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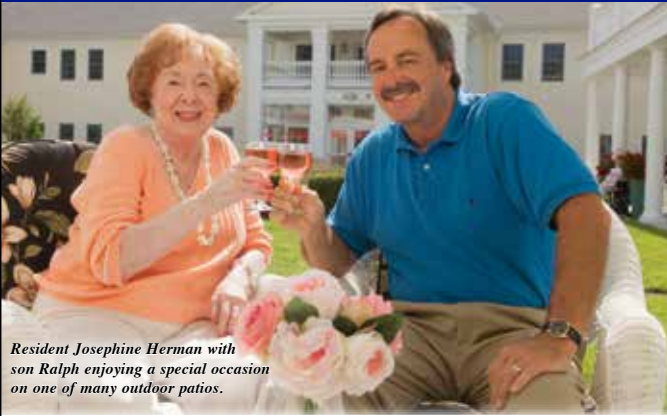
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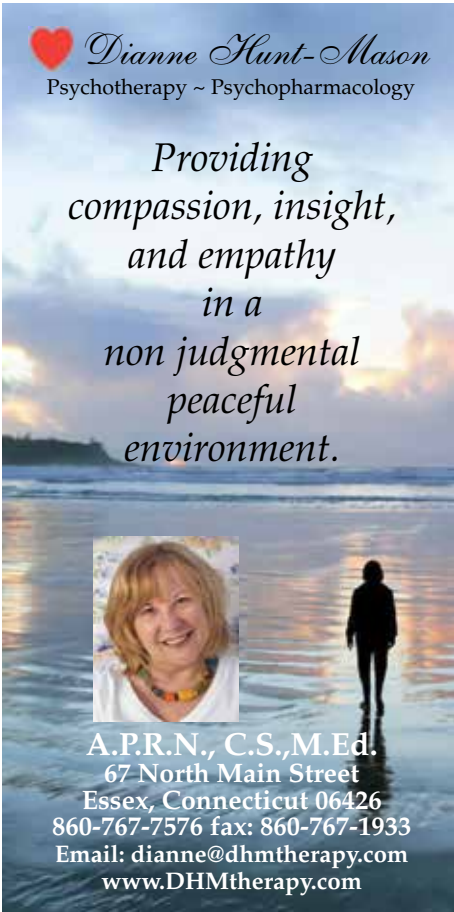
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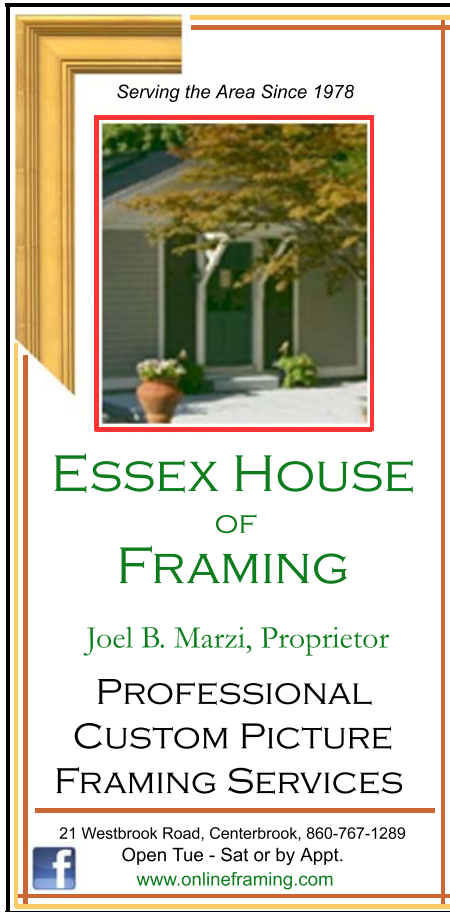


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MLS: M9142865 \$896,000



NEWLY RENOVATED RANCH

ESSEX - Beautifully landscaped on cul-de-sac close to the village. Spacious new layout w/3 BRs & 3 baths, new kitchen, updated baths, HW & tile floors, sliders to deck from LR & MBR. New roof, wiring, furnace and air conditioning.
MLS: M9141699 \$489,900



PRIVATE YARD & PATIO

ESSEX - Delightful 3BR cape within walking distance to lake, park and walking trails. Spacious DR & LR, marble flp & HW floors. Recent "Gedney" kitchen. Workshop, beautiful gardens & patio!
MLS: M9127886 \$339,900

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DEEDED ACCESS TO SOUTH COVE

Essex: High-quality home newly constructed by renowned builder K.J. Park as his personal residence. Spacious kitchen offering Sub-Zero, Viking, Dacor appliances opens to great room w/coffered ceiling & fpl. Possible 5th bedroom.
MLS: M9142734 \$1,835,000
Rick Weiner 860.227.3191



WATERFRONT CAPE

Essex: Totally renovated waterfront Cape in the heart of Essex Village on Middle Cove. Spectacular views! Offers 3BR, 3 baths, new kitchen, wood floors throughout. Large covered deck overlooking the Cove.
MLS: M9135536 \$1,450,000
Colette Harron 860.304.2391



GRACIOUS VILLAGE GEM

Essex: An impeccable renovation has brought this airy and gracious village gem with water views of North Cove to mellow perfection. A newly designed marble master bath, coffered ceiling, custom cabinetry and lovely gardens.
MLS: M9141065 \$1,325,000
Jennifer & Jane Associates 860.227.6634



SOUTH COVE VIEWS

Essex: Beautiful cape with open floor plan; stunning kitchen, beautiful baths, Master Suite with balcony overlooking private pool and breathtaking scenes of South Cove. Totally renovated, this home is a must see!
MLS: M9141796 \$949,000
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VILLAGE COLONIAL

Essex: Circa 1844 village colonial on lovely level .53 ac. w/views of marina. Two car garage with apt. above. 3BRs, 2 baths, entry hall, kitchen w/breakfast room, DR, LR, 2nd level encl sun porch, wood floors, workshop.
MLS: M9142398 \$875,000
Leslie Sullivan 860.391.3337



MASTERFULLY RENOVATED CAPE

Essex: Masterfully renovated in 2006 with an emphasis on providing large open rooms, this stunning home is perfect for entertaining. Features include a gourmet kitchen, great room with soaring ceilings, expandable dining room, and an incredible master suite.
MLS: M9142326 \$599,000
John Garufi 860.510.6804



SPACIOUS RANCH UNIT

Essex: Spacious new first floor ranch in Essex Village with 2 bedrooms & 2 baths, plus hardwood floors and an open great room. Garage is attached and storage is great! Easy walk to the village shops & waterfront.
MLS: M9134387 \$539,000
Donn Holland 860.227.4737



STROLL TO VILLAGE

Essex: Stroll into the village from this charming & pristine renovated colonial home, with its chef's kitchen with Wolf range & granite counters, light-filled sunroom, hardwood floors. Features a Buderus furnace, brand new septic & a studio above the garage.
MLS: M9142953 \$369,000
Sydney Anderson 860.510.3449



REDONE TOP TO BOTTOM

Essex: This c.1890 house has been redone from top to bottom to create one of the sweetest homes in the area. New roof, central air, Buderus boiler, Jenn-Air stainless appliances, granite counter tops, Marvin windows, wood floors with radiant heat, tin ceiling in bath!
MLS: M9142849 \$325,000
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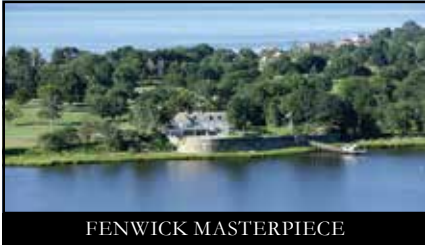
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FENWICK MASTERPIECE

OLD SAYBROOK - This private waterfront property with a 100ft dock embodies everything that one could wish for, all within the unique Fenwick lifestyle. Overlooking the famed links course, South Cove, the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound, the 5,174 sq ft residence has been meticulously renovated to the pinnacle of finest standards. The property with 130 ft of waterfront is set high and protected by a 22ft high seawall. Price Available Upon Request



WATERFRONT ESTATE

OLD SAYBROOK - Spectacular Waterfront Estate on Connecticut River set high to savor the captivating, panoramic vistas. The grand living room with high bow ceilings, a large fireplace and a wall of windows make it perfect for year round entertaining. Multiple sitting rooms allow for quiet times. The swimming pool has infinity like views across the river to protected coves. A three stall barn and a deep water dock complete this beautiful property. Offered at \$4,750,000



HILLTOP ESTATE

EAST LYME - Exceptional 12,000 sf hilltop estate. Mint condition. Designed for luxurious yet practical daily living and entertaining. Spectacular views, impeccable grounds, tennis court/basketball court and pool house with kitchen. Lower level games room and sound proof screening room. Beautiful barn, rolling pastures and orchards. Offered at \$3,595,000



ESSEX VILLAGE

ESSEX - Exquisite Essex Village Waterfront. James Phelps Homestead circa 1845. Architecturally significant Greek Revival impeccably restored offers a spacious light filled interior and abundant amenities for today's living including private elevator and wine cellar. Gourmet kitchen, Formal Dining Room, 3 fp, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths plus three bay Carriage House with guest accommodations, boathouse/gazebo, bulkhead and davitson Middle Cove. Amazing views! Offered at \$2,900,000



FOXBORO WINDMILL

ESSEX - Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to own The Windmill. This unique waterfront building is one of the most recognized features on the Connecticut River. The Windmill features multiple floors of living area including a living room, wet bar, 2 bedrooms, full bath and more. Offered at \$1,925,000



DRAMATIC CONTEMPORARY

ESSEX - This beautiful contemporary has been recently remodeled and expertly designed to have an open loft-like feel. The 4,200 square foot house has 4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, 2 half bathrooms and an open chef's kitchen with bamboo cabinets, high end appliances including SubZero and Viking. CT River frontage, boat house, deep water mooring, dock, beach, guest suite and in-law apt suite. Offered at \$1,890,000



WATERFRONT ON PENINSULA

HADLYME - Waterfront on a Peaceful Peninsula overlooking Whalebone Cove in Hadlyme. Totally renovated to perfection 4 bedr, 3.5 bath home with wide wood floors, custom doors and built-ins and detailed paneling. Enjoy magnificent views! 2 Car garage with attached guests quarters. Offered at \$1,295,000



NEW ENGLAND FARMHOUSE

ESSEX - New England Farmhouse. Set on a level lot, this charming home offers a 1st floor master suite with fireplace, 3 guest bedrooms, 2.5 baths, lovely sunroom with private terrace, and guest cottage ideal for a home office. Walk to Main St, Marinas, town landing and CT River. Offered at \$749,000



4 + PRIVATE ACRES

DEEP RIVER - Fabulous bright contemporary on 4+ private acres nestled between Essex and Deep River. Enjoy spacious rooms, woodfloors throughout, Gourmet kitchen and a beautiful multi-level deck. 2900 square feet does not include finished lower level. Offered at \$525,000

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CONTEMPORARY MEETS COUNTRY

Essex: Located on a scenic country road close to Essex Village, this dramatic 2,000 sq ft contemporary offers a wonderful, open, sunlit floor plan with a first floor Master Suite. Banks of sliding glass doors open onto a large deck that overlooks the 1.69 private acres of natural rock outcroppings, gardens, and a grassy meadow.
Offered at \$442,900



ESSEX VILLAGE GEM

Essex: Beautifully restored by noted architect, this stunning Victorian has 6 working fireplaces and every modern amenity tucked into a charming gem. A new kitchen boasts Viking appliances, marble countertops and gleaming cabinetry. The Master suite offers a sumptuous new bath and private balcony overlooking the sweeping lawn.
Offered at \$ 885,000



DEEDED DEEP WATER DOCK ACCESS

Essex: Within walking distance of Essex village, this exquisite Cape exudes charm and sophistication. Newly renovated and tastefully decorated by noted Designer, it offers magnificent views beyond description over North Cove to the CT River & beyond. New baths, first or second floor master bedroom possible.
Offered at \$930,000



SOUTH COVE VIEWS

Essex: Beautiful cape with open floor plan; stunning kitchen, beautiful baths, Master Suite with balcony overlooking private pool and breathtaking scenes of South Cove. Totally renovated, this home is a must see!
Offered at \$949,000



DIRECT WATERFRONT WITH DOCK

Essex: Beautiful waterfront home with terraces, decks, balconies and newly built dock offers panoramic views of Essex Harbor out to the CT River. The fully updated home offers an open airy floor plan, perfect for today's coastal living style. A boat owner's dream!
Offered at \$1,295,000



MAGICAL VILLAGE HOME

Essex: The Phillip Tooker House c. 1815 is a historic gem. An elegant renovation brings this home to perfection. The first floor boasts a Master Suite with marble bath, Chef's kitchen and Great Room with 10 ft. coffered ceilings, custom cabinetry and bluestone fireplace.
Offered at \$1,325,000



WINTERBERRY DRIVE

Deep River: Enjoy one floor living in this lovely Southern Style ranch on a much sought after neighborhood close to Essex Village! Two acres of exquisitely landscaped property include a magnificent pool complex and screened porch. A year round paradise!
Offered at \$ 999,000



ONE OF THE AREAS BEST

Deep River: Exquisitely landscaped property with dock superbly sited on 6 PRIVATE waterfront acres on CT River with rolling lawns, pool and stunning views. This architecturally designed residence features first floor master suite, newly renovated kitchen and family room. Perfection!
Offered at \$2,800,000



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Essex Riverfront Serene waterfront home c.2008 with dock & 450 ft river front. Expansive private lot. Exquisite craftsmanship and architectural detail. *Offered at \$2,650,000*



Essex River Views Stunning water views are enjoyed from this classic contemporary home set above the CT river. First floor master bdrm, au pair suite, 3 bay garage, pool. *Offered at \$1,875,000*



PENDING

Essex Riverfront Exceptional views from this 3400sf home set on 1.7 acres with a gently sloping lawn leading to a sandy beach and dock on the CT river. *Offered at \$1,795,000*



Essex Village c.1732 Former Osage Inn. Bursting with charm and rich architectural detail! 4,227/sf on .62 acre at the head of Main Street. 5 bdrms, 3.1 bths, 6 fireplaces. *Offered at \$1,395,000*



Essex Village Amazingly bright and open remodeled Federal with a gorgeous chef's kitchen, first floor master suite, third floor office and spacious yard. *Offered at \$895,000*



Essex Village Unique stone house c.1826 with European flair graciously set on a magnificent property. Fabulous gardens, spacious covered patio. Cobblestone drive, 4 fireplaces. *Offered at \$875,000*



Essex A masterpiece of artful renovation with first floor bedroom suite set on a lush .59 ac landscaped lot. 3 bdrms, 2.1 bths, 2 fl/pls, attached garage. Exquisite! *Offered at \$749,000*



Essex Village Enjoy village living in this surprising craftsman-style colonial. First floor bedroom suite w/deck, open floor plan, spacious family room, attached garage. *Offered at \$699,000*

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First Selectman's Corner

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I hope this issue of Essex Events Magazines finds you well and enjoying the beautiful fall season in Essex. This is a wonderful time of year in New England with many outdoor endeavors to enjoy, as well as a number of events and activities in and around Town. Please take the time to read through our final magazine of 2013 as Town departments and community organizations keep you informed of their important news.

The Town of Essex continues with a number of initiatives to improve our town and our operations. We have recently instituted new fees and procedures at the Essex transfer station. A waste water management study is the initial funding phase for a comprehensive study of waste water disposal in the three villages of Essex, Centerbrook, and Ivoryton. The previous waste water management study sponsored by the town's water pollution control commission was completed in 1998. I am furthering our capital projects study and possible bonding by forming a small working group to secure actual RFPs for the capital projects we need to undertake. Lastly, in an effort to promote business and commercial growth in Essex, we have created a new Economic Development consultant position to strengthen our position in increasing business opportunities in Town.

Work on the Civic Campus Enhancement Project, funded by the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant of \$471,000 has commenced. This project will expand

the number and size of community events by renovating the Town Hall parking area, replacing the outdated Grove Street playscape, refreshing the tennis courts, and connecting the Town Hall, library campuses, improving the streetscape and pedestrian safety. Essex was also awarded a \$435,000 Main Street Investment Fund (MSIF) grant for project work



First Selectman Norm Needleman

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HISTORIC ESSEX

Essex: Price includes home (perfect guest house) at 7 Prospect St. See listing M9141676. Lovingly renovated 1867 Colonial. Ideal location in heart of Essex Village. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, lovely family room. Walk to restaurants, shops & CT River.
MLS: M9141675 \$1,100,000

EXCEPTIONAL ANTIQUE

Essex: Exceptional Antique Village cape is being sold with listing M9141675. Renovated in 2003 this sweet home is perfect as a guesthouse or income producing property. Perfect 5 room, 2 BR w/fpl is absolutely adorable! Quick walk to downtown.
MLS: M9141676 \$1,100,000

THE JAMES PHELPS HOMESTEAD C.1845

Essex: Architecturally significant Greek Revival waterfront is located in the heart of Essex Village. Livingroom w/FP, family room w/FP & formal DR w/built-ins. Impeccably restored offers a 3 bay barn w/guest apt. and boathouse/gazebo w/bulkhead and davits on Middle Cove.
MLS: M9141071 \$2,900,000

IMMACULATE CLASSIC COLONIAL

Essex: Gracious Colonial! Excellent location! Beautiful formal LR w/fpl and built-ins, formal DR w/bay window & built-ins, spacious family room w/fpl plus office/library. Second FR w/fpl on lower level. Brick patio, 2 car garage. Short walk to Essex Village.
MLS: M9141224 \$549,900

PRICE REDUCED

Essex: Quiet private location-walk to town. Spacious living room w/fireplace, Formal dining room, large Family room w/fireplace, kitchen w/granite & stainless, 4-5 BR, 2.1 baths, 2 car garage and pool. Come see this wonderful home!
MLS: M9140444 \$349,900

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to enhance a shared "Village Center" around Main and Ivory Summit Streets in Ivoryton. The grant funds will be used for intersection improvements at Summit Street and Main Street; installing new cross walks, renovating existing crosswalks, and other improvements to help in the continued renewal of Ivoryton as a robust economic center.

Please note that extensive construction work at the town hall campus will occur through October and November. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, and our Public Works Department will do its best to keep certain areas of the Town Hall parking lot open during construction.

Continuing a focus on safety in Town, a reminder to please let Town Hall personnel know when street lights are out so that we can take care of the issue right away. Have your families and property prepared for storms and power outages. We recommend that our neighbors in Essex be cognizant of hurricane season, listed as June 1-November 30 each year, though storms can occur outside these dates. Copies of the Emergency Preparedness Guidebook are available for you to pick up at Town Hall, you also will find this document on our website, www.essexct.gov, click Government, click Departments, click Emergency Management. Have a safe Halloween. Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult, cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks, and never cross between parked cars. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers. For drivers, drive extra safely on Halloween, slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods.

As mentioned earlier, this year the Town is undergoing a detailed, once every ten years, property revaluation. Given the state of the overall real estate market subsequent to the 2008 economic collapse, it is likely that the Town's grand list will decrease and the mill rate will increase, even in the absence of any change in Town spending next year. That said, if the assessment on your property decreases by approx. the same percentage decrease of the grand list, there should be no effective change in your tax bill. If your assessment decreases by more than the grand list decrease, then you might see a reduction, and conversely, if you see a smaller decrease than the average, then your tax bill may increase over this year, by more than any spending increase in next year's budget, should there be any. In the past certain segments of the market have seen more than average changes in valuations, and at this time, we have no idea where that will occur, if it does at all. In the event that happens to anyone, there are steps you can take to ensure that the appraisal company has taken all facts into consideration. If you are still not satisfied, then you can appeal your assessment to our Board of Assessment Appeals. The new assessment will be mailed in November. Thereafter, if you have questions or concerns on your assessment we welcome you to attend an informal hearing with the revaluation firm.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Essex for another term, and I urge all of you to come out and vote in November. Wishing you all a fantastic and safe fall season...

— *Norman Needleman, First Selectman*

Town Clerk's Office

Welcome to Centerbrook, Essex and Ivoryton

- Gary Sepulvado & Nancy Meneely**, 39 North Main Street, Essex
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Matthew & Margaret Hines III, 59 Woodland Drive, Centerbrook
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Robert & Victoria Corbett, 85 River Road #K3, Essex
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Essex Historical Society

Hopefully, you have noticed some changes in information you have seen coming from the Essex Historical Society. Thanks to a generous donation of time, energy and creativity by OUTTHINK, we have worked to revitalize the look of EHS and to think about ways to reach more people interested in learning about and preserving the fascinating history of our 3 Villages of Centerbrook, Essex and Ivoryton. We made modest changes to our logo and have been focusing on streamlining the look of all of our marketing material. With support from many volunteers, we continue to work on expanding our reach via technology.

We hope you visit our website at EssexHistory.org. and, please like us on Facebook to keep up to date on upcoming events, photos and fun. In addition, we are finally capable of sending email updates of news and events, so please make sure we have your email by sending an email to ehs@essexhistory.net.

With a generous grant from Essex Savings Bank, we are working on the design and development of a Newsletter which we hope to have in your mailbox by the end of this year. This is a large undertaking which would not have been possible without the generous support from ESB.

EHS owns two historic buildings in Essex, the Pratt House Museum and Hills Academy. Pratt House is open from June through September and 22 docents are trained to guide people

through the rooms and history every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Hills Academy houses our archives where fourteen archivists catalog and maintain our valuable materials and do research on inquiries that are sent or posted on our website. These buildings require a lot of care and maintenance to keep them operational in the historical nature of the property. For this reason, we are so pleased and grateful to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for granting us funds this past year to help fund the replacement of the deteriorating roofs of the barn and outhouse on the grounds of the Pratt House Museum. Susan Malan, Vice President of EHS, states "With this grant we are able to maintain a critical structure that contains exhibits and acts as a meeting space to promote the history of Essex and the importance of education and preservation."

EHS is a not-for-profit organization whose basic mission is to promote and preserve the awareness of the people, places and things that have shaped the history of Essex which incorporates the villages of Centerbrook, Essex and Ivoryton. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering your time to help us continue our efforts, please send an email to ehs@essexhistory.net or visit our website to download a membership form. If you are a member and want to become reacquainted with EHS, please reach out and get involved. We have a lot of exciting programs planned for the fall which are free and open to the public. We hope to see you there.



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Essex Garden Club Announces New Officers for 2013-2015

The new Officers for the Essex Garden Club are Linda Newberg, President, Barbara Burgess, 1st Vice President, Dianne Sexton, 2nd Vice President, Barbara Hall, Recording Secretary, Barbara Marden, Corresponding Secretary, Patricia Mather, Treasurer, and Carol Denham, Assistant Treasurer.

After officially taking the EGC gavel on September 9, Linda Newberg described her message to the membership:

"We have an exciting agenda planned for all of us this year. Along with the programs are trips and workshops that will further enhance our skills and knowledge. All the activities correlate beautifully with our mission of beautifying our town, spreading horticultural knowledge, and supporting the conservation of natural resources.

"Thinking Outside the Box" is this year's theme. We have a wonderful history of accomplishing all the goals of our mission. This year, let's reflect on past strategies and develop some new ways to successfully meet our objectives. By generating new ideas we can lighten our workload and make our jobs easier. I would like to encourage everyone to "Think Outside the Box." All suggestions are welcome in helping to streamline our processes.

Before I came to the garden club, I asked a friend, "Why do you like being a member of the Essex Garden Club?" Her



Left to right, Barbara Burgess, 1st Vice President, Barbara Hall, Recording Secretary, Linda Newberg, President, and Patricia Mather, Treasurer. Missing are Dianne Sexton, 2nd Vice President, Barbara Marden, Corresponding Secretary and Carol Denham, Assistant Secretary.

response was, "because of the camaraderie." This is so true. What better place to meet so many wonderful people while doing the things we love together. The more involved you get, the more friendships you will make. The Essex Garden Club is indeed a treasure!

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Ivoryton Playhouse

Ivoryton is the place to be this Autumn with plenty of events and entertainment throughout the Fall months and into the holidays. With lots to see and do, we look forward to welcoming you to Ivoryton where you'll find great shops, restaurants, entertainment and great people, too!

Don't be afraid to check out spooky fun for the whole family at the annual Ivoryton Village Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 26. Over 250 jack-o-lanterns will line the green and lots of ghostly and ghoulish events can be discovered throughout the village. Event starts at 5:00 pm - pumpkins lit from 6:00 pm.

At the Ivoryton Playhouse, don't miss **The Seven Year Itch** opening Wednesday, October 30th. A fabulously funny farce from the fifties, this play takes a humorous look at the problems of a typical married man whose wife and son have gone to the beach for the summer. Alone in the apartment, he is unprepared for the arrival of a stunning new upstairs neighbor. Written by George Axelrod and turned into an iconic film starring Marilyn Monroe, *The Seven Year Itch* will tickle your funny bone and touch your heart. Visit www.ivorytonplayhouse.org for more info or to purchase tickets on line.

Fall quickly turns into the holiday season – the brightest time of the year for Ivoryton! Save the Date of Saturday,

November 30 (Thanksgiving weekend) for the fourth annual **Ivoryton Illuminations**. Santa arrives and 200,000 lights are switched on throughout the village. Come and marvel at the tallest living Christmas tree in the state. Tune your radio to 101.5FM and watch the lights dance to the holiday music. The lights are on throughout the month of December and visitors from all over New England come to drive through the brightest, merriest village in Connecticut!!

To celebrate the season of goodwill, bring the whole family to the Ivoryton Playhouse for a very special holiday production written and directed by Playhouse Executive Director Jacqueline Hubbard. **The Bells of Dublin**, is set in Darby's Pub on Christmas Eve. The shops are closing and everyone is hurrying home before the bells chime midnight. In the pub, a few stragglers remain sharing a glass of holiday cheer, wondering if this is the Christmas their dreams will come true. Starring Playhouse favorites R. Bruce Connelly and Michael McDermott, the message of *The Bells of Dublin* is a simple one – discovering the true meaning of family and friendship. Make the Playhouse part of your holiday tradition – a terrific present to share with family and friends! Visit www.ivorytonplayhouse.org for more information or call our box office at (860) 767-7318 to purchase tickets.

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The red varietal, Malbec, originated in France, and is used for blending in small amounts in Bordeaux, and in larger quantities in Languedoc. In France, Malbec tends to be drier than in Argentina due to the soil and the climate. The long warm season in Argentina allows for Malbec to become full and juicy, which enables it to stand on its own as a varietal in the wine-making process. The flavors are rich with dark fruit such as black cherry, cassis and blackberry. Malbec does maintain its dry finish and also can acquire a slight spicy component. Malbec is also blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Bonnard, and Syrah in Argentina to create huge red blends that knock your socks off. These blends can be over-looked due to the huge popularity of red blends in California right now, but they are definitely worth trying for a fuller, spicier mouth-feel.

Torrontes is a white varietal widely grown in Argentina. It is a unique and unusual varietal showing a floral nose with complex fruit flavors of apricot, and citrus fruits with a medium dry finish. Torrontes has a heavier mouth-feel, like that of a Chardonnay, but with a lighter finish. This varietal is a great pairing for lemon chicken or heavier seafood dishes.

Although the lazy days of summer are slowly dwindling away, the beautiful New England fall weather calls for more barbecues and gatherings. Being extremely versatile, both Malbec and Torrontes pair with almost any fare you choose to serve up! So take a step away from your every-day go-to wines and serve up some South American treats!

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Mission Statement: Creating the Essex Community through People, Parks and Programs!

Parks Projects

Civic Campus Enhancement Project Has Begun. The Town of Essex was awarded a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant from the State of Connecticut for the Civic Campus Enhancement Project. This project will allow Park and Recreation to replace our existing tennis courts and playscape at Grove Street Park with brand new facilities. These dramatic improvements will be enjoyed by our park visitors for many years to come. We hope to be able to complete this work in the Fall of 2013. As we close the tennis courts and playground in October for construction, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please check our webpage for details and updates on closings.

Main Street Park Embankment Project. Park and Recreation is excited to have started the Main Street Park Embankment Project. Abutting a cove of the Connecticut River, our green slopes down towards the waterfront and is separated from the water by an embankment. The embankment was flooded during the course of Hurricane Sandy in October, 2012 and Tropical Storm Irene prior, sustaining damage and erosion. The stabilization of the embankment had actually been a concern for a number of years. The project calls for remediation of the damage through slope stabilization measures resulting in an increase to the safety and protection of the property. Much of the funding for this project came from reimbursement from FEMA that the Town worked hard to apply for.

Special Events

Pumpkin Festival Carving & Pizza Party. Calling all pumpkin carvers! New this year, we will host a jack-o-lantern carving party prior to the pumpkin festival to carve pumpkins for our jack-o-lantern stroll. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. Held on Wednesday, October 23 from 6-7:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium.

Ivoryton Village Pumpkin Festival. Our signature special event! The first Pumpkin Festival was held at the Ivoryton

Village Green in 2000 and is held the Saturday before Halloween every year. Join us at the village green to enjoy the free refreshments, contests and games, live music and view the pumpkins! Saturday, October 26 from 5-8 pm at the Ivoryton Green.

Essex Great Outdoors Pursuit. Sponsored by the Rockfall Foundation, the Essex Great Outdoors Pursuit is a cooperative effort between the Land Trust and Park and Recreation to bring the families of Essex together through positive and healthy outdoor endeavors, while increasing the presence and awareness of our local parks, open spaces, and preserves.

4th Annual Run Local/Read Local 5K Run/Walk & Pumpkin Run at the Ivoryton Green on Saturday, October 19. Full information at www.ivoryton.com

Morning With Santa. Essex Park and Recreation and the Essex Library are co-hosting a Holiday Themed special event. We will offer light refreshments, activities for the children, and a visit by a very special guest...Visit Park and Recreation or Essex Library website for full information. Limit of 50 may attend, pre-registration is required. Program is free of charge. Will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 10 am, Essex Town Hall Auditorium.

Save the Date: Essex go Bragh Irish Parade & Festival. Park and Recreation is planning the fourth annual Essex Go Bragh Irish Parade & Festival, to be held March 15, 2014. The event will feature an Irish-themed parade down Main Street into the heart of Essex Village followed by the Festival. All Essex residents and community organizations are encouraged to get involved. Full event information will be posted on our website.

Programs

Kindergarten Basketball. Our Kindergarten Basketball program is the perfect way to introduce your child to the game of basketball in a safe and fun setting. We will use a variety of confidence-building games and drills to teach the basics of the sport. The registration deadline is December 6. Program dates are early January to mid February, day TBA. Volunteer coaches are needed. Be sure to include the player's shirt size on the form.

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Essex Youth Basketball League. Park and Recreation will offer the Essex Youth Basketball League. Our program focuses on fun, skill development, and sportsmanship. The EYBL runs from November to mid-February, Ivoryton, Centerbrook and Essex children in grades 1-6 are eligible to participate. The registration deadline is November 8th. For 1st and 2nd graders, we conduct instructional clinics and scrimmages and meet once per week. Our 3rd -6th grade divisions play organized games and meet twice per week. (Time and Dates TBA) Volunteer coaches are needed. Be sure to include the player's shirt size on the form.

Adult Drop-In Basketball. Our Adult Basketball program is a great place to run some hoops, pick-up games are formed each night. Games are based on exercise, fun and good sportsmanship. Adult Basketball meets every Wednesday 7:30-9pm at Essex Elementary School gym starting October 2; program does not meet when the school is closed for weather-related conditions, school vacations, and holidays. All participants must complete a program waiver form on site with our program leader.

Upcoming Recreation Programs...(For full information please see our brochure available on our website)

Out of the Box Art	Nov 5-Dec 17 (skip Nov 26)
Mad Science	Nov 6-Dec 18 (skip Nov 27)
Karate Kids	Nov 4-Dec 16 (skip Nov 25)
High School Girls Indoor Lacrosse	Nov 7-Dec 12

Park and Recreation Commission. The Park and Recreation Commission welcome the opportunity to help you with issues involving the Department and our Community. The public is invited to attend our meetings, held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the Town Hall. Our members include:

Mike Holmes, Chair	Cathy Bishop
Tony Mosa	Ed Burseson
Jim Rawn	Tom Clerkin
Doug Senn	Ginny Willets
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Raw milk cheese has been blamed for many illnesses, hence the ruling against it here in the States. According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), between the years 1993 to 2006 over 121 outbreaks occurred, causing over 1,500 illnesses and two deaths. Older people, pregnant women, children and those with weak immune systems are the most vulnerable.

First, we need to understand the difference. Raw milk is milk straight from the animal with no processing done to it. Pasteurized milk is raw milk that has been heated to a high enough temperature to kill most of the harmful bacteria present. You might be aware of the 60-day rule, which simply states that no cheese under 60 days old is allowed to be imported. The reason is that young raw milk cheeses are associated with salmonella, E.coli, and listeria, just to name a few. So why the 60-day rule? The reason is that any harmful bacteria present in the milk or cheese does not survive past this time period. So, if a cheese is over 60 days old, it is considered safe for consumption.

As a general rule, cheeses made from raw milk taste better than those made from pasteurized milk. The issue then becomes the taste quality of raw milk cheese vs. the safety of pasteurized milk cheese. I agree that raw milk cheese has more depth in flavor, more complex aromas, and a better finish than pasteurized cheese.

Europe takes a different viewpoint on raw milk cheese. Some countries allow distribution of raw milk cheese, while others do not. Scotland bans them, while England, Wales and Northern Ireland allow them. France is the biggest proponent of raw milk cheese, considering it a sacrilege to use pasteurized milk in cheese production. There does not seem to be any issue for France when it comes to eating raw milk cheese. The thought is that they have built up immunity to the raw milk bacteria and, as a result, they don't get sick from them.

In any case, you will not find raw milk cheeses such as Brie or Camembert in the United States anytime soon. The older cheeses, beyond 60 days old, are available and considered safe. The decision is yours. I enjoy them, but as stated earlier, pregnant women, children, the elderly and those with weak immune systems might want to proceed with caution.

— Paul Partica, The Cheese Shop of Centerbrook

Essex Land Trust Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 19, 4th Annual Run Local/Read Local, 7:30 am, Register at Ivoryton Village Green. This 5k Run/Walk benefits the Ivoryton Library and begins nearby. It meanders through beautiful Ivoryton village and the Land Trust's Falls River Preserve. An Essex Great Outdoors Pursuit event. Prizes awarded in many categories. Runners 8 and under are given medals and pumpkins to paint. Park in designated lots. Come rain or shine.

Saturday, November 23, Cross Lots Raking Extravaganza, 9 am - 12 pm at Cross Lots, 40 West Avenue. Join the last-of-the-season Land Trust outing. We'll make the preserve look beautifully clean for winter. Rake, blow, mulch and bag all those leaves with us! Refreshments served. Park on West Ave. or at Town Hall. Rain date: Sunday, November 24 at 1:30pm.

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The above is an excerpt of a speech by Bessie Comstock in 1939 at a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the completion and formal opening of the building. Our beautiful building was built in 1889 and will be 125 years old next year, although the library will be 143 years old!

How far we have come since then! Those 15 books, up to 553 when the building opened, have grown to over 13,000 books, magazines, audiobooks, music CDs and DVDs. We have computers and eReaders. And our building now has indoor plumbing!

Our newest change involves our new quarterly email newsletters. Perhaps you noticed not receiving our newsletter this spring. We are changing the format of sharing our news to accommodate different reader preferences. We will continue to keep you updated through Essex Events quarterly. In between, we will send out e-newsletters with news, updates, reviews, new releases and links of literary interest. And, fear not, we will continue to send out our yearly membership drive information.

If you wish to receive these e-newsletters, please give us your email address through our website, by shooting us an email at staff@ivoryton.com - subject "newsletter" or by dropping by in person. Please note: email addresses given to us when registering for a library card are not used for this purpose. Please submit your address for newsletters separately.

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- Generate revenue
- Lower healthcare costs
- Meet friends
- Educate children and adults
- Relax
- Keep businesses from leaving
- Elevate Personal Growth
- Strengthen neighborhood involvement
- Boost local economy
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Essex Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Executive Summary: The primary purpose of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP or "Plan") is to identify natural hazards and risks, existing capabilities, and activities that can be undertaken by a community to prevent loss of life and reduce property damages associated with identified hazards. The overall goal of this Plan is: *Reduction or elimination of injury to or loss of life and property and natural environments and the associated economic impacts from natural hazards.* The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local communities to have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - approved mitigation plan in order to be eligible to receive Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program grants and Post-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program. This Plan was prepared by the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) in conjunction with the Town of Essex. It is an update of a NHMP first developed by the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) in 2006.

In order to prepare this Plan, the town had to evaluate several factors including current critical facilities, current residential population and demographics, and risk factors associated with natural hazards including past occurrences and potential for future occurrences.

The Town considers critical facilities to be those that serve the town on a day-to-day basis as well as during an emergency

situation. The facilities include but are not limited to the Town Hall (location of Police Department and Emergency Operations Center) Public Works Garage, Fire Department Number 1 and Ivoryton Station, and the Essex and Ivoryton Libraries. This list can also include facilities that house elderly and disabled people, such as Essex Meadows and Essex Court. The maintenance of these critical facilities is necessary to support emergency response before, during, and after natural hazard events. Maintenance of these facilities ensures the availability of the facility and the increased likelihood of survival in the event of a major hazard event.

Transportation is essential in any major hazard event. The Town of Essex has a variety of transportation options. The Town is served by Route 9, as well as major arterials such as CT Routes 153 and 154. Smaller town roads act as collectors to bring traffic to larger roads. The Town is also served by several bus routes of the 9 Town Transit District which connects to neighboring communities and a railroad station in Old Saybrook. Without proper mitigation, transportation infrastructure is vulnerable to all natural hazards. Events of different magnitudes will impact the transportation system differently. The Town must be prepared for unpredictable impacts on the system.

Essex is susceptible to several natural hazards. The Falls River, cutting a path through the middle of town has flooded

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on several occasions causing damage, most significantly in June 1982 when the Bushy Hill Dam collapsed flooding the area. Inland and Connecticut River flooding both pose a risk. Hurricanes pose another threat; that of downed trees and prolonged power outages as experienced in the last few years. In addition, Winter Storms can lead to difficult snow removal, heavy snow fall resulting in loss of power and in some cases flooding.

This Plan details natural hazards present in the town and suggests steps that the Town can take to mitigate long lasting effects from each hazard type. The Comprehensive Mitigation Action Item list is provided in Section III: Mitigation. This table includes the item, project status, the party responsible for carrying out the action item, and other pertinent information. The most prominent hazard in any of the towns within the region is flooding, and significant discussion is devoted to how best to mitigate flooding events. Other hazards discussed include high winds and tornadoes, hurricanes and tropical storms, drought and wildfire, extreme heat, and earthquakes. Each hazard type has a list of mitigation action items that the Town could implement, some being a higher priority than others. For each of the hazard types presented in the Plan, historic events are presented along with the probability of that event occurring again. The town's specific impacts from each event are also noted.

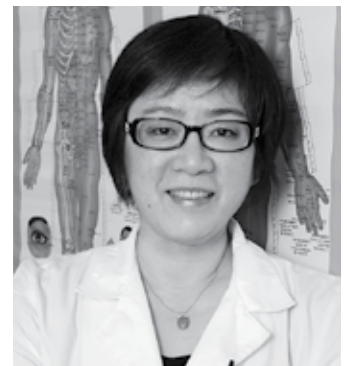
The Essex Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan names specific projects that the town can take to protect infrastructure and residents from the effects of Natural Hazards. The projects are listed within the Plan with a timeline in mind for completion. The Plan will be updated in five years to reflect the most current information and status at that time. Public input is being sought for this Plan and is an important piece of the planning process.

Please help us make this a Plan that represents the Town of Essex and the concerns and ideas of its citizens and property owners. The full Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan been posted on the Town of Essex website, found at <http://www.essexct.gov/home/news/natural-hazards-mitigation-plan-draft-for-review-public-survey>. Once you have read through the Draft Plan, please fill out the survey, also found on the same webpage. The purpose of the survey is to help measure public opinion and support for natural hazard mitigation actions and to collect comments and ideas on how we can better protect people and property from future hazards.



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ADULT PROGRAMMING

October is Humanities Month at the Essex Library; join us for special programming that celebrates arts and culture. Through the month, the Essex Library is delighted to exhibit the work of painter Robert Trondsen, whose paintings will be on display throughout the library.

The Friends of the Essex Library are holding a Book Sale at the library to raise funds for numerous special library programs and activities. The sale will run at the library from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, October 5, and from 1 to 5 pm on Sunday, October 6, when everything will be half-price. Offerings will consist of books in good condition on almost every conceivable topic; there will be tables of fiction, children's books, paperbacks, sets of books, CDs, DVDs, and books on CD.

You read the book, you grew up on the movie - now meet the "wizard" behind the Florence Griswold Museum's yearly faerie house exhibit, David D.J. Rau, Director of Education & Outreach, as he explains the creative process behind this year's *Wee Faerie Village in the Land of Oz* at the Library on Thursday October 10th at 7 pm. Combining both the enchantment of "wee faeries" and the classic story of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum, this year's event is expected to draw both fans of faerie house creations and the archetypal story of Oz.

What creates an art collector? Some people are born with the "bug"; always fascinated with the history of his hometown, Geoffrey Paul grew up working for antique and art dealers in Essex from the age of ten. A career detour to Wall Street allowed him to return to his lifelong passion as an avid collector and preservationist. He has pursued the objects and history of Essex and the Connecticut River Valley for more than 30 years, reuniting countless items and their forgotten stories with our community, as well as preserving many architectural landmarks. Join Geoff for an intimate illustrated tour of his favorite pieces, their histories, and the voyages taken to track them down, Thursday October 17th at 7 pm at the Essex Library.

Friday October 25th, our Centerbrook Architects Lecture Series continues at the Centerbrook Architects' offices at 67 Main Street in Centerbrook, where filmmaker Jake Gorst will screen *Modern Tide: Midcentury Architecture on Long Island*. The film explores the work of the region's best postwar architects and designers, including Albert Frey, Wallace Harrison, Herbert Beckhard, Frank Lloyd Wright, Horace Gifford, Edward Durrell Stone, Marcel Breuer, Andrew Geller, Philip Johnson, and others.

On Saturday October 26th at noon, Indian chef Madhu Gupta will offer a cooking class called *Fast And Easy Indian Cooking*. She'll teach us how to prepare a complete Indian meal with ingredients available at your local supermarket, and you'll sample everything from appetizers through salad, main courses, delicious sides, and a dessert. We're asking for a \$5 donation to cover costs, and pre-registration is required since space is limited and this class is so popular. Come hungry!

Our *Opera Mondays* series continues on Monday, October 28th at 2:00 pm, with Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*, starring Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazón. Enjoy this tuneful, romantic romp on our big screen and Bose sound system.

Professor Julie Ribchinsky, cellist, will present a musical talk and demonstration she calls *Bach And The Modern World*, Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00 pm. *Bach and the Modern World* examines the solo suites of Johann Sebastian Bach and their

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modern influences, specifically upon the work of Benjamin Britten (a timely celebration of the centennial of his birth). Julie Ribchinsky is a Professor of Music at Central Connecticut State University, a teacher of cello and ensemble at Wesleyan University, and performs with the Connecticut Trio now celebrating their twentieth anniversary year.

November's featured artist Dan Dahlstrom will give a demonstration of oil painting technique on Saturday, November 2nd at 10:30 am.

Our *Science For Everyone* lecture series continues with Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, who serves as the state archaeologist with the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Archaeology in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the University of Connecticut. He'll be here on Thursday, November 7th to share *Strange and Unique Cases of the State Archaeologist*.

November also brings our Veteran's Day remembrance program, and this year we have a very special talk by a local couple, Mark and Maryanne Watson, called *An Accidental Warrior; A Housewife's Guide To Invading a Country*. As Mark's wife, Maryanne accompanied him to Panama in 1989, where they ended up under fire during Operation Just Cause. Working alongside her husband, Maryanne found herself directly supporting the U.S. Coastguard, Naval intelligence, and the U.S. invasion forces, in a mission that was a government secret for 22 years. Hear this riveting tale of action and espionage November 11th at 7 pm at Essex Town Hall.

Mike Mense, FAIA will give a talk entitled *Monument to Instrument: Architecture Before And After*, a quick and quirky history of architecture that describes how the changing role of the architect in society has resulted in a general American wariness toward the profession. Mr. Mense has practiced as mmenseArchitects since 1979. Over the last 10 years, he has campaigned for a radical reconsideration of the definition of architects in the U.S. and a consequent change in architectural education. This talk is part of the Centerbrook Architects Lecture Series and will be presented on Friday November 15th at 7 pm. Please call us for the location and to register.

Science For Everyone continues with author, researcher, and Wesleyan professor Dr. Jelle de Boer who will talk about his book, *Stories in Stone: How Geology Influenced Connecticut History and Culture*, a scientific look at how our land has dictated our lives, our industry, and our history on Thursday December 5th at 7. Copies will be available for sale and signing.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Apple Celebration. Stay tuned for an apple sampling program for children and families at the Essex Library in mid October. We'll be learning about and tasting our favorite apple varieties this fall with a possible visit from our friends at Scott's Orchard. Together we'll solve an apple orchard riddle and will create an apple themed project as well. Call the library for more information at 860-767-1560.

Essex Library Trick or Treat! Give your costume a trial run on Wednesday, October 30th at 4 pm. Here at the Essex Library

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Essex Winter Series



Mihae Lee, artistic director of Essex Winter Series, performs a piano four-hands concert with Randall Hodgkinson on the season opener January 12.



The renowned American guitar virtuoso Jason Vieaux will perform a solo recital on February 9.



2014 Emerging Artist, hornist Leelanee Sterrett, performs with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra on March 30.

Essex Winter Series is pleased to announce the exciting lineup of artists for 2014. Essex Winter Series (EWS) will dedicate the entire season to its beloved Trustee Emeritus, Fenton Brown, who passed away on September 2, and will celebrate his legacy with a series of five extraordinary concerts. Programmed by Artistic Director Mihae Lee and EWS's newly-appointed Jazz Impresario Jeff Barnhart, these programs offer world-class performances and a variety of music to the Shoreline community. All concerts are Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm at Valley Regional High School in Deep River. **January 12: Mihae Lee/Randall Hodgkinson Duo. February 9: Guitarist Jason Vieaux. March 2: Stu Ingersoll Jazz Concert,**

with pianist Jeff Barnhart and his Hot Rhythm. March 30: Fenton Brown Emerging Artists Concert, with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra under the direction of William Boughton and hornist Leelanee Sterrett. **April 13: Palm Sunday All-Bach Concert,** with soprano Lisa Saffer, flutist Tara Helen O'Connor, violinist Ani Kavafian, and harpsichordist Linda Skernick.. Individual concert tickets are \$30, and series subscription are priced at \$125. All seats are general admission. For more information, visit the EWS website, www.essexwinterseries.com, call (860) 272-4572, or email EWS at tickets@essexwinterseries.com.

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we'll have stations set up to treat your boys and ghouls this Halloween. Each library department will be set up with a station that will provide an excellent treat. Your children can expect to find glow necklaces for Halloween travels, glow-in-the-dark bookmarks, and other festive finds. Registration is not required for this event. We can't wait to see you in your Halloween best!

Play Unplugged at the Essex Library. Middle and high school students are invited to join teen expert Floyd to learn the basics of card games: Magic the Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh. This group will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 3 - 5 pm. Here you will learn game basics and how to build a strategic deck. Unofficial tournaments for both new and experienced players will be held with cards as prizes. Please register with the library for this event by calling 860-767-1560.

Family Craft Night – Harvest Celebration. This November, join us for a crafty night of projects and a chance to socialize. We're hosting an art night with three creations for you and your children. Activities will include projects that embrace the autumn weather and season of thanks. Give your projects away as holiday gifts or hang them up for display when the

relatives come! We'll have festive music and live tutorials. We hope you'll join us! Please call for more information about this event at 860-767-1560 or email our Children's Department at jbranciforte@essexlib.org.

Story Hours at the Essex Library Association. Preschool Story Hours - Registration is now open. This fall, we're offering two registered story hours for children aged 3-5. This session will take us from the week of October 1 to December 12. We will have afternoon story hour from 4 – 5 pm on Tuesdays and an early morning story hour on Thursdays from 10 – 11 am. Space is limited as we welcome up to twelve children for each group. Please register your child for either class by calling 860-767-1560 or by emailing Jessica at jbranciforte@essexlib.org

Specialty Baby Story Time for Ones and Twos: Join us for reading, singing and crafts this fall! Parents and children aged one and two are welcome to join us for our weekly story hours with community favorite Ms. Heather Delouchry.

Registration is not required. Join us at the library on Friday mornings at 10:00 am on: September 20 and 27; October 4, 11, 18, and 25; November 1, 8, 15, and 22 (No story hour during Thanksgiving break Nov. 29); December 6 and 13.

When Open Space is Not Enough: An Introduction to Low Impact Development

As much as it sometimes seems like an inspired idea, not all undeveloped land should be preserved as open space. Nor can it be, of course. Which means that as people who care about the environment and preservation of our natural resources, land trust members need to be cognizant of development – its location, its intensity, and its design.

The design of development can make a world of difference in its impact – or lack thereof – on our environment. In the past 20 years there has been a dramatic increase in our understanding of how to design development in ways that minimize the impact on the landscape and waterways of our towns. The most prevalent names for these techniques are “low impact development,” or LID, sometimes also referred to as “green infrastructure.” These terms refer to a range of site-level practices that focus on allowing rainfall to soak back into the ground as quickly and as near the point of original contact as possible.

This is in stark contrast to traditional development practices that are characterized by large expanses of impervious surfaces such as roads, parking lots, driveways and roofs that are connected to our waterways by efficient storm drain systems. The problem with this scenario is that the stormwater runoff arrives in local wetlands and streams with much more water, and much dirtier water, than nature intended. The goal of LID is to prevent this problem by designing development that has little or no impact on the natural cycling of water. Thus, LID practices make use of plants, soil, and porous surfaces that allow rainwater to infiltrate into the soil. Examples of these practices include porous pavements, green streets, “rain gardens,” and green roofs. These practices can serve to beautify a subdivision or neighborhood even as they reduce its impact on the environment.

After 20 years of lurking in the shadows, LID is really catching on. Large cities like New York and Philadelphia are investing many millions of dollars in green infrastructure, to



This large sunken vegetated area is a “bioretention” LID practice that processes the runoff from a large roof on the UCONN campus.

reduce the strain that stormwater runoff places on their treatment plants. Chicago has over seven million square feet of green roof! Many towns in Connecticut are rewriting their zoning and subdivision regulations and road standards to allow for, or even require, LID practices. On the campus of UConn, we’ve seen a blossoming of LID in both new and renovated buildings, including 3 green roofs, a porous concrete parking lot, several porous asphalt parking lots, and many rain gardens and “bio retention cells” (i.e., a rain garden on steroids) – all since 2009.

With climate change, the Northeast is experiencing more and larger storm events. Not least among the impacts of this shift are the environmental and public safety impacts of increased stormwater runoff. Just another reason why LID should be a big part of our future when we contemplate the development half of the environmental protection equation.

— Chet Arnold

Historical Society Events

3 Villages. 2 Rivers. 1 Great Program List

Major Disasters in the Town of Essex. Thursday, October 17, 7:00 pm. A review of the heroic efforts of our Volunteer Fire Department during several major disasters in the town of Essex. Held at the Essex Fire Department, 11 Saybrook Road. Co-sponsored with the Ivoryton Library and the Essex Fire Department.

3rd Annual Fall Foliage Antique Auto Show and Tour. Sunday, October 20, 10:30 am. Pratt House Grounds, 19 West

Avenue. Co-sponsored with the Belltown Antique Car Club.

Essex Historical Society Annual Meeting.

Friday, November 8. Reception at 6:30 pm, meeting will be at 7:00 pm, and program is at 7:30 pm. Essex Meadows, Hamilton Hall.

Annual Holiday Party. Sunday, December 8, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Pratt House, 19 West Avenue.



Homes for the Holidays: Child & Family Agency Holiday House Tour

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Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT announces its 12th Biennial Essex Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Historic homes and Essex hidden gems will be decorated and open to the public as part of an effort to raise funds for Child & Family. For more information about the tour or the Agency, please visit our website at www.childandfamilyagency.org.

About Child & Family

Since its founding in 1809, the mission of Child & Family Agency has been to promote the well-being and development of all children and their families. Priority is given to the unmet needs of children lacking physical, emotional, and intellectual care and nurturing.

Programs deal with child abuse prevention, the treatment of family violence, teen pregnancy, children's health care, child-care, parent education, and child guidance. Last year, over 17,000 children and their families were served in 79 towns in New Haven, Middlesex, and New London Counties. Child & Family has 172 staff – social workers, teachers, psychologists,



Historic homes will be decorated and open to the public as part of Child & Family Agency's 12th Biennial Essex Holiday House Tour.

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As a non-profit, with a budget of over \$11 million, Child & Family Agency's funding comes from private, state, United Way, and federal sources. Fees for service reflect costs, and a sliding scale assures that no one will be refused service for financial reasons.

Much of the private support of the Agency is derived from six auxiliaries, located in Essex, Lyme/Old Lyme, East Lyme/Niantic, New London/Waterford/Groton, and Mystic/Noank/Stonington. Auxiliary members are a diverse group, who give generously of their time and talent through caring for children, fundraising events, and educational services to further the mission of the Agency. New members and donors are always welcome.

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The Estuary Players drama club will present Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* on stage at the Estuary, October 17 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

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Upcoming Artist Receptions: November 8 – Art & Hilde Reichenbach of Essex and December 13 – Brock Graham from Old Saybrook. Join us from 5 – 7 p.m. Refreshments are served, and a door prize is drawn each month. All ages are welcome. Call 860-388-1611 for information.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR - Saturday, November 23 from 9 am - 1pm. Local crafters will display an array of hand crafted afghans, quilts, handbags, scarves, jewelry, photo cards and much more. We will also have a wonderful "Bake Shop" filled with homemade desserts and candy.

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Essex Social Services

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Town of Essex Department of Social Services' mission is to enhance the quality of life and self-sufficiency of people in need of support. Our goal is to ensure that Essex residents who are in need or at-risk don't fall through the social safety net. We facilitate support by either providing direct assistance from the Town or serving as a bridge connecting people to the many services available from public and private organizations beyond the reach of Essex.

Essex Social Services has a long-standing tradition of collaborating with local community businesses, nonprofits, religious organizations, and residents to bolster the services we are able to provide. The Town of Essex Social Services Assistance Fund was established to fill the gap that exists amongst neighbors in need from neighbors that might be in a position to help.

Please consider becoming a "Friend" of Essex Social Services, by donating to the Assistance Fund. Your donation will be used to help with financial emergencies for Social Services clients' families, by providing rental deposits, utility bill assistance, fuel assistance, school supplies, food & clothing, and holiday presents for children. Your gifts, both large and small, are imperative for us to achieve our mission of helping the many in need in our community.

Donations can be made to the Town of Essex Social Services Assistance Fund and mailed to 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT 06426.

We have developed policies and procedures, and work closely with the Director of Finance, to ensure assistance from this fund is administered appropriately, in the best interests of the Town and donors, and within our guidelines. Donations may be tax deductible; donors should seek the advice of a tax professional relative to the deductibility of donations.

We continue to seek out new ways to improve and enhance our operations and to expand our ability to help meet the needs of the community while maintaining a positive, compassionate, and cost-efficient environment. Thanks to the support of our Friends, the Department of Social Services can continue to provide critical support to our fellow Essex residents.

— Norman Needleman, First Selectman
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Great Meadow Tales

The Land Trust work crew blazing a trail on Great Meadow last year began a new chapter in the colorful history of one of the town's oldest pieces of land. For some 400 years, the pendant bar's approximately 175-acres have provided a livelihood to farmers and watermen and served as a source of recreation and spiritual comfort for the people of Essex. They worked the ground, fished and hunted along its shores and traveled its roads. They also enjoyed its beauty and the meadow's once wide-open spaces were a place for having fun in the warm seasons; memories were made there.

Great Meadow has been little used over the last 50 years. But that's changing. The Land Trust recently added 25 acres to its holdings there, bringing its total to 84 acres. There are plans to cut and maintain trails on the 10,000-year-old bar in the coming years and the first step was a cleanup this past fall as part of the Source to Sea program.

To us, it's a Phragmites-covered bar that separates North Cove from the river. To our predecessors, it was much more.

Agriculture was the first "industry" on what was called 8-Mile Meadow in the late 1600s. It would last 300 years. Cattle and sheep were pastured there, and the meadow's salt hay was harvested for livestock food and bedding. The cut hay was poled across North Cove to a landing at the foot of what's now Little Point Street. The town's first public road, Lay's Cart Path, began there.

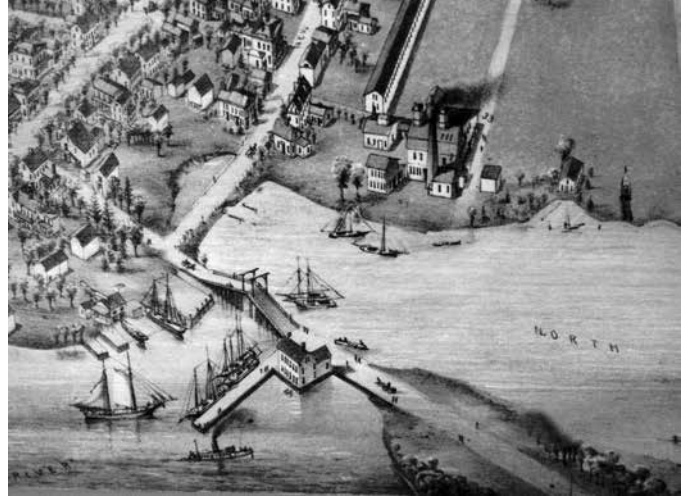
Minutes of the Great Meadow Association at Meadow Woods schoolhouse, Sept, 1, 1860: "Ezra Post was chosen to cause a ditch to be dug between Austin Lay's [property] and the Beebe meadow so far as he judges sufficient to stop cattle from going onto the Beebe meadow." Post was to be paid for his work by the members, who also agreed to apportion the number of cattle, based on the amount of land owned.

Up into the 1950s, Great Meadow in the late summer was "dotted with farmers cutting 'medder hay.'" They would carry their dinners and gather at noon for "stag picnics." It was the nearest thing a farmer got to a vacation and the farm boys looked forward to haying on the meadows as the best time of the year.

Beginning in the early 1800s, Great Meadow comprised a section of the Pettipaug-Guilford turnpike, part of a network of thoroughfares connecting New York and Boston. In 1814, Gen. Andrew Jackson, soon to be the hero of the Battle of New Orleans, spent the night at Ely's Tavern on the Lyme side of the river, rode over to Great Meadow the next morning on the ferry and took the stage up Main Street, over Stone Pit Hill and on to New York.

In 1822, the Essex Turnpike Co. was established to improve this route and maintain a ferry at North Cove connecting the town to the southern tip of Great Meadow, today's Essex Island. Two years later, the steamers "Oliver Cromwell" and "McDonough" (named for a US Navy hero) began making stops at Ely's Wharf on the Lyme side. (Eventually a more convenient drawbridge was built, called the Gut Bridge, in part to make the hay carting easier, too.)

The ferry was a large, square flatboat with aprons at either end for boarding and loading, powered by sail or oars. The



Great Meadow landing, still visible, was directly opposite the wharf. Walter Page was perhaps the most famous of the old ferrymen. Charges were 12 cents for a man with a horse and load, 10 cents for a led-horse. Sheep, cattle and pigs were also frequent riders.

There was a time when a man could just about make a living on and around Great Meadow, hunting, fishing, and digging clams. One could serve as a hunting guide for city folk, poling small flat-bottomed boats into the reeds at along the river or cove-side looking for rail and other waterfowl.

Then came shad season. In the spring the shad sped upstream to spawn in such numbers that "a man can walk across the river on their backs." Fishermen worked the reaches in double-ended shad boats built by Joe Ely or Earl Brockway. "All you had to do was get the net out of the water and back into the boat without destroying it or killing yourself – and you made money."

A child's recollection: "In the 1870s, Mother and her friends would go to the river before dawn. While the boys caught the fish, the girls gathered driftwood and made the fire. Shad broiled on the open fire washed down by pungent coffee, by the river, awakening to a new day; 'Ah! Food fit for a king,' she would say."

Today, Great Meadow serves as a refuge to fish, birds and mammals and, as part of the Connecticut River estuary,

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Middlesex United Way Announces \$840,000 in Funding

Middlesex United Way Board of Directors has approved fund distributions in the amount of \$840,000 for fiscal year 2013-14. This funding includes support to 49 programs in Middlesex County, including \$15,100 for United Way 2-1-1 and \$15,000 in special one-time funding.

Funding will be distributed to programs in the following focus areas, consistent with United Way's Five Year Goals for the Common Good:

- Education - to increase children's readiness to learn by school entry: \$135,671;
- Income - to increase the economic self-sufficiency of individuals and families: \$56,200;
- Health - to reduce the rate of risky behaviors among youth and adults and improve the health and increase the safety of individuals and families: \$498,451; and
- Housing - to increase the ability of individuals and families to attain affordable housing: \$119,578.

Middlesex United Way invests in the areas of education, income, health and housing because all four are necessary for a good quality of life. Middlesex United Way helps to meet

critical needs and invest in long-term initiatives that create real, lasting change. This funding is made possible by 7,800 generous donors in Middlesex County.

In addition, Middlesex United Way invested \$15,100 in United Way 2-1-1, a 24-hour information and referral helpline that is available free of charge to anyone in Connecticut. 2-1-1 is a partnership between Connecticut United Ways and the State of Connecticut. To reach this service, simply dial 2-1-1 from any phone or visit 211ct.org.

Middlesex United Way also approved one-time grants of \$5,000 each to the Middlesex Coalition for Children, Middlesex Chamber's Youth at Work program, and NEAT's Double Dollars Program.

Middlesex United Way is a locally based organization dedicated to strengthening lives, helping people, and improving community conditions in the fifteen towns in Middlesex County. Middlesex United Way serves the towns of Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook.

• *Great Meadow Tales continued from page 30* •



it's considered one of the "Last Great Places" in the western hemisphere. In acquiring property on this valuable resource, the Land Trust hopes to restore, protect and enhance Great Meadow so that future generations can use and enjoy this historic piece of land that's meant so much to the people who came before us.

— Steve Knauth

Note: Thanks to the Essex Historical Society for the use of their files.

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Robin Chapin, Chris' Mother presenting grant from Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund at Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

A \$2,000 grant for the bus transportation has been given to the Valley Regional High School World Language Department to help offset the cost of each trip to France and Costa Rica this year. The grant (\$1,000 for each trip) was presented to the students at each of their fundraising events. Chris's dreams of expanding his horizons were being fulfilled.

Christopher Belfoure was a 2005 Valley Regional High School Graduate. In his junior year he went on the foreign

language department's trip to Italy. This experience opened his eyes to a new and vastly different view of the world. It inspired him to further discover what lay beyond the horizon and explore the possibilities. This was the beginning of his journey to learn about other people and their cultures. He went on to study Chinese at West Virginia University, and this afforded him the opportunity to study abroad in China. This is where he developed a passion for the Chinese people and their language. It ultimately led to employment at EMC Shanghai, China (a computer technology company) where he trained the Chinese employees in learning English, other cultures and customer service.

The Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County was established a year ago, after a tragic and fatal accident in July of 2011.

The fund will serve as a catalyst toward integrating multicultural experiences and a broader understanding of people around the world.

The 2nd Annual Run for Chris was held on Sat. June 22, 2013. It was a great success thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, runners and prizes donated to the raffle. The proceeds from this year's run will continue to give others the same opportunities to expand their horizons as Chris' did. See you next year, June 21, 2014 for the 3rd Annual Run for Chris.

Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut is Connecticut's leading source of information for the thousands of people who have epilepsy. The Foundation works to ensure that people with epilepsy are able to participate in all life experiences through information, education, recreation, advocacy and support.

A seizure is an abnormal electrical discharge in the brain. Seizures can be caused by head injuries, lack of oxygen at birth, brain tumors and other health condition. People often think of seizures only as jerking and shaking uncontrollably; however, not all seizures are convulsions. There are many different symptoms of seizures, which can include eye fluttering, staring and laughing. Recurring seizures can be a sign of epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut has many programs to offer those living with epilepsy. In particular, we offer seven support groups throughout the state. Our newest group is meeting in Guilford for adults living with epilepsy and parents of children with epilepsy. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Guilford Parks & Recreation 32 Church Street, Guilford.

Those interested in attending meetings are asked to please RSVP, to the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut by calling 800-899-3745 or emailing Allison at Allison@epilepsyct.com. Offices are located at 386 Main Street, Middletown, CT.



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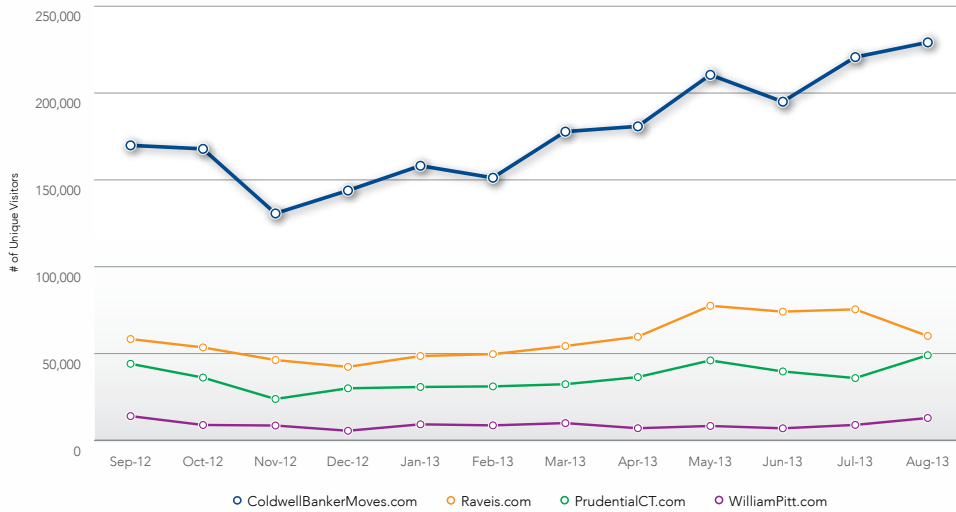
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