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Village of Chaumont announcements

Village Sidewalk Maintenance

Earlier this year, the mayor gave notice to snowmobilers who were using the sidewalks in the Village of Chaumont as a snowmobile trail, reminding violators that snowmobile use is

not allowed on any village sidewalk. The Board of Trustees would like to follow up with thanking our village residents who got the word out and continue to keep the sidewalks clear of snow & ice for pedestrian use. Your dedication to this task benefits your neighbors, local businesses and many schoolchildren, and is a great support to our community!

[From the editor: From NY Vehicle and Traffic Law - Sec. 1156

Pedestrians on Roadways

(a)Where sidewalks are provided and they may be used with safety it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

(b)Where sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall when practicable walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. Upon the approach of any vehicle from the opposite direction, such pedestrian shall move as far to the left as is practicable.]

Trash Removal

Please place refuse and recyclables to the curb by 7 AM each Wednesday, as the haulers begin at this time. Homeowners should be placing their weekly trash in receptacles with a lid. Each week the refuse haulers will take (5) 20-gallon bags. Recycling must be sorted and cardboard must be flattened. More information can be found under the "Government/ Departments" tab on www.villageofchaumont.com

Restore NY

Congratulations to our two local developers who were among the 64 statewide recipients of the Restore New York grants, administered by Empire State Development. This program is designed to help local governments revitalize their communities and encourage commercial investment by helping to remove blight, reinvigorate downtowns, and generate economic opportunity in communities. In the village of Chaumont, George Brothers Buildings Redevelopment will receive \$990,000 to redevelop four vacant buildings on Main Street and Mill Street into ground-level commercial space and seven upper-floor apartments. Reginald J. Schweitzer Jr. is the developer for the project. Nearby, \$700,000 was awarded to facilitate businessman Edward Valentine's proposed project for the long-time blighted former gas station at 12319 Route 12E to be torn down, with a new 4,000-square-foot diner constructed in its place. We are excited to see further beautification in our village and welcome the new local businesses and residents these projects will bring!

Village announcements continued on pg 2.

Important Village Dates:

Wednesdays - Refuse and Recycling pick up, 7AM start

3/14/23 @ **6 PM** - Budget Work Session

3/14/23 @ **6:30 PM** - Village Board of Trustees meeting

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Village Budget / March Meeting

Please take notice of a preliminary Budget Work Session for fiscal year 2023-2024 on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 6 PM at the Village of Chaumont / Town of Lyme Municipal Building located at 12175 NYS Rte. 12E in Chaumont.

A special Board of Trustees meeting will follow at 6:30 PM, rescheduled from its regular date of March 21st, 2023. All interested parties are urged to attend. All questions regarding the Budget Work Session or rescheduled Village Board of Trustees meeting can be directed to the Village Office at 315-649-2900.

Erin Fulton, Village Clerk

Lyme Community Center Programs at Copley House

The Lyme Community Center has been quite busy this winter. We have even more exciting opportunities to gather with your neighbors and keep busy this time of year.

Join us at LCC on two Wednesdays a month to

socialize and connect with old friends or meet new ones. Come play cards or Yahtzee, work on a puzzle, or bring your favorite game! Coffee and tea are provided. This is a free service provided to our community by Kathy Mapstone. She hopes to alleviate boredom during the dull, blah days of winter. BYOB. Dates are *March 8* and *22*, *April 5* and *19*, and *May 3* and *17* from *2-4 PM*. Handicap access is available at the rear of the building. If you would like more information, write *kathymapstone@gmail.com*.

The Lyme Community Foundation board will host a Get to Know You/Calendar Scrub with any and all organizations in the Lyme Community. If you are a president, leader, or program's director for a local organization and are interested in joining together to support each other, meet us at the Copley House *March 20* at *6:00 PM* for a

great time and the opportunity to publicize your summer events. If you haven't heard from us and have information to share, please contact *LymeCCPrograms@gmail.com*. We will add you to the list!



Miss Cindy Babel's dance classes will continue through the spring with alternate dates and a substitute teacher. Contact Miss Cindy at *fabfeet2@yahoo.com* for more information.

The Office for the Aging free lunches have been a lot of fun. Eating a great meal is just an extra benefit! The activities begin at 11:00 AM. To register or for more information, contact Jim Morrow at (315) 405-5074 or email: *j25morrow@gmail.com*. Upcoming meals (subject to change) are:

Date of Meal:	Reservation due by:
March 13	March 10
March 27	March 24
April 10	April 7
April 24	April 21

Yoga with Leah Walldorf continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 AM. Please contact Leah at (719)659-2155 before coming to class the first time. She only teaches if she has three people attending.

Maria White's 10 AM Wednesday Pilates classes will resume May 17. These \$10 classes will get you ready for your swimsuit!

Copley Kids' Club will meet on March 11 & 25, 1:00-3:00 PM at the Copley House in Chaumont. Join other K-4th graders and explore nature through art, science, and literacy. These free opportunities are available to our community through Ms. Heisler's generosity. Contact her at *smartypantstutoring13622@gmail.com* for more information and registration.

Lunch Bunchers will meet at the Ruyi Japanese Steak House Restaurant, 1025 Arsenal Street in Watertown, March 21 at 11:30 AM. Our April gathering will be at B-Hat Curry House in the Stateway Plaza on Arsenal Street April 11 at 11:30. We hope to see you there!

Game nights (Bunco) are Third Thursdays, March 16, and April 20 at 6:30 (BYOB – adults only). Please join us for a great time!

Lymies on the Loose continue to hit the town! March 18, we will attend Comedy Night at the

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Irish Festival. The \$15 tickets can be purchased at *www.ncirishfest.com*. Plan to show up by 6 PM for the 7:00 show. Contact Beth to add you to the list so you know where to meet.

While most of our outings are relatively inexpensive, we are hoping to have an overnight at haunted Singer Castle this summer and a Broadway in a Day trip on August 2. Since these require more money and organization, please let Beth know if you are interested.

Some of our most memorable experiences occur organically – someone has an idea and we go! If you'd like to be in on the fun, let Beth know. You will have to put up with a lot of texting – but I promise you will never be bored!

Contact Beth at *LymeCCPrograms@gmail.com* to sign up or for more information.

President's Message

It is with reluctance that we accept the retirement of Ed DeMattia from the Lyme Community Foundation Board. He has been an outstanding Board Member, as Chair of the Lyme Light publication, and for years the Buildings and Grounds Committee, protecting and improving the Copley House. I think the following expression is applicable in Ed's case, and that is "to call Ed a Board Member, is like calling Michael Jordan a basketball player" - Ed has been so much more, with too many examples to list. My favorite is when we thought we had lost the boiler, and Ed was working with our contractor to try to get it going when it literally exploded right next to them. Thankfully no one was hurt. However, Ed went to work and within a few days we had a new boiler, and shortly thereafter a promise of a NYS Grant to offset the cost. Ed's dogged determination to get grants for LCF resulted in the paving of the driveway and parking area, the drainage system to make the side yard fully available for events, and the recovery of almost \$30,000 from a prior grant to help pay for needed improvements to the Copley House. To list all of his accomplishments would take pages, but rest assured what Ed has given to those of this community will always be admired and appreciated. We all hope Ed can enjoy his retirement from the Board, but know that we have your number and when we get in a real pickle, you will never be too far away to return as a (temporary) advisor and volunteer. Thanks, Ed, for all you have done.

Paul Carr,

Lyme Community Foundation President

The Lyme Light

Publication month

May 2023

June 2023

July 2023

August 2023

Article submissions

Friday, April 7

Friday, May 5

Friday, June 9

Friday, July 7

Questions on submissions, please email *lymelightnews@gmail.com*. *Thanks!!*

To submit to the Lyme Light

For articles/announcements:

Please send your articles to lymelightnews@gmail.com. Articles should be about 350 words, maximum. For included pictures, reduce the total words by about 30 words per picture.

For sponsorship:

Please send questions concerning sponsorship of the Lyme Light to Paul Carr, pgc3@cornell.edu. Sponsors can submit a complete graphic or a graphic can be constructed from their logo and other pertinent information provided to the editor.

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Lyme Free Library

(315) 649-5454 March-April 2023 www.lymefreelibrary.org

Library Hours & Information

Wednesday - 10AM to 6PM Monday - 10AM to 4PM

Tuesday - 10AM to 8PM Friday - 10AM to 8PM

Saturday - 10AM to 4PM

Mother's Day Victorian Tea

Join us at the Lyme Free Library in Chaumont on May 7th from 1 to 3 PM to enjoy Teas, Canapés, Tea Sandwiches and Desserts! We are selling a limited number of tickets, so please reserve yours soon by calling the Library at 315-649-5454. Tickets are \$30. All tickets must be prepaid to



ensure proper quantities of food and door prizes. Hosted by Cathy Gallagher from The Cottage Bakery and Desserts By Design in Three Mile Bay. More details will be posted on our website: www. lymefreelibrary.org.



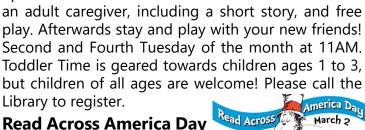
Essential Oils Classes

Come learn and experience the power of essential oils with us in a fun and relaxing environment. May 9th, June 13th & August 22nd.

Free. All sessions begin at 7PM. Please call the Library to register.

Toddler time

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Read Across America Day Dr. Seuss Crafting Fun for Kids!

Join us on March 3rd at 6 PM

for Dr. Seuss crafting fun. Appropriate for ages 4 to 10. Registration required. Please call the Library to register.

For a full listing of upcoming events (and there are many more!) please visit our website:

(315) 649-5454

www.lymefreelibrary.org

Preschool Story Time

Weekly story time sessions for children ages 3 to 5 will be held in the Children's Wednesdays. Room on Preschool Story Time is geared towards children ages 4 to 6, but children of all ages are welcome!



Program attendance is currently limited. Please call the Library to register.

Wild Wonders

Presented by the NYS Zoo at Thompson Park. An interactive program that introduces children to the wonderful world of wildlife.



The Wild Wonders program includes educational discussions about species characteristics, natural behaviors, and how we are all connected through the balance of ecosystems. Includes interaction with 2 animals. April 29th at 10 AM. Free. Please call the Library to register.



Book Talk - book discussion group

Meetings are held at the library on the

third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. All are welcome. Please join us!

March 21 - Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead April 18 - Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

What could be better than making a gift to support your community?



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Lyme Free Library PO Box 369 Chaumont, NY 13622

Or follow the **Endowment Fund Donation Link** on our website.

The Lyme Free Library is 100 Years Young!

The Lyme Free Library is celebrating a very special birthday this year. During

our 100th anniveryear, we hope to recognize what the Lyme Free Library has represented to all our neighbors throughout the years, as well as what it will



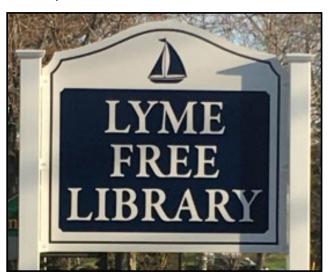
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during its exciting future. Several events and activities are in the works to help celebrate. We will keep you posted!

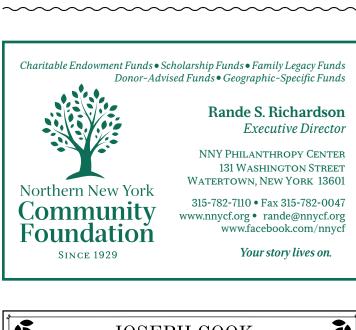
Lyme Free Library History Notes:

Over the next few months, we'll be bringing you a series of Lyme Light vignettes regarding the library's history – from its early beginnings - to the modern and invaluable community resource it has become today. We would like to recognize and thank the Lyme Heritage Center for graciously supplying the resources used in compiling many of these vignettes. #1 - The Early Days: Prior to 1922, Chaumont's only source of community reading material was provided by the New York State Education Department's traveling library. Its small 50-book collection was deemed insufficient to meet Chaumont's ever-growing needs. Five local Home Bureau women served as our library's original planning committee. On "Library Day," December 2, 1922, the ladies met with other interested neighbors, to discuss plans for a permanent community library. Following a supper held that evening at the Grange Hall, the Chaumont Free Library, later to be known as the Lyme Free Library, was born. In May 1923, the State of New York granted the library a provisional charter. Monetary gifts from the library's 56 charter members totaled \$107.50. Two hundred fifty-eight books were also donated, including a gift of 30 volumes from Judge Henry Purcell of Watertown. Charles

Congdon, then publisher of the Watertown Daily Times, was elected the founding Library President and served till his death in 1933. The library's first home was located over the former Osborne Store. In March 1924, it moved to the second floor of the Town Hall, then located on Mill Street, where it remained until 1931.



Coming Soon: The library gets a new and permanent home!





Lyme Heritage Center

The Lyme Heritage Center continues to operate on the winter schedule. We will reopen later in May. When you visit us this season you'll see our new wall shelving, an updated, handicapped-accessible bathroom, and a few new windows. We're very thankful to our donors for helping to make our improvements possible.

Once again, this summer we'll have a full schedule of programs, mainly focused on local history. We enjoy these opportunities to share our resources with new visitors and to share time with neighbors!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Clara Van Doren. Clara was a fount of knowledge about Chaumont in the early twentieth century. She was an avid local historian and the author of three books about Lyme buildings. She graciously permitted the Lyme Heritage to print and sell her books for fund-raising.

Clara was certainly multi-talented. She was a writer, a photographer, and a musician, having



Miss Clara Van Doran

been a music teacher for 33 years. After retiring she moved back to this area where, in addition to her other activities, she was a church organist.

Clara made her mark in this She was area. admired and loved by all who knew her. She will long be remembered her kind nature and her contributions to local history.

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Lyme Food Pantry

Lyme Food Pantry has been in existence since 1986, providing food for the community for *37 years!*

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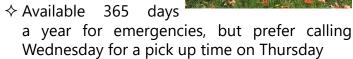
FOOD

PANTRY

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- Pantry's Location:

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"I am only one, but still I am one.
I cannot do everything, but still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."
Edward Everett Hale's pledge to the Lend-a-Hand Society

THANKS TO EVERYONE! Harriet's Angels

Contact info: Phone: 315-564-2424 (please leave a message) Mailing Address: Lyme Food Pantry PO Box 176 Chaumont, NY 13622

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Images to look forward to...

Photos and write up by the editor.

March and April are a time of change. Snow melts, ground thaws, nesting birds start returning and people come out of their homes to enjoy a short stretch of warming weather before the blackflies and mosquitos reemerge in full force.

Below are a few pictures to remind you of what will

be coming, soon.

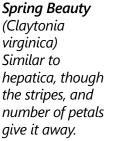
Bloodroot

(Sanguinaria canadensis) In NNY, one of the first flowers to appear in the woods. The flower appears, then the leaf unfurls after it has passed.











White Trillium (Trillium grandiflorum) Look for the white in the understory of the woods in late April. **Disclaimer:** Photos seen here may also have been on the **Nature in NNY** Facebook page. That's where Julie Covey shares her nature photography. a page with nothing but photos and the technical information about the species shown in them.

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Lyme Garden Club

"The deep roots never doubt spring will come."
Marty Rubin

The following article is a continuation from last month's topic on yellowing houseplant leaves. A plant's leaves may turn yellow if it is not receiving the nutrients it needs. The nutrients a plant needs depends on the species, and some are pickier than others. A small soil test kit may be a good investment to diagnose the problem properly and pinpoint the needs of your plant.

Plants can get viral infections. The leaves may have blotchy, spreading yellow patches on them. Deformed leaves and stems, as well as discolored flowers may also indicate a viral infection. If the infection can't be cured, it can infect all susceptible plants nearby. When you notice a sick plant, quarantine it from the rest of your plants. Check those plants to make sure the infection hasn't spread. The plant may be saved but first you must identify the virus. Some remedies involve fungicides, others may require removing healthy parts and propagating. If you can't bring the plant back to health, you'll have to discard it. Wash and sterilize any pruning tools or pots before using them again.

Another cause of yellowing leaves could be pests. Aphids and spider mites may be living on the sap from your leaves and turning them yellow by leaving splotches of discoloration. Check under the leaves for any sign of fine webbing, which can indicate pests. Insecticidal soap or neem oil will eliminate aphids and spider mites. Be sure to follow the application instructions provided on the packaging before applying. Increasing the humidity around your houseplants will also help to ward off pests.

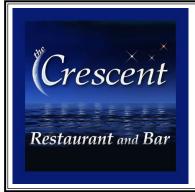
Lastly, repotting a plant can stress it out and result in yellowing leaves. Give the plant time for its roots to settle in and find the nutrients in the new soil. Don't fertilize the plant during this time. If you've brought home a new plant, give it about a week to adjust to your home, then repot it. (www.thespruce. com/reasons-for-yellow-leaves-on-houseplants)

The Lyme Garden Club is always looking for new members. Please join us for our opening meeting Wednesday, **May 17, 2023** (*new date*) at the Crescent Yacht Club. We have several activities planned for the 2023 season and look forward to

seeing you there! If you have any questions, contact us at lymenygardenclub@gmail.com. Also, check out our Facebook page.







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OBI Land Trust update

OBI Land Trust Marks Major Milestone in 2023 30 Years of Land Conservation!

As we celebrate 30 years of land conservation, our all-volunteer land trust is making plans for events that will celebrate our legacy and bring supporters together in 2023. Our events for the upcoming spring and summer, will offer some new activities aimed at getting people outdoors and interacting with nature and local experts. Our 30th anniversary celebration is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023. More information to come!

OBI Land Trust Office in Copley House

OBI Land Trust is also excited to announce our first-ever office space at the Copley House on Main Street in Chaumont. The building is the home of the Lyme Community Foundation and is the non-profit headquarters for the village and a hub of activity for events and enrichment activities. OBI was founded in Chaumont in 1993 and it seems very fitting that we establish an office on this anniversary year and become non-profit partners with the Lyme Community's Foundation. The second-floor office space at the historic building will offer us greater visibility for our land trust and improve functioning and efficiency of our expanding organization. We are very excited for opportunities and partnerships the new office will bring us in 2023!

OBI Land Trust Elects New Leadership

Our organization is moving forward and positioned well for the future as we celebrate our 30th anniversary.

Jim LaPlante was the longest-serving leader of OBI. He died unexpectedly at his home on November 7, 2022. As we mourned his passing, the board continued the mission of land conservation that Jim



led for more than a decade.

Our nine-member board unanimously approved board member Carrie Fleming as Interim Chairperson and Rosanne Weir as Interim Vice-Chairperson. Fleming, a resident and native of Chaumont, joined OBI in 2020 and was elected vice-chairperson earlier this year. Weir joined the board in 2018. She is the widow of LaPlante and often worked alongside him doing the work of the land trust.

"It is important to continue the work of our organization while we mourn the loss of our leader and dear friend," said Fleming. "We have a very capable board and we must continue our mission of land conservation and we know that is what Jim would have wanted."

The two will serve in interim leadership positions

until OBI's annual meeting in April. The Board of Directors unanim ously approved naming the late Jim LaPlante an emeritus board member of OBI Land Trust.





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The calendar of events listed here is a general guide. Please check with the respective organization in regards to possible changes in dates and times. Please note - sometimes not all activities are listed due to space considerations. To submit events for the calendar, please send them to **lymelightnews@gmail.com**. Thanks! - Lyme Light News editor

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