

# ANNUAL REPORT

OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

## *Faith of Our Fathers* Our Friends and Our Neighbors



New London County  
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37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

## 2005-2006

*Front cover, clockwise from center: First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, Congregation Beth El, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, and South Lyme Union Chapel.*

*Back cover, clockwise from top: A celebration of South Lyme Union Chapel's new roof; members of South Lyme Union Chapel; luncheon of the Ladies Benevolent Society of First Congregational Church of Old Lyme; "Fiesta" in the Griswold Room of St. Ann's Episcopal Church to kick off fund-raising campaign to send work team to Dominican Republic; annual parish picnic at St. Ann's; crowd lines up to await the opening of the 2005 Annual White Elephant Sale at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme; dinner in Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall, Christ the King Church; celebrating an anniversary at Oneg Shabbat at Congregation Beth El; and youth of Congregation Beth El lead a Friday night Children's Service.*

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# Introduction

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## Faith of Our Fathers Our Friends and Our Neighbors

In seeking a theme for the town report, I “brainstorm” with the Board of Finance; together we think about major events that have taken place during the fiscal year in question, and this year the building of the Christ the King complex naturally came to mind. Prominently situated at the end of Lyme Street, larger than the structure it replaced, and illuminated at night, it is certainly highly visible, and its progress was noticed by all who drive through the main street of town, not just the Catholic parishioners.

This building project caused me to expand on the larger role of ALL our churches in Old Lyme and the role of religion or spirituality in our history and in people’s lives today. Even if they don’t attend religious services regularly, more people than not profess belonging to an organized faith; an American Religious Identification Survey in 2002 found that 85 percent of the United States population “claims some religious affiliation.” Many that don’t attend on a weekly or near-weekly basis do attend on the traditional major religious holidays--Christmas, Easter, Rosh Hoshanah, and Yom Kippur. Some families who do not choose to attend may see that their young children attend instruction in their faiths in the form of Sunday school, CCD, or Hebrew School and see that they take part in the various sacraments or rites of passage — Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Bar or Bat Mitzvah. And many families who don’t attend church still seek the solace of a funeral service with the familiar rituals of faith, be it held in a church or simply with prayers and blessings at a funeral home or graveside.

Why do people “belong” to a church or faith group? What does it do for them, or, conversely, what drives them away? A flier enclosed in the *Day* this fall inviting attendance at an unnamed church cited various reasons that people stay away from church: lack of relevance to daily life, impersonality, feelings of hypocrisy among attendees, overemphasis on donations, too many “rules” and resulting guilt from not following them, a general feeling of unfulfillment. It also asked, “Do you attend church but your [*sic*] unsure why?” Monsignor LaRocque of Christ the King likens church attendance to using a

battery; a battery holds a charge better if it’s used, while a battery that sits on a shelf wears down — attending a church service recharges the spiritual battery, and if it’s not discharged in doing good works, it won’t charge. Do some folks attend merely because of family tradition? Do some people feel they must give their children a spiritual background, realizing that these children may change paths as they approach adulthood but will have their tradition to fall back on if they so desire? Reverend Cynthia Willauer of South Lyme Union Chapel feels that “faith is more natural to children than **not** faith.” Do unsure people attend or adhere to rituals “just in case”? (One of my late father’s myriad of sayings, perhaps coming from his World War II service, was, “There are no atheists in foxholes.”)

In creating this introduction, I have been in contact with a faith leader or membership officer of each of the five religious structures in Old Lyme. (Are you counting to yourselves and having trouble coming up with the fifth? You may be surprised!) While I’d hoped to hear from residents who must travel out of town for religious observances because their faiths aren’t represented by physical structures in Old Lyme, my article in two daily newspapers and three weeklies drew no response. My thanks to the following for their help: B J Diefenbacher, Reverend David W. Good, Monsignor Richard P. LaRocque, Mr. Peter Manley, Reverend Peter T. Vanderveen, Reverend Cynthia C. Willauer, and Mr. Robert and Ms. Betsey Webster.

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme has the longest local history, having been established as the First Ecclesiastical Society of Lyme in 1665, the very year the town of Old Lyme separated from Old Saybrook to become a town of its own. The church descended from the Pilgrims who landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620. Old Lyme’s minister, Reverend David Good, explains that the Congregational Church is part of the English reformation and, as such, “is non-creedal, allowing for a diversity of theological expression.” The Church Constitution of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme states, “Each member shall have the undisturbed right to

follow the word of God according to the dictates according to his (or her) own conscience.” Such spiritual democracy influenced the development of democratic town governments, particularly in New England, where the system of town meetings reflects “the congregational church’s emphasis on autonomy and integrity of the local community of faith.”

The first three Congregational Meetinghouses were on Meetinghouse Hill, at the top of Johnnycake Hill. After the third was destroyed by lightning in 1815, the cornerstone was moved to land newly purchased in the present location. The fourth church was designed by Samuel Belcher, the architect of both the Florence Griswold House and Lyme Academy of Fine Arts. Completed in 1817, it was destroyed by suspicious fire on July 3, 1907 — oddly, the ninety-second anniversary of the burning of the third meetinghouse. To help raise money for a new building, local Impressionists donated proceeds from the sales of some of their paintings. The bell of the destroyed church was melted down and cast into small commemorative handbells to be sold to raise funds as well. Interim services were held in the Baptist church on Lyme Street. Ernest Green, architect for the newly completed Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, designed the fifth, current Meetinghouse as a near replica of the building it replaced. This was completed in 1910, with Woodrow Wilson speaking at its dedication. A Parish House Expansion was completed in 1994.

The first minister for over sixty years, from 1666 to 1729, was Reverend Moses Noyes; his descendants are members of the current congregation. A long list of ministers have led the church through its history; gaps in the numbering are explained as having been filled by interim ministers. Reverend Jonathan Parsons served as the third minister, 1730-1745. Reverend Stephen Johnson, minister from 1745 to 1786 and a “firebrand patriot,” was granted a leave of absence to serve as the Revolutionary army’s chaplain at Bunker Hill. The fifth minister was Reverend Edward Porter (1790-92). The sixth minister was Reverend Lathrop Rockwell (1793-1828). Reverend Chester Colton served as the seventh minister, from 1829-40. The eighth was Reverend Davis Smith Brainerd (1841-75); ninth, William Brackett Cary, 1876-1884; tenth, Benjamin

Wisner Bacon, 1884-1889. Reverend Arthur Shirley served as eleventh minister from 1890-97, and the twelfth, Reverend J. Charles Villiers, from 1897-1906. The thirteenth, Edward Mortimore Chapman, 1906-1916, presided over the church’s burning. The fourteenth minister was Reverend Kenneth Brakeley Welles (1916-18); the fifteenth, Reverend Howard Myers Wells, 1919-1926. The sixteenth minister was Reverend William Dixon Hoag, 1927-1972. It was during this period that the name changed to the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. John Gregory Tweed was the seventeenth minister from 1972-75. The eighteenth and current minister, Reverend David William Good, began his service in 1975.

The Congregational Church emphasizes “the integrity of the individual conscience” and, as an “open and affirming congregation, welcomes all regardless of age, race, theology, financial means, nationality or sexual identity.” They have an excellent ecumenical relationship with other churches as well as with other faith traditions. A good citizen of the community, the First Congregational Church building hosts meetings of many local organizations and activities — the Shoreline Food Coalition, Musical Masterworks, Florence Griswold Museum, Alcoholics Anonymous, Interfaith Peace Community, scouts troops, and others. Together they work in the food pantry and soup kitchen ministries, Crop Walk, interfaith services, Habitat for Humanity, and interfaith peace activities. They also stress the importance of being a citizen of the world through cross-cultural activities with a South Dakota Native American community, a Harlem school, a South African church, and a town near Bethlehem in the occupied territory of Palestine. These activities are particularly vital to the enrichment of the faith community because of Old Lyme’s “relative homogeneity.”

The South Lyme Union Chapel celebrated its one-hundredth anniversary in 2000. It has been in continuous service from 1900 to 2006!

The chapel was first housed in Schoolhouse #7 on Shore Road near the present chapel (now a private residence). A meeting there in 1899 called for the building of “a Union Chapel available for Public worship by several denominations in the town.” One resident offered a hundred dollars if the chapel came under the auspices of some

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church. Thus began the relationship between the chapel and First Congregational Church of Old Lyme that continues to this day. The present building was dedicated on April 9, 1900.

Although it is officially the South Lyme Union Chapel of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, the chapel functions as a semi-autonomous mission in relation to the larger church. A Chapel Society exists so that funds are kept available for maintenance of chapel property.

The chapel is open year-round, with a Sunday service at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. It provides an intimate, somewhat informal worship setting to a relatively small number of regular attendees, twenty to twenty-five on a regular Sunday and up to fifty on special occasions (which means it is packed, according to Reverend Cynthia Willauer). To this writer, it is reminiscent of “Walton’s Mountain.” An organ sits in the back of five rows of pews with a central aisle and eight pews on the other side of the aisle. The size of the chapel allows congregants to know each other well and offer physical and emotional support quickly as needs arise.

Guest ministers this year included seminarians from the Yale Divinity School and Union Theological Seminary, retired Lutheran and Baptist ministers, a United Church of Christ minister, and a “street minister” who works with New London’s homeless. Congregants are invited to preach as well, and there are fully lay-led services.

Chapel congregants support the missions of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme and also have outreach that is generated from within chapel life. People are most involved with the annual White Elephant Sale. They serve dinner at the New London Meal Center and support CROP Walk. In support of seminarians who help with services, the Chapel Society sends funds to the Crosby Haitian Educational Fund and the York Prison program. Congregants’ response to calls for disaster relief clearly touches Reverend Willauer. “While there is not a lot of organization, there is a great outpouring of generosity. Money flows to tsunami relief, hurricane flood relief, and shelter for the homeless locally.”

Reverend Willauer likens the congregation to a family. “People find here what they need. They find that it works. The chapel has deep roots in the community, and reach-out to those who have worshiped here in the past makes chapel life rich.

The congregation is friendly, welcoming, and joyfully committed to growth in faith.” She quotes one of her parishioners as saying, “Christianity is a radical faith! It is not just what happens on Sunday morning. It is life changing and requires work.”

In the late 1800s, local Catholics attended the original St. John’s Church in Old Saybrook, built from an abandoned skate factory near the railroad station in 1864. Old Lyme Catholics actively supported the building of the new St. Johns in 1930, and by 1934 built their own church. Summer residents from Hartford included many Catholics, largely children of immigrants who had been used to neighborhood churches. In 1906 P. J. Breen donated a piece of land with a small chapel on it through his company, the Sound View Land Company. This chapel, precursor to the more recent Our Lady of Good Counsel, held about two hundred people. As the population grew, a new chapel to seat 500 people was built nearby and dedicated in July 1911. It was enlarged in 1926 to accommodate 800 worshippers. An east wing was added in 1953. The chapel was under “St. Agnes parish [of Niantic] until 1934, when it was taken over by the newly formed Christ the King parish of Old Lyme.”

The first year-round church for this new parish was a former grocery store on Hartford Avenue, Sound View, owned by Mickey O’Connor, because Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel was too vast to heat. This grocery store-turned-church didn’t heat very well either that winter of 1933-34, but the next year they leased the original Baptist church, built on Lyme Street in 1842 by approximately seventy Baptists in the Georgian-Colonial style traditional for Baptists at that time. This Baptist church building had been purchased by Episcopalians in 1923 with the stipulation that “the Church shall never be used for a garage or sold to a Catholic society.” It had never been actively used as an Episcopal church because it required too much renovation, which the Catholic bishop was willing to undertake. It was open for Catholic masses in the spring of 1934.

Christ the King has been under the leadership of a succession of nine priests from 1934 until the present: Reverend Joseph McCuen (1934-37), Reverend James Travis (1937), Reverend Joseph Rice (1938-42), Reverend John Barney (1942-45), Reverend John Hannon (1945-49), Reverend William Meyers (1949-73), Reverend Theodore

St. Onge (1973-87), Reverend Paul Boudreau (1988-93), and Monsignor Richard LaRocque. Over the course of the years a sacristy was added to the rear of the church in 1940. It was enlarged in 1955, including the addition of a choir loft. A new wing was added to the Chapel. An “austere” parish hall build behind the rectory, and eventually a taller steeple replaced the original that was located near the middle of the now-elongated church!

“Father Paul” Boudreau began the investigation of renovating and expanding the aging church building or building new. The study continued under Monsignor LaRocque. When a house with ample property became available at the end of Lyme Street at 1 McCurdy Road in 1996, the Parish Council approved its purchase. A church complex was designed by Paul Bailey, Architect, that would accommodate five hundred worshippers and allow all parishioners to see the Mass celebrant (not possible from the choir loft of the former church, except in the front row). The social space is now connected to the church proper, allowing for socializing after Mass without going outside. There is a library and conference rooms that are used for instruction; this is both more economical and less complicated than leasing classrooms in the town’s two elementary schools for after-school instruction.

During the tenure of Father St. Onge, an attitude of ecumenism was fostered. Father St. Onge was active in the community, working with other religious leaders to establish Lymewood and to help Laotian refugees settle in America. Parishioners became involved with local soup kitchens and Haitian relief. A Women’s Guild was formed, followed soon after by a Men’s Club. This trend continues today with the approximate one thousand families of Christ the King, whose gospel is all about feeding the poor and clothing the naked. Parishioners volunteer in outreach programs like soup kitchens and the prison ministry. But Monsignor LaRoque points out that volunteering has become more complicated in many respects due to insurance issues, legal issues, required police checks, and fingerprinting. However, the need for volunteering is increasing more than ever before in spite of these complications; we need to do more and more.

St. Ann’s Episcopal Church, a parish of about 180 families, had its earliest recorded local beginning on October 8, 1883, with the

establishment of a Mission in the Village of Black Hall in Old Lyme. Mission services were held at the school of Mr. Charles Griswold Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett and his wife were Congregationalists who entered the Episcopal Church and were confirmed by Bishop John Williams of New London (later presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States). In 1892 a mission house was erected at Black Hall. The Guild House, as it became known, was a small building on Mile Creek Road near the corner of the present Bailey Road. In 1899 the Missionary Society of Old Lyme was given a house and twenty-five acres for its use. Not long afterward, the Guild House was moved to the corner of Shore and Mile Creek Roads, where it served as the Episcopal Mission of Old Lyme until August 1956. This building now houses the “Nearly New Shop.”

Nigel Andrews, along with his wife and three children, arrived in Old Lyme in August 1954. He was appointed to serve as seminarian in charge of services. The groundbreaking for the current St. Ann’s Episcopal Church took place on November 17, 1955 on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Chadwick and Mr. John Dewolf. St. Ann’s was dedicated on August 12, 1956. In 1959 it became fully self-supporting and was constituted a Parish, with Nigel Andrews as the first Rector.

The Nearly New Shop, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2006, serves as a major outreach instrument in providing profits to fund the church’s missions, and clothing there is either drastically reduced from its already-low price or donated to humanitarian organizations. St. Ann’s mission outreach gives annual aid to numerous organizations locally, nationally, and internationally, ranging from community soup kitchens to several health and education efforts in the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic has been considered an extension of St. Ann’s ministry for the last ten years. But Reverend Peter T. Vanderveen, rector of St. Ann’s for the past eleven years, says, “The work of the church is often divided along us/them lines; correspondingly, church income and expenses are divided between support for the organization and outreach projects for others. We have worked hard, however, to break down this division. *Everything* we do is outreach.” Reverend Vanderveen’s predecessor, the Reverend Charles Griswold, had devotion to meet the needs of

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others. Reverend Vanderveen's goal is to have the parish "move ever more outward."

Episcopal literally means "having bishops." It might be better said: "While traditionally the Episcopal Church has been known as 'the middle way,' a faith halfway between Roman Catholicism and Reformation Protestantism, it involves a disciplined worship life but also stresses the importance of 'tending the needs of the world.'" Reverend Vanderveen describes the Episcopal Church as "a big tent, where people can think differently about issues but find themselves rooted and at home." He is often surprised at all the ministry efforts people make without naming them as such—for example, helping the elderly with their personal care without actually naming it as part of their ministry.

Peter Manley, Senior Warden, has been a member of St. Ann's for nine years and feels that the one word to describe the spirit of St. Ann's is "welcoming." He admits, "When I came to town I was an Episcopalian, but I have a history of church shopping. I came here and never left, and I consider myself fortunate." Indeed, others must share Manley's feelings, for the parish represents eighteen different towns, testimony to the parish's welcoming nature—some members drive an *hour* each way to attend church here! Among these families, some have lived here forever, some are new, but they all fit wonderfully well together.

Reverend Vanderveen feels that the tragedy of 9/11 changed how he thought of his ministry. "People were looking for churches open for prayer, a place to find respite, regardless of whether they were members or not." This emphasized to him the importance of the "Ministry of Hospitality."

How many Old Lyme residents realize that there has long been a summer synagogue in their town? Located within Old Colony Beach is Congregation Beth El, a summer congregation many affectionately refer to it as the "Beach Shul." Founded in 1947 by fourteen Orthodox men, it is now a Conservative congregation supported by approximately 130 member families.

Sabbath services are held from the last Friday in June through Labor Day weekend beginning with Children's Service at 7 p.m. Participants may range in age from two through teens, each taking a part. They have met with Ruth Spitz, Youth Services Leader, earlier in the day to choose their parts. These Services are led by our young adults

who have had a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. All the young people are rewarded with a Hershey bar as they leave! Adult Services follow at 8 p.m. Casual in nature, they are concluded with refreshments and a social hour. Ritual Leader Sharon Waxenbaum leads most Friday night Adult Services. If any members wish to conduct a service with Sharon, they're welcome to do so. Cantor Howard Glantz will lead a Sabbath Service or two while here on vacation, strumming his guitar in an Israeli-style service.

Ms. Waxenbaum has the difficult job of finding a qualified Rabbinical or Cantorial student to lead High Holiday Services--Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), which includes a twenty-four hour fast. The fast is ended either at home or in the synagogue for people who have traveled far from home to be there. A traditional break-fast meal will be dairy and include tuna salad, herring in wine sauce and cream sauce, gefilte fish, challah and bagels with cream cheese, kugel, honey cake, and rugellach. Seventy-five to one hundred congregants can be found attending High Holiday Services.

Two ice-cream socials and two barbecues are held during summer, both as fund-raisers and social events, with book fairs held at all of them. Everything is run by volunteers. Members and nonmembers, Jewish as well as non-Jews, are always welcome to attend Services and events.

The majority of members are from the Hartford area, with many retired to Florida. Some members are not there in the summer but still act as supporting members. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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# Election Results – November 2, 2005

## First Selectman

*Republican* – Timothy C. Griswold, 1,248 \*  
*Democrat* – Bonnie Reemnyder, 1,202

## Selectmen

*Republican* – Arthur E. Sibley, 1,492 \*  
*Democrat* – David B. Woolley, 909

## Town Clerk

*Republican* – Irene A. Carnell, 1,316 \*  
*Democrat* – Irene A. Carnell, 985

## Board of Finance (Any Two)

*Republican* – H. Perry Garvin III, 1,456 \*  
*Republican* – Christopher W. Kerr, 1,620 \*  
*Democrat* – Wayne Edward Devoe, 1,252

## Board of Finance Alternate (Any Three)

*Republican* – Judith A. Read, 1,372 \*  
*Republican* – Janet G. Sturges, 1,573 \*  
*Democrat* – Adams S. Burrows, 1,557 \*

## Board of Assessment Appeals

*Republican* – James B. Blair, 1,597 \*

## Planning Commission (5 Yrs 2005)

*Republican* – Harold Lee Thompson, 1,239 \*  
*Democrat* – Robert P. DePianta, 978

## Planning Commission (5 Yrs 2006)

*Republican* – Christopher W. Kerr, 1,176 \*  
*Democrat* – Patrick G. Looney, 1,047

## Zoning Commission (5 Yrs 2005)

*Democrat* – Jane E. Cable, 1,453 \*

## Zoning Commission (5 Yrs 2006)

*Republican* – Jane R. Marsh, 1,397 \*  
*Democrat* – Patrick G. Looney, 896

## Zoning Board of Appeals (5 Yrs 2005)

*Republican* – Thomas E. Schellens, 1,172 \*  
*Democrat* – Edgar H. Butcher, 1,054

## Zoning Board of Appeals (5 Yrs 2006)

*Democrat* – Kip Kotzan, 1,530 \*

## Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate (Any Three)

*Republican* – Wendy M. Brainerd, 1,343 \*  
*Republican* – Judy A. McQuade, 1,487 \*  
*Democrat* – Joseph A. St Germain, 1,527 \*

## Regional Board of Education (Any Four)

*Republican* – Roderick M. White, 1,200  
*Republican* – Nanette Marie Salvino, 1,619 \*  
*Republican* – Russ Andrew Gomes, Jr., 1,360 \*  
*Republican* – Karen B. Conniff, 1,738 \*  
*Democrat* – Andrea Doris Fenton, 1,585 \*

(\* - Indicates Elected)

## Annual School Budget May 2, 2006

Old Lyme Yes – 774

Old Lyme No – 495



*Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent of Schools of Cameron Parish, LA, and First Selectman Tim Griswold (Photo courtesy of LymeLine)*

# Regularly Scheduled Meetings

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| Ambulance, South End Volunteer .....                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Cross Lane Fire House, 7:00 p.m.                                     |
| American Legion Post #41 .....                               | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday (not July and August), Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.                            |
| Band, Old Lyme Town .....                                    | Monday, Christ the King Church, 7:00 p.m.  |
| Board of Education.....                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, location varies bi-weekly, 7:30 p.m.           |
| Boy Scouts.....  | Monday, Mile Creek School, 7:00 p.m.   |
| Commission on Aging .....                                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Senior Center, 1:30 p.m.  |
| Connecticut River Gateway Commission.....                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, CRERPA Office<br>Old Saybrook Junction, 7:30 p.m.                    |
| Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Commission ..... | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, CRERPA Office<br>Old Saybrook Junction, 7:30 p.m.                      |
| Conservation Commission .....                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.  |
| Democratic Town Committee.....                               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Duck River Garden Club .....                                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, St. Ann’s Church, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Economic Development Commission .....                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, Town Hall, 8:00 a.m.  |
| Education, Board of.....                                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, various locations , 7:30 p.m.                  |
| Estuary Transit District .....                               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday (Feb., May, Aug., Nov.), Saybrook Junction, 8:00 a.m.                   |
| Finance, Board of .....                                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Fire Department, Old Lyme .....                              | Wednesday, Fire Station, Lyme Street, 8:00 p.m.  |
| Harbor Management Commission .....                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Historic District Commission.....                            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Town Hall, 9:15 a.m.   |
| Inland Wetlands Commission.....                              | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Junior Women’s Club, Lyme-Old Lyme.....                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau, 7:30 p.m.                                 |
| Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club.....                                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (not July & Aug.)<br>Cherrystones Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.              |
| Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce.....                       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday (not July & Aug.)<br>Cherrystones Restaurant, 6:15 p.m.               |
| Lyme-Old Lyme Council of Churches .....                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, St. Ann’s, 10:00 a.m.   |
| Lymes’ Senior Center Board of Directors.....                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, Senior Center, 4:00 p.m.   |
| Open Space Committee .....                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.   |
| Parks and Recreation Commission .....                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.   |
| Planning Commission .....                                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday (not Aug.), Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.                                      |
| Republican Town Committee ...                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, Lymes’ Sr. Center, 26 Town Woods Road, 7:30 p.m.                    |
| Rogers Lake Authority.....                                   | as called; and subject to special meetings<br>Town Hall (Lyme/Old Lyme alternating), 7:30 p.m. |
| Selectmen, Board of.....                                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.                               |
| Shellfish Commission .....                                   | as called  |
| Technology Committee .....                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Town Hall, alternate monthly 2 & 7 p.m.                              |
| Tree Commission.....   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Town Hall, 4:00 p.m.   |
| VFW Post 1467 Lyme-Old Lyme .....                            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday (not July), Senior Center, 5:30 p.m.                                    |
| Visiting Nurses Association .....                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, Town Hall, 1:00 p.m.   |
| WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority) ..                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday (not Aug. or Dec.), Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.                              |
| Zoning Board of Appeals .....                                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (not Aug. or Dec.), Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.                               |
| Zoning Commission .....                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.   |

# Selectman's Report

Timothy C. Griswold  
*First Selectman*

The theme for this year's Annual Report is our churches. Ned Pfeiffer, the Town Historian, explained that the early settlers of Old Lyme were Puritans and conducted their religious ceremonies and town business in the Meeting House, located at the foot of Meeting House Lane, behind the Old Lyme Country Club. In the late 1600s, church and state were linked together and Puritan values molded the lives of the people. The community, or society, was the dominant force and the rights of individuals were subservient. The Meeting House was the social, economic, and religious foundation of colonial life. How times have changed!

At the Annual Town Meeting in January, the Board of Selectmen announced that June Speirs was selected as Citizen of the Year for 2005. June married Jack Speirs in 1949 and became active in the local League of Women Voters. She was appointed to the town's first Pension Committee in 1974 and was also active in the Old Lyme Republican Town Committee, serving as its Nominating Committee chair for fifteen years. Driven by her desire to "preserve the reasons why people come here," June was elected to the Zoning Board of Appeals in 1967, served as its chairman for twenty-seven years, and remains a member today. June was the Republican nominee for First Selectman in 1975 and campaigned under the slogan "June in November." When presenting June her certificate, the Board of Selectmen called for "June in January" in gratefully acknowledging her decades of service to Old Lyme.

While most of the Lyme Street reconstruction work was completed in fiscal year 2004, the sidewalk between the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau and the Middle School driveway was completed in December. The project budget was \$940,000, but it was completed for \$765,000. After subtracting state grants and support of \$490,000, the net cost to the town was \$275,000. There have been many favorable comments about the street's appearance and that the narrowing of the street in places has reduced the speed of the traffic. The Church Corner project is the final of three stages to reconstruct Lyme Street. This includes Lyme Street from the Parsonage to the Congregational Church and portions of McCurdy and Ferry Roads. Due to the sensitive nature of the

proposed work, the Church Corner Committee has devoted considerable time to analyzing the comments voiced and has hired a traffic consultant to comment on the preliminary plan. The major effort is to beautify the area while retaining as much parking as possible and improving the overall safety. At this point, we hope to perform the work during the summer of 2008. Speaking of road improvements, the Halls Road sidewalk was completed in July of 2005, thereby improving the safety of pedestrian access from the Lyme Art Association to the shopping centers.

In March, the Town Hall Expansion Committee, under the leadership of Chair John Forbis, reviewed the major deficiencies of the Memorial Town Hall: lack of handicapped access, insufficient number of meeting rooms, and cramped conditions in certain offices. The committee evaluated the three options available to address these deficiencies. First, we could renovate the lower level and add an exterior elevator. This option was rejected because it created many building and fire-code issues and did not solve the basic problems. The second option was to sell the town hall and purchase a five- to seven-acre parcel in order to build a new town hall. No one wants the town hall to leave Lyme Street, so that option was rejected. The final option--the one we are pursuing --is to renovate and expand the town hall to correct the deficiencies and to make the space work better into the foreseeable future. Regional School District 18 asked us to consider incorporating its Central Offices into our plan, and we are doing that. The committee prepared a Request for Qualifications for an architect and received seventeen proposals. Seven firms were interviewed and Paul Bailey Architect of New Haven was selected. Paul designed the new Christ the King church and worked on renovations of two local houses. He was selected for his grasp of the issues concerning our town hall and his artistic skills. We believe the renovation plan will require the purchase of 50 Lyme Street, a 2,700-square-foot house on a quarter of an acre immediately to the south of Memorial Town Hall. Because the former tenants have vacated, we have an opportunity to buy the property. Accordingly, we have negotiated an eight-month option to buy the property at \$350,000, and we plan a Town

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Meeting vote on the matter in August.

We have completed the portion of the engineering work for the repair of the Rogers Lake Dam sufficient to apply for a state grant. The engineer has estimated the repairs will cost \$130,000 and the grant should pay 37 percent or \$48,000 of that amount. Once the grant is approved by the Connecticut Bond Commission, all future engineering expense and repair work will be reimbursable. All engineering expense and work on the fishway will be paid 100 percent by funding sources through the Connecticut River Watershed Council, which should total \$35,700. We must secure state permits for the dam repair, and we are hoping the work will take place in August 2007. Concerning the weed problem in the lake, the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme have budgeted \$20,000 to mechanically harvest weeds in August 2006. While this is only a "haircut," we will evaluate the effectiveness of this method.

The Landfill Closure project is moving forward on schedule. The total project is estimated to cost \$1,300,000, and we have been putting money away over several budget years to the extent of \$930,000. The engineering and permitting work is mostly complete, and we have started construction on a 36- by 72-foot equipment storage building and the truck scale. We plan to start using the new transfer station in the spring of 2007. This means all bulky waste items for disposal will be weighed and the homeowner will be charged by the pound. Eligible recyclable items will still be exempt from any fee. The actual capping of the landfill will occur in the future. The Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Essex conducted sixteen collection days in fiscal year 2006, its second year. A total of 214 Old Lyme "households" participated in FY 2006 as compared to 203 in FY 2005.

On November 5 we had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Town Woods Playground. Katie Balocca and Teri Lewis co-chaired a terrific committee that selected the equipment, did much of the work, and raised \$45,000. In addition, Representative Marilyn Guiliano was able to secure a \$20,000 State grant. We are still very pleased with the three soccer/lacrosse fields during their second season. Don Bugbee, our Parks and Recreation Director, oversaw the scheduling of over 175 soccer and lacrosse games, plus practices, which

literally involved thousands of players and people from Lyme, Old Lyme, and surrounding towns. The new field house has worked out very well for the park, providing restrooms, a concession stand, and storage for equipment. While we did not receive a State Grant for Phase II of the park (two baseball/softball fields) during the last two years, we received word after the end of the fiscal year that Lyme and Old Lyme were each awarded a \$325,000 grant, totaling \$650,000. The Town Woods Building Committee will be reactivated in hopes of starting construction in the summer of 2007.

The Information Technology Committee continues to improve the town's web site and Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping. Automation will be crucial for information access via the internet, electronic bill paying, and improved customer service twenty-four hours per day. The committee is now focusing on an updated financial and accounting system. It is working with the school district (which also needs an upgrade) in an effort to lower the cost.

The Beach Improvement Committee was reconstituted and developed a list of recommendations for the beach area, not just Sound View. While large crowds and alcohol are the biggest problems, progress is being made each year. In an effort to crack down on "illegal" parking lots, the voters approved an ordinance increasing the fine from \$100 to \$500 (\$1,000 for second and future offenses). Three such summons were issued. Following Labor Day, our Public Works Department will improve drainage and reconstruct Hartford Avenue in Sound View.

In response to concerns from residents who live on Jadon Drive, where the bus barn is located, the town and the district submitted an application and were approved for an EPA grant in the amount of \$167,000 to retrofit the busses with exhaust filters. These filters, along with low-sulfur diesel fuel, will greatly reduce the emissions from the busses. In addition, the town has offered the use of a portion of its landfill property at Four Mile River Road to Regional School District 18 as an alternate location for the bus barn at the end of the current bus contract. While analysis must be performed to determine if the town site will work well, we estimate the economics could save the district taxpayers about \$40,000 in rent each year,

after the cost of improvements.

The municipal election last November saw most of the incumbents re-elected, plus a few new faces. In January, the Board of Selectmen appointed about sixty people to various boards, commissions, and committees. We thank all who serve because, without their volunteer efforts, our town could not function. At the Annual Budget meeting in May, the Board of Finance presented the FY 2007 budget of \$28,566,308. This represents a 7-percent increase, due in large part to an increase in the town's capital budget. The mill rate increased from 16.6 to 17.

In April, the Ethics Formation Committee was created to evaluate whether the town should have a Code of Ethics and a companion ordinance. Under Chairman Glenn Sulmasy, this committee contacted the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the town's research and lobbying group, to learn more about this issue statewide. Governor Rell made ethics a hallmark of her administration, and our committee was convinced it would be wise to draft a code for Old Lyme rather than have the state mandate one. The committee is reviewing several codes from other towns and will make its recommendation to the selectmen in the fall.

The Open Space Committee has been working for about eighteen months to obtain an agreement to buy two open space parcels totaling about thirty-nine acres. One parcel is on Buttonball Road and the other is on Route 156. Both abut the Black Hall Club, which has agreed to be the town's 50-percent partner in the transaction. If all approvals are secured from the town and the club, the land will be owned by the town, subject to a perpetual conservation restriction. This purchase would add to the greenway of open space stretching from the Lay property in the north, through the McCulloch, Noyes, Ames, and Bartholomew properties. We hope to present the proposed to a town meeting in the fall of 2006.

On June 27, the town and the school district signed a five-year fixed-rate energy agreement with Trans Canada Power Marketing Ltd to purchase most of our electricity, starting in January 2007. The new price will be only 3.4 percent higher than we are paying now (10.135 cents per kWh). CCM Energy assisted the town with this cost-

saving concept.

Following the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama during the summer of 2005, a committee was formed to determine what Old Lyme could do to help. After a few meetings, it was decided that Lyme and Old Lyme together would "adopt" Cameron Parish, a small seashore county in Louisiana next to the Texas border. Hurricane Rita devastated the parish, with heavy wind damage and severe flooding. Three of the five schools were flattened but, because so many lessons were learned from Hurricane Katrina, loss of life was minimal. Regional School District 18 did a great job of organizing students and parents to amass selected items to be sent to there. Dave Roberge, Fire Marshal of Old Lyme, and Lee Watkins, Fire Chief of Lyme, organized a collection campaign and arranged for a trailer truck to transport the items. Lee even convinced the Lyme Fire Department to donate an older fire truck to be transported to the parish. The Chamber of Commerce conducted a toy drive, and the Lions Club sent a generous donation. The tractor trailer arrived in Cameron Parish on December 17 along with a group of Lyme-Old Lyme residents. The citizens of the parish were unbelievably grateful for our generosity. A second shipment of fire equipment and items from the elementary students was sent in March, in an effort to continue the relationship. In June, the Superintendent of Schools of Cameron Parish, Doug Chance, was honored at the Middle School. He spoke eloquently about the recovery effort and thanked us for our caring assistance.

At the Annual Town Meeting in January, it was voted to discontinue a portion of the Ben Franklin Road right of way between Johnnycake Hill Road and Meetinghouse Lane, and we hope to discontinue a longer stretch to the east as well. The right of way is mostly grown over but, by discontinuing it, we believe it would be harder for anyone to use it as an access to undeveloped land in order to build a subdivision.

In October, there was considerable flooding on Route 156 near Windward Lane (just west of Point O' Woods). A private dam failed, and the rush of water flooded the road because the culvert under Amtrak could not handle the flow. We are talking with Amtrak officials about solutions. In

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addition, flooding occurred in Old Colony Beach because Sheffield Brook could not handle the flow. The town is working on a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and these and other areas of concern will be addressed.

The liquid natural gas (LNG) transfer facility, Broadwater, being proposed in Long Island Sound nine miles off Milford in New York waters, has created a storm of controversy. Two or three large LNG tanker ships would come to the facility each week. The liquid would be converted to gas and piped into the Iroquois pipeline on the bottom of the Sound running between Connecticut and New York. The proponents say our area needs more energy, and the opponents do not want the Sound to be commercialized to that extent. The Board of Selectmen passed a resolution opposing Broadwater but we are concerned as to how our region's energy needs will be met.

The town and the Police Union executed a new four-year contract, ending in June of 2010. Judd Howes, one of our two state troopers, was transferred out of Old Lyme and Trooper Scott

O'Donnell, who lives in Old Lyme, was assigned to us. We thank Judd for his service and welcome Scott and his canine sidekick, Mick. Due to the resignation of Kay Mannetho, Social Services Coordinator and Senior Center Director, who has moved to New Hampshire, the town and the Senior Center Board hired Sherry Meyer. Kay was well-loved by the people she served, and we are convinced Sherry's enthusiasm will serve her well.

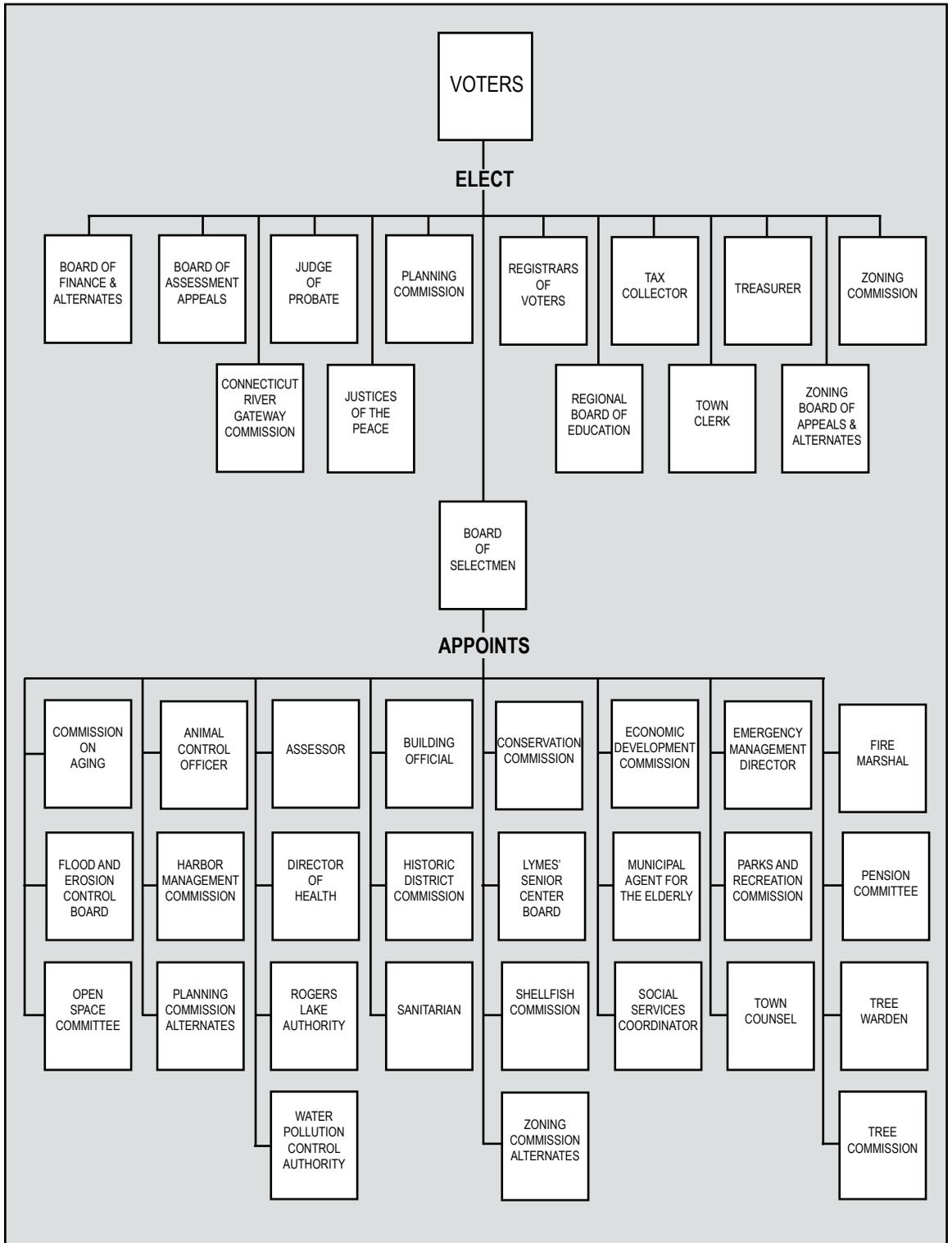
The town received an outstanding rating for its most recent evaluated Millstone exercise. Our hats off to Emergency Management Director, Dave Roberge, and the many emergency services volunteers who participated. These drills also prepare us to respond to other technological and natural disasters.

Last, but not least; the Grange celebrated its 100 year anniversary and the Lyme Old Lyme Senior Center celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Both organizations are good examples of volunteers helping their communities.



*Standing in front of the Lyme fire engine before it departed in December 2005 for Louisiana are members of the committee responsible for adopting Cameron Parish, LA, and also, National Honor Society students who worked on the hurricane relief fund-raising efforts in LOL Public Schools.  
(Photo courtesy of LymeLine)*

# Organizational Chart



# Elected Officials

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## Term Expires

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <b>First Selectman</b> , Timothy C. Griswold (R)..... | Nov. 2007 |
| <b>Selectman</b> , Skip Sibley (R) .....              | Nov. 2007 |
| <b>Selectwoman</b> , Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D).....    | Nov. 2007 |
| <b>Town Clerk</b> , Irene A. Carnell (R) .....        | Jan. 2010 |
| <b>Town Treasurer</b> , Beatrice F. McLean (R).....   | Nov. 2007 |
| <b>Tax Collector</b> , Judith Tooker (R).....         | Nov. 2007 |

### Board of Finance

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Mark C. Diebolt, Chairman (R) ..... | Nov. 2007 |
| David Woolley (D) .....             | Nov. 2009 |
| Wayne E. Devoe (D) .....            | Nov. 2011 |
| H. Perry Garvin III (R).....        | Nov. 2011 |
| Christopher W. Kerr (R).....        | Nov. 2007 |
| Andrew L. Russell (R) .....         | Nov. 2009 |

### Board of Finance Alternates

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Judith Read (R) .....        | Nov. 2007 |
| Raymond Gorman, Jr. (D)..... | resigned  |
| Adam S. Burrrows (D).....    | Nov. 2007 |
| Janet G. Sturges (R) .....   | Nov. 2007 |

### Board of Assessment Appeals

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Jane E. Cable (D).....            | Nov. 2007 |
| James B. Blair, Chairman (R)..... | Nov. 2009 |
| Jane S. Schellens (R).....        | Nov. 2007 |

### Judge of Probate

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sylvia Peterson (D)..... | Jan. 2007 |
|--------------------------|-----------|

### Planning Commission

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Christopher W. Kerr (R).....                | Nov. 2011 |
| Robert P. McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D) ..... | Nov. 2007 |
| Constance Kastelowitz (R).....              | Nov. 2008 |
| Steven Ross (R) .....                       | Nov. 2009 |
| Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R) .....      | Nov. 2010 |

### Regional Board of Education

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Priscilla Hammond (R) Lyme .....        | resigned  |
| Russ A. Gomes, Jr. (R) .....            | Dec. 2009 |
| Andrea Fenton (D).....                  | Dec. 2009 |
| Susan Fogliano (D) .....                | Dec. 2007 |
| Daniel Hagan (R) Lyme .....             | Dec. 2009 |
| Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, Chairman (R) ..... | Dec. 2007 |
| Mary J. Stone (R).....                  | Dec. 2007 |
| Karen Conniff (R) .....                 | Dec. 2009 |
| Nanette Salvino (R).....                | Dec. 2009 |

# Elected Officials *(continued)*

## Term Expires

### Registrars of Voters

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Ruth Sjursen (R) .....      | Jan. 2009 |
| Patricia McCarthy (D) ..... | Jan. 2009 |

### Zoning Commission

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Eric V. Fries (R) .....                  | resigned Aug. 2005 |
| Thomas Risom (R) .....                   | Nov. 2009          |
| Jane Marsh (R) .....                     | Nov. 2011          |
| Theodore P. Kiritsis, Chairman (R) ..... | Nov. 2007          |
| Jane Cable (D) .....                     | Nov. 2010          |
| John Johnson (R) .....                   | Nov. 2008          |

### Zoning Board of Appeals

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| June B. Speirs (R) .....              | Nov. 2007 |
| Richard A. Moll (R) .....             | Nov. 2009 |
| Susanne M. Stutts, Chairman (R) ..... | Nov. 2008 |
| Kip Kotzan (D) .....                  | Nov. 2011 |
| Thomas E. Schellens (R) .....         | Nov. 2010 |

### Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Judy McQuade (R) .....       | Nov. 2007 |
| Wendy Brainerd (R) .....     | Nov. 2005 |
| Edgar Butcher (D) .....      | Nov. 2005 |
| Joseph St. Germain (D) ..... | Nov. 2007 |



*Lyme-Old Lyme Superintendent of Schools David Klein with Doug Chance, Superintendent of Schools of Cameron Parish, LA. (Photo courtesy of LymeLine)*



*Center School Principal Chris Pomroy (appropriately, center) helps Lyme Ambulance volunteer Jim Hall load items for Cameron Parish. Center School custodian John Rivera is behind box! (Photo courtesy of LymeLine)*

# Appointed Officials

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## Term Expires

### Adelphia Cable Advisory Board

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Brian Kyle (R) .....               | June 2007 |
| John Alexander, Chairman (R) ..... | June 2007 |
| Mary Stone (BOE Appt., R) .....    | June 2007 |

### Commission on Aging

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Donald Tapper, Chairman and <i>Municipal Agent for the Elderly</i> ..... | (standing) |
| Bea Minson (R) .....   | Jan. 2007  |
| Rita Leonard (U).....  | Jan. 2009  |
| Jane Bysko (R) .....   | Jan. 2007  |
| Kelli Boothman (R) .....   | Jan. 2008  |
| Linda Camarra (OLVNA).....   | (standing) |
| Patricia McCarthy (D).....   | Jan. 2009  |
| Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R).....   | Jan. 2008  |
| Sherry Meyer (Sr. Ctr. Dir.).....  | Ex-Officio |

### Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Jane R. Marsh, Representative (R) .....  | Jan. 2008           |
| Alan Bayreuther, Representative (U)..... | deceased March 2006 |

### Connecticut River Gateway Commission

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Rudolph F. Besier, Delegate (R) .....  | July 2008 |
| Frederic T. Crosby, Alternate (R)..... | July 2008 |

### Conservation Commission

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Michael Silberberg.....             | Jan. 2008 |
| Tom Sherer (D).....                 | Jan. 2008 |
| Robert Linde (U).....               | Jan. 2006 |
| Mariette Brown (D) .....            | Jan. 2006 |
| Ellie Czarnowski, Chairman (U)..... | Jan. 2007 |
| Janet Bechtel (U) .....             | resigned  |
| Martha Rumskas (R) .....            | Jan. 2006 |
| Marianne Pfeiffer (D) .....         | Jan. 2009 |
| Agnes O'Connor (D) .....            | Jan. 2009 |

### Conservation Commission Alternates

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Dave McCulloch (D).....                  | Jan. 2007  |
| George James (R).....                    | Jan. 2007  |
| Ted Crosby (Gateway Comm. Rep.) (R)..... | Ex-Officio |

### Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Roderick M. White (R)..... | Sept. 2009 |
|----------------------------|------------|

### Economic Development Commission

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Michael Lech (R) .....        | Jan. 2007 |
| William O'Meara (R).....      | Jan. 2007 |
| Joseph Cemean (R) .....       | Jan. 2008 |
| Susan Howard Cihocki (R)..... | Jan. 2009 |

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

|   | Term Expires       |
|---|--------------------|
| John Stratton (R) .....                         | Jan. 2010          |
| Robert Jose, Chairman (R) .....                 | Jan. 2011          |
| Michael Miller (R) .....                        | Jan. 2011          |
| Frank Oliveira (R) .....                        | Jan. 2010          |
| Geraldine Foster (D) .....                      | Jan. 2009          |
| <b>Estuary Transit District</b>                 |                    |
| John Forbis (D) .....                           | Feb. 2009          |
| <b>Ethics Formation Committee</b>               |                    |
| John A. Collins III                             |                    |
| David J. Klein                                  |                    |
| Mark Mercurio, M.D.                             |                    |
| Robert Roser                                    |                    |
| Glenn Sulmasy                                   |                    |
| Irene Carnell, Ex-Officio ( <i>Town Clerk</i> ) |                    |
| <b>Emergency Management Director</b>            |                    |
| David Roberge .....                             | Jan. 2007          |
| <b>Flood and Erosion Control Board</b>          |                    |
| H. Perry Garvin III (R) .....                   | Jan. 2008          |
| Gary Smith (R) .....                            | Jan. 2008          |
| Todd Machnik (R) .....                          | Jan. 2008          |
| Robert Chapman .....                            | Jan. 2008          |
| Steven Ross (R) .....                           | Jan. 2006          |
| <b>Harbor Management Commission</b>             |                    |
| Anthony M. Licitra (D) .....                    | Jan. 2010          |
| David Zita (D) .....                            | Jan. 2010          |
| Bradford Ficken, Harbormaster .....             | Ex-Officio         |
| Michael Moran (R) .....                         | Jan. 2009          |
| Charles Delinks, Chairman (R) .....             | Jan. 2009          |
| Robert Doyen (D) .....                          | Jan. 2009          |
| Steve Ross (R) .....                            | Jan. 2010          |
| Norman Hewitt (D) .....                         | Jan. 2008          |
| Michael Mackey (U) .....                        | Jan. 2008          |
| Michael Magee (R) .....                         | Jan. 2010          |
| Harry Kerop (U) .....                           | Jan. 2006          |
| Judy Glover (R) .....                           | resigned June 2006 |
| Lori Sulmasy (R) .....                          | resigned Nov. 2005 |
| <b>Harbor Management Commission Alternates</b>  |                    |
| David Zita (D) .....                            | Jan. 2006          |
| Steven Ross (R) .....                           | Jan. 2006          |
| Judi Glover (R) .....                           | resigned Nov. 2005 |

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

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Term Expires

## Historic District Commission

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Barbara S. Traskos (R) .....               | Jan. 2008 |
| Paul Sagristano (R) .....                  | Jan. 2006 |
| Nina Peck (R) .....                        | Jan. 2009 |
| Joanne DiCamillo, Alternate (U) .....      | Jan. 2007 |
| Kenneth Levin, Co-Chairman (U) .....       | Jan. 2010 |
| James Bechtel, Co-Chairman (U) .....       | Jan. 2007 |
| Elizabeth Chamberlain, Alternate (R) ..... | Jan. 2008 |
| Thomas Keogh (R) .....                     | Jan. 2011 |

## Historic District Commission Alternates

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Thomas Keogh, (R) .....         | Jan. 2006 |
| John Forbis (D) .....           | Jan. 2007 |
| Joanne DiCamillo (U) .....      | Jan. 2007 |
| Elizabeth Chamberlain (R) ..... | Jan. 2008 |

## Inland Wetlands Commission

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Thomas Degnan, Chairman (U) ..... | Jan. 2006          |
| David McCulloch (D) .....         | Jan. 2008          |
| Evan Griswold (R) .....           | Jan. 2007          |
| Janet Bechtel, Chairman (U) ..... | Jan. 2008          |
| Lewis DiCamillo (R) .....         | Jan. 2009          |
| Martin Griswold (U) .....         | Jan. 2008          |
| Robert Linde (U) .....            | Jan. 2009          |
| Linda Krulikowski (U) .....       | Jan. 2007          |
| Agnes O'Connor (D) .....          | resigned June 2006 |

## Inland Wetland Commission Alternates

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Robert Linde (U) .....  | Jan. 2006 |
| Donald Willis (D) ..... | Jan. 2008 |

## Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Jessie Smith (R) .....                               | July 2008 |
| Rita Rohrberg (D) .....                              | July 2006 |
| Linda A. Winzer (R) .....                            | July 2006 |
| James Nichols (R) .....                              | Mar. 2006 |
| Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R) .....                    | July 2007 |
| Donald Tapper, Municipal Agent for the Elderly ..... | July 2009 |
| Evald Johnson (D) .....                              | July 2007 |
| Diane Simpson (R) .....                              | June 2006 |
| Francis Balboni (R) .....                            | July 2008 |
| Mary Miles (D) .....                                 | July 2008 |
| Ruth Young, Chairman (Lyme) .....                    | June 2007 |
| William Paradis (Lyme) .....                         | June 2007 |

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

## Open Space Committee

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Diana Atwood-Johnson, Chairman (R)..... | Jan. 2007 |
| Evan Griswold (R).....                  | Jan. 2007 |
| Jennifer Hillhouse (R).....             | Jan. 2007 |
| George James (R).....                   | Jan. 2007 |
| Constance Kastelowitz (R).....          | Jan. 2007 |
| Theodore Kiritsis (R).....              | Jan. 2007 |
| David McCulloch (D).....                | Jan. 2007 |
| Frederick Crosby (R).....               | Jan. 2007 |
| Amanda Blair (D).....                   | Jan. 2007 |
| Blair Hoxby (R).....                    | Jan. 2007 |

## Parks and Recreation Commission

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Glynn McAraw, Chairman (R).....                  | Jan. 2008  |
| William Crandall (R).....                        | Jan. 2007  |
| Mary Ellen Garbarino (R).....                    | Jan. 2009  |
| Roger Zito (R).....                              | Jan. 2008  |
| Robert Dunn (R).....                             | Jan. 2008  |
| Missy Colburn (U).....                           | Jan. 2007  |
| John Flower (U).....                             | Jan. 2009  |
| Don Bugbee, <i>Parks and Rec. Director</i> ..... | Ex-Officio |

## Pension Committee

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Oliver Patrell, Chairman (D).....          | Jan. 2006  |
| S. E. Canaday (R).....                     | Jan. 2009  |
| John Bysko (R).....                        | Jan. 2008  |
| Thomas Keogh, Chairman (R).....            | Jan. 2009  |
| Wayne Devoe, <i>Board of Finance</i> ..... | Ex Officio |
| Kathleen Hall, <i>Employee Rep.</i> .....  | Ex Officio |

## Planning Commission Alternates

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Nancy Strohla (R).....   | Jan. 2007          |
| Robert Pierson (R).....  | Jan. 2007          |
| Alan Bayreuther (U)..... | deceased Mar. 2006 |

## Regional Mental Health Board

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Sherry Meyer, <i>Social Services Coordinator &amp; Sr. Ctr. Dir.</i> ..... | Apr. 30, 2007 |
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## Rogers Lake Authority

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Roger Breunig (R)..... | Jan. 2008 |
| Brian Kyle (R).....    | Jan. 2009 |
| Richard Smith (U)..... | Jan. 2007 |

## Shellfish Commission

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Mervin F. Roberts, Chairman (R)..... | Jan. 2009 |
| John D. Seckla (U).....              | Jan. 2009 |
| David Redfield (R).....              | Jan. 2008 |

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

## Town Counsel

Marylin C. Clarke (D) ..... Jan. 2008

## Tree Commission

Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U) ..... Jan. 2008  
 Patience Moll (R) ..... Jan. 2008  
 Anne Bing (D) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Adela Wilmerding (R) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Joan Flynn, M.D., Alternate (U) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Matthew Griswold, Jr. Alternate (R) ..... resigned Nov. 2005  
 Donna Dean (R) ..... Sept. 2006  
 Tom Degnan, Tree Warden ..... Ex-Officio

## Tree Warden

Thomas Degnan (U) ..... Jan. 2007

## Water Pollution Control Authority

Thomas Risom, Chairman (R) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Joseph O'Connor (D) ..... Jan. 2010  
 Luisa Grogan (D) ..... Jan. 2009  
 Mervin Roberts (R) ..... Jan. 2009  
 George James (R) ..... Jan. 2010  
 Robert Gassman (U) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Clayton Penniman (R) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Dmitri Tolchinski (R) ..... Jan. 2010  
 Roger Breunig, Vice-Chairman (R) ..... Jan. 2009

## Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates

Michael Dickey (R) ..... Jan. 2008  
 Stephen Dix (R) ..... Jan. 2009  
 Aimee Eberly (R) ..... Jan. 2010

## Zoning Commission Alternates

Steven Ames (D) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Howard Tooker (R) ..... Jan. 2007  
 Brian Kyle (R) ..... Jan. 2007

**Resident State Troopers:** TFC David Todd; TPR Jud Howes

**Town Police:** Wayne Collins, David Lillis, Sal Milardo, Howard Smith, Domonic Solari, Edward Vasko, William Zipadelli; Elaine Williams, Clerk

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent - John Roach

Edward Adanti  
 Richard Campbell  
 John Caulkins  
 Paul Dorothy

Vincent Doughty  
 Lawrence Galbo  
 Richard Gocka  
 Brian Lorentson  
 Jeff Olaski

Donald Rutty  
 Donald Saunders  
 Robert Swaney  
 Robert Wanat

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE 1/3/05-1/5/09

*(Elected at caucus or through application)*

|                               |                             |                         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Patricia A. W. Bennett (U)    | Mark C. Lander (D)          | Ruth Dillon Roach (D)   |
| John Bysko (R)                | Rita H. Leonard (U)         | Emily Minor Roberts (U) |
| Nancy L. Campbell (D)         | Patricia M. McCarthy (D)    | Mervin F. Roberts (R)   |
| Jane E. Cable (D)             | Brendan P. McKeever (R)     | Frank J. Roth, Jr. (R)  |
| Irene A. Carnell (R)          | Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)       | Jennie Anne Rubera (R)  |
| Barbara McBride Doyen (D)     | Christopher F. Oliveira (R) | John D. Seckla (U)      |
| Patrick Joseph Fitzgerald (U) | Jacqueline M. Opeka (R)     | Walter O. Seifert (R)   |
| Verdina P. Ghirardi (D)       | Oliver L. Patrell (D)       | June B. Speirs (R)      |
| Timothy C. Griswold (R)       | Gloria J. Pendleton (D)     | Michellee Speirs (U)    |
| Lyman B. Hoops (R)            | Earl J. Peters (D)          | Judith Tooker (R)       |
| Doris C. Johnson (R)          | Lawrence I. Peterson (D)    | Walter O. Zabel (U)     |
| Evald Johnson (D)             | Daria M. Phelps (D)         | Kurt J. Zemba (R)       |
|                               | Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)    |                         |

## TOWN STAFF

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Michele Hayes-Finn .....      | Office Manager, Selectmen's Office   |
| Catherine Frank .....         | Administrative Assistant, Selectmen's Office                               |
| Ann Johnson, Ruth Roach ..... | Tax Clerks   |
| Kathleen Hall .....           | Administrative Assistant, Building Department                              |
| Maribeth Fraser .....         | Administrative Assessment Technician                                       |
| Doris Johnson .....           | Financial Administrator  |
| Kim Groves .....              | Land Use Administrator   |
| Marilyn Swaney .....          | Administrative Assistant, Health Department                                |
| Susan Bartlett .....          | Administrative Assistant, Zoning Commission and<br>Zoning Board of Appeals |

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|--|--------------------------------|
| Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator .....        | Brian Kyle                     |
| Animal Control Officer .....                             | Martha Rumskas                 |
| Assessor .....   | Walter E. Kent, Jr.            |
| Assistant Building Official/Assistant Sanitarian .....   | John Flower                    |
| Assistant Town Clerk .....                               | Eileen Coffee, Jessie F. Smith |
| Building Official .....                                  | Ronald E. Rose                 |
| Consulting Engineer .....                                | George Roberts                 |
| Director of Health .....                                 | Vijay Sikand, M.D.             |
| Director of Parks and Recreation .....                   | Donald Bugbee                  |
| Fire Marshal .....                                       | David Roberge                  |
| Probate Court Clerk .....                                | Lynn Campbell                  |
| Sanitarian .....   | Ronald E. Rose                 |
| Social Services Coordinator/Senior Center Director ..... | Sherry Meyer                   |
| Town Historian .....                                     | John Pfeiffer                  |
| Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer .....     | Ann Brown                      |

## Marriages July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

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|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Jeffrey Douglas Graybill – Heather Erin Bourne                | July 02, 2005      |
| Michael David Dussere – Nicole Renee Sevigny                  | July 02, 2005      |
| Barth Allen Keck – Maude Chapin Bing                          | July 02, 2005      |
| Michael Francis Mangino D'Apice – Sandra Y. Quezada           | July 04, 2005      |
| Michael James Sullivan – Beth Ellen Seddon                    | July 09, 2005      |
| Brian Jeffrey Buckley – Danielle Muller                       | July 18, 2005      |
| Kenneth Lee Mills – Lisa Marie Gual                           | July 20, 2005      |
| Scott David Bessette – Leah Claire Famiglietti                | July 23, 2005      |
| Christopher Lee Ewers – Carolyn Ann Pascarelli                | July 23, 2005      |
| Kurt William Hackbarth – Tania Roman                          | July 24, 2005      |
| Robert John Falaquerra- Colleen Eleanor Palma (Essex)         | August 06, 2005    |
| William Andrew Bassett – Erika Marie Steller (Guilford)       | August 06, 2005    |
| Thomas Earl Haeckel – Shirley Anne Corning                    | August 07, 2005    |
| Luciano Arturo Cortes-Inostroza – Janel Taylor Opeka          | August 12, 2005    |
| Todd William St.Onge – Justyna Isabella Bronk-Zdunowski       | August 13, 2005    |
| Nathan Louis Hall – Kelly Lynn McCollum                       | August 13, 2005    |
| David Russell Anderson – Michele B. Wolfe                     | August 20, 2005    |
| Jon Wade Martell – Andrea Marie Jones                         | August 20, 2005    |
| Scott Gregory Gammons – Laurie Ann Leonard                    | August 26, 2005    |
| James Arthur McCusker – Caroline Joan Armstrong (Southington) | August 27, 2005    |
| Carl David Zapatka – Erica Lyn Strachura (Old Saybrook)       | September 03, 2005 |
| Chandler Forest Delinks – Jennifer Anne Carlson               | September 10, 2005 |
| Charles T. Batease – Bonni L. Charette                        | September 11, 2005 |
| Gregory Christian Scheifele – Meghan Elizabeth Nolan          | September 17, 2005 |
| Ethan Josiah Pope – Estelle Blanche Paskausky                 | September 17, 2005 |
| Christopher Whitney Harding Bard – Heidi Michelle Barnes      | September 17, 2005 |
| Patrick Xavier Sullivan – Elizabeth K. Bugbee                 | September 18, 2005 |
| Elia Richard Buglione – Jaime Jude Magoon (Waterford)         | September 23, 2005 |
| Thomas Martin Sweeney – Marcella Sullivan Rand                | September 24, 2005 |
| James Stuart Blair – Joanne Carlozzi                          | September 24, 2005 |
| George Herbert Chambers – Elizabeth Ann Banks                 | September 24, 2005 |
| Charles A. Arpin – Sandra A. Boucher                          | October 01, 2005   |
| Bryce Andrew Beermann – Krista Ann Dacek                      | October 01, 2005   |
| Edward F. Vlosky – Amy Meg Friedman                           | October 01, 2005   |
| Kenneth Christopher McCarthy, Jr. – Nicole Marie Desantis     | October 01, 2005   |
| Thomas John Szarzynski – Diane Joan Aurette                   | October 01, 2005   |
| Caroll Ann Lebon – Sandra R. Auerbach (Waterford)             | October 04, 2005   |
| Kevin Roy Strain – Amanda Cassel Fuscas                       | October 08, 2005   |
| Dennis Joseph Voda – Sarah Thorne Scheide                     | October 08, 2005   |
| Brent Williams Duncan – Ashley Kathryn Kita                   | October 08, 2005   |
| Keith J. Goodell – Anne Garland                               | October 09, 2005   |
| William James Stockwell – Susan Christine Shanahan            | October 15, 2005   |
| Michael Anthony Neligon – Donna M. Milano                     | October 15, 2005   |
| Luke David Vriezen – Kathryn Patrick Dunn                     | October 29, 2005   |
| Dean Stelios Kapernaros – Melissa Leah Miers (Orange)         | November 12, 2005  |
| Ivan Alfredo Galeano – Carolina Sanchez                       | November 15, 2005  |
| Michael Lawrence Donovan – Erin Lois Fennelly (Westbrook)     | November 21, 2005  |
| Paul David Bozella – Tara Jean Straub                         | November 26, 2005  |
| Hansen Peter Cummins – Tanya Corrine Carlsgaard (E. Lyme)     | November 26, 2005  |
| Anthony Charles Armentano – Deborah Ellen Pettinato           | December 03, 2005  |
| Anthony Guart – Shannon J. M. Azevedo                         | December 11, 2005  |

## Marriages July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 *(continued)*

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Arcelino Neves Gonsalves – Ruth Elizabeth Serrano                 | December 18, 2005 |
| Robert Lee Litz – Carollynn L. Marchand                           | December 20, 2005 |
| Jeremy David Roegiers – Julia Leigh Padegenis (Groton)            | December 27, 2005 |
| Scott Alan Biller – Penny-Beth Faulkner                           | January 05, 2006  |
| David Linwood Young – Joan Bennett Kratzert                       | February 10, 2006 |
| William Cartafalsa – Stephanie Ellin Morton                       | February 18, 2006 |
| Fulvio Jose Magalhaes – Yajaira Evelyn Baez                       | March 12, 2006    |
| Donald Burnell Miller, III – Denise Marie Vallillo                | March 24, 2006    |
| J. Gregory Gordon – Kathleen T. Smith                             | March 26, 2006    |
| Johnathan Edward Schultz – Jacquelyn Joan Gionet                  | April 08, 2006    |
| Kenneth Justin Greathouse – Andrea Joann Houle (Groton)           | April 08, 2006    |
| Craig L. Foster – Nichole Marie Burt                              | April 13, 2006    |
| Donald W. Gerwick – Penny Elaine Andreoli                         | April 22, 2006    |
| Leroy Edmund Falconi, Sr. – Ma. Salome Madarang Gaetos            | April 30, 2006    |
| Ian D. Hair – Betsy Hayes Wiswell                                 | May 06, 2006      |
| Brooke Sterling Borner – Margaret Cecilia Immordino               | May 20, 2006      |
| Jose Asimateia Gonsalves – Sonia Jannette Alers                   | May 28, 2006      |
| Christopher David Steiger – Nancy Ellen Godwin (Waterford)        | June 02, 2006     |
| Oliver Wolcott Griswold – Ellen Maria Stern                       | June 03, 2006     |
| Todd Alan Masters – Teresa Marie Holland                          | June 10, 2006     |
| Zachary Scott Mabe – Melissa Gae Kim Bergfeld                     | June 10, 2006     |
| Nicholas Matthew Dombrowski – Bonnie Patricia Miller (Stonington) | June 10, 2006     |
| Daniel Francis Lowell – Bridget Marie Devivo                      | June 17, 2006     |
| Brian Richard Collagan – Pamela Sutherland                        | June 17, 2006     |
| Edward Stephen Pocock, III – Stacey Ann Murphy                    | June 17, 2006     |
| Steven Marcus Plyler – Annmarie Sarah Magee                       | June 24, 2006     |
| Jason Peter Marcroft – Kelly Fagan                                | June 30, 2006     |

## Deaths July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Nanci Stevenson Gergler           | July 02, 2005      |
| Niles Woodbridge Bond             | July 13, 2005      |
| James Donald Haag (New London)    | July 13, 2005      |
| Randy L. Scarpati                 | July 26, 2005      |
| June Pavano (Hartford)            | August 07, 2005    |
| Jane Sailor Warner                | August 10, 2005    |
| Donna Ann Chilleri                | August 13, 2005    |
| Rosemary W. Quail (New London)    | August 15, 2005    |
| Marion Kerr Molloy (New London)   | August 21, 2005    |
| James Hamilton (Essex)            | September 26, 2005 |
| William V. Wironen (Waterford)    | October 03, 2005   |
| Jane Alice Hashagen (Middletown)  | October 11, 2005   |
| Francis J. Carmody, Jr. (Niantic) | October 19, 2005   |
| Cynthia Morgan-Goepfert           | October 20, 2005   |
| John Lohmann                      | November 07, 2005  |
| Mason Britton III                 | November 08, 2005  |
| Rosella Tigno (Old Saybrook)      | November 13, 2005  |
| Robert D. Lane (Essex)            | November 13, 2005  |
| Helen Wyckoff McNeil              | November 27, 2005  |
| June Musa (Essex)                 | December 01, 2005  |
| Gene vonKoschembahr (Middletown)  | December 08, 2005  |

## Deaths July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 *(continued)*

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|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Charles M. Saltsman                 | December 11, 2005 |
| Ray Young Kline                     | December 20, 2005 |
| Harold A. Holz                      | December 23, 2005 |
| Oliver P. Crandall (New Haven)      | December 30, 2005 |
| Barbara Crockett Grimes             | January 01, 2006  |
| Donald Powers (New London)          | January 04, 2006  |
| Louella Ellis Viteritto (New Haven) | January 04, 2006  |
| William F. Palmieri                 | January 10, 2006  |
| Aaron Addison Hobart, Jr.           | January 13, 2006  |
| Elmer E. Young (Middletown)         | January 13, 2006  |
| Philip Scheide (Essex)              | January 15, 2006  |
| Peter R. Hansen (Essex)             | January 17, 2006  |
| Jane C. Potter (Old Saybrook)       | January 18, 2006  |
| Charles E. Hubball (Madison)        | January 18, 2006  |
| Robert R. Proctor, MD (Middletown)  | January 21, 2006  |
| Donald Sheldon Sumner (Niantic)     | January 25, 2006  |
| John Michael Langone (New Haven)    | January 26, 2006  |
| Catherine M. Silvestri (Essex)      | January 28, 2006  |
| Francesco Laciacara (Glastonbury)   | January 31, 2006  |
| Shirley M. Neilsen                  | February 11, 2006 |
| Sophie M. Dess (Branford)           | February 23, 2006 |
| Joan Lydia Hyde (New London)        | February 28, 2006 |
| Albert Fach (Middletown)            | March 08, 2006    |
| Christopher Scott Fox (New London)  | March 09, 2006    |
| Doris M. Kitke                      | March 14, 2006    |
| Grace C. Miller (Chester)           | March 15, 2006    |
| Kenneth R. Stone, Jr.               | March 16, 2006    |
| Robert Sanders                      | March 17, 2006    |
| Claire T. Hotarek (New London)      | March 19, 2006    |
| Helena Bowers (East Lyme)           | March 21, 2006    |
| Alan Bayreuther (East Lyme)         | March 28, 2006    |
| Elsie Seifert (New London)          | March 29, 2006    |
| David J. Regan (Bridgeport)         | April 07, 2006    |
| Carol Pierson (Middletown)          | April 11, 2006    |
| John Platt Keeling (Middletown)     | April 11, 2006    |
| Judith Marie Lane (New London)      | April 23, 2006    |
| Elizabeth Sturges (Essex)           | April 27, 2006    |
| Lillian G. Heske (Niantic)          | April 27, 2006    |
| Ethel Marie Zabel (Niantic)         | May 04, 2006      |
| Carolyn Ely (Middletown)            | May 08, 2006      |
| Edith C. Carangelo (New London)     | May 14, 2006      |
| Alice Nell Kennison (Essex)         | May 16, 2006      |
| Marguerite C. McGrail (New London)  | May 21, 2006      |
| Richard I. Pearce, Sr.              | June 01, 2006     |
| Samuel M. Anderson                  | June 15, 2006     |
| Marc Smith Cummings                 | June 19, 2006     |
| John D. VonKoschembahr (Middletown) | June 20, 2006     |
| Antonin Karel Knirsch (Hartford)    | June 21, 2006     |
| Kelly Anne Carpenteri (Hartford)    | June 22, 2006     |
| Carol Beery                         | June 26, 2006     |
| Cherry L. Abraham                   | June 29, 2006     |

# Adelphia Cable Advisory Council of Old Lyme

John A. Alexander  
*Chairman*

The role of the Cable Advisory Council is to represent and advocate for the interests of cable subscribers with the DPUC and the cable provider. During the past year the council has met on a bimonthly basis to monitor the level and quality of service and the status of the company since it declared bankruptcy. The council for the Old Lyme franchise serves the interests of cable subscribers in the towns of Old Lyme, Lyme, Salem, East Haddam, and Haddam Neck. Individual subscribers with questions or concerns should feel free to contact Adelphia management (860-889-6269) or the Cable Advisory Council (860-434-0710). Written communications should be addressed to the council at 12 Lord's Meadow Lane, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

The DPUC renewed the Adelphia franchise for seven years commencing August 1, 2005. The franchise renewal is conditioned upon Adelphia's promise to complete the physical upgrade necessary to provide modern 860MHz bandwidth service by July 31, 2007, twenty-four months from franchise renewal.

Adelphia held a technical meeting with the DPUC, the Office of Consumer Counsel, and the Advisory Council on January 31, 2006, to discuss and review the company's plans for upgrading the system. While the final design was not expected to be complete until April 7, 2006, it was stated that there will be 50 to 60 nodes in the upgrade with a maximum of 4 amplifiers per node and an estimated 150 connections per

node. There will be six battery-powered backups for emergency operation. Adelphia will provide quarterly reports on the progress of the upgrades and will define remedial actions for any schedule slippages. Adelphia has promised that the finances are available for completion of the upgrades. Their progressive commitments will be visible from the quarterly reviews.

The council has received numerous communications regarding the proposed purchase of the franchise by Comcast, which is to be consummated July 2006. The purchasing company, Comcast, will be responsible for fulfilling the upgrade promises made by Adelphia.

Subscribers should be aware that work on the upgrade will proceed from town to town on a schedule that is anticipated to achieve completion as follows:

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Haddam Neck | Mid October 2006  |
| East Haddam | Mid December 2006 |
| Salem       | Mid February 2007 |
| Lyme        | End of March 2007 |
| Old Lyme    | End of May 2007   |

Some disruptions of service might accompany work on the upgrade in Lyme between mid-February and the end of March 2007.

The DPUC acknowledged Adelphia's continued improvement in telephone-answering responsiveness but notes that it has not yet achieved full compliance with the provisions of the General Statutes 16-333k(3) and will continue to be monitored quarterly.



*Christ the King altar*



*Altar of St. Ann's Episcopal Church*

# American Legion Post #41

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**William R. Stelzner**  
*Adjutant*

**L**yme Post #41, American Legion, serving Lyme and Old Lyme, meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September to June at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall. All veterans are welcome.

A newsletter that outlines our programs and activities for veterans and youth is sent each month to every member and prospective members. It also contains other information beneficial to veterans.

Our post sponsors the annual Memorial Day Essay Contest for students in grades five and six. This years winners were Carter Levin, Cathy Guo, and Blaise Berglund. Each was presented with a bond and an American flag that was specifically flown over our Nation's Capitol in their name.

Our candidate to Boys' State this year was Will Danenhower. Students from all over the state set up and operate a mock government for one week,

elect officials and legislators, and pass laws. Will was elected Governor of Boys' State.

On Memorial Day weekend, we have "Poppy Days." All donations received during this effort are used to support our activities throughout the year.

We participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Veterans' Day ceremonies. We also place flags on veterans' graves in local cemeteries in Old Lyme on the Saturday preceding Memorial Day.

We are proud to be of service to many other organizations, both with manpower and donations including the Rocky Hill Home and Hospital for Veterans.

Our post commander is Jerry R. Ehlen.

We invite all eligible veterans who live in Lyme or Old Lyme to apply for membership. Call me at 434-9812 for information and applications or come to one of our meetings.

## Board of Assessment Appeals

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**Jim Blair**  
*Chairman*

**T**he board had a very quiet year in 2006. The town of Old Lyme went through a revaluation for all properties for the grand list of 10/1/2004.

Last year we had about 250 appeals. The second year out from the revaluation saw only about thirty appeals. A good majority of the appeals were from property owners with water influence along the shoreline and the various beach communities. Values increased substantially along the shore areas due to the strong demand for properties based on sales in the beach and shoreline communities. The market values were

based on sales and other information provided by Vision Appraisal. The current relationship between sales and assessments suggest prices have continued to rise during the last fiscal year. Local studies the market has been more stable since the summer of 2006.

The board meets every year in March or early April. Taxpayers must fill out an application by February 20 to obtain an appointment. We normally hear appeals for personal property during the month of September. Call the town hall or look in the local paper for exact dates.

The increase in our Grand List rose to \$1,478,528,100 from the previous year's \$1,470,628,390, an increase of \$7,899,710. Most of this increase was due to new construction added from our 2004 list.

There were very few new homes built in Old Lyme last year. With this in mind, don't expect real large increases in our Grand Lists until 2009 when we have our next revaluation.

To review your assessment, you can go on line, type in "visionappraisal.com" – search for CT. then Old Lyme.

As always this office is ready to answer any questions that pertain to assessment administration, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## Board of Finance

Mark C. Diebolt  
*Chairman*

This year's Old Lyme town report theme of "Faith of Our Fathers"....Our Friends and Our Neighbors is in recognition of the history of worship in the town and how it has shaped Old Lyme and continues to influence and affect aspects of townspeople's lives.

The Town of Old Lyme continued its tradition of excellent fiscal health in the past budget year. The town retains its AA bond rating, low debt, and a general accounting practice undesignated recommended surplus of \$1,912,979. Fiscal year 2005-2006 gave the Board of Finance some challenges to allocate resources for the requirements of various spending agencies and departments in town and the board's desire to keep the levy on taxpayers to a minimum. Members of the board worked diligently with

our first selectman to produce a final budget; the resulting increase was 6.77%. The increase was largely due Regional District 18's impact on our overall budget and some isolated increases, which are detailed in the colored pages in the middle of this book.

The town mill rate was set at the annual town meeting in May at 17.8%, which is an increase from last year's rate of 16.6 mills.

The Board of Finance would like to express its gratitude to First Selectman Timothy Griswold, all department heads, board chairs, and town employees – especially our Board of Finance secretary Michele Hayes-Finn for their contribution to the budget process. As publisher of this report we also thank Town Report Editor Michele Dickey for another job well done.

# Building Department

Ronald E. Rose  
*Building Official*

## *Building Permits Issued 7/1/2005 To 6/30/2006*

|   |         |                            |                 |
|---|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 23  | Permits | Accessory Building .....   | \$1,259,863.00  |
| 43  | Permits | Additions.....             | \$1,598,445.00  |
| 13  | Permits | Additions/Alterations..... | \$1,977,400.00  |
| 48  | Permits | Alterations.....           | \$933,870.00    |
| 2   | Permits | Barn .....                 | \$115,000.00    |
| 2   | Permits | Chimney/Fireplace.....     | \$3,000.00      |
| 2   | Permits | Commercial Building.....   | \$0.00          |
| 11  | Permits | Demolition .....           | \$14,500.00     |
| 175   | Permits | Electrical .....           | \$303,620.00    |
| 17  | Permits | Foundation.....            | \$4,198,048.00  |
| 10  | Permits | Garage.....                | \$421,450.00    |
| 55  | Permits | Heating A/C.....           | \$155,777.00    |
| 68  | Permits | Heating/AC.....            | \$183,679.00    |
| 16  | Permits | New Residence .....        | \$795,000.00    |
| 164   | Permits | Plumbing .....             | \$88,281.00     |
| 7   | Permits | Pool .....                 | \$409,298.00    |
| 148   | Permits | Repairs .....              | \$1,739,300.00  |
| 14  | Permits | Replace Fuel Tank .....    | \$23,500.00     |
| 6   | Permits | Security .....             | \$28,184.00     |
| 2   | Permits | Temporary Structure .....  | \$2,700.00      |
| 1   | Permits | Tenant Improvements.....   | \$17,000.00     |
| 1   | Permits | Walkway and Dock .....     | \$10,000.00     |
| 10  | Permits | Wood Stove .....           | \$2,150.00      |
| Total Cost of Permits Issued .....          |         |                            | \$14,280,065.00 |
| Total Number of Permits Issued.....         |         |                            | 838             |
| Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year..... |         |                            | \$151,568.00    |
| Total Cost of Permits Issued .....          |         |                            | \$14,280,065.00 |



*This building on the corner of Mile Creek Road and Shore Road, originally called the Guild House, was moved here from the corner of Bailey Road about 1899 by the Missionary Society. It served as the Episcopal Mission until August 1956. Since then, it has been the Nearly New Shop.*



*Cornerstone, St. Ann's Episcopal Church*

Certificate of Recognition Awarded Annually  
by the Board of Selectmen of the  
Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

The Board of Selectmen presents

## June Speirs

this Award for extraordinary dedication to our community

**W**hat defines our community? Whether you believe it to be the character of its landscape or the involvement of its residents, the answer is certain to be synonymous with June Speirs.

June became an Old Lymer when she married Jack Speirs in 1949. While Jack dedicated his energies to the Zoning Commission and as member and later Chair of the Board of Education, June immersed herself in the local League of Women Voters. Her motivation was concern for the town and her desire to “preserve the reasons why people come here.”

She was appointed to the Town’s first Pension Committee and served as its Vice Chairman from 1974 through the early 80’s. Active in the Republican Women’s Club, June is a longtime member of Old Lyme’s Republican Town Committee and chaired the Nominating

Committee of that group for 15 years.

An energizing and energetic presence in many organizations, June is heralded most often for her long years of diligence on the Zoning Board of Appeals. First elected to the ZBA in 1967, June served as its Chair for 27 years, and remains an active member of the board.

In 1975, June Speirs was the Republican nominee for First Selectman, campaigning under the slogan, “June in November.” The Board of Selectmen hereby issues a call for “June in January,” gratefully acknowledging her decades of service and naming her our 2005 Citizen of the Year.

*Board of Selectmen, Town of Old Lyme*

**Timothy C. Griswold**

**Arthur E. Sibley, Jr.**

**Bonnie A. Reemsnyder**



*June Speirs receives certificate from last year’s Citizen of the Year, David McCulloch, as First Selectman Tim Griswold moderates.*



*June Speirs with sons Jay (left) and Peter and daughter-in-law Anita, Jay’s wife*

# Commission on Aging

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**Don Tapper**  
*Chairman*

**T**he Old Lyme Commission on Aging meets at the Lymes' Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 P.M. We invite anyone with senior concerns to attend. Our projects throughout the year focus on helping and informing seniors in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme.

As a commission, we encourage all seniors to take advantage of the senior center's many programs, events, and services, including daily lunch for a very affordable price and the meals-on-wheels program. Our new director, Sherry Meyer, has re-energized the senior center and does an excellent job serving the many needs of our senior population.

# Connecticut River Gateway Commission

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**Rudi Besier, Ted Crosby**  
*Delegates*

**T**he Connecticut River Gateway Commission became operational in July 1974. There are eight eligible towns, with two regional planning agencies and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection participating. The Gateway Conservation Zone is about thirty miles long and includes those portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook) within view of the river

The commission protects key lands along the river that contribute to the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the commission has worked with others to protect over 2,000 acres of land in all eight towns through gifts or purchase of scenic easements, development rights, and fee simple titles. Land parcels in Old Lyme include our estuarine marshes and the Roger Tory Peterson property.

Another significant role assigned to the Gateway Commission by 1973 legislation is establishment of common zoning standards for height, setback, lot coverage, and the like, which member towns have agreed to adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. Zoning standards amendments established on February 26, 2004 require a vegetated buffer area along the riverfront, clarification of limitations on the height of structures, and greater emphasis on blending new structures with existing topography

and landscaping. As of June 30, 2006, Gateway member towns of Haddam, Chester, Deep River, and Lyme have incorporated the new standards into their zoning regulations as required by State Statute. Old Saybrook has extended its public hearing to July 25, 2006. East Haddam, Essex, and Old Lyme have yet to bring the standards to public hearing.

Margot Burns, GIS Specialist, has completed a GIS database from the Resource Sensitivity Index (RSI) maps created by J. H. Torrance Downes as an extension to a preliminary dock study for the area. It was funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

The commission has had no state financial support since 1992 and has had to rely on income from its land acquisition fund to meet its administrative costs of about \$22,000 per year.

The Gateway Commission is saddened to report the death of long-standing member and Old Lyme CRERPA delegate Alan Bayreuther this past spring.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission is staffed by planners from the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency. Updated information including meeting minutes and current standards can be found on the web at [connecticutrivergateway.org](http://connecticutrivergateway.org) or [crerpa.org](http://crerpa.org) under "river and sound" projects.

# Conservation Commission

Ellie Czarnowski  
*Chairman*

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission meets the first Wednesday evening of every month at Memorial Town Hall. We are active participants in reviewing subdivision plans; we are helping to ensure Old Lyme meets the State-mandated Storm Water II initiatives; and we will be working on the next update to our Plan of Conservation and Development, also required by state statute.

The Conservation Commission salutes the worshipers in town who have organized groups to address conservation issues that help maintain the wonderful quality of life in Old Lyme.

A Gardening Committee was formed at Christ the King Church in the summer of 2005 with the goal of reclaiming neglected trees and shrubs on the rectory property that were overcome with vines and invasive species. It was a daunting task, but the result is that some very beautiful and unusual tree specimens have been saved.

St Ann's Episcopal Church has an active Environmental Concerns Committee that meets monthly, open to the public, to discuss such issues as reducing the electrical costs at the church and other church buildings. They have speakers and exhibits, some of which included Bill Burt's bird photographs and a discussion about the marshlands with John Mitchell.

The committee for the environment at the Old Lyme Congregational Church was formed to engage the congregation in environmental matters. Members write articles for the church newsletter and sponsor speakers at the adult forums and an Earth Day book fair. The committee worked with the board of trustees, who voted to buy clean, renewable electricity for all church buildings.

The Pesticide subcommittee gave a film and lecture presentation at the Old Lyme DEP. This was a first public effort to educate the town about the dangers of pesticides (herbicides, inorganic fertilizers, and other toxic chemicals), especially to children and pets. We can loan films and other materials to anyone interested, and we urge parents of school children to learn about alternatives to using hazardous petrochemicals.

Through our subdivision review and recommendations we encourage best practices for managing storm water runoff, and we recommend outdoor lighting fixtures that comply with the International Dark Sky Association's specifications to help keep our nighttime sky free of light

pollution so that we can enjoy the stars.

We submitted a letter to the Town Hall Renovation Committee with a list of features we would like them to consider. These included energy conservation measures, solar collectors, pervious (unpaved) parking and driveway surfaces, shielded exterior lighting, and buffer plantings to protect the wetlands.

We continue to support the Old Lyme Open Space Committee's recommendations for acquiring open space.

We developed, printed, and distributed a brochure for homeowners describing how to grade property and plant deer-resistant buffer zones to protect lakes, streams, and wetlands from runoff of lawn care and other household products. The booklet is available for free at the town hall. We also produced and published a trail booklet of open space areas in town where the public can take a walk or hike and enjoy the out-of-doors. These booklets are also available at the town hall for free.

As Conservation Commission Chairman, I attended the Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training program. This was a terrific opportunity to learn about new methods for encouraging smart growth development. As a coastal community there are increasing pressures to develop all of our land. The LULA training is designed to educate the town commission members in new laws and regulations, train them on how to encourage open discussion of development projects with all interested parties, and provide resources for them to be used after the completion of the course.

Commission members participated in the International Beach Cleanup by cleaning up the litter at the Bunt Karter Watch Rock Park and took part in National Trails Day with a hike on the beautiful Lohmann-Buck-Twining Preserve overlooking the Lieutenant River.

We continue to support local efforts to convert the school buses to biodiesel and to relocate the bus parking area to a nonresidential area.

We have encouraged a conservation subdivision regulation change that would reduce infrastructure costs, promote the preservation of open space, and allow for the clustering of housing units for homeowners who want to minimize their yard maintenance responsibilities and retain a rural atmosphere to their neighborhood.

# Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.

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Mitzi N. Eilts  
*Executive Director*

**W**e're located in Old Saybrook at 220 Main Street behind Porter Plaza. This regional center for the nine-town estuary region is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Looking out to the Connecticut River, the center houses our largest café, serving breakfast to order and lunch at noon on Monday to Friday in Clinton, Deep River, Lyme/Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook (Thursday only in Westbrook), and breakfast on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The facility also includes a health office, conference and meeting rooms, a game/billiard room, exercise room, craft and needlework room, and a relaxing lobby with fireplace.

Open to the public of all ages, our marvelous **Thrift Shop** is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

We offer the following programs for mind and body: educational programs including computer classes; cultural events such as book chats, guest speakers, and trips; recreational venues like outdoor sports, exercise, cards, and billiards; and special programs that include AARP Tax-Aide and Safe Driver Training. In the areas of health and social services, we offer federal, state, medical, and financial benefits counseling; operate a medical equipment lending closet at no charge; conduct an annual health and fitness fair, flu clinic, health seminars, and screenings; host support groups for Alzheimer's caregivers, widows and widowers, troubled breathers, and diabetics; and offer homebound support services—Meals on Wheels, Medical Transportation throughout Connecticut (EMOTS), and Friendly Visitors.

We are always seeking volunteers for Meals on Wheels and EMOTS drivers, Friendly Visitors, the reception desk, the thrift shop, and as program and group leaders. Or if you have interest in *finance*,

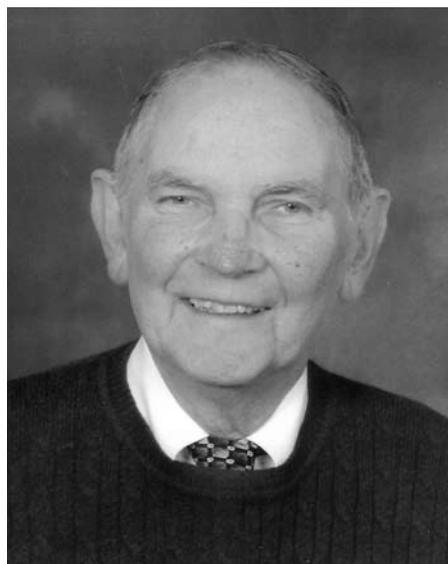
*fundraising*, *publicity* or *nutrition*, then we have a place for you on one of our vital committees or even as a member of the Board of Directors!

Learn more via the web at [www.ecseniors.org](http://www.ecseniors.org) or call 388-1611.

And, if your church or synagogue, service or social club, or professional group would like to learn more about the Estuary Council of Seniors call us. We'll provide a speaker; our staff and volunteers are well versed in topics and issues important to us as we age, and to the children of seniors too!

Here's an idea of how the Estuary Council served **Old Lyme seniors** from July '05 through June '06:

- 3,293 Meals at the Senior Cafes
- 4,932 Meals on Wheels delivered
- 66 EMOTS (Estuary Outpatient Medical Transport) Rides
- 210 Education (Health and Cultural Topics)
- 664 Recreation and Exercise programs
- 85 Health Screenings



*Alan Bayreuther, a member of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, CRERPA delegate and Planning Commission alternate*

# Estuary Transit District

William Foster  
*Board Chairman*

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) was formed in 1981 by the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary Region—Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook. The district's mission is to provide local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area by administering various services and programs.

The district's contract with DATTCO began July 1, 2004 and ended on November 1, 2005, when the ETD took over the operation of the Nine Town Transit system. Our bus fleet was moved from 810 Middlesex Turnpike to our offices at 455 Boston Post Road, both in Old Saybrook. At this time the ETD had eight buses in the fleet and was able to continue to provide our public transit services. Those services are the Shoreline Shuttle and the Transit-on-Call service.

In late November 2005 we were approached by the Estuary Senior Center about taking on the transportation of seniors in our nine-town area. On January 3, 2006, the ETD started to provide transportation for all the clients of the Estuary Senior Center. We hired three of the drivers from the senior center in an effort to make the changeover as easy as possible for the seniors. We added two buses per day for a Dial-A-Ride service to compliment our shuttle and Transit-on-Call services. In the first six months of running this Dial-A-Ride, we made a total of 4,629 trips.

The Shoreline Shuttle service operates on a flexible service route (fixed route with off-route stops available) in the shoreline towns of Clinton, Westbrook, and Old Saybrook Monday through Friday. Off-route service is scheduled with twenty-four hours' advanced reservation. The Shoreline Shuttle has been able to provide continuing service along the Route One corridor since 1999. This service meets the CTRANSIT "S" route in Madison and offers free transfers. These transfers

allow riders to travel from New Haven to Old Saybrook for a \$1.25 fare. Free transfers are also available for monthly rail-pass holders using the Shoreline East commuter trains. The Shoreline Shuttle runs accounted for 29,434 trips, an increase of 3,030 trips over last year.

In response to state-mandated fare increases, the ETD board voted to provide a discounted fare for passengers over the age of sixty on all 9 Town Transit buses. Beginning February 2005, these riders paid half the regular fare, or \$.60 for shuttle service and \$1.25 for off-route and Transit-on-Call. Since this began, the ETD has subsidized over 900 trips for seniors, and the program continues to grow.

The affairs of the district are managed by a board made up of one representative from each town, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town each represents. Delegates serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of the affairs of the district. Old Lyme's delegate is Vice chairman John Forbis. Regular meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Acton Library. All meetings are open to the public.

The Estuary Transit District board of directors, with the help of the administrator, closely monitors the public transit programs they provide. With detailed operations reporting, the board tracks not only the monthly ridership but the number of trips per hour, overall program costs, and per-trip costs. In this way, the board is able to set realistic service goals and monitor program effectiveness throughout the year. For this past fiscal year, the Shoreline Shuttle provided 29,434 passenger trips. The Transit-on-Call and the Dial-A-Ride combined for another 10,092 trips for a total of 39, 526 trips completed this year by the Estuary Transit District.

# Health Department

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**Vijay Sikand, M.D.**  
*Director of Health*

**Ronald E. Rose**  
*R.S. Sanitarian*

**John V. Flower**  
*Assistant Sanitarian*

**Marilyn H. Swaney**  
*Administrative Assistant*

## Environmental Health Incidents

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|--|----|
| Inspection of Food Handling                |    |
| Establishments.....                        | 43 |
| Nuisance Orders Issued .....               | 7  |
| Complaints Investigated.....               | 5  |
| Septic Systems Inspected.....              | 75 |
| Septic System Permits Issued – Repair..... | 54 |
| Septic System Permits Issued – New.....    | 12 |
| Well Permits Issued.....                   | 41 |
| Test Holes & Perc Tests (Sites) .....      | 64 |
| Dye Test .....                             | 1  |

Fees Collected - \$6,073.50

## Communicable Disease Report

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|--------------------------|----|
| Ehrlichiosis .....       | 4  |
| Lyme Disease .....       | 1  |
| Babesiosis .....         | 24 |
| Hepatitis C .....        | 6  |
| Hepatitis B .....        | 1  |
| Hepatitis A .....        | 1  |
| Influenza A.....         | 10 |
| Influenza B.....         | 1  |
| West Nile Virus.....     | 2  |
| Chlamydia .....          | 1  |
| Gonorrhea .....          | 1  |
| TB .....                 | 1  |
| Rabies (Bat).....        | 1  |
| Salmonella .....         | 5  |
| Mercury .....            | 1  |
| Campylobacteriosis ..... | 3  |
| Giardia .....            | 2  |

# Historic District Commission

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**Jim Bechtel, Ken Levin**  
*Co-Chairmen*

The Historic District runs from #1 McCurdy Road at the South Green for approximately 1.5 miles to #2 Sill Lane and #1 Rose Lane at the North Green. Only one of the seventy-five properties included in the District is currently a place of worship — the First Congregational Church. This often-painted icon is an exact replica of the structure that was destroyed by fire on July 4, 1907.

Town citizens voted in 1971 to create the Historic District, and in 1972, the district was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Governed by state statutes, the commission works to preserve the unique “character” of the street by insuring that no building or structure may be “erected, altered, removed or demolished” until a Certificate of Appropriateness has been issued. In considering applications, the commission has no requirements as to specific architectural form or style – only that new structures, or alterations to existing structures, be appropriate, competently designed and show respect for both immediate neighbors and the district as a whole.

In the fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, the commission granted twenty-one Certificates of Appropriateness for everything from fencing to gallery signage to a major addition to the Justin Smith House - one of the Historic District’s earliest properties.

In addition to assisting individual property owners with advice and/or permission on structure alterations, this year’s more public buildings to come before the Commission included the following:

- Florence Griswold Museum – Following a 14-month restoration, the venerable Florence Griswold House reopened and now authentically represents a 1910 boarding house for artists. The \$2.5 million project upgraded mechanicals and beautifully preserved this National Historic Landmark for the town and all visitors to enjoy.
- Memorial Town Hall Expansion – Working toward a common goal of keeping the Town Hall within the Historic District, the commission

## Historic District Commission *(continued)*

reviewed and discussed the design options and plans for the enlarged, handicap-accessible building.

- Phoebe-Griffin Noyes Library Original Entrance Restoration – The columns and entablature were faithfully replicated and installed on this handsome Village landmark.

Initiatives undertaken this year include:

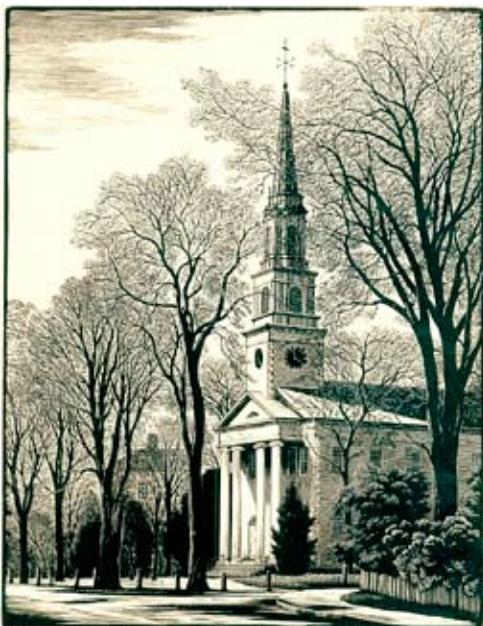
- Certified Local Government Status – Old Lyme applied for and was given this important recognition by the National Park Service. A legal distinction that entitles the Historic District to a small annual grant it also makes it eligible for additional monies for both research and informational programs.
- Welcome Packet – A personalized package containing a letter of introduction and the Historic District handbook is now mailed to all new property owners in the district.
- Field Trips – Two, under the able direction of Town Historian John Pfeiffer, were conducted

this year. Commission members toured the basements of several properties on Lyme Street and learned about early construction techniques and materials as well as artifacts.

- Public Open Forum – Time is provided at the beginning of each monthly meeting for any unscheduled visitor to come before the commission with questions or comments.

Future programs under discussion are:

- Plaque Program – The commission has contacted adjoining towns about their historic markers and is investigating a signage program of its own showing property dates and original owners.
- Possible District Expansion – When the Historic District was formed in 1971, a second District encompassing part of Sill Lane was considered. The commission is researching properties on Sill Lane, as well as Ferry Road, for possible inclusion in a potentially expanded Historic District.



*First Congregational Church of Old Lyme*



*Bedroom used by artists boarding at Miss Florenece Griswold's house; prior to renovation, this room in the front corner of the house served as a gift shop. Notable are the intricate molding over the door and an equally intricate mantle not seen in this shot.*

# Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

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Janet Bechtel  
*Chairman*

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) is a nine-member board, appointed by the selectmen and vested with the authority to assess the environmental impacts of “regulated activities” within 100 feet of an inland wetland or watercourse. Over the past year, the IWWC reviewed forty-five applications submitted by homeowners, developers, Regional District #18, the Roger’s Lake Authority, the Town of Old Lyme, two beach associations, and the Old Lyme Country Club. While many of the permits issued were for minor alterations to existing structures, driveways, or buildings within the 100-foot review zone, 8 applications before this commission encompassed over 400 acres and could potentially yield 115 new houses. Public Hearings on these applications were held at nine of our eleven meetings to keep the public informed about the pressures of development and growth on our natural resources.

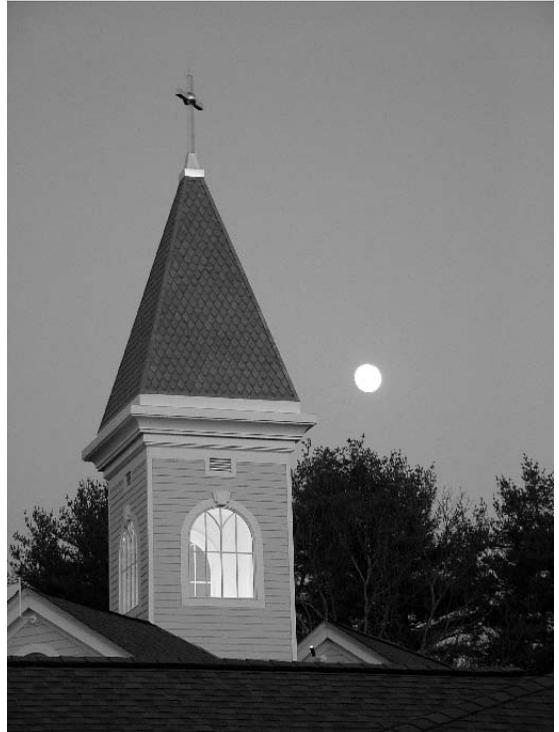
If you believe your property includes wetlands, you are a custodian of a valuable natural resource that is essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water, to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion, to the recharging and purification of groundwater, and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life. If you find that you need to conduct work in or near 100 feet of a wetlands, (e.g., clearing, grading, piping, culverting, excavating, filling, constructing), you must submit a description of your proposed project for review and approval to the Old Lyme IWWC. The Land Use Department in Town Hall is available to provide guidance and assist property owners with the necessary application process, and a map that delineates the general location and boundaries of inland wetlands and watercourses is available for inspection. On occasion, however, the final determination of a wetland boundary can only be made by a Certified Professional Soil Scientist and is required on all subdivision applications.

Enforcement of the IWWC Regulations is carried out by our Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and the town recently adopted an ordinance providing for citations and fines for violations of those regulations. In addition, a

three-member hearing board has been appointed to deal with any appeals arising from the issuance of such citations and fines.

The commission meetings are open to the public and held in the Town Hall on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except in November (Tuesday after Thanksgiving) and December (no meeting). Site walks are conducted one Saturday morning per month in the winter and are moved to a weeknight during spring, summer, and fall.

Tidal wetlands and dock permits continue to be regulated by the state’s Department of Environmental Protection.



*Full moon and steeple of Christ the King (Photo by Karen Stevenson, Thumbnail Designs)*

# Lyme Historical Society

Jeffrey W. Anderson

*Director*

The Florence Griswold Museum, headquarters of the Lyme Historical Society, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and exhibiting the art, history, and landscape of Connecticut with special emphasis on the Old Lyme region. The museum is located on Lyme Street in Old Lyme on eleven acres that was once part of Florence Griswold's historic estate and includes the Robert and Nancy Kriebel Gallery, the Hartman Education Center, the William Chadwick Studio, and a living landscape with public access to the Lieutenant River. The historic centerpiece of the society is the 1817 National Historic Landmark Florence Griswold House, which has just undergone a comprehensive restoration designed to imaginatively capture its former role as the boardinghouse for the Lyme Art Colony, circa 1910.

The museum fulfills its mission through an exceptionally active year-round program of exhibitions and educational programs that benefit townspeople and visitors to the region. Last year 48,683 people participated in the museum's activities. Central to its mission is a growing collection of American art, highlighted by the Lyme Art Colony collection that focuses on over 200 artists who were once associated with the colony from 1899 until the 1930s and beyond. This collection is strengthened immeasurably by the Hartford Steam Boiler Collection, a collection of 190 works of art by American artists who worked in Connecticut from the 18<sup>th</sup> through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. During the past year, paintings from these collections were on view throughout this country and abroad. The society also maintains extensive holdings of New England furnishings, artifacts of daily life, a small reference library, and an historical archives of original documents and photographs that provide a window into the town's affairs and its citizens over the years.

Much of the past year (July 2005 through June 2006) revolved on completing the most extensive restoration project ever undertaken on the Florence Griswold House. Exterior features were stabilized and upgrades were made to all of its building systems. The new environmental systems employ "green" geothermal technology that draws energy for cooling and heating from a series of deep wells on the property. In addition to these

physical improvements designed to preserve the collections contained within, the Griswold House has been completely refurnished to showcase its former role as home to a vibrant artist colony that attracted many of America's leading artists such as Childe Hassam and Willard Metcalf and public figures such as President Woodrow Wilson in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Townspeople are cordially invited to experience first-hand the dramatic changes in the Florence Griswold House.

The society and museum has long served as a gathering place for the community. Joining with sister institutions, free family events are offered each year, including the annual Midsummer Festival, which attracts over 5,000 visitors each summer. A new initiative, the Hot Air Club, is successfully reaching out to the young adults in the region with a series of exciting programs. The museum continues to build on its close relationship with Connecticut schools; tailor-made field trips to the museum are available to teachers and students. All of these activities rely on the essential support of the town's residents, many of who volunteer here. The Florence Griswold Museum is proud to be a part of the town of Old Lyme. We look forward to serving the town's residents and visitors who treasure the heritage and natural beauty of this corner of New England.



*Bedroom of Miss Florence Griswold, on the first floor of the Florence Griswold House*

# Lyme-Old Lyme Council of Churches

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**Celine Sullivan**

*Lay Representative*

**T**he Lyme-Old Lyme Council of Churches is an affiliation of faith communities in the area, represented by clergy and lay representatives of each congregation. The purpose of the council is to share in prayer, study, and social action. The most visible activity of the Council in this fiscal year was the annual CROP Walk in October to end world hunger, an initiative

organized by Church World Services. The walk brings neighbors together to raise awareness of world hunger and funds for international as well as local relief. Additionally, the council serves as a platform for member churches to share activities with one another and foster an ecumenical spirit. For more information, please contact the pastor of your faith congregation.

## Lymes' Senior Center

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**Sherry A. Meyer**

*Director*

**T**hose who have yet to visit the Lymes' Senior Center are in for a special treat. We are located in a beautiful rural setting surrounded by large grassy fields and trees.

The senior center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to all seniors age sixty or older. The membership fee is only five dollars for residents and ten for nonresidents. All members receive our newsletter four times a year.

We have a lot of activities that suit the needs of all seniors; these include bridge on Mondays, exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Tai Chi on Wednesdays, computer classes on Thursdays, and watercolor painting class on Fridays. There are always ongoing puzzles, cards, board games, and monthly bingo.

Our special programs include our Summer Nights Concert Series, Lifeline Screenings, AARP

55 driving courses, CPR courses, guest speakers, musicians, VNA Health Days, and more. Dates and times are announced in our newsletter and advertised in local papers.

We have walkers, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, and other medical equipment available for loan to any senior at no charge.

Our Cozy Corner library is filled with wonderful hardcover, paperback, and large-print books as well as movies and audiobooks for borrowing.

A complete nutritious lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon for a small donation of \$2.25. Meals on Wheels are also available for homebound residents.

Please feel free to stop by any time to enjoy a program or activity or simply have a cup of coffee!

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School

## Thirty-third Annual Commencement - June 14, 2006

### Candidates For Diplomas

|                                 |                                |                               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| +* Christine Elizabeth Adanti   | Nicholas Andrew Evankow        | +^ Daniel Francesco Mittelman |
| Joanna Lefkothea Anastasiou     | +* Kristy Lyn Faircloth        | +* Brian Thomas Moore         |
| Danielle Marie Arpin            | Tiffany Fontane Farrauto       | Jordan Muhsin                 |
| +* Katelyn Arruda               | + Chelsea Hayes Finn           | Kayla. Theresa Mullen         |
| Leah Rose Ballman               | +* Celia Ann Fortinsky         | + Kimberly Beth Naehring      |
| +* Lindsay Ann Barr             | +*^ Kaylyn Marie Frazier       | Kimberly Ann Naumowitz        |
| Kristen Dimock Becher           | +*^ Evan Ogden Gaffey          | +* Michael Thomas Neaton      |
| +*^ Krista Joann Bigiarelli     | Sara Ashley Galbo              | +* Robert Edward Neaton       |
| Gregory Scott Bohara            | Madison Ashley Germini         | +* Kelsey Rochette O'Dell     |
| Eric Michael Bombaci            | +* James Winston Gilchrist     | Elizabeth Anne Paonessa       |
| +* Emily McBee Brown            | +^ Alexandra Devoy Gladwell    | +* Devon Lynn Poeta           |
| +* Elizabeth Holbrook Buchanan  | +* Elizabeth Ann Griffin       | Shaina Elise Powers           |
| +* Megan Midori Buerger         | Richard Michael Grissom        | +*^ David Mark Quintin        |
| Scott Donald Bureau             | + Shannon Michelle Hall        | + Jesse William Rando         |
| Hillary Leah Burr               | Stephen James Hapis            | +* Meredith Caitlin Rice      |
| + Elisa Cate Calkins            | + Bryant August Heffernan      | +* Lee Joseph Richter         |
| + Matthew Robert Capone         | Lindsey Paige Hoelzsel         | +* Austin Gardner Ricker      |
| ^ Margaret Maureen Cawley       | + Brittany Alyson Hoynack      | Heather Elizabeth Robbins     |
| + Sara Garland Champine         | +*^ Miles Alexander Jaques     | + Marissa Rose Ross           |
| +* Jennifer Frances Chmielewski | Daniel Moss Jones              | * Corey Justin Rothmeyer      |
| Ryan Michael Clancy             | +*^ Zachary James Jordan       | Stacey Elizabeth Sankow       |
| +*^ Kristen Rose Cody           | + Marissa Caye Kerwin          | +* Jessica Elizabeth Schaaf   |
| + Rory Tristan Coleman          | +*^ Anthony John Kilroy        | * Brendan Patrick Shaughnessy |
| * Jacqueline Lexy Congdon       | Hannah Jane Koch               | * Kara Sisk                   |
| * Kathryn Ann Costigan          | Jessica Grace Legein           | * Catherine McWilliams Smith  |
| Caitlin Ann Courtney            | +* Christopher William Lehrman | +*> James Stanley Smith       |
| Meagan Elizabeth Crowley        | ^ Nicole Sawyer Littell        | * Benjamin Aloin Stark        |
| Rachel Adena Cutler             | Justin Donald Longo            | +* Alexandra Nancy Storm      |
| +* Jennifer Eva Czarnowski      | Dylan Carroll Loper            | * Isabel Mary Sutton          |
| * William Davidowsky III        | + Brian John Mackey            | Alex Elliott Swaney           |
| +* Lauren Smith Dickey          | Joseph Patrick Mareira         | +* Robert Jonah Trautmann     |
| Michael Joseph Donovan          | + Sean Carty Marshall          | Sarah Elizabeth Tresch        |
| Gabrielle Elizabeth Drugan      | Carrie Marie McCarthy          | +* Alyssa Rose Wheeler        |
| * Katrina Erin DuBrava          | +* Sarah Alyssa McMahan        | +*^ Rhiannon Sara Weitowitz   |
| * Matthew Robert Dunn           | + Brett Andrew Meehan          | +* Emily Catherine Zemba      |
| +* Meagan Osora Erhart          | +* Benjamin Cooper Mickle      | +*^ Connor Frazier Zito       |

+ Members of the National Honor Society

> Academic Letter Recipients

\* CAPT Scholars

^ Connecticut Career Certificate Recipients

### Class Officers

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| President .....     | Benjamin Stark     |
| Vice President..... | David Quintin      |
| Secretary.....      | Elizabeth Buchanan |
| Treasurer .....     | Evan Gaffey        |

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

### *Memorial Scholarships*

|   |   |
|---|---|
| JoAnn Bocian Memorial Scholarship .....                               | <i>Kristy Faircloth</i>   |
| Everett “Chief” Burke Memorial Scholarship .....                      | <i>Carrie McCarthy</i>  |
| Scott Marsh Cory Memorial Scholarship .....                           | <i>Emily Zemba</i>  |
| Julie Goodman Memorial Scholarship .....                              | <i>Zachary Jordan</i>   |
| Robert C. and Marguerite C. Graves Memorial Scholarship .....         | <i>Elisa Calkins, Jennifer Chmielewski,<br/>Lauren Dickey, Kaylyn Frazier, Evan Gaffey, Elizabeth Paonessa, Meredith Rice</i> |
| Ralph P. Kehoe Memorial Scholarship by Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club ..... | <i>Jennifer Chmielewski</i>   |
| Lew Krause Memorial Scholarship by Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club .....     | <i>Kara Sisk</i>  |
| E F. “Red” Latourette Memorial Scholarship .....                      | <i>Elizabeth Buchanan, Michael Neaton, Robert Neaton</i>  |
| Alan McLean Kyle Memorial Scholarship .....                           | <i>James Smith</i>  |
| Patricia Ann Langer Science Scholarship .....                         | <i>James Gilchrist</i>  |
| John McLaughlin Technology Memorial Scholarship .....                 | <i>Jacqueline Congdon</i>   |
| Wallace F. Moore Memorial Scholarship .....                           | <i>Miles Jaques</i>   |
| David Munday Memorial Scholarship .....                               | <i>Jacqueline Congdon, Kristy Faircloth</i>   |
| Harold J. Nickerson Scholarship by Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club .....     | <i>Kaylyn Frazier</i>   |
| Mary Hubbard Noyes Nursing Memorial Scholarship .....                 | <i>Brittany Hoynack, Marissa Kerwin</i>   |
| Carol L. Patterson Memorial Scholarship .....                         | <i>Alyssa Wheeler</i>   |
| Joan M. Pennella Scholar-Athlete Memorial Scholarship .....           | <i>Elizabeth Buchanan</i>   |
| Dr. Frances C. Roach Women in Science Memorial Scholarship .....      | <i>Sarah McMahon</i>  |
| Mildred Sanford Business Memorial Scholarship .....                   | <i>Kristy Faircloth</i>   |
| Otto StorJohann Academic Improvement Memorial Scholarship .....       | <i>Sara Galbo</i>   |

### *Scholarships*

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| Bruce Chandler Scholarship .....                                     | <i>Madison Germini</i>  |
| Coca-Cola National Scholarship .....                                 | <i>Sarah McMahon</i>  |
| Duck River Garden Club Scholarship .....                             | <i>Lee Richter</i>  |
| Estuary Lodge #43 AF & AM Scholarship .....                          | <i>A.J. Kilroy</i>  |
| Friends of Music Scholarship .....                                   | <i>Emily Brown, Chelsea Finn,<br/>Celia Fortinsky, Miles Jaques, Meredith Rice, Alyssa Wheeler, Emily Zemba</i> |
| W.E.S. Griswold Scholarship by MacCurdy-Salisbury .....              | <i>Lauren Dickey</i>  |
| Roger M. Grover Education Scholarship .....                          | <i>Kayla Mullen</i>   |
| Lyme-Old Lyme Administrators Scholarship .....                       | <i>Benjamin Stark</i>   |
| Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women’s Club Scholarship .....                  | <i>Kristen Cody, Chelsea Finn, Emily Zemba</i>  |
| Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau Youth Advisory Council Scholarship ..... | <i>Kristen Cody, Meredith Rice,<br/>Jessica Schaaf</i>  |
| Old Lyme Players Scholarship .....                                   | <i>Emily Brown, Celia Fortinsky, Emily Zemba</i>  |
| Old Lyme Visiting Nurses’ Association Scholarship .....              | <i>Brittany Hoynack, Carrie McCarthy</i>  |
| Pfizer Math and Science Scholarship .....                            | <i>James Gilchrist, Lee Richter</i>   |
| Regional School District 18 Teachers’ Association Scholarship .....  | <i>Jacqueline Congdon, Kristy Faircloth</i>   |
| Westbrook Emblem Scholastic Award Westbrook Emblem Club #535 .....   | <i>Chelsea Finn</i>   |

### MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

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| Nathaniel L. Sheffield Accounting Award .....  | <i>Kaylyn Frazier</i>                     |
| Sidney Stringer Physical Education Award ..... | <i>Elizabeth Buchanan, Michael Neaton</i> |
| Roselyn Taylor Memorial Art Award .....        | <i>Gabrielle Drugan</i>                   |
| Tony J. Vasiloff Memorial Art Award .....      | <i>Emily Brown</i>                        |

### AWARDS BY ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS

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| AHEPA New London Foundation, Inc. Scholarship .....                                     | <i>Benjamin Stark</i>                          |
| Association of Retired Employees of North East Utilities .....                          | <i>Evan Gaffey</i>                             |
| 2005 Eugene Atwood Award .....  | <i>Lauren Dickey</i>                           |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut .....                              | <i>Kelsey O’Dell, Austin Ricker, Kara Sisk</i> |
| Board of Education Citizenship Award .....  | <i>Kristen Cody</i>                            |
| Alice Burbank English Award .....   | <i>Lauren Dickey</i>                           |
| CAPSS Superintendent’s Recognition Award/<br>CABE Superintendent Leadership Award ..... | <i>Megan Buerger, Rory Coleman</i>             |

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

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| CAS Honoring Visual & Performing Arts Students Award .....        | <i>Megan Buerger, Miles Jacques</i>   |
| CIAC Scholar-Athlete Award .....                                  | <i>Kaylyn Frazier, Lee Richter</i>  |
| College Board Advanced Placement Program .....                    | <i>Sarah McMahan, Lee Richter</i>   |
| Connecticut Association of Educational Office Professionals ..... | <i>Jennifer Czarnowski</i>  |
| Connecticut Scholastic Arts Award .....                           | <i>Christine Adanti, Elizabeth Buchanan,<br/>Gabrielle Drugan, Brittany Hoynack</i>   |
| Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants .....         | <i>Krista Bigiarelli</i>  |
| Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution .....  | <i>Lee Richter</i>  |
| Department of the Air Force Math & Science Award .....            | <i>Evan Gaffey</i>  |
| Elias J. Hage History/Economics Award .....                       | <i>Lauren Dickey</i>  |
| Everson Museum of Art Shaped Clay High School Exhibition .....    | <i>Gabrielle Drugan</i>   |
| Marketing/Management/Entrepreneurship - LOLHS Business Dept ..... | <i>Krista Bigiarelli, Margaret Cawley,<br/>Kristen Cody, Clint Franklin, Kaylyn Frazier, Lindsey Hoelzel,<br/>Jordan Muhsin, David Quintin, Jesse Rando, Connor Zito</i>                          |
| New England Institute of Technology .....                         | <i>Nicholas Evankow, Alex Swaney</i>  |
| Old Lyme American Legion Post 41 Award .....                      | <i>Evan Gaffey</i>  |
| Old Lyme Grange Service Award .....                               | <i>Celia Fortinsky</i>  |
| President's Award for Educational Excellence .....                | <i>Rory Coleman, Lauren Dickey, Matthew Dunn,<br/>Kaylyn Frazier, James Gilchrist, Elizabeth Griffin, Sarah McMahan, Benjamin Mickle,<br/>Kelsey O'Dell, Lee Richter, Alyssa Wheeler</i>          |
| Prudential Spirit of Community Award .....                        | <i>Rory Coleman</i>   |
| Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2006 .....                     | <i>Gabrielle Drugan</i>   |
| Shoreline Arts Alliance for the Arts .....                        | <i>Christine Adanti, Elizabeth Buchanan, Hillary Burr,<br/>Meagan Crowley, Lauren Dickey, Gabrielle Drugan, Lindsey Hoelzel, Brittany Hoynack,<br/>Kim Naebring, Kelsey O'Dell, Meredith Rice</i> |
| SHED - Shoreline Heads of English Department Award .....          | <i>Lauren Dickey, Alexandra Storm</i>   |
| Town of Old Lyme Government .....                                 | <i>Benjamin Stark</i>   |
| 2006 Mr. Tux Scholarship Award .....                              | <i>Stacey Sankow</i>  |
| United States Marine Corps .....                                  | <i>Elizabeth Buchanan, Miles Jacques, Brian Moore, Robert Neaton, Meredith Rice</i>   |
| University of Connecticut Avery Point Marine Scholar Honor .....  | <i>Lindsay Barr</i>   |
| Williams Memorial Institute Pre-1955 Alumnae Association .....    | <i>Lauren Dickey</i>  |
| Wire Association International, New England Chapter .....         | <i>Elizabeth Buchanan</i>   |

## **REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EIGHTEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Ms. Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn, *Chairman*, Ms. Karen Conniff, Ms. Andrea Fenton, Ms. Susan Fogliano,  
Mr. Russell Gomes, Mr. Daniel Hagan, Ms. Priscilla Hammond, Ms. Nanette Salvino, Ms. Mary Stone

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. David Klein, *Superintendent*  
Ms. Jan Guarino-Rhone, *Principal*      Mr. Enzo Zocco, *Assistant Principal*

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MaryBeth Schreindorfer, *Head Advisor*  
John Byrne, Deborah Caldwell, Dennis Costello, Marlene Estabrooks, Eileen Gannon  
Louise Jackson, Dawn Kelley, John McGannon, Jacqueline Sullivan, Jonathan Woodman

## **FACULTY**

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Kathleen Cote, William Derry, Karen Duhamel, Brett Eckhart, Glenn Elliott, Marlene Estabrooks, Marsha  
Folger, Eileen Gannon, Jonathan Goss, Roger Haynes, Joanne Hedwall, Alan Honer, Louise Jackson, Kirk  
Kaczor, Marci Kania, Barth Keck, Dawn Kelley, Katia Kingston, Jeanne Manfredi, Elizabeth Matis, John  
McGannon, Sheila McTigue, Leslie O'Connor, Barbara O'Leary, Kristine Pekar, John Pfeiffer, William Rayder,  
Jill Ressler, Robert Roach, Colleen Rodriguez, MaryBeth Schreindorfer, Jacquelyn Sullivan, Constance Swartz,  
Leslie Traver, Linda Tuzzio, Patricia Watt, Joanna Williams, Jacob Wilson, Charles Wolfe, John Woodman

## **CLASS MARSHALS**

Amelia Rountree, Sloan Wilson Danenhower

# Lymes' VFW Post 1467

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**Bob Roser**  
*Advocate*

Lymes' Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post is made up of men and women who have served our country honorably overseas in time of war. Our local Post has over one hundred members, thirty of whom participate in an assortment of projects in the Lyme-Old Lyme area.

Sometimes called the "Lymes' History Channel," former combat veterans work to fulfill projects aimed at our community. In addition to town service and updating all veterans on current VA programs and benefits, the goal of the Post is to provide patriotic, historical, educational events to maintain the institution of our American freedom.

This past year Lymes' VFW Post was honored as an "All State Post" by VFW State Headquarters for hitting all of its membership and program activity goals. A total of fifty-five ongoing service projects were completed in 5,339 volunteer hours, totaling \$26,296 in mileage and contributions. In addition to the Middle School and High School Youth Essay contest, various volunteer efforts included administering ten American Red Cross blood drives, supplying support to State Guard units stationed in Iraq, organizing major gift

donations to the New Haven VA Hospital and Rocky Hill Veterans' Home, sponsoring Little League, and donating to other civic and veteran groups.

The Post continue to participate in the "Freedom Is Not Free" educational program," where a team of WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam veterans are invited to area schools to tell their stories. Members also volunteer at Honor Guard burial details designed to pay closing tribute to area departed veterans. Families can request this meaningful service when making local funeral arrangements.

The annual November Veteran's Day "Buddy Poppy" Program, which is conducted for our Post Relief Fund, continues to help several needy veterans and related relief activities. The Post continues to thank all residents of Lyme and Old Lyme for their contributions to this annual appeal, which carries the slogan, "*We don't leave our wounded behind.*"

Dinner meetings are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at the Lymes' Senior Center. For membership information and the opportunity to join in the Veterans Of Foreign Wars comradeship and service, call Commander John McElroy at 434 7515.

## Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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**Mary Seidner**  
*Director*

The Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) promotes positive youth development through programs and services to children and families in Old Lyme and Lyme. LYSB, a private nonprofit organization, relies on the generous support of our community for nearly one-half of its budget. We are grateful to the Towns of Old Lyme and Lyme for their municipal support, and we enjoy collaborating with both towns on a variety of programs.

Our YAC (Youth Advisory Council) meets weekly to work on community service projects for our area. Last year our teens collected backpacks for victims of Hurricane Katrina and sent more

than 100 backpacks filled with school supplies and personal items to Louisiana. Included in each backpack was a personal note from our youth. Annually YAC members plan a variety of fundraisers for their YAC Scholarships that are awarded to graduating seniors who have shown a commitment toward community service.

In 2005 the LYSB, along with a coalition of community agencies and citizens, created a new task force to address the issue of substance abuse among youth in our community. *Community Action for Substance Free Youth* (CASFY) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at LYSB at 7:00 p.m. We welcome attendance from any

## Lymes' Youth Service Bureau *(continued)*

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members of the community to learn more about this important issue. CASFY has received grant funding and plans to give a community youth survey with results to be announced in spring 2007.

At LYSB students can relax in a safe and supervised environment after school. We offer games, snacks, homework help, and friendship. Please visit our website [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org) or stop by our offices at 59 Lyme Street to learn about the youth programs we offer including—but not limited to—the following:

- Playgroups for babies and toddlers
- Parent education
- After-school programs
- Counseling
- Community service groups
- Prevention programs
- Summer programs
- Special events

### **LYSB Board of Directors**

Betsy Groth, *Chairman*; Michelle Sagristano, *Vice-Chairman*; Paul Sagristano, *Treasurer*; Cathy Zall, *Assistant Treasurer*; Peggy Comstock, *Secretary*; Leslie Massa, *Assistant Secretary*; Lynn Cravinho, Mary Dangremond, Bill & Lisa Donovan, Susan Fader, Sue Frost, Nikki Hostnik, Maddy Mattson, Laura Mooney, Scott O'Donnell, Bettie Proctor, Dyanne Rafal, Bonnie Reemsnyder, Doreen Thomas, Richard Ward

### **LYSB Staff**

Mary V. Seidner, *Director*; Arleen C. Sharp, *Parent Resource Administrative Supervisor*; CPAT - *Parent Educator*; Missy Colburn, *Youth Programs Coordinator*; Ursula Chock, *LCSW, Youth and Family Counselor*; Marcia Leverone, *Office Manager*; Connie Sullivan, *Administrative Assistant*; Heather Flemming, *Program Assistant*

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## MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

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Rowland Ballek  
*President*

The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was founded in 1893 and has been supporting educational activities in Old Lyme for over 113 years. In its early years the foundation used its resources to help the Old Lyme school systems. However, in 1918 the foundation began making direct grants to students so they could continue their education after they finished schooling in Old Lyme. By 1930 the foundation's resources were almost exclusively directed to grants, based on need, for Old Lyme students going on to college.

In 1973 Berenice Brevillier made a substantial contribution to the fund for the benefit of students from Lyme; since then, students from both towns have been getting educational grants from the foundation. The Lyme portion of the fund was increased several years ago through a bequest made by Mildred Bruestle.

In 2006, 109 students from Old Lyme and Lyme received awards totaling \$188,475, and it is projected that awards for 2007 will be \$193,921, based on the number of students who have

qualified for grants at this time.

All high school graduates, even those attending high schools out of town, who have maintained a permanent residence in Old Lyme or Lyme for at least two years are eligible to apply for a MacCurdy Salisbury grant. The grants are given for four years and paid out semiannually to the students. If a student's grades fall below 2.0 GPA, or a student moves to another town or state, the grant will be suspended. Applications and instruction are available at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office. Applications must be submitted by April 30 for the fall semester and by November 15 for the second semester.

Forty individuals representing Old Lyme, Lyme, and Regional School District 18 serve as members of the foundation. They elect officers and a Board of Directors who manage the daily affairs of the foundation. At the September 2005 Annual Meeting, three new members were elected to the foundation; they are: Rebecca Crosby, Charles Dey, and Sue Hessel. Ned Perkins and Carleen Gerber were elected to the Board of Directors,

## MacCurdy Salisbury *(continued)*

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replacing David Speirs and Jim Thach, whose terms expired. The following officers were elected: Rowland Ballek, President; Mary Seidner, Vice President; Ward Bing, Secretary/Treasurer; and Ned Perkins, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

The foundation is working to build up its endowment so that the educational grants can keep pace with the ever-rising cost of higher

education and the increasing number of applicants seeking financial aid. Residents can help by considering outright gifts, setting up a planned giving program, starting a charitable remainder trust, or arranging for a bequest. The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation is a unique feature of this community and, with everyone's support, it will continue to help local students achieve their educational goals.

## Municipal Agent for the Elderly

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**Don Tapper**

*Municipal Agent*

**A**s Municipal Agent for the Elderly, I am always available to give advice and direction to the elderly and their families on all topics concerning senior issues. Please leave a message on my home phone, 434-5334, or at Lymewood, 434-2120, and I will respond as soon as possible.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional Senior Center/Visiting Nurse Office located on Town

Woods Road. I encourage all seniors to join the center and participate in its many programs and events. Director Sherry Meyer and our visiting nurse, Linda Camarra, do an excellent job helping with all facets of senior life.

Senior subsidized housing is available at Rye Field Manor, 434-0526, and Lymewood 434-2120, both located off Route 1/Boston Post Road. Please call for more information and an application, as there are waiting lists.

## Mystic Country

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**Roderick M. White**

*Representative for Old Lyme*

**“M**ystic Country” is the name used to promote tourism in this area. The formal name for this state-funded bureau is the Eastern Connecticut Tourism District. Each of the more than forty towns has a representative on the board in addition to some industry representatives.

Where would you find tourists in Old Lyme?

You may be surprised to know that Mystic Country promotes an antique store, a horse farm, a beach, a wildlife area, two inns, two bed-and-breakfasts, a motel, a marketplace, a shopping center, an art gallery, a nationally known museum, an art association, and a college of fine arts.

These attractions are all in our town and most of them are within the historic district.

# Old Lyme Affordable Housing, Inc.

Les Reynolds  
Executive Director

Old Lyme Affordable Housing (OLAH) is an all-volunteer, independent, 501(c)(3) community-based corporation, created in 1993 by the Lyme/Old Lyme Council of Churches and its congregations, to speed up Old Lyme's development of truly affordable housing. There are still very, very few houses in town that could be "affordable starter homes" to keep our young people in town and launch the careers of our young adult children and local employees such as teachers, school workers, firefighters, business employees, ambulance workers, social service providers, and others.

The members and staffs of three churches in Old Lyme (First Congregational, St. Ann's Episcopal, and Christ the King Roman Catholic) have provided primary financial and volunteer staffing support for OLAH, with help from individuals, businesses, and a few foundations.

We build or acquire houses and sell them to qualified first-time home-buyers with household income below 80 percent of the region's median income. The Kiernan and McCulloch families donated land in the Flat Rock and Boggy Hole areas for our first three houses; four families have now owned their first homes there (with the property held in trust by OLAH) using Essex Savings Bank mortgages - nothing down, good rates, and virtually no closing costs. Home owners pay taxes on their houses, and when they move on we work together to transfer home ownership to our next approved candidate. In December 2005 just such a transfer benefited our fourth family.

To serve our clients, we need gifts of

"buildable" land (or run-down homes in need of repairs, where church and community volunteer work teams can make repairs at a tremendous saving in building costs and a real gain in community involvement). To keep each house affordable, the land must be available at almost no cost because we hold our land in trust to keep the houses forever affordable, and we cannot recover money spent on land or property acquisition.

During 2005 and 2006, OLAH continued its search for properties - we will build or rehab homes, one home at a time, anytime we have property. We always have applicants, but now we need property in Old Lyme. The town provides tax forgiveness on our forever-affordable Community Land Trust properties, and we are working with Old Lyme town officials so that land-use regulations and town committees more proactively support affordable housing development.

In our search for land donors, we want to carry our message to those with influence on land use and/or sale of property in Old Lyme. To do this, we have available for all to use "**An Open Letter on Affordable Housing in Old Lyme**," which we use with Town Officials, Landowners, Developers, Realtors, Architects, Attorneys, Legislators, Community & Church Leaders, Estate Managers, Non-Profits, Foundations, Business & Professional Managers, Corporations, Philanthropists, and Other Interested Individuals!

To learn more, write us at P.O. Box 1044, Old Lyme, or call Peter Manley, Development Chair (434-6040) or Les Reynolds, Executive Director (860-434-3922) or at [lesdiane@juno.com](mailto:lesdiane@juno.com).



*Lymes' Youth Service Bureau offers playgroups for babies and their parents or caregivers at our facility Mimi's Place at 59 Lyme Street. Playgroups are available for newborns through age four. Visit our website for more information about playgroups and parent education programs. [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org)*

# Old Lyme Animal Shelter and Animal Control

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**Martha Rumskas**

*Animal Control Officer*

This year was a busy, productive year. We were kept busy with the usual complaints and abandoned animals. We also had a few unusual cruelty investigations. The outcomes were very good for the animals involved.

We received more food donations and donations of carriers, bedding, and even a dog ramp for the van. These things help us tremendously. If you would like to donate, call and ask us what we could use. Please do not leave donations at the door when we are not there! We would like to thank you in person!

This year we gave shelter to 128 animals. Of these, 62 were returned to their owners and 61

were adopted. We had three that were killed by a motor vehicle. The rest were carried over into the next fiscal year. We received 200 complaints.

We are a No-kill Shelter and Animal Control Department. Municipal and State Animal Control are the only agencies that can investigate and seize animals that are in an abusive situation. If you suspect or see this type of situation, please call.

The state of Connecticut has a spay/neuter program. The certificates are available to anyone who adopts an unaltered animal from a Municipal Shelter. Please consider us first when you are looking for that special pet! We hope to see you. Please call first to set a time—(860) 434-3047.

# Old Lyme Conservation Trust Inc.

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**Michael J. Kiernan**

*President*

The Old Lyme Conservation Trust (OLCT) ended the 2005-2006 fiscal year with nearly 700 acres of land protected to date, all for the public benefit. The trust and its members have a lot to be proud of.

Of special note this year was the passing of John Lohmann, one of the trust's founding members and most significant land donors. Much of what the Old Lyme Conservation Trust is today lies in its 2006 efforts to improve public access to its many preserves. With the help of the LOL High School Green Crew, OLCT Preserve Stewards, and other volunteers, the signage and parking were improved at several preserves, existing trails were maintained, and new trails were blazed. Once again, the fish ladder on the Woodward and George Griswold Preserve provided several groups of students, scouts, and others with the opportunity to learn about the restoration of native fish populations to Old Lyme's streams and surrounding waters. And the Kinsley Twining Scholarship, which provides support to one college-bound student pursuing a career in natural resource conservation, was awarded this year to Elizabeth Nyberg.

March saw the largest turnout ever for the OLCT Annual Meeting. Professor Clayton Penniman delivered a stimulating presentation

on Old Lyme's important water resources, complemented by slide shows of wildlife and nature compiled by Hank Golet and Chip Barry. The membership voted to increase the size of the board to fifteen members and to limit the terms that board members can serve. Several new board members were also voted in. The trust is actively seeking additional new members for the board in an effort to improve its reach, representation, and diversity. Anyone interested in being considered for board membership is encouraged to contact the trust for more information.

Finally, during 2006, OLCT stepped up its efforts to acquire new land for permanent protection, either through donation or outright purchase. Targeted lands include those that border, or can help link, existing preserves. Priority is given to lands along water courses, with the Black Hall, Upper Three Mile, and Lieutenant River systems identified as the highest priorities. Again, anyone interested in learning more about how they can contribute to OLCT's land-protection efforts is encouraged to contact the trust. With your help, we hope to be able to report next year that at least one hundred new acres have been added to the trust's holdings, comprising land that will remain forever remain as open space in our town.

# Old Lyme Fire Department

C. Ellis Jewett  
*Secretary*

The Old Lyme Fire Department was organized eighty-three years ago by citizens of our town to offer protection against the ravages of fire. The department operates three fire stations located on Lyme Street, Cross Lane, and Boughton Road. Fire apparatus consists of four engine-tanks, one rescue unit, two tankers, forestry units, a supply pumper / hose tender, and two inflatable rescue boats. Approximately forty-five active volunteers staff the department. Department training officers conduct an ongoing in-house training program. Outside instructors are employed when necessary and members are encouraged to attend federal, state, and regional training sessions.

It is with great pride that the department placed in service a new forestry unit. In order to maximize funding by the town, volunteers assembled this apparatus in house. Hundreds of volunteer hours have been spent to create a modern firefighting vehicle for response to brush and forestry fire situations. Thanks also go out to many local businesses that assisted in supplying parts and services for this apparatus. It should be noted that continued town support for the apparatus replacement plan is essential to the adequate performance of our services.

During the past year the Old Lyme Fire Department answered 283 calls for assistance. Nearly three thousand firefighter hours were logged in emergency duty. In addition, Old Lyme firefighters spent over two thousand hours in training. Our department has to be prepared to meet the ever-changing challenges we face, whether it be a structural fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or hazardous material incident. Again it should be noted that more than 50 percent of the department responses are for automatic fire alarm activations and automobile accidents with injuries.

Annual funding, provided by the Town of Old Lyme, is used for the training of personnel and to purchase and maintain fire department apparatus and equipment. As the tools of our trade become more sophisticated, the upgrading, modernization, and maintenance of fire department equipment is

never-ending. Equipping firefighters to safely face the challenges of their duties, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, and complying with maintenance and testing schedules are costly expenditures of our department.

Old Lyme Fire Department officers and personnel also participate in providing approvals and suggestions for the many development, expansion, and renovation projects in our town. Officers work with various boards and commissions to assure adequate fire protection.

Our department continues to be all volunteer. Our members are taxpayers and strive for the most efficient operation of the fire department. In this effort town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Fireman's Fund campaign.

New dedicated volunteers are always needed and new members are welcome. Please consider offering your services. Visit any of the three fire stations and find out how you can assist. Department members meet on Wednesday evenings for scheduled training sessions, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

The Old Lyme Fire Department is administered by the following elected officers:

## LINE OFFICERS

|                        |  |
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| Chief                  | David Jewett   |
| Deputy Chief           | Brian Dow  |
| First Assistant Chief  | Thomas Swaney  |
| Second Assistant Chief | Stephen Super  |
| Captains               | Thomas Rozanski<br>Kenneth Swaney<br>Scott O'Donnell   |
| Lieutenants            | Gregg Landry<br>Brian Phaneuf<br>Michael McCarthy, Jr. |

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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|------------------|-----------------|
| President        | Robert Pierson  |
| Secretary        | C. Ellis Jewett |
| Treasurer        | Robert Cashman  |
| Purchasing Agent | Harry Smith     |
| Chaplain         | Mervin Roberts  |
| Steward          | John McCarthy   |

# Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission

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David Zita

*Commissioner*

Water, and the serenity it can bring, is an ever-present theme for the Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission (OLHMC). The OLHMC plan, which boasts being one of the first harbor management plans approved in the state, notes that the commission “may be regarded as the planning and zoning commission for the water...beginning at the mean high water mark and including navigable rivers and streams.” The Old Lyme Harbor Management Plan states further that the Commission Plan “provides for the safe, orderly, and efficient allocation of seasonal moorings as well as unobstructed access to the navigable waters... (and) provides for the preservation and use of coastal resources in a manner ...retain(ing) their non-industrial character. The waters will be used for boating, fishing, and swimming exclusively.” In service of these ends for a number of years, the Harbor Management Commission operated a patrol boat in Old Lyme waters. The commission also remains an active member of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association.

As a core aspect to its mission, the commission received and reviewed numerous applications for the construction of docks and other structures below the mean high-water mark. Plans were reviewed for their impact on the waterways and recommendations were sent to the Connecticut DEP for final approval. Other core elements of the commission’s work include maintaining the dinghy dock at the end of Ferry Road, participating in joint patrols with the police, and promoting the use of the DEP pump-out boat to protect the health of our water.

The year had several major accomplishments. First and foremost was the completion and approval of standards for docks. The standards promote access to the water for residents as well as maintain the natural beauty of the area. The dock standards are currently under review for fit with

other town and state regulations. Another major project for the year was the ongoing update of the Harbor Management Plan, which is nearing completion. Finally, after a careful review of the use history of the patrol boat, the commission concluded that there was insufficient use to justify the ongoing expense of operating the patrol boat and a decision was made to sell the boat during 2007. The commission was equally concerned that the current boat fails to meet specialized needs of either the police or the fire department and recommended that both departments proceed to acquire vessels uniquely suited for their purposes.

Other accomplishments during the year include significant improvements to the Pilgrims Landing access site to the Connecticut River off Route 154 and at the Town Landing access site for small boats off Smith Neck Road. In addition, as a response to a concern about “rogue moorings,” the commission developed and implemented a plan for monitoring mooring fields through the use of mooring tags.

There were also changes to the commission leadership, membership, and outreach to the waterborne community. Special thanks are offered to outgoing commission chair Norman Hewitt, who will remain a member of the commission. In his place Charles Delinks has accepted stewardship for the commission. The current officers for the commission are Robert Doyen, Vice Chair; Steve Ross, Secretary; and Tony Licitra, Treasurer.

The outreach for the year was a letter sent to mooring permit holders and marinas reminding boaters to plan for the eventual hurricane.

The commission welcomes interested members of the community to contact the commission with their innovative ideas and concerns. Chairman Delinks recently noted that the commission has an opening for the position of Commission Clerk. Might that be a chance for you to serve?

# Old Lyme Open Space Committee

**Diana Atwood Johnson**  
*Chair*

Old Lyme's Open Space Committee meets monthly at 8:30 on the second Friday of the month. All townspeople are welcome and invited to attend. Our primary function is the acquisition and stewardship of open space for the town. Additionally, we comment on subdivision proposals presented to the Planning Commission.

The opportunity to acquire open space is harder and harder as land values increase and developers look to acquire and subdivide the few remaining undeveloped large properties in town. The Open Space Committee negotiated over the course of this entire year for forty acres adjacent to the Blackhall Club. This negotiation was successful primarily because the owners had a conservation interest to see their land protected and because the town had a partner in the Blackhall Club. We are aware of at least ten developments in the preparation stage that could amount to more than three hundred new houses. We continue to hope that developers will understand that open space within a subdivision is an attraction to potential buyers. Old Lyme appeals to people because of its rural nature and the natural resources we have protected. Even today, developers typically are unwilling to put anything but wetlands in open space. The fact is that setting aside land for recreation, highlighting natural vistas, and protecting nature resources are all assets to any development. If you or someone you know would like to discuss the protection of their land, please call 434-9383.

During the year the Open Space Committee prepared an open space acquisition protocol and a brochure for subdivisions outlining the open space regulations. We met with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Commission to discuss developing an inventory of Conservation Easements and to develop a protocol for their enforcement. The committee's goals for the upcoming year are to inventory the town's conservation easements and open space parcels; to develop and implement a stewardship plan for each of our parcels; and to update our priority lands and look for other opportunities for purchase of open space. We hope the townspeople will continue to support contributions to the open space fund for this purpose.

Finally, the Open Space Committee hopes that you will take advantage of the pristine properties that have been protected on the town's behalf. The Conservation Commission has prepared a booklet describing the town open space parcels and those of the Old Lyme Conservation Trust where there are trails. They are wonderful opportunities to walk, hike, bird-watch, photograph, and enjoy the outdoors. We urge you to show respect for our town property and abide by the rules we have established. Volunteers, led by George James, have opened up trails and work hard to maintain them. ATV's and trail bikes continue to damage the established trails and other of the properties' resources. Motorized vehicles of any type are not permitted on town property. Please respect the rules for these properties and report any violators to the town constables.



*Planting Japanese weeping cherry in new site*

# Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

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**Don Bugbee**

*Director*

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs and services for the residents and summer visitors in Old Lyme. The office is located in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and can be reached by calling 434-1605, ext, 235. The e-mail address is [parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov](mailto:parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov) and there is a Parks and Recreation web page that can be linked from the Town of Old Lyme’s website ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)).

The Parks and Recreation Commission, made up of seven residents, usually meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall. Anyone interested in participating as a commission member should contact the chairperson and the selectman’s office. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

During the summer months we provide a daily staff of lifeguards and parking lot attendants for our facilities at White Sand Beach and Hains Park at Rogers Lake. We also staff the town-owned parking lot at Sound View Beach, which becomes one of the busiest spots in town. We maintain the Little League baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts at Cross Lane Park. Town Woods Park again was busy with soccer and lacrosse practices and games. The park has been a beautiful addition to our town and is serving many people very well.

The programs we currently offer for our youth include a six-week summer day camp, a summer baseball camp, three summer basketball camps, eight summer tennis sessions, the summer Major League Soccer Camp, fall soccer, fall flag football, and winter basketball. Adult programs currently include yoga sessions during the fall and winter and our basketball program, which basically runs during the entire school year. Aerobics and weightlifting/exercise classes are always under consideration, pending availability of instructors and space.

Reviews of our various town-owned facilities have been completed. Discussions are ongoing to develop a plan to upgrade these facilities and bring them into good physical condition. A maintenance plan will be developed as well.

As always, I would like to thank all of the Parks and Recreation employees, commission members, the Public Works Department, the selectmen, the Board of Finance, District 18 for the use of facilities, and the town employees for the efforts they contribute to our programs. Also and in particular, thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers who continue to give up their time for the benefit of others in our community. Your efforts are essential to many of our Parks and Recreation programs and they are appreciated.



*Grades 2 and 3 soccer at Town Woods Park, with Senior Center in background*



*Kindergarten soccer at Town Woods Park*

# Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

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Mary Fiorelli  
*Director*

The library enjoyed a successful year, from implementing new technology to venturing into new marketing and fund-raising methods needed to support the changing needs of our users, while managing rising costs of energy and building maintenance.

Our participation in the Whale Trail event for nonprofits in Southeastern Connecticut was an exciting mix of art, tourism, and fund-raising. Nationally known author and local resident Luanne Rice sponsored our whale, which brought in a high bid that paid for an unanticipated furnace repair, keeping the library building warm and welcoming all winter long.

In the fall of 2005, Stanford Brainerd, Board Treasurer, organized a committee of local residents to manage "Phoebe's Walk Run and Carry" event involving all ages from the community to raise funds for the library's operating budget. The event will be moved to the spring of 2007 in conjunction with the Friends of the Library Book Worm Ball. These two events provided the energy and enthusiasm to move ahead to the most significant technology project undertaken in twenty years.

The library staff embarked on a nine-month process of migrating to a new technology system called Millennium from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. The staff spent these months making decisions and acquiring skills necessary to implement the system as seamlessly as possible for our users. Millennium brings the library's collections to our users in a friendly, Windows-based environment. Easy searching methods deliver all the information that a patron needs to find materials, read a review, link to other titles on the same subject, review his or her account, and place holds. The staff thinks Millennium is great! We encourage all of our library users to come in for a personal lesson to make the most of the online catalog and our other new electronic resources. The new system will be the backbone of our technology for many years to come.

More technology news includes the following:

the Connecticut Education Network became our telecommunications supplier during the year, thereby reducing our costs. The installation of wireless telecommunication significantly increased the access to the Internet throughout the building. The library's website, [www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org), now includes genealogy and local history information with local contacts and resources.

Several grant awards received for service initiatives include a Pfizer grant for our annual summer reading program and board book collections for toddler story times; an Essex Savings Bank Community Investment Program award funded new adult audio books; and a Junior Women's Club grant for genealogy and preservation.

Surveys of library users conducted through the library's newsletter and the Lymes' Senior Center will guide the library's decisions in collection purchases and programming. The information on older adults reading preferences will be the basis to implement an expanded delivery service to the homebound in the next fiscal year.

The staff's motivation and creativity was very evident in all that they accomplished during the year. The collections were weeded; items reclassified so patrons can locate materials more easily; eye-catching, informative lobby displays were mounted to share hidden treasures as well as patron feedback on successful programming with our users. Children's programming included Sparky's Puppets, Ronald MacDonald, Nutmeg Book Club, Mystic Aquarium, the annual spring nature series, and the popular Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds summer reading program. Adults enjoyed author talks by Richard Conniff, David Handler, Luanne Rice, Sidney Whalen, and Marilyn Nelson.

Many thanks to our entire library staff, volunteers, Friends of the Library, and Board of Trustees for their collective efforts that have supported the library as a mainstay of the community.

# Old Lyme Department of Police Services

## Officer Dominic Solari

*Patrol Officer*

The Old Lyme Police Department provides a full range of police services and is currently staffed by two Resident State Troopers, six full time patrol officers, and one part-time patrol officer. Patrol officers are responsible for but not limited to enforcing criminal laws, motor vehicle laws, and town ordinances responding to motor vehicle collisions and 911 emergencies. Town officers are all Connecticut State-Certified Medical Response Technicians and act as supplemental first responders to assist in medical emergencies

With an increase in the number of police-related incidents from 6,407 to 8,003, the Town of Old Lyme continues maintain a very low crime rate with increasing omni presence and by working closely with the community. With an increase of call volume, officers are tasked with dealing with situations of all forms, continually attending trainings and classrooms that improve each officer’s professionalism.

Old Lyme officers maintain a close relationship with the community, offering a variety of programs for residents of all ages, from teaching students at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, ensuring the national safety of children in the community by registering them with the AMBER alert card program, or presenting helpful information for seniors at the Old Lyme Senior Center. These three mentioned programs along with several other essential programs allow officers to work personally with the community and to receive terrific assistance and support from residents and businesses that are willing to report suspicious activities and crimes to enhance every citizen’s safety. Officers express the utmost thanks to residents and business for their continual support of the department.

The Old Lyme Police Department is committed to enhancing their operational efforts by working closely and communicating with the Old Lyme Fire and EMS departments. With an outstanding partnership between agencies, town residents can be provided with the highest standard of professional and effective public safety. Officers greatly appreciate the ongoing support from both agencies and look forward to working with them to assure a safe 2007.

### Police Telephone Numbers

911 Emergencies; 434-1986 Police Department

located at 294 Shore Road; 399-2100 Troop F, Westbrook.

### Personnel

- Resident Trooper David Todd
- Resident Trooper Scott O’Donnell
- Officer Wayne Collins
- Officer Sal Milardo
- Officer Howard Smith
- Officer Dominic Solari
- Officer Edward Vasko
- Officer William Zipadelli
- Officer David Lillis (Part Time)
- Secretary Elaine Williams

### STATISTICS

|                               | <u>04-05</u> | <u>05-06</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>        | <b>6,407</b> | <b>8,003</b> |
| Alarms                        |              |              |
| (Residential/Commercial)      | 549          | 613          |
| Assault Incidents             | 7            | 4            |
| Citizen Assists               | 175          | 260          |
| Assist other Police /         |              |              |
| DCF Agency                    | 94           | 126          |
| Burglaries (Residential /     |              |              |
| Commercial)                   | 33           | 22           |
| Criminal Mischief Incidents   | 24           | 27           |
| Disturbance Related Incidents | 127          | 92           |
| DWI Arrests                   | 44           | 42           |
| Larceny Investigations        | 46           | 56           |
| Liquor Law Violations         | 4            | 1            |
| Medical / Fire Assists        | 117          | 166          |
| Missing Person Investigations | 8            | 6            |
| Narcotic Violations / Drug    |              |              |
| Arrests                       | 20           | 12           |
| Patrol Checks (Residential /  |              |              |
| Commercial)                   | 1,367        | 1,618        |
| Robbery Incidents             | 1            | 1            |
| Suspicious Incidents          | 322          | 302          |
| Traffic Accidents (Motor      |              |              |
| Vehicle/Motorcycle)           | 268          | 279          |
| Traffic Accidents (Involving  |              |              |
| Deer)                         | 48           | 61           |
| Motor Vehicle Violations      | 1,838        | 3,395        |
| Trespassing Incidents         | 9            | 2            |
| Weapon Offenses / Arrests     | 3            | 2            |
| Assist Disabled Motorists     | 401          | 432          |
| Other Police Incidents        | 902          | 483          |

# Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association

Robert P. Knauff  
*Treasurer*

The Old Lyme Volunteer Ambulance Association is an independent organization that exists to provide emergency medical services to the Town of Old Lyme and mutual aid emergency medical services to other area towns when requested. During the 2005-2006 year, association personnel and equipment responded to 640 dispatched emergency calls. We operate two ambulances – a primary unit from the Cross Lane station and a secondary unit from the Boughton Road station.

The Town of Old Lyme employs Emergency Medical Technicians who staff the ambulance weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Volunteers staff the ambulances at all other times. With the exception of the salaries for paid technicians, the association meets its expenses from funds raised from the annual membership drive, donations, fees for service, and interest on investments. Association expenses include purchasing new ambulances, maintenance and fuel for our vehicles, equipment, supplies, and training of personnel. The association placed a 2006 Braun model ambulance in service in April, replacing a 1995 Road Rescue model ambulance. The association also provides medical equipment to fire department vehicles and police cruisers in the Town of Old Lyme.

We thank the Old Lyme community for its continued generous support in response to our annual membership drive. Your participation enables us to continue maintaining a high standard of training and “up-to-date” equipment without further burden to the taxpayers of Old Lyme.

Please consider serving your community as a volunteer member of the Old Lyme Ambulance. Our officers and members will be glad to discuss the requirements with you. While most of what we do is not high-profile work, the reward comes from within, knowing that you have helped someone at one of the most frightening times of his or her life.

Our officers are as follows:

#### **Executive Officers:**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| President      | Amy V. Nickerson |
| Vice President | Thomas Bump      |
| Secretary      | Sharon Swaney    |
| Treasurer      | Robert P. Knauff |

#### **Operations Officers:**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Chief of Operations | Barbara R. McCarthy |
| Lieutenant          | Troy Clark          |
| Training Officer    | David DelBiondo     |
| Engineer            | Norman Emerson      |



*Lyme Ambulance volunteers Rich Monahan (left) and Jim Hall load book donations for Cameron Parish from Phoebe's Cellar. (Photo courtesy of LymeLine)*

# Old Lyme Tree Commission

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**Joanne C. DiCamillo**

*Chairman*

The 2005-2006 fiscal year brought changes to the tree landscape on Lyme Street. A Weeping Japanese Cherry tree was transplanted from the front lawn of the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center to the Sill Lane/Saunders Hollow Green. The tree was moved in order to accommodate the installation of a new sidewalk and seems to be adjusting quite well to the new site. In celebration of Arbor Day, a Japanese Tree Lilac was planted in the front of #50 Lyme Street. A brief ceremony was held with the fourth-grade students at Center School, the first selectman, and commission members. The students were very enthusiastic and well prepared with their questions and responses.

The commission members continue to monitor the growth and health of twenty-five young trees that are planted in the village and at four additional locations in town. We weed and mulch them in the spring and contract for watering during periods of drought. One of our members was an advisor to the Rotary Club with the selection of a suitable site and the planting of a new Kousa dogwood in Hains Park at Rogers Lake.

A commission member was instrumental in helping Christ the King Church to address several landscape concerns on their property that is adjacent to the South Green. In an effort to

retain the natural character and charm of the area, hundreds of bulbs were identified and preserved. Several unusual tree specimens and shrubs planted nearby were marked for protection. Questions about additional root damage to an old sugar maple by a proposed sidewalk were resolved. The walk was curved away from the tree to protect the root zone. The repositioning provides a more pleasing approach from McCurdy Road and compliments the surrounding setting.

The tree commission is composed of seven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. We assist the tree warden with the enforcement of the tree ordinance. We advise the town on new and replacement plantings and set standards for contractors to follow in the maintenance of the trees and shrubs on town property.

A reminder to all property owners that a permit is required from the tree warden to trim, remove, or plant trees and shrubs on the town right-of-way as outlined in the tree ordinance. Applications are available in the selectmen's office and can be found online at the town's web site.

The tree commission meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in the town hall meeting room. We thank the community for your support and invite you to attend our meetings.

# Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

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**Muriel Drugan**

*Executive Director*

Through the years, since the inception of the OLVNA in 1922, the association and the Town Nurse have ministered to persons from every walk of life without distinction to their gender, race, or creed. During the past year, the nurse had 917 persons come in for consultations during her office hours at the Lymes' Senior Center, which are every weekday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The nurse also made a total of 585 house calls to those who are homebound and unable to travel to the office.

A number of town resident volunteers who make up our dedicated Board of Directors and

Associates work under the direction of the Town Nurse at several clinics throughout the year and arrange, organize, and staff a number of other clinics and services. Without the efforts and hours that our volunteers so generously give, the association would not be able to accomplish so much of the work that it does.

At our outdoor blood pressure clinics held in June and September a total of sixty-one persons were screened. The yearly blood pressure clinic at Lyme - Old Lyme High School saw sixty young people take advantage of this service, and the students were also given information

## Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. *(continued)*

on sensible fast-food choices and the benefits of various exercises and sports activities. The 2005 Flu Clinic immunization program dispensed 520 shots to clinic participants, the homebound, town employees, police, and volunteer ambulance and fire personnel. Also during the year, forty people who were sixty-five or older received free pneumonia vaccine immunizations. At our Health Day, sixty-one people took blood tests and more than three dozen people had blood pressure screenings from either the town nurse or a volunteer from the Old Lyme Ambulance EMT corp. Also that day, Dr. Robert Klimek gave eye examinations for glaucoma in addition to a retinal screenings and cataract checks. Dr. John Carroll saw a number of persons for foot screenings and dermatologists Doctors Collins and Higginson gave full-body skin cancer screenings. The Old Lyme Ambulance group also gave out take-home emergency information kits and an oncology nurse from Backus Hospital had cancer information and dispensed free home test kits. Nutritionist Julie Buchanan gave dietary advice and had a display of smart food choices for persons to sample. Also that day, certified massage therapist Gail Popov gave fifteen people stress-reducing chair massages. Through the association's arrangements with a professional medical imaging service, ultrasound tests were offered at a reasonable charge. That clinic was held in April; a total of fifty-nine persons

took advantage of those services that screened for carotid artery disease, abdominal aneurysm, peripheral vascular disease, and osteoporosis.

Our annual Adult Audio Clinic, administered by Mr. Jeff Worgul, a certified clinical audiologist, screened nineteen persons free of charge. In the spring, the Pre-kindergarten Audio-Visual Clinic, which is co-sponsored with the Lyme Old Lyme Junior Women's Club, tested thirty-five children. Dr. Christine Semenza was in charge of the visual screenings and the Audio Clinic at Pequot Medical Center supervised the hearing component of the tests.

In June, the association awarded the yearly scholarships to graduating seniors who intend to pursue college majors in health related fields. The Old Lyme VNA Scholarship was awarded to two recipients and there were also two awardees of the Mary H. Noyes Memorial Scholarship.

The Town of Old Lyme supports the professional nursing services' operating budget. From the ongoing generous response of our residents and friends to our annual fund drive and the various memorial donations and gifts received over the years of our existence, the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association is able to continue to offer a number of community public health services and programs to the residents of Old Lyme either completely free of charge or at a substantially reduced cost.



*In October 2005 LYSB's Youth Advisory Council collected more than 100 backpacks stuffed with school supplies, personal items, and love, to be sent to kids affected by Hurricane Katrina. Our YAC youth wrote personal notes to go in every backpack. Pictured are (front, left to right) Phoebe Lo, Katharine Rozanski, Lauren Garvin, Alyssa Hoynack, Eileen Rice, Meredith Rice; (back, left to right) LYSB's Youth Programs Coordinator Missy Colburn, Frank Bombaci, Olivia Abare-Brown, Ali Davidson, Brittany Hoynack and Jessica SchAAF.*

# Probate Court

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**Hon. Sylvia L. Peterson**

*Judge of Probate*

**Lynn Campbell**

*Clerk*

The principal function of the probate court is to appoint administrators or executors of estates of deceased persons and to monitor their progress in completing the administration of their duties.

Probate courts are statutory courts and, as such, have only the jurisdiction and authority granted by the state legislature.

Probate courts deal with a wide variety of matters in addition to decedents' estates. Other areas of jurisdiction and services include trusts; conservatorships; children's matters, including guardianship, temporary custody, termination of parental rights, adoptions, and paternity; commitment of mentally ill children and adults; matters involving persons with mental retardation; review of treatment programs for mentally ill or emotionally disturbed children; emancipation of minors; change of name; determination of titles to properties and construing wills and trust instruments; confirmation of change in gender; consent for marriage of minors; determining custody of remains of deceased persons; and processing of passport applications.

Charges made by the probate courts are strictly regulated by statute. The court is not directly supported by tax dollars, rather by the fees collected for each matter. The town provides office space and a portion of operating expenses.

**Matters acted upon in the Old Lyme Probate Court during this period:**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Decedents' Estates .....</b>             | <b>131</b> |
| <b>Trust Matters .....</b>                  | <b>53</b>  |
| <b>Conservatorship Proceedings .....</b>    | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>Children's Matters .....</b>             | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>Adoptions and Terminations.....</b>      | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>Mental Retardation Proceedings .....</b> | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>Other Matters.....</b>                   | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>Passport Applications.....</b>           | <b>337</b> |

The Old Lyme Probate Court has a variety of informational brochures available. As always, you are welcome to visit for information relating to the functions and procedures of the probate court. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 . to 4:00 p.m.



*Happy Lyme-Old Lyme High School graduates on June 14, 2006:  
(left to right) Caitie Smith, Emily Brown, Lauren Dickey,  
Emily Zemba and Katie Costigan*

# Regional School District 18

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David Klein  
*Superintendent*

The 2005-2006 school year was extremely successful and fulfilling on all fronts. The school district officially closed out the four school renovation project that began in 2001 and included Mile Creek, Lyme Consolidated, Center School, and the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. We are very proud of the fact that the four-school project was completed on time and within the allocated budget. At this time, the school district is actively involved in the due diligence process required for a future renovation of Lyme-Old Lyme High School. As you know, the high school was the only district school not renovated during the prior project.

Student success and performance is the most important aspect of what we do in the Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools. We are proud to report again this year that our quantitative and qualitative indicators of student success in the district remain strong in all areas. Annual quantitative performance indicators include standardized test data, attendance reports, extracurricular participation rates, disciplinary statistics, and college acceptance data. The district also analyzes less numerically oriented qualitative assessment indicators, such as the overall feeling (culture) in our schools and direct student and parent feedback. The data clearly indicates that public education in Lyme-Old Lyme is progressing in a very positive direction.

Thank you again to the Lyme-Old Lyme community for supporting the district's 2006-2007 education budget. The \$26,466,894 budget, which represented a 5.57% increase over the 2005-2006 budget, was once again favorably endorsed by residents of both towns. In fact, the district's education budget was approved at referendum by voters in both towns for the seventh consecutive year. While significant, the approved operating budget increase of 5.57% was below the increases reported in many other communities in Southeastern Connecticut and throughout the state. Once again this past year, the district worked closely with the Lyme and Old Lyme Boards of Finance to prepare a fiscally responsible spending plan for 2006-2007. In addition, we submitted a three-year budget projection again this year designed to enhance fiscal accountability and financial planning for the school district and our member towns. We thank you, our community, for your continued moral and financial support, as

well as the trust and confidence you place in the Board of Education and district staff.

The school district routinely uses its strategic plan as a critical planning and decision-making tool. In fact, the prior five-year plan implemented in September 2001 was completed in less than four years, and a new plan has been developed. Approximately fifty people (BOE, district staff, parents, and community members) worked from April to June 2006 to develop a new plan that focuses upon four strategic areas: Community Connections, Teaching & Learning, Facilities, and Student & Staff Life. The new five-year plan (2006-2011) will be presented to the BOE for approval in September 2006. The district's strategic plan has served, and will continue to serve, as a road map for the future. Our commitment to the Strategic Plan and strategic thinking has improved, and will continue to improve, our planning, budgeting, and overall decision-making at the building and district level.

Once again this year, the district experienced tremendous success in recruiting, hiring, and retaining exemplary staff members. The district's marketability to prospective employees and families continues to improve and validates that we are viewed as a school district and community that delivers and supports quality education. We are recognized as a school district of choice within the region and as an organization that is committed to excellence.

In closing, the school district and the community are successfully working together and building upon strong, collaborative partnerships. This creates greater synergy and improves our overall capacity as a community. Board of Education Chairwoman Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, Board of Education member Nan Salvino, and I continue to meet each month with our Lyme and Old Lyme Selectmen and Board of Finance Chairs to discuss district and community issues. We value and appreciate this unique collaborative model for community leadership and decision-making. We remain confident in our ability to be regarded as an exemplary community and school district within the state. Our continued hard work, focus, and unwavering commitment to quality education enhance the lives of our students and the pride and confidence of all the citizens within our Lyme-Old Lyme community.

# Registrars of Voters

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Patricia M. McCarthy (D)

Ruth Sjursen (R)

*Registrars*

This year we had our municipal election. The Board of Selectmen is as follows:

- Timothy Griswold, First Selectman
- Arthur Sibley, Selectman
- Bonnie Reemsnyder, Selectwoman

We made 119 new voters this year as follows:

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Democrats    | 34 |
| Republicans  | 32 |
| Unaffiliated | 52 |
| Other        | 1  |

Next year every town will receive a handicap booth. It should be in place for the 2006 election. Each town will receive one for every polling place.

# Shellfish Commission

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Mervin F. Roberts, *Chairman*

John D. Seckla, *Treasurer*

David W. Redfield, *Secretary*

We wish we could be more accommodating, but with municipal sewage treatment plants polluting and state regulations stifling, there is not much we can do right now.

The Connecticut River, famous for its oysters, is, and will remain, closed for recreational shellfishing. Sometimes this sewage-laden plume extends east in Long Island sound all the way to Point O' Woods.

The public servants who serve us from corner offices in distant places make it impractical to open

our few areas that are not polluted. They kill us with "a thousand cuts" of regulations. As a result of the "help" we get from them, we would spend more policing the few clams that are wholesome than they are worth.

For example, we would have to hire a clam cop and post signs and run advertisements before we could open Stanhope Beach or Hawks Nest for recreational harvesting.

So we sit, for now, with a few fat juicy mollusks and very little hope. We must say "NO" to all who inquire. Sorry about that.

# Social Services Department

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Sherry A. Meyer  
*Director*

**T**he Social Services Department is a service that provides information and assistance in a whole range of areas, especially in an emergency mode. This department helps when people don't know where to turn. Our financial assistance is made possible by the Emergency Crisis Fund, established in 1984 with donations from residents and organizations. If we can't provide the kind of assistance needed, we will do everything we can to find an agency or organization that can help. We are constantly upgrading our information by attending workshops and informational seminars.

Last year we provided energy assistance through T.V.C.C.A, and Renter's Rebate through the State of Connecticut. Our annual Holiday Basket Program brought cheer to thirty-two families. Thanks to all the organizations and individuals who volunteered their time and funds to help carry out this wonderful program!

The Clothing Closet, organized by volunteers, provides free clean clothes to adults and children. The closet is open Monday through Friday from 10 am. to 4 p.m. and accepts donations.

The Social Services Department is located in the Lymes' Senior Center. Please feel free to stop by or call with any questions or concerns.

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## Tax Collector

Judith A. Tooker  
*Tax Collector*

**T**his year the tax office upgraded our software system with the new version of a Windows-based program. This allows us to do a better, more efficient job for you, the taxpayers, and enables us to communicate with Motor Vehicle and many lenders electronically.

This office continues its function of collecting real estate, motor vehicle, and personal property taxes as efficiently and pleasantly as possible. We continue to be available for your questions and/or comments Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.



*Bishop Michael Cote presiding over dedication of new Christ the King Church on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2005 (Photo by Bob Patterson)*

# Town Meetings

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## Town of Old Lyme Annual Town Meeting

Sixty-six citizens and electors eligible to vote in Town Meeting attended the Annual Town Meeting held at the Middle School Auditorium, Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme at 7:30 p.m.

Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

The call of the meeting was read by Irene A. Carnell, Town Clerk.

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Annual Report for the fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as submitted by the Board of Finance.

**Motion carried**

2. Timothy Griswold, the first Selectman, announced that June Speirs is the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award for 2005.

3. A motion was made and seconded to accept Machnik Drive as a Town Road as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Commission.

**Motion carried**

4. A motion was made and seconded to accept Briar Hill Drive as a town road as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Commission, contingent upon receipt of a deed from the record owner.

**Motion carried**

5. A motion was made and seconded to approve the action of the Board of Selectmen to discontinue as a public highway or right of way that section of Ben Franklin Road (sometimes called Old Ben Franklin Road) running from its intersection with Johnnycake Hill Road to its intersection with Meetinghouse Lane, being bounded northwesterly by Lots 7 and 8 and southeasterly by Lot 24, Assessor's Map 54. Mr. Griswold moved to amend Item 5 (discontinuance as a public highway or right of way of the section of Ben Franklin Road running from its intersection with Johnnycake Hill Road to its intersection with Meetinghouse Lane) to include an additional section of Ben Franklin Road running easterly from its intersection with Meetinghouse Lane to its

intersection with a certain cartpath shown on Assessor's Map 12, being bounded northerly by Lots 22 and 21 on Assessor's Map 54 and by Lot 15 on Assessor's Map 12 and bounded southerly by Lot 23 on Assessor's Map 54 and by Lots 13, 14 and 2 on Assessor's Map 12, as adopted by a Resolution of Discontinuance by the Board of Selectmen on January 19, 2006. The motion to amend was seconded and unanimously approved by the Town Meeting. The amended motion was then moved, seconded and approved unanimously by the Town Meeting.

**Motion carried**

6. A motion was made and seconded to amend Chapter 133 of the Code of the Town of Old Lyme entitled, "Sewage Disposal Systems", by adding a proposed Section 133-8(a) entitled "Violations and Penalties."

**Motion carried**

7. A motion was made and seconded to adopt an ordinance providing for citations and fines for violations of the Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

**Motion carried**

8. A motion was made and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Jane R. Marsh to the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA), said term to expire in January 2008 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

**Motion carried**

9. A motion was made and seconded to amend Chapter 161 of the Code of the Town of Old Lyme entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic" by adding a proposed paragraph C to Section 161-12 entitled, "Penalties for Offenses."

**Motion carried**

10. Committee at Rogers Lake discussed Canada geese problem.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Irene A Carnell  
Town Clerk*

*Recorded by Irene A Carnell  
January 23, 2006*

## Town of Old Lyme Special Town Meeting

Four citizens and electors eligible to vote in Special Town Meeting attended the Special Town Meeting held in the Conference Room at Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 to consider and act upon the following:

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of the sum of \$9,800 for engineering services for the Church Corner Project, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

**Motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Irene A Carnell  
Town Clerk  
Recorded by Irene A Carnell  
February 2, 2006*

## Town of Old Lyme Annual Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold on Monday, May 15, 2006 in the Middle School Auditorium. Approximately 70 people were in attendance.

Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as Moderator.

Irene A. Carnell, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting.

1. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the Town's capital surplus fund to the apparatus acquisition fund towards the purchase of a new fire truck, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

**Motion carried**

2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of the refuse collection contract with Shoreline Sanitation, Inc. for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011, a copy of which is on file in the office of the First

Selectman for review.

**Motion carried**

3. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

**Motion carried**

4. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Estate and Personal Property shall be paid in two (2) semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2006 and the second payment on January 1, 2007. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July, 2006 as are vehicles on Supplemental List due in January, 2007 in one payment.

**Motion carried**

5. To consider and act upon any other matters which may properly come before said meeting.

**Motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Irene A. Carnell  
Town Clerk  
Recorded by Irene A. Carnell  
May 16, 2006*

# Town Meetings *(continued)*

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## Town of Old Lyme Special Town Meeting

A special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium of District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as Moderator.

Irene A. Carnell, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting.

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the appropriation of an additional sum of \$63,500 in the Town budget for the year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, to be allocated to Old Lyme Fire Department

apparatus acquisition fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

### **Motion carried**

2. To consider and act upon any other matters which may properly come before said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Irene A. Carnell*

*Town Clerk*

*Recorded by Irene A. Carnell*

*May 26, 2006*

## Treasurer

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### **Beatrice F. McLean**

*Town Treasurer*

**T**he treasurer's office goes on as usual each year—withdrawals, deposits, and investments.

As interest rates continue to rise, we were fortunate to exceed the budget estimate for 2005/06 by \$110,000. Rates that averaged 3 percent on July 1, 2005 have reached an average of 5.20 percent on June 30, 2006.

The funds are invested typically in bank Certificates of Deposit, STIF, and various Money-Market Funds, all backed by U.S. Government obligations.

The payments to Regional School District 18 for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 total \$19,907,819,

averaging \$1,660,000 per month. Even though tax monies have increased, the town's percentage remains approximately the same.

As your treasurer was hospitalized a good part of the year, I was fortunate to have the able assistance of my Deputy Treasurer, Cathy Frank, without whose help I could not have continued in office. Her help is invaluable.

As always, I also give my appreciation to Judy Tooker, Tax Collector, for her promptness in turning over tax receipts, especially in July and January, so they can start earning interest as soon as available.

# Zoning Board of Appeals

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Susanne Stutts  
*Chairman*

The standards that guide and limit the Zoning Board of Appeals are the Connecticut General Statutes. Acting in a quasi-judicial capacity, the board hears appeals for variances and from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement official. The Zoning Board of Appeals' duties and responsibilities do not include the enactment and revisions of the Zoning Regulations, which lie with the Zoning Commission, nor the overseeing of the development of land and housing within the town, both functions of the Planning Commission.

Our caseload for the fiscal year was thirty-five cases: twenty-five granted, some with

modifications; eight denied; and two appeals of the Zoning Enforcement Officer's decisions, which were upheld. The number of meetings held were ten regular meetings and five special meetings.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exceptions of August and December. My appreciation to our board members June Speirs, Richard Moll, Tom Schellens, Kip Kotzan, Wendy Brainerd, Judy McQuade, and Joseph St. Germaine for their faithful attendance and commitment to the board and the town.

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## Zoning Commission

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*Chairman*

Zoning regulations were adopted by the Town of Old Lyme on January 2, 1957. Powers and duties for the Zoning Commission are prescribed by the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Chapter 124. The Zoning Commission has been given special powers and duties to act as agent of the state in ruling on certain types of land-use applications.

The General Statutes grant the following specific powers and duties to the Zoning Commission:

1. To establish, change, or repeal zoning regulations and zoning districts in accordance with the consideration set forth in C.G.S. Section 8-2.
2. To hear, consider, and decide upon petitions for changes in the zoning regulations or zoning district boundaries.
3. To provide for the manner in which the zoning regulations are to be enforced and to take appropriate actions to enforce them.
4. To certify, when appropriate, that a building, structure, or use is or will be in conformity with the zoning regulations. This function may be delegated to a zoning enforcement officer.
5. To require, when appropriate, that a site plan be filed to aid in determining the conformity of a proposed building, structure, or use with the zoning regulations, and to approve, modify, or deny such a site plan. This function may be delegated to a zoning enforcement officer or to another municipal agency.
6. To hear, consider, and decide upon applications for special permits or special exceptions in accordance with the zoning regulations. This function may be delegated to a zoning board of appeals or a planning commission.
7. To hear, consider, and decide upon applications for motor vehicle junkyard locations.
8. To regulate and restrict the location of any steam plant, gas plant, gas tank or holder, water tank, electric substation, antenna, tower, or earth station receiver of any public service company not subject to the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council.
9. To approve or disapprove the construction of any above-ground vault, crypt, columbarium, or mausoleum for public use in any cemetery containing less than five acres.
10. To approve or disapprove the location of crematories proposed for plots of land that

## Zoning Commission *(continued)*

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have not been used as cemeteries for at least five years or that are not established cemeteries containing twenty or more acres.

The Zoning Commission serves as the Legislative Body for the Zoning Regulations. Enforcement of the Zoning Regulations falls under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Lyme Memorial Hall. Membership is composed of

five elected member and three elected alternates.

The Zoning Commission continues to work with CRERPA on concerns regarding the Gateway Regulations.

The Zoning regulations are undergoing restructuring, the goal being to make the regulations more “user friendly” and to eliminate any conflicts within the regulations. Meetings for the work on the regulations are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend Zoning Commission meetings.



*Lymes' Youth Service Bureau runs an after school program for Middle Schoolers every Tuesday and Thursday. This program is free and open to any students in grades 6-8. Kids can relax with friends in a safe and supervised environment while having fun playing pool, basketball, doing crafts and games, and maybe some homework too!*



*South Lyme Union Chapel circa 1920*



*Watercolor of the South Lyme Union Chapel  
by Deborah Hutchings*



*Reverend Cynthia Willauer of the  
South Lyme Union Chapel*



*John Bysko, Lee Watkins, Brett Flynn and  
OL-PGN Library volunteer Connie Pike  
(left to right) ready books in Phoebe's Cellar for  
shipment to Cameron Parish.  
(Photo courtesy of LymeLine)*



*Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall in the Christ the King Church complex*



*Interior view toward rear of new Christ the King Church  
(Photo by Karen Stevenson, Thumbnail Designs)*



*Two views of the restored Florence Griswold House dining room showing the fireplace returned to its original style and the cleaned, brighter paintings*