

# Old Lyme Shores Beach Association

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Welcome to the Old Lyme Shores Beach  
Association Quarterly Newsletter



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## OLSBA Board of Governors

### Officers

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

### Members

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

\*Also serve on WPCA

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

### 2026 WPCA Meetings

Regular monthly meetings begin at 7pm via Zoom.

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

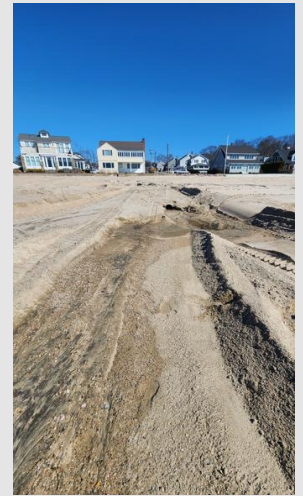
Roger Zito

## OLSBA NEWS + UPDATES

### Beach Report

Over the winter, even though we didn't have many storms we were "blessed" with a large number of logs and other debris deposited on the beach. Our beach contractor removed them prior to moving any sand. He also assisted us in digging out the two storm drain outflows from Billow and Brightwater after a valiant effort by a number of us attempting to dig them out by hand. The pipe ends were buried almost 3 feet deep with all the sand brought in over the winter! We now need to devise a way to keep them open year-round.

Our contractor will be moving sand away from the seawall and stockpiling it for removal by representatives from Hawks Nest Beach, as is done every spring. Edge Lea Beach may also be interested in some of our excess sand.



**Other beach-related news: The raft and swim lines will be in the water by Memorial Day!**

### OLSBA Street Signs

New **OLSBA identification signs** have been installed at the top of the 4 streets south of Rt. 156. The BOG will look into including additional signs for the streets on the other side of Rt. 156 in next year's budget.

### 2026 OLS Parking Decals

**Have you recently bought a new car and don't know where to obtain the coveted OLS Parking decal?** We've got the answer: **Paul Yellen** is **THE** guy and he's happy to receive a call or email with your request. Please email Paul at [paul.yellen@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:paul.yellen@oldlymeshores.org) or call him at **(860) 434-9525**.

### Sheffield Brook

Sheffield Brook did not have any flooding issues over the past winter and continues to flow freely out of one of the discharge pipes. We will continue working with Old Colony to manage this potential source of flooding for our residents.

## Sewer Project Update

### Jay Moynihan (WPCA Chairman)

- The Sewer Project is progressing with potential for construction of the Shared & Internal Project estimated to begin later in CY 2026.
- On April 14, the WPCA held its monthly public meeting. Fuss & O'Neil (F&O), the project engineer, reviewed two proposed project amendments to their contracts, and representatives from the contractor, Baltazar Construction Inc. were present to “meet and greet” the attendees. Baltazar Construction explained the nature of their work for the Shared Component, as well as our Internal Component and indicated they are ready to begin as soon as possible.
- On April 15, OLSBA's BOG met and approved the F&O amendments and approved the submission of applications for Clean Water Funds (CWFs), which is expected to be completed and submitted to DEEP before the end of April, 2026.
- At a meeting called by DEEP on April 21, 2026, DEEP stated that they planned to expedite their previously announced timetable for review and making the CWFs available to the beaches.
- Recognizing that the total cost of the entire Sewer Project is now estimated to be approximately \$75 million, DEEP acknowledged the complexity of the project. DEEP noted that while oversight of the project will be managed by F&O, it will also require significant responsibilities for the retirees and volunteers from the beach associations, and therefore DEEP offered some ideas about how the beaches might be able to enhance its organizational capacities.
- I will soon post my own project timeline on the OLSBA website. Based on current information and projections, actual construction could occur in the fall, 2026.
- The WPCA is now in the process of preparing for its statutory role to oversee the planned sewer construction, and is considering policies to address both the internal operations and construction management activities.
- At this time, we are unaware of any information concerning the town of Old Lyme's participation in the Shared Component of the sewer project.
- The OLSBA WPCA meetings are open and public. Reminder: We expect members' verbal and chat room comments to be respectful in both language and tone. We are all friends and neighbors.
- Finally, I plan to transition from my present role as WPCA Chairman by the end of June, 2026. For me, this has been both a challenging and rewarding professional experience. I certainly want to express my personal appreciation to the WPCA, the BOG members and OLSBA Leadership for their support and candor. I believe this collaboration has resulted in several project achievements and milestones during the past year. I hope that the membership feels that the WPCA has, in the past months, been an "honest broker" relative to providing project information to our community, offering appropriate vision(s) regarding the sewer effort, and respectful to the views and comments of all.

# OLS Recruiting Committee

## 2026 Board Opportunities

Old Lyme Shores is a special place because of the people who care about and contribute their time and energy to keeping our community strong. Each year, we look within our community to help fill important leadership roles.

The OLS Recruiting Committee wants all community members to know that filling these important roles is an open process. Anyone with interest, time, and relevant experience is encouraged step forward.

### Positions with terms ending this year include:

- Two (2) Board of Governors seats
- BOG Officers (4): President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
- Two (2) WPCA positions

These roles play an important part in maintaining the character, operations, and long-term stewardship of Old Lyme Shores. Serving is also a meaningful way to get involved, make a tangible impact, and meet neighbors.

### What to expect if you are considering a BOG or WPCA role:

While each position varies, all require a commitment of time, collaboration, and community-minded decision-making. Board and WPCA members should expect:

- Regular meeting participation (generally monthly, with additional working sessions, as needed).
- Ongoing review of materials and community matters outside of meetings.
- Time commitments will vary depending on current initiatives; from a few hours per week to more significant involvement during active projects.
- A willingness to collaborate as part of a team, navigate differing viewpoints, and help arrive at balanced, community-focused decisions.
- A commitment to represent the entire OLS community with professionalism, respect, and objectivity.

Certain roles may also benefit from specific experience (for example, finance, legal, construction, or project management). As important are sound judgment, a collaborative mindset, and a willingness to contribute. Responsibilities may include reviewing project-related materials, support budget and financial coordination, and helping to oversee key infrastructure and community initiatives.

**Whether you've served before or are stepping into a new volunteer role at OLSBA, we welcome your interest. A strong and vibrant community depends on a wide range of perspectives and participation.**

We look forward to hearing from any member of the community who is interested in contributing their time and expertise. **In the interest of providing transparency to the community, as well as the opportunity to consider candidates in advance, we would appreciate indications of interest well in advance of the Annual Meeting on June 13th.**

**If you are interested in nominating yourself or another community member, please reach out to Sarah Fay: [sarah.fay@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.fay@gmail.com) by May 15, 2026.**

*Old Lyme Shores Recruitment Committee: Judeen Wrinn, Jack Reynolds, Rob Cappellucci, Sarah Fay*

## OLSBA Committee Lists

**We need your help!** Please take a moment and review the OLS Committee List and search the OLS Committee List below for your name. If you see your name and your information is incorrect, please send your updated information to Judeen Wrinn via email: [Judeen.Wrinn@comcast.net](mailto:Judeen.Wrinn@comcast.net)

### [OLS Committee List - APR 22 2026](#)

If you aren't currently serving on any committees, **please consider joining!** For example, there is currently **only one member on the Voting Operations Committee, and we need at least one more person to join.** If you're interested, please contact Polly via email: [Polly.m.merritt@gmail.com](mailto:Polly.m.merritt@gmail.com) or phone: 860-558-8548.

If you would like to volunteer for something (YAY!), but you're not comfortable jumping in as a full committee member: **We have options for occasional short-term help for specific events like:**

- Assisting with beach cleanup after the July 4th celebrations, or after a storm. Reach out to Paul Yellen at: [Paul.Yellen@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:Paul.Yellen@oldlymeshores.org)
- On the **Saturday, May 23rd (Memorial Day Weekend)** Julia Nixon would love some help organizing 2026 **Fundraiser** purchases for delivery to OLS members. **Julia's requested assistance from 10 AM - Noon that day, assuming several residents volunteer.** Please let Julia know if you can help by either stopping by her home to let her know or call her at 508-965-9813 or text her at [jmnixon@comcast.net](mailto:jmnixon@comcast.net)

### In Memoriam

OLSBA would like to take a moment at this year's Annual Meeting in June to honor the family members and loved ones of our members who have passed away since last June. If you have lost someone dear to you during this time, please share their name with Paul Yellen so they may be remembered alongside our community. **Please email Paul at [Paul.Yellen@oldlymeshores.org](mailto:Paul.Yellen@oldlymeshores.org) or call his house phone at 860-434-9525 with the information.**

## 2026 July 4<sup>th</sup> Events Fundraiser

ALL profits fund OLS July 4<sup>th</sup> and Carousel Night Events  
Order via Link or Contact Julia Nixon

2026 OLS JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup> FUNDRAISER		
		
PARAGON HOODED UV 50 PROTECTION SHIRT		
ADULT S-XXL \$40	ALUMINUM GRAY COLOR	YOUTH S-XL \$35
OLS LOGO ON LEFT BREAST, USA FLAG ON LEFT SLEEVE (NOT THE SAME AS THE PARADE PRIZE)		

2026 OLS JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup> FUNDRAISER		
		
LARGE W/ BUTCHER BLOCK EDGES		SMALL WITH HANDLE
CUSTOM OLS BAMBOO CUTTING/CHEESE BOARDS		
LG: 15"X10.25" \$40	BAMBOO WITH OLS LOGO	SM: 9"X6" \$20
OLS CIRCULAR LOGO MAY ADD FAMILY NAME IN ALL CAPITALS NAME IS PRINTED AS TYPED; NO RETURNS/EXCHANGES		

Orders can be made [via this linked Order Request Form](#) or by contacting Julia Nixon by email ([jmnixon@comcast.net](mailto:jmnixon@comcast.net))

Please submit orders before **May 1, 2026**, to ensure item availability for Memorial Day weekend delivery/pickup.

- We accept cash, checks (payable to Julia M. Nixon), or Venmo (upon request) as payment options.
- **Questions? Please contact Julia Nixon via email above.** Please note that Julia's mailing address has changed; contact Julia for an updated address if mailing checks.

2026  
**OLS JULY 4TH**

**THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026**  
4TH ANNUAL WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT, 6:00 PM  
BEACH MOVIE, DUSK

**FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026**  
2ND ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, 2:00-5:00 PM  
DJ ROGER DESIR, 6:30-10:30 PM  
ROLLING TOMATO PIZZA TRUCK, 6:30-8:30 PM  
ICE CREAM EMERGENCY TRUCK, 6:30-8:30 PM

**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026**  
PARADE, 10:00 AM  
SANDCASTLE CONTEST, 1:30-2:30 PM  
BEACH RACES & POPSICLES, 4:30 PM  
(SUNDAY RAIN DATE FOR SATURDAY EVENTS)  
QUESTIONS: JULIA NIXON, (860) 434-3755

Thank you for your support 😊

## OLS Neighborhood Communications

**OLSBA 2026 Member Directory:** The OLSBA Communications Committee will be preparing a new 2026 Member Directory. **Member information from past OLSBA Member Directories WILL NOT be transferred to the 2026 Member Directory.** (If you do not complete the form, you will not be included in the Directory).

- ❖ **Members will receive an email shortly from the Communications Committee with a link to provide their information.**

**Heads up: A couple things to know before you submit your information:**

- Providing information for the 2026 Member Directory is **strictly voluntary**.
- **Addresses can have multiple entries.** Instructions will be included for submitting contact information for other people in your household.

**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



**Old Lyme Shores Neighborhood** >

🔒 Private group · 246 members

**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.