

Clamdigging around Rowayton

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From the Sixth Taxing District

Implementation of the master tree plan for the [Community Center](#) is now complete. Last week, 27 white Flowering Dogwoods were planted along Highland Avenue between Wilson Avenue and McKinley Avenue. Just a week prior to that, six Sugar Maples were planted inside the Community Center property line and nine Red Oak trees were planted along the Highland Avenue Dog Park area and down McKinley Avenue to the Dog Park gate.

Also, the collapsed stone wall in the dog park has been repaired and the damaged gate and fence will be repaired within two weeks.

On a note about Bayley Beach: the damaged fence at the entrance to Bayley Beach was finally repaired.

And, news on Pinkney Park: the newly devised "goose fence" at Pinkney Park has been installed and so far we have not seen geese invading the lawn at Pinkney Park. Let's hope this effort continues and discourages the geese from using the park as a dumping ground. For information, contact [Jack Robson](#), District Administrator for the Sixth Taxing District (203) 866-6386.

Community [Cooperative Nursery School](#)'s drop off children's 2's program has been so popular, they have added one-day drop off program for Fridays from 9:30 a.m. --noon to begin in the Fall. The Two's program is a time for the very young child to explore new materials, broaden their environment and be part of a social situation, all with the comfortable feeling of being part of a small, nurturing class community. Children must be two years old by Sept. 1. Call 203-866-2184 for information and a tour today

We hope you have been enjoying the Rowayton Farmers Market in Pinkney Park, Fridays from noon -- 5 p.m. Please come and experience all the wonderful goods from your favorite farmers, producers and artisans. For a list of the 2010 Rowayton Farmer's Market vendors, please visit www.rowaytonct.com/farmersmarket.html.

Rowayton Historical Society has summer hours: the [Pinkney House Museum](#) will be open the first Sunday of each summer month from 2-- 4 p.m. except July, when they will open on the July 11. Also, look to see that they are open during the Rowayton Farmer's Market too! And, if you wish to "get involved" and volunteer -- Become a Docent! We can only open the house with the support of volunteers...if you'd like us to keep regular hours, please help make it happen! Call (203) 831-0136 or email (info@rowaytonhistoricalsociety.org) for information on how you can get involved.

The 2010 RCA Summer Music Festival will once again bring great bands and performers to Pinkney Park and Bayley Beach. This season's shows will feature country, rock, reggae, R&B and more. So mark your calendars for Sunday afternoons of superb live music. KINGBILLY (country rock), June 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Bayley Beach. Next up, for Sunday, July 4th, [KING FOR A DAY](#) (rock) at 5:30 p.m.

Rowayton Fireworks will light up the sky offshore from Bayley Beach Sunday evening, July 4. The fireworks, sponsored by the RCA, will be launched from a barge beginning at 9:15 p.m. The performance will last approximately 30 minutes. For information, visit the RCA website at www.rowaytonct.com.

Let your soccer player enjoy World Cup Competition on our own soil! Come join Packer [Soccer Camps](#) for its' 32nd year of summer fun for children ages 3 to 11. The first week of camp kicks off on Monday, July 5 at [Rowayton Elementary School](#) and the second week will be held Aug. 9 to 13 at [Middlesex Middle School](#) in Darien. Both sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon for 5 to 11 year olds and 10 to 11 a.m. for Grasshoppers (3 and 4 year olds) Monday-Friday. Skilled and unskilled players are welcome. Call the camp office at 203-866-4830 or visit their website at www.packersoccercamps.com to register online.

Come and see the "Our Town: All-Media Exhibit" at the [Rowayton Arts Center](#) through July 11. This exhibit's award winners are Acrylic: [Susan O'Neill](#) (Norwalk) first; Oil: [Mary Morant](#) (Darien) -- first, [Tony D'Amico](#) (Fairfield) second, Lily Langotsky (Rowayton) third; Photography: [Robert Sachs](#) (Norwalk) first, Andrea Letters (Rowayton) second, [Jeanette Pertz](#) (Rowayton) third, Susan Bokos (Norwalk) honorable mention; Sculpture: [Deborah Rauh](#) (Westport) first, [Mary Ellen Pastore](#) (Norwalk) second; Watercolor: Hanneke Goedkoop (Rowayton) first, [Stuart Pertz](#) (Rowayton) second; [Judith Katz](#) (Westport) third, [Stan Pastore](#) (Norwalk) honorable mention. The Rowayton Arts Center gallery is open from 12 - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 -- 4 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free. For information, visit www.rowaytonaratscenter.org.

Farm Creek Sightings:

A lone Kildeer has been sighted in the marsh feeding at low tide just off the Farm Creek path that faces the peninsula. This bird gets its name from its call, "Kil-dee, dee-dee-dee." It is a large Plover and its Latin name is "Charadrius vociferous." Be advised... this is a LOUD bird. The Kildeer is a large bird with 2 large black breast bands. Chicks have a single band. Like the herons, it feeds on small fish and crustaceans.

Two very very young fawns were sighted lying down in the low grass marsh area at Farm Creek last week by [Marny Smith](#). She was worried because the tide was coming in fast, but they moved to higher ground in time. Twice a month, in the spring, the sun, moon and earth are in alignment, which makes the tides unusually high(perigee) and low (apogee). Guess this is your chance to use a Tide Calendar .

Baby mallards were spotted from the [Sammis Street Bridge](#). If you continue walking on, you might catch sight of the Yellow Crown Night Herons who are taking turns sitting on the nest in the Oak Tree over Sammis Street. Look for the one not on the nest fishing in the creek... just another morning to enjoy Farm Creek. (sightings by Susan Edwards/photo by Miki Alicastro).

At the Rowayton Library

Join your neighbors for a good game of Scrabble at a special time, Monday Afternoon, June 28 from 1:30-5 p.m. Six tables will be set up for Scrabble. All materials are provided. There will also be two tables set up for Scrabble Junior for our younger players. Players will be seated on a first-come/first-serve basis. Players of all ages are welcome.

The library's local bookgroup - BookTalk for Adults: THE READER, THE WRITER, AND THE DETECTIVE: THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE, will meet again Wednesday Evening at 7 p.m., June 30 to discuss [Tony Hillerman's](#) "Dance Hall of the Dead." Multiple copies of the book are available at the library. Dessert and discussion with leader [Marsha Bonsavage](#). This program is made possible in part through a grant from the [Connecticut Humanities Council](#).

Rowayton Library launches 2010 Summer Reading Challenge: "You're the Star Detective"

Rowayton Library invites all children to uncover the mystery, reveal the secret, unravel the riddle and solve the puzzle as the Summer Reading Challenge begins. And, of course, you will find all the clues at the [Rowayton Library](#) because... You're the Star Detective.

Registration begins Tuesday, June 29 at the Rowayton Library. Readers of all ages are invited to participate. Come to the Rowayton Library and pick up your Summer Reading "Detective" bag and reading logs. The library encourages everyone to stop by the Rowayton Library to update your reading log, check out new books for the week and pick up reading challenge awards--PRIZES!

Take the Challenge!

"¢ for the first book read for the Summer Challenge... 1 prize

"¢ for every five (5) books read for the Summer Challenge... 1 prize

"¢ for every book read on your school's Summer Reading List... 1 prize

(1 book =approximately 25 pages)

This summer's prizes include wristbands of all shapes and colors. Be a star detective. Are you up the challenge?

Related programming includes:

Eco-Detective BookTalk for Kids (ages 6-9)

The Rowayton Library is having a book talk for kids: Eco-Detective - Keep it Green! for kids ages 6-9. This will be on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. starting July 6 through Aug. 13. And, with the talk is pizza, pizza, pizza.

This series offers a literary experience in a mix of genre (fantasy, realistic fiction, and nonfiction) while bringing awareness of the importance of being "green." You will meet a worm with a sense of humor, a pink house that misses the country, and the impetuous and delightful Judy Moody and her brother Stink. You will also meet the wizard who wants to get rid of trash forever, and Miss Rumphius who wants to make the world more beautiful. You will visit the world of the whimsical wumps before and after the invasion of the Pollutians, read why the earth is getting warmer, and then compute math with the Maple Street School Save-the-Planet Club. Though a serious topic, this collection of books handles being "green" in a positive manner by showing how kids can make the choice to be "green." (For ages 6-9 and a parent or caregiver).

And, the Rowayton Library is proud to have return to us our favorite storyteller Lot Therrio. Multiple copies of the books are available at the Rowayton Library. This program is made possible - in part - through a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council. Pizza - Pizza - Pizza @ 5 p.m. and BookTalk at 5:30 p.m. REGISTRATION PLEASE! Space is limited (203) 838- 5038 or RSVP@Rowayton.org.

New Mystery Writing Workshop for Kids (ages 8-12)

Join the library Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. beginning July 6 to explore the "art of writing a mystery story" through reading and writing in this mystery writing workshop for kids. Meet super sleuth Ingrid Levin-Hill in *Down the Rabbit Hole* as she finds herself in the wrong place at the wrong time. Unfold the mystery of the million dollar necklace in *Shakespeare's Secret*. Chase down clues with Amy and Dan in *A Maze of Bones*, and travel to the world of ninjas to discover who murdered the Samurai Lord Inaba in *In Darkness, Death*. Can you solve the case?

Workshop leader is Brian Trent, award-winning novelist, journalist and screenwriter. His work has appeared in national magazines, and covers historical fiction, science-fiction, nonfiction, and mystery. He is the author of *Lady Philosopher: The Story of Hypatia*, and of *Never Grow Old*, a retelling of the Gilgamesh legend. Pizza - Pizza -- Pizza at @ 5 p.m. and Writing Workshop at 5:30 p.m. REGISTRATION PLEASE! Space is limited. (203) 838- 5038 or RSVP@Rowayton.org.