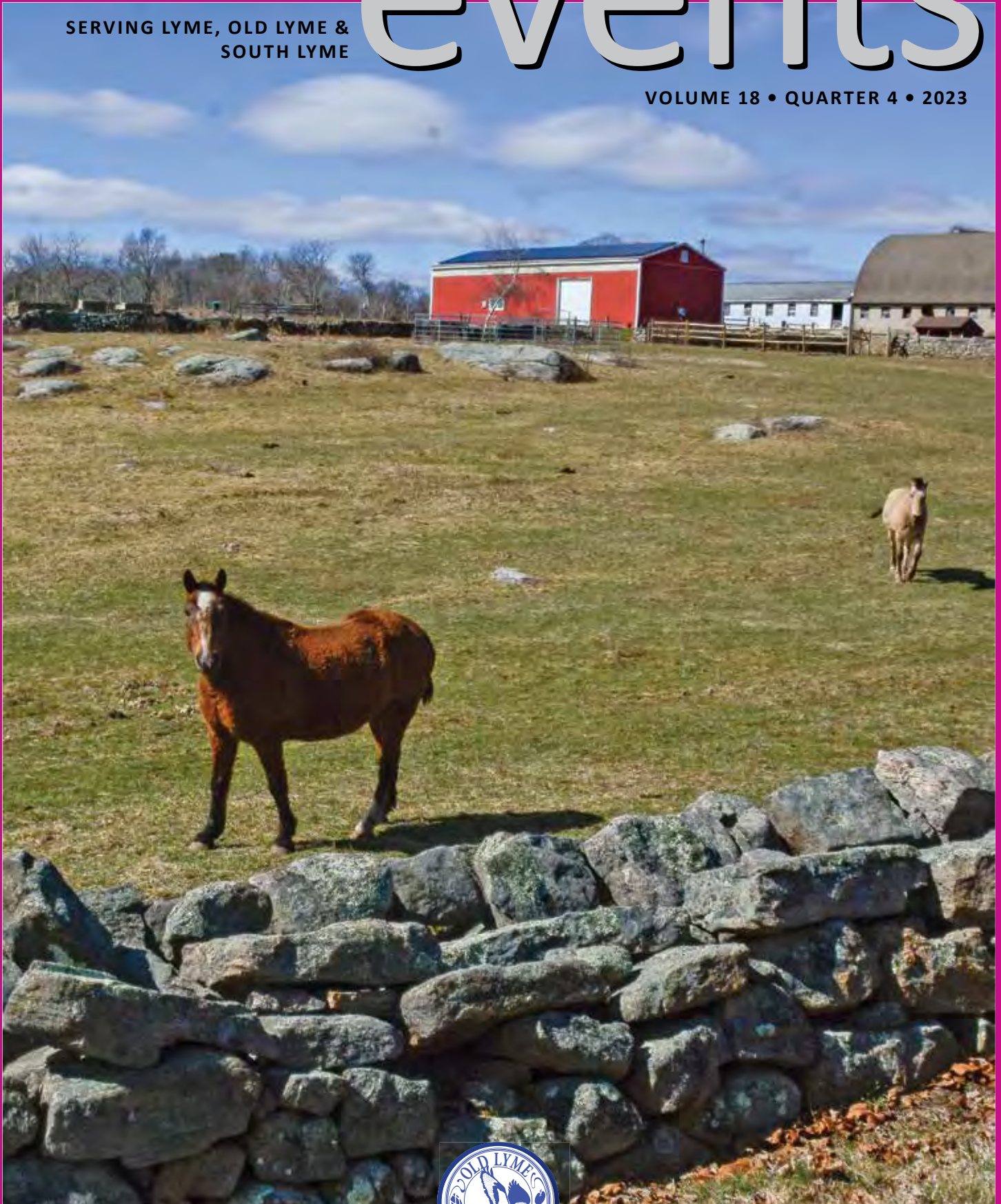


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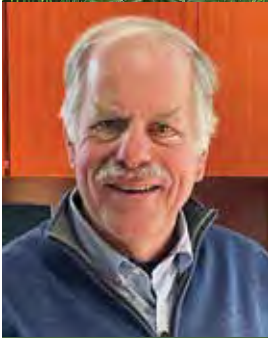


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During the summer, the Miami Beach Association ("MBA") informed the Town that it wants to make Pond Rd., between Hartford Ave. and Portland Ave., a private road for MBA residents during the period Memorial Day to Labor Day. They suggested the Town could construct a new road immediately north of Pond Rd. or the Town could construct a new road at the north end of the Town parking lot. The reason for this is that MBA residents with houses on the south side of Pond Rd. feel they are not part of MBA because they must drive to their houses using Sound View streets. We pointed out that in 1997, MBA and the Town signed a Settlement Agreement stipulating Pond Rd. would be used by the Town, but the MBA officials said their President at that time did not have proper authority to sign

the agreement, even though MBA was represented by a lawyer. There have been some discussions between the Town's attorney and MBA's current attorney, but there is no agreement at this time. If the Town were to create a new road, it would be very costly and the current arrangement has worked adequately for 25 years. This seems like a lot of activity without much accomplishment.

In late July, the beaches of Old Lyme were inundated with lots of driftwood that floated down the CT River following heavy rains. Most of the beach property owners and Associations dealt with debris that landed on their beaches but MBA insisted that the Town must remove the driftwood from its beach.

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We confirmed that any debris above mean high water on a beach is the owner's responsibility and we also learned that, while the State of CT has jurisdiction of the beaches and water below mean high water, it will not remove the debris. Accordingly, we told MBA that it must remove the debris; not the Town. Further, if the Town removed the debris for one beach, it would surely be asked to do the same for other beaches.

The State of CT has mandated that all towns and cities must complete a multi-year Police Accreditation process. It involves three Tier Assessments (Tier 1 must be completed in Dec. 2023, Tier 2 in Mar. 2024 and Tier 3 in Mar. 2025). In addition, each Tier has a Proof of Compliance component (Tier 1 in Mar. 2026, Tier 2 in Mar. 2027 and Tier 3 in Mar. 2028). The Town has hired a consultant, Andretta Swift of Badge 6, LLC, to guide us and she is already hard at work.

The Town participated in our yearly Millstone Nuclear Plant exercise in August. Emergency Management Director, Dave Roberge, and the rest of the Emergency Operations Center staff dealt with a simulated nuclear event at Millstone that involved using tactical radios, siren activation, evacuation plans, dosimetry and more. While the exercise was non-evaluated, the Millstone observer said Old Lyme performed well.

The Hains Park driveway apron and ramp that services the boathouse was not installed properly when the boathouse was built, so Bob Dunn, Chair of Parks & Rec, Phil Parcak, former Facilities Director, and Ed Adanti, Superintendent of Public Works, researched what

improvements are needed. The proposal involves creating an inch and one-half lip on the new apron where it joins Route 1 and a humped ramp to stop most of the water from Route 1 from entering the park. The ramp will be shaped properly and will have a curb to direct water away from the basketball court. Weather permitting, the new apron and ramp will be installed in November.

Speaking of paving, the following roads were repaved this season: Beckwith La., McCurdy Rd. and Court, Old Shore Rd. Otter Rock Rd. and Rowland Rd. Hats off to Pasteryak Paving, Ed Adanti and the Public Works staff for their fine work.

The Old Lyme Food Share Garden at Town Woods Park and three other area food share gardens were honored by the United Way of Southeastern CT with its Innovation Award. Congratulations to Jim Ward and the many devoted gardeners who give their time to this worthy endeavor.

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

Following the removal of several plantings the abutters of the Tantummaheag Landing placed on the Landing that obstructed vehicular access, they replanted some of them. The Town will

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again have to take action and it is unfortunate that this matter could not be resolved in a satisfactory manner.

TOWN PROJECT UPDATES:

Halls Rd. Improvement Committee: AI Engineering of Middletown, CT has nearly completed the design work for the Bow Bridge over the Lieutenant River and the approaches to the bridge. Some Town officials had an on-site meeting with a number of staff from the CT DEEP to discuss the project. DEEP has offered to donate a 0.67 acre parcel it owns on the east side of the Lt. River (between the Hangry Goose restaurant and Route 1) to Town, with restrictions, and this would be helpful in providing access to the east side of the bridge. The DEEP is very focused on promoting fishing opportunities and public access to the river. The Town was awarded a \$28,500 CT Trails grant and we believe this may enable us access to a much larger grant to help fund the construction of the bridge. The Committee hosted two open house information sessions in the Town Hall to share information about the project.

Sound View Sewers: The CT DEEP announced the good news that Old Lyme “passed” an affordability standard and that a \$15 million forgivable loan will likely be approved. This loan, plus a 25% Clean Water grant, would not be allowed to exceed 50% of the eligible costs of the project. Assuming the forgivable loan is approved, the big question is what will the total of the bid amounts be? The answer will determine if the project can move forward. The Town and the three private beaches must also extend their agreements with the New London waste water authority. We are hopeful to have more definite news in early 2024.

Senior Center Building Expansion: The Senior Center closed its doors on September 30th and the staff relocated to the Old Lyme Town Hall for the duration of the project. The weekday meal site was moved to the Congregational Church and many of the Center’s other programs are being hosted at the Town Hall and other alternate locations. The Building Committee selected Newfield Construction as our Construction Manager and early December has been identified as the start of construction. The project will probably take about twelve months to complete.

Ferry Rd. Sidewalk Replacement: Because of a variety of delays, the project will likely be put out to bid at the end of this year with a start date to be late in the first quarter of 2024. Our engineer said the work is fairly straight forward and expects it will require about two months to complete.

Swan Brook Outlet: After some additional analysis, we believe there are no significant obstructions in the drainage pipes but the wind and wave action continue to cause sand to partially block or fully block the pipes. This is because the grade of the pipes is practically flat and the normal flow of water in Swan Brook is not adequate to flush the sand out of them. However, when there is a significant rain, the pipes run freely. As a result, we must monitor the sand level and, when it blocks both pipes, we will likely have to dig out sand in front of them to allow the water to flow.

STAFF NOTES:

May: Tracy Beatty was hired as the Assistant to the Finance

Director. She previously worked in an accounting office likes boating and lives in Old Lyme. After 35 years, Kathy Hall retired as our Building Dept. Admin. Asst.

June: Liz Hoffman was hired as our Building Dept. Admin. Asst. She lives in Town and is a dog lover.

July: Sheila McKinley-Bell was hired as a Human Resource consultant with a six-month contract. Ethan Kula graduated from the Police Academy, completed his Field Training and is now one of our certified Police Officers. Craig Bonatti was hired as our Land Use Technician to replace Kim Barrows who retired in September. Craig retired from the CT Dept. of Corrections.

August: Anita Mancini was hired to be our Finance Director. She came to us from North Branford, where she was the Asst. Finance Director. Anita also served in the U.S. Air Force.

September: Sam Barnes resigned as one of our Police Officers and is now working as a security officer in the Lyme Consolidated School. As noted above, Kim Barrows retired as one of our Land Use Technicians.

October: Ryan Sommers was sworn in as our newest Police Officer and began his six-month training at the Police Academy. We look forward to having him join the force in April of 2024.

On November 21st, my two-year term as First Selectman came to a close and I did not seek re-election as your First Selectman. I started as a member of the Board of Finance in 1982, served as its Chair for six years and left the Board in 1997 when I was elected First Selectman. I served seven terms until I was defeated in 2011. In 2013, I was elected to the Board of Assessment Appeals and in 2015 I was elected as the Treasurer of the Town. I served in the Treasurer position until 2019, when I was again elected First Selectman. It has been an amazing 29 years of elected service and I shall continue to serve on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Some have asked “Why would anyone want to be First Selectman?” Obviously, there are times when the job is taxing, but there are also many stimulating and enjoyable aspects to the job. No day is the same as another because there are so many different things going on. On any given day one might deal with finances, a construction project, a police matter, animal control, storm preparation, land use and constituent issues, to name a few. I owe many thanks to my co-workers, past and present, for their help and counsel over the years. Their experience and competence are key to the smooth operation of our Town.

I also enjoy knowing and working with the many volunteers who give their time for the benefit of Old Lyme – emergency services, Boards, Commissions and Committees, non-profits, churches, schools, the Garden Club and many more. Our citizens make our community special and I have been blessed to have worked with so many of them over the years.

It has been a wonderful ride and, if I were asked if I would do it all over again, I most certainly reply yes.

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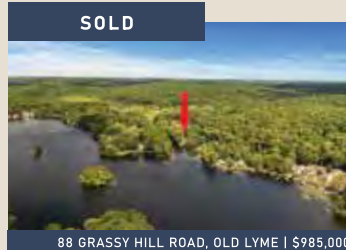
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Additional Veterans: Applicants must be a resident of Old Lyme, the veteran's original copy of their Honorable Discharge (DD-214 Form) must be filed in the land records prior to October 1, qualify for the basic exemption and meet income limits set by the State of Connecticut. For income qualified applicants, an application must be filed with the Assessor's Office between February 1 and October 1st. Exemption maybe applied to home, auto or personal property tax.

Board of Assessment Appeals: Applications for the Board of Assessment Appeals will be available starting at the end of January. Applications must be filled out and returned the

Assessor's Office in its entirety on or before February 20th. The Board meets in the month of March dates to be determined.

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The Town of Old Lyme has contracted with Municipal Valuation Services out of Fairfield, CT to conduct a town wide full physical revaluation for the Grand List year of October 1, 2024. During the coming months we will be mailing communications to all property owners, the revaluation teams will be conducting field reviews and inspections of all real property throughout the town. Any questions regarding Revaluation should be directed to the Assessor's Office.

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With Sympathy

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

July

Camille McMennamin
Thomas William Guercia
David Michael Hickie



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Tax Collector's Notice

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of the Town of Old Lyme that the second installment of a tax of 23.5 mills on the dollar laid on the grand list of October 1, 2022 is due January 1, 2024. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills, which are mailed in December, also are due in full on that date.

Payments must be made on or before February 1, 2024 or postmarked by that date to avoid interest penalty. Partial payments are always accepted. If the tax or installment due is not paid within one month of the due date, the tax becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of one-and-one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month. The minimum interest charge is two dollars. Interest charged on payments made after February 1 will be 3% (January and February). These interest rates, dates and charges have been set by Connecticut State Statute.

Please address questions pertaining to property assessments and exemptions to the Assessor's Office, 860-434-1605, ext. 218 or 219. For tax questions, please call Tax Collector at 860-434-1605, ext. 216 or 217.

The Real Estate Tax bills were mailed the last week of June 2023 (escrowed mortgage bills were sent to the bank or escrow firm) with return stubs for both first and second



installments. We do not mail a reminder of your January bill. However, you can view and print out a copy of it on our Town of Old Lyme website. See oldlyme-ct.gov, go to Tax Collector and click on the Check Payment Status button. Old Lyme Tax Collector accepts payments online; click on the gold Pay Taxes Online button. You will be directed to www.mytaxbill.org to see your property tax records and to submit payment online. Bank service fees are 3% for credit or debit card payments or \$ 0.50 for ACH or electronic check from a checking or savings account.

You also may pay in person at the Tax Office, Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme St., weekdays 9 am to 4 pm, drop off your payment in the Town Hall front door mail slot, or by mail: Old Lyme Tax Collector's Office, 52 Lyme St, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

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Early Voting Begins in 2024

By State Representative Devin Carney

In 2022, Connecticut voters went to the polls and supported legalizing early in-person voting. In 2023, the legislature was tasked with implementing the wishes of the majority of voters. The first year voters will have the option of early in-person voting is 2024 and here is a brief overview of some details.

The early voting period must be 14 days long for general elections, beginning 15 days before the election and ending two days prior. For primaries (except for presidential preference primaries) the early voting period must be seven days long, beginning eight days before the election and ending two days prior. For both types of contests, early voting locations must be open daily from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, including weekends, except that (1) the locations must be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on the last Tuesday and Thursday before the election, and (2) it is not offered on legal state holidays.



For special elections and presidential preference primaries, the law sets a four day early voting period. Specifically, the early voting period must begin five days before the election and end two days prior, except that it must be adjusted to exclude legal state holidays while still offering four days of early voting. Early voting locations must be open for these contests from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on each day of early voting.

Early voting will not be offered for budget referendums or primaries for political town committees.

It will require the same identification requirements as normal in-person voting and a sealed envelope with a signed affirmation. The early voting location will be determined by each

town.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at devin.carney@housegop.ct.gov.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and happy New Year.

Patience

Don't we all wish we had just a little more patience? And isn't it something we want very much to teach our kids? If only it was as easy as ABCs or memorizing a set of specific steps. It's so much more complicated, and yet, such an important skill to learn.

We worry about this in today's "instant" world, where every answer is a quick google away and Amazon delivers in 2 days, not 6 weeks. No time to cook? There's a choice of quick food delivery services.

Patience is associated with better emotional regulation and life satisfaction.

We can help our kids develop these skills by learning to take turns, manage frustrations, and learn to attend to something positive while waiting.

Play games that involve turn taking. Acknowledge frustrations during the game, and offer praise when your child shows patience. Teach simple ways of passing the time while standing in line - play I Spy or Rock, Paper, Scissors. Mark off days on the calendar to lead up to a birthday or vacation. Set a timer to show how long till snack time.

Most importantly, model the patience you'd like to teach! *Kids learn from what they see and experience from those they love.*

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Trash and Recycling



CURBSIDE TRASH REMOVAL IS PERFORMED BY CWPM (860-447-1473). There is no trash pick-up on the following

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

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

Single stream curbside recycling pick-up is provided for clean bottles, cans, plastics, and paper products co-mingled in the green recycling carts every week. Corrugated cardboard boxes need to be flattened for recycling. A complete list of acceptable single stream recyclables is available on the Town's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov)-- click the trash and recycling link. Information is also available in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town

Hall, 52 Lyme Street, and at the Landfill/Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Please phone Michele Hayes (860-434-1605, ext. 212) with any additional questions you may have.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING IS PERFORMED EVERY WEEK BY CWPM (860-447-1473). There is no recycling pick-up on the following

Holidays: Christmas Day (Dec. 25), New Year's (Jan. 01), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), and Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.). Recycling normally collected on Thanksgiving will be picked up the next day (Friday), and regular Friday pickup will be picked up on Saturday. Recycling information is available on the Town's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov), as well as in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Clearly mark your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Phone Michele Hayes (860-434-1605, ext. 212) with additional questions you may have.

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

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

Electronics are now accepted at the Transfer Station.

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

Recycling Area:

No fees for the following items (with windshield sticker):

*Waste Oil *Motor vehicle batteries *Small appliances (no freon)
*Mattress & box springs *Covered and non-covered electronic devices *Fluorescent light bulbs *UPS (uninterrupted power supply) batteries, and related computer and electronic equipment.

Fees apply for the following:

Tires: Auto w/no rim \$3 each, Auto w/rim \$4 each, Light Truck \$5 each, Heavy Truck/Race Car \$13 each, Construction Equipment \$100 per tire. No Retail or Wholesale Tire Outlets.

Upholstered furniture: Large \$10 per item, Small \$5 per item; Carpet 8x10+ \$10 per item; 8x10 or less \$5 per item; Appliances with Freon: \$10 each, Propane tanks: less than 20 pounds \$1; tanks 20 pounds (grill size) \$3, less than 20 pounds \$20 each.

Bulky Waste and Demolition: Vehicles will be charged by weight at 6 cents per pound or \$120 per ton. Loads less than 100 lbs. are charged a minimum fee of \$5.

Recyclables should not be mixed in the same load with Bulky Waste or Demolition debris.

Brush is charged on a per load basis with a \$5 minimum, 2 cents per pound or \$40 per ton. No wood or limbs thicker than four inches are accepted.

Grass clippings are not allowed at the Transfer Station because of chemical contamination from pesticides and fertilizers and **cannot be deposited in your trash can.** Please compost on your property.

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



The Woman's Exchange/The Lyme Tree A Unique Gift Shop

We started in 1986 by 9 women from Lyme/Old Lyme area. They wanted to find an outlet to give back to the community. Fast forward to 2023 we are still giving back.

We have many quality hand crafted items from local artisans. We feature local artwork. One local artisan, Ron Olansen has just brought in some new seascape paintings, water colors, oils &

sketchings. Our Children's Dept. has lovely hand made sweaters & hats to keep you child warm in the fall/winter months. We feature children's quilts, and a large selection of infant & toddler items.

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Tree Commission Give-away Testimonies



Chairwoman Joanne DiCamillo has asked that people who selected a sapling from the Tree Commission give-away on April 29, 2023 please provide information as to their success planting and nurturing those trees. They may do so by using the Old Lyme Town website (oldlyme-ct.gov). Select the top of the page, the heading "Boards and Commissions" and then click Tree Commission from the menu. Once on the Tree Commission page, click on link under Contact Us to submit a brief testimony. It would be most helpful for our review. **Thank you and happy planting!**

The Estuary offers a variety of classes and activities for adults aged 50 and over. To learn more about any of the activities listed below or explore our many other programs and services, please call 860-388-1611 or visit www.yourestuary.org.

Balance and Stabilization

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00 am
Strength techniques used to challenge the core and help with balance. All levels welcome

Low Impact Dance Aerobics

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 am
Music will get you moving to become fit and strong. A great workout. All levels are welcome.

Strength and Training Concepts

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am
Focus on strengthening muscles, increase range of movement and mobility. Beginning to intermediate level.

Core Training Concepts

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am
Strengthen and build core muscle groups such as abdominals, glutes and lower back.

Suitable for all fitness levels.

Tap Dance

Tuesdays at 2:00 pm
Learn basic steps of tap and dance your way to better rhythm and coordination. Tap shoes not required but helpful.

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm
Improve posture, restore flexibility, helps balance, and increases range of motion. Great stress relief.

Gentle Yoga

Fridays at 9:00 am
Breathe, Stretch, & Relax. Wear loose clothing. All levels welcome. Bring a yoga mat and any props you like to practice with.

Tai Chi

Fridays at 11:15 am
Improve balance and joint pain along with posture and coordination. Relaxing & Gentle movements. All levels welcome.

Circuit Rush

Fridays at 1:00 pm
Training in circuit fashion that will get you fit and toned. Flexible routine—adjust to your fitness level.

Bus Trip: Holiday Concert and Tea at Caramoor

December 13
Your cultural exploration begins with tour of the **historic Rosen House**. Then sit back and relax the majestic music room for a **concert of holiday music**. After the concert enjoy a holiday tea before heading home.

Writers Group

2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:00 am
Share ideas and stories with other creative minds. This is a supportive and encouraging group who like to listen and share. New members welcome.



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The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association and the Mary Hubbard Noyes Scholarship Fund award scholarships each spring to graduating high school seniors who intend to study healthcare. The evaluation process begins in late January. High school seniors who wish to apply for this scholarship should contact their guidance counselors.

For 2023, the scholarship winners were Gretchen Burgess, Jennifer Cajamarca, and Monique Lavoie. Gretchen also won the Mary Hubbard Noyes Memorial Scholarship to pursue healthcare studies.

In addition to these longstanding

scholarships for high school graduating seniors, we also made a donation last spring to the Three Rivers College Foundation to support local nursing students at Three Rivers Community College with a demonstrated financial need. Three Rivers Community College is the only higher education institution in Southeastern Connecticut that educates future nurses.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the healthcare professionals in our region.

For more information about the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, please check out our website at www.oldlymevna.org.

Upcoming Events at the Lyme Library

"The Sweet Spot"

the Lyme Library's Coffee Cafe

Tuesday, Dec. 5 @ 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Jan. 2 @ 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Feb. 2 @ 10:30 AM



Join your friends and family at "The Sweet Spot", the Lyme library's cafe which meets at the library every first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Refreshments. All items are free, but feel free to add to the "donation jar." "The Sweet Spot" provides games, magazines, newspapers, and a warm and cozy space for folks to meet up and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones.

Shell & Bee Studio Art Class Series- Afternoon Art

Tuesday, December 5 @ 4:00-5:00 PM – Winter Scene

Tuesday, January 2 @ 4:00-5:00 PM – Northern Lights Drawings with Soft Pastels



Tuesday, February 6 @ 4:00-5:00 PM – Melted Snowman Mixes Media

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Join Ms. Chelbi of Shell & Bee Studio as she leads a fun and creative afternoon class for elementary school students grades 1-5.

The Myth and Reality of Slavery in Lyme and the Surrounding Areas with Dr. Bruce Stark

Tuesday, December 5 @ 6:00 PM

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Email programreg@lymepl.org to register.

Dr. Bruce Stark will be giving a presentation about the history of slavery in Lyme and the surrounding areas and speaking about the facts he discovered when writing his book "The Myth and Reality of Slavery in Eastern Connecticut."

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, Dec 6 @ 10:30-11:15 AM

Wednesday, Dec 13 @ 10:30-11:15 AM

Wednesday, Dec 20 @ 10:30-11:15 AM

Wednesday, Dec 27 @ 10:30-11:15 AM

Lyme Library Community room and Children's room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

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

Birding in Southeastern CT- Using Technology to Enhance Your Birding Experience

Thursday, Dec 7 @ 6:00 PM

Lyme Library Community room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Instructors from the Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center will be at the Lyme Library to teach attendees about the new, readily available, technologies that can be used to help you track, record, and better understand the lives of the avian wildlife around us.

The Lyme Bridge Club

Friday, Dec 8 @ 1:30-3:30 PM

Friday, Dec 22 @ 1:30-3:30 PM

Friday, Dec 29 @ 1:30-3:30 PM

Friday, Jan 5 @ 1:30-3:30 PM

Friday, Jan 12 @ 1:30-3:30 PM

Friday, Jan 19 @ 1:30-3:30 PM

Friday, Jan 26 @ 1:30-3:30 PM

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

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

Cool-ology S.T.E.A.M.

Saturday: December Holidays S.T.E.A.M. Lab

Saturday, December 9 @ 11:00 AM

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

This program is appropriate for children ages 6-11 years old.

Lyme Public Library Cookbook Club



Saturday, December 9 @ 1:00 PM – This month's theme: Vegetarian

Saturday, January 20 @ 1:00 PM

Saturday, February 17 @ 1:00 PM

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

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Every month the Lyme Public Library will be hosting a cookbook club where the participants will be using recipes from a particular cookbook (chosen by the participants at the previous month's meeting) and making items to share with the group. This is a "tasty" book club where you can build your culinary skills and share with others.

One-on One Tech Support Help Day

Saturday, Dec 9 @ 2:00-4:00 PM with Pastor Sue Latourette

Wednesday, Dec 13 @ 2:00-4:00 PM with Emily Lewis

Lyme Library Conference Room
Sign-up sheets at the Lyme Library Circulation Desk

Are you having basic technology issues? We can help. Please come to the library and sign-up for one (or more) of the ½ time slots on our tech support sign-up sheet. All we will need is your name, contact information and a brief description

of your technology issue. Make sure to bring along all the charging plugs, etc. for your devices and have your usernames and passwords available to log into the accounts you are having trouble with.

The Lyme Library Puzzle Club

Tuesday, Dec 12 @ 11 AM-12:30 PM

Tuesday, Jan 9 @ 11 AM-12:30 PM

Tuesday, Feb 13 @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Lyme Public Library

Come join the fun and meet new and old friends at the Lyme Library puzzle club. The meetings will take place every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Puzzles will be provided by the library. A range of puzzles will be available from 40-piece ones to 1,000-piece varieties. The library will also provide a puzzle case so that puzzles which the club is working on that were not able to be finished in one sitting can continue to be worked on at the next meeting. Coffee and tea are provided at a minimum cost.

"As the Page Turns"-Lyme Library/Lyme Senior Center Book Club

Friday, December 15 @ 1:00 PM

Friday, January 9 @ 1:00 PM

Friday, February 16 @ 1:00 PM

Lyme Public Library-Community Room
To register email programreg@lymepl.org

A collaboration with the Lyme Library and Lyme/Old Lyme Senior Center. The selected book for the month can be picked up at the Lyme Public Library circulation desk.

Basic Emergency First Aid with Members of the Lyme Ambulance

Saturday, Dec 16 @ 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Lyme Library's Community Room

Learn the basics of CPR and emergency first aid with team members of the Lyme Ambulance.

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Yoga and Meditation with Joan Fisler of Red Barn Yoga

Friday, Dec 22 @ 11:00 AM

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org
Cost: \$10.00

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Joan Fiser of Red Barn Yoga of Lyme will be conducting yoga and meditation classes at the library twice a month. \$10.00 per class paid to the instructor at the door. Participants should bring yoga mats if they have them, but a limited number of mats will be made available. Experience with yoga and meditation is not necessary to participate.

Around the World in Eight Movies with Janet Roach

Sunday, January 7 @ 1:00 PM: Today's Film: "The King of Masks" (China, 1995)

Sunday, January 21 @ 1:00 PM: Today's Film: "Water" (India, 2005)

Sunday, February 4 @ 1:00 PM: Today's Film: "Breaker Morant" (Australia, 1980)

Sunday, February 18 @ 1:00 PM: Today's Film: "Central Station" (Brazil, 1998)

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Award winning screenwriter Janet Roach will be leading a Sunday afternoon film series at the Lyme Library running from January through April on the first and third Sundays of each month. She is calling the series "Around the World in Eight Movies" and the series will be featuring memorable international films you won't want to miss. Join friends and family and make new acquaintances while armchair traveling around the globe via the breathtaking wonder of film. Popcorn and beverages will be served.

Winter Birding in Southeastern CT- All About Owls



Thursday, Jan 18 @ 6:00 PM

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Winter birding is fun, even though it is still months away from the spring migration of most birds back to the area. Why? Because the fascinating lives and habits of owls do more than fill the gap. Instructors from the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center will be at the Lyme Library to help everyone better understand the local owls in and around the New England area. How to best spot them and how to appreciate and preserve their

unique place in the ecosystem.

The Lyme Library "Stitchcraft" Club

Saturday, January 27 @ 12:30-2:00 PM

Saturday, February 24 @ 12:30-2:00 PM

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Email programreg@lymepl.org to register, drop-ins welcome

Join the Lyme Library Stitchcraft Club and practice your stitch craft in the company of like-minded stitchers. If you enjoy knitting, embroidery, crochet, cross stitch quilting or any other form of easily portable hand crafts join us on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lyme library in the Periodicals Room to share your projects, good company and refreshments around the fireplace.

The Lyme Library American Mah Jongg Club

Tuesday, January 30 @ 6-8:00 PM

Tuesday, February 27 @ 6-8:00 PM

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Email programreg@lymepl.org to register

Every last Tuesday of the month is the meeting of the Lyme Library American Mah Jongg Club. Previous experience playing Mah Jongg is preferred. The library has two complete American Mah Jongg sets and 8 copies of the "Official Standard Hands and Rules 2023" booklets that participants can use while in the building. With the limited supply of American Mah Jongg sets available via the library if you have your own set of tiles you are encouraged to bring them along.

Art Exhibit by Fred Verillo

February 1-March 31 during library open hours

Lyme Library Community Room

The photographs of Old Lyme resident, Fred Verillo, will be next featured in our continuing series of exhibitions in the community room. The photographs will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Lyme Public Library. Mr. Verillo will also be leading a two-part

workshop on composing and printing photographs with an i-phone and android. Part one of the workshop will take place on Saturday, February 24th at 2:00 pm and part two on Saturday, March 2nd. To register email programreg@lymepl.org.

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

Saturday, Feb 17 @ 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

This program is designed for children 6-11 years old.



Children's Program- Life Under the Ice with

Denison Pequotsepos

Nature Center

Saturday, Feb 24 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Lyme Public Library's Program Room

Contact: Email programreg@lymepl.org to register

Brief Description: Despite freezing temperatures, it is very busy under the ice of a frozen pond. Discover how animals like fish, frogs, turtles, and beavers survive life under the ice in their frozen habitat! Meet reptiles and amphibians who stay warm at the Nature Center all winter long.

Cost: Free to public

Creating Beautiful Photographs on an i-Phone or Android by Fred Verillo (Part 1)

Saturday, February 24 @ 2:00 PM

Lyme Library Community Room

To register email programreg@lymepl.org

Artist Fred Verillo will be leading a two-part workshop on composing and printing photographs with an i-phone and android. Part one of the workshop will take place on Saturday, February 24th at 2:00 pm and part two on Saturday, March 2nd. To register email programreg@lymepl.org. Mr. Verillo's photographs are on display at the Lyme Library from February 1 to March 31st, and will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Lyme Public Library.

Save the Sound

Save the Sound's September 16th Beach Cleanup Day at Rocky Neck State Park in support of International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) was a success!

Save the Sound's first Connecticut Cleanup Report highlights the scale and impact of litter in Connecticut and is intended to be a resource for helping change the way we consume single-use plastics and other disposables. The data in this report, which includes types of trash, number of pieces, and total weight, are used to advocate for policy change in Connecticut and beyond to stop trash at its source.

Cigarette butts, food wrappers, and small plastic pieces have been the top three most common trash types recovered by beach cleanup volunteers for the past six years.

The data also shows Styrofoam and balloons as persistent trash types on the ground and in the Sound. On average, Connecticut Cleanup volunteers collect more than 100 pieces of Styrofoam trash at each cleanup and more than 400 Mylar or rubber balloons each year.

All of these trash types pose serious threats to human and animal health, including ingestion, suffocation, and chemical leaching. Additionally, any plastic trash contributes to the growing abundance of microplastics as they break up into smaller and

smaller pieces that become increasingly difficult to remove from the environment. We recommend Old Lyme residents review this report and help us remove these hazards from our parks, rivers, and beaches. The full report can be found on Save the Sound's website at Beach Report Card – Save the Sound (www.savethesound.org).

Key findings of Save the Sound's 2023 Long Island Sound Beach Report include: 78% of Long Island Sound beaches earned an "A" or "B" grade. The biennial report included a list of the 10 highest scoring public beaches in New York and Connecticut based on a three-year average of water quality grades (10 each in NY and CT), and presented comprehensive grades for 207 swimming beaches 2020, 2021, and 2022. White Sands Beach in Old Lyme and Hole-in-the-Wall Beach in East Lyme both received an A+ rating.

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UPCOMING DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Winter Wreath-Making Workshop

December 9; 10 am-12 pm

RTP Estuary Center

Enjoy the season and learn how to create a wreath using natural materials! Wreath making is suitable for ages 8 and up. Space is limited.

Winter Bird Walk

December 16; 9 – 11 am



Barn Island WMA, Stonington

While many things are dormant in winter, there are still plenty of bird species to see out and about during the colder months, including some of our most charismatic species. We'll bundle up and search for these hardy birds at some of the best birding spots in southern CT.

Webinars

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Tree Creepers and Nuthatches

December 15, 6-7 pm

Gulls

January 24, 6-7 pm

All About Owls

February 7, 6-7 pm



Owl Prowls

Check our website soon for Owl Prowl dates beginning in January!

One of our most unique and mysterious family of birds, owls are most active when the rest of us are settling down for the night. Join us as we search for these incredible birds and learn about what makes them such perfect nighttime fliers.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

After-school Adventures –

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the RTP Estuary Center

Visit our website for more information!

RTP Estuary Summer Camp –

Registration opening in February!

All programs require pre-registration. We also host a variety of webinars, nature hikes, bird walks, citizen science opportunities and more throughout southeastern Connecticut.

For more information be sure to visit our website at www.ctaudubon.org/rtpc or email rtpc@ctaudubon.org



High Hopes Therapeutic Riding to

Celebrate 50th Anniversary in 2024

The High Hopes story is one of inspiration, transition and growth.

As we enter our 50th year, we remain dedicated to meeting the needs of our community through equine assisted services. High Hopes serves individuals with a wide range of physical, cognitive, sensory, and emotional challenges.

The High Hopes mission of fostering a vibrant community where horse and human interactions improve lives extends to our volunteers. Our volunteers – 93% of our workforce – are a vital part of the High Hopes community. Here they can learn, grow, socialize, and often heal, too.

At the heart of our therapeutic program is our herd of carefully selected horses. Our 127-acre facility has 30 acres of pastures, 3

miles of riding and driving trails, as well as indoor and outdoor arenas.

Open Houses

In anticipation of our 50th Anniversary, High Hopes will be hosting several open houses. We are excited to welcome you to our facility and share with you the magic of the horse-human connection. On Tuesday, December 12th from 11 am to 12:30 pm and on Saturday, February 10th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, High Hopes will be holding Open Houses. We invite you to tour our facility, meet the horses, learn about our programs, and explore the many volunteer opportunities. By the end of your visit, we anticipate you will be chomping at the bit to volunteer with us!

50th Anniversary Events

We look forward to 2024 and High Hopes' 50th anniversary with enthusiasm and anticipation. All of our activities in the next year will be infused with the history of High Hopes. We invite you to visit our website at highhopestr.org for updates on anniversary events. Please consider joining us in 2024!

Old Lyme Town Band



Sounds of the holiday season will fill the auditorium at The Katherine Hepburn Performing Arts Center (The Kate) in Old Saybrook on **Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm**. Join us for our traditional holiday concert featuring selections such as: Carol of the Bells, Hallelujah, Chanukah is Here, Of Kings and Christmas, White Christmas, and Sleigh Ride. Children will also enjoy A Charlie Brown Christmas and How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

(Tickets will be required for this event, so you must contact their box office in person or online).

If you play an instrument, we would love to have you join our group. The OLTB welcomes players of all ages, from the surrounding towns. No audition is necessary. Our rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm at Christ the King Church in Old Lyme. For more information contact: Ann Lander at (860)434-2671, landeral15@yahoo.com. Please check Old Lyme Town Band.com on our website or follow us on Facebook. Let's make music together for all to enjoy!



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Lyme Old Lyme Food Share Garden

Lyme Old Lyme Food Share Garden volunteers delivered an eclectic mix of late-season produce to the Shoreline Soup Pantries & Kitchens site at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme in October. In a confluence of seasons, sturdy turnips conjured thoughts of Thanksgiving, leafy Swiss chard reminded us that the spring cool weather growing season is not far off, and an erstwhile tomato rekindled fond memories of the abundance of August.

In 2023, LOLFSG volunteers donated upwards of **800 hours** and **2,500 pounds of produce!** Volunteers installed a large **pollinator pathway** adjacent to the garden, cleared land, erected a fence and laid out rows for a substantial **garden expansion**, and composted more than **1000 pounds of food waste** collected at two donation sites.

Although it is bittersweet to tuck the beds in with a blanket of cover crops, the rest provides an opportunity to prepare for the next season. Thus, a primary focus of the winter is fundraising. Offseason donations enable the board of directors to plan creatively, which, in turn, allows volunteers to focus their efforts on gardening. The annual **Sponsor a Row** campaign kicked off in

Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

Opening Balance	\$8723
Total Income	\$21341
Total Expenses	\$20553
Projected Expenses	\$3900
Ending Cash Balance	\$5611



October. The annual cost to maintain a garden bed from seed through delivery to a local food pantry is approximately \$250. All money goes directly towards the operating expenses of the garden, including seeds/transplants, fertilizer, weed barrier fabric, irrigation tape, electricity and tools. The LOLFSG is immensely grateful to individuals, families, organizations and businesses who sponsor the garden. In appreciation, each \$250 donation will be recognized with a sign at the garden and on the LOLFSG website. All donations from October 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 will be recognized during the 2024 season. Smaller donations are very much appreciated as well.

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

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The HRIC held open houses presenting preliminary concepts for the Lt. River Trails & Bridge design. Final design based on community feedback should be ready for review by this December. Next steps will be to file for permits, generate cost estimates and identify grant options to pay for construction. We continue to await decisions from CT DOT for the LOTCIP proposal submitted in 2022 for sidewalks, cross walks, bike paths, lighting and landscaping along the length of the state controlled Halls Road.

For updates please go to:

<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/halls-road-improvements-committee>

55 Lyme Street
Drawing by Edie
Twining Design



Old Lyme Historical Society

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

Give the gift of Old Lyme History this Holiday Season!

Books on local history, the 2024 Old Lyme Community Calendar, tea towels, note cards, and other gift items are available at our **holiday book sales**, held **Saturday, December 2, 9, and 16; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm** at the Post Office on Halls Rd.



We look forward to a new lecture series this spring. Please check our website or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for further details of these and other upcoming Historical Society events. info@oldlymehistorical.org

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From developing fun, interactive story times for kids to hand-delivering books to homebound patrons, the Library continues to provide opportunities for residents of all ages to learn and grow. Below is a listing of upcoming events at the Library. All events will be in person unless otherwise noted and some require registration. Please visit oldlymelibrary.org for complete details and to sign up.

Winter Events: Dec 4 - Feb 29

MINIGOLF AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, February 24, All Day

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Take & Make Story and Craft Kits
available each month while supplies last!

Phoebe's Wee Readers Baby Playgroup
(Ages 3 and under)
Now—December 14, 11 am

Wonka Wonderland: After School Movie
Screening*
Wednesday, December 13, 3:30-5 pm

Ruth & The Green Book; Puppet Show
Film Screening and Author Talk with

Calvin Ramsey*

Saturday, January 6, 11 am-1 pm

Life Under the Ice! A Winter
Nature Adventure with the Denison
Pequotsepos Nature Center*
Wednesday, January 17, 5:30-6:30 pm

Take Your Child to the Library Day
Saturday, February 3, 9 am-2 pm

Music with Margie: Kindness Counts
Musical Program for Children & Families*
Wednesday, February 7, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

TEEN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The Teen Department is currently

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

New Opportunity for Older Volunteers
(Grades 9+)
Thursday, December 7, 5-6 pm

Homework Helpers
Fridays, 2:30-3:30 pm

Heartstopper Fan Club
Thursday, December 14, 5:30-6:30 pm

Special Edition Book Boxes for
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Midterm Exam Week: Extended Library Hours for High Schoolers

Tuesday, January 9; Wednesday, January 10; & Thursday, January 11, 7-9 pm

DIY Pop-tart Plushies

Friday, January 19, 3-4 pm

Vinyl Album Listening Party

Thursday, January 25, 5-7 pm

Visible Mending*

Saturday, January 13, 10 am-1 pm

Teen Movie Night and Scavenger Hunt*

Friday, February 2, 6-8 pm

Black Light Snack 'n Paint*

Thursday, February 22, 5-6 pm

Early Dismissal Game Tournament

Friday, March 8, 12-2 pm

ADULT EVENTS

Holiday Music Program for Kids from 1 to 102*

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 pm

Dark Nonfiction Book Club: A Book Club for the Morbidly Curious*

Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 pm: Five Days at Memorial by Sheri Fink

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 pm: The Slave Ship: A Human History by Marcus Rediker

Faraway Fiction Book Chat*

Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 pm: Cinder by Marissa Meyer

Local Author Talk: Happiness and Health Secrets with Mary and Patti*

Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 pm

The Three Types of Intimacy with Krista Mancarella Psy. D.*

Wednesday February 7, 6:30 pm

Local Author Talk: Liz Hoffmann*

Saturday, February 10, 1 pm

Cemetery and Burial Ground Restoration with Rediscovering History*

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 pm

Virtual Author Talks*

Victoria Aveyard: Monday, December 4, 7 pm

Stephanie Land: Tuesday, December 12, 2 pm

Phoebe's Morning Book Chat*

Thursdays, December 14, January 9, February 8, 11 am

Contemporary Classics Book

Discussions with Marsha – via Zoom*

Mondays, December 4 & February 5, 7 pm

Mahjongg Club

Weekly on Wednesdays at 1 pm

Phoebe's Meditation

Weekly on Fridays at 10 am

**Registration Requested*

PHOEBE'S BOOKCELLAR

The BookCellar is a highly successful used book store managed by the volunteer Friends of the Library and housed on the Library's lower level.

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Exploring Language and Culture in The Lyme-Old Lyme Schools



Photos left to right: Students studying Chinese took a field trip to Chinatown in New York City. Students in French Club invited the entire school to make chocolate mousse with them!

MEMORIZING vocabulary words and conjugating verbs is what many of us likely recall from high school language class. Much has changed in the way language is taught, from beginning study of a foreign language at a younger age to teaching language in more immersive ways.

Students in the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools begin Spanish in Kindergarten and continue through fifth grade. When they reach middle school, they have the option of continuing Spanish or transitioning to French. High school is where options widen, as students can choose from Spanish, French, Chinese or Latin. While one year of a foreign language is required by the State of Connecticut to graduate, most students continue their study of a language longer with many dabbling in multiple languages.

Language classes are taught with a focus on communication skills beginning first with the ability to speak and write the language, followed by a focus on the ability to listen, read and comprehend the language. Teaching varies slightly by language, particularly with Chinese and Latin given their unique structure.

When high school students enter their Spanish classrooms, they are transported to a new locale where only Spanish is spoken. Class is structured around themes such as family and culture, technology, and global challenges and examine these themes across different Spanish speaking countries. The language is absorbed and learned through a variety of lessons including videos, which may include popular comedies pulled from Netflix, or a documentary in Spanish that examines an issue discussed in class.

The first years of Chinese are spent learning how to converse, with later classes focused on learning to read and write Chinese characters. Chinese is one of the most difficult languages to learn because of the complexity of learning tens of thousands of Chinese characters.

Latin is taught by a reading method in which you use Latin and pictures to define words you see. Units are divided by topic including the Roman Empire, Roman money, trade and other topics with history and mythology woven into most lessons.

Field trips to places like Chinatown in New York City round out student experiences as do language clubs and honor societies.

Students may test for The Seal of Biliteracy beginning their junior year. This award recognizes students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.



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Historic District Commission

IT WAS ANOTHER BUSY SUMMER in the Historic District! The season began with hundreds viewing a beautiful Memorial Day parade, followed by Music on Lyme Street, the Midsummer Festival, and a concert and ice cream social on the Town Green. Lymes' Youth Services Bureau sponsored a 5k run, the library hosted a music and poetry program on its lawn to recognize the installation of new Witness Stones, and the town launched spectacular fireworks at the high school. The Fire Department celebrated its centennial over a July weekend with food, music, an antique car show, vintage fire trucks, and a visit from the "Never Forget Mobile Exhibit." We await the excitement of hundreds of families and children on Halloween and upcoming holiday festivities before life quiets down for winter. However, with two museums, one nature center, an inn and jazz club, an active art

academy, two busy child-centered non-profits, three schools, the Fire Department, the Town Hall, the library, many small businesses, and a vibrant church community, plus a stream of walkers, Lyme Street continues to draw neighbors and visitors throughout the year.

This year the Historic District Commission reached out to property owners to communicate our shared goals for the District. It updated both its photographic record of properties and the forms required for external changes to structures within the District. The Commission processed a record 36 projects; continues to research and support a town-wide Historic Plaque Program; and reviewed and endorsed the addition of Griswold Point to the National Register of Historic Places. The HDC continues to work on an updated signage policy and is reviewing lighting guidance to align with, and refine for the District, new Connecticut River Gateway Commission provisions adopted by the Zoning Commission this past spring.

Musical Masterworks

**February
2024**

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 5 pm and Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 3 pm – At the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, 4 Lyme Street in Old Lyme

One of history's greatest trumpeters, Caleb Hudson, who happens to be Artistic Director, Tessa Lark's childhood friend from


Kentucky, will be featured in works for a rarely heard ensemble of instruments, played by equally astounding artists:

Artists

Emi Ferguson, Flute; Gabriel Campos Zamora, Clarinet
Michael Nicolas, Cello; Caleb Hudson, Trumpet; Tessa Lark, Violin

Program

Telemann; Bach; Original Compositions; Corelli (arr. Hudson), Sonata No. 8 Op. 5; Caleb Hudson, Built on Nothing Less; Kyle Athayde, Caleb's Piece; Remy Le Boeuf, Vignette Nos. 20 & 21




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Old Lyme's Horseneck Creek Landing

A three-acre town-owned property located at 36-1 Buttonball Road, named "Horseneck Creek Landing" by the Board of Selectman, is open to the public.

Signs on the street mark the entrance. Parking and a short walking trail are available. Please respect private property owners when visiting

Horseneck Creek Landing contains a beautiful sampling of coastal forest, a threatened and important natural habitat. According to UConn, coastal forests are subject to a maritime climate (generally cooler summers and milder winters than inland locations) but don't receive salt spray (as a true maritime forest may).

Species growing along the trail include black, red and white oak, highbush blueberry, northern bayberry, groundsel, black huckleberry, eastern red cedar, big-tooth aspen and big-leaf marsh elder.

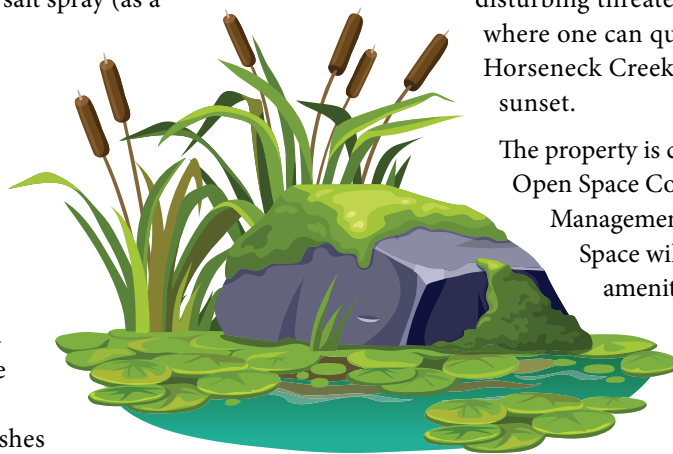
Horseneck Creek is also bordered by salt marshes, home to a diverse range of wildlife from crabs to migratory birds. Healthy salt marshes

support fish populations and mitigate the impact of coastal flooding.

Visitors may see a variety of wildlife, and the location is wonderful for birding. Osprey, egrets, cormorants, and great blue herons are common before some species migrate south in the fall. Colder weather brings brant and various ducks, including brightly colored hooded mergansers. Bald eagles may be spotted, and DEEP reports that seaside sparrow and saltmarsh sharp-tailed sparrows, state-listed birds, may be in the area.

Visitors should stay off fragile tidal wetlands to avoid possibly disturbing threatened plant and bird species (and where one can quickly sink into deep mud). Horseneck Creek Landing is open from sunrise to sunset.

The property is cooperatively managed by the Open Space Commission and the Harbor Management Commission. In the future, Open Space will offer additional upland visitor amenities focusing on education. Harbor Management will seek approval and funding to construct a kayak dock allowing access to the Black Hall and Connecticut Rivers.



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The Lyme Art Association

The Lyme Art Association, (LAA), hosts three new shows for the holiday season! Visitors discover an array of fine art in the festive exhibition, *Deck the Walls*, an uplifting show that returns each year during the holidays. *Our Fragile Planet* explores our relationship to the environment; considers the delicate beauty of the world around us; and draws people into conversations on environmental preservation, sustainable living, and the responsibility all share in protecting our habitat. Artist Catherine Puccio's solo show *All*

Things Great and Small features her love for animals and her pursuit of truth in nature. Ms. Puccio, who won first place in last January's Associate Artist show is being honored for her award through this special exhibition. All three shows on view: November 17 – December 31, 2023. Opening reception: November 19 from 2 – 4 pm, with Mark Shasha's pre-reception art talk at 1:30 pm.

On January 12, Lyme Art Association kicks off the year with *First Impressions: 32nd Annual Associate Artist Show and Congratulations*. *First Impressions* includes a full range of media and themes created by



Christopher Zhang, *Morning Light in Florence* oil

our Associate Artists, accomplished artists who successfully exhibited in selective shows. In *Congratulations*, LAA welcomes its newest Elected Artists, artists who were elected by their peers after a rigorous selection and evaluation process. Both shows on view January 12 – February 22, 2024.

In addition to its exhibits, LAA continues its high-quality arts education programming. On Sunday, December 17 at 2 pm, Lyme Art Association welcomes back landscape artist, Tula Telfair

for an art talk geared towards artists, *A Conversation with Artists for Artists*. Our December workshops include: Christine Ivers' *The Pastel Nightscape*; and Howard Park & Lisa Miceli's *Speed Painting: Still Life*, and in the new year is Mike Laiuppa's *Painting Off the Grid*.

Founded by Old Lyme's American Impressionists and located in a skylit 1921 building with world-class galleries and studio, LAA exhibits over 2,000 artworks each year in themed, juried shows. LAA is a welcoming arts community that cultivates a love of fine art by offering enriching programs for artists and the community. Open Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 - 5. www.lymeartassociation.org; (860) 434-7802.



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