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Lyme Ready for 200th Birthday!

By Scott Aubertine, Town Supervisor

The Bicentennial Celebration will be the weekend of **July 27, 28 & 29**. The Bicentennial Parade will be on Sunday the 29th, leaving the LCS parking lot at 1:00 pm. We are still seeking people with convertibles, foreign or classic cars who are willing to drive for the various dignitaries who will be in the parade. Please call Scott Aubertine at 315-767-8814 if you are willing to drive a dignitary. Obviously, we welcome any classic, foreign or unique cars to enter the parade as well.

Parade participants are asked to use Church Street to assemble at the staging area. We are excited with the expected size of the parade and the lining up of parade participants most likely will have to start at the school parking lot and run down the Hart Road.

Please add all of these dates to your calendar. It is an important month in the Town of Lyme.



Information Meeting on Park Proposal, July 11th



Screen shot of tax map showing the proposed park parcel
(Source: Jefferson County Image Mate Online)

By Lyme Light Committee

On **July 11th at 6:00pm** there will be an Informational Meeting at the Town Office, 12175 NY-12E, Chaumont, to answer questions relating to the purchase of the Magee property on Sawmill Bay.

"The Town Board encourages residents to attend the meeting so that any questions they have regarding the vote on July 17th can be addressed," Town Supervisor Scott Aubertine stated via email.

The town has posted some details of the proposed purchase on its website, www.townoflyme.com

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Park Proposal (continued from page 1)

including the text of the purchase offer and the conceptual plan by local architect Mike Harris. The offer to purchase the land from Geordie Magee was made in partnership with adjacent landowners: Chaumont Bay Trading Co. LLC, owned by Andy Williams, and Reg Schweitzer.

The total purchase price in the offer is \$480,000, with the town's part, approximately 75% of the parcel, not to exceed \$336,000, and the remaining paid by Mr. Williams and Mr. Schweitzer.

The conceptual plan includes a detailed proposal laying out the stages of the project, and drawings that show how the actual development could progress.

The board also posted a three-page document: "Proposed Waterfront Acquisition: What Citizens Need to Know". Explaining some of the reasons for making the purchase offer, the board highlights opportunity to provide increased foot-traffic to businesses and restaurants in the center of the village, which will arguably benefit both the village and town with increased visitor spending.

According to the town website, the land's removal from the tax rolls would decrease village tax revenue by \$848 per year, while the School revenue would decrease by an estimated \$1,939.

Visit the Town of Lyme website for more details and to read all of the documentation cited in this article: www.townoflyme.com

A Tribute to LCS Board President Gary Nicholson

By the Lyme Central School Board

The Town of Lyme has lost another very special member of the community. On June 14, 2018 Gary Nicholson lost his battle with cancer. Gary had a long career in education as he began his



career as an English teacher, then was a Secondary Principal and eventually a school Superintendent. Even after he retired Gary returned to the Lyme community and continued to be involved in education and in the local community. He was a member of the F & AM

Masonic Lodge in Chaumont, was active in the Chaumont Town Board and was the School Board President at Lyme Central School from 2004 until his death. Gary had a way of making every student and every person he met feel special. Gary's philosophy was to always do what is best for students and he was a true role model to others. He will truly be missed by the school community and the entire Town of Lyme. Continuing his love of education a scholarship in his name will be established at Lyme Central School.

Heritage Center July Programs

July 15th at 2pm Bilkey Moore, former teacher and superintendent of Lyme Central School, will discuss the history of area schools. Mr. Moore encourages audience participation.

July 17th at 7pm: Annual trivia night at the Three Mile Bay Fire Hall. This is fundraiser for the Center, with a \$5 per person fee. Bring a team or join a team. Prizes and refreshments.

The Center will be open each Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 12, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3, or anytime by calling 315-778-5180 to make an appointment.

LYME LIGHT DUE DATES

Please send any articles, news items, events, etc to lymelightnews@gmail.com,

August 2018 issue: by Wed. July 18
September 2018 issue: by Wed. Aug 22

From the President...

July is going to be another busy month for Lyme. We have the Fourth of July celebrations, the Willie Putnam Tournament and our Bi-Centennial events. We hope you will join in all of the celebrations—especially all of the great Bi-Centennial events. Many people have been working all year to make this a memorable weekend for everyone. We have a block dance with free ice cream, free Zumba, the community days craft fair at the Copley House, concerts at the beach, fireworks, a car show, a chicken bar-b-que and a parade followed by a carnival. There is still plenty of time to get involved if you want to be a part of the parade or carnival. Be sure to check out the posters around town or check out the Town of Lyme's website at www.townoflyme.com for more information and details.

We are very excited with all of the progress that has been made at the Copley House. The outside of the house has been painted so now we have our own "White House" right here in Chaumont. We have finally been able to take care of the drainage problems we have had in the yard and we will soon be paving the driveway to make it safer for those visiting the Copley House. We have also refinished floors in another room at the house and gutted and put back the room housing our Acte II clothing store after we have severe water damage this past winter. Thank you to Paul and Kathie Carr who have provided their guidance and financial support during these projects. Also thank you to Ed DeMattia and Warren Barkley who have spent many hours helping to make sure these projects get completed. Also a big shout out to our other board members and their families who provided some manual labor to assist in our drainage project. I am so proud to be a part of such a wonderful board.

We hope you all have a wonderful Fourth of July celebrating with family and friends!!

Deanna Lothrop, LCF President



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The Town of Lyme Food Pantry is alive and well for those that could use assistance. You may make your request by phoning 315-649-2424. (Please leave your name and number. Speak slowly, so we may return your call.) Our packing days are every Thursday, so we ask you call earlier in the week. Your order will be packed and waiting for you to pick up between 11:00 AM and Noon, unless you have made special arrangements with us.

We are the little white building with the Red Door in the parking lot of the Chaumont Presbyterian Church, on Main Street. Our address is: P.O. Box 176, Chaumont, NY 13622. There are drop boxes for donations in both Three Mile Bay and Chaumont Post Offices', plus we have a gray cupboard next to our door. We can always use articles not allowed with Food Stamps: Soaps, shampoo, toothbrushes & paste, deodorant.

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This year's paddle is in memory of Colleen McCarthy and Mike Bashaw, Sr.

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, July 21st
Registration: 8:30-9:00am**

Cost: \$20 donation per paddler
(Liability waiver and Life Jackets required)

Where: Chaumont Beach Launch

Join the Lyme Lights Relay team at the Chaumont Beach this **July 21st** to paddle a 2, 4 or 6 mile loop to raise money for cancer research.

Your \$20 dollar donation includes a Hoffman hot dog barbecue, salads and chips immediately following the paddle! It also includes a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a **NEW Pungo 120 Kayak**.

For more information call Joy at 315-767-3702, or Karen at 315-649-2083 or stop in at Roadside Relics to buy more raffle tickets to win the kayak or get more information. The kayak being raffled this year is an \$800 Pungo 120 with a paddle and life jacket, too!

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It's All Greek to Me

A case for supporting the revival of a local landmark.

By Rebecca Kleinman

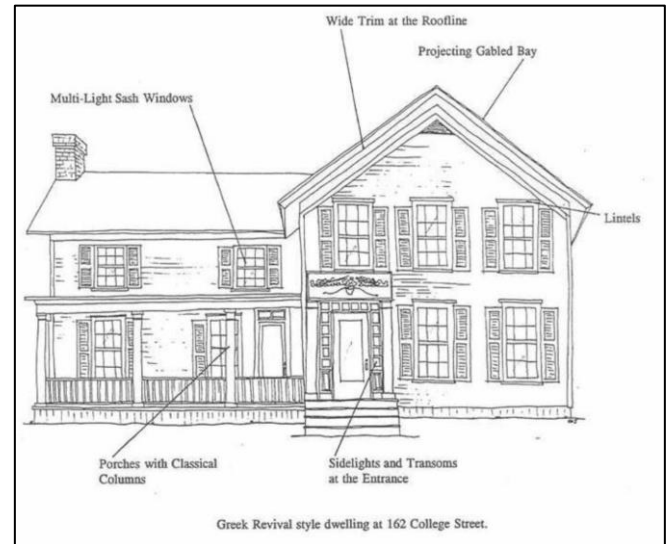
What do the British Museum in London, Quincy Hall in Boston and the Alexander Copley House in Chaumont share in common? All are pristine examples of Greek Revival architecture, a design movement that swept both sides of the Atlantic in the first half of the 19th century. Several communities throughout upstate New York prominently feature the classical style inspired by temples built during Greece's Golden Age from 500 to 300 BC, such as the Parthenon, and it's an honor for our small village to claim such a superb piece of architectural history.

So, what constitutes Greek Revival, and why is it important to preserve? Unlike many other forms of architecture that link to America's past, whether Victorian and Edwardian named after British monarchs, or European countries such as Italianate, Greek Revival celebrates democracy, a philosophy and form of government established in ancient Greece that became the cornerstone of the United States. Though Greek Revival didn't take off until the early 1800s, its roots stretch back to our forefathers who thought a unified nation deserved unified aesthetics. Their nascent nation required an equally sturdy, timeless type of architecture to announce its newfound power to the world. Its historical significance and impact cannot be denied.

Clean lines and overall simplicity define the style, whose most recognizable elements include pediments, columns and exteriors painted white to mimic marble used by the ancient Greeks. In June, the Lyme Community Foundation launches a renovation project to restore the Copley House to its original glory with historically accurate details. A fresh coat of paint in a shade of white selected by an expert in Greek Revival architecture will highlight its fine bones and inset columns, while new, custom shutters by one of the last remaining makers of historical shutters in New York will replace the lost originals that once flanked its numerous windows.

The Copley House is part of the Chaumont Historic District's diverse architectural timeline. Its makeover not only puts our village on the map for scholars and visitors, but ensures its use and enjoyment by future generations of residents.

Rebecca Kleinman is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared in Architectural Digest, and other publications. She is the Miami editor for DuJour magazine.



Some highlights of the of Greek Revival style



LCF Treas. Tami Sharlow – getting it done!

Lyme Garden Club to Postpone 2018 Garden Tour

The Club is sorry to say that our Garden Tour scheduled for July 7th has been postponed until 2019. Only a very small number of gardeners were willing to volunteer their gardens for this year. (Perhaps after last year's flooding, community members were concerned that they would not have gardens ready in time.) Also the Copley House is undergoing a major face-lift, both inside and outside, and at the time a decision had to be made about the Tour, dates of completion were unclear. Therefore the decision to postpone. So in anticipation of next year, please look at your gardens now to see how your gardens grow in late June. Does it make you more comfortable with the idea of volunteering next year? The steering committee would like to have volunteers signed up by Fall of 2018.

The Lyme Garden Club will have a table at Community Days at the Copley House on July 28th. Please visit us there for information, gardening ideas and interesting purchases.

The Lyme Garden Club is planning an outing on July 9th. At 5:30 PM we are meeting at the gardens of Fred Hall, 14275 US Route 11 in Adams Center. There is a great deal to see, and places to sit and enjoy. So bring a drink of choice and some snacks, and join us. If you are interested in attending, please email Pam Oxenford at oxenfordpam@gmail.com to indicate whether you will meet us at Fred's or at the Copley House. Carpools will meet at the Copley House at 4:45 PM

Our Main Street pots are planted and on display. We were a bit disappointed at the size of the material provided for us. But be patient! With some time to grow and tender loving care from all the garden club volunteers, the Red, White and Blue design will add to the festive mood of

Chaumont and Three Mile Bay, leading up to the Lyme Bicentennial celebration.

If anyone uses the water facility on Old Town Springs Road, and you look in the Ash tree to the right and back of the building, you will see a long plastic green object hanging from the tree. It is an Emerald Ash Borer trap. The Cornell Cooperative Extension is monitoring Jefferson County. The pest is on the border at the Oswego line and north to around Massena. This invasion is coming. It destroys Ash trees that are prevalent in this area. They are beautiful trees. Homeowners can have trees sprayed, and the preventative measure lasts about a year. It is worth it to save the trees. If you want the name and contact information for the local approved pest control person, please call Kathie Carr at 315-778-3672.

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Lyme Free Library



Annual Book Sale

August 11th 9am to 3pm

Authors & Artists – Free Spaces

Local authors and artists are invited to register for free spaces (limit of 2 10 x 10 foot spaces) at our annual book sale on August 11th. The sale runs from 9am to 3 pm.

Call 315-649-5454 to register.

Book Donations

Due to lack of storage space, we can only accept books for our annual book sale from August 1 to August 11.

Books on the Bus - Where Education Starts the Moment Students Step on the Bus

Lyme Free Library is pleased to announce that we are a recipient of a grant from The North Country Library System to establish a Books on the Bus program at Lyme Central School. Books on the Bus is a program that brings the joy of reading to students during their commute to and from school. Each bus will receive a tote full of books that are appropriate for students in grades Pre-K to 12.

Summer Reading Program

Participants choose a selection of books that interest them, keep track of what they read, attend at least 4 of the 5 sessions, and earn a Barnes & Noble Gift Card! The program is for children entering grades 1 to 6. This year our summer reading program will begin on July 10th. All sessions begin at 10:30am. Please register by July 2nd by calling 315-649-5454.

Upcoming Programs at White Caps Winery

11544 County Route 125, Chaumont, NY:

July 21st at 2pm “Nectar for the Birds, Bees and You”, Presented by Kathie Carr

July 29th at 10am “Where are all the grassland birds: Ways to help them”

Presentation by OBI’s Gerry Smith & Lee Ellsworth

All about Bluebirds Presentation & Nest Box Building



July 14th - 2pm

Please Note: This is a 2 part program Registration Required

Following the PowerPoint slide presentation on bluebirds, there is an optional build your own bluebird nest box project with all tools and materials provided. The cost is \$9 per box. When you register, please let us know if you intend to stay for the box building part of the workshop. There is a limited number of boxes, so please register early. Call 315-649-5454.

Slide Program “All About Bluebirds - and More.”

By John Rogers, co-founder of the NYS Bluebird Society

Paint A Wooden Paddle!

July 21st 10am to Noon. Paint a 48” solid wood canoe paddle. Lynette will pre-sketch the basic layout on your paddle ahead of time so you will have more time to enjoy painting. \$75 per painter includes wood canoe paddle and all supplies.

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Lyme Bicentennial Schedule:

Friday July 27

7pm Three Mile Bay Fire Hall
Free ice cream social and a block dance (live music by Urgent Message)

Saturday July 28

9am TDS parking lot
Free Zumba with Fe Salmon
9am Chaumont Fire Department
Annual Classic Car and Vendor Show
10am Copley House Lawn
Lyme Community Days Craft Fair and Market

3:30pm Chaumont Village Beach
Bicentennial Dedication Ceremony

5pm Chaumont Village Beach
Concert: The Arrhythmias

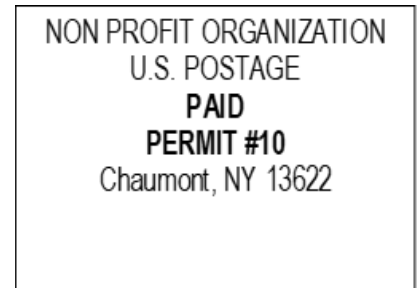
Saturday July 28 (cont'd)

6:30pm Chaumont Village Beach
Concert: Tas Cru (aka Rick Bates)
7:30pm Chaumont Village Beach
Concert: 10th Mountain Division Band
Fireworks will follow the concert

Sunday July 29

Parade, Carnival & Chicken Barbecue
12:30pm Parade floats to assemble at Lyme Central
School Parking Lot
1pm Parade begins at Lyme Central

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