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The Town continues to move forward on Capital Improvement initiatives. Renovations are underway in the Land Use Department and we anticipate completion this fall. Also, the parking lot and driveways at Essex Elementary School will be repaved this summer and renovations will be completed in the school Media room. The Public Works garage renovations are done and construction on a new storage building will begin in the near future. Finally, we anticipate work to start on the Ivory Street bridges this summer. The Walnut Street bridge will be targeted for next spring/summer.

The Safe Routes to School grant awarded to the Town involves replacing sidewalks on Main Street, from Essex Elementary School all the way down to the start of Bracket Lane. New sidewalks in front of the school, on the east side of the street, will connect to a new crosswalk at Charles Street.

Construction is underway and scheduled to be completed before the school year starts. In addition, we decided to continue the sidewalk replacement from Bracket Lane to Ivory Street. Other sidewalks have been done on New City Street and North Main Street in Essex, and on Summit Street in Ivoryton just beyond the theatre from the Fire Station to Chestnut Street.



First Selectman Norm Needleman

Construction of Essex Place, a new 22-unit building for disabled and senior affordable housing in Centerbrook has broken ground. Essex Place will provide additional units to Essex Court, the current senior affordable housing residence, reduce the waiting list and provide housing options in the community. Occupancy is expected sometime in 2017.

Congratulations to our Town Planner, John Guskowski, AICP, on being awarded "National Council Member of the Year" for his role as President of CT Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. John is a terrific resource to our staff and community.

A warm welcome is extended to the new eating establishments in Town!

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The Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Park and Rec Department, runs through the middle of August at our Town greens in Essex and Ivoryton. Concerts are Tuesday evenings

in Ivoryton and Wednesday evenings in Essex from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. The Ivoryton Village Farmer's Market is held on Saturdays from 10 am - 1:30 pm until October 15th.

The Essex Valley Railroad, Connecticut River Museum and Ivoryton Playhouse all have schedules for the summer season. Please support them!

All the Best,
Norm Needleman

FISH (Friends in Service Here)

FISH was founded locally in 1970 to provide free rides to medical appointments for residents of Essex, Deep River and Chester. The officers for 2016 are: Henry May, President; Stuart Warner, Vice president; Ali Nichols, Secretary; Barbara Ryan, Treasurer and Dana Hill, Driver Recruitment. Dispatchers are John Heiser and Tony Carrano.

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destinations are within the triangle of Middletown to the north, Guilford to the west and New London to the east.

For calendar 2015, we had 783 round-trip rides for our three towns of which over 60% are for Essex residents.

The modest budget for FISH is funded by grants from the Essex Community Fund, the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, the Essex Rotary, the Essex Savings Bank, the Deep River Community Health Committee and the Town of Chester, and other organizations, as well as by contributions from our drivers.

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Our summer reading party is Thursday August 11th from 5 - 7 pm and open to all ages. Join us in celebration of our readers! This year we'll host an art reception and pizza party in their honor. Meet us in the Essex Library program room where we'll view the art and film projects created during our summer at play. Coming



in September: Little Ones Story Hour, Flannel Board Story Time, Preschool Story Hour and Welcome Fall Program.

This summer we're streaming sporting events including the Summer Olympics,

soccer, tennis, and baseball in the Program Room on our large screen with great sound from Bose speakers.

The Centerbrook Architects Lecture Series will open its ninth year in September and will include Dr. Chuck Benson, architects Stephen Wanta, Tom Bosworth, Philip Smith & Douglas Thompson of Smith & Thompson, among others. Also in September World War II Mystery author James Benn will give a talk on his latest Billy Boyle novel, Blue Madonna.

This fall we're looking forward to presenting a dance film series moderated by former American Ballet Theater dancer Mary Wilson. Cooking programs and tastings were given thumbs on our spring survey so watch for a coffee tasting by a local roaster and an event showcasing delicious gourmet treats from Fromage in Old Saybrook.

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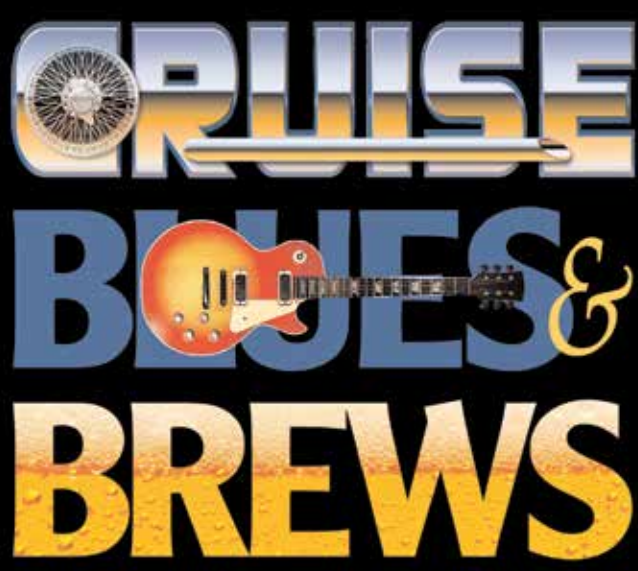


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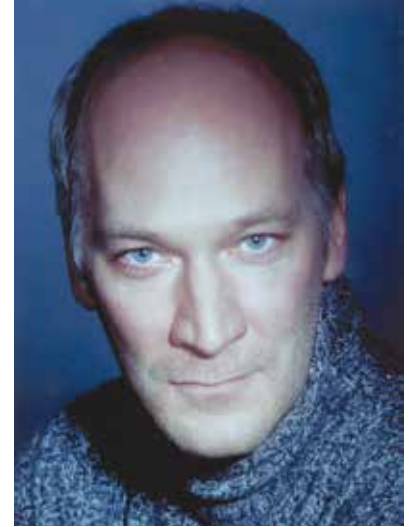


The Ivoryton Playhouse



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World renowned artists David Pittsinger and Patricia Schuman will be performing an exclusive concert at the Playhouse on Monday, August 22nd. "This is The Life" is a celebration of The American Songbook and the life of an artist and includes music by Sondheim, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein and more. Classics from shows like *Kiss Me Kate*, *Shenandoah*, *Carnival*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Camelot*, and *Sound of Music* make this a night to remember filled with music you will never forget. Don't miss this one night only event – all proceeds will benefit the Ivoryton Playhouse.



Waiting in the wings at the Ivoryton Playhouse: **Man of La Mancha** starring David Pittsinger as Don Quixote (September 7th - October 3rd) and **Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Story** (October 26th – November 13th). Want to introduce your little ones to live theatre? We have Summer Children's

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Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley Announces 2016 Scholarship Award Recipients

In honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murtha of Essex, the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley awarded scholarships to 4 local high school seniors. Scholarships were awarded on the basis of academic achievement, volunteerism and motivation. Emphasis is placed on healthcare in the selection process.

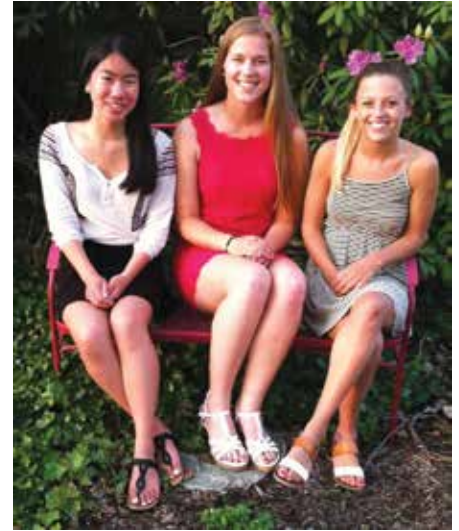
Susan Maxwell, Executive Director, stated, "All of these students are well deserving of the scholarship awards. Their hard work and determination have prepared them to move forward with their future endeavors. We are pleased to award these scholarships that will help them achieve their goals."

Healthcare is growing and talented individuals such as these students will bring healthcare into the future. VNLV is proud to recognize the achievements of these fine young individuals!

About Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley is a not-for-profit, Medicare and Medicaid certified home health care organization serving the Lower Connecticut River Valley and eastern shoreline region.

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Mission Accomplished: Yellow Label Mill Renovation Complete

Essex Historical Society and Valley Railroad Host Hundreds at Dedication Day

The Essex Historical Society's 60th anniversary celebration of the E.E. Dickinson Company legacy came to a close on Sunday, May 15 when the non-profit organization, in partnership with the Valley Railroad Company, officially cut the ribbon on the newly refurbished Yellow Label Mill, once used as a storefront for the sale of Dickinson Witch Hazel products. Despite chilly weather, over 200 guests turned out for the Yellow Label Mill Dedication Day, which took place from 4 pm – 6:30 pm on the railroad grounds. The special event included a brief dedication ceremony and the unveiling of new exterior signage. All were then invited to tour the mill featuring newly installed Dickinson history exhibit panels, as well as walk through the former Dickinson Bottling Plant and Witch Hazel Distillery. The free event featured food and drinks compliments of Valley Railroad catering service and live music performed by The Occasional Jazz Ensemble.



Dickinson Initiative Committee Members gathered in front of the Yellow Label Mill before the official ribbon cutting on May 15. From l-r are Stacia Libby, Ed Jackowitz, Melissa Josefiak, Louise Riggio, Herb Clark, Jane Dickinson, Paul Scarbrough, Sherry Clark, Susan Malan, John Evans, Kevin Dodd.

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One year prior, May 15 was officially proclaimed "Yellow Label Day" in Essex as the two organizations announced plans for the renovation of the iconic 1915 building, originally a birch mill, that sits on the southern end of the railroad depot property on Plains Road. The Valley Railroad oversaw the replacement of the roof, windows, and deteriorated structural elements, and also handled the general cleaning and painting of the building. The Essex Historical Society (EHS) was responsible for the new Yellow Label exterior signage and the development and installation of Dickinson history exhibit panels now displayed inside the mill.

"It was a great day of activities and a wonderful way to cap off the celebration of our milestone anniversary and our partnership with the Valley Railroad in honoring the Dickinson company history," commented EHS President Sherry Clark, "we have enjoyed tremendous community interest and support at the various programs held this past year, for which we are very thankful."

More information about Essex Historical Society events or membership can be found at www.essexhistory.org or by calling 860-767-0681. The Essex Historical Society is a non-profit, member organization.

Overview: Yellow Label Mill and Former Dickinson Company Buildings

Preserving the E.E. Dickinson legacy in Essex has been the 60th Anniversary project of Essex Historical Society. During the past year the Society hosted a series of programs that brought attention to various aspects of the Dickinson Company and family. Along with their *Partner in Preservation*, the Valley Railroad, they have refurbished the 1915 Birch Mill, now the **Yellow Label Mill**, as a place to interpret the witch hazel story and the Dickinson legacy.

The Birch Mill, today rechristened the Yellow Label Mill, was built by E.E., Sr. in 1915. Black Birch has the same chemistry as wintergreen and was chipped and distilled in the same manner as witch hazel until 1926. Today the mill is used to tell the story of witch hazel and to help preserve the Dickinson legacy in Essex.

The **Witch Hazel Works**, a mixed use business property, is located in the historic E.E. Dickinson witch hazel distillery. The original building began distilling in 1902 and was added to as the business expanded. The Art Deco details added in 1929 have been carefully restored by the preservation-minded owner of the property and integrated by Centerbrook Architects during the building conversion from distillery to office spaces. Many artifacts used in witch hazel processing are displayed in the building.

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The design and function of the distillery was the height of manufacturing efficiency. Chipped witch hazel brush was conveyed into the building; traveled overhead and was dumped into the copper stills. When the double distilling was completed the concentrated extract was gravity fed into underground storage tanks and was then pumped underground to the bottling plant across the railroad tracks. The stills were then tipped forward and the wasted chips were removed to be burned in the steam boiler that provided steam for the distilling process.

The **River Valley Junction** is located track-side of the Valley Railroad and is housed in the E.E. Dickinson Co. storehouse and bottling plant. This mixed-use space of the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat has interactive and changing exhibits, the Oliver Jensen Gallery, program and rental spaces and the railroad offices that include those of the Essex Dinner Train. The large open spaces have been recently refurbished and offer a new location for community functions.

The Essex Storehouse was built by the Dickinson Co. in 1899 and a large four story addition was made in 1907. The barrels of witch hazel, destined for shipment to an ever-growing market, were made in the cooper-shop and stored here. In 1929 when additions were made to the distillery, underground pipes were



A great grandson of E.E. Dickinson reads up on family history inside the Yellow Label Mill and its now installed Dickinson company history panels.

installed and the liquid extract was pumped under the railroad tracks to the bottling plant. Here the waxed barrels were filled, bunged, sealed and stored for easy loading onto trains. When retail bottles in a variety of sizes were introduced for sale in drug stores, the witch hazel was bottled, sealed and labeled on the upper floor of this building.

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Clean Energy Task Force

More than 225 Essex residents participated in a light bulb swap April 9th during Essex's Clean Energy Fair, where they exchanged more than 1,125 traditional incandescent light bulbs for high-efficiency LED bulbs, free of charge.

Town residents, with identification, were able to exchange five old incandescent bulbs for five free LED light bulbs. A single LED bulb has a life expectancy of 23 years and uses up to 80 percent less energy than an incandescent bulb. Each five LED replacement bulbs will save homeowners approximately \$50 in annual energy costs and will last as long as 23 years.

Of the bulbs remaining after the event, 144 were given to senior residents of Essex Court and there are still a limited number of LED bulbs remaining for residents who can show residency and did not receive bulbs at the energy fair. Please call 860-227-7753 for more information.

The town as a whole, once all the bulbs are distributed, the town will save close to 113,000 kWh of electricity and \$20,369. Over the life of the bulbs the town will save approximately \$301,300 in electricity costs and \$27,000 in equipment replacement costs. By choosing LED bulbs the town will reduce emissions by approximately 173,883 for pounds of

carbon dioxide annually, which is equivalent to the emissions of 15 cars.

The Town used a \$4,500 grant, earned through its participation in Energize Connecticut's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program, to fund the exchange. In October 2012, Essex signed the CEC pledge, committing to make efforts to reduce municipal building energy consumption by 20 percent, attain 20 percent of municipal electricity needs from renewable sources, and take other actions to support the deployment of clean energy by 2018. In addition, senior residents combined, residents will save \$11,250 annually, with a total lifetime savings of over \$258,000.

Residents and businesses that took advantage of Energize Connecticut energy efficiency solutions helped the community earn the grant and reaped the benefits with this LED giveaway.

Essex residents and businesses looking to save energy and money should visit EnergizeCT.com or call 877.WISE.USE (877-947-3873). To learn more about the Clean Energy Task Force, please visit our website: <http://www.essexcitizensforcleanenergy.com/>.

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News from Essex Community Fund

The Essex Community Fund is pleased to share that the **Summer Meal Program** for Region 4 children is being continued through the Region 4 School system for 2016. The Program was established last year at the Essex Veterans Memorial Hall and managed by ECF with the support of volunteers from St. John's Episcopal Church, Essex Congregational Church, Ivoryton Congregational Church, Our Lady of Sorrows, Deep River Congregational Church, FISH and ECF. The program is being run in conjunction with "Celebrate Learning" at the Deep River Elementary, which has the largest concentration of Region 4 children this summer.

What's New?

- Meals are now being served from Deep River Elementary School
- Over 100 children already enrolled
- A Breakfast meal has been added
- Meals are being prepared for both Region 4 and Old Saybrook at John Winthrop Junior High School.

Volunteers from the Park & Rec department, Region 4 Cafeteria staff and High School Students are currently staffing the program. If you would like to volunteer please contact us at info@essexcommunityfund.org.

2016 Summer Meal Program

June 27th thru July 28th

Monday through Thursday

Deep River Elementary School

Breakfast 8:30-9 am

Lunch 11:30-12 noon

Meals must be eaten at the site

All children 18 and under are welcome

No meal service on July 4th

This program is made possible through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps to fill the hunger gap.

Essex Decommissioned Street Signs Raffle. Coming this August, Don't miss your opportunity to own your decommissioned street sign. Information will be available at Essexcommunityfund.org.

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Essex Land Trust - 2016 Calendar of Events

The Essex Land Trust organizes a calendar of diverse events including hikes, lectures, nature talks, canoeing and kayaking trips, all featuring expert guest speakers and knowledgeable naturalists. All of these events are free and open to the general public.

Saturday, September 24, 9 am - Explore Essex's Best Kept Secret. Become acquainted with the 700-acre Incarnation Camp and Bushy Hill Nature Center, Essex's largest privately owned property. We will be guided by the Nature Center's staff and visit this remarkable assemblage of woods, fields, lakes, and wetlands, seeking out the rich range of plants and animals that call it home. Suitable for all ages. Moderate walking of up to 1½ hours. Rain/thunderstorms cancel. Alternate rain date: Saturday, October 1. Location: Bushy Hill Nature Center at 253 Bushy Hill Road, Ivoryton

Saturday, October 8, 9 am - Can You Name that Tree? A walking tour of the Preserve by tree expert Robert Kuchta who will teach you how to identify the trees that are common in Essex and describe their natural history and human uses. Fun for all ages. Easy to moderate walking. 1½ hours duration. Rain cancels. Location: The Preserve East Entrance parking lot off of Ingham Hill Rd in Essex.

Saturday, October 22 - 7th Annual Ivoryton Library 5K Run. Co-sponsored in part by the Essex Land Trust, the Ivoryton Library's 7th Annual Run Local, Read Local 5K Run/Walk, will benefit the Library and its programs. The race meanders through Ivoryton Village and the Essex Land Trust's Falls River Preserve. 5K prizes awarded in 7 age groups. Runners 8 and under running in the Pumpkin Run will be given medals, and pumpkins to paint. Race starts at

8:45 am for children and at 9:15 am for adults. Parking is available in designated lots. Rain or shine. Location: Registration begins at the Ivoryton Village Green at 7:30 am.

Essex Land Properties & Trails - Since its founding in 1968, the Land Trust has helped preserve over 1000 acres of open space, of which it owns or holds under easement approximately 600 acres. We invite all of the community to enjoy our 23 preserves, many along the spectacular waterfronts of the Connecticut and Falls Rivers. Properties are open sunrise to sunset and we encourage everyone to enjoy these open spaces to experience the natural beauty and diversity of the Essex community. To learn more about the Essex Land Trust, programs, properties, and trails visit us at www.essexlandtrust.org or contact us at info@essexlandtrust.org.



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- **July 30, 1 pm:** Walking tour of West & Prospect Streets, meet at Pratt House.
- **July 31, 7 pm:** Walking tour of Essex Village, meet at the Foot of Main Street.

Each \$5 tour is a separate event; FREE for EHS members.

August 21 from 12-2 pm. Summer Picnic: public welcome! Pratt House, 19 West Avenue, Essex. FREE.

September 18 at 2 pm. Tri-Town Vintage Baseball Game, Devitt Field, 245 South Main Street, Deep River. Root for Essex, Chester or Deep River, playing by 1857 rules. FREE.

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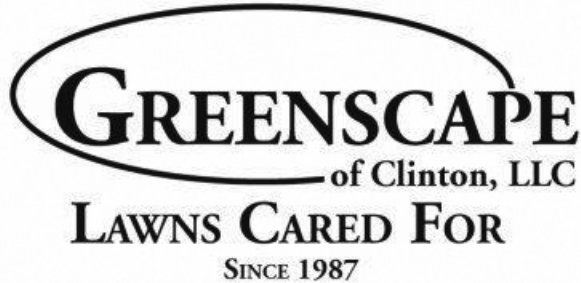
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- **Sunday Story times at Essex Island Marina at 4:30 pm. Rthrough August 14.**
- **Tuesday Afternoon Yoga for Families with Yogi B at 4:30 pm. Through August 9.**
- **Thursday Morning Story times, 9:30 am at the Ivoryton Green. Through August 11.**

Special Children's Events in August:

Puppeteer, Tai Chi and Qigong Instructor Sharon Didato: Thursday, August 4th, 4-5 pm.

Make Your Own Hula Hoop and Demo: Thursday, August 11th, 4-5 pm. Please register for this event so that we will have enough supplies.

Welcome to Kindergarten Party: Thursday, August 18th at 11 am. Please call to reserve a space for this event.

End of Summer Reading Family Festival at the Ivoryton Green:

Sunday, August 21st, 5-7 pm

Bring the family to enjoy performances by the Om-Fly Children Acrobats and Judi Ann of Dancin' with Hoops. Bring your Hula Hoops from August 11 and join in the fun!

** Bring your own picnic or buy a pizza from Ivoryton's new pizzeria, Brickside Pizza! The dessert is generously donated from our friends at Scoops of Centerbrook.

Please call Elizabeth Bartlett for more information on these programs and to reserve a space!

Upcoming FUNdraisers:

7th Annual Run Local/ Read Local Saturday, October 22.

Registration is open for this fun 5K through beautiful Ivoryton and the Falls River Preserve.

New this year: more age groups, new pricing, a costume theme, different awards, and this year, we share the date with the Ivoryton Village Pumpkin Festival! Carve a pumpkin to add to the RL/RL display while you wait for the awards ceremony.

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- Aug 2nd Ivoryton Green: Southern Voice (A Modern Day Country)
- Aug 10th Essex Main Street: Blues on the Rocks
- Aug 16th Ivoryton Green: UHF

Mark Your Calendar: Ivoryton Village Pumpkin Festival
October 22nd, Ivoryton Green 5pm-8 pm.

Fall Programs: Fall Programs include Kids on the Move Cooking Classes, Floor Hockey, Basketball, Computer Coding, and Tennis. You can register online at essexct.gov.

Contact us: We love hearing from you on our programs, parks, and the operations of our department. For programing information and updates visit our website, essexct.gov and "Like" us on Facebook!

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- identify potential home hazards that could develop during a hurricane, such as those involving gas, electricity, chemicals, and structural damage
- install a smoke detector
- buy a fire extinguisher and make sure your family knows where to find it and how to use it
- conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home
- provide escape ladders for multi-story structures
- establish an assembly point where the family meets in the event of fire or if a disaster occurs when the family is not together at home
- give your relatives and friends the name of a contact person who will know where you are and how you are doing
- know the location of your important papers, such as insurance policies, wills, licenses, stocks, etc.
- instruct family members about how to shut off the gas, water, and electric mains
- post emergency phone numbers at every phone; I inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability
- properly dispose of all chemicals, pesticides, and solvents not being used

You should stock your home with supplies that may be needed during the emergency period. These supplies should include:

- several clean containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about five gallons for each person)
- a 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food
- a first aid kit and manual
- a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries
- sleeping bags or extra blankets
- a large supply of non-breakable spoons, forks, knives, cups, plates, etc.
- water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or iodine tablets or unscented, ordinary household chlorine bleach
- prescription medicines and special medical needs
- baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers, and other baby supplies
- disposable cleaning cloths, such as "baby wipes" for the whole family to use in case bathing facilities are not available
- a portable toilet, and toilet paper; I personal hygiene supplies, such as soap, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, etc.
- alternate heat and cooking sources, such as a kerosene heater and a camp stove - use these only in well-ventilated areas
- shovels and hand tools
- candles and matches
- a mop, bucket, and towels
- one or more rolls of plastic sheeting, a staple gun with staples, and duct tape
- plastic trash bags and ties
- an emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.
- a citizens band radio or a cellular phone, if possible
- extra cash

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- pet food
- insect repellent
- rubber boots/rubber gloves

During the Storm

To get through the storm in the safest possible manner:

- monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible
- stay indoors until the authorities declare the storm is over
- do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed – the calm “eye” of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume

- expect the loss of electricity, gas, and water
- stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement. Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials
- prepare to evacuate to a shelter or to a neighbor’s home if your home is damaged, or if you are instructed to do so by emergency personnel
- if you should lose electrical power, eat perishable food first.

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Tick Borne Illnesses

Summer is the time for picnics, hiking, outdoor concerts, and just relaxing in your back yard. It is also the time for ticks to come out and feed. In Connecticut there are several illnesses caused by a tick bite. The common deer tick, Ixodes scapularis, can transmit Lyme disease, Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis (Ehrlichiosis), and Babesiosis. Symptoms of these illnesses include fever, body aches, headaches, and in the case of Lyme disease an expanding red rash. Symptoms may begin from 3-30 days after the bite.

The American dog tick, Dermacentor variabilis, can transmit another illness Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Symptoms include the sudden onset of fever, headache and muscle pains followed by a rash. These symptoms may appear 3-14 days after the tick bite.

All of these infections can be treated with antibiotics, but without prompt treatment they can cause serious or even fatal illness.

After spending time outside it is important to do thorough skin survey to find any ticks. The longer a tick remains attached the more likely it could transmit an illness. An infected deer tick can transmit one or even more illnesses at the same bite.

The Connecticut Agricultural Station estimates that about 25-30% of deer ticks are infected with Lyme disease. But not every tick bite will transmit the illness. If you find a tick it is important to remove it promptly. Use tweezers and grasp the tick’s mouthparts as close to the skin as possible. Using steady pressure, pull the tick upward. After removal wash the area with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Write down the date it was removed. If you develop a rash at the bite site and/or symptoms of a flu like illness contact your physician immediately.



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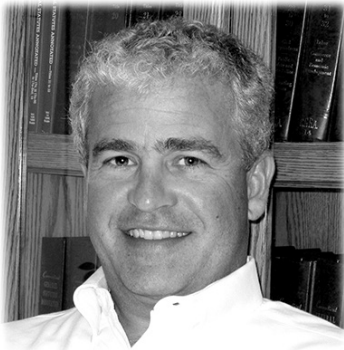
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By now, you've all heard about the Zika Virus and its link to significant birth defects. Brain malformations, microcephaly, and neural tube defects are all associated with Zika Virus infection in babies. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant within the upcoming months, Zika virus infection can have serious, lifelong, and even tragic impacts on a family.

Pregnant women, women of childbearing age, and their sex partner must take personal precautions to prevent becoming infected with Zika virus. *Modifications in personal behavior are crucial to preventing Zika virus-associated birth defects in babies.*

- Don't travel to areas where Zika Virus is prevalent (consider changing your vacation destination)
- If you or your partner must travel to areas where Zika virus is prevalent
 - wear long-sleeved shirts & pants
 - use mosquito repellent containing DEET
 - choose accommodations/destinations with air conditioning or those with window/door screens or to keep mosquitos outside

- treat clothing and gear with permethrin or buy pre-treated items
- Delay pregnancy for 6-8 months after traveling to areas where Zika Virus is prevalent.
- Prevent sexual transmission of Zika virus through abstinence or by using condoms.

If you and your partner are planning a pregnancy and believe you've been exposed to Zika Virus, consult your primary care physician for guidance and recommendations for Zika Virus testing. Possible Zika virus exposure is defined as travel to or residence in an area of active Zika virus transmission. To emphasize the significance of Zika virus infection and babies, the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued the following preconception guidance: Women and men with Zika virus exposure who are interested in conceiving should consult with their primary care physician for counseling. Women who have Zika virus should wait 8 weeks after symptom onset and men should wait 6 months after symptom onset to attempt conception.

Please refer to the following websites for additional information: CT Department of Public Health <http://www.ct.gov/dph/zika> and the CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

Zika virus in CT – What you need to know

Zika Virus is transmitted primarily by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito which is not prevalent in Connecticut. Since the *Ae. aegypti* mosquito is not prevalent in CT, the risk of exposure and subsequent infection is currently associated with travel to or residence in an area of active Zika virus transmission. CT Agricultural Experimental Station (CAES) continues to conduct mosquito and virus surveillance in 72 municipalities throughout the state. CAES monitors for mosquito species, abundance in communities, and prevalence of virus infected mosquitos; additional information from CAES will become available as the "mosquito season" progresses.

Mosquito Related Diseases in Essex

Although there is significant media attention to Zika Virus, there are other more "local" mosquito associated diseases that should not be overlooked. West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) infection have been reported in CT. These diseases are transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito – usually the *Aedes Albopictus* mosquito which is prevalent along the shoreline. In severe cases, people with EEE or WNV have a sudden onset of headache, high fever, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, altered mental status, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, and inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) or the membranes of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) or coma. These are extreme cases however the risk of becoming infected with WNV or EEE is



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greatly reduced by local mosquito management practices and personal behavior.

To reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes residents should:

- Minimize time spent outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Be sure door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time, or when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials that keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure and to protect small babies when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellent (with DEET) when it is necessary to be outdoors. To protect infants, use white-colored mosquito netting made of cotton or nylon with 23-26 mesh per inch
- Treat clothing with permethrin as directed on the label to provide protection even through several wash cycles.
- Make sure window and door screens are intact to keep mosquitos outside or use air conditioning

To reduce mosquito breeding places:

- Eliminate standing water around your home every 2-5 days. Empty buckets, bird baths, planters, old tires, watering cans, children's outdoor toys or any trash that can hold water.
- Keep children's wading pools empty and turned on their side when not in use.
- Clean out and change the water in your pet's water bowl or trough every day.
- Use larvicides or "mosquito dunks" in standing water on your property. Pay particular attention to unused/abandoned swimming pools, ponds, unused canoes/boats, hollow fence posts without caps, bamboo (cut down remaining stumps so they cannot hold water).
- Get rid of places where adult mosquitoes can find cool, dark and damp areas to rest by mowing the lawn, trimming shrubbery and cutting down weeds and vines.
- Clean out rain gutters and downspouts regularly
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Every Tuesday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 23 Main Street.

The meals are free of charge and all are welcome.

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How You Can Help: Call (860) 388-1988 or visit www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org for more information on how to plan a food drive, or become a pantry or meal site volunteer. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 804 Essex CT 06426. Donate securely online at www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org. Your help makes a place at the table for all those in need in Essex and the shoreline.

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Board of the Friends – Essex Library



Pictured (left to right) new board of Friends of Essex Library: Genie Devine, Secretary; Linda Levene, past President; Jo Kelly, President; Judy Taylor, Catharine and Susan Hosack (not pictured), Members at Large; Pat Mather, Treasurer; Judy Fish, Ivoryton Library Liaison; and Peggy Tuttle, Book Sales Coordinator.

I am very pleased to be on the Board of the Friends of the Essex Library as their new President. I look forward to working with my new Board, the Essex Library Association board, and the Essex community.

Libraries across the country are going through a transformation. The library many of you, as well as myself, grew up with no longer exists. Essex Library is becoming an ever expanding multimedia community resource hub; striving to meet the needs and requirements of a changing community.

My goals are to aid and support Essex Library Association in its efforts to meet the challenges of a changing community. And, with your community involvement in our library system, we will accomplish and surpass these goals.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Jo Kelly

The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries provide food and fellowship to those in need. Serving the towns of Essex, Chester, Clinton, Madison, Old Saybrook, East Lyme, Lyme, Old Lyme, Killingworth, Westbrook and Deep River.

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The riverside location of the Museum allows for unique outdoor events, like

the popular Theater Along the River performances. The evening of August 5th will see Flock Theatre return to the Lay House lawn, which overlooks beautiful Essex harbor, to present Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. Get into the swing of summer on Thursday evenings from July 7th to August 25th, as the Museum hosts Thursdays on the Dock, a free concert series on the our lawn. Bring a picnic blanket and food, and enjoy a different musical act every week. Throughout the summer, there's always something fun to do at the Connecticut River Museum!

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Essex Garden Club Awards Scholarships

The Essex Garden Club is pleased to announce the 2016 scholarship recipients. College Scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded to two students:

Annie Brown of Essex, a graduate of Valley Regional High School, will pursue Environmental Studies at the University of Vermont. Annie has been active in the community working at The Bushy Hill Nature Center and with the Essex Land Trust.

Corey Thomas of Ivoryton, a graduate of the UConn College of Agriculture, will return to UConn to pursue his Masters, specializing in Agriculture Education. Corey has been active with the UConn Extension program and other groups in promoting sustainable agriculture.

Additionally, the Club supports summer nature programs for children from Essex, Ivoryton and Centerbrook. Scholarships were given to 4 students to attend The Bushy Hill Nature Center, which provides 2 weeks of in-depth nature experience at the Ivoryton camp. The Club also provided 15 scholarships for one-week nature and science sessions through the Essex Parks and Recreation Summer Program.

The Essex Garden Club sincerely thanks all who support the annual May Market, the proceeds of which enable the Club to make these donations.

Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

Are you the parent of a child living with epilepsy?

The Epilepsy Foundation of CT invites you to join their newly added support group in Branford CT. This will be a gathering of parents to talk about the challenges, fears, and coping tactics in caring for a child with epilepsy. The support group will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 pm. Location will be at St. Therese Church Parish Center, 105 Leetes Island Rd, Branford, CT.

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White Wines for Summer

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If you are looking for something very light with a mild effervescence look no further than a Portuguese “green wine,” or Vinho Verde. These wines are low in alcohol and typically inexpensive. This can be a great substitute for a sparkling wine if you are looking for something lightweight and refreshing.

Another light style wine that has nice acidity and good flavor is White Bordeaux from France. Typically comprised of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, these wines compliment seafood perfectly. France is also well known for their Rhone Valley varietals; Marsanne, Rousanne, Viognier and Ugni Blanc. These varietal are beautiful on their own and are also blended together to make beautiful Côtes du Rhône Blanc and Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc. Another beautiful French varietal from the Muscadet region in the Loire Valley is Melon. Clay soils and granite slopes give this white great minerality with an occasional touch of effervescence.

Another great white varietal is Chenin Blanc. Most popularly found as a single varietal in South Africa where it is crisp and dry with complexity, it is also well known as Vouvray in France where it tends to be fruity. In California it is used in a lot of blending, especially with Viognier, but it is becoming more popular as a stand-alone varietal.

There are lots of sweeter varietals like Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Moscato which are becoming increasingly popular as well. If you like your wine very sweet Moscato is the way to go, and if you prefer just a hint of sweetness you can choose a blend that uses some drier grapes like Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc and blends in the Riesling. Sweet wines are always a great compliment to spicy foods, cheese platters and desserts.

Prep your palate for some new found gems and seek out your favorite wine guru to guide you to some fresh new white wines for this summer. Whether you are hosting an event or simply enjoying a gorgeous day on the back deck these great white varietals will not disappoint!

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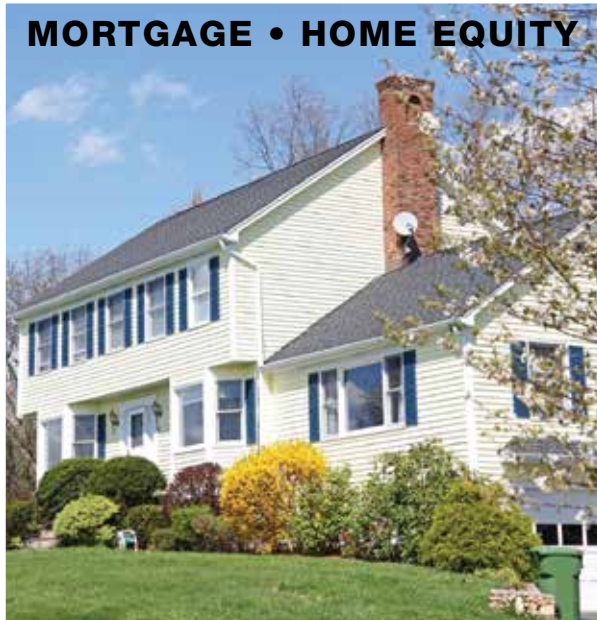
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