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First Selectman's Corner

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you're able to get outside and enjoy the crisp air before winter arrives! There are a lot of events going on in Town this fall and it's worth taking some time to enjoy them. As always, I encourage you to support our local events, businesses and organizations.

This summer season we moved forward with multiple projects in Town. As part of the \$8 million Capital Improvement Plan, three roof replacement projects were scheduled at Essex Elementary School, Town Hall and the Public Works garage, along with cooling systems for several classrooms at the Elementary School and the Town Hall. The work at all three locations has been completed. The work at EES began soon after school let out for summer break and was completed in time for the start of the new school year. The balance of classrooms at the elementary school will have air conditioning installation completed in time for the next cooling season. I'd like to thank the many people involved that kept this project on schedule and within budget so that students were able to start the new school year without delay. The Public Works garage roof project was completed in mid-September and construction on a new building for storage

will most likely begin in the Spring of 2016. Additionally, all three bridge replacement projects are at various stages of planning and design. We anticipate work on the bridges to begin next Spring. The Capital Committee, chaired by Selectman Bruce Glowac, members Leigh Rankin and Kelly Sterner have done an outstanding job and the Town will continue to reap the benefits of their efforts for years to come.

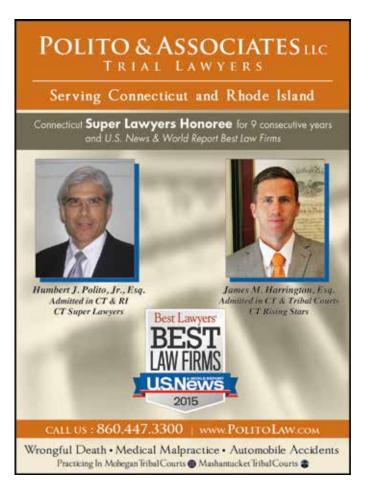


First Selectman Norm Needleman

I'm pleased to report that the Ivoryton Village Streetscape project is complete and we have achieved our goal of enhancing the revitalization of the Ivoryton Village Center. Along with the upgrades of streetlights and sidewalks that began as part of a 2005 STEAP grant, this recent work, combined with that is the first significant upgrade the Ivoryton Center has received in the last 75 years. I'd like to thank the residents, businesses, and visitors for their patience throughout this process, as well as former First Selectman and State Representative Phil Miller for his insight in beginning this project in 2005. Many thanks to the committee, chaired by Selectman Stacia Rice-Libby, with help from

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Mary Ellen Barnes, the Ivoryton Alliance and the Public Works Department. A well-attended Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on September 17th and enjoyed by all.

Surely, you have noticed the beautiful new red cedar trees planted along the Firehouse property on West Avenue near the entrance to Route 9. This was a beautification project designed by the Essex Tree Committee at the request of the Tree Warden, Augie Pampel several years ago. This year, with the help of local funding, the plantings were completed. This project was jointly funded by the Essex Foundation and the Essex Fire Department with an additional contribution from the Essex Tree Committee. Thank you to all involved in making this come to fruition!

Once again it's time to update the Plan of Conservation and Development which is done every ten years. The Essex Planning Commission has completed a comprehensive update and a public hearing was held on October 8th at the Town Hall. In this update the focus has been on development and redevelopment in the three Village commercial areas.

I would like to remind residents that the Town of Essex does not have an ordinance on the hours of operation in which a contractor or landscaper may work at a property, however, we would generally expect such hours to be 7 am-5 pm on weekdays with more limited work on the weekends. We rely

on our residents to be neighborly and considerate by ensuring that construction, and the use of power tools and landscaping equipment, be limited during those times. We have avoided both noise and blight ordinances, but we have received some complaints and request that residents be mindful of neighbors and their right to enjoy their property.

Many of you are aware of the recent rash of personal property being stolen from cars left unlocked. There have also been two cars stolen with the keys that were left inside the vehicles. Please remember to lock your cars and homes and don't leave valuables in the car that are easy to grab and run. Call the Essex Police Department or the Selectman's office to report any suspicious activity.

Lastly, I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the residents in Town that give their time so generously and passionately while serving the community we cherish. So many of our successes are as a result of volunteers who serve tirelessly on Town Boards and Commissions, join the Volunteer Fire Department or Ambulance Service, lend a hand to care for plantings along roadways, participate in our parade coordination(whether on land or water), and more. We couldn't do it without you!

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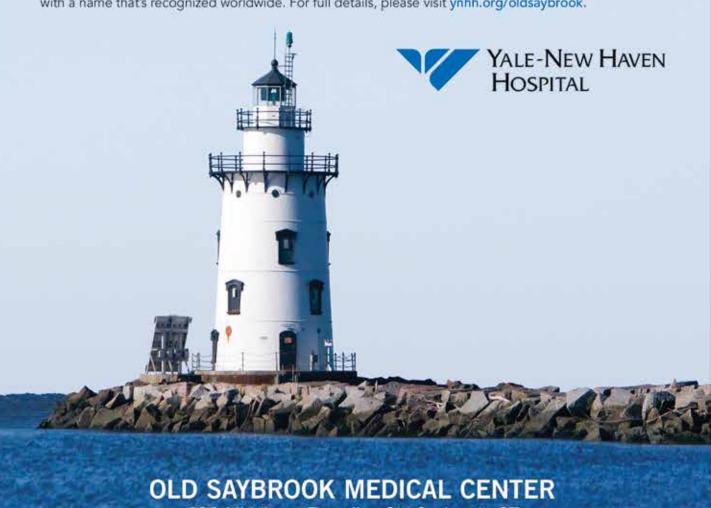
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Cover Photo



Kathryn Katz of Essex has been a photographer since 1985. Her photography focuses on landscapes, cityscapes, nature, architecture, and people. She and her former partner, the late Sandy Sanderson, presented countless photo tours of the places they visited throughout the world—Russia, China, India, Vietnam, to name only a few. Her next photo journey will be to Cuba. As a long time member of the New Haven Camera Club, Kathryn has won many awards over the years, including Best Image of the Year. The Cover Photo was taken Fall, 2014 at the foot of Main St., Essex. When not consulting with ConnectiCare, Kathryn is a Board Member of the Essex Land Trust; a choir member and Stephen Minister Leader at the Westbrook Congregational Church; a choir member of the NYC Threshold Choir; a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist; and a Masonicare Hospice Volunteer.

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Ivoryton Events

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 24. 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.

At the Ivoryton Playhouse, don't miss Liberace! opening Wednesday, October 28th.
Liberace! is a moving and highly entertaining tribute to the performer and musician famous for his charm, glitz, and glamour.
Liberace! relives the highs (and lows) of his prolific life, with a rollicking piano score spanning classical and popular music from Chopin to "Chopsticks," and Rachmaninoff to Ragtime. Starring



Daryl Wagner, Liberace! runs until November 15th. 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, December 5th for the sixth annual **Ivoryton Illuminations.** Santa arrives and 250,000 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!! The fun starts from 5:00 pm.

To celebrate the season of goodwill, bring the whole family to the Ivoryton Playhouse for a very special holiday production called **I'll Be Home For Christmas.** Written by David Edwards and Tony Javed, I'll Be Home For Christmas opens on December 10th and will be traditional, family friendly entertainment for all ages. With all the stress of the busy-ness of the season it's easy to forget the real heart of the holiday – spending time with friends and family. Bursting with all your favorite Christmas songs, I'll Be Home For Christmas runs until Sunday, December 20th with matinee and evening performances.

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Essex Library

As always, the Essex Library has a great lineup of programs and events for all ages scheduled during the coming months. Professor Chuck Timlin returns with a series of talks about the poetry of Wordsworth and Frost. On November 8 the Essex Garden Club will be co-sponsoring a special event featuring a representative from White Flower Farm. Other talks will cover a range of topics including digital photography, meditation, music history, and the playwright Eugene O'Neill. The ever popular Centerbrook Architects Lectures will resume in January.

Regular offerings for children and young adults include Toddling Story Time, Preschool Story Hours and Flannel Board Story Times. Registration is required for some of these programs, so please be sure to subscribe to E-Lations, our online monthly newsletter, to get the latest information about them, as well as adult programs. You can do so on our website: www.youressexlibrary.org.

Special events for our youngest patrons include Happy Birthday Baby! on Monday, November 9 from 11:30 to 12:30 a "meet and greet" opportunity for children born in 2015 and their parents celebrating our newest community members. Attendees will receive a special treat and a resource bag with



information about local and Essex Library resources. The Eastern Connecticut Ballet Company returns on Wednesday, November 18 at 4 pm. Dancers in costume will perform a special Nutcracker story time, and children will be able to have a photo taken with them. Registration is required and space is limited.

The Library is also very pleased to be partnering with Education Solutions to offer a series of programs for young adults aged 12 and over on topics ranging from choosing a major to finding the right career path. Sessions will take place every other month. Again, please be sure to check E-Lations for dates, times and topics.





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Essex Garden Club Announces Officers for 2015-2016

Officers for the Essex Garden Club for 2015-2016 are Linda Newberg, president; Barbara Burgess, first vice president; Barbara Muhlfelder, second vice president; Betsy Godsman, recording secretary, Judy Greene, corresponding secretary; Patricia Mather, treasurer; and MyLan Sarner, assistant treasurer.

In her opening remarks at the September meeting, Newberg described the club's agenda and activities for the coming year, and introduced the theme for this year, "Looking into our past". She went on to say that Since the Essex Garden Club's inception in 1952 the mission has continually focused on beautifying Essex and conserving our natural resources. EGC has contributed so much in making this a lovely town to live in.



From left in this photo are Betsy Godsman, Patricia Mather, Linda Newberg, Judy Greene, and Barbara Burgess.

Membership in the Essex Garden Club

We welcome new members (male and female) to the Essex Garden Club for a rich and rewarding experience. The Club meets on the first Monday of the month (except for January, July, and August) for a business meeting at 1 pm followed by a program at 2 pm. Prospective members must have resided in Essex for at least six months prior to becoming a member, and must be

proposed and seconded by two current members. If you are interested in obtaining more information about club activities, please check our website at www.essexgardenclub.org. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Judy Taylor, Membership Chair at Essex Garden Club, P.O. Box 936, Essex, CT 06426.



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Deep River: Well maintained 3BR home near village. Approx 1 acre lot w/private backyard, 2C garage w/ loft, walkup attic & full basement. EZ commute via Rte 9. \$195,000 Rick Greene 860-395-6832



East Haddam: Pristine Colonial on 7.42 acs has superior craftsmanship, cooks KT w/granite, in-law ste, 2FPs, multi car gar. Ideal for horses. Close to CT River, \$650,000 Leah Smith 860-916-9824

East Haddam: Contemporary w/ generous, open floor plan & variety of rooms. Soaring ceilings, fieldstone FP, stunning KT, sunken DR, sunroom, barn, gardens & pond! \$459.900

Dee Hasuly 860-214-1864



East Haddam: Baised Banch w/ in-law setup. Solar panels, KT/DR combo, LR w/FP & pellet stove. Lovely sunrm w/cathedral ceiling, private backyard has deck w/bar. \$284,900 Dee Hasuly 860-214-1864



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Henry May, Driver and President

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Residents of our three towns wanting rides and having no other means of transportation may call 860-388-2693 up to noon the day before their appointment (Friday noon for a

Monday ride) to schedule a ride for the following day. The destinations are within the triangle of Middletown to the north, Guilford to the west and New London to the east.

In the 1st 8 months of 2015, FISH provided 304 round-trip rides to Essex residents. Of our 51 drivers, 40 are residents of Essex.

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

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ESSEX • Charming home, high quality renovation, beautiful yard, gardens and an inground pool are a few of the great features in this 4 BR, 4 BA Cape just a short drive from Essex Village. The home renovation includes a new kitchen and baths, a new furnace and addition of central air, new roof, addition of central vac, and replacement of the water treatment system. Many more updates. Come view the home to see. . .you won't be disappointed. N10066625 Offered at \$569,000

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Essex Tree Committee Planted 40 Trees In 2015



Dan Estey (left) donated a Red Sunset Maple (Acer rubrum 'Franksred') on behalf of Bartlett Tree Experts to the Town of Essex. He is pictured with Augie Pampel, Essex Tree Warden who selected the location at 147 Dennison Road."

The Essex Tree Committee received donations of 40 trees in 2015 from both individuals and community organizations. Thirty three of these trees were Eastern Red Cedars planted at the West Avenue gateway (see photo). These were donated by the Essex Foundation and the Essex Fire Department. Other trees included a Swamp White Oak tree located at the Methodist Hill donated by the Essex Police Union. Two Princeton Elm trees, donated privately were planted at West Avenue and South Main Street. A Sunset Red Maple donated by the Essex Rotary Club was planted also at South Main Street. The Essex Garden Club donated a London Plane, planted at 15 Dennison Road. The Essex Tree Committee donated a Saucer Magnolia to the Essex Elementary School. And Bartlett Tree Experts planted a Red Sunset Maple at 147 Dennison Road.

Augie Pampel, Essex Tree Warden, thanks all who donated trees to the town of Essex in 2015. These trees will continue to enhance the beauty of the streets of Essex for many years to come.

To make a donation to the Essex Tree Committee, please contact Augie Pampel at augiepampel@aol.net.

For town updates & information: www.essexct.gov

Plans For Painting Route 9 Overpass Bridges

Bruce Glowac, President of The Essex Foundation, Inc., has announced that the Foundation is spearheading an effort to raise funds to paint the Route 9 bridges over the Essex crossing at the corner of West Avenue and Saybrook Road, an area that used to be known as Phelps Corner. The bridge spans presently are rusted and desperately in need of repair and repainting. The State Highway Department has plans to start bridge repairs in the spring. However, under the guidelines for Federal expenditures, the repainting of repaired bridge areas is limited to the strips adjoining the repair. This means that when the job is completed by the state, the only parts that will be painted will be those directly adjoining the repairs.

In line with all the clearing work recently done by the state in the area

of the intersection, the Town and the Essex Foundation Board have been investigating how to further beautify the corner, including exploring ways to get the bridges painted. Glowac explained that local residents Susan and Steven Bogan, owners of Blast All, a local painting and blasting company, have taken the initiative to develop a pilot apprentice program that would use trainees under the direction of Blast All's union employees to accomplish two objectives at an affordable cost: teaching a new generation much needed technical skills and beautifying overhead bridge structures that are badly in need of painting. Blast All has received approval from the State of Connecticut to proceed with the program. The Essex project would serve as a model for future projects in Connecticut and Rhode Island. There would be no cost to the community for

project management, labor, equipment or materials other than the cost of the soft green paint that will be used on the bridges.

Recognizing the need for the painting and wanting to take advantage of this unique opportunity, the Board of the Essex Foundation has pledged an initial donation of \$5000 from the Elizabeth Callender fund to help pay for the paint. The Essex Foundation hopes that other organizations, individuals and family funds will consider joining the Foundation in helping to raise a total of \$20,000 to cover the cost of the paint for the project.

Contributions can be made to The Essex Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 64, Essex, CT 06426. The Essex Foundation is a 501c3 corporation. www.theessexfoundation.org.

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Protecting Water Quality in Our Streams and Rivers

Stormwater runoff from rain and snowmelt is directed into the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) consisting of a network of catch basins, underground piping, culverts and drainage swales. This network is essential for flood and erosion control but unfortunately it is also a significant conduit for unwanted pollution in our beautiful waterways and recreational areas. As stormwater flows downhill over driveways, streets, sidewalks, and lawns it picks up leaves, sand, dirt, oil, grease, lawn fertilizer, metals, plastic and trash and deposits it – untreated - directly into local wetlands, streams and rivers.

Water that we use for swimming, fishing, recreation or drinking is harmed by polluted stormwater runoff. High bacterial levels and algae growth in lakes and ponds poison aquatic plants, fish and humans. Trash washed into the waterways chokes birds and small mammals.

To minimize stormwater pollution, State regulations require Essex and towns all across Connecticut to protect the quality of stormwater discharged into their MS4's. Essex's Stormwater Management Plan defines the best management practices that town departments are required to use to protect stormwater quality. Some examples include:

- Dept of Public Works oversees street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, road repair, debris management and the identification & elimination of illicit discharges to the stormwater system.
- Land Use Dept regulates, through a permitting process, activities in wetland & watercourse areas and the repair of failing septic systems.
- Landfill/Transfer Station & Recycling Center –allows residents to properly dispose of antifreeze, oil, paint, leaves, brush, etc. (FREE OF CHARGE)
- Storm drain stencils and placards on catch basins near the CT River are part of the outreach efforts by Essex DPW to educate residents on illicit dumping of pollutants into waterways.

Residents and property owners are encouraged to help the Town protect stormwater quality. Here are a few things you can do:

LEAVES: When removing leaves from your property, DO NOT blow leaves into the street, catch basins, drainage areas or swales. DO NOT place leaf piles on the edge of the road where they can easily blow into the roadway. Bring leaves to the compost area at the landfill/transfer station – free of charge

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VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Wash your car on an unpaved surface. Check your car, boat, motorcycle and garden machinery for leaks. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like sand. Recycle used motor oil at the landfill/transfer station – free of charge.

LAWNS AND GARDENS: Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly. Sweep up yard debris. Cover piles of dirt and mulch. Cultivate plantings over bare spots in yard.

HOME REPAIRS: Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar. Use hazardous substances like paint, solvents and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible and clean up spills immediately. Dispose of hazardous materials at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

PET CARE: Clean up after your dog. Pick up outdoor pet waste by bagging it or flushing it down your toilet. Dispose of kitty litter in the trash (not down the toilet).

SEPTIC SYSTEMS: Pump your septic system regularly (every 3-5 years). Don't pour household chemicals down your drain.

SWIMMING POOLS: Store pool chemicals in a covered area. Use care to prevent leaks and spills of chemicals. DO NOT drain swimming pools to a municipal catch basin or drainage swale.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN: Utilize porous material, paving stones, bricks, etc., instead of asphalt for walkways. Build a garden shed to store fertilizer & pesticides.

For additional information on Stormwater Management visit the CT Dept of Energy & Environmental Protection website at: www.ct.gov/deep and search Municipal Stormwater or MS4 General Permit.

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Clean Energy Task Force

As submitted for the 2014-15 Town of Essex Annual Report, the town's progress in meeting its sustainability goals for the year was as follows:

- 1. Reduce electric consumption by 11% from the baseline year of 2010. Results: During FY 2014-15, town electric consumption for the Essex Elementary School, municipal buildings and streetlights, was 711,468 kWh, down 18.5 % from the 2010 CY baseline of 872,489 kWh.
- 2. Increase purchase of Clean Energy for town buildings to 17% for FY 2013-14. Results: During FY 2014-15, 15% of the municipal building energy was purchased from clean, renewable energy sources (Community Energy).
- **3. Reduce heating fuel oil consumption by 5%.** Results: For FY 2014-15, 15,049 gallons of fuel oil were consumed by town buildings, down 60% from the CY 2010 baseline of 37,960 gallons, however the primary reason for the decrease is the Elementary School's switch from oil to natural gas.
- **4. Increase the amount of recyclables in tons.** Results: In FY 2014-15 Essex recycled 658 tons of material, down 5% from the FY 2010-11 baseline of 691.31 tons.
- **5. Increase amount of household hazardous waste collected from FY 2010/11.** Results: For FY 2014-15, 265 houses participated in hazardous waste collections, down 20% from the 330 homes participating in 2010/11. The estimated number of pounds of hazardous waste for FY 2014/15 was 5,300, a decrease of 20% from 2010/11, estimated at 6,600 pounds. The average household is estimated to contribute 20 pounds of HHW annually.

6. Other Accomplishments:

- a. The Solarize Essex program helped 22 residents install solar power on their homes at discounted prices!
 Through this program, the solar generating capacity of Essex homes increased from 44 kW to 202 kW.
- b. A Big Belly Solar Trash Compactor was installed at the Valley Regional HS "Snack Shack". Earned by Essex through the Clean Energy Communities program, the system features a collection unit for recyclable materials and a solar-powered trash compactor which can hold five times more waste than a normal bins.
- c. The town signed the Municipal Bench Marking,
 Technical Assistance and Municipal Action Plan (MAP)
 agreement with the Clean Energy Communities program
 and Eversource. The purpose of the initiative is to bench
 mark all town buildings through the online Energy Star
 Portfolio Manager program, create an ongoing list of
 proposed and completed energy projects and develop

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a Municipal Action Plan for the town to meet the energy reduction goals of the Clean Energy Communities Program.

Fiscal 2015-16 Accomplishments:

Essex is well on its way with the Municipal Bench Marking, Technical Assistance and Municipal Action Plan (MAP) Initiative. Phase I is complete and all of the town owned buildings have been entered into the Energy Star Portfolio Manager® online program. Work has begun on Phase II – creating an ongoing list of proposed and completed energy projects.

Building on the success of the Solarize Essex program, a Solar Open House was scheduled in October at the home of the Cozzolino family, whose solar panels have outperformed projections since being installed last year. With federal tax incentives slated to expire in 2016, now is an ideal time to look into going solar.

The Essex Clean Energy task force has an opportunity to do some additional energy projects for Essex. If you have any ideas on what could be done, please let us know. We welcome you to join us, the Essex Clean Energy task force meets once a month at the RiverCog in Centerbrook. For more information contact Janice Ehle/Meyer at jehlemeyer@rivercog.org or Stacy Abbott at abbottstacy111@gmail.com.

Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a community resource for the nine-town Estuary region's residents over 50 years old providing nutrition, transportation, health support services, education opportunities and socialization. We have been serving Seniors and promoting healthy and active lifestyles through quality programs and services for over 40 year. Please visit our website at http://www.ecsenior.org or call us at (860) 388-1611.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to support the programs of the Estuary Council and consequently supporting Seniors along the Shoreline. In addition to special events, we hold BINGO every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. Join with friends and family for a fun evening out and try your luck on the progressive jackpot. All ages are welcome and cash prizes are awarded. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Our next special event is the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21st. Each year, the Estuary Council brings together local crafters who display an incredible array of hand crafted items for sale. In addition, the wonderful "Bake Shop" is filled with homemade dessert and candy. The Fair will be open from 8 am until 1 pm. Contact Judy or Mike for more information, (860) 388-1611 extension 203.

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I'm often asked why a Health Department permit is required for projects such as a building addition, garage, shed, deck, cabana, barn, swimming pool, irrigation system, etc. Or why a Health Dept permit is needed for interior renovations in an existing building or for Changing the Use in a residential or commercial building.

The short answer is, since Essex does not have any public sewer systems the Health Dept needs to know what is underground before it can permit certain activities above ground.

The long answer lies in CT Public Health Code (PHC) Sec. 19-13-B100a which essentially says that if public sewers are not available, no building addition,

alteration, conversion, nor Change in Use shall be permitted until the Health Dept has determined that after any of these projects are done, a code-complying area exists on the lot for installation of a septic system. The Health Dept is also mandated to ensure the preservation of a sewage disposal system area on each property in order to avoid public health nuisances and to protect groundwater.

The next question is usually, "If I want to build a deck (or pool, or barn, etc) do I have to replace my septic system, too?" Again the short answer is, NO.

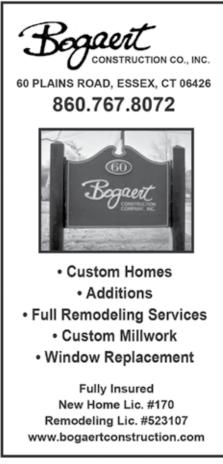
In most cases, especially for a deck, shed, detached garage, pool, or other accessory structure the Health Dept will review your B100a Application and determine if the existing septic system meets PHC requirements in terms of capacity and

separation distances to onsite structures and property lines. If the existing septic system does not meet PHC requirements, then the property owner simply needs to show a plan for where and how one could be installed in the future if the existing one failed. This is called a B100a Plan and the Health Dept and/or a licensed septic system installer can help you with this.

If your construction plans involve a building addition, renovation which increases the number of bedrooms, conditioning a basement or attic, winterizing a seasonal use building or involves Changing the Use within the building, then a soil test is required and a licensed septic system installer OR a professional engineer must prepare a B100a Plan showing where and how the property contains a code compliant septic

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system area. In some cases, and concurrent with your addition/ renovation or Change in Use project, the existing septic system may require modification or upgrade to meet current PHC. On very small lots or in areas of high groundwater or ledge, where a PHC-compliant septic system cannot be installed, it may not be possible for the Health Dept to approve your plan. This is a rare occurrence and the decision is based on CT Public Health Code and the information provided to the Health Dept.

The B100a Plan Review Application is on the Town of Essex website under Forms & Documents. Please complete the front page of the B100a Application and the Health Dept will complete the back page. Also submit supporting documentation such as a site plan showing where your project will be located, a brief description of your project, a septic system AS-BUILT diagram (or similar drawing) and soil test data if available.

Lastly, the construction/renovation/Change in Use projects described above also require a Zoning Permit and one or more Building Permits. Zoning and Health Dept applications are usually submitted at the same time. Building permits will only be issued after Health and Zoning permits are issued. If you have any questions regarding permits or if you need information about your septic system or PHC requirements please call or visit the Health Dept located in the Land Use Office at the Essex Town Hall.





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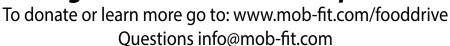
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Why are we asking these questions? Our Regional Strategic Economic Growth Committee is working with Ninigret Partners to create a regional economic growth strategy. We invite you to visit the project website, www.GrowSMARTregion.org , and learn about our travelling mobile workshop and public forums. There is also an opportunity at the www.GrowSMARTregion.org website to submit your ideas.

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Several FREE programs and concerts coming up include an annual Faculty Concert & Reception on November 8th



at the Centerbrook Meetinghouse; and annual Holiday Concert on December 13th at Valley Regional High School. The New Horizons Band will also be performing with the John Winthrop Middle School band at their winter concert on December 10th.

As a non-profit organization, CMS also hosts creative fund raisers to support scholarships and outreach. The next event is a spring gala featuring swing era music and student performances on April 16th. For information about these and other activities at CMS, please call 860-767-0026 or visit www.community-music-school.org.



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Making Middlesex County Bully-Free: The Campaign for Bully-Free Communities

The numbers are staggering: One in seven school-school age children is either a bully or a victim of bullying. An estimated 160,000 children miss school each day for fear of intimidation or attack.

But our community is taking action.

Since 2009, the Community Foundation of Middlesex County and its Council of Business Partners have worked to put an end to bullying. The No-Bully Zone program, developed by the Council and Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare partner, has delivered to close to 7,500 students, educators, school bus drivers and parents. This peer-to-peer program emphasizes empowerment and gives practical tools to help everyone stand up to bullying.

In 2014, the Council launched the Campaign for Bully-Free Communities. This campaign provides information and training for local businesses, schools and other organizations interested in ending mean-spirited behavior.

On October 21 (Unity Day), the Council hosted its second annual Rally for Bully-Free Communities. Two hundred students, teachers and interested adults from across Middlesex County attended the event, including 35 students from Region 4 (Chester / Deep River / Essex). The morning began at 9 am with team building activities led by expert staff from Empower, The First Tee of Connecticut, and Rushford. Donny Marshall, Campaign Spokesman, encouraged everyone to be an UP-stander, not a bystander.

The campaign website provides other free resources including ideas to host your own rally and a simple pledge that anyone can sign.

For more information about the campaign, the No Bully Zone program, or to sign the pledge, visit BullyFree. MiddlesexCountyCF.org or call 860-347-0025.

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Spain is well known for its lovely white wine varietals. One of the most popular and widely know varietals in Spain is Albarino. It is a dry crisp white that perfectly compliments any seafood dish, salad and light hors doeuvre. Another widely known grape is Verdejo which is a softer style white with a dry, round finish that compliments grilled chicken and other slightly richer dishes. Viura, also known as Macabeo is one of the key grapes in Cava, which is the most popular sparkling wine in Spain.

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Tempranillo is a very versitile grape, and most notedly grown in Rioja, although it is grown all over the country. This varietal seems to really take on the soil make-up, and can be made into a completely different tasting wine dependant on the region where it is grown. In Rioja for example, Tempranillo is blended with other varietals and tends to be bold and full flavored with a dry finish, while in other regions it can be light and less dry. Garnacha is a more fruit-driven wine that has a little spice to it, which pairs beautifully with barbeque and grilled meats. Monastrell, also known as Mourvedre, is a full, fruit forward wine with great balance and a softer finish. This wine can accompany almost any dish and is a wonderful crowd pleaser.

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- identify potential home hazards that could develop during a hurricane, such as those involving gas, electricity, chemicals, and structural damage
- · install a smoke detector
- buy a fire extinguisher and make sure your family knows where to find it and how to use it
- conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home
- provide escape ladders for multi-story structures
- establish an assembly point where the family meets in the event of fire or if a disaster occurs when the family is not together at home
- give your relatives and friends the name of a contact person who will know where you are and how you are doing

- know the location of your important papers, such as insurance policies, wills, licenses, stocks, etc.
- instruct family members about how to shut off the gas, water, and electric mains
- post emergency phone numbers at every phone; l inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability
- properly dispose of all chemicals, pesticides, and solvents not being used

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

- several clean containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about five gallons for each person)
- a 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food
- · a first aid kit and manual
- a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries
- · sleeping bags or extra blankets
- water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or iodine tablets or unscented, ordinary household chlorine bleach

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- prescription medicines and special medical needs
- baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers, and other baby supplies
- disposable cleaning cloths, such as "baby wipes" for the whole family to use in case bathing facilities are not available
- alternate heat and cooking sources, such as a kerosene heater and a camp stove use these only in well-ventilated areas
- shovels and hand tools
- · candles and matches
- · a mop, bucket, and towels
- one or more rolls of plastic sheeting, a staple gun with staples, and duct tape
- plastic trash bags and ties
- an emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.
- a citizens band radio or a cellular phone, if possible
- extra cash
- pet food
- insect repellent
- rubber boots/rubber gloves

During the Storm

To get through the storm in the safest possible manner:

- monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible
- do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed the calm "eye" of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume
- expect the loss of electricity, gas, and water
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Sister Cities Essex Haiti: Creating a Library

Jenifer Grant

When I was in Haiti in early September, I had one of the most thrilling experiences I have had (and I have had a lot) with the creation of the Deschapelles Community Library. The 3,000 square foot library structure is complete. The metal shelves, locally fabricated in an outdoor welding workshop are painted and now holding the approximately 1,000 wonderful quality books we have on site, all in French or Kreyol. Katy Klarnet, retired librarian from Old Lyme, and I went to Deschapelles to work alongside the librarians who she had been coaching by email answering their different questions.



The joy of holding and reading a story book.

It was a thrill to work with the librarians to begin to shelve the books they had "accessed." Katy worked with them on the adult books with their more complex Dewey Decimals.

I had the great pleasure of sorting out the many children's books into groups of reading levels. The last day we were there, we invited the curious neighborhood children to come in. At first the little girls danced around creating a song about "belles petites chaises." I invited them to sit at the small round table on the "belles petites chaises," and look at books. The littlest ones just needed to turn pages, and look at as many books as possible. There were two older boys who looked more carefully, and one was actually reading.

Taking advantage of a great photo opportunity, I took the picture. I then realized that what he was experiencing was a joy of reading words in a book the like of which he had not seen before. I have known all along that children in Haiti do not have picture books and story books. And that the Library will change all that. But it was at that moment, with the young boy beaming with pleasure as he put his skills to work that I realized the immensity of what a difference this library will make for the community of Deschapelles. This could never have happened without the much appreciated enthusiasm of all the people in this area who have been so supportive.



Katy Klarnet, pictured with librarians and two volunteers on her recent trip to Deschapelles, Haiti.

Influenza

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Signs and symptoms of flu: Fever* or feeling feverish/chills; cough; sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; muscle or body aches; headaches; fatigue (very tired); some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

How flu spreads. Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or possibly their nose.

Period of contagiousness. You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young

children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

How serious is the flu? Flu is unpredictable and how severe it is can vary widely from one season to the next depending on many things, including: what flu viruses are spreading; how much flu vaccine is available; when vaccine is available; how many people get vaccinated, and; how well the flu vaccine is matched to flu viruses that are causing illness.

Certain people are at greater risk for serious complications if they get the flu. This includes older people, young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions(http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/high_risk.htm) (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease).

Flu seasons are unpredictable and can be severe. Over a period of 30 years, between 1976 and 2006, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people.

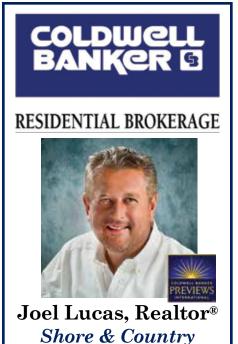
Prevent seasonal flu: Get vaccinated. The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each season. The quadrivalent flu vaccine protects against two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.











Vista Member Turns Hobby Into Business

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Vista member Nicole Martines proudly shows off some of her handmade duct tape accessories at the YASBIZ Showcase back in July, where she made her first-ever sale.

Duct tape is more than just an adhesive tool for Vista member Nicole Martines – it's a creative art form. It's also the foundation of her newly established business, Crafty Nicole, which she launched last month with the help of Vista staff.

Nicole, who's long had a passion for crafting, recently started creating duct tape accessories after watching how-to videos on YouTube. She decided to take her hobby to the next level after Kristin Juaire, Vista's manager of Quality of Life Programming, encouraged her to sell her crafty wares.

Using a variety of colored and patterned tape, Nicole creates large and small wallets, flower pens and hand-braided bracelets.

"The pens are my favorite," said Nicole, a Clinton resident. "They take longer to make, but they are the most fun."

Nicole made her first-ever sale on July 24th at the YASBIZ Showcase hosted at Vista's Madison campus. YASBIZ is a network of Young Adult Service programs from around Connecticut that help individuals with disabilities launch their own small business ventures.

Since the YASBIZ event, Nicole has sold out of her original inventory. She's been making more pieces in her spare time – when she's not hard at work with the Ventures Business Services cleaning crew.

Aside from her duct tape creations, Nicole also makes loom bracelets for fun. She even teaches her peers how to make them. Her other hobbies include gymnastics, golf and skiing.

For more information about Nicole's products or to make a purchase, please email Sharon Grogan at sgrogan@ VistaVocational.org.

Based in Madison and Westbrook, CT, Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center is a 501©3 nonprofit organization. Vista's mission is to provide services and resources to assist individuals with disabilities achieve personal success.

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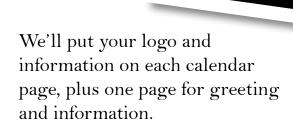
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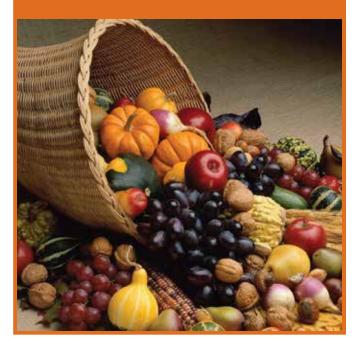
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