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## First Selectman's Corner

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I hope that this issue of Essex Events magazine finds you well and enjoying the beautiful fall season in Essex. This is a wonderful time of year to live in New England. Please take the time to read through our final magazine of 2014 as Town departments and community organizations strive to keep you informed of their important news.

The Board of Selectmen has given a preliminary endorsement to a possible \$8 million bond issue for capital projects recommended by an advisory committee, including \$600,000 for a new fire truck. The Board of Finance will begin discussing the plan in October, followed by a public hearing on the projects and proposed bonding held in mid-November. A referendum vote on bonding authorization for this initiative could be held before the end of the year. The capital projects include work at the elementary school, including roof replacement and other improvements, replacement of the Walnut and Ivory Street bridges, renovations and improvements at town hall, and improvements at the town public works garage. The list of projects and proposed bonding total would be subject to change based on review by the finance board and input received at the public hearing.

Planning and design work for the Main Street Investment Fund (MSIF) grant awarded to the Village of Ivoryton is

moving forward. Anchor Engineering Services has been selected as the project's design firm. A draft plan has been presented for review to Town staff and related Commissions. The grant funds will be used for intersection improvements at Summit Street and Main Street, installing new crosswalks, renovating existing crosswalks, and other improvements.

I would like to remind everyone



First Selectman  
Norm Needleman

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### Stay Informed

Signing up for the Essex News e-mail list will provide you with information and updates on events from the First Selectman's Office. (Your address will be used solely for this purpose.) To add yourself to the list, email your contact information to [essexnews@essexct.gov](mailto:essexnews@essexct.gov) with the subject **Town Email List**.





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that the Town has instituted new procedures at the Transfer Station (Landfill) and Recycling Center. Residents must purchase either an annual permit (in the form of a sticker affixed to the vehicle's windshield) or a pre-paid punch card before disposing household garbage and trash at the transfer station. Annual permit stickers are valid from October 1 to September 30 of the following year. Punch cards are valid for disposing 10 bags of household garbage and trash. Both the annual sticker and punch cards are available for purchase now at the Town Clerk's office at Essex Town Hall.

As always we want to encourage our residents to be prepared for any weather Mother Nature might throw our way. Although it has been quiet lately, the hurricane season is not quite over, and the last few winters have brought frequent and significant storms and extended periods of cold weather. Though we hope for the best in avoiding any major storm event to come our way, we should all be informed, make a plan, build a kit, and be prepared for during and after storms. Also, a reminder to please let Town Hall personnel know when street lights are out so we can take care of the issue right away.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) and its Council of Business Partners recently instituted its Campaign for Bully-Free Communities. The collective goal in Middlesex County is to stand together for change, take a pledge to stand up to bullying and all mean-spirited behavior and promote positive behavior in our schools, businesses and

neighborhoods. Many activities were held to coincide with National Bullying Prevention Month. Please see their website [www.middlesexcountycf.org](http://www.middlesexcountycf.org) for more information.

As always, Essex has a number of great community events during the fall season including the Pumpkin Festival, Halloween Parade, Scarecrows of the Villages, Trees in the Rigging and Ivoryton Illuminations...see you there!

All my best,

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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, "A Tribute to You". She went on to say that the success of the club's projects is directly dependent on the tireless work of the many club volunteers. These projects include civic beautification, scholarships, and educational and conservation initiatives.



## 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.essexgardenclubct.org](http://www.essexgardenclubct.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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**Hansina Wright**, 2 Prospect St., Essex  
**Anne Picciano**, 7 Mitchel Circle, Ivoryton  
**James D'Alessio**, 17 Main Street, Essex  
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**Michele Marshall**, 34 Eagle Ridge Dr., Essex  
**Charles Atwood**, 30 Main Street, Essex  
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**Scott & Donna Willson**, 42 South Winds Dr., Essex  
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**Kelly Bauer**, 14 Conklin Avenue, Ivoryton  
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**June**

- Elizabeth Hardgrove  
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- Caroline Pagano  
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**August**

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 Ronald Morrison

**September**

None received as of printing date

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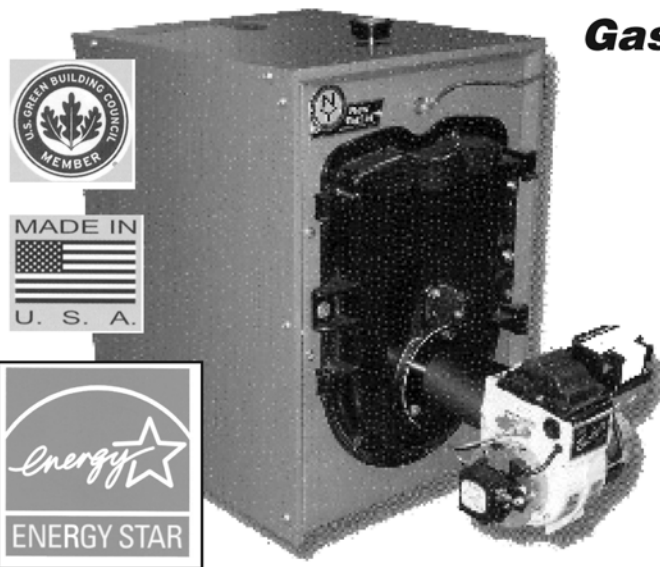
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## Ivoryton Library

The next program in our “Intimate History of Ivoryton” series is a celebration of a birthday, OUR BUILDING! Saturday, November 1st marks exactly 125 years since the Ivoryton Library moved into the beautiful Queen Anne that we call home and we will be celebrating with an open house and birthday cake, of course!

The Ivoryton Library began in 1871 as the Centerbrook Circulating Library when fifteen members donated one book each to a collection housed at the Ivoryton Inn, then a boarding house. In 1872, the collection moved to the house of Sarah L. Cheney as she became the first librarian of the now called Ivoryton Circulating Library. In 1888, articles of association were filed with the state of Connecticut for the Ivoryton Library Association and a building committee was formed to build the library a permanent home. On November 1, 1889, the building at 106 Main Street was opened and is now one of the oldest library buildings in the state.

Please drop by **Saturday, November 1st** for our **Open House between 9 am and noon** to see our exhibit of library photos and materials spanning the last 143 years. Bring the children at 10:00 am for a fun activity, then head upstairs at 11:00 for the dedication of a plaque commemorating all of the library’s directors (starting with Mrs. Cheney) and enjoy a slice of birthday cake.

Drop by our annual **Season’s Readings Holiday Book Sale November 12-15** during library hours. New and used books for sale. Many of the used books are in gift giving condition.

In December, the Ivoryton Library will again be open during **Ivoryton Illuminations, Saturday, December 6 from 5-8 pm** as your place to write or deliver a letter to Santa and our Soldiers. Letter writing materials will be available and the mailboxes will be up for the week before and after. Toys for Tots boxes will be up by mid-November until mid-December for your donations of new, unwrapped toys.

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## Legal Notice

All persons having taxable personal property to declare such as; unregistered motor vehicles; horses & ponies; farm equipment; any furniture, fixtures and equipment used in the operation of a business, must declare by November 3, 2014. Declarations are available at the Assessor's Office and on the Town of Essex website [www.essexct.gov](http://www.essexct.gov). The statutory deadline for filing personal property declarations is Monday, November 3, 2014. As per CT General Statute 12-41, any person filing a late or incomplete form will incur a 25% penalty.

Applications for farm, forest, or open space land will be accepted until November 3, 2014. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office.

## From the Assessor's Office

### Tax Assistance for those Over 65 and Totally Disabled Homeowners

Starting on February 1, 2015, we will begin taking applications for the various tax assistance programs for the elderly and totally disabled. The application period goes to May 15, 2015.

In order to qualify for one of these tax assistance programs an applicant must be 65 by the end of the calendar year 2014, must be a full time resident of Essex, and must meet certain income levels. Last year the total allowable income, including Social Security, for the year end had to be less than \$34,100 for a single person and \$41,600 for a married couple. If you think you may qualify for assistance, please contact the Assessor's Office at 860.767.4340 extension 123 or email us [assessor@essexct.gov](mailto:assessor@essexct.gov) so we can go over the programs with you.



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## *Essex Goodwill Committee 2014 Holiday Gift Program Fund Drive*

It's that time of year again when Essex Goodwill Committee asks the public and local businesses to open their hearts and make donations to help Essex children during the holiday season to ensure that it is a positive and uplifting time of year for all. Last year, the program brought holiday gifts to about 90 children.

The Holiday Gift Program is a collaborative effort between Essex Elementary School and Essex Town Social Services to collect and allocate gifts and grocery cards to Essex's neediest families. This year we will once again be collecting monetary donations to enable us to purchase gift cards for the families (we will be supplying gift cards for such items as toys, clothes, and accessories, electronics, sporting goods, movie passes, etc.) Or, we are happy to accept your donations already in the form of a gift card. Also, each family will be provided with a grocery store gift card to purchase their holiday meal.

We are excited about this year's program. By providing gift cards, rather than gifts we are able to streamline and maximize our efforts, and involve all members of our Essex community. Additionally, providing parents with gift cards

with which to shop gives them more independence, autonomy and choice to individualize their gift giving to their children. The bonus of this is that not only do the children get the gifts that are most meaningful to them, but we have given the gift of joy to the parents, allowing them to do the shopping and pick out that special something they want their child to receive!

The contact person for the 2014 holiday season is Mary Ellen Barnes, of Essex Social Services. Please mail your donation, gift cards or check payable to "Town of Essex Social Services Assistance Fund" to 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT. 06426 – ATT: Mary Ellen Barnes.

Submit your donation by December 1st. Donations will be put together to purchase the gift cards for our 40+ identified families to help make their holidays bright!

Your group's generosity and spirit truly makes a difference. Thank you, in advance, for your continued goodwill – for giving time, energy, resources and support in the present for the common good of our collective future. May this holiday season find each of you happy, healthy, warm, and at peace.

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## Essex Park & Recreation Department

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

Essex Park and Recreation has had a very busy and successful 2014. We recently completed two long-awaited capital projects. The Civic Campus Enhancement Project included the installation of new tennis courts and playscape at Grove Street Park. The Main Street Park Slope Restoration Project was finished as well. We stabilized the park embankment, installed new plants, and cleaned out old concrete and trees from the embankment area. The Viney Hill Brook Park Awning project is nearing completion thanks to Bogaert Construction. We look forward to this new amenity at Viney Hill Brook Park. We would like to sincerely thank the Essex Foundation for their efforts in improving Clark's Pond this past year with new tree plantings and improvements to the park driveway. A historical marker has been installed at the park and a dedication ceremony was held in October. The Park and Recreation Commission is proud of the progress we make each year in improving our parks system for our community.

**Morning With Santa.** Essex Park and Recreation and the Essex Library are co-hosting a Holiday Themed special event. We will offer light refreshments, activities for children, and a visit by a very special guest...Visit Park and Recreation or Essex Library website for full information. Limit of 50 may attend, pre-registration is required.

**Date:** Saturday, December 6. **Time:** 10-11:15 am. **Location:** Essex Town Hall Auditorium.

**Save the Date: Essex go Bragh Irish Parade & Festival.** Park and Recreation is planning the fifth annual Essex Go Bragh Irish Parade & Festival, to be held March 14, 2015. The event will feature an Irish-themed parade down Main Street into the heart of Essex Village followed by the Festival. All Essex residents and community organizations are encouraged to get involved. Full event information will be posted on our website.

**Essex Youth Basketball League Coach's Corner.** Our youth basketball league programs depend completely on volunteer coaches. This is a rewarding opportunity to work with children and give back to your community. Please consider helping by coaching a team this year. It is very beneficial for children to have their parents and guardians involved and to have positive role models as their team coach. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Essex Park and Recreation Department at 860-767-4340 x110 or mbarnes@essexct.gov. We will hold a mandatory Coaches meeting on Wednesday November 12, 6:00 pm, in the Town Hall Auditorium. All first time coaches are required to fill out a Coaching Application and background check form. Contact the Park and Recreation Department for an application.

**Essex Youth Basketball League.** Park and Recreation will offer the Essex Youth Basketball League. Our program focuses on fun, skill development, and sportsmanship. The EYBL runs from November to mid-February, Ivoryton, Centerbrook and Essex children in grades 1-6 are eligible

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to participate. The registration deadline is November 1. For 1st and 2nd graders, we conduct instructional clinics and scrimmages and meet once per week. Our 3rd -6th grade divisions play organized games and meet twice per week. (Time and Dates TBA) Volunteer coaches are needed. Be sure to include the player's shirt size on the form. Practices start the week of November 17.

**Kindergarten Basketball.** Our Kindergarten Basketball program is the perfect way to introduce your child to the game of basketball in a safe and fun setting. We will use a variety of confidence-building games and drills to teach the basics of the sport. The registration deadline is December 17. Volunteer coaches are needed. Be sure to include the player's shirt size on the form. Our program is held at Essex Elementary School beginning in January.

**Upcoming Recreation Programs:** full program and registration information is located in our Fall brochure and on our website: [www.essexct.gov/park-and-recreation](http://www.essexct.gov/park-and-recreation).

**Out of the Box Art.** Come explore a world of art and creativity! Children will complete a medley of art projects using a variety of materials including paper, sculpey clay, beads, corks, and more. For grades 2-6 on Thursdays, from November 6-December 18 (skip 11/27), 3:15-4:15 pm.

**Mad About Science.** This new program is a spin-off of our very popular science-themed week of summer camp. Our instructor will lead participants in engaging, hands-on science projects. Stimulate your senses and learn about the world around you, each week will feature a fun new project as we discover that science is everywhere. For grades 3-6 on Tuesdays, from November 4-December 16 (skip 11/25), 3:15-4:15 pm.

**Karate Kids.** Participants will meet friends and build self-esteem while learning the meaning of respect, self-discipline, concentration and self-control. Students will learn the basics of Kempo Karate with Kim Kleiman, Valley Shore Martial Arts, a fourth degree black belt. For grades K-6 on Mondays from November 3-December 15 (skip 11/24), 3:15-4:15 pm.

**Sports R Us After-school Program.** Like sports? Like to stay busy and have fun after school? Come out and join our new program where we will play a new sport every week – such as indoor soccer, kickball, dodgeball, and more! **Instructor:** Park & Recreation Department Staff. For grades 4-6 on Wednesdays, from November 5-December 10 (skip 11/26), 3:15-4:00 pm.

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

Bob Russo, Chair; Tony Mosa; Jim Rawn; Doug Senn; Ed Burleson; Tom Clerkin; Ginny Willets; John Bauman; Peter Sarner.

**Department Staff:** Director: Rick Audet, CPRP, (860) 767-4340 x148, [raudet@essexct.gov](mailto:raudet@essexct.gov). Recreation Program Manager: Mary Ellen Barnes, (860) 767-4340 x110, [mbarnes@essexct.gov](mailto:mbarnes@essexct.gov).

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**STAN GREIMANN ESTUARY MEDICAL OUTPATIENT TRANSPORTATION:** For medical appointments to any medical location beyond the nine-town estuary region. Call Judy at 860-388-1611. Suggested donation of \$35 for a roundtrip doctor appointment up to 5 hours. Suggested donation of \$70 for appointments over 5 hours.

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**ESTUARY THRIFT SHOP:** Open 10 am - 3:45 pm, Monday - Friday; and from 9 am - 12:45 pm on Saturdays. Clothes (men, women, and children), kitchen items, crafts, etc. Donations accepted and volunteers always needed.


**THE GYM AT THE ESTUARY:** Expanded hours-stop in for more information. There are seven different pieces of weight equipment and four cardio machines, including a NuStep. Member packages include a fitness assessment and three (3) training sessions on all machines (required). Gym Membership Options: Three months - \$50, Six months - \$90, Full year - \$150. To schedule an appointment with our Fitness Trainer, Skylar Miers, ATC, call 860-388-1611. The gym is available for use only after payment of membership fees and completion of the required fitness assessment and training sessions. Gym Hours are posted at the Estuary.

**THE MARSHVIEW GALLERY AT THE ESTUARY:** Open daily 8 am - 4 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am - 1 pm. The art on exhibit changes monthly and highlights the talents of local artists from along the shoreline. Join us on the second Thursday of each month for the Artist Reception from 5 - 7 pm. Refreshments are served, and a door prize is drawn. All ages are welcome. Call 860-388-1611 for information.

**DONATE YOUR CAR OR BOAT TO THE ESTUARY COUNCIL:** Turn your car or boat into a tax deduction by calling: 1-800-716-5868. Proceeds benefit the vital services we provide for seniors in the nine-town Estuary Region.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Call Judy at (860) 388-1611.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, November 22 from 8 am - 1 pm.** Local crafters will display an array of hand crafted items including quilts, handbags, scarves, jewelry, photo cards and much more! We will also have a wonderful "Bake Shop" filled with homemade desserts and candy.



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## *Trees in the Rigging*

The holiday season kicks off in Essex with the annual Trees in the Rigging Community Carol Sing and Boat Parade on November 30th at 4:30 pm.

The Connecticut River Museum, the Essex Board of Trade, and the Essex Historical Society combine to present this annual event that includes a traditional, lantern-lit carol stroll down Main Street where spectators are invited to bring their own lanterns or flashlights and join in with the Sailing Masters of 1812 Fife and Drum Corps and a parade of antique cars. The stroll steps off at 4:30 pm from the Essex Town Hall on West Avenue and ends at the Connecticut River Museum with a parade of vessels dressed out in holiday lights and passing in review along the Connecticut River. The best viewing is from the lawn of the Connecticut River Museum at the foot of Main Street. Santa and his elves will arrive by one of the parade boats for visits with children on the lawn of the Museum.

The Connecticut River Museum will also be open that evening for all to attend the 19th Annual Holiday Train Show at a reduced admission of \$5.

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## Probate Court Update

It is hard to believe that it has been almost four years since the individual town courts were merged into a regional court, serving nine towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. The total population of these towns is over 62,000 citizens. The Court is now a full time court and is open week days from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. It is located on the second floor of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, at 302 Main Street.

The statewide consolidations continue to be a financial success in that it has saved the taxpayers almost \$12 million dollars, over the past three fiscal years and those savings will continue. Despite the increase in files, the Saybrook Court has been able to keep its budget the same over the last three and a half years.

We open and process approximately one thousand new matters, of all types, per year. As a result, I have presided over more than 3,000 hearings since the consolidation. In addition to Decedent's Estates, the two areas which create a substantial amount of hearings are Conservatorships and Children's matters. Because there is an aging population and there are several facilities in this area, the Court receives numerous applications for the appointment of a Conservator. These applications require a hearing at which information is presented including medical and financial reports. If the person proposed to be

conserved cannot come to the Court, I will go to them and we will have the hearing there. Children's matters usually involve granting or removing custody from a parent. If the parents are removed, often the child is placed with a grandparent. There is usually an investigation by the Department of Children and Families. These can be difficult matters but the Court's focus is always on what is in the best interest of the child. We have also had the pleasure of approving adoptions which is always an uplifting event.

Last time I mentioned that the legislature had adopted extensive new rules for probate court proceedings which went into effect on July 1, 2013. Additionally, new forms, consistent with these rules, are available online at [www.ctprobate.gov](http://www.ctprobate.gov). Most of these new forms are fillable for the convenience of the public. The implementation of these new rules and forms has been going well. One of the major changes is that someone filing documents with the Court must certify that they have sent copies to all the other interested parties. Another significant change is that the prior, somewhat confusing, Final Account form has now been replaced with a simpler Financial Report.



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In addition to the normal duties of a Probate Judge, I was fortunate to be the only new Judge elected to the Executive Committee of the Probate Court Assembly. The Executive Committee meets monthly to discuss the rules and policies of the Connecticut Probate Courts. I am also a member of the National College of Probate Judges, so that I can stay current with the national probate trends and procedures. In addition to attending state seminars regularly, I also attend national seminars annually. I have also had the opportunity to address several of the local senior's groups as well as civic organizations, and I have presented a three part series at the local library.

Thanks to the efforts of the chief clerk Valerie Shickel, and the other clerks and assistant clerks, Sharon Tiezzi, Marjorie Calltharp, Stella Beaudoin, Helene Yates, Peggy Schroeder and Jackie Craco, I am pleased to say the Court continues to operate smoothly and efficiently.

*Terrance D. Lomme, Judge of Probate, 33rd District*

## *Current & Upcoming Exhibits at Spectrum Gallery*


Spectrum Art Gallery and Store of Centerbrook, presents two exhibits to celebrate the fall/winter season at 61 Main Street.

**Festival Group Show**, running through November 9, presents a mixed media show of local and regional fine artists and artisans. The Group Show includes representational and abstract painters, photographers, sculptors, potters, ceramicists, jewelry designers, and fine artisans working with glass, fabric, wood and more.

Spectrum Gallery's holiday exhibition, running November 21 through January 11, presents work of local and regional fine artists and artisans interpreting their ideas of the **Kindness of Strangers**. An Open Reception for *Kindness of Strangers* is held on Friday, November 21 from 6:30-9 pm.

During these exhibitions, Spectrum will be hosting several seasonal art workshops for adults, as well as a free Origami Circle on Saturday, November 1 (11:30-1:30 pm) and a free Family Day on Sunday, December 14 (1-4 pm).

Spectrum Gallery is open Wednesday-Saturday (11 am-6 pm) and Sunday (11 am-5 pm). The Gallery is an expansion of the non-profit arts organization Arts Center Killingworth, which offers classes, workshops, camps, and musical events for all ages. In collaboration with Spectrum, the Arts Center's mission is to provide opportunities for emerging and established artists to display and sell their work. For information about Spectrum, call (860) 767-0742 and visit [www.spectrumartgallery.org](http://www.spectrumartgallery.org). For information about the Arts Center Killingworth, call (860) 663-5593 and visit [www.artscenterkillingworth.org](http://www.artscenterkillingworth.org).




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# Report on FY 2013-14 Town of Essex Sustainability Goals

1. Reduce electric consumption by 8% from the baseline year of 2010. **Results:** Using the 2010 CY baseline of 872,489 kWhs, during FY 2013-14, 815,733 kWhs was consumed by the municipal buildings and streetlights including the elementary school. This was a 7 percent decrease from 2010.
2. Increase purchase of Clean Energy for town buildings to 16% for FY 2013-14. **Results:** During FY 2013-14, 16 percent of the municipal building energy was purchased from clean, renewable energy sources (Community Energy).
3. Reduce heating fuel oil consumption by 5%. **Results:** Using the 2010 CY baseline of 37,960 gallons, during FY 2013-14, 39,667 gallons of fuel oil was consumed by municipal buildings including the elementary school. While the number of gallons consumed, the actual use per degree-day declined 9%. IN CY 2010, 7.43 gallons were used per degree-day while in FY 2013-14, 6.75 gallons were used per degree-day.
4. Increase the amount of recyclables in tons. **Results:** Using the FY 2010-11 baseline of 691.31 tons,

there was an increase of 4% to 718 tons in FY 2013-14.

5. Increase amount of household hazardous waste collected from FY 2010/11. **Results:** There was a decrease of 20 percent in the number of households from 411 to 330 for the report period. There was a 20 percent decrease in the estimated number of pounds from 8220 to 6600. One household is estimated to be 20 pounds of HHW.

**Other Accomplishments:** The Solarize Essex program has helped 15 residents install solar power on their homes at discounted prices. Through this program, the amount of residential solar power has increased from 44 kW to 144.5kW. In addition, a Big Belly Solar Trash Compactor has been installed adjacent to the athletic field at the Valley Regional High School soon.

**Sources of Data:** Electric- CL & P, Clean Energy Purchase- Community Energy, Fuel Oil- East River Energy, Recyclables-CRRA and HHW-River COG.

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# Canine Carnival

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In addition to our business sponsors, our special event featured fun-filled canine competitions such as Best Trick, Obstacle Course Race, and Ball Lottery. We were also pleased to have a visit from Tfc. Dean Griffin of the Connecticut State Troopers and his K9 partner who provided a demonstration of their work. Additionally, volunteers from First Congregational Church Essex provided food and beverages to our visitors.

We would like to thank all of our event sponsors and supporters including: Gracie's Corner, Pawsitive Teach LLC, The Feed Bag, Blue Hound Cookery, Chester Veterinary Clinic, Doggy Doody, Larkin's Run, The Pet's Choice, Dogs to Dragons, Petsense, J. Alden Clothiers and Essex Park and Recreation Commission.

The Canine Carnival was a tremendous success in its first year as evidenced by the amount of fun that was had by our two-legged and four-legged friends. From our dog park, to the picnic and beach area, to the miles of trails in the conservation



area, the Town of Essex Viney Hill Brook Park has a lot of offer. We look forward to an even bigger and better Canine Carnival in 2015!

*Rick Audet, CPRP, Director  
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## Great Wines for Grilling

Fall is here, but there is still plenty of time for grilling out. I would like to explore a few less widely known red wines to pair with your grilled fare. Both of these wines come from Italy, however they are very different. The first of the two is Barbera. This wine has medium fruit and a light, dry, acidic finish. Barbera is one of the top 5 most widely grown red grapes in Italy. Some of the most popular are Barbera D'Alba and Barbera D'Asti. The latter part of the name represents the town in which the grapes are grown within the Piedmont region. There are representations of this wine in California which tend to have soft fruit and a little bit of spice.

The other wine that is overlooked is Valpolicella. Sometimes thought to be a light, inexpensive Italian wine, it can actually be quite full and delicious. It comes from the Veneto region and is made mostly of Corvina grapes and occasionally blended with a small amount of other varietals such as Molinara and Rondinella. Valpolicella gives way to flavors of black cherry and dark red fruits with a soft, slightly dry finish. Even more interesting is enjoying this wine when it has been produced in the "Ripasso" method. This term means "re-passed," which consists of re-fermenting the wine over unpressed, dried skins of Amarone grapes. Many people call this style of Valpolicella a "Baby Amarone." This process develops the wine into a richer, fuller bodied wine with a raisin like characteristic that is slightly higher in alcohol.

It is easy to go to the local wine shop and pick up a Cabernet or Merlot, but sometimes it is fun to change it up and try something new. The next time you are grilling out with family and friends tantalize your palate with these exciting wines. They are sure to not only impress your guests, but keep them coming back for more!

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## What is Influenza (Also Called Flu)?

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.** People who have the flu often feel some or all of these signs and symptoms:

- Fever<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup>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](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.

**Complications of flu.** Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

**Prevent seasonal flu: Get vaccinated.** The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each season. There are several flu vaccine options for the 2014-2015 flu season.

Traditional flu vaccines made to protect against three different flu viruses (called "trivalent" vaccines) are available. In addition, flu vaccines made to protect against four different flu viruses (called "quadrivalent" vaccines) also are available.

Trivalent flu vaccine protects against two influenza A viruses (an H1N1 and an H3N2) and an influenza B virus. The following trivalent flu vaccines are available:

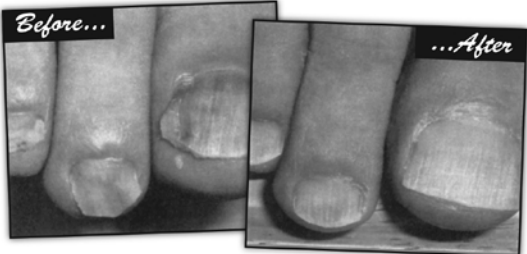
- Standard-dose trivalent shots (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/flushot.htm>) (IIV3) that are manufactured using virus grown in eggs. Different flu shots are approved for people of different ages, but there are flu shots that are approved for use in people as young as 6 months of age and up.
- An intradermal trivalent shot ([http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa\\_intradermal-vaccine.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa_intradermal-vaccine.htm)), which is injected into the skin instead of the muscle and uses a much smaller needle than the regular flu shot. It is approved for people 18 through 64 years of age.
- A high-dose trivalent shot ([http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa\\_fluzone.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa_fluzone.htm)), approved for people 65 and older.
- A trivalent shot containing virus grown in cell culture (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/cell-based.htm>), which is approved for people 18 and older.
- A recombinant trivalent shot that is egg-free ([http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa\\_flublok-vaccine.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa_flublok-vaccine.htm)), approved for people 18 through 49 years of age.

The quadrivalent flu vaccine protects against two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses. The following quadrivalent flu vaccines are available:

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- A quadrivalent flu shot(<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/quadrivalent.htm>).
- A quadrivalent nasal spray vaccine(<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/nasalspray.htm>), approved for people 2 through 49 years of age (recommended preferentially for healthy\* children 2 years through 8 years old(<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/nasalspray-children.htm>) when immediately available and there are no contraindications or precautions).

(\*“Healthy” in this instance refers to children 2 years through 8 years old who do not have an underlying medical condition that predisposes them to influenza complications.)

**When to get vaccinated against seasonal flu.** Yearly flu vaccination should begin soon after flu vaccine is available, and ideally by October. However, getting vaccinated even later can be protective, as long as flu viruses are circulating. While seasonal influenza outbreaks can happen as early as October, most of the time influenza activity peaks in January or later. Since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against influenza virus infection, it is best that people get vaccinated so they are protected before influenza begins spreading in their community.

**Who Should Get Vaccinated This Season?** Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season. This recommendation has been in place since February 24, 2010 when CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted for “universal” flu vaccination in the United States to expand protection against the flu to more people.

Vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza. See People at High Risk of Developing Flu-Related Complications([http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/high\\_risk.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/high_risk.htm)) for a full list of age and health factors that confer increased risk.

More information is available at Who Should Get Vaccinated Against Influenza(<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldvax.htm>).

**Use of the nasal spray seasonal flu vaccine.** Vaccination with the nasal-spray flu vaccine is an option for healthy\* people 2 to 49 years of age who are not pregnant. Even people who live with or care for those in a high risk group (including health care workers) can get the nasal-spray flu vaccine as long as they are healthy themselves and are not pregnant. The one exception is health care workers who care for people with severely weakened immune systems who require a protected hospital environment; these people should get the inactivated flu vaccine (flu shot).

**Nasal Spray Vaccine in Children Age 2 to 8 Years Old** Starting in 2014-2015, CDC recommends use of the nasal spray vaccine (LAIV) for healthy\* children 2 through 8 years of age, when it is immediately available and if the child has no contraindications or precautions to that vaccine. Recent studies suggest that the nasal spray flu vaccine may work better than the flu shot in younger children. However, if the nasal spray vaccine is not immediately available and the flu shot is, children 2 years through 8 years old should get the flu shot. Don’t delay vaccination to find the nasal spray flu vaccine.

For more information about the new CDC recommendation, see Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine in Children 2 through 8 Years Old(<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/nasalspray-children.htm>) or the 2014-2015 MMWR Influenza Vaccine Recommendations.

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**Who should not be vaccinated against seasonal flu?** Different flu vaccines are approved for use in different groups of people. Factors that can determine a person’s suitability for vaccination, or vaccination with a particular vaccine, include a person’s age, health (current and past) and any relevant allergies, including an egg allergy(<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldvax.htm#egg-allergy>).

**Flu Shot:**

- People who cannot get a flu shot(<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldvax.htm#flu-shot>)
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## Tiley-Pratt Pond Dam Gets a Fishway

The Nature Conservancy and the Connecticut Department of Energy and the Environment (DEEP) have just built Essex's first fishway, designed to reconnect the migratory routes of our local fish populations. More than 50 of these so-called fish ladders have been built around the state, many along the Connecticut River.

The design consists of an entryway to calm and slow the dam overflow with a series of ascending pools or a ladder (not unlike a gold miner's spillway) where the pools are created by small rock dams placed across the water flow. The migrating fish are able to move up from pool to pool against the flow, until they reach the top.

Tiley-Pratt Pond Dam, a low earth-and-stone dam off Dennison Road is the first of four dams on the Falls River, located closest to where it enters North Cove and the river. The Tiley-Pratt fishway uses a stone weir design. The overflow from the spillway is caught in four pools created by stonewalls or weirs, each with a notch for fish to ascend through. The lower portion of the fishway is created using river stone to form a channel. It's a proven design, and similar weirs are in place on the Saugatuck River in Westport and Anguilla Brook in Stonington.

Many fish species will use this fishway but it is being built especially for anadromous river herring. They hatch in our fresh water streams and ponds, migrate to the salt water of Long Island Sound and beyond, returning to fresh water to spawn. Other anadromous fish include two river staples, the striped bass and American shad, along with salmon and sturgeon - although none of these four species will use this fishway. (Catadromous species such as the American eel, are the opposite, spawning in salt water but living in the fresh water. They will use the fishway). All this migrating was upset with the building of dams. First for simple waterpower to run

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*Sally Harold, director of River Restoration and Fish Passage for the state's chapter of the Nature Conservancy stands at far left. Next to her is Steve Gephardt of the DEEP Inland Fisheries Division. Wearing the hat is property owner Larry Timmerman.*



*Workers from the Nature Conservancy and state DEEP spanned the spillway with an impervious tarpaulin anchored with sand bags. The pond drained through a second spillway, at far left.*



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grain mills and saw mills, later, to power the Industrial Revolution, which flowered in our state, creating the need for even more dams on our local rivers.

The current fishway program hopes to re-establish the all-important Alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) to our rivers, streams and ponds. This 10-12 inch anadromous fish is an important food source, not only for other fish, but for fish-eating birds, as well.


Beginning at the spillway and passing under an existing foot bridge, the Tiley-Pratt fishway should not only help the Alewife regain a foot hold, but the design is aesthetically-pleasing and should blend well into the existing environment.

The project is sponsored by the Nature Conservancy with a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation with support from the Essex Land Trust. Spring, 2015 will be the first opportunity to witness the ascent of Alewife into the Tiley-Pratt Pond.

Information in this article was abstracted from "Restoring Fish Runs to Essex," a presentation by Steve Gephard of the Connecticut DEEP's Inland Fisheries Division given at the Essex Land Trust annual meeting in April 2014.

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## Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

### Faith and Health: A Nurse in the Church?

Why does a nurse belong in a church? Women have been nursing in the church since the early days of church history. Deaconesses such as Phoebe and Fabiola cared for the sick and the poor. Religious orders of women showed God's love by caring for the sick in monasteries. This rich history of compassionate care led German Lutheran Pastor, Theodor Fleidner, started the Kaiserwerth Institute for the Training of deaconess nurses. The nurses were called "Parish Nurses" and Florence Nightingale was one of the most notable students. Feeling called to service through nursing, Nightingale combined the roots of Christian care with high professional standards. Nightingale viewed God as goodness, wisdom and love and reflected this belief through nursing care.

Parish Nursing is now called Faith Community Nursing to reflect the growth in many faith traditions. The practice of Faith Community Nursing has grown from a church based clinic in Chicago to an international specialty nursing practice recognized by the American Nurses Association.

Faith Community Nurses check blood pressures, give seminars on health related topics, and assist with navigating the healthcare system according to the values and traditions of the faith community. The skills of observation, listening and "being present" are at the heart of nursing care. Many FCN's find this part of the ministry the most valuable. The FCN provides compassionate, professional care for the whole person.

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Spiritual leaders of all faiths are often closely involved with individuals and families who struggle to care for loved ones or manage difficult healthcare issues. The aging of the population, and the complexities of healthcare, have increased the need for supportive home care. VNLV would like to extend a helping hand to assist you, and your congregants with your healthcare needs through home health services and health related programs.

To support the faith community effort to care for people in need, Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley has the Faith Community Nurse available to Shoreline religious communities for health education programs, advocacy, blood pressure screening, and referral. Contact Deborah Ringen, RN, MSN, Faith Community Nurse at (860) 767-0186 for further information.

### About Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, Inc. is a not-for-profit, Medicare and Medicaid home health care organization serving Deep River, Essex, Chester and the Lower Valley region. Please check their website ([www.visitingnurses.org](http://www.visitingnurses.org)) or call (860) 767-0186 for service information.



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The Cemetery has two distinct entrances off Westbrook Road – the older entrance includes a strikingly unique stone wall. Behind this wall, lie the original investors and their families, their resting places marked by simple stone tablets or more elaborate monuments. By 1838, industrial development had concentrated the area's population and wealth at the west end of the Town of Essex. Prominent clergy and ivory entrepreneurs were among the 54 investors in the original three quarter acre cemetery parcel. Over the years, land purchases have increased the area to about 5 acres.

The newer entrance is marked by a wrought iron style fence. Recently, time and effort were put into the clearing of dense undergrowth, allowing for grading and reseeding and thus highlighting a flowing stream and a stance of mature trees. The resulting sense of serenity rewarded the hard efforts of many people.

Within this second entrance flies the American flag. At its base, recognition is given to the VFW and the Fire Department.



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*Phyllis Donohue in her new apartment with her cat Francey.*

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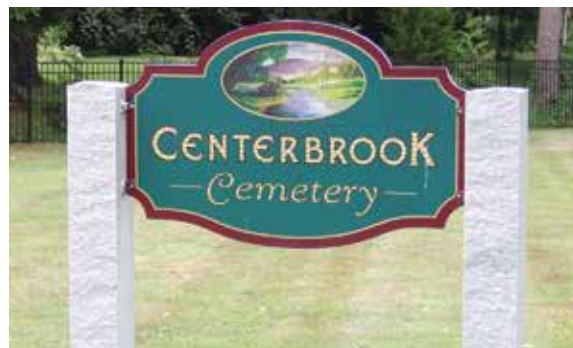


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Ornamental plantings draw attention to the significance of this area in Memorial Day memories. The road has been lined with various kinds of shade trees which, at maturity, will form a canopy. Many more trees have been planted throughout the cemetery. A variety of Memorial trees would be available to anyone wishing to recognize individuals or organizations.

Under the direction of the current, very actively involved Board of Directors, long range landscaping plans have been developed and will be implemented. There are currently 2000 burial sites available.

Russell Rankin is superintendent and can be contacted at (860) 227-8265. Cemeteryfind.com is the website.



## Essex Land Trust Coming Events

- **Saturday, November 1, 9 am. Hike Fern Ledge – Next to former Shoreline Clinic, off Route 153.**
- **Thursday, November 6, 7 pm at Essex Town Hall. Lecture: Alternative Energy 101.** Are you interested but confused by all the talk about “green energy”? Should you install a solar panel to power your home? How efficient are heat pumps? Is it smart to invest in home-generated wind power? These questions and more will be answered in a mini-seminar called “Alternative Energy 101” that will focus on green technologies and whether they are a cost-effective and practical choice for your home. Centerbrook Architect Mark Herter will lay out the facts to assist us in making informed energy-related decisions

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- **Saturday, November 22, 9 am - 12 pm at Cross Lots, 40 West Avenue. Cross Lots Clean-up.** A Fall Raking Extravaganza. Help put the Cross Lots Preserve to bed for the winter, get a mild workout, and connect with your neighbors, all at the same time and in a beautiful setting. Join us for a morning of raking and blowing and tidying up. Refreshments will be served. Please bring rakes, blowers, etc. Meet at 9 am in Cross Lots. All ages welcome including families, dogs. Rain date: Saturday, Nov. 29 at 9 am.
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