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July Park Vote Set by Board

By Terry Brennen

At the May 9th meeting of the Town Board, the board unanimously voted to adopt a bond resolution to acquire land, offered for sale by its current owner Geordie H. Magee to the Town of Lyme. The Board resolution is subject to a town-wide referendum to occur on July 17th. Voting will occur at the Town Offices, 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont and the Three Mile Bay Fire Hall, 8581 NYS Route 12E, Three Mile Bay, 4pm to 9pm.

The Board met twice in August, 2017, unanimously voting on August 9th to take steps to gather information on next steps to buy the land for a park. (reported in the September Lyme Light, follow <https://bit.ly/2IJIsDG>). After consulting with the Town's attorney Mark Gebo at an August 28th public meeting, the board discussed a referendum to authorize financing the sale with the sale of bonds.



Rendering of potential use of the park land (Mike Harris)

“The Town will gather as much information as possible regarding the purchase price, available grants, plans for the property, annual expected maintenance costs and any other pertinent information,” Town Supervisor Scott Aubertine stated via email. He added that further information will likely be the subject of a town-wide mailing and an informational meeting, to be announced later. Supervisor Aubertine also advises to follow any developments at www.townoflyme.com.

Lyme Garden Club Tour Returns July 7th

by Kathie Carr

Whose gardens will be highlighted during this year's Lyme Garden Club Tour? We'll give you a hint about one generous participant: She's a gifted artist. If you too love digging in the dirt and are proud of your labors and would like to share them with like-minded enthusiasts, please reach out to the Lyme Garden Club about featuring your outdoor oasis in our biggest biennial event.

Besides beautiful settings and an opportunity to gather a group of friends for a fun outing, attendees will be rewarded with a gourmet homecooked luncheon by chef Paul Norton served at the Copley House. But most of all, you'll know you're helping a great cause since all proceeds go toward the town's beautification projects.

For tickets and other requests, please contact lymegardenclub@earthlink.net. See you in the sunflowers!

Lyme Heritage Center Open for the Summer

By Phyllis Putnam and Peggy Putnam Brennen

The Center will be open 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.

Upcoming Programs

On **Sunday, June 10th, at 2pm**, archaeologist Dr. Tim Abel will be at the Center to present “Recent Archaeology on the Pre-contact Iroquoian of Northern New York.” In the later-contact period, from about A. D. 1300 until the early 1500s, northern New York was home to several clusters of Iroquoian villages and related sites. Dr. Abel is the author of many professional articles and conference presentations, and has awards from numerous professional organizations. Anyone who enjoyed Ken Knapp’s program on early area geology and native people last summer at the Center will not want to miss this program!

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

You are invited to visit the Center to research family history or to browse our many topic notebooks. As an example, you might enjoy reading the old school newspapers, the Quill. Following is a quote from the October 1934 Quill: “This month marks the 100th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Lyme at Three Mile Bay. On October 4, 1834, the Three Mile Bay branch became independent of the original First Baptist Church of Lyme, which embraced all the territory from Pillar Point to Three Mile Bay. This new church was first called the Second Baptist Church of Lyme. Four years later, the mother church located at Point Salubrious disbanded and the Three Mile Bay church took its name — The First Baptist Church of Lyme.”

LYME LIGHT DUE DATES

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

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August 2018 issue: by Wed. July 18

From the President...

The month of June will be a very busy month for the Lyme Community Foundation. We have many projects going on at the Copley House. We recently restored another floor and put new carpet in another. In April we had a pipe burst upstairs that caused water damage in the space occupied by Acte II so that space is also being totally redone. On the outside we will start painting the house, paving the driveway and fixing the drainage problems in the front yard. The Copley House is like our own homes and it needs to be maintained on a regular basis. We are so excited to see the final projects complete. Thanks to our Buildings and Grounds Chair, Ed Demattia for helping to make all of these projects a reality.

June will also see the Lyme Central School holding their Prom Crowning on June 2 at the Copley House. This has been a tradition for Lyme Central for so many years and we thank the Garden Club for always making the grounds look so nice for pictures.

The Lyme Community Foundation would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the seniors at Lyme Central School on their graduation on June 22. So many of these seniors have donated many volunteer hours to the foundation for our annual haunted house. We could not have done this without the students.

Happy Father’s Day to all Dads and Grandfathers. We hope you all have a wonderful day!!

Deanna Lothrop, LCF President

Town of Lyme Food Pantry

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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Chaumont Village Trash & Recycling Collection

The Trash & Recycling Collection on the week of the 4th of July will be collected on **Tuesday, July 3rd.**

Let's Paddle Our Way to a Cure!

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!



LYME GARDEN CLUB ANNOUNCES FULL SLATE OF PROGRAMS FOR SUMMER

The Lyme Garden Club is up and running for its 2018 Season! The Opening Meeting was held on May 9th, and as a new member said "That wasn't an Appetizer event. It was a full meal." Each attendee came away, after good socialization and delicious food, with seeds, potting material and a pretty teacup to plant her own Tea Garden.



Hypertufa Workshop –Tuesday, June 5, 1 PM at Sue Seiffert's house, all are invited to make hypertufa planters. Materials will be provided. Participants will make a planter to take home, and a couple more for the Garden Club to sell at the Garden Tour in July. Contact Sue to participate in this workshop: lymegardenclub@earthlink.net

DeLukes & Northern Flow Winery in Clayton – **Tuesday, June 19, 6 PM**, plan to meet at DeLukes in Clayton for a shopping & wine tasting gathering. To join a carpool from Chaumont, please email lymegardenclub@earthlink.net

The 2018 Lyme Garden Tour will be held **July 7 from 10 AM – 4 PM**. Our biennial project provides us with some of our financial resources for what we would like to do around the communities of Chaumont and Three Mile Bay during the next two years. A Gourmet Lunch prepared by Paul Norton will be served at the Copley House. Various local artists will display their work in gardens. Other ideas are in planning stages for the day at the gardens and at the Copley House. Tickets are \$20. They may be purchased in advance at Citizen's Bank in Chaumont or by



In June 2018, FATHER PIERRE AUBIN, MSC, will celebrate 60 years of priesthood.

The Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont, where Father Aubin has been our pastor since 2002, wishes to thank Father Aubin, and asks you to celebrate this milestone with him and us.

Please join us in celebration on **Saturday June 30, 2018**, at St. Vincent of Paul Catholic Church in Cape Vincent, beginning with Mass celebrated at 4 p.m. by Bishop Terry R. LaValley, followed by a reception (5 p.m.) and dinner (6 p.m.) on the rectory lawn.

RSVP by June 15, 2018 at (315) 654-2662 or CVRCHPARISH3@gmail.com.

Read Father Aubin's full biography online at www.lymecommunityfoundation.org

mailing a check to Lyme Garden Club, PO Box 504, Chaumont, NY 13622. Advance tickets purchased by mail may be picked up at the Copley House on the day of the tour. In order to assist in the planning for the Luncheon, it would be VERY HELPFUL if tickets were purchased in advance.

Volunteers are needed for the day of the Tour as well as for other activities throughout the summer. Please call Sue at 315-767-3924 or email lymegardenclub@earthlink.net

Watch for future information about touring Fred Hall's garden in Adams on July 10.

Town Awarded Nearly \$500,000 in NYS Grants

DEC and Flood Relief Programs funds for Salt Barn, Road Repair and Maintenance

By Scott Aubertine, Town Supervisor

We are pleased to announce the Town of Lyme has received two grants. Through the hard work and time committed by Executive Assistant to the Supervisor Robin Grovesteen, the town has been awarded \$262,500 by the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grant to construct a new salt barn to be located on the NYS Rte. 12E town property. The grant award was up to 75% with a required match of 25%. Match funds can consist of cash contributions and in-kind services. The work to be done by Highway Superintendent Pat Weston and the Highway Department employees will be a significant amount towards the 25% match. Bids were advertised to seek construction companies to do the work and Hybrid Building Solutions of Clarence Center, New York was awarded the contract with a bid price of \$345,561.00.

The project must be completed within 2-3 years, however, we expect to have it completed by this fall. This project will replace the inadequate shed for the Town's pure salt and uncovered/unprotected pile of salt and sand. The project will also move the salt away from Horse Creek, a tributary of Lake Ontario. The new building will protect the salt and sand from the weather, preventing runoff and salt contamination of waterways.

As you probably heard, the Town has also been awarded \$215,468 by the 2017 New York State Lake Ontario Flood Relief and Recovery Program. These funds are intended to continue the repairs needed from the 2017 Spring flooding. The reinforcement of road shorelines, along with road shoulder and culvert repairs are planned by the Highway Department. The process to repair the flooding damage may take several years as recommendations by the Army Corps of Engineers will require extensive work and significant material purchases. In addition, the regular road maintenance will still need to be kept up with.

Additionally, reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been applied for by Pat and Robin and we are hopeful for additional funding from that agency.



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Lyme Free Library



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.



Paint a Pint for Father's Day!

June 16th. 10am to Noon. Paint a pair of 16oz straight sided classic pint bar glasses with Lake Trout, Brook Trout or Rainbow Trout. Lynette has a simple trick to mimic their speckled appearance. A unique Father's Day Gift! \$45 for two glasses



Lyme Free Library & Ontario Bays Initiative Offer Tours at Chaumont Barrens

Meet at Chaumont Barrens Preserve parking lot on Van Alstyne Road

Saturday, June 9, 2018 - 9AM

Leader Julie Covey will take participants on a 1.75 mile hike at peak season for wildflowers and bird song. Prairie smoke and lady slipper orchids will brighten the trail edges as Prairie Warblers and Eastern Towhee serenade from the shrubbery. Julie will also enlighten hikers on the interesting geology of the alvar region including fossils visible in the limestone.

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 - 9AM

Leader Lee Ellsworth will hike the trail at Chaumont Barrens Preserve to view its plants and birds. While early blooming wildflowers will generally have gone to seed, later species and prairie grasses will be in full bloom. Some young of early nesting bird species may be testing their wings, while later Migrants are still busy defending territory by vigorously singing.



Robin Weston Retirement Gathering

After many years of hard work and dedication, Robin Weston is retiring! The board of trustees invite you to join us on **June 30th at 4pm** to celebrate this milestone.

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Town Bicentennial Plans Nearly Finalized

By Scott Aubertine, Town Supervisor

Plans for the Bicentennial Celebration are coming along nicely and are nearly finalized. The Bicentennial Celebration weekend will be **July 27, 28 & 29**, starting Friday evening with a free ice cream social and a block dance starting at 7:00 pm at the Three Mile Bay Fire Department with live music by Urgent Message. Saturday, July 28th, will include free Zumba in the TDS parking lot, the annual Community Days Craft Show on the grounds of the Lyme Community Foundation at the Copley House and the Annual Antique Car Show at the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department.

A Bicentennial Dedication Ceremony is set to start at 3:30 pm, on the land next to the Village Beach, on the water side of the Barnes Bay Cemetery. State and Local dignitaries will be present to recognize the Bicentennial occasion and to commemorate the placement of a town "monument", plaque and time capsule. Representatives from the towns of Cape Vincent, Clayton and Brownville will be invited, owing to their town's historical connections with the Town of Lyme.

The Bicentennial Committee has decided to place a limestone block that was cut in one of the quarries here in the town, instead of purchasing a monument. Mark, Tara and Christopher Morina, owners of Chaumont Bay Marina have graciously offered a limestone block located on their property that was part of the foundation for the railroad tressel that crossed the Chaumont River. It is believed that the limestone came from the Depauville quarry across the river.

Also at the Chaumont Village Beach, "Concerts at the Beach" will begin at 5:00 pm and conclude with fireworks after dark. Bands slated to play include: The Arrhythmias Big Band, blues recording artist Tas Cru (aka Rick Bates), and the 10th Mountain Division Band. Following the concert will be the grand finale fireworks sponsored by the Chaumont/Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

Let's Bounce Inflatable Rentals bounce houses, fried dough from the Masonic Lodge "doughmobile" and concession stands for refreshments will be available.

A parade, carnival and chicken barbeque are scheduled for Sunday, July 29th in Chaumont. The parade will

begin at 1:00 pm at the Lyme Central School parking lot, march east down Academy Street and then down Madison Street to Main Street. The parade will continue down Main Street past the Chaumont fire hall and down Circle Drive (past Valley Peetza) and into the Bicentennial Carnival grounds held at the fire hall. A traffic detour route going down Morris Tract Road onto Van Alstyne Road into Depauville and onto Old Town Springs Road to Cheever Road and then onto Millens Bay Road will be available for traffic that does not wish to wait for the parade (and enjoys lovely, scenic drives).

Local area fire departments, local school bands, Boy and Girl Scout troops, dignitaries and the Cape Vincent American Legion, are planning to march in the parade. **We are asking and encouraging any business, club, organization, churches and individuals to march, enter a float or some other entry in the parade. Please be at the Lyme Central School parking lot by 12:30.** We are also looking for individuals who have a convertible or classic car that they are willing to drive for the various dignitaries that will be in the parade.

We are thrilled to announce the scheduled participation of The Original Yanks Drum and Bugle Corps and Camden Continentals Fife and Drum Corps. is one of the oldest American Legion Sponsored Senior Drum Corps in New York State. The Original Yanks have been performing at field days, festivals, parades and community events since 1956 and are still going strong. The Camden Continentals Fife and Drum Corps have agreed to march in the parade. The Camden Continentals, originally formed as the Taberg Fife and Drum Fife and Drum Corps in 1850, have played at political rallies and patriotic celebrations, including the inauguration of President Ulysses S. Grant. In 1947, the Corps moved to Camden and became the Camden Continentals.

An old-fashioned field days type carnival will be held on the back grounds of the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Mechanical rides and bounce houses will be available. Both the Original Yanks and the Camden Continentals will perform at the carnival after the parade. **We are asking and encouraging, any business, club, organization, churches and individuals to plan, organize and operate a carnival game (ring toss, dunking booth, pop the balloon, etc.). Game operators may operate a game as a fundraiser.** If you are interested in operating a game, contact Scott Aubertine at 315-767-8814. Also, if anyone wishes to operate some type of concession stand (popcorn, cotton candy, etc.), that is also welcomed. The more community involvement we

have, the less we have to pay the carnival owner to supply those games and concessions.

Bicentennial Schedule (tentative):

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)

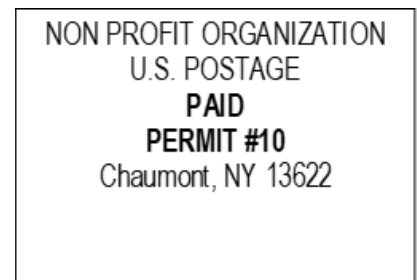
6:30pm Chaumont Village Beach
Concert: Tas Cru (aka Rick Bates)
7:30pm Chaumont Village Beach
Concert: 10th Mountain Division Band
Fireworks will follow the concert

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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