

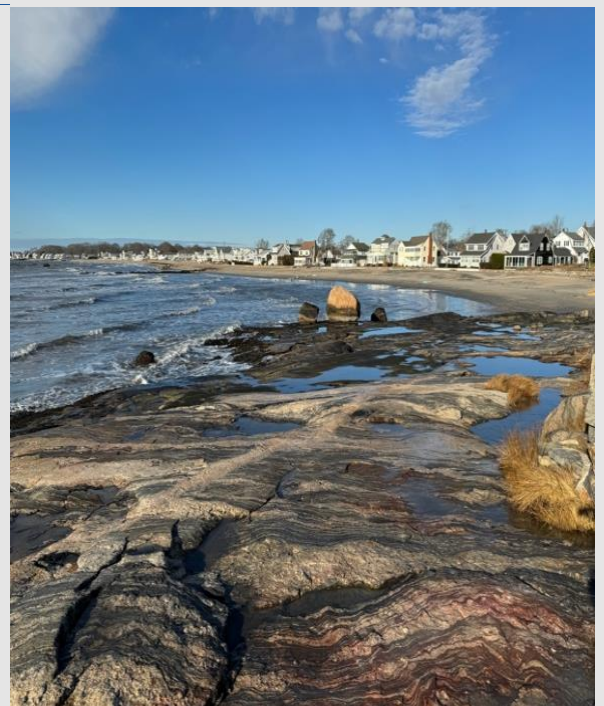
# Old Lyme Shores Beach Association

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April 2024 #2



Welcome to the Old Lyme Shores  
Beach Association Quarterly Newsletter



## Newsletter Issue #2

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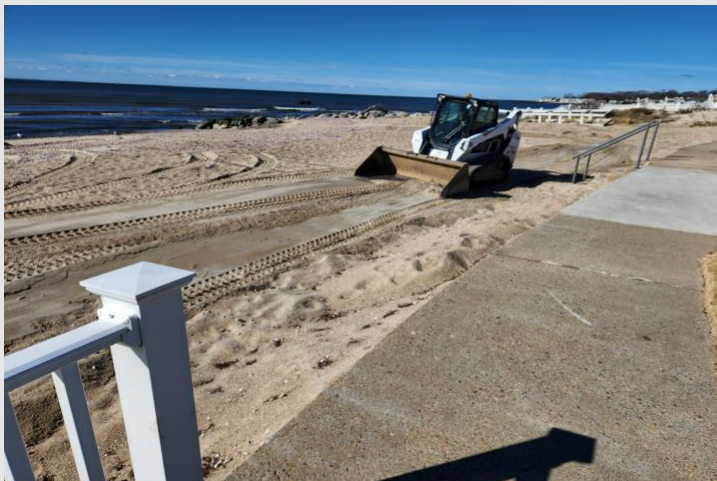
### WHAT'S NEW

#### TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

2024 WINTER STORMS  
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OLSBA OFFICERS, BOG & WPCA.



**2024 WINTER STORMS:** WELCOME TO A VERY RAINY SPRING- Spring has sprung with many tulips & daffodils in bloom, with lawns well-watered and green due to a mild winter with little deep freezing or major snow events. In fact, we had only 2 minor snow events in the Winter of 2024 requiring plowing services from Nickerson our plowing vendor. With the beginning of Spring, we find much of the beach has been cleaned up from excessive sand and debris that typically flows down the Connecticut River, and many times finds its way to Old Lyme Shores.



**APRIL 2024 BEACH UPDATES:** This winter and spring brought some larger than normal storms as many of you likely are aware from January's newsletter. The BOG authorized timely clean ups and movement of excess sand, which was deposited at other beaches that lose sand during storms. We also approved moving remaining sand down to the low-tide mark prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> per DEEP regulations. Things

are finally getting back to some sense of normalcy with the weather patterns changing to milder weather allowing for nice strolls on the beach during the remainder of Spring.

## Summer of 2024 is Fast Approaching

### Calendar Quick Hits:

- **Annual Meeting** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10AM  
Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium @ 53 Lyme Street
- **4<sup>th</sup> Of July** Festivities Details this page and next
- **Fall Meeting** September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10AM Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium @ 53 Lyme Street

As we start to enjoy the warmer days and evenings, setting the stage for another Summer Season here in Old Lyme Shores we want to communicate some of the Activities that are being planned. Our Entertainment Committee has been working diligently to ensure another great summer here at OLS. As you can see there are dates and activities posted and some nice fundraising items below that you can now pre-order while supplies last. Special thanks to this committee and its members for all their efforts.

**★ OLS JULY 4TH ★**

**Thursday, July 4, 2024**

**\*\*Note new times\*\***

**Rain Date: Saturday, July 6, 2024**

10:00AM - Parade

1:30-2:30PM - Sandcastle Judging

3:30PM - Sandcastle Prizes

4:00PM - Races and Popsicles

Questions: Julia Nixon (860) 434-3755

**★ OLS JULY 4TH ★**

**Weekend Activities 2024**

**Thursday, July 4, 2024**

Parade  
Sandcastle Contest  
Beach Races & Popsicles

**Friday, July 5, 2024**

Beach Wiffleball Tournament - 6pm  
Beach Movie - Dusk

**Saturday, July 6, 2024**

DJ Roger Desir - 6:30-11 PM  
"Rolling Tomato" Pizza Truck - 6:30-8:30pm  
"Ice Cream Emergency" Truck - 7-8:30pm  
(Saturday = Rain Date for Thursday events)

Questions: Julia Nixon (860) 434-3755



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fundraising Items for Sale

2024 July 4th fundraising items are available to pre-order! All proceeds fund OLS July 4th events - thank you for your support.

- **Shirts:** Long-sleeved, Comfort Colors "Blue Chambray," adult S, M, L, XL, and XXL, \$28

- **Blankets:** 62" x 78", sweatshirt fabric with cozy stretch, pacific blue with "Old Lyme Shores" embroidered in the corner in white, \$50

- **Notepads:** Printed notepad, 5" x 7" vertical, white paper, 100 sheets with chipboard backing and "Old Lyme Shores" imprinted in blue at the top, \$12

Orders may be requested via the online form or by contacting Julia Nixon. Payment may be made via cash, check, or Venmo. We are unable to ship items - pickup at OLS in the spring.

Thank you, Julia and Maggie

contact: [jmnixon@comcast.net](mailto:jmnixon@comcast.net)

Order request link:

<https://forms.gle/N8R2QGkQocJAphEQ9>



2024 July 4th Events Fundraiser



Adult long-sleeved shirts  
\$28 S-XXL

all proceeds fund OLS July 4th events  
request via link or Julia Nixon

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

**Diane Duhaime**

Your board and officers hope everyone had a wonderful New Year and are as excited as they are about returning to OLS after the long winter. In reading this second issue of OLS quarterly newsletter, please mark your calendars for all of the wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, appreciate the extraordinary work being done to maintain our beach in the off-season, and support the July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraising by putting in your orders for new OLS shirts, notepads and blankets for the special people in your life that love OLS as much as you do.

We are very pleased to have so many volunteers working to ensure all members and their guests enjoy their time at OLS. Please see the "VOLUNTEERS WELCOME" column to see if you or someone you know would like to invest some time and have fun in supporting the OLS community. Please send an email to [governance@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:governance@oldlymeshores.org). If you wish to volunteer or have any questions about volunteering.

There are only two meetings per year at which members come together to vote on issues that are crucial to the continued success of OLS: the Annual Meeting (also known as the spring meeting) and the Fall Meeting. The 2024 Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium located at 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT. We encourage all members to attend. Come to learn more about what your officers and board are working on for OLS, to ask questions, and to meet your new and old neighbors, officers, and board members.

Diane Duhaime  
President, OLSBA

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to give an especially warm welcome to the following new members of Old Lyme Shores.  
Domenico and Mary Vallera - 41 Sea Spray

Matt and Mary Schauster - 15 Sea Lane  
Jason and Carrie Pope - 60 Sea Spray Welcome Back!  
Please send an email to [governance@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:governance@oldlymeshores.org) if you know of a new member who has not yet been welcomed to OLS

## VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

The board is pleased to give all members an opportunity to become involved with the OLS community through a variety of committees.

## WEBMASTER

The Communications Committee is currently seeking one or more volunteers to work on a very interesting, fun, and important project: refreshing the OLS web site located at [www.oldlymeshores.org](http://www.oldlymeshores.org). Members have complained that the web site is not as useful or updated as it can be. If you are interested in devoting some of your talents and energy to make it so (or you know of a student who might be interested), please send an email to [governance@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:governance@oldlymeshores.org)

## SECRETARY

The Nominating Committee is seeking submissions for the Secretary position, which position is critical to the operations of our Association. We thank Joanne Gilland, our outgoing Secretary, for her long-term expert, dedicated, and generous service. If only we could clone her for this opening!

The Secretary term is one year, commencing on June 16, 2024 (the day following the 2024 OLSBA Annual Meeting) and ending on the day of the 2025 OLSBA Annual Meeting. The Secretary provides meeting notices, prepares meeting minutes, and keeps a record of all actions of the Association and the Board of Governors. This is a volunteer position for which reimbursement is provided for pre-approved out-of-pocket expenses.

Qualifications:

- Per the OLSBA charter, must be over the age of 21 and a named owner of land located within the limits of OLSBA

**SUMMER GATE/BEACH ATTENDANTS:**  
(Paid Positions)

- Extensive experience with WORD and email
- Able to complete work within required time frames and attend live/Zoom meetings of OLSBA/BOG

If interested in the Secretary position, please send an email to [participation@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:participation@oldlymeshores.org).

If you are looking for a rewarding summer position that allows you to stay close to Old Lyme Shores, be part of a team, earn money while contributing to your community, please email:

[participation@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:participation@oldlymeshores.org).

**WPCA UPDATES:**  
-Dede DeRosa

Since January, the WPCA has been focused on working with our Old Lyme Shared Sewer Project Alliance (OLSSPA) partners and the State of Connecticut to understand the full implications of obtaining an additional State contribution to the project of up to \$15M. Much of this work is legal and financial in nature. All four entities involved (Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony, Miami Beach Association, and the Town of Old Lyme) are in the process of evaluating and potentially updating their Bond Resolutions to accommodate the new funding. We are also looking to modify our Cost Sharing Agreement to fully integrate the Town of Old Lyme into the project. Thanks to Diane Duhaime and Al Roy for leading this effort.

Our Treasurer, John Cunningham, has undertaken a complete audit and reconciliation of all WPCA expenditures since project inception in 2012. This has involved a massive amount of review work and a complete re-engineering of the WPCA financial management process. In parallel, a team has been recently commissioned to update our project cost projections from the last estimates that were done in



2021. We expect to be able to start sharing this updated financial information over the next couple of months and encourage all OLS residents to attend the next WPCA meeting on May 2, 2024, at 7pm via Zoom. We also want to mention that Sue Mahoney resigned from the WPCA. Much thanks to her for her efforts and support on the WPCA these past years.

## OLSBA / WPCA BOND RESOLUTION FOR SEWER PROJECT FUNDING

-Diane Duhaime

Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony Beach, Miami Beach, and the Town of Old Lyme have been offered the opportunity to obtain a \$15M forgivable loan from the State of Connecticut to fund the sewer project. The bond attorney is working with the WPCAs of these three beach associations to prepare a required Bond Resolution for approval by their respective members no later than June 30, 2024. Therefore, it is possible that a Bond Resolution will be presented for an OLS membership vote at the June 15, 2024, Annual Meeting.

This Bond Resolution is about the funding for the sewer project (obtaining an up to \$15 million forgivable loan and an increase in the expenses approved by the initial Bond Resolution based on such elements as inflation). **Importantly, it** is not a vote for or against the sewer project. That ship has already sailed. OLS, Miami Beach and Old Colony Beach are required by law (i.e., by the February 14, 2018, Consent Order) to proceed with the sewer project, or else face costly and protracted enforcement actions by the State of Connecticut. See, for example, the September 20, 2024, letter from the State to the Sound View Sewer Coalition, LLC.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments concerning the Bond Resolution.

**BOG Officers/Governors:**

**Officers**

Diane Duhaime	President
Paul Yellen	Vice President
Joanne Gilland	Secretary
Norm Yester	Treasurer

**Board of Governors**

John Mandracchia  
Jay Moynihan  
MaryKate Reynolds  
Scott Rottinghaus  
Kathi Stickle  
Gregory Symon

**WPCA Members/Officers:**

**Water Pollution Control Authority**

Al Roy	Chairman
Gregory Symon	Vice-Chairman
Dede DeRosa	Secretary
John Cunningham	Treasurer
Diane Duhaime	ex-officio

Paul Graml  
Bob Palazzo  
Jay Moynihan

Contact us at: [governance@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:governance@oldlymeshores.org)

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A big thanks for reading our 2nd Quarterly Newsletter of 2024 Please also look for information on our website ([www.oldlymeshores.org](http://www.oldlymeshores.org)) and social media postings (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)