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## First Selectman's Corner

Along with my fellow members on the Board of Selectmen, Scott Giegerich and Steve Gernhardt, we hope you are enjoying the warm weather that has finally come our way.

In this issue, I would like to focus on Main Street, an area that remains the heart and soul of our town. As we all know, Old Saybrook's Main Street is wonderfully walkable. It is an attraction unto itself. Its width and length are unique as are the multiple shopping and dining opportunities. I take my responsibility for the health of Main Street seriously and do my best, along with the Town's economic development partners, to make a positive difference. Behind the scenes, I have been active attempting to match vacancies with prospective new tenants. This has been true with the former North Cove Outfitters space, as well as other empty storefronts.

With our team here at Town Hall, we are working hard to keep retail and restaurants as the centerpiece of Main Street. We can do that by having prospective new businesses meet early on with members from our entire team - Economic Development, Zoning Enforcement (to identify permitted uses), Public Works, our local Chamber of Commerce, and other relevant departments. These early meetings help developers see the path to a grand opening by handling potential issues or concerns, if any, early on so that resources can be properly utilized. In addition to these informal meetings, town government must provide the infrastructure for existing businesses to be successful. Proper maintenance of roads and sidewalks as well as improving the town's "curb appeal" is critical. With that,

here is a little of what you can look for over the next few months as we strive to not only keep Main Street walkable and vibrant, but improve upon the beautiful place that it is.

### North Main Street

I am well aware that there has been a lot of frustration with the situation on North Main Street. I have worked hard on a solution and I am hopeful one is in sight. Parking is a mess and North Main Street needs work. I have worked closely with the ConnDot (Connecticut Department of Transportation) over the last two years crafting a solution. We have held over six meetings in which the critical stakeholders have been present. There is a plan which has been put into action to take corrective measures. ConnDot has given notice to the owner of the 10 acres of land to the west and south of the cemetery that it intends to take, by eminent domain, several acres of that land to build a parking lot. The lot will have at least 200 spaces and will also be able to serve 9 Town Transit and other commuter bus travel. In conjunction with this, on March 27, 2014, the town submitted a LOTCIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program) grant application, which would fund grinding North Main Street



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down to its base, installing drainage, and repaving the road as well as creating some additional on-street parking and a seamless integration with the new 200-space parking lot. Sidewalks would be built to promote pedestrian traffic and a better overall connection to the head of Main Street. The LOTCIP funds are derived from federal transportation money granted to the State that then filters down to local governments. While it sounds complicated, it is not, and we are optimistic that the necessary funds will come our way. The town would pay for engineering; but construction costs, which we estimate at nearly one million dollars, would be paid for by the grant monies to Old Saybrook. We will push this project as fast as we can and are hoping for a 2015 construction date.

**Head of Main Street**

The Welcome Center/Chamber of Commerce building at the head of Main Street desperately needed some maintenance. Paint was peeling and plants were overgrown. Take a look now. Due to the efforts of some of the original donors to this project (Cal Caldarella, for one), the building is looking sharp once again. The old paint was scraped off and the building was primed and repainted. Replanting around the building will further enhance its appearance. This beautiful reproduction building is the public's entry to Main Street and the first look at our town. This is a great venue to grab a coffee and walk into Town.

**Main Street/Route 154**

Later in the summer into fall, I have been informed that the State of Connecticut will be paving State Route 154, and at least part of this paving will include Main Street. Just as was done last summer, when a portion of Route 1 was completed, the State will be addressing an area sorely in need of fresh asphalt. My understanding is that this work will be done after Labor Day, and the paving may extend to work being done over the causeway and through Knollwood.

**Curbing**

Walking Main Street, there are many areas where plants and flowers are taken care of by volunteer groups. The Old Saybrook Garden Club and the Wednesday Weedwhackers work hard to plant and weed the median as well as many gardens on our Main Street. Much of the concrete curbing that frames the various gardens on Main Street was put in place 10 years ago or more. In those years, Old Saybrook has seen its share of harsh winters. The road and curbing, much of it near parking stalls, gets beaten up pretty badly. The result of these New England winters is unsightly cracked and broken concrete curbing which I am hopeful, by the time of this publication, will be addressed. Extruded concrete will be poured in the affected areas. In addition, we are going to slope the curbing somewhat so that when a plow hits the concrete, there may be a little less blunt force that leads to breakage. When the concrete is poured, we will implant tubing for reflector poles to be placed so plows should be more aware of where the curbing is which should lead to less damage. This project will give Main Street a more attractive appearance for all those who come into contact with our downtown.

**225 Main Street**

The address of the former police station, this 10,000 square foot building dated from the early 1970's had suffered major

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interior damage in March, 2010. Before the town had a concrete plan to move the station to the 36 Lynde Street site, there was some uncertainty about whether the land, or possibly the building, might be re-used for the new police station. However, when a structural analysis of the building was completed several years ago, it became apparent that the renovations required would be more expensive than building new, primarily because a second floor would need to be added. The question then arose whether the town could use the existing building at all for other government purposes. As many of you know, renovating a building is not easy or cheap. It is estimated that renovating 225 Main Street would cost at least 2-3 million dollars, and to what purpose? There is no need for another government building in this Town. Demolishing the building for \$80,000, including hazardous material remediation, was the best long term use of funds for this site, which is now ready for reuse.

In anticipation of this, we submitted a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant application late last year. On May 20, 2014, I received a phone call from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and was informed that Old Saybrook had been awarded the maximum amount, \$500,000, for site redevelopment! The grant writing was truly a town hall group effort that involved our Town Planner, Christine Nelson, our Economic Development Director, Susan Beckman, and me. We are excited to immediately turn this property around to make it useful once more. The current plan will provide additional downtown parking

and a pathway/promenade that encompasses lighting and seating leading to an interior 1.3-acre park. We aim to include a fair amount of recreation in this project as we incorporate the 225 Main Street site with the rear parcel of 36 Lynde Street. The total approximate acreage that will be available for public use in this area will be about 2.5 acres. These improvements will encourage additional activity and interest at this end of Main Street, which will tie in beautifully with The Kate, the town hall campus, the new police station on Lynde Street and the rest of Main Street.

There will be lots happening on Main Street in 2014 and 2015. In the meantime, don't forget about our local farmers' market in Porter Plaza on Wednesday and Saturday mornings starting June 28, and the Saybrook Summer Stroll in late June. Check your local listings for many additional events.

As you can see, your staff and elected officials are working hard to improve town services, infrastructure and appearances by leveraging diverse revenue sources, including state or federal grants, in order to keep Old Saybrook affordable and beautiful. We are continuously striving to improve the professionalism of town hall and its delivery of services. I pride myself on being available to the Town's citizens, so if you have comments or ideas, I want to hear from you.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer and make sure to include Main Street in your plans.

*Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.*

*First Selectman, Town of Old Saybrook*

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Old Saybrook's Boy Scout Troop 51 gathered on April 6, 2014 at Grace Church to celebrate their five newest Eagle Scouts. They are (left to right, front row) Timothy Foley, Joshua Chang, Cody Walden and (left to right, back row) Daniel Puttre and Jack Frysinger. These fine young men received the Eagle Scout award, Boy Scouting's highest honor that is achieved by just 5% of the Boy Scouts in the nation. Each of these new Eagles have spent years in scouting performing community service, earning merit badges, and helping to teach younger scouts camping and leadership skills. Additionally, each of these young men planned and executed an Eagle project to better the community.

Jack Frysinger chose to rehabilitate the pavilion at Town Park for his Eagle project. With the help of many scout and adult volunteers, he removed the broken supports for the old

benches and installed and painted new benches outfitted with sturdy supports. He and his team also repainted the upright roof columns, replaced missing rocks in the stone foundation, and cleaned out years' worth of trash and debris. Currently a senior at Old Saybrook High School, Jack will attend Northeastern University in the fall to study Computer Science.

Daniel Puttre's Eagle Project was to refurbish the decking, steps, and ramp entrance to Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services. Dan enlisted the help of scouts and community members to complete his project. It entailed removing and replacing the wooden handrails and several balusters, sanding and staining all the wood surfaces, painting the metal handrails and the caution marks, and replacing the safety striping. Dan will graduate from Old Saybrook High School in June, and will attend Keene State College in the fall to study Sustainable Product Innovation and Design.

Joshua Chang renovated the trailhead and restored the fishway near the Crystal Lake dam for his Eagle project. His project involved installing a drainage pipe and filter fabric under the trail, spreading gravel, sand, and round stones and placing large paving stones over the trail. The fishway in the trailhead area, which allows fish swimming upstream to access the lake to spawn, was damaged in the flood of March 2010. The restoration of the fishway included recovery of surge stones that were washed down stream by the flood and rebuilding of several weirs in the fishway. Joshua is completing his freshman

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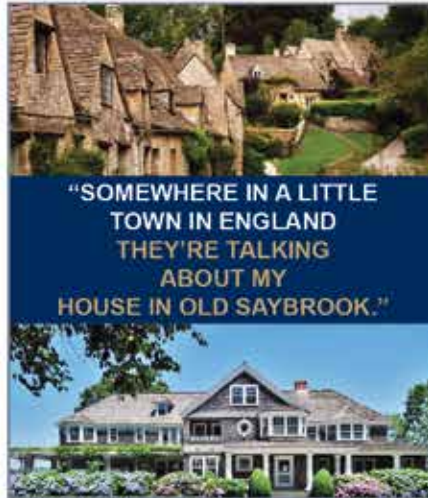
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year at Old Saybrook High School and plans to remain active in scouting for the remainder of his high school career.

Cody Walden's Eagle Project was to further protect Long Island Sound by building and installing Fishing String Recyclers to help birds, fish, and turtles remain tangle-free from fishing line disposed of in the Sound. The recyclers were placed at major spots in town: the Causeway, Dock and Dine, Gardiner's Landing, North Cove, Town Dock and three marinas in the Town of Old Saybrook. Cody is a senior at Old Saybrook High School and will graduate in June. Cody will attend Keene State College in the fall to major in History and Political Science.

Tim Foley's Eagle Project was to refurbish the seawall, sidewalk and grassy area at Gardiner's Landing in Old Saybrook. Tim and his team of fellow scouts also received assistance from the Old Saybrook Land Trust and Public Works. The project included filling large crevices and holes with riprap stone; covering the area with stabilizing tarp; adding topsoil and planting grass. Additionally, Tim installed a permanent pole for a fishing line collector. Tim is a senior at Old Saybrook High School, graduating in June. Tim will attend the University of Vermont in the fall to study engineering.

These new Eagle Scouts are grateful to their fellow scouts, leaders, adult volunteers, and family and community members for their assistance and guidance throughout their years in scouting and during their Eagle projects. Troop 51 extends a heartfelt thank you to Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook, for their many years of support and sponsorship. Old Saybrook is very fortunate to have such a successful program to guide and build independent young leaders. If your son would like to join Troop 51 or if you are interested in supporting this program, please contact Scoutmaster Bill Hart or Committee Chairman John Puttre at 860-388-6116.

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**\$500,000 STEAP Grant Awarded to Old Saybrook** - Old Saybrook received a \$500,000 Small Towns Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant to move forward with plans to develop a parking lot and recreational park on the Main Street property where the old police station stood. In April, crews demolished the irreparably damaged former police building and prepared the property for redevelopment. "Now that we have the STEAP Grant, we can move forward with the engineering work for the new parking lot. I'm optimistic that the town could break ground on this by late summer or early fall of 2014," said First Selectman, Carl P. Fortuna, Jr. The town anticipates the \$500,000 grant will fund the first phase of the project that includes the parking lot and promenade with landscaping.

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## Land Trust

The Old Saybrook Land Trust (OSLT) recently purchased a six-acre parcel of coastal forest and salt marsh fronting the Oyster River from the Maynard family. The property is on Ingham Hill Road near Route 1, and abuts a town-owned open space parcel.

According to Joe Nochera, OSLT President, "This purchase is the culmination of efforts by our Board to raise awareness of OSLT within the community, increase our membership and fundraising success, and fulfill our mission of preserving strategic pieces of open space within Old Saybrook." OSLT seeks to acquire parcels of land that could connect to other parcels through future purchases, land donations, or proximity to land already preserved by the town or other entities.

Work has begun to clear overgrowth which will provide access to the property's interior and salt marsh views.

The property will remain open space and has already been found to be a significant birding area. A recent visit by OSLT board member, John Ogren and his son Anders yielded sightings of more than 30 bird species, including a flock of 50 glossy ibis, in less than an hour.

An abundance of milkweed grows on the property, a crucial habitat for Monarch Butterflies whose numbers have decreased in recent years partially due to loss of habitat.

On a much larger scale is the proposed purchase of the 1,000 acre Preserve. If successfully purchased by the town, state and through private fundraising by the Trust for Public Land, The Preserve will connect to nearly 600 acres of already protected open

space, and create a northern boundary of land for recreational use, water quality protection, and habitat preservation.

To learn more about the OSLT visit [oslt.org](http://oslt.org), or send a note to [oldsaybrooklandtrust@oslt.org](mailto:oldsaybrooklandtrust@oslt.org).



*OSLT board members gathered on their newly acquired 6-acre parcel of land fronting the Oyster River.  
Photo by Jen Gamble.*

## The Preserve - It's A Matter of Choice

On May 20 of this year, in a well-attended public hearing held by the Board of Finance regarding the potential purchase of the land known as The Preserve, the Board of Finance unanimously approved the motion to send the matter to a town referendum. Wisely, they determined that town residents should decide on a matter of this complexity, importance and historical legacy.

It is rare that a community in Connecticut has the opportunity to protect its resources on such an important economic, environmental and social scale. This land's environmental importance is already comprehensively documented. 1,000 acres of unfragmented forest is an ecological gift of incredible value to Old Saybrook. If acquired, The Preserve will border the two parcels known as Great Cedars East and Great Cedars West giving the town a connected 1600 acres. Acquiring the two Cedars parcels was a commitment of great foresight by the town.

But its importance does not lie solely with the protection of land for habitat. It equally provides an economic solution for the town. By not increasing the amount of impervious cover over the land commonly associated with driveways, roadways, parking lots, commercial boxes, houses, sheds and compressed lawns, it provides the twin benefits of maintaining water quality and reducing flooding. Undeveloped land allows rainfall to infiltrate into the ground and decrease downstream flooding. This is

already a problem in Old Saybrook, and is likely to be more of a problem as sea levels rise and the arrival of more extreme storms meets us at the shore. Also, water quality is protected. Think of what the Connecticut River looked like right off the point after Storm Irene. Brown, dirty, polluted. The Oyster River, and other streams of The Preserve would be protected from this occurrence. The acquisition of The Preserve is a beneficial cost-effective way to maintain the sustainability of Old Saybrook.

A couple of months ago, the Conservation Commission wondered aloud what the town would look like with twin natural resources of immeasurable quality at its disposal for responsible ecotourism - The Preserve and the coasts of the CT River and Long Island Sound. These world-class resources would be available to Old Saybrook as economic, environmental and social anchors for the long term.

The Conservation Commission and the town has long sought to acquire The Preserve and has worked tenaciously over time with many individuals and partners to ensure that this possibility becomes a reality. It is a matter of choice. It's time for town residents to decide on The Preserve.

*Walter Smith,  
Chairman of the Conservation Commission*

## Acton Public Library



Russ Becker & Stephen Roane

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS JUNE 23 - AUGUST 9

"Literary Elements" is the theme for this summer's program. Read books of your own choosing, and for each book read, you are entered into a drawing for weekly prizes. The wonderful prizes were funded by the Friends of the Acton Public Library.

### SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**July 18, 7 p.m. After-Hours Concert with Russ Becker and Steve Roan** -Join us for a concert by two wonderful local musicians. This concert will be held in the Ann Petry Reading Room, downstairs, in the library.

**July 25, 7 p.m. After-Hours Concert: Phil Rosenthal Tribute to Pete Seeger** - A concert featuring the music and wisdom of legendary folk singer Pete Seeger. Phil is a fabulous banjo player, and will entertain us with timeless songs.

**August 6, 7 p.m. Poetry Reading: Fr. Spencer Reece will read selections from his new book of poems, *The Road to Emmaus*.** Fr. Spencer Reece is the son of Old Saybrook residents. His poetry is reflective of his life and travels.

Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing.

**August 15, 7 p.m. After-Hours Concert: Tumbling Bones** - We welcome Tumbling Bones back to the Acton Library for an evening of "roots" music. This trio has just completed a concert tour of Ireland, Germany and the United Kingdom.

### FILMS AT THE LIBRARY

Books to Movies Series - "Family Films".  
 Monday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. - "Stuart Little"  
 Monday, July 21, 6:30 p.m. - "Homeward Bound"  
 Monday, August 4, 6:30 p.m. - "Secretariat"  
 Monday, August 18, 6:30 p.m. - "Fly Away Home"

### ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

There is a full schedule of art exhibits planned for the library:  
 Society of Connecticut Sculptors Acton Public Library Summer Show: June and July.  
 Daniel Dahlstrom: July 1 - August 2  
 Tom Mayer: August  
 Diane Aldi: September



Phil Rosenthal presents "The Songs of Pete Seeger" at the Acton Public Library on July 25 at 7 p.m.

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July - from the collection of Homer Mills  
 August - Boy Scout display  
 September - Motorcycle collection of Vincent Yannone

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM - JUNE 23 - AUGUST 9 -**  
 "Fizz Boom Read" for children ages preschool (read-to-me) through Tweens. Register, read, win prizes - and adopt a hummingbird family! To top off the program, Friends of Acton Public Library will sponsor a grand Finale celebration.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS - "It's Theatretime"** with Judy Potter - Tuesday Mornings in July, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Judy Potter will read a story to children, ages 3-7. Under her direction, the children will act out the story. Registration is required.  
 "Fizz Boom - Stories, Experiments & Crafts" - Thursday evenings in July, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mrs. DaCorte, Children's Librarian, will read stories and conduct experiments & crafts with children ages 7 & up.

**STORY TIMES -** Preschool Story Time - every Friday Morning at 10:30 a.m. For Children Ages 2-5: Stories, songs, hand rhymes, creative activities, and lots of fun! Bring your lunch and stay for even more fun!  
 Story Time for Wee-Ones - Every Wed. Morning at 10:30 a.m. For Children Ages Birth to 2: Stories, songs, hand rhymes, and time for adults to socialize.

**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Friday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. Special Visit from Rocky, the Rock Cats Baseball Team Mascot. Rocky will be part of a special baseball story time. Everyone is welcome.  
 Saturday, July 26, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - "Teaching Creatures" Rae Griffiths will present a live animal program that teaches respect for all living creatures.  
 Wednesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. - "Creatures of Nature and Magic and Other Natural Phenomenon" -Singer/musician Susan Peak will present a family concert filled with music, magic and fun!  
 Saturday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. - "Dragons & Dreams" - Using science experiments to tell their story, Sciencetellers will take us on a journey to an entire kingdom!

**YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS**

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM -** June 23 - August 9 -"Spark a Reaction" for teens. Register, read, win! Prizes have been donated by the Friends of the Acton Public Library.  
**SUMMER CRAFTS PROGRAMS -** Join us at the Acton Public Library for these free weekly programs in July. This group is recommended for young adults age 11 and older. To register, call the library at 860-395-3184, or email actonref@gmail.com.  
**Interpretive Library Programs:** a Summer of Random Henna Tattoos with *Jamilah*: Tuesday, July 8, 6 - 8 p.m.  
 Make a Shamballa Bracelet: Tuesday, July 15, 6 - 8 p.m.  
 Drawing with Impact: Comic and Manga Storytelling with *Matt Ryan of Free Lunch Comics*: Tuesday, July 22, 6 - 8 p.m.

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Japanese Shodo – the Way of the Brush (Calligraphy) with Cheryl LoPriore of Bushidokai Martial Arts: Tuesday, July 29, 6 - 8 p.m.

All of these programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library

**Rotary Club’s Illustrated Stories Project for Young Adults**

- Come and be part of a creative and fun summer writing program. As part of a Rotary Club’s Illustrated Stories Project, you will write a mini-graphic novel, choosing from over 500 illustrations or drawing your own. Share your story if you wish and receive a laminated copy of it at the reception. This program is for middle school and high school students and is free of charge. For more information, visit <http://www.srbrown.info/stories/>. Registration required.

**College Preparation Program** (For young adults and their parents)

Thursday, September 11, 6:30 - 8 PM: Writing the College Essay with Jocelyn Ruggiero

**PROGRAMS FOR JOB SEEKERS AT THE ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Shoreline Works, a collaboration, between CT Works, Acton Public Library, and Old Saybrook Social Services, offers programs for job seekers on Monday mornings at the Acton Public Library. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call the Acton Public Library at (860) 395-3184 or email [shorelineworks@gmail.com](mailto:shorelineworks@gmail.com).

com. Speakers for these programs are sponsored by the Friends of Acton Public Library.

**July:** Monday, July 14, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Creating a Targeted and Focused Resume, with Jeff Metzger of Your Resume consultant

Monday, July 28, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Job Networking Group: Facilitated by CTWorks.

**August:**

Monday, August 4, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Speaker to be announced.

Monday, August 25, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Job Networking Group: Facilitated by CTWorks. Topic to be announced.

**September:**

Monday, September 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Speaker to be announced.

Monday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Job Networking Group: Facilitated by CTWorks. Topic to be announced.

We hope to see you at the library this Spring. The library is grateful to the Friends of the Acton Public Library for making many of these programs possible.

If you have any questions, contact us at 860-395-3184, or by email: [actonpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:actonpubliclibrary@gmail.com).

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## *Friends of the Acton Public Library*

### **Summer Book Sale**

The Friends biggest event of the year is the Annual Book and Bake Sale. The schedule for this year is:

Thursday, July 17 - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, July 18 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Bake Sale Today)

Saturday, July 19 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In addition, the book sale will be open Friday evening during the special concert featuring The Duo - Russ Becker and Stephen Roane. The concert starts at 7 p.m.; doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

This year's sale promises to be bigger than ever, as there have been more donations of books, CDs, Audio books, and DVDs, than ever before. Stock up on your beach reading - the prices can't be beat!

Throughout the year, the Friends sell recently published books in nearly new condition on the main floor of the library. In addition to the large summer sale, there is a March "mini-sale", featuring children's books, audio visual materials, and paperbacks.

The money raised through the book sale, the bake sale, memberships, and donations is used to supplement the library's budget and provides funds for many of the programs held at the library, as well as materials and equipment. This summer's concert series has been funded by the Friends. The Summer Reading Programs have also been funded by the Friends.

This year, the Friends also purchased a beautiful new plasma TV and cart, which will be used for the movie showings at the library. They contributed to a fundraising

effort to purchase a mobile computer lab, to be used for instructional purposes at the library, especially with the Shoreline Works programs. They purchased a new display shelving unit and play rug for the children's room. The Young Adult area has new "teen-friendly" chairs, courtesy of the Friends. And these are just some of the items added this year!

Consider joining the Friends of the Library, if you haven't already. And be sure to stop by and pick up a good book at the sale (and some baked goodies on Friday).



*Tumbling Bones performs at the Acton Public Library  
August 15 at 7 p.m.*

## *WPCA Update*

The Spring has brought with it the last 2 Wastewater Management District septic system upgrade bids for Phase I; the Fenwood 1 and Fenwood 2 contracts. Both of these areas will be under construction this Summer and finished in the Fall. Soil testing and site investigations have begun in Meadowood and Ingham Hill and should be completed by mid-September. As these wane, the WPCA will be making contact with the residents of Maple Avenue North to take advantage of the good weather and begin organizing the site investigations.

The actual program entry process for residents in Meadowood and Ingham Hill may begin later in the year as the WPCA procures the State funding (Clean Water Fund monies) for Phase II.

So, over the next several months residents can expect to see the WPCA field crew onsite; monitoring installations in Fenwood, digging test holes in Meadowood and Ingham Hill, utilizing the ground penetrating radar device in these areas, performing in-house inspections, responding to any septic system crisis that arises, and generally investigating and providing important site data for Phase II properties. There is a lot of activity!

The first benefit assessment payments were due on May 1. The last day to pay the May assessments without penalty was June 2. Assessments for additional completed upgrades will be introduced in a Public Hearing in July. These payments will be due on November 1.

The WPCA would like to take this opportunity to remind residents, many of whom come to Town from "sewered" areas, to be cognizant of where their septic system components are located and avoid driving over and parking on top of them. The concrete tank covers may cave in and the newer, shallow leaching field products (which are made of plastic), may be crushed. [See article on leaching fields in this issue.] Future building additions and new construction plans should also take these locations into consideration. Finally, tree planting and landscaping decisions should include keeping tree roots away from the system.

That being said we hope residents have been enjoying the fine seasonal weather that has finally arrived.

For further information, please feel free to visit our office, call 860-395-2876, or attend our Board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in Town Hall. You can also visit [www.oswpc.org](http://www.oswpc.org) or our pages on the Town website.

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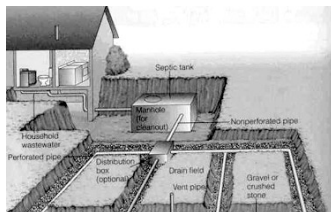


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## What Is A Leaching System

A leach field consists of trenches or a bed lined with gravel or coarse sand, and is typically buried one to three feet below the surface of the ground.



There are however, many properties in Town that utilize dry wells and concrete galleries as their leaching components.

Newer leaching products are replacing both the pipe and stone trenches and concrete pits and galleries. These shallower systems may include various types and combinations of plastic chambers, modules, geo-filter fabric, distribution piping, venting, perforated irrigation pipes, pumps and dosing components.



Perforated pipes or drain tiles run through the trenches. Wastewater trickles from the perforated pipes through the gravel and into the soil, which acts as a biological filter. Microorganisms found in the soil, and the soil itself, continue the treatment process begun in

the tank by removing harmful organisms, organic matter and some nutrients.

Correct siting, design and installation are critical to the proper functioning and long life of a septic system. The owner plays an equally important role. Using preventive practices, maintaining the system and watching for signs of failure are key.

Preventive practices include:

- (a) improving the quality of wastewater;
- (b) reducing the amount of wastewater, and
- (c) protecting the leach field.

Simply put, use care in what you put into the system. Do not use the wastewater disposal system as a wastebasket, household chemical disposal site, or use unnecessary additives in your system. Also, the use of a garbage disposal further taxes the system. IF you use a garbage disposal, your septic tank should be pumped more frequently. Conserve water where possible. The less water entering the system, the less turbulence and better settling that will occur. For example, decrease the amount of water going into the tank by spreading out activities, like laundry, during the course of the week. Install low-flow showerheads, use a "toilet tummy" or a 1/2 gallon milk jug filled with water in the toilet tank and encourage short showers.

Lastly, protect the leach field. Avoid compacting the soil or crushing the pipes and units or breaking concrete covers. Don't let heavy vehicles cross the leach field; don't place

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heavy objects like swimming pools, boats, or storage sheds over the field. Also, avoid planting trees within the leach field as the roots can cause damage to the system. Grass is the best thing to grow over the leach field.

Maintenance means inspection and pumping of the tank. An inspection should include checking sludge and scum levels as well as checking baffles to be sure that they have not been damaged. Tank pumping removes the solids that cannot be broken down by bacteria and should not enter the leach field. The Department of Public Health recommends pumping every 3-5 years. Old Saybrook requires pumping every 5 years.

A failing system can result in the spread of disease from improperly treated wastewater/sewage. If you experience sewage backup in drains or toilets, slowly draining sinks, tubs and toilets, foul odors, repeated intestinal illnesses in household members,

standing wasted water or soggy areas on the ground above or near the septic system, or excessive growth of lush, green plants over the leach field even during dry weather, your septic system is probably failing.

**Use of Additives**

Septic system additives are marketed to: digest the solids in a septic tank; rejuvenate stressed bacterial populations in the tank; and/or increase "settleability" of solids. The necessity of such additives is not proven and may actually be damaging, particularly to the leach field and the soils. The Department of Public Health and EPA do not recommend the use of additives.

If you have questions about the location of your septic system, contact the WPCA. Also, be sure to maintain records of location, pumping, maintenance or repair should you decide to sell your property.

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## THE OLD SAYBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rhyme Celebration

On March 19, 2014, the Old Saybrook School District welcomed 192 students from around the state in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade to perform in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual CT COLT (Council of Language Teachers) Rhyme Celebration at the Old Saybrook High School. Patti Namin, the French teacher at Goodwin School, coordinated the evening with the assistance of Beth Ramm, the art teacher at Goodwin and Mrs. Geer and Mrs. Cole, the music teachers at Goodwin and several high school students. The students performed in the language they are learning at their prospective schools before a standing room only audience at the Old Saybrook High School. Twelve different languages, ranging from Chinese and Japanese to Polish, Spanish and French were featured. The theme of the Rhyme Celebration this year was "Our Big Blue Ocean" in which the students performed songs and chants about fish, the beach and ships sailing. This is the first year that the Language Department in Old Saybrook has hosted the event. Each year a different school district whose world language program begins at the elementary level is invited to host and Old Saybrook was proud to take on the endeavor.

*Sheila Brown, OSGS Principal*

### Goodwin's Annual Science Day

Goodwin's Annual Science Day was held on Friday, March 20. Parents and local businessmen turned every classroom into a laboratory where students explored multiple scientific experiments and demonstrations. Pfizer parents and Goodwin volunteers donate hours of preparation and each year the event becomes an even greater experience for the future scientists in grades pre-K through grade 3.

*Sheila Brown, OSGS Principal*

### Goodwin Celebrates Earth Day in Many Ways

All students and their families were invited to participate in a school-wide Environmental Stewardship Activity called, Green-Vention. Students from all grade levels, pre-K through grade 3, created a piece of art; an object or an invention using only recycled materials. Over 100 projects from students and their families were displayed in the school's lobby for several weeks.

Goodwin's Annual Earth Day Gathering took place on April 25. Each grade level presented a salute to the earth through song and poetry in support of the school's commitment to being Green. Several students also shared their individual Green-Vention entries.

Also on this day, Mrs. Hinckley, the Youth Outreach committee chair for the Old Saybrook Garden Club, joined

Goodwin students and staff in planting an Elm sapling to celebrate Arbor Day. Mrs. Barbara Maynard provided a historical perspective of the significance of the Elm tree.

*Sheila Brown, OSGS Principal*

### Grandparent and Special Friends Day

Each year Goodwin classrooms open their doors to the family and friends of each student. On Wednesday April 30 and Thursday May 1 Goodwin hosted over 400 Grandparents and Special Friends. Many children celebrated 3 generations of family during this special visit. Kindergarten and First Grades performed for their guests and second and third graders provided activities and refreshments in the classroom.

*Sheila Brown, OSGS Principal*



### Grade Three Spring Musical

The grade three spring musical, *The Magnificent Seven*, was performed on Thursday May 8 and included a salute to the composers whom the students have been studying all year.

On May 30 all students participated in our third annual Wellness Day. Mrs. Chris Kelley, created an exciting and energetic array of activities to challenge students at each grade level. Parent volunteers ran the events and appeared to have as much fun as the parents!

*Sheila Brown, OSGS Principal*

### Goodwin Goes Green With Green-Ventions!

How do kids learn? They learn by doing! And that is just what students from pre-school through third grade did. This past April Goodwin got greener by celebrating Earth Day in a big way. Jermain Johnson, first grade teacher and Goodwin's Green Coordinator, organized its first "Green-Vention". The mission was to create an art piece, invention, or object by using ONLY recyclable products. The student

participation was overwhelming! The gallery of 'Green-Ventions' was displayed in Goodwin's front hallway with over 80 participants. These delightful creations were made from paper, plastic, cardboard, and aluminum. There were piggy banks, castles, planters, mobiles, birdhouses, and original art sculpture, just to name a few. The goal was to tap into children's creative thinking and imagination while building awareness of how we can reduce and reuse our waste. Most importantly was that the children had fun while they were learning. Our Goodwin kids are still making a difference!

*Jermain Johnson, OSGS Teacher*

**Old Saybrook Middle School Wellness Day**

Old Saybrook Middle School's Safety and Wellness Day was held on April 9. This annual event started ten years ago when an eighth grade teacher and her family experienced a tragedy as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. This misfortune was the springboard that opened opportunities to educate our students on topics of safety and wellness and give them the knowledge they need to live healthy and safe lives.

Parents and community members Terri and Vito Savino have coordinated this event for the past five years. Mr. Savino is a retired State Police sergeant and registered nurse and Mrs. Savino is currently engaged in the health care field as a trauma coordinator at Middlesex Hospital. The Savinos have a daughter who attends Old Saybrook High School and a son who is in eighth grade at Old Saybrook Middle School. The event requires year-round planning and the support of many volunteers. This important day brings school and community providers together to engage students in a variety of developmentally appropriate seminars and activities. Topics this year included concussion management, the use of fire extinguishers, proper hygiene and nutrition, boating safety, skin cancer prevention, CPR and stress management.

One of the highlights of the day was when Life Star landed on our baseball field. Life Star is a helicopter that provides transportation for patients requiring critical care throughout the state of Connecticut. Students were able to meet the crew, including the pilot, mechanic, flight nurse, respiratory therapist, and communication specialist, who were able to answer questions and discuss their responsibilities on Life Star. Students were able to get a close look at the aircraft and learn about this valuable lifesaving resource.

The day culminated with a PTO sponsored school-wide presentation by Eastern Action Sports Team. The middle school gymnasium was transformed into a BMX bike park with ramps and jumps that expert riders used to launch through the air. The performers spoke to the dangers of riding a bike without a helmet, staying fit, eating healthy and encouraged students to be aware of risks when riding on the road.

Parent and staff member Erin Reid is thankful that her children had the opportunity to participate in this special day. Several years ago, her youngest son was choking on a piece of steak. Her son Aidan performed the Heimlich maneuver on

his brother as a result of training he received on Safety and Wellness Day. "I could not be more grateful for the knowledge my son gained. I am thankful that the school provides these opportunities for students to learn life-saving skills."

We look forward to continuing this event in the years to come with guidance from Old Saybrook Middle School parent and Yale nurse Maureen Coppes.

*Matthew Walton, OSMS Associate Principal*

**Middle School Students Host Energy Expo**

On Friday, May 30 fourth graders at Old Saybrook Middle School shared their science projects at the annual Energy Expo. Students have been working diligently for about a month on their projects. Topics included: ways to conserve energy, recycling, solar energy, wind energy, tidal energy, nuclear energy, geothermal energy, fossil fuels, hydropower, composting, water pollution, water conservation, and the Long Island Sound. The goal of this project was for the students to teach their peers, their parents, as well as adults and other students in the school community about these environmental topics. They did a fantastic job! There were a variety of projects, from games that had been created, to posters, to models, to a skit, and a PowerPoint presentation. Students were involved in their learning and enjoyed sharing their skills and knowledge with their audience.

*Karen Evans, OSMS Math/Science Teacher*

**OSMS Students Travel to The University of Hartford for Art Lessons**

On Tuesday, May 20, twenty OSMS eighth graders boarded a school bus and headed to Hartford for a day of art activities sponsored by The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) under the supervision of Mrs. Anita Mokoid, Ms. Mary Looney, and Mrs. Karen Van der Horst.

Students had to write Mrs. Mokoid a letter requesting their reasons for participation and how this experience might benefit them in the future. Mrs. Mokoid reported that the first twenty letters turned into her were all excellent. Other students were placed on a cancellation list.

A class session in the morning was followed by a delicious box lunch and then a second class of the day. Twelve sessions were offered in diverse subject matter from basket making to pinpoint, camera photography to metal creations, and more.

Each Student brought their projects home with stories of how much they enjoyed creating and meeting new friends within the region.

*Anita Mokoid, OSMS Art Teacher*

**Old Saybrook High School Celebrates Many Student Writers.**

The Creative Writing Class Senior award was given to a remarkable senior who demonstrated flexibility and skill in her writing. Also, she was a winner in the Shoreline

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Heads of English Departments Writing contest this year for both her poetry and personal essay. Congratulations to Effie Gianitsos. Also, a sophomore won two awards in the Shoreline Heads of English Department Annual contest for her play and literary analysis: Sophomore Adina Ripin

Congratulations on the publication of her novel, *War Torn*, by senior Heidi Thomas

For recognition in local Acton Poetry contest, congratulations to: Megan Rubano, MaiLe Chaplar, and senior Kaila Mahon

Congratulations for their admission to the New England Young Writers Conference at Middlebury College, the high school version of the Breadloaf Writers Conference: Cassie Martin and Adina Ripin.

Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents, CAPSS, annual Student Voices Essay Contest announced state winners, all from Old Saybrook High School: Jillian Noyes won first prize in the essay contest, Julie Cestaro won second place, and Natasha Tarbell is third.

Congratulations to all of our aspiring writers!

*Jeanne Proctor, OSHS English Teacher*

**Student Show Support for “The Preserve”**

In late May a crowd gathered in the Old Saybrook Middle School auditorium to express their opinions regarding the town’s purchase of the 1000 acre preserve. Among the 176 people in attendance to show their support for the project were several high school students and their science teacher, Mrs. Karen Carlone. After more than two hours of the public expressing mostly favorable opinions regarding the purchase, the First Selectman and members of the board of finance voted unanimously to recommend a \$3 million appropriation for the “Preserve” and the matter will now move to a public referendum.

**Students Attend Envirothon**

On May 22, a team of five students from Mrs. Karen Carlone’s science class attended the Connecticut Envirothon held at the Tolland Agricultural Center in Vernon, CT. Team members Sophia D’Ambrosi, Ashley Bright, Adam Burkhardt, Grant Patterson, Cameron King learned a lot and had an enjoyable time.

*Karen Carlone, OSHS Science Teacher*

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## Safe Grad Night ~ Thanks Old Saybrook

Fundraising for Old Saybrook High School's "Safe Grad Night 2014" was hugely successful this year thanks to the generosity of parents, many businesses both near and far, and the tireless commitment of the 2014 committee of volunteers. Our two major fundraisers this year were Ladies Night Out at the Kate in January and our annual golf tournament in May with our title sponsor, Marshal Law, LLC. Sufficient funds were raised to invite all seniors in the graduating class of 2014 to attend Safe Grad Night at no cost to them or their family. Safe Grad Night is a 15-year tradition in Old Saybrook in which the graduating seniors of OSHS attend an exciting and memorable all-night graduation party in a safe, fun, and substance-free setting. This

year it was held on June 20 at a surprise location which included food, music, activities, games, and live entertainment for the Class of 2014. The committee would like to thank all of the businesses that made the fundraising events for Safe Grad Night 2014 successful by providing food and services for our Ladies Night Out at the Kate and golfers, sponsorships, goods & services, and in-kind support for the annual Marshall Law, LLC - OSHS Safe Grad Night Golf Tournament. Many of these businesses have supported Safe Grad Night for many years in addition to supporting many other non-profit organizations in our community. Please thank these businesses through your continued patronage.

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All funds raised are managed through the non-profit corporation formed by parents several years ago. Graduation Night, Inc. is a registered 501(c) 3 charitable organization which gladly accepts tax-deductible donations of all amounts. New

donations will go toward Safe Grad Night 2015 for the next graduating class of OSHS. The organization's mailing address is Graduation Night, Inc. c/o Old Saybrook High School, 1111 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook CT 06475.

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## *CRAHD Offers Some Facts About Skin Cancer*

Did you know that skin cancer is the most common cancer in the US? That's right! We often hear more about other cancers such as lung, colon, breast cancer in women, and prostate cancer in men, but skin cancer is by far most common at over 3.5 million new cases per year. Ironically, skin cancer may also be the most preventable and treatable cancer.

There are 3 basic types of skin cancer:

1. Basal cell
2. Squamous cell
3. Melanoma.

The first two types, basal and squamous cell, are caused by over-exposure to ultraviolet rays from the sun. They are non-melanoma type cancers and are normally not as invasive as melanoma. Subsequently, they are easier to treat than melanoma. These cancers usually develop in sun exposed areas of the body, such as the head, face, ears, lips, neck and back of hands. If treated late, these cancers may cause significant scarring and disfigurement, and even loss of function.

Melanomas are the more serious type of skin cancer. It develops in cells, called melanocytes, which contribute to our skin color. (Benign growths of melanocytes cause non-cancerous moles.) Melanomas can occur anywhere on the body, and may grow and expand aggressively. Unchecked, melanomas can cause serious conditions and may lead to death.

Risk factors for melanomas include unprotected exposure to the sun's UV radiation, pale skin complexion, skin with a large number of moles, history of severe sunburn, and occupations which require excessive amounts of time in the sun.

There are simple steps we could take to prevent skin cancers from occurring and prevent them from becoming a serious condition if they do occur.

1. Avoid long exposure to the sun
2. Have regular skin exams, both self-exams, and by your

doctor, to discover problems early. A key to any self exam is to detect any changes in your moles, blemishes, freckles, and other marks on your skin. Any change should be brought to the attention of your physician and examined.

3. Practice the ABCDE skin rule:

- A = Asymmetry (one half of a mole or birthmark does not match the other)
- B = Boarder (edges are irregular, ragged, notched, or blurred)
- C = Color (the color is not the same all over)
- D = Diameter (the spot is larger than 6 ml across-about ¼ Inch, the size of a pencil eraser)
- E = Evolving (changes in the mole over variable time, weeks, months)

Also E is for having suspicious spots Evaluated by a Doctor!

### **Practice Sun Safety!**

1. Avoid sun when it is most intense, between 10 AM and 4 PM.
2. Seek shade
3. Avoid sun burns
4. Cover up with protective clothing as much as possible, wear hats, sunglasses
5. Use a BROAD SPECTRUM sunscreen (broad spectrum protects all harmful UV radiation)
6. Apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher daily, and at least 30 for extended outdoor times
7. Avoid other sources of UV light, such as tanning beds and lamps
8. Practice these methods even on cloudy or overcast days

CRAHD (Connecticut River Area Health District) is your local health dept. in Deep River, Clinton, and Old Saybrook. CRAHD offers skin cancer education to groups. If interested, call Sherry at 860-661-3300.

## *Your Government - By The Numbers*

There is a new online resource for Connecticut residents seeking the data and details on state government. Complete with charts and graphs and available for download in a variety of formats, the Connecticut Open Data Portal has made its electronic debut. The Connecticut Open Data Portal will serve as an online portal where information that is collected across all government agencies can be shared. The portal is now live and can be accessed at <http://data.ct.gov>.

This electronic data portal provides a useful database that can be used by entrepreneurs, analysts, academics and the general public. Data collection categories include transportation, public safety, health, business, environment, education and housing among others. To date, the portal contains more than 100 data sets highlighting traffic



counts, crime statistics, and leased and state owned buildings.

While the portal makes data available to the public, it does so while continuing to safeguard data that must be kept secure under state and federal law. Information that would compromise public health, safety or the public welfare would continue to be excluded from public view.

I urge you to make use of this tool for accessing and understanding information relevant to important

functions of government that affect your quality of life.

State Representative Marilyn Giuliano represents Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and coastal Westbrook in the Connecticut General Assembly.

*Marilyn Giuliano, State Representative*

## How to Get Noticed

By the time we reach our 40's many of us find ourselves applying more than one product to get the desired results that use to come for free when we were in our 20's. In order to get the best results from your anti-aging products, they should be applied in a specific order.

Cleansing is an important first step. You should be using a cleanser that is specifically designed for your face and not any old thing that you have in the shower. Some cleansers that contain ingredients like glycolic and salicylic acids might be too harsh for over 40 skin.

If you use a good facial cleanser, you should not need a toner. And when it comes to drying, please put down the hand towel. Reach for a tissue and pat your skin dry.

By the age of 40 all women should incorporate a serum into their daily routine. Moisturizing is essential for hydration, but a serum can help repair damage. My personal favorites are serums that contain growth factors.

You should wait for a few minutes for your serums to dry

before applying a moisturizer. So use that time to do something - brush your teeth, dry your hair. Just something so you won't notice the time. If you're new to layering products, it will make your new routine much easier.

Your next step is a sunscreen. This is the most important step and is often neglected. You should be in the habit of wearing a separate sunscreen every day, not only in the summer months.

Many women seek out moisturizers that have an SPF and think that they have adequate protection from harmful UV rays. While this is a good first line of defense, it is not enough protection. You should be using a separate sunscreen that contains either Zinc or Titanium Dioxide for maximum protection.

Aging is a complex process and one product or procedure rarely gives the desired result. Most skin rejuvenation plans include more than one topical treatment and tightening or volumizing procedures to enhance the results.

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## Spring Into Rosé

Spring is finally here and I am sure everyone will agree that it has been a long cold winter. As the days become longer and the weather warms up, the perfect wines to drink are Rosés. The rosé style of wine has become increasingly popular every year, and why not? Aside from being refreshing, rosés pair well with a vast array of foods and are extremely palatable to almost any wine drinker.

Rosés are comprised of mostly red varietals but are occasionally blended with a small amount of white grapes. You might ask, where does the pink color come from? Well, the juice from all grapes is clear, the color of the wine depends on how long the skins stay in contact during the wine making process. The longer the skins stay in contact, the darker the color of the rosé. In my experience, the deeper rosés tend to have dark fruit flavors such as blackberry, cassis and plum, while the pale rosés taste of

strawberry, cherry and watermelon. French rosés from Provence, for example, tend to be a pale salmon-like color and are light and refreshing in body, while Cotes-du-Rhone rosés are brighter pink and weightier in the mouth.

Because of the long run of White Zinfandel in the United States, many people believe that all rosés are sweet. White Zinfandel is made in a different fashion than true rosés, it has lower alcohol and higher residual sugar. Most rosés are in fact drier than one would expect. This makes them easy to pair with many different foods, from appetizers to entrees and desserts.

It is time to invite your friends over, uncover and strike up the barbeque grill, and crack open a refreshing bottle of rosé, it will surely please your entire crowd. Happy Spring!

*Art LiPuma, Manager, SeaSide Wine & Spirits*

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Susan Consoli, MA, LPC,  
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## Youth and Family Services

### OLD SAYBROOK YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND HEALTHY YOUTH ANNOUNCE FAMILY DAY 2014

Get out your calendars and circle Sunday, September 21st, 2014!

Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services and Healthy Communities Healthy Youth invite you to join in the town's 16th Annual Family Day celebration on the Old Saybrook town green from 1:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, September 21st (Rain Date: Sunday, September 28th). This much anticipated community event celebrates our families as well as this fabulous community in which we live by offering positive activities and intergenerational fun for all ages to enjoy together.

Over the years participants have enjoyed free food such as hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, fruit smoothies and cotton candy, live music, painting and drawing, free family portraits, dancing, table games, bounce houses, challenge courses and so much more! There will be something for everyone. In the spirit of inclusiveness, all Family Day activities are completely free to participants and supported by the generosity of our community.

Should you wish to sponsor an activity, share your talents or volunteer your time at this year's Family Day event, please visit Youth and Family services' website at [www.oldsaybrook.org/youth](http://www.oldsaybrook.org/youth) or contact Wendy Mill, Program Coordinator, Youth and Family Services at 860-510-5050 or by email at [wmill@town.old-saybrook.ct.us](mailto:wmill@town.old-saybrook.ct.us).

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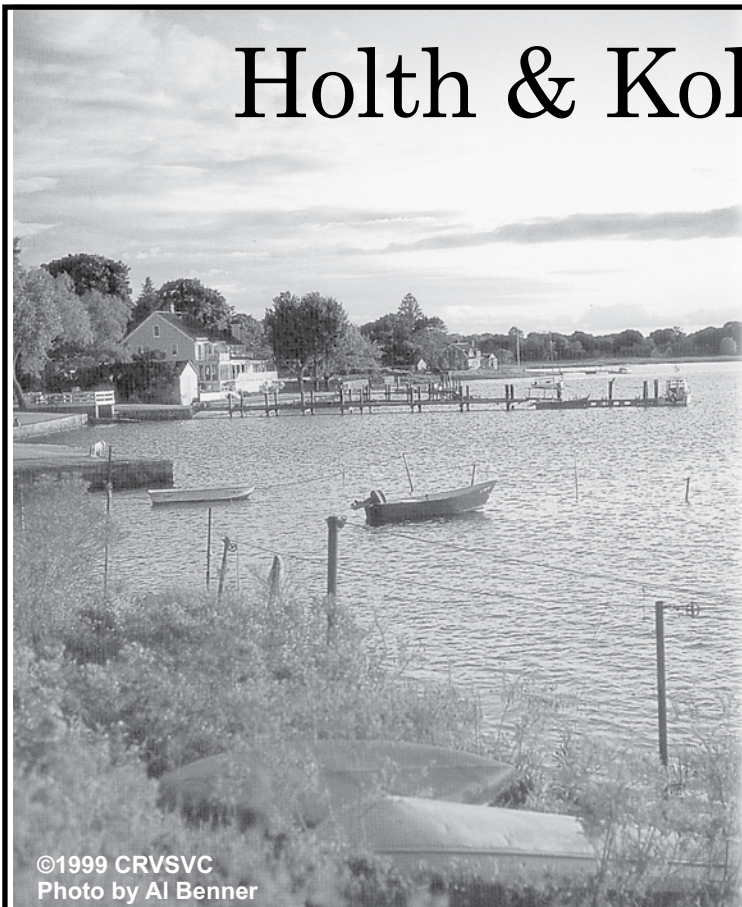
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*Youth and Family Services (continued)*

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*17 artists working in a multitude of media and styles displayed their art and/or crafts in the 2013 Youth Booth.*

Whether your medium is oil or acrylics, photography, sculpture or pottery, pen and ink or beadwork, fabric design, paper mache, ceramics, etc if you are an Old Saybrook youth between the ages of 7 and 20, we want you to display your artwork in the Healthy Communities Healthy Youth/Youth and Family Services sponsored booth at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Arts and Crafts Festival July 26 and 27.

HCHY and Youth and Family Services have sponsored the Youth Booth at the annual Festival since 2005, providing a unique opportunity for youth working in a wide range of media. Participating youth artists:

- may display (and offer for sale if they desire) 2 - 3 finished pieces of work - depending upon size of items and the total number of participants;
- will help staff the booth during a pre-arranged 2 hour period on either Saturday July 26 or Sunday July 27;
- are encouraged to talk with patrons and professional artists about their art at the event;
- are encouraged to bring along a 'work in progress' to work on while at the show ... or to bring along a portfolio to display while they staff the booth.

Parents/guardians are invited to help staff the booth and should plan on accompanying artists aged 13 and under. Volunteers are also welcome to help with setup or to staff the booth. Please call Linda McCall at Youth and Family Services, 860-395-3190 if you wish to volunteer.

To participate Youth Artists should register by July 11. Registration/permission forms are available for download on the OSYFS website at [www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth](http://www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth) under "News and Announcements" or may be obtained at OSYFS, 322 Main Street, OS.

For more information, contact Youth Booth 'Curator' Linda McCall at 860-510-5040 or via email at [lmccall@town.old-saybrook.ct.us](mailto:lmccall@town.old-saybrook.ct.us).

This is a wonderful opportunity for Old Saybrook youth to share their artistic abilities with their community! It's also a great opportunity for patrons of the annual festival to support local youth by stopping by the booth and chatting with and encouraging our youth artists.

*Linda McCall, Administrative Assistant  
Youth and Family Services*

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**NEW SUMMER SOCIAL AND/OR STRESS REDUCTION GROUPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS OFFERED BY OLD SAYBROOK YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Youth and Family Services offers several grade-specific social and skill-building groups for Old Saybrook students this summer. Registration is required for all groups; to register, please call Youth and Family Services at 860-395-3190 and download the permission form at [www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth](http://www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth).

*Mindful Kids – Social, Emotional and Self-Regulation Skills*

Skills will be built using team-building exercises, mindfulness sensory techniques, cooperative play techniques, kindness exercises, dramatic arts, play and art therapy. The groups will be led by Melinda Tyler, LMFT, OSYFS Clinician / Early Childhood Council Coordinator utilizing *Strong Kids curricula*, *Active Regulation Skills* and *Mind-Up curricula*. 3 separate grade-specific daytime groups are offered, each with a single evening component for children and their parents featuring nutritionist Kathy Cobb. Along with the nutritious dinner, the kids will put into practice with their parents what they have learned as a group.

- Children Entering Pre-K and Kindergarten (ages 4 & 5) Mondays and Fridays (6/23; 6/27; 6/30; 7/7; 7/11; 7/25; 7/28; 8/1; 8/4; and 8/8) 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. meeting at Old Saybrook Fire Department, Evening Component on Thursday July 31, 5:30 - 7:30 pm for children and their parents. This program is underwritten by Middlesex United Way
- Children Entering Grades 1 through 3 Mondays (6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/28, 8/4 and 8/11), 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Evening Component on Thursday August 7 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children and their parents. Fee: \$10
- Children Entering Grades 4 through 6 Tuesdays (6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/29, 8/5 and 8/12), 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Evening Component on Thursday August 7, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children and their parents. Fee: \$10

*Chill Group for High School Girls (entering grades 9 - 12)*

Girls will learn relaxation techniques to use in school, on the go, or when feeling overwhelmed. They will also learn how to maintain a happy self and demonstrate respect through listening to peers. Girls will be empowered and be able to teach others what they discover works for them. Led by Chelsea Graham, MSW, OSYFS

Clinician, the group will meet at OSYFS and walk to the Hart House Garden. Tuesdays (6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15 and 7/22) from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$10

*Get Out There!*

Scavenger hunts, physical challenges, water and outdoor activities will be utilized to help teens and pre-teens gain friendships, build communication skills, work as a team, manage distress and strengthen leadership skills. 2 separate grade-specific groups will be led by Chelsea Graham, MSW, OSYFS Clinician. Meet at OSYFS, off-site activities featured.

- Middle School Students (entering grades 6 – 8) Thursdays (6/26; 7/3; 7/10; 7/17; and 7/24), 10:00 a.m. - noon; Fee: \$25
- High School Students (entering grades 9-12) Thursdays (6/26; 7/3; 7/10; 7/17; and 7/24), 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.; Fee: \$25

**SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

Registration is open at Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services for summer community service projects ... don't get left out of the fun ... register today!

Community Service Projects (for youth entering grades 7 - 12). Choose one of our 4-day Projects during July and August 2014:

- Hunger Awareness July 14, 15, 16 & 17 Mon. - Thurs. (max. 12 students)
- Hunger Awareness August 5, 6, 7 & 8 Tues. - Fri. (max. 12 students)

Each meets from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 or 2:00 pm depending on the activity for the day. Each week contains some education, community service, and FUN! Students earn 12 community service hours for completing the project.

Cost \$50 per individual/sibling discount in same session of \$10

Sample schedule:

- Food drive at OS Stop & Shop
- Work in the Common Grounds Community Garden
- Visit and work in Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantry
- Assist in serving a meal at SSKP

To register, call Youth and Family Services at 860-395-3190. You will also need to complete a permission form, which you can find under News and Announcements on our website [www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth](http://www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth).

***Asperger's Parents/ YFS Grandparents Support Group***

**Spring/Summer 2014 Schedule and Topics**

To accommodate childcare & work schedules, meeting times are 12:30 - 2:00 p. m. & 5:30 – 7:00 p. m.

**July 23**

Transitions: Minimizing & Working With AS Children's Meltdowns Enlisting (Extended) Family Support to Assist AS Children to Develop Listening and Appropriate Response Skills.

**August 20**

Preparing for Back-to-School: Schedule Transitions: Role Playing for Peer Interactions and Classroom Settings Communicating with School Personnel: Teachers, Administrators, Staff

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## Movies On The Beach 2014



### Community/Healthy Youth Initiative!

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Harvey's Beach is located off of Great Hammock Road in Old Saybrook.

These are the dates for scheduled movies, summer 2014:

Friday July 11, Friday August 8, Friday August 15

If we have to cancel due to rain, we are sometimes able to reschedule for the next night. Stay tuned at [www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth](http://www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth)

## A Message to Old Saybrook Property Owners

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Larry Bonin, Director of Public Works

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## Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Concerts on the Green

July 9	Old Lyme Town Band	Big Band
July 16	Long Island Sound	Classics
July 23	Ancient Mariner	Chanteymen
Aug. 6	Black & White	Classic Rock
Aug. 13	Dan Stevens	Blues
Aug. 20	Late for Dinner	Classics

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## Nightingale Scholarships



*Pictured from left to right are: Keanna Chang attending Cornell University, Nicole Valente attending Catholic University of America, and Micheala Efinger attending Curry College.*

The Old Saybrook Public Health Nursing Board presented the 2014 Nightingale Scholarships.

This year the OSPHNB presented Nightingale Scholarships totaling \$10,000 to three Old Saybrook High School seniors who have been accepted into accredited college nursing/ pre-medical programs in the fall. The scholarships were awarded based on the applicants' academic achievement, community service and motivation.

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## Salt Marsh Opera's Summer Events



Tuesday, July 15

### **Opera in the Park**

Old Saybrook Town Green

A free concert, "Opera in the Park," will be presented by Salt Marsh Opera on July 15, Old Saybrook Town Green adjacent to The Kate, 6:30 pm. Open to the public. Artists are Cabiria Jacobsen, Mezzo Soprano, Eric McKeever, Baritone and Cathy Venable, Accompanist. Simon Holt is Artistic Direction and General Manager for Salt Marsh Opera. Bring your chair, a picnic, and enjoy beautiful music under sunny skies ... we hope. No rain date.



Sunday, July 27

### **Music at the Lighthouse - Victory Celebration in Song**

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# Chamber of Commerce



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## Celebrating 75 Years

The Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce celebrates 75 years of serving the business community! To mark this milestone the Chamber is hosting a golf tournament at Lake of Isles on Monday, October 13 and an anniversary cruise aboard The Lady Katharine on September 27. Visit the Chamber website for more details: [www.oldsaybrookchamber.com](http://www.oldsaybrookchamber.com)

*51st Annual Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce Arts & Crafts Festival*

*Presented by Liberty Bank, July 26 & 27*

Summer in Old Saybrook conjures up images of beaches, barbecues, and boating--all those activities that fit so well with the slower pace and longer days of July and August. We find time for leisurely strolls along the causeway, catching a sunset off Great Hammock Road, and generally enjoying the activities that make living and visiting here so special. High on the list of those images of summer is the annual Arts & Crafts Festival, a 2-day celebration of the arts held annually on the Town Green. Ten thousand residents and visitors descend upon the colorfully transformed Town Green every July, traditionally held the last weekend of the month, to appreciate hand-crafted masterpieces and to shop over 145 exhibitors of exceptional fine art and hand crafted work. Artists and crafters represent a vast array of mediums including acrylics, ceramics, pottery, graphics, fiber, mixed media, glass, oils, jewelry, pastels, leather, photography, metal, sculpture, and wood. The Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce Arts & Crafts Festival, presented by Liberty Bank is a popular show with exhibitors - many have exhibited over twenty years. Artists come from Florida and Maine and states in between, and as far away as Arizona.

Each year the Arts & Crafts Festival relies on a battalion of volunteers to assist with setting up on the Green, directing visitors, and helping out in every which way. If you would like to be involved with this signature community event please contact the Chamber office at 860-388-3266. You'll find that the time you give will be greatly rewarding!

In addition to volunteers, the Festival also relies on monetary donations from "Friends of the Festival". A "friendship" sponsorship is \$100." "Friends" have their name, or name of their business printed on the Festival map - thousands of which are distributed throughout town and to visitors on the Green. Please call the office if you would like to reserve your sponsorship: 860-388-3266. Last year, more than 40 businesses and individuals supported the Festival in this way.

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## Native American and Saybrook History Collection



Presentation of binders containing Native American and Saybrook history to Old Saybrook Historical Society president Marie McFarlin by Laurie Lamarre and David Naumec of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center.

### Native American and Saybrook History Collection Presented to Historical Society

Since she was a young girl, Anne Sweet had a love affair with history, particularly Native American and Saybrook history. For years she collected items of interest and last year, at age 92, loaned her collection to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center so they could make copies of any materials of interest before returning the originals to the Old Saybrook Historical Society.

The staff at the Museum was quite amazed at the scope of her interests and historic value of her wide ranging collection. For the past several months they have been copying and cataloging the items in her collection, all neatly arranged and contained in Mylar sheets filling several large binders.

In April of this year Anne Sweet died and members of the Mashantucket Pequot

Museum staff have presented the first five of approximately 15 volumes to the Old Saybrook Historical Society where they will be housed as the Anne Sweet Collection of Native American and Saybrook History.

After the remaining binders of material are reviewed and copied at the Museum, they will be presented to the Historical Society's Frank Stevenson Archives where Anne was a dedicated volunteer from the time it opened more than 15 years ago.

Making the presentation to Marie McFarlin, OS Historical Society President is Laurie Lamarre, Consultant for the Battlefields of the Pequot War project, and David Naumec, Military Historian, for the Battlefields project.

Selected items from the battle that occurred in Saybrook between the colonists and Pequots, along with items from the Anne Sweet Collection, will be displayed this summer in the exhibit gallery at the Gen. William Hart House.

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The Bushnell Farm ornament is available at Nyman Jewelers, Post Road and Old Saybrook Hardware, Main Street, and on Thursday's from 9 - 12 at the Old Saybrook Historical Society, 350 Main Street. The cost is \$12. A small number of ornaments from previous years are available for \$10.

For further information or to place an order, contact the Historical Society at: 860-395-1635.


**Hepburn in New Film**

Her life and legend continue to attract interest around the world and several months ago a film crew from Cologne, Germany visited Old Saybrook and the Historical Society to capture some of the Katharine Hepburn magic and mystique.

The result is a 72 minute film, available on CD, written and produced by Rieke Brendel and Andrew Davies of Florian Films.


The lively portrayal includes vintage footage of Kate and some of her films, scenes at her Fenwick house, the golf course and lighthouse, the Katharine Cultural Arts Center, and interviews with Mundy Hepburn and Barbara Maynard.

The crew spent a day at the Historical Society conducting research and interviewing Society volunteers.



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Hairdos and excitement will be on the rise and Old Saybrook will shake and shimmy when local students (entering grades 7-10) in Old Saybrook Youth Summer Stock Theater present their production of "Hairspray JR.," it was announced today by Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International (MTI). The family-friendly show captures the spirit and turmoil of 1962 Baltimore through laughter, dance, romance, and deliriously tuneful songs.

"Hairspray JR." is a dynamic musical with an important message: that acceptance comes in all shapes, sizes, and nationalities," says Gershon. "Through their production these students will explore ideas like civil rights and discrimination in the context of a period of tremendous social and historical significance in the U.S." he adds.

The story follows Tracy Turnblad, a full-figured girl with full-figured hair and a big heart, who has only one passion - to dance. When her determination and rock 'n roll moves land her a spot on a local television dance program, "The Corny Collins Show," she is transformed from an outsider to an irrepressible teen celebrity. This trendsetter in dance and fashion uses her fame to win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, challenge the program's reigning princess Amber, and rally against racial segregation ... all without denting her 'do.

With a book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, music and lyrics by Marc Shaiman, and lyrics by Scott Wittman, "Hairspray JR." is based on the 1988 New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, which inspired the "bouffant" Broadway production which ran for over 2,500 performances and won eight Tony Awards including Best Musical. New Line Cinema released a film adaptation of the stage version, starring John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, Christopher Walken, and Queen Latifah.

OLD SAYBROOK YOUTH SUMMER STOCK THEATER will present "Hairspray JR." on July 18 at 5:30 pm and July 19 at 1:00 and 5:30 pm at the Old Saybrook High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services (322 Main Street) or at the door. For more information please contact Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services at 860-395-3190 or visit the agency's website at [www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth](http://www.oldsaybrookct.org/youth).

"Hairspray JR." is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com).

Contact: Wendy Mill, Program Coordinator, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, 322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475, 860-395-3190 (agency), 860-510-5050 (direct), [wmill@town.old-saybrook.ct.us](mailto:wmill@town.old-saybrook.ct.us)

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