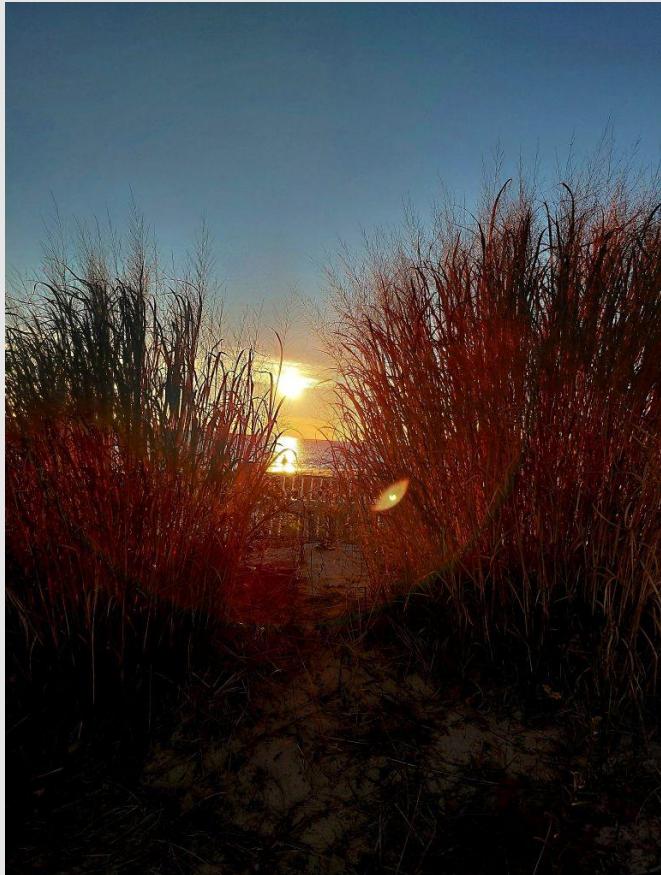


Old Lyme Shores Beach Association

Welcome to the Old Lyme Shores Beach Association Quarterly Newsletter



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OLSBA Board of Governors

Officers

President: Paul Yellen
Vice President: John Cunningham
Secretary: Tracey Cappellucci
Treasurer: Rob Cappellucci

Members

Tim Larson
*Jay Moynihan
*Bob Palazzo
MaryKate Reynolds
Jack Thomas
Jerry Vande Werken

*Also serve on WPCA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we start the new year, we have exciting news about one of our residents: Claudia Condon of Billow Road was the co-recipient of the 2025 Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Volunteer of the Year award! Claudia was instrumental in her work with Phoebe's BookCellar, a highly successful used bookstore managed by volunteers and housed on the lower level of the Old Lyme Library. The BookCellar generates steady support for the independent, nonprofit library, raising roughly \$25,000 per year. Congratulations to Claudia and her co-manager, Joan Overfield, for receiving this award. Claudia, thank you for your good work and contribution to our community.

A residential vote was held on January 31st, to amend the supplemental bond resolution which was approved in May 2025. The vote was required due to the Town of Old Lyme dropping out of the sewer project - and our former resolution included them in the project. The vote was well attended by our owners who drove to Old Lyme to participate in the vote personally, as well as a very large number of proxy ballots mailed or personally delivered to designated proxies. The amended resolution was approved by a vote of 57 YES votes, to 43 NO votes. Reducing the parties in the project from 4 to 3 does increase our costs, but estimates by Fuss & O'Neill (our engineering company) state that we are below our approved bond amount. These cost figures will drop further if the Town of Old Lyme rejoins the project.

This winter has been challenging with several small snowstorms, and with the 14" of snow last weekend that finished off with several hours of sleet on top of the snow. Our plowing contractor has done a good job of keeping the roads open for our winter residents, visitors and emergency vehicles. If you observe damage done to your property by the contractor, please document it with pictures and send them to me. We already have one resident whose fence on their property was damaged. The simple act of snow rolling off a plow blade and damaging your mailbox will not likely be repaired, but a plow actually hitting the mailbox likely would be repaired.

We again ask that you submit your current email addresses to us to aid in communications. This can be done on our website or by sending them to myself or our Tax Collector, Rob Cappellucci. Similarly, please be sure that we have your correct mailing address.

Our OLS Beach Association is run primarily by volunteers. We have no paid staff, except our Gate and Beach Staffers and the OLSBA Secretary position, which receives a nominal fee. I urge you to consider joining one of our many committees, including the Board of Governors, the WPCA, or an officer position. Some positions require more time than others, but if the workload is shared, the tasks are much more manageable. In December 2025, I notified the Board of Governors and the Nominations/Recruitment Committee that I will not be a candidate for nor accept a nomination for the position of President moving forward.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, or any BOG Officer or Board member with any questions or concerns about the operation of our beach.

Thank you for the honor of serving our beach community and all the help and support that I have received during difficult times.

BOG and WPCA 2026 Meeting Schedule



2026 BOG Meetings

Regular monthly meetings begin at 7pm via Zoom.

Annual and Fall meetings begin at 10am at the Old Lyme Middle School.

- January 21st
- February 18th
- March 18th
- April 15th
- May 20th
- June 10th
- June 13th (Annual Meeting)
- July 22nd
- August 19th
- September 9th
- September 12th (Fall Meeting)
- October 21st
- November 18th
- December 16th

2026 WPCA Meetings

Regular monthly meetings begin at 7pm via Zoom.

- January 13th
- February 10th
- March 10th
- April 7th
- May 12th
- June 9th
- July 14th
- August 11th
- September 8th
- October 13th
- November 10th
- December 8th

WPCA Officers and Members

Officers

Chairman: Jay Moynihan

Vice-Chairman: Bob Palazzo

Treasurer: Chris Shelton

Members

Dennis Colombie

Martin Merritt

Jack Reynolds

Roger Zito

OLSBA NEWS + UPDATES

New Year's Day 2026

An abundance of smiles and neighbors cheered on the VERY brave souls who started off the year with a brisk polar plunge.



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OLS Recruiting Committee

The OLS Recruiting Committee (formerly known as the Nominations Committee) **will be sending a survey via email to all OLS Committee members in the beginning of February.**

We recently learned that this committee should maintain accurate lists of committee members, update committee descriptions as they change and provide support to committees by making association members aware when there are openings. However, before we make any of these changes, we'd like to hear directly from all committee members. **If you're serving on a committee, please take the time to complete the survey. We greatly appreciate it!**

One of our other responsibilities is finding candidates for upcoming OLS Officer and BOG openings. And, when requested by the WPCA Chairman, assisting in finding candidates for WPCA openings.

This notice is an early heads up that the following position terms will be expiring June 30, 2026:

- **BOG Officer Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary**
- **2 BOG Board Members**
- **2 WPCA Committee Members**

The minimum requirement for any of these positions is that **interested candidates must have their name on the deed of an OLS property. Other requirements vary based upon the position.** Information on each of these positions can be found on the OLS website. You'll be hearing more from us in the coming months with more details about the openings and how to apply.

OLS Neighborhood Communications

- ❖ **OLSBA Owners' Directory:** MaryKate Reynolds and the Communications Committee are in the process of updating by Spring, 2026.
- ❖ **OLSBA Website is continually updated:**
 - Correct emails are essential for successful delivery of all OLSBA communication throughout the year, including annual tax bills.
 - Please visit the website to update your email address and owner information.

Old Lyme Shores Neighborhood Facebook Page

Stay connected with your neighbors throughout the year! Join the *Old Lyme Shores Neighborhood* Facebook page for updates, information and photos.

- ❖ **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.

