library Board of Trustees.

Tories, Spies and Traitors: Divided Loyalty in Revolutionary Connecticut.

Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Which side are you on? That's a question that everyone in Connecticut had to answer in 1775. This presentation reveals stories of Nutmeggers who risked and sacrificed to support their chosen side during the American Revolution.

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT "Find Your Voice"

**Children's Creative Movement Class
hosted by Eastern Connecticut Ballet**

Saturday, July 15, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lyme Library Community room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Enjoy a story and participate in this creative movement class hosted by Eastern Connecticut Ballet. The theme for today's class is "Going to the Beach." This class is 45 minutes long and is for children ages 3-6 years old.

"Landscape Photographs"

Art Exhibit by Peter Axilrod

**July 15th - September 15 during library
open hours**

Lyme Library Community Room

Call 860-434-2272 for more information.

Capturing the majesty of the natural landscape, Peter Axilrod's stunning silver gelatin print photographs will be on display in the Lyme Library's Community Room from July to September. The prints will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Lyme Public Library and the Ukrainian Red Cross.

Composting Basics with Sally Ruggeri

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

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Master Gardener Sally Ruggeri will explain how to successfully start your own home composting project. Green up your yard, improve the environment and reduce your environmental footprint via composting with the help of an expert.

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT "Find Your Voice"

Treehouse Players Workshop

Saturday, July 22, 10:30 am

Lyme Library Community room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

This interactive theatre adventure is for children in grades K-5 and their families!

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT "Find Your Voice"

**Shell & Bee Studio Art Class Series
- Afternoon Art**

Tuesday, July 25, 4:00 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Join Ms. Chelbi of Shell & Bee Studio as she leads a fun and creative afternoon class for elementary school students grades 1-5. Today's Class: Georgia O'Keeffe Flower Relief Paintings



LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT "Find Your Voice"

**Shell & Bee Studio Art Class Series
Evening Art Studio**

Tuesday, July 25, 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Enjoy creating with Ms. Chelbi Wade of Shell & Bee Studio as she leads an evening art class for students in grade 6-12. Tonight's class: Paint Pours

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT "Find Your Voice"

**Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M. Saturday Roller
Coaster Physics**

Saturday, July 29, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Participants in this program investigate energy,

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forces and motion as they design and create their own mini roller coasters!

LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENT

"Find Your Voice"

Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M. Saturday Design It / Build It Engineering

Saturday, August 5, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

In this program, kids investigate the engineering design process to come up with solutions to problems. Participants will design two "Towers of Terror" and a paper bridge! This program is appropriate for children ages 6-11 years old.

Trans 101 with Claire McCarthy

Tuesday, August 15, 6:00 pm

Lyme Public Library-Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Confused by terms like LGBTQIAA2S+, dead-naming, and non-binary? Want to talk to or about transgender people without being offensive? And what's the deal with the pronouns? Trans 101 can help.

Clare McCarthy - educator, trans advocate, host of Transcat the Podcast - will lead a presentation that offers an introductory exploration of transgender themes, terms and history for a better understanding of an issue that can sometimes seem intimidating, abstract, and complex.

The Magic of Therapy Dogs:

What Makes Them So Special with Jean Baur

Thursday, August 17, 2:00 pm

Lyme Public Library-Community Room

To register email: programreg@lymepl.org

Animals can make a wonderful difference in our lives.

Recent scientific studies have proven that interacting with animals can decrease levels of cortisol (a stress-related hormone) and lower blood pressure. Other studies have found that animals can reduce loneliness, increase feelings of social support, and boost your mood.

So, what's it like to train an animal to become a therapy pet? Presenters Jean Baur and her dog Rudy will be at the Lyme library to discuss the magic of therapy dogs and give you advice on how you might be able to get training to develop your beloved family pet into a certified therapy animal.

Therapy Animal



Hon. Jeannine Lewis,
Judge of the Saybrook
District Probate Court,
Photo courtesy of Laura
Matesky Photography

Probate Fees 101

The Probate Court becomes involved when a person dies in order to assist with transferring assets from the name of the deceased person to his or her heirs or beneficiaries under a Will. In our court, which serves a population of approximately 62,000, we saw a rise in decedent's estate matters with the onset of the Covid pandemic, moving from 1,419 decedent's estates in 2019 to 1,523 in 2020 and eventually 2,371 in 2021. There is much information and misinformation about what the cost is to invoke the assistance of the Probate Court in a decedent's

estate matter. Calculating probate fees is very fact specific, but it is my hope that the guidelines below will assist court users in understanding how fees might be assessed for their own estates.

In a hypothetical scenario where the husband of a couple dies first, and the couple owns a house valued at \$500,000, a joint bank account valued at \$100,000, a jointly owned car valued at \$20,000, and the husband has a retirement account valued at \$350,000, all of which pass to his surviving spouse, the probate fee would be calculated as follows: half of the value of the jointly owned assets are attributed to the husband's estate, namely house, bank account and car, or $(\$250,000 + \$50,000 + \$10,000 = \$310,000)$. The retirement account is solely owned, so its entire value of \$350,000 is added to the \$310,000 in joint assets = \$660,000. Since all property passes to the surviving spouse, the \$660,000 in value of the husband's assets is reduced by half, and becomes \$330,000. Using the table on this page, the probate fee is then calculated as follows: $(\$330,000 - \$10,000) \times 0.0035 = \$1,120.00 + \$150.00 = \$1,270.00$

FOR ANYONE DYING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2016, PROBATE FEES ARE ASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

Basis for Computation of Fees	Total Fee
0 to \$500	\$25
\$501 to \$1,000	\$50
\$1,000 to \$10,000	\$50, plus 1% of all in excess of \$1,000
\$10,000 to \$500,000	\$150, plus .35% of all in excess of \$10,000
\$500,000 to \$2,000,000	\$1,865, plus .25% of all in excess of \$500,000
\$2,000,000 to \$8,877,000	\$5,615, plus .5% of all in excess of \$2,000,000
\$8,877,000 and over	\$40,000

Any portion of the basis for fees that passes to the surviving spouse is reduced by fifty per cent.

Further information about fees associated with decedent's estates can be found in the Connecticut General Statutes, section 45a-107, and online at www.ctprobate.gov/pages/probate-fees-and-expenses. The online calculator is useful, but calculating probate fees is most accurately done by a skilled probate clerk at your local court.

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Duck River Garden Club

Mother's Day weekend wouldn't be complete without Old Lyme's Duck River Garden Club plant sale.

This year's sale featured collections of native perennial plants, favorites from members' gardens, herbs and floral hanging baskets. Proceeds support the club's scholarships, public education programs and its civic beautification sites around town. Members serve on teams that replant, weed and water these sites every summer – enjoy the flowerbeds and plantings at Exit 70, Old Lyme Post Office, Town Hall, Lyme Street Firehouse, Sill Lane, Lymes' Senior Center, McCurdy Road/Route 156 and Old Lyme Police Station.

The club congratulates its 2023 high school scholarship recipient Samantha Tan, daughter of Wei Tan and Jianhao Shen of Old Lyme. The Lyme-Old Lyme High School graduate has been an active member of the school's Environmental Club, where she



Duck River Garden Club members attending to the flowers and plants at the recent sale.

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helped to establish and plant the school's first pollinator garden. She also has volunteered at Lyme-Old Lyme Food Share Garden, the Sustainable Old Lyme Summer Arts program, plus many hours improving trails and natural habitats in town preserves. She plans to major in Biology at Boston University.

Duck River Garden Club holds monthly meetings and evening programs September through May at Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall. Most educational programs are free and open to the public. Please go to our website at: www.oldlymeduckrivergc.org or follow the club's Facebook Page. The club also welcomes new members. Contact Linda Clough, president at: 860-601-0446, or email at: linda.clough1226@comcast.net.

Duck River Garden Club members thank you for your support of their annual plant sale.



2023 Parking Pass "Beach Pass" Information

Just like last year, our parking permits will be hanging tags that can be moved among your vehicles. This means you'll be able to use the permit for any car registered to you or your family in Old Lyme.

PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE AS OF MAY 1ST

The cost is \$30 per permit. If you want to purchase a second pass, the fee is an additional \$45 for a second one (\$75 for two passes.)

Limit 2 passes per household.

Permits will be sold by filling out the Parking Pass Application online at: www.oldlyme-ct.gov and mailing in check or money order to the First Selectman's Office, Att: Beach / Parking Pass, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT 06371. Be sure to provide the EXACT address that you would like your pass(es) mail to. Please be prepared to follow the instructions on the Parking Pass Permit application form: provide proof of residency, payment (checks or money orders) and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please make check payable to Town of Old Lyme.



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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. OLHSI has a lot going on this summer, and hope you can join us!

ANNUAL MEETING

OLHSI held its Annual Meeting at 6:00 pm, Monday, June 12, at 55 Lyme Street. At 7:00 pm that evening we heard Damien Cregeau on the Historic Architecture of Lyme Street. The public enjoyed the evening.

MAKE MUSIC DAY

Celebrate Make Music Day on Lyme Street, Wednesday, June 21. OLHSI will host a "sound wall" and photo ops, fun for all ages. Stop by as you stroll the street full of music!

SPRING PLANT SALE June 24-25, 2023.

A selection of Hydrangeas grown locally by Old Lyme nurseryman, Mark Comstock will be on sale this weekend at 55 Lyme Street. All proceeds benefit the Historical Society. Saturday, June 24, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Sunday, June 25, 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

OTHER EVENTS

Thursday, June 29, 7:00 pm at 55 Lyme Street, join Michaelle Pearson and Jane Ludington in a conversation about The Ludingtons and Old Lyme.

Saturday, July 29 OLHSI will be a part of Old Lyme's Mid-Summer Festival.

Sunday, July 30 at 4:00 pm, join us for a concert by the Town Band and an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social in the Town Green at the corner of Lyme Street and McCurdy Road.

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



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Intake for the 85th Annual White Elephant Sale

BEGINS JUNE 29, SALE ITSELF OPENS FRIDAY, JULY 14



The perennially popular White Elephant Sale (WES) is back!

The sale, hosted by the Ladies Benevolent Society of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, will be held Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15.

For those new to the town or folk who have never participated before, this sale is one of the main events on both the town and church calendars. It all starts with the intake period when you can drop off unwanted items at the church from your house - perhaps your basement, attic or closets - or yard.

Garage, tag and rummage sales may be everyday affairs, but few, if any, can match the size and color of this one. The sale items are organized into some 20 departments that fill the church buildings as well as every available space on the lawn.

The WES has grown so large that it has become a true "community event" since many of the donations are from non-church members and quite a number of volunteers are also from outside the church.

The sale raises a significant amount of money for missions and good works both locally and throughout the world. Some of the beneficiaries include food pantries, health organizations, family support centers, children's programs, literacy volunteers, affordable housing, and disaster relief worldwide.

Mark your calendars now for the dates of this year's sale.

Intake begins on Thursday, June 29, and runs daily from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm through Saturday, July 1. Then there is a three-day break after which intake restarts Wednesday, July 5,



Intake is always a busy time.

through Friday, July 7, again from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm daily.

Details of items that will be accepted are on the church website. Note that this year lamps or audiovisual electronics will not be accepted this year due to space limitations.

The sale itself will be held on Friday, July 14, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 15, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Most departments offer items at half-price on the second day. There may be some mask restrictions on inside shopping.

Information

For more information about the sale or if you would like to volunteer to help in any capacity, whether with intake, the sale itself, or clean-up, call the church office at: 860.434.8686 and / or visit: www.fccol.org/wes.

See you at The Sale!



Lunch is a universally popular affair at the Sale



Waiting for the bell at the White Elephant Sale.

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts

Our Youth Programs are open to all students ages 11-18, regardless of their level of training or proficiency in the fine arts. Our studio classes provide essential skills in drawing, painting, and sculpting the human figure from life. Each class is based upon traditional and proven Academic practices and is designed to foster both life skills, such as critical thinking and problem-solving, and visual literacy.

Our emphasis on individualized instruction ensures that each student progresses through a series of assigned exercises at their own pace, and is instilled with confidence at every stage. Our goal for Academy Youth Programs is, of course, to help the next generation of artists master the skills they will need to succeed in today's art world, but it is also to create a positive and inspirational environment in which to create and learn.



Students draw from a live model in one of the Lyme Academy's spacious north-lit studios, Photo by Kayla Lilli.

The Lyme Academy's Summer Youth Academy features a variety of workshops that are designed to build artistic skills,

develop critical thinking strategies, and explore aspects of art history.

Students learn the fundamental principles of drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture in a professional studio environment, working independently and collaboratively under the guidance of an exceptional faculty of artists. Our workshops are open to students ages 11-18, and all levels of experience are welcome.

Middle School Summer Academy

The Middle School Academy Program offers students ages 11-13 a variety of week-long workshops, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

These are fun, hands-on opportunities to work in a professional artist's studio, while learning about iconic artists and art history. Each week-long workshop features three single-day assignments, a continuing multi-day project, a lecture and art-related activity, and guided exercises. All materials are included.

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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Summer Celebrations at the Lyme Art Association

Visit Lyme Art Association (LAA) this summer for gorgeous exhibitions, art workshops, classes, artist demonstrations, and fun family activities!



Beauty Within - Paul Michael, Untitled.

June 24 - July 16: The Beauty Within celebrates young artists' perspectives on people in their lives. Artists, ages 5-18, from Old Lyme and its surrounding communities can submit portraits of people they admire - a friend, family member, teacher, coach, hero, or a self-portrait. Deadline is June 18.



Family Day Event.

July 15, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Family Day at LAA offers fun for all with art projects, Plein Air painting, games, music, the Great Americans Project, and The Beauty Within award ceremony. Event is free and open to the public.



Expanding Visions - Howard Park, Work Boat Reflections.

June 23 - July 15: Expanding Visions showcases the full range of unique and



Expanding Visions - Jill Adele Butcher,, Reverberations..

innovative styles of LAA artists. From hyperrealism to abstraction, this juried exhibition celebrates the vibrant range of LAA's members.

June 23 - August 10: The Hudson Valley Art Association is returning to LAA for their **90th Annual Juried National Exhibition**. In the Hudson River School spirit, this spectacular exhibit showcases the aesthetic appeal and technical skill of representational art across a variety of media, including oil, watercolor, pastel, graphics, and sculpture.



Plein Air.



July 8: Celebrate Plein Air painting and support LAA's Skylight Project at the Wet Paint and "Raise the Roof" Cocktail Party and Fundraiser. After painting all day, artists return to LAA with their framed pieces for sale at 5:00 pm just in time to join the celebration. Tickets online.



Midsummer Festival.

July 29, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Old Lyme's Midsummer Festival returns for another fun-filled day on Lyme Street. LAA's grounds will feature member artists, local artisans, family activities and food trucks. Join us this summer at the Lyme Art Association - where art lives!

Founded by Old Lyme's 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 is a welcoming arts community that cultivates a love of fine art by offering enriching programs for artists and the community. Open Wednesdays - Sundays, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. www.lymeartassociation.org; 860-434-7802.



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Old Lyme Fire Department Turned 100 Years Old May 15, 2023!

There will be a celebration at the Lyme Street fire station and school campus on July 15, 2023 (noon to 8:00 pm) with an Old Lyme Fire Department history display, car & antique fire truck show, DJ, food trucks, drinks, fun and games, and the Wicked Peach band from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

We will also be commemorating this milestone with the publication of a book documenting the first 100 years of the department. The book will be available for purchase along with 100th anniversary shirts and cups. Contact us at: 100th@olfd.org.

The 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit will be at Lyme Street



Above, Old Lyme Fire Department Past Chiefs.

on Saturday July 15 and Sunday July 16. The 9/11 Exhibit is provided by the Tunnel to Towers Foundation: <https://t2t.org/9-11-institute/9-11-never-forget-mobile-exhibit/>.

Mark your calendars for July 15 and follow us on Facebook for additional details regarding the Old Lyme Fire Department history and planned celebration!



Old Lyme Fire Department Turned 100 - Celebrate July 15th!

Celebrate with us on July 15th, 2023
Noon to 8:00 pm
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Florence Griswold Museum

OBJECT LESSONS IN AMERICAN ART: Selections from the Princeton University Art Museum, on view at the Florence Griswold Museum June 3 through September 10.

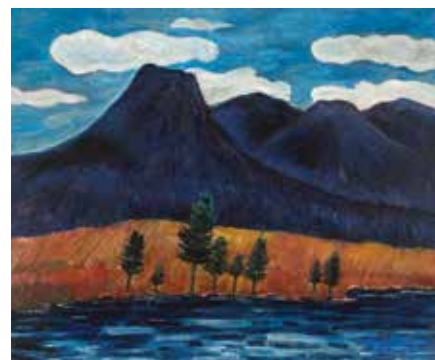
Works from the Princeton University Art Museum's venerable collection have been curated into the traveling exhibition Object Lessons in American Art. Four centuries of Euro-American, African American, and Native American art collectively ask fundamental questions about artistic significance and how the meaning of artwork can change across time, place, and context. Works by Milton Avery, Mary Cassatt, Guerilla Girls, Grace Hartigan, Titus Kaphar, Georgia O'Keeffe, Ammi Phillips, and John Henry Twachtman are among the over 70 pieces on view that offer insight into American history, culture, and society. "We are thrilled to be one of only three stops in the country, and the only one in the northeast, for this inspiring show," states Executive Director Joshua Campbell Torrance. "It's a unique opportunity for our audiences to see works by these and other marquee artists on display in the Florence Griswold Museum galleries."

For the Museum's installation, Associate Curator Jennifer Stettler Parsons added "Object Lessons" from Old Lyme which is also a nod to our connection to Princeton University. Prompted by his wife, artist Ellen Axson Wilson, Woodrow Wilson visited the Lyme Art Colony while he was president of Princeton University (1902-1910). Visitors are encouraged to look at the Wilson objects from the

Museum's permanent collection through the lenses of race, class, and gender and consider the Wilsons' complicated legacy.

This exhibition is curated by Karl Kusserow, John Wilmerding
Curator of American

Art, Princeton University Art Museum, and overseen at the Florence Griswold Museum by Jennifer Stettler Parsons Ph.D., Associate Curator. This exhibition is made possible by the leadership support of the Terra Foundation for American Art. At the Florence Griswold Museum, support comes from the Department of Economic and Community Development, Connecticut Office of the Arts, HSB, The Aeroflex Foundation, The David T. Langrock Foundation, Mrs. Kathryn Parsons and Mr. J. Geddes Parsons, Mr. Wayne Harms and Mrs. Barbara Harms, and WSHU Public Radio, as well as donors to the Museum's Annual Fund.



Marsden Hartley (1877–1943; born Lewiston, ME; died Ellsworth, ME), *Blue Landscape*, 1942. Oil on board; 40.6 × 50.8 cm. Princeton University Art Museum. Museum purchase, Fowler McCormick, Class of 1921, Fund and Kathleen Compton Sherrerd Fund for Acquisitions in American Art (2015-6679).

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The Connecticut Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center is dedicated to the conservation and preservation of the Connecticut River Estuary ecosystem and watershed, through science-based research, education and advocacy.

FIELD PROGRAMS:

Shorebird Walks - June-Aug

Summer birding in Connecticut means heading to our coastal beaches and marshes to search for shorebirds! We'll provide a spotting scope and we encourage participants to bring their own binoculars. All walks are two hours in length. Visit our website for dates and locations!

RTP Estuary Center 7th Annual Benefit

The World Is Your Oyster - Friday, September 8; 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Experience a night celebrating oysters and our center's mission. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a live and silent auction will be available. This annual benefit supports the science-based environmental education, research, and advocacy programs of the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit our website!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

RTP Estuary Summer Camp - June 20 - August 18

Join the RTP Estuary Center and spend the summer where science,

nature and art combine with fun! While each session has a natural science focus, your child will be busy discovering animals and plants, conducting hands-on experiments, making new friends and enjoying outdoor activities. Campers ages 5 to 13 will participate in hands-on curriculum tailored to meet each child's interest and skills.

After-school Adventures

The RTP Estuary Center's afterschool program allows participants the opportunity to participate in hands-on, inquiry based learning experiences through STEM based activities. Themes will reflect the seasonal change found in nature. Visit our website for more information

All programs require pre-registration. We also host a variety of webinars, nature hikes, bird walks, citizen science opportunities and more throughout southeastern Connecticut. For more information be sure to visit our website at: www.ctaudubon.org/rtppec or email rtppec@ctaudubon.org.



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Open Space Commission Honors Eleven Grads from Lyme - Old Lyme High School

Eleven graduating seniors from Lyme-Old Lyme High School were honored by the Old Lyme Open Space Commission in April for their volunteer work on town conserved land. Each student lent a hand on town stewardship projects over their four years at LOLHS via the school's Environmental / Community Service Club. The students received certificates signed by First Selectman Tim Griswold and Asst. Principal Jeanne Manfredi, as well as Open Space T-shirts. The Commission also recognized Environmental Club advisor and faculty member Heather Fried who supervised the students' site work.



Nine students, Ms. Fried and Open Space Commission members are shown in the photo. Student volunteers recognized were Elsie Arafah-Hudson, Callie Bass, Livie Bass, Jaimie Bucior, William Danes, Alexis Fenton, Willa Hoerauf, Monique Lavoie, Madeleine Morgado, Lyla Powers and Samantha Tan.

The club's work included clearing invasive plant growth, building bridges and clearing sites in Ames Open Space for two wildlife viewing areas. The latter were created along the Black Hall River (also called Bucky Brook) so hikers might spend time watching beavers, herons, egrets, wood ducks and other animals.

Other young volunteers assisting the Open Space Commission included college interns who spent last summer working on

the town's Ferry Landing Wildlife Refuge, and high school students who worked with raw wildlife video footage to edit videos now posted on the town YouTube channel. The Commission expects to employ a college intern again this summer and a high school student for video editing.

All the students' contributions are sincerely appreciated by the Commission. The Open Space Commission hopes that these young citizens will find their time spent working in nature to be an inspiration leading to their future involvement as stewards responsible for protecting natural beauty and heritage in Old Lyme or wherever their paths lead.



Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Commission through its website at: <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/358/Open-Space-Commission>.

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Connecticut River Conservancy: What We Know About PFAS

PFAS IS SHORT FOR PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL substances and refers to a group of over 4000 human-made chemicals found in everyday household products such as nonstick pans, food packaging, waterproof jackets, and carpets, as well as personal care items such as shampoo and shaving cream, and even industrial materials such as aqueous film forming foam used to fight fires at military bases and commercial airports.

PFAS compounds are useful because they are designed to be resistant to breakdown and impart stain and water-resistant properties to products. Unfortunately, they continue to resist breakdown and become “forever chemicals,” persisting in the environment for decades. They can bioaccumulate (accumulate in tissues) and biomagnify (increase in concentration as you move up the food chain) in living organisms resulting in negative health

effects, including cancer. For these reasons and more, they are a serious contaminant that is a global problem.

One thing that is important to understand about PFAS both locally and nationally is that this is an emerging area of science. There is, unfortunately, a lot that scientists don't fully know or understand yet about PFAS, how they move through the environment, and the full effects of chronic exposure on humans, wildlife, and the environment. Even analytical methods for accurately measuring the different PFAS compounds are still being developed and refined.

If you are concerned about PFAS, it will be important to keep up as new science emerges and puts what is understood currently into context. For example, there are no federally agreed upon standards in the US for exposure to PFAS through

water, eating, or household use yet.

The research needed to set these standards is still being done. Individual states have enacted drinking water standards and have issued fish consumption advisories where they feel it is appropriate, but these will likely be adjusted as our knowledge regarding the environmental health effects of PFAS increases.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO, IN MAY 1973, Connecticut's legislature established the Connecticut River Gateway Commission to "prevent deterioration of the natural and traditional riverway scene for the enjoyment of present and future generations."

The river's unhealthy condition and the prospect of a national park stretching from Canada to Long Island Sound bringing a possible federal override of local control prompted political action.

Senator Abe Ribicoff quoted an observer, "unless steps [are] taken to protect this resource [the Connecticut River] it could easily turn into a marine version of the Berlin Turnpike."

The legislation required five of the eight lower river towns — Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook — to join the compact for it to become official. All eight towns voted to join.

In addition to the towns, representatives from a regional planning agency and a designee of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's

Commissioner serve on the Gateway Commission today.

The Commission operates within a 21,500-acre Conservation Zone encompassing the river estuary and ridgelines that overlook the water. Its toolbox includes regulatory zoning standards, land protection and education.

The Gateway Commission takes an even-handed approach in its responsibility, recognizing that the lower river valley's beauty makes the area desirable for development. A collaborative relationship with land use commissions, town planners and zoning enforcement officials helps the Commission strike

a balance between preservation and development.

Since 1973, the Gateway has protected 1,100 acres of land in all eight River towns in partnership with towns, land trusts, private parties and the State.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission website is found at: <https://ctrivergateway.org/> and provides information on its mission and includes an interactive map so you may check if your home is within the conservation zone.

Parts of this submission are courtesy of Judy Preston and Estuary Magazine.

Goodspeed Airport.
Photo by Tom Walsh, Shoreline Aerial Photography.



Commission Awarded at CLCC Conference

COMMISSION PARTICIPATION

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission has been honored by the Connecticut Land Conservation Council with a "2023 Excellence in Conservation Award."

CLCC recognizes organizations and individuals who make a substantive contribution to the success of land conservation and projects that serve as a guide to or can be replicable by other land trusts and communities in Connecticut.

The Commission's Award recognized its 50 years of service to lower Connecticut River valley as well.

The Conservation Award was announced at CLCC's Annual Conference held on March 25, 2023, at Wesleyan University. CLCC's first in-person conference since 2019

was a wonderful success, attracting about 550 people from across the state and region, and even from distant Tasmania.

The Commission offered a workshop in conjunction with the Lyme Land Trust on "Light Pollution and Its Effect on Health and the Environment."

The mission of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission is to preserve the aesthetic and ecological natural beauty of the lower Connecticut River valley for present and future generations.

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