

# Old Lyme Shores Beach Association

Welcome to the Old Lyme Shores  
Beach Association Quarterly Newsletter



## MAY 2025

Produced by: Old Lyme Shores Board of Governors (BOG), Officers, WPCA Members and Officers, with support from OLS Residents.

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## OLS Board of Governors

### Officers

**President:** Paul Yellen  
**Vice President:** Jack Thomas  
**Secretary:** Tracey Cappellucci  
**Treasurer:** Rob Cappellucci

### Members

Tim Larson  
Jay Moynihan  
Bob Palazzo  
MaryKate Reynolds  
Scott Rottinghaus  
Gregory Symon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

### Paul Yellen

As you are aware, OLS property owners will participate in a critical vote on **May 24th at 10:00 AM at the Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium.**

On that day:

- An in-person vote will take place to increase the existing bond resolution to fund the sewer system, stormwater drainage improvements and road repaving.
- We urge all authorized property owners to attend in-person and cast their votes in a written, private ballot.
- **The sole purpose on May 24 is for members to cast their votes.** There will be no discussion or public comments on that day.

#### Key information about May 24 vote:

- **There will be two public information sessions prior to the May 24 vote.** One meeting will be conducted via Zoom; the other will be an in-person meeting.
  - The purpose of these meetings is to share the most recent information related to current state, critical priorities and an overview of the WPCA project plan.
  - Our hope is that representatives from DEEP will attend one or both of these meetings.
- **Information Sessions will be held:**
  - **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM via ZOOM**
  - **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in-person, at the Old Lyme Library**
- We urge all authorized all property owners to vote in-person by casting in a written, private ballot on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **For property owners not voting in person, Proxy Ballots will be available.** Proxy Ballot forms and detailed instructions for casting Proxy Ballots will be sent to all authorized property owners within the next two weeks, once this process is finalized and has legal approval.

As the voting date nears, we urge you to make an informed and educated decision based on the information provided at:

- The **OLSBA website** ([oldlymeshores.org](http://oldlymeshores.org))
- The upcoming **public information sessions**
- The regularly scheduled **BOG and WPCA meetings** via Zoom.

In December 2024, the WPCA and BOG received a very serious letter from Connecticut DEEP regarding our lack of a vote and the lack of progress with respect to this project. Since then, your BOG and WPCA have continued to meet multiple times each month to update and prepare the available information needed for all of us to make an educated decision about this project.

The goal of our BOG and WPCA public meetings has been to do our best to provide factual information around an extremely complex project with continually changing variables.

**Please feel free to reach out to members of the BOG or WPCA with questions.**



## OLSBA NEWS + UPDATES



### Winter Storms and Sand Removal

The winter of 2024-2025 proved to be a mild one here at the beach. We had no major storms and as a result, no flooding of properties at the end of Sea Spray or Saltaire. You may remember that last winter we had several high-water events where the waves pushed sand up against the seawall, creating a ramp for following waves to overcome the seawall and flood these low-lying areas.

We continue to monitor sand levels and remove excess sand and sending it to Hawks Nest. We've also hired a company to push additional sand away from the seawall down to the low tide mark. This work can only be done until April 1st. We have additional work planned to move more sand down to the high-tide mark in accordance with DEEP regulations.



## OLSBA NEWS + UPDATES



### Additional Informational Signs

- **New informational Signs** being considered for roads where they can be placed without interfering with someone's front yard.
- These signs will replace the two signs that are old and wearing.
- Additional signs will increase visibility throughout the community for owners, guests, visitors, vendors, construction workers.
- The expenditure (between \$3000 - \$5000) has been tabled while the BOG determines the number of signs and the most cost-efficient way to install.
- If the plan is approved, this expense and installation is likely to happen before July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Replacement of Stop Signs Under Review:** New Stop Signs (39) being considered for FY26, as they are not in the 2025 budget.

### Buoys and Swim Lines

**State DEEP has issued new requirements for swim area identification buoys and delineation ropes and buoys.** We are required to purchase larger swim area buoys and larger diameter buoys and rope to mark the swim area. This was an unexpected budget expense of nearly \$9,000.

Assembly and installation will be done by the company we've used for similar projects. We expect that the new buoys and swim lines, along with the raft, will be in the water in early to mid-June, weather permitting.



## 2025 BOG Meeting Schedule

- January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- February 19<sup>th</sup>
- March 19<sup>th</sup>
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- May 21<sup>st</sup>
- \*May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM: Sewer Project VOTE
- June 11<sup>th</sup> (Prep for Annual Meeting)
- \*June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM: Annual Meeting
- July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- August 20<sup>th</sup>
- September 10<sup>th</sup>
- October 15<sup>th</sup>
- November 19<sup>th</sup>
- December 17<sup>th</sup>

**Here's YOUR chance to make a difference  
at Old Lyme Shores!**

**The OLS Nominating Committee is seeking  
volunteers for the following positions:**

- **President of OLSBA**
- **Two Board of Governors openings**

Position descriptions are available on the OLS  
website and take effect July 1, 2025.

**Please reply via email to the individuals below by  
May 16th along with the following information:**

- Verify that your name is on the deed of your house and provide your OLS address.
- Indicate the position for which you have interest.
- Tell us about yourself and your interest in the position. We'd love to know more about your professional journey, any prior experience in a similar role and your history with OLS.
- Please send your information to the following members of the OLS Nominating Committee.

**Steve Potter:** [hlpjr33@gmail.com](mailto:hlpjr33@gmail.com)

**Sarah Fay:** [sarah.fay@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.fay@gmail.com)

Thank you for considering jumping in and helping to  
make a difference in our community!!

**Old Lyme Shores Nominating Committee**

## 2025 WPCA Meeting Schedule

- January 21<sup>st</sup>
- February 18<sup>th</sup>
- March 18<sup>th</sup>
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- May 20<sup>th</sup>
- June 10<sup>th</sup>
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- August 19<sup>th</sup>
- September 9<sup>th</sup>
- November 18<sup>th</sup>
- December 16<sup>th</sup>

## WPCA Officers and Members

### Officers

Chairman: \*Jay Moynihan  
Vice-Chairman: \*Bob Palazzo  
Treasurer: Chris Shelton

### Members

Dennis Colombie  
Martin Merritt  
\*Jack Reynolds  
Roger Zito

\* Also on BOG

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

### See Latest WPCA Updates:

- [Oldlymeshores.org/WPCA/WPCA Updates](https://oldlymeshores.org/WPCA/WPCA%20Updates)

## Time to Pack your Beach Bag... SUMMER'S COMING



### Spring Reminders

- **Vehicle Access Stickers** can be picked up from Paul Yellen or John Mandracchia.
- **Road-cuts for construction** are prohibited by Item 3 of our Rules Ordinances. Owners must contact the BOG for approval.
- **Parking cars at the Ball Field** is allowed for OLS residents' activities/events with approval of the BOG. Please contact Paul Yellen or John Mandracchia to coordinate Parking Passes.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Schedule 2025

**★ OLS JULY 4TH ★**  
**Weekend Activities 2025**  
**Thursday, July 3, 2025**  
 3rd Annual Wiffleball Tournament - 6pm  
 Beach Movie - Dusk  
**Friday, July 4, 2025**  
 Parade  
 Sandcastle Contest  
 Beach Races & Popsicles  
**Saturday, July 5, 2025**  
 \*NEW\* Cornhole Tournament - 2-5 PM  
 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 Friday events) ★

**★ OLS JULY 4TH ★**  
**Friday, July 4, 2025**  
 Rain Date: Saturday, July 5, 2025  
 10:00AM - Parade  
 1:30-2:30PM - Sandcastle Judging  
 2:30PM - Sandcastle Prizes  
 4:00PM - Races and Popsicles

**★ OLS JULY 4TH ★**  
**Saturday, July 5, 2025**  
 \*NEW\* Cornhole Tournament  
 2-5 PM on the beach near the sea wall  
 Ages 18 and up  
 Teams of 2  
 Elimination play  
 Games to 21 points  
 Pre-registration in May-June  
 Please bring Cornhole sets  
 Free play area for kids

## SUPPORT OLS 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities!



## Extension! Orders accepted through May 10<sup>th</sup>!

We are excited to begin fundraising for the 2025 July 4th events! All proceeds go directly towards the costs of the parade grand prize, sandcastle and race prizes, and evening events.

- **Paragon Long-Sleeved UV 50 Protection Shirt** in Blue Mist (a light blue)  
*This shirt is made of 100% microfiber performance polyester, odor/moisture management, wrinkle-resistant finish, side seams, and a tear-away label.*
  - Youth sizes: small, medium, and large. If you need a youth extra large, please order an adult small. This shirt is not the parade prize. **\$25 each youth**
  - Adult sizes: small, medium, large, extra large, and XXL. **\$35 each adult**
- **Old Lyme Shores Beach Tote** sized extra large from Town Pride, made in the USA.  
*Heavy-weight cotton canvas bag (21.5 "x 16" x 6") in natural canvas with navy embroidery. The tote has an interior accessories pocket with key fob and an exterior pocket. **\$60 each***

Click for more details and orders [via this linked order request form](#) or contact Julia Nixon by email at [jmnixon@comcast.net](mailto:jmnixon@comcast.net)



