

Old Lyme Shores Beach Association

Quarterly Newsletter



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2026 4th of JULY RECAP

The 2026 OLS July 4th events were a huge success and enjoyed by many members of the community, despite the high temperatures. The events began with the **fourth annual Wiffle Ball Tournament on Thursday, July 2**. The many participants had fun playing wiffle ball on the beach, and every player enjoyed a prize.

On Friday, the **second annual Cornhole Tournament** was a huge success, **raising additional funds for OLS July 4th events when the winning teams donated their winnings back to OLSBA**. The teams had a great time, and competition was in the air as they battled it out for first place. **Friday 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 a favorite part of the weekend. **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.

Saturday, July 4, began with the Annual Parade, where a huge turnout in the Family/Neighborhood group resulted in some incredible parade entries. Many participants won grand prizes, and children enjoyed community t-shirts for their participation. **The Sand Castle contest** followed with some very creative and detailed castles—over 55 in total. Entries ranged from large group creations to small kids' castles, and each castle received a prize. The highly anticipated **Foot Races** began at 4:30 p.m. and were a huge success with great participation from runners of all ages, with prizes and popsicles for all.

Our sincere thanks to the OLS Board of Governors for their support over the weekend 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 covered over 75% of the cost of the weekend, so thank you!**

Thank you also to Parade Judges, Fundraising Volunteers, 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 all Prize carriers and Volunteers.

We love seeing the OLS community come together as a family to celebrate - and can't wait to celebrate with you all in 2027!

Maggie and Julia



EVERYONE IS FAMOUS IN A PARADE

I love watching my children watching parades. They seem to love the simple act of some people walking down a street while other people stand still and watch.

I think it must be the most basic, simple form of theater. Very little storytelling, and a distinction between the watcher and the watched.

No one in the parade is a famous actor, but they are all famous in the moment because they happen to be moving and the other people happen to be standing still.

Susan Ruhl

100 Essays I Don't Have Time to Write, 2014



OLSBA NEWS + UPDATES



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 FALL MEETING

Saturday, September 12th at 10AM
Old Lyme Middle School

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: *To Be Determined*

Members

Dennis Colombie

Chris Shelton

Roger Zito

Two Vacant Positions

WPCA Chairman's Message: Jay Moynihan

Sewer Project Update

Dear Friends,

Hoping your summer season at OLSBA is going well. I am pleased to provide these WPCA updates to our membership about our community's Sewer & Stormwater Project.

WPCA Membership

- Congratulations to Chris Shelton upon his reappointment to the WPCA for a 3-year term which began on July 1, 2026. Chris has been a valuable member of the WPCA, and we are appreciative of his willingness to accept a new term.
- The WPCA has received a letter of resignation from Martin Merritt. The WPCA is, of course, most appreciative of Marty's interest and involvement.
- As I write this update, the WPCA currently has two vacancies.

2026 Construction Updates

- On July 14th, the WPCA hosted a joint meeting with the BOG & Association Officers at the Old Lyme Town Hall to discuss the sewer/stormwater project & coordination of efforts.
- On July 27th, a site visit was conducted by our engineering firm (Fuss & O'Neil) and contractor (Baltazar). While the actual construction of the internal sewer/stormwater infrastructure is not anticipated to begin before mid-September 2026, the following prep work in August, 2026 is required:
 - Moving the Gorton Avenue storage shed to another location in preparation for the construction of the Bioxide Facility.
 - Tree-trimming and well-testing: Additional information regarding tree-trimming and well-testing will be provided in the near future.
- **Coming soon:** Prior to the commencement of construction, a public hearing (required by state statute) will be scheduled by the WPCA, to provide an update to the community regarding the project and its timetable.
- The next scheduled WPCA meeting is planned to be held on August 11, 2026.

Thank you again for your interest in this project.

Jay Moynihan



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE?

Our community is only as strong as the people who show up for it...

Raft in
the
water...

DONE!



THANK
YOU! 😊



Seaweed
off the
beach...

DONE!

The Recruiting Committee seeks members to fill immediate openings on several committees: Board of Governors, WPCA, and more described below — please support your community!

You don't need special experience, just a willingness to pitch in a few hours a month.

- **Immediate need:** We have only **1** member of the Voting Operations Committee, **and we need at least 1 more person to join.** Email Polly Merritt: Polly.m.merritt@gmail.com or call her cell at: 860-558-8548.
- **If you're interested in volunteering...**but not quite comfortable with jumping in as a full committee member, ***please contact anyone on the Recruitment Committee below for additional information.***
- **One-and-done opportunities:** Throughout the summer, many occasions arise where short-term help is needed and very much appreciated (see above!) For example, assisting Julia with sorting fundraising merch for delivery in May, beach clean-up after July 4th celebrations, clean-up after storms, etc. **Paul Yellen would love to hear from you! Click here to email Paul.Yellen@oldlymeshores.org.**

Recruitment Committee: Judeen Wrinn, Jack Reynolds, Rob Cappellucci, Sarah Fay, Steve Potter

RECRUITING COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR TWO SECRETARY POSITIONS

Board Of Governor (BOG) Secretary: The current Secretary has agreed to remain in the role for the short-term, until a replacement is named. An annual stipend of \$3,500 is paid to the BOG Secretary, contingent upon satisfactorily fulfilling the position's responsibilities.

WPCA Secretary: This is newly created position also provides for a \$3,000 annual stipend.

The BOG and WPCA Secretary stipends are aligned with the scope of work for each committee and paid in two installments.

***** If an individual is interested in assuming both the BOG and WPCA positions, they are eligible for both stipends, contingent upon satisfactorily fulfilling the responsibilities for each role.**

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The BOG and WPCA Secretary positions are critical roles for:

- Ensuring accurate documentation, transparent communication, and effective coordination of BOG/WPCA activities.
- Maintaining the official record of BOG/WPCA decisions, and providing these documents to OLSBA members.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Attend all BOG and WPCA meetings and take comprehensive notes (AI is used for first draft, which is edited after review and before distribution to the membership).
- Distribute meeting minutes within the required timeframes.
- Maintain accurate and organized records of meeting minutes and BOG/WPCA decisions.
- Ensure timely posting of materials for community access and transparency.
- Respond to time-sensitive requests and last-minute updates related to BOG/WPCA activities.

Experience & Accessibility:

- Prior experience is helpful but not required.
- Candidates do not need advanced technical skills to succeed. Support is available, and the role is manageable with a willingness to learn and adapt. AI is used to draft meeting notes, so heavy-duty notetaking is not required.

If interested, please email, including any information you think might be helpful, to Recruiting Team members: Sarah Fay, sarah.fay@gmail.com and Steve Potter, hlpjr33@gmail.com

RECRUITING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP UPDATING THE 2026 LIST OF OLS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The OLS Committee List is outdated. If you have served on an OLS Committee in the past, or are currently on one, PLEASE take a moment to review the OLS Committee List and let us know if your information is correct. It'll will take you LESS THAN 5 MINUTES to help out your community!

CLICK THIS LINK TO REVIEW: [OLS Committees Doc Revised 4 21 2026.docx](#)

- If your information is incorrect, please email Judeen.Wrinn@comcast.net with the correct information.



2026 Summer Activities

Movies on the Beach

* Movies start at dusk on the beach every Friday

July 10

Finding Dory

July 17

Incredibles

July 24

Ferdinand

July 31

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

August 7 (Double Feature!)

Moana

Jaws

August 14

The Croods



Saturday, August 8th: 7-10 PM
Psychedelic 60's. Come and enjoy
a night filled with music



Old Lyme Shores Neighborhood Facebook Page

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

- **Currently 254 neighbors** and growing!

Just-in-time updates about safety and security, beach events, BOG and WPCA information, neighborhood and beach photos, items offered for sale or free, OLS cottages for rent, etc.



Old Lyme Shores Neighborhood >

🔒 Private group · 254 members

👤 Joined ▼

👤 Invite