

Old Lyme Shores Beach Association

Welcome to the Old Lyme Shores
Beach Association Quarterly
Newsletter



JULY 2025

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2025 FOURTH OF JULY RECAP

The 2025 OLS July 4th events were a huge success and enjoyed by many members of the community. The events began with the **third annual Wiffle Ball Tournament on Thursday, July 3**. Although thunder and lightning shut down the event, everyone had fun playing wiffle ball on the beach, and every player enjoyed a prize.

Friday, July 4, began with the Annual Parade, with a huge turnout in the Family/Neighborhood group with several incredible parade entries. Many participants won grand prizes, and children enjoyed community t-shirts for their participation. The **Sand Castle Contest** followed with over 55 very creative and detailed castles. Entries ranged from large group creations to small kids' castles, each castle receiving a prize. At 4:00 p.m., the highly anticipated **Foot Races** began with a multitude of runners aged 2 through 60, and cheered on by countless family members, friends and neighbors. Popsicles and prizes were on hand for all participants.

On Saturday July 5, the first annual Cornhole Tournament debuted on the beach with 35 teams. Competition was fierce for the top spot with a lot of excitement to continue this event in future years. **Saturday night featured DJ Roger Desire** playing all the hits and requests from the 1960s to today, and families enjoyed listening and dancing on the beach. The **Food Trucks** continue to be a huge success and favorite part of the weekend. **The Rolling Tomato Pizza Truck** served over 165 pizzas, and the **Ice Cream Emergency Truck** scooped 400 individual servings. The beach was filled with OLS residents and guests enjoying the holiday weekend and time spent together.

Our sincere thanks to the OLS Board of Governors for their support and to everyone who participated in our seasonal fundraising efforts. The weekend would not have been possible without your support and contributions. Your fundraising purchases and donations cover over 66% of the cost of the weekend!

Thanks also to parade judges, Casey Vaughan, Ann Marie Vaughan, Gabby Sullo, Kathy Olsen, Kathy Sheridan, TC Nixon, and Alex Nixon; fundraising organizers Joanne Sullo and Fayne Duhaime, race officiant Casey Vaughan; wiffle ball volunteers Tim Yester and Adam Easter; Cornhole Coordinator Taylor Barlow; the Barlow and Sullo families for hosting the race prize tables; and Chris and Bill Moriarty, Eric Bird, Owen Bird, Bella Schuster, and Amelia French.

We can't wait to celebrate with you all in 2026!

WHAT A DAY!



OLSBA NEWS + UPDATES

2025 BOG Meeting Schedule

- January 22nd
- February 19th
- March 19th
- April 23rd
- May 21st
- May 24th at 10:00 AM: Sewer Project VOTE
- June 11th (Prep for Annual Meeting)
- June 14th (Annual Meeting)
- July 29th
- August 20th
- September 10th
- September 13th (Fall Meeting)
- October 15th
- November 19th
- December 17th

2025 OLS Annual Meeting

Click [here](#) to view slides:

2025 OLS Fall Meeting

**Saturday, September 13th at 10 AM;
Old Lyme Middle School
Auditorium, 53 Lyme Street.**

2025 WPCA Meeting Schedule

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

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

WPCA - Latest Updates:

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

2025 Summer Activities

Movies on the Beach

- **Movies start at dusk on the beach every Friday**
- **NEW!:** Movies for the little folks first, followed movies for the more mature among us.

June 27

Finding Nemo
The Goonies

July 3

The Sandlot

July 11

Moana
Pitch Perfect

July 18

Lilo & Stitch
Ferris Bueller's Day Off

July 25

Surf's Up
JAWS!

August 1

Toy Story
Twister

August 8

Cars
Spider-Man

August 15

Rio
Happy Gilmore



Band on the Beach: Saturday, August 2nd from 7-10 PM: *Psychedelic 60's*. Come and enjoy a night filled with music!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our July 4th activities were outstanding and better than ever, thanks to Julia and Margaret. The parade had more family floats than I remember and a lot of thought and work went into them. The beach activities, pizza and ice cream trucks were a huge success, as well as the DJ - and the return of Michael Cleary to the Brightwater Stage on July 18th.

This 4th was the most crowded I've ever seen here at OLS. Hardly a space on the beach and the weather was perfect. While the sun was shining, our residents and guests were well behaved and respectful of their neighbors. Our beach staff, led by Erik Bird had only a few educational moments with folks who had coolers, food or alcohol on the beach. They were backed up by supportive OLS residents!

We were proactive this year and worked with Edge Lea and Old Colony to coordinate the security of our property, keeping public safety our priority on the evening of the 4th. At Sheffield Brook, we set up two fence lines and informed those crossing that OLS is a private property and that the beach was closed. This worked for temporarily, until large numbers of young people pushed through our security line or hopped the fence in front of Mark Phelan's house. Myself, Rob Cappellucci, our 2 private security guards and other OLS residents were unable to stop this influx. The police responded quickly and broke up a large crowd between Sea Spray and Saltaire which created a problem at Old Colony when they ran from our beach to theirs. Next year, we'll continue working with the Town as well as the other beaches to address these issues.

We're all fortunate to have the ability to vacation or live here at Old Lyme Shores and we all have the responsibility to work to make our association better, safer and more family friendly.

Paul Yellen
President, OLSBA

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

The board is pleased to give all members an opportunity to become involved with the OLS community through a variety of committees.
Please contact tracey.cappellucci@oldlymeshores.org

July 2025 Newsletter Photo Credits



- David French
- Dana Hershman
- Janet Ryan-Roman
- Jess Vande Werken
- Paul Yellen

OLS Summer Safety

Neighborhood Safety + Security

- Evening/night security company on weekends
- Beach & Gate Attendants (Erik Bird - Lead)
- Road Closure Schedule - 1 Gate Open Weekends
- Speed Gates placed on roads, including Bellaire Road
- Radar signs are operational on all 4 streets

Beach + Gate Priorities

- Attendants ensure all guests are properly vetted before entering Old Lyme Shores and a log kept of guests.
- Safe driving within 15 MPH speed limit - ALL residents of Old Lyme Shores have a stake in this.
- Friday evening beach movies and weekday REC programs will be posted on OLS Bulletin boards, Website, and Facebook page.

Summer 2026: Beach and Gate Attendants **NEEDED!**

- **Minimum age: 16 yrs.**
- **On the job training: No experience needed**
- **Interested? Email tracey.cappellucci@oldlymeshores.org**

Old Lyme Shores Neighborhood Facebook Page

Stay connected with our neighborhood! Join the **Old Lyme Shores Neighborhood** Facebook page for OLS updates and information.

- **Currently 211 neighbors** and growing weekly!
- **Just-in-time updates** about safety and security, beach events, BOG and WPCA meetings, neighborhood and beach photos, items offered for sale or free, OLS cottages for rent, etc.

