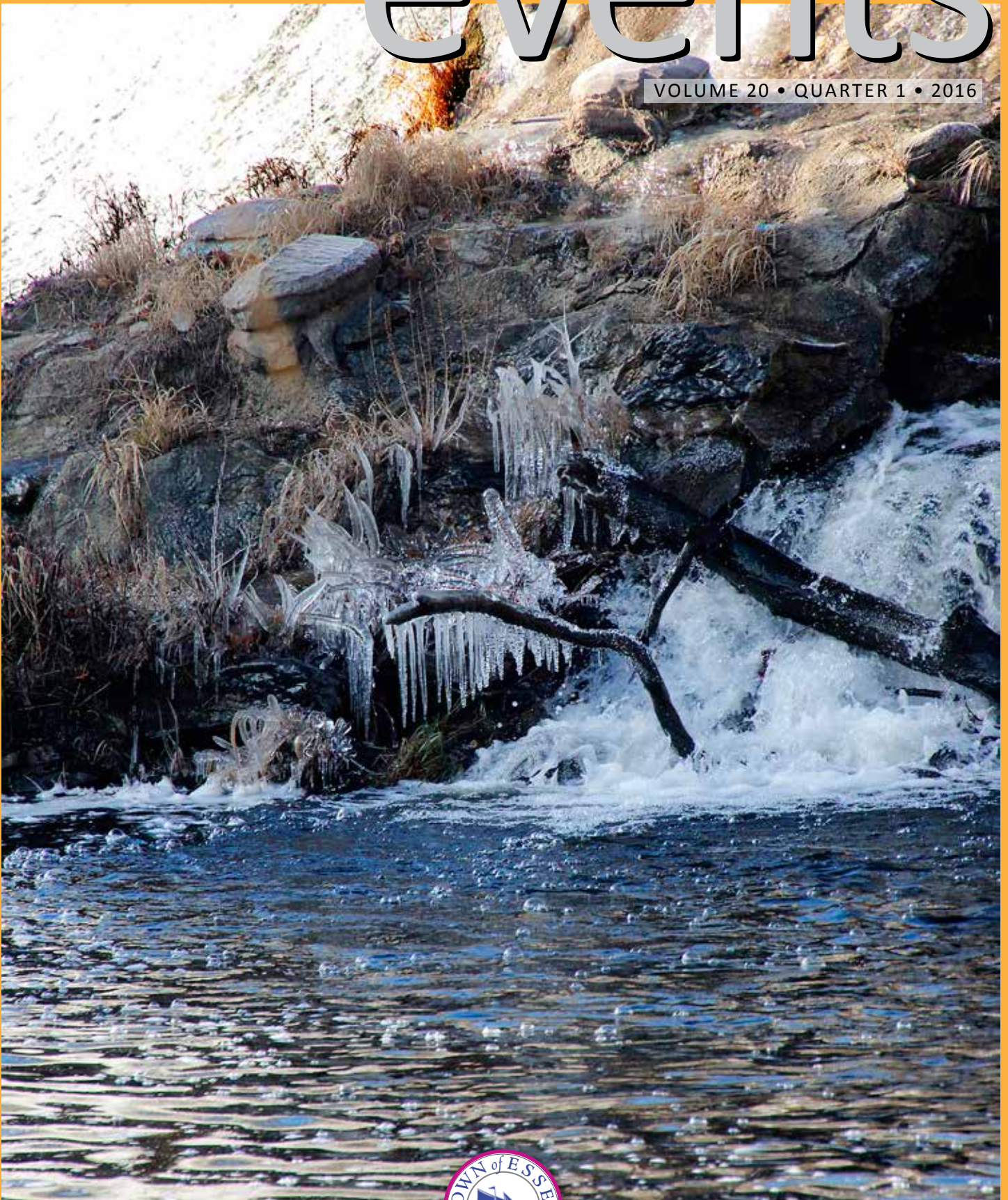


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# First Selectman's Corner

Dear Essex Friends & Neighbors,

I'm humbled by the support of the residents of Essex in re-electing me to serve another term as First Selectman. Thank you for allowing me to continue to contribute toward the betterment of this special community that we all cherish.

I'm pleased to report that the Town is in good financial shape and the improvements accomplished this past year through grants and policies implemented will benefit the Town for years to come.

This year the Town dedicated the 2014-2015 Annual Report to Mr. Frederick Vollono. Fred's commitment to public service in Essex began over 20 years ago when he and his family moved to Ivoryton Village. He generously served on the Board of Finance, the Retirement Board, and the Democratic Town Committee to name a few. You can read more about Fred in the Town's Annual Report. We thank Fred for his many years of service to the Town.

Preparation for the 2016-2017 annual budget is underway. Letters have gone out to Town schools, departments, boards and commissions and they will soon be compiling and submitting their requests. The Town's goal is to continue to

meet the needs and expectations of our residents while keeping expenditures low. The schedule of budget meetings has been posted on the Town website. The budget meetings are public meetings and we hope you will attend. The Board of Finance has overall responsibility for the budget process and will submit a final budget to a Town Meeting currently scheduled for May 9, 2016, for the approval of Town residents.



First Selectman Norm Needleman

The Town was recently awarded two substantial grants from the State of CT that impact affordable housing conditions and opportunities for our senior population. The first, \$635,000, is a Small Cities Grant for upgrades to the Essex Court Senior Housing Complex. The grant provides for upgrades to the existing septic system and kitchen appliances to be replaced with new energy efficient models. The second grant, administered by the Department of Housing, is \$3.83 million for the development of Essex Place, a 22-unit affordable senior housing project to be built adjacent to Essex Court in Centerbrook. A recent groundbreaking ceremony for Essex Place was held. Thank you to all those in attendance.

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In our continued commitment to improving economic vitality, safety, and creating unique identities for our villages, we are in the process of applying for a STEAP grant for Centerbrook in the amount of \$496,995. The project will focus on sidewalk improvement and replacement on the south side of Main Street, where there are currently continuous sidewalks in various stages of deterioration. Street lighting would be installed along the sidewalk area consistent with the character of the Village. In addition, bicycle lanes along Main Street would increase safety for this heavily traveled biked route. This grant will help to define a connected area within Centerbrook from the Valley Railroad to Essex Elementary School. This grant was originally applied for in 2015 and no grants were awarded at the time. The State is again accepting applications for this grant.

We have had some reports of street lights being out or flickering in various locations throughout town. Eversource has an excellent turnaround time on fixing these issues. If you see a street light problem please contact Eversource directly at 1-800-286-2000 or go online to report at Eversource.com under programs and services. If it's an emergency, life threatening situation or downed wire please call 911.

The Connecticut Water Company has launched an initiative called the "Water Drop Challenge" to help residential consumers conserve water and earn a \$30 credit on their water bill if consumption is reduced by 10% in 2016. The deadline to enroll is December 31st so please go to [ctwater.com](http://ctwater.com) to sign up.


As always, I encourage you to contribute to the safety of all drivers and pedestrians this winter season. Please drive safely, make sure your tires are in good shape, always wear seatbelts, be alert to hazardous road conditions and most importantly, drive within the speed limit. Prepare your homes and cars for winter, and be equipped for emergencies. As we have asked in the past, please clear your sidewalks of snow as soon as possible after storms so pedestrians have a safe place to walk well clear of traffic. If you see something that needs to be repaired contact our Public Works Department at 860-767-0715.

If you would like to receive our Quarterly Town Newsletter, please send your contact information to [essexnews@essexct.gov](mailto:essexnews@essexct.gov) with the subject "Town Email List" and we will add your name to the list.

On behalf of all of us here at Town Hall we wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

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For those eager to make plans for the summer, Kate's Camp for Kids, Broadway Bound Musical Theater Experience, and other summer favorites will begin registering participants on March 2nd. Kate's Camp, for ages 5 to 10, runs July 11th through August 5th and offers four weeks of performing and visual arts activities in partnership with The Kate in Old Saybrook. Now in its 16th year, Broadway Bound presents musical theater programs for ages 8 to 15 in Essex (July 11 – 22) and Westbrook (July 25 – August 5). Updates for these and other summer programs are posted on the School's website at [www.community-music-school.org](http://www.community-music-school.org).

CMS concerts coming up include Glee for Grownups directed by Karli Gilbertson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centerbrook



on February 7th, and Sinfonia and String Ensemble directed by Martha Herrle at Valley Regional High School on May 3rd. The spring gala to benefit scholarships and outreach is April 16th at the Lace Factory in Deep River. "When Swing Was King" will feature swing era music and dancing and student performances. For information about these and other activities, please call 860-767-0026 or visit [www.community-music-school.org](http://www.community-music-school.org).

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**Saturday, February 13, 12-4 pm. Meet at Essex Town Hall Parking Lot. Winter Raptors Field Trip - Eagles, Hawks, and Owls:** an outing to search for birds of prey that winter in our region. Several types of raptors may be seen, among many other wintering birds. Novice and advanced birdwatchers are welcome. Led by Jim Denham, ELT President and Andrew Griswold of CT Audubon. Bring a bag lunch, binoculars and warm clothes. Two vans are available to seat the first 14 people who sign up. To reserve, please call Judy Saunders at 860-581-8108, or email her at judith.saunders@comcast.net by February 10. Inclement weather cancels.

**Monday, March 7, 2 pm. Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue. Roots of the Republic: Revolutionary Trees and the Birth of America.** A joint lecture with the Essex Garden Club. Author Eric Rutkow whose book *American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation* tells the extraordinary story of the relationship between Americans and their trees. As symbols of liberty, community, and civilization, trees are perhaps the loudest silent figures in America's complicated history. Without trees, there would have been no cities, ships, railroads, stockyards, wagons, barrels, furniture, newspapers, rifles, or firewood. In an entertaining and informative presentation, Rutkow re-conceives America's historical relationship with the trees and forests that shaped the development of the nation.

**Saturday, April 9, 9 am. The Preserve parking lot off Ingham Hill Road, Essex. Vernal Pools and Emerging Life in the Preserve.** Join ecologist and Ivoryton resident Bob Russo on a hike in The Preserve in a search for salamanders,



frogs, and plants emerging from the long winter. He will guide you to a few of The Preserve's vernal pools and describe the biological and geological features that make these areas so unique and bountiful. Meet at first Preserve access parking lot. 1 1/2 hours duration. Easy to moderate terrain. Bring boots. Open to all ages. Bad weather cancels.

**Thursday, April 14, 5:30 pm. Hamilton Hall, Essex Meadows, 30 Bokum Road. Essex Land Trust Annual Meeting.** Join us for the ELT's festive Cocktail Party and Annual Meeting. Light food will be served. Tickets (\$30) for the cocktail buffet (5:30-6:30) will be available at the door. Business meeting and presentation that follow are free to all. Non-members are welcome.

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# The Preserve is Now Open to the Public

The 1000-acre forest, known as The Preserve, is now open and accessible to the public. Thanks to the efforts of many, this very special place is now available for all to enjoy its many wonders.

It was a long shot – and a long haul, says Chris Cryder, Special Projects Coordinator for Save the Sound, part of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, who helped spearhead the effort. “At times, things seemed to go along through divine intervention. But there was a mix of people with complementary talents and a single goal – to preserve this land for future generations.”

A total of \$9.9 million was raised to purchase the property from the now-defunct investment firm, Lehman Bros., which held it as an asset. Three million dollars came from private donations. Federal, state and municipal funds, including a \$200,000 contribution from the Town of Essex Open Space Sinking Fund, covered the remainder. The 1,000-acre property is spread across 3 towns in which it lies; 926 acres in Old Saybrook, 4 acres in Westbrook and 70 acres in Essex. While the Essex Land Trust owns the Essex parcel, the State of Connecticut and the Town of Old Saybrook will jointly own the rest of The Preserve, with a conservation easement being help by The Nature Conservancy.



The 1,000 acres abuts the existing 500-acre Great Cedar Conservation Area in Old Saybrook to form one of the largest protected forests in the state, says Cryder. “This is a significant piece of land, in terms of size and diversity. It is rewarding that the public will get to use and enjoy it.”

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Besides hiking, the land could be used for mountain biking, horseback riding or cross-country skiing. (State law prohibits motor vehicles on the Old Saybrook portion.) Primitive camping for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is another idea. "Passive recreation is the theme," says

Cryder. "That could also include birding, geo-caching, wild flower studies ... there are many ways to enjoy this priceless piece of land."

The Essex Land Trust has established two access points with parking area to enter The Preserve, both of which are

on Ingham Hill Road, off of Route 153, Westbrook Road. Trails are still under development and trail maps will be published as soon as these are finalized. In the meantime, we encourage visitors to explore The Preserve while being mindful that trail markings are still not completed.

## Smarter Appointments Now Available at Shoreline Medical Center

Why spend your time in the ER waiting room when you could be waiting in the comfort of your own home instead?

The new, innovative SmartER appointment system provides easier access to the Shoreline Medical Center Emergency Department – letting you schedule your ER visit for non-life threatening emergencies up to eight hours in advance.

According to Michael Saxe, M.D., Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Middlesex Hospital, "With people's often hectic schedules, making an appointment on the SmartER website can improve convenience, help reduce waiting time in the Emergency Department, and allow patients

quicker access to medical care for non-emergency injuries or illnesses, once they arrive."

Some examples of non-life threatening emergencies include sore throat, earaches, minor cuts, minor strains or sprains, mild diarrhea, or sports injuries. For any medical problem that is life threatening, dial 911 immediately.

To schedule a SmartER appointment, go to [www.middlesexhospital.org/smartER](http://www.middlesexhospital.org/smartER).

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# The Essex Library

The staff of the Essex Library continually strives to live up to our mission statement, which is “to serve as the community center for lifelong learning and cultural enrichment.” The following is a small sample of the upcoming programs and events we’ll be sponsoring in addition to the traditional services and materials, as well as digital resources that we always provide.

The Essex Library Children’s Department will run weekly story times from February 22 - May 13th. Those with little ones (aged newborn - 2) are welcome to drop in on Fridays at 10 am. Families with preschool aged children are invited to register for 10 am story hour on Wednesdays or Thursdays throughout the spring. Join us as we celebrate Take Your Child to

the Library Day on Saturday February 6th. Children of all ages are welcome to visit during Winterfest – a week of winter programming during February vacation. We’ll offer the Science of Snow, Cook Like a Pro and Bingo for Books as well as a snowy story time. On Saturday March 19th, we hope to see you for Family Science with a visit from educators at the Connecticut Science Center.

Programs for adults include the return of the Centerbrook Architects Lecture Series with appearances by Johanna Hurme (5468796 *Architecture*) Taryn Christoff and Martin Finio of Christoff/Finio in New York and Chuck Benson (*Great Women Architects & Designers of the 20th and 21st Centuries*). On Sunday, February 21 Heather Stone will give a talk on the



schooner Bowdoin. Built in 1921, it was once used to explore the Arctic and is now undergoing restoration. Local author Susan Strecker will talk about her novel *Night Blindness* on Sunday, March 13.

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Visit our website at [www.ecsenior.org](http://www.ecsenior.org) for additional information or call us at (860) 388-1611.

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The Estuary Council offers social & educational programs, health screenings, exercise classes for many levels, a variety of trips, and much more. View our newsletter on our website or sign up to receive it monthly.

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The time and talents of our many volunteers are an integral part of our organization. Find out how you can make a difference.

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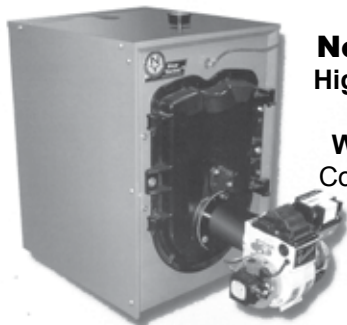
The Estuary Council relies on donations and fundraisers throughout the year to raise the funds needed to provide the vital services such as Meals on Wheels and medical transportation. Thank you to everyone who continue to support us with a donation or attend a fundraiser.

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# Middlesex Hospital Joins Mayo Clinic Care Network

Middlesex Hospital is the first health care organization from Connecticut to join the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Through the network, Mayo and Middlesex physicians will collaborate so more patients can get answers to complex medical questions and gain additional peace of mind, all while staying close to home. Network members remain independent, but share a common philosophy, commitment and mission to improve the quality and delivery of health care.

As a member of Mayo Clinic Care Network, Middlesex will have access to the latest Mayo knowledge. Network tools and services include:

- eConsults that enable Middlesex physicians to connect electronically with Mayo specialists when they want additional input on a patient's care.

- AskMayoExpert that provides Middlesex physicians with point-of-care, Mayo-vetted information on disease management, care guidelines, treatment recommendations and reference materials for medical conditions.
- eTumor Board Conferences that enable Middlesex physicians to present and discuss management of complex cancer cases with a multidisciplinary panel of Mayo Clinic specialists and other network members.

Through network resources, Middlesex providers also will be able to consult with Mayo Clinic on operational and business processes such as patient engagement; quality, safety and accreditation; nursing leadership; and physician engagement. Providers also will have access to Mayo's extensive library of educational materials for use with their patients and grand rounds presentations that feature Mayo physicians and scientists.

Since its inception in 1904, Middlesex Hospital has continuously maintained the highest standards in medical care while focusing on delivering the very best patient experience possible. It does this through state-of-the-art medical technology and innovative approaches to care, along with a highly experienced staff that embraces the mission and culture of the organization.

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Charles & Carmita Tenhoove Salas, 34 Dennison Road, Essex  
Samuel Childs Jr. & Amy Dean, 33 Sunset Terrace, Essex  
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Markham Rollins III, 10 Meigs Lane, Essex  
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Christopher & Kim Walker, 216 Westbrook Road, Essex  
Philip & Diane Reid, 93 Saybrook Road, Essex  
Gerard Alessandrini, 26 Falls River Drive, Essex  
Jennifer U. Villanueva, 31 Summit Street, Ivoryton  
Lino & Joan Grillo, 27 South Main Street, Unit 12, Essex  
Donna Gay Phillips, 161 Saybrook Road, Essex  
John Moussouris, 19 Crosstrees Hill Road, Essex  
Linda & Thomas & Paulina Rita Rossignuol, 25 North Main Street, Ivoryton  
Phillip & Deborah Walters, 18 Book Hill Woods Road, Essex  
Suzanne Cadrain, 16 Cedar Street, Centerbrook  
Edgardo & Colleen Mercadante, 134 River Road, Essex

## Loss of Residents and Friends

### September

F. Patrick McFadden  
Earl Simoneau  
Mildred Hallock  
Margaret Hines  
Kelvin Houchin  
Margaret Rastetter  
Anne Penniman  
Lydia Waterhouse  
Leila Little

### October

John Kingsbury

### November

Philip A. Carlson  
Judith A. Nelson

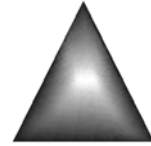
### December

George R. Furse

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Roziak, Assistant Town Clerk

## 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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## Eversource Notifies Essex Community of 2016 Tree Trimming

Augie Pampel, Essex Tree Warden, was notified by Eversource, that additional tree trimming in our community would begin first quarter of 2016. Residents will be contacted by the Lucas Tree permissions people starting in January 2016. These contractors are obliged by the new PURA (Public Utilities Regulatory Authority) regulations and state statutes to notify abutting owners of planned tree work, on or hanging over the public road. Tree owner approval is required for trees wholly on public property. Augie Pampel wants residents to know that according to these new statutes, they have the right to accept the planned work, waive their rights to object to the work, modify the work or they can refuse all tree work, if they choose. Those wishing to modify the work or object to the trimming or removal should follow the procedure described in the handouts received from the permissions contact person. This would include contacting the local Tree Warden and the Eversource in writing. Augie Pampel can be reached via e-mail at [augiepampel@att.net](mailto:augiepampel@att.net) or mobile phone 860-388-7209. Eversource can be reached at the address and numbers on the informational brochure provided.

Roads that will be subject to ETT (Enhanced Tree Trimming), which is the most expansive specification, are Laurel Road and Dennison Road. ETT is ground to sky clearance and eight feet from the conductors' clearance. If more than one quarter of a tree's leaves have to be removed to satisfy this specification, the entire tree will be requested to be removed.

The following information was provided by Eversource and will be given to each abutting property owner affected by the upcoming tree work.

Eversource informs residents that year round trimming is "one of the ways we provide safe and reliable electric service".

By removing potential hazardous growth close to power lines, they provide not only reliable service but also safer physical and visual access for their employees who work on the lines. Problems can therefore be solved more efficiently. Eversource states that all work is performed following professional tree care industry standards and best practices.

There are several clearance specifications. You should discuss the specific one that will be used in your area with the permissions contact, who leaves the slip with you.

The trees at risk are:

- Those trees that can fall on or contact power lines and cause an outage.
- Tree professionals will determine a tree's hazardous potential based on species, location, health and structural composition.
- Eversource arborists will also determine a tree's risk of causing an outage and prioritize removal accordingly. If a tree must be removed, it will be cut as low to the ground as possible
- Critical trimming can occur without permission by the abutting owner if there is evidence that the tree or brush are in direct contact with power lines or have visible signs of burning. This is "to protect public safety and system reliability."

Low growing shrubs and grasses will not be removed in order to maintain a low-growing plant community.

Eversource will treat hardwood trees that can re-sprout from a cut stump with an herbicide to prevent regrowth. As per Eversource, the herbicide has been tested and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. It will be "selectively applied with a handheld spray bottle by state licensed and certified

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personnel only to the outer edge and side of a stump.” According to the Connecticut General Statutes (22a-66a) certain herbicide label information must be provided to the property owner where herbicides are used. Property owners can ask the tree contractor requesting permission for trimming if herbicides will be used and request the herbicidal labels.

Eversource will make available to customers free of charge all cut wood or mulch produced from the tree work. Larger limbs and tree trunks will be cut into manageable lengths and mulch can be dumped where vehicle access is possible.

In an effort to provide effective communication and better customer service, Eversource will seek property owner approval in advance of the tree work. They will stop at all homes abutting areas of potential work to provide information and request approval for the trimming. It is incumbent upon the property owner to read the material carefully, ask questions and/or contact the Eversource permissions contractor listed on the enclosed forms provided to property owners. You may also call Eversource Customer Care Center at 800-286-2000 or the Eversource Business Contact Center at 888-783-6617. You can email Eversource directly at [treeCT@eversource.com](mailto:treeCT@eversource.com).

For trees that hang over the public right-of-way, you may ask for additional consultation:

- If you live on a town road, please contact your local Tree Warden (Augie Pampel).
- If you live on a state road, contact the state Department of Transportation (DOT), Commissioner's Office, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Not granting permission:

- If a property owner does not wish to grant approval for the proposed tree work, he/she should follow the procedures outlined in the material left by the permissions contact.
- The Tree Warden will make a decision regarding the scope of tree work for all objections within 10 days of receiving the written objection or after a consultation.
- Both the property owner and Eversource may further appeal that decision to the state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) within 10 days.
- Contact PURA at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. PURA will hold a mediation session within 30 days of an appeal or an arbitration hearing within 60 days, to reach a resolution.

Per the state statute, no property owner will be billed for damages to Eversource power lines or equipment caused by trees on the owner's property that fall, regardless of the outcome of an appeal.

Augie Pampel is available to anyone who may have questions, concerns or who require more information about this upcoming tree work. He can be reached at 860-388-7209.



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### Who we can support.

- Older adults
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- Persons who want help navigating a complex system of federal, state, and local programs.

### How we can support.

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## Call to Volunteer

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To learn more about the Fire Department fill out an online form at <http://www.essexctfire.com/joinus.html> or call 860-767-1258. To reach the Essex Ambulance send an email to [essex.ambulance@snet.net](mailto:essex.ambulance@snet.net). Thank You!

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# Ivoryton Playhouse Announces 2016 Season



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**Back Home Again: On The Road With John Denver** (April 6th – April 24th, 2016) is a celebration of John Denver’s life and music, including hits “Take Me Home, Country Roads,” and “Rocky Mountain High.” Featuring versatile musicians David Lutken (Ring of Fire) and Katie Deal, *Back Home Again* offers a rare glimpse of the man behind the music and the stories behind the songs.

A poignant comedy about dancing and life opens on May 4th – **Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks**. An aging but formidable woman hires a dance instructor to give her lessons in her home. What begins as an antagonistic relationship gives way to friendship as they tango, foxtrot and cha cha while sharing their secrets, fears and joys.

We travel across the pond and back in time in June with **The 39 Steps** (June 1st – June 19th). Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have *The 39 Steps*, a fast-paced whodunit! This 2-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning play features a cast of 4 playing over 150 zany characters.

Summer officially opens with all that jazz on July 29th with the sizzling hot Broadway hit musical **Chicago**. Winner of Six 1997 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival, *Chicago* has everything that makes Broadway great: a universal tale of fame and fortune, one show-stopping song after another a lot of razzle dazzle!

The inspirational rock musical, **Rent** runs August 3rd – August 28th, 2016. Loosely based on Puccini’s *La Boheme*, *Rent* is set in the East Village of New York City. Exuberant, passionate and joyous, *Rent* is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the TONY Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Rent* has become a pop cultural phenomenon.

One of the world’s most popular musicals, **Man of La Mancha**, runs from September 7th – October 2nd, 2016. The “Impossible Dream” musical, is based on Cervantes’ masterpiece *Don Quixote*, and tells of the adventures of a delusional Spanish knight who sallies forth on a quest to restore chivalry to the world, and to claim his lady love. Winner of 5 Tony Awards – this production will star David Pittsinger.

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Call the Playhouse box office at 860-767-7318 for subscriptions or tickets or visit our website at [www.ivorytonplayhouse.org](http://www.ivorytonplayhouse.org).

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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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- **Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 pm, "Smuggling at Sea During Prohibition,"** with Robert McKenna, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- **Sunday, March 6, 3 pm, "Benedict Arnold: Homegrown Terror,"** with

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All lectures are held at Essex Meadows, 30 Bokum Road, Essex, and are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.essexhistory.org](http://www.essexhistory.org) or call (860) 767-0681. So come in from the cold and warm up to EHS's new programs in 2016.

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MARC Community Resources (MARC) has advocated for the rights of people with disabilities since 1955. Since that time MARC Community Resources has grown into a multi-service agency with nearly 100 paid staff and over 100 volunteers. Today we serve more than 200 people with disabilities throughout Middlesex County and the Greater Hartford area by providing choices for housing, employment, advocacy and social/recreational life.

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# Bikes For Kids Receives Non-Profit of the Year Award

The Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Bikes For Kids as the 2015 Non-Profit Organization. The award was presented at the Chamber's Annual Meeting. The award was accepted by Dave Fowler, President of Bikes For Kids. This award is presented to the organization which has had a major impact on the lives of individuals within the last year. Founded in 1989, Bikes For Kids has given away more than 18,000 bikes. During the past year, Bikes For Kids has had an impact on more than 1400 individuals in need by giving away refurbished bikes and new helmets.

Ninety percent of donated bikes are given to young people living right here in Connecticut. The organization is contacted by churches, schools, local and state social service agencies and individuals who have identified people in need and the bikes are distributed.

BFK's generosity enables people to play, get to work and school and have a better chance at finding employment. They enable individuals to step up, be social and build their self esteem. Bikes For Kids prides itself on supplying bikes to those in need and putting smiles on the faces of individuals one bike at a



The award was presented to Dave Fowler by Judy Sullivan, Executive Director and Lori Woll, Board of Directors, Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Kelley Fryer/Harbor News.

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## Essex Department of Social Services

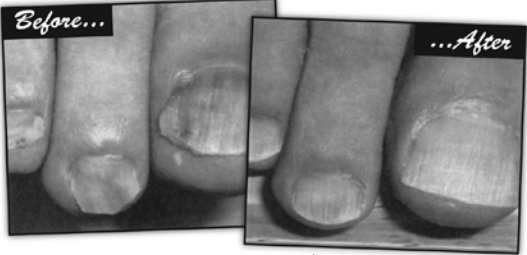
Dear Community,

The Town of Essex Department of Social Services thanks all of the friends and supporters of our Holiday Change for Change Campaign. Your generous giving allowed us to serve over 60 children this holiday season. We distributed retail gift cards for each child to assist parents with their holiday shopping. We also distributed grocery store gift cards to over 30 families to help offset the cost of food.

Your cherished donations assisted with providing some financial relief during this holiday season to our local families in need of support. On behalf of the families of Essex, we offer our deepest gratitude. Thank you again for supporting those less fortunate. Our campaign's success was only possible because of the donations from our kind hearted community.

*Mary Ellen Barnes, Town of Essex, Department of Social Services*

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# Essex Park & Recreation Department

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

**Essex Go Bragh Irish Parade.** Park and Recreation is planning the fourth annual Essex Go Bragh Irish Parade, to be held March 12. The event will feature an Irish-themed parade down Main Street into the heart of Essex Village. All Essex residents and community organizations are encouraged to get involved. Full event information will be posted on our website.

**Essex Eggstravaganza.** Our annual egg hunt will be held on Saturday March 26, at 10:00 am, at the Grove Street Park. The Eggstravaganza is open to children pre-school ages to second grade. Join the Easter Bunny for story time at Essex Library and plan to arrive for the egg hunt 15 minutes early as we will begin at 1 pm sharp.

**Comstock Park.** The Park and Recreation Department is currently planning

improvements to Comstock Park. The project would renovate the facility with a fully clayed infield, electricity, a score board, rest rooms and concession stand. Our goal is to create a complex that will serve all levels of youth baseball, including softball. The first phase of the project is currently underway with the installation of the clay infield. The field will be ready for play this spring, with the other planned improvements still being reviewed.

## Park & Recreation Programs

Park and Recreation always has a great offering of recreation programs to choose from. Our current brochure is available online and has been distributed through the school. Please see our brochure for full program information.

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Stay tuned for our 2016 Spring/Summer Brochure in March.

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

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|-----------|----------------|
| Bob Russo | Ed Burlison    |
| Tony Mosa | Tom Clerkin    |
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**Contact Us.** We welcome hearing from you on our programs, parks, and the operations of our department. Remember to visit our website for updated announcements, program information, and online registration and to view our brochure:

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# The Sister Cities Essex Haiti Library Project

Six years ago after the January 2010 earthquake a small group of people who had traveled to Haiti gathered, at the encouragement of the Essex Selectmen, to see how they might help a badly wounded country. Their goal was not, however, to simply apply a band-aid.

People and governments, often with good intentions, think they can solve Haiti's many problems, without taking the time to understand what the real needs are and involve the people of Haiti in the decision making. We wanted to do something that would be long lasting, sustainable, something that was requested by the community and would build on and augment the strengths of the Haitian people. Haiti suffered from almost two centuries of foreign intervention first from the French whose demand for reparations after the successful slave revolt in 1803 essentially led to Haiti's deforestation and then later from the United States whose policies did not strengthen Haiti's political infrastructure and unintentionally undermined the Haitian agricultural system. From one of the richest economies in the Caribbean albeit built on the back of slavery, Haiti is today one of the poorest. Many Haitians particularly in rural communities have little or no schooling and access to electricity and running water is a luxury afforded



by few. Still, Haitians persevere and one can see in the well-kept uniforms of school children that Haitians truly value education. Deschapelles, where the group chose to focus its energies is where Hopital Albert Schweitzer is located and a community with which Essex has strong ties. Working in collaboration with a community organization in Deschapelles (ODES) a plan was made to create a library where the community could access knowledge beyond what the schools offer, where children could study at night instead of under the occasional street lights of the hospital and have opportunities to simply enjoy reading.

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Sister Cities Essex Haiti, the organization that was formed by the initial group is today comprised of people from many different backgrounds but all with an understanding that they would not, unlike so many organizations, come believing that we had the answers. The team consisted of lawyers, theologians, businessmen, former teachers, those experienced with libraries and those who knew Haiti. Our architect Hope Proctor traveled to Haiti to understand the locale and gain input from the community. The team in Deschapelles was comprised of those experienced with construction, education and the culture of Haiti. We were fortunate to have team members in both countries, who understood the nuances of the project. We proceeded slowly and carefully sometimes with frustration when construction materials proved unavailable or when the task proved to be more complex than any of us anticipated. We spent hours researching appropriate furnishings, finding resources for books not only in French (the "official" language in which students must study) but also in Kreyol (the language in which people actually speak on a daily basis), and talking with potential organizations in Haiti which could provide funding or help train and guide library staff. And together we succeeded.

The photographs in this article show the beautiful building that reflects local Haitian architectural styles and the children of Haiti. We have formed a relationship with the Haitian organization FOKAL, which is providing guidance and helping us with funding. We received a large grant for construction from DIGICEL the largest cell-phone provider in Haiti. Funds were raised through the generosity of many mostly from our community. The International Committee of our local Tri-Town Rotary for example raised enough money to purchase over 1000 books.

And it should be emphasized that almost everyone volunteers their time and expertise including the design and engineering of the library. The exception is the construction staff. Many board members and others have contributed countless hours and

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traveled to Haiti to insure that the library truly enhances the wishes and lives of the people of Deschapelles.

The doors are slowly opening and books are filling the shelves. The Haitian library staff is doing what librarians do everywhere- guiding and encouraging

patrons, reading to children opening their eyes to worlds they may never even have imagined. There is more to come as we look at technology and how best to implement it, including the use of digital books and access to knowledge over the Internet.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community and encourage you to get involved. If you want more information, please visit our website at [www.sistercitiesessexhaiti.org](http://www.sistercitiesessexhaiti.org). We encourage you to get involved by contacting us at [info@sistercitiesessexhaiti.org](mailto:info@sistercitiesessexhaiti.org).

## Essex Garden Club donates to Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries

Essex Garden Club members collected nonperishable food items for the Shoreline soup Kitchens and Pantries at the club's annual festivities at Essex Meadows. Individual members and the club donated \$1,705 to the SSKP which will be matched by the Gowrie Challenge. The total weight of the food donation was 376 lbs. Pictured packing the food for delivery are Barbara Campbell and Nina Thurston.



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# The Essex Garden Club Brings Holiday Spirit to Essex



In preparation for the holidays, the Essex Garden club members decorated merchant window boxes and tubs of the villages of Essex as well as the town park gazebo on Main Street. Using a variety of evergreen cuttings from members and other generous donors from the community, designers helped the town put on a festive face for the “Trees in the Rigging” held in November, and the Holiday stroll in December.

The “Silent Policeman” was decorated this year (from left) by Lumie Han, Gay Thorn, Eve Potts, Kirsten Wendell, Sandy French, Mylan Sarnar and Liz Fowler. Thanks to both Liz Fowler and Suzanne Tweed for their efforts in coordinating the day of decorating.

Finally, The Essex Garden Club would like to thank the Essex community for its continued support, especially during our spring May Market and extends best wishes to all the residents of Essex, Centerbrook and Ivoryton for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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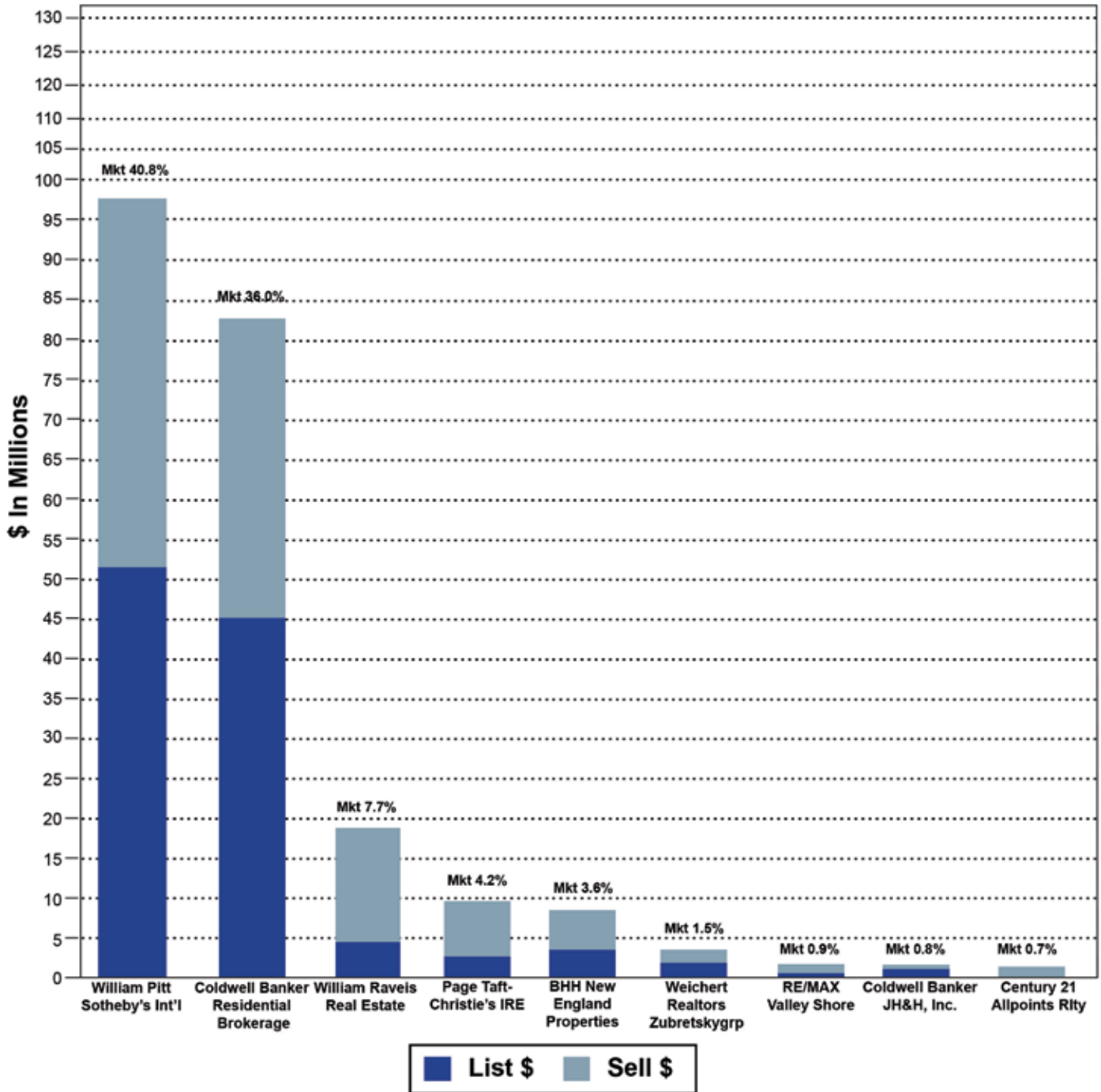
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