

Clamdigging around Rowayton

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Farm Creek Update:

Last week, the [Norwalk Land Trust](#) reported that the [Norwalk Conservation Commission](#) is recommending using \$155,000 from the City Open Space fund to complete the Norwalk Land Trust's purchase of the 2.2 acre parcel at 34 Sammis St. (part of the Farm Creek Preserve). This is step one of a three-step process; NLT members say they are not celebrating yet, but that they are very hopeful that the City of Norwalk will put them over the top on their four- year campaign dream.

The 2010 RCA Summer Music Festival brings [STEPHEN KELLOGG AND THE SIXERS](#) (rock), Sunday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Bayley Beach. A thank you goes out to the [Rowayton Civic Association](#) for this summer's music by the water.

From the Rowayton Arts Center

Award winners have been announced for the "Alternative Visions: Abstract & Abstractions" exhibit at the [Rowayton Arts Center](#). A [mixed media](#) work by [Kendall Klingbeil](#) of Pound Ridge, NY, received Best in Show. First place award winners are [Acrylics & Oils](#) -- [Lisa Thoren](#) (Darien); Drawings, Prints & Pastels -- [Jackie Flatow](#) (Westport); Mixed Media -- Janine Brown (Fairfield); Photography -- Rick Pank (Rowayton); and Sculpture -- Pierre Lahousois (Rowayton)(also 3rd place for Mixed Media). [Jim Grabowski](#) of Marlboro was the exhibit judge and the chairperson was [Wendy Moore](#) of Pound Ridge, NY. The exhibit features 53 works by 32 artists and will be on view through Aug. 8. The RAC gallery at 145 Rowayton Ave. is open from 12 -- 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 -- 4 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free.

Other award recipients and artists are Darien -- [Carol Childers](#), [Peter Thoren](#); Fairfield -- Lisa Black; New Canaan -- Terry Spring, Antoinette Vardamis; Norwalk -- Irwin Block (3rd Photography), Kathy Draper (3rd Drawings, Prints & Pastels), [Bill Jones](#), Hu Lindsay (2nd Mixed Media), [Gillian Marshall](#), Dona Menton, [Susan O'Neill](#), [Mary Ellen Pastore](#) (2nd and 3rd Sculpture); Ridgefield -- [Ann Kromer](#) (2nd Acrylics & Oils); Rowayton -- Hanneke Goedkoop (2nd Drawings, Prints & Pastels), [Dana Laird](#), Lily Langotsky, [Barbara Murphy](#), Jeanette Young Pertz, [Robert Sachs](#); Stamford -- [Susan Acker](#) (honorable mention Mixed Media), [Susan Frey](#); Wallingford -- [Charles Ramsey](#); Westport -- [Joanne Leaman](#); Wilton -- Ruth Ipe (3rd Acrylics & Oils).

"Go Fish with Art" at the Aquarium (which has been organized by the Rowayton Arts Center in partnership with the Maritime Aquarium) has a few more spots open for children. Each workshop is limited to 25 participants per age group (entering 3rd -- 5th grades and 6th -- 8th grades). Kids will participate in a three-hour workshop that includes a guided tour of exhibits at The Maritime Aquarium and age-appropriate art activities with Rowayton Arts Center educators. The "Go Fish with Art" workshops will be held from 1 - 4 p.m. at The [Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk](#), 10 N. Water St. Advance registration is required and there is a \$5 registration fee. Parents may choose from one of these dates -- Monday July 26, Aug. 9 or 16. For questions call the Rowayton Arts Center at 203-866-2744 or email joannroy@optonline.net. This program is made possible -- in part -- through a grant from the [Fairfield County Community Foundation](#).

On Saturday, July 31 from 7-9 p.m., Brendan's 101 will be hosting the opening reception for photographer [Kate Kuhner](#)'s new exhibition. Everyone is invited. The show will run through Aug. 18. For information, go to Brendan's 101 at 101 Rowayton Avenue or visit their website at www.brendans101.com.

From the Fire Chief

UPDATE on the "manufacturing process" of Rowayton's New Pierce Impel Pumper Fire Truck: Last week the apparatus finished the assembly process, alignment and initial testing. This week, third-party pump testing and the road test should be completed. If you want to see more pictures of the

Rowayton Pumper truck being built, go to www.firematic.com.

From the Sixth Taxing District

UPDATE: Six not too healthy Dogwood trees (newly planted) have been removed from Highland Avenue and will be replaced in the fall (again with a 1-year guarantee).

From the Rowayton Gardeners

Tips for Summer Gardening from Sally Tepas (Horticulture Chair): Stop pinching Chrysanthemums by mid July. Do not prune Azaleas and Rhododendrons after the second week of July for they will soon begin setting their buds for next year's blooms. Daffodils and tulips should be fertilized in early to mid-August. Also, various pest problems can occur now. P.S. The Master Gardeners at the Bartlett Arboretum offer a free plant clinic all summer. They will answer all plant questions. This is a great resource; the phone number is 203-322-6971 ext. 24.

High Tide @ Bayley Beach

For the week July 23-29 at Bayley Beach in the afternoons, high tide will be at 10:23p on July 23, 11:09p on July 24, 11:51p on July 25, 12:18p on July 26, 12:57p on July 27, 1:34p on July 28, and 2:11p on July 29.

The average tidal rise and fall on Long Island Sound at Rowayton is 7.2 feet. The height of the tides can range from 6.5 feet to more than 9.0 feet. A different tide occurs about every six hours. The height of the tide is affected by the phases of the moon and how close the moon is to the earth. A full moon and new moon (we are having a new moon Sunday, July 25) have the greatest gravitational pull on the earth. The moon orbits the earth in an oval, or elliptical, path. Perigee is when the moon is closest to the earth, making high tides higher and low tides lower. Apogee is when the moon is farthest from the earth, which makes the tides more normal in height. This month, apogee will occur on Thursday, July 28. When perigee and a new or full moon occur at the same time, high tides are higher and low tides are lower than normal. Wind direction and speed also affect the height of the tide. A strong east wind blowing for more than 24 hours will drive water into Long Island Sound. A strong west wind blows water out of the Sound. Source: Nobeltec® [Tides & Currents](#) © courtesy of [Joyce Meurer](#), Bell Island Enterprises. For a complementary summer tide calendar, come pick one up at the [Rowayton Library](#).

Winning adult and child artists for the second annual Paint Rowayton Art Walk & Show have been announced. Between 5 and 7:30 p.m. on June 19, several hundred people of all ages strolled along Rowayton Avenue to enjoy refreshments, live music and art at Brendan's 101, Green Moon, The Harbor Gallery, Rowayton Arts Center and Quester Gallery. Artist [Marjoire Tomchuk](#), whose works can be found in more than 30 museum and educational institutions and who was the subject of an award-winning video for Connecticut Public Television, selected the adult and child winners. Prizes donated by Brendan's 101, Jerry's Artorama, the Rowayton Arts Center, Quester Gallery, totaled \$725. The winners by category were: Adults: Acrylic/Oil -- [Stuart Pertz](#) (1st), [Betty Ball](#) (2nd), [Joan Manning](#) (3rd); Watercolor/Pastel/Drawing -- [Stan Pastore](#) (1st and honorable mention), [Mell Boesch](#) (2nd), [Marianne Rothbaler](#) (3rd); Children: ages 4-7 -- [Grete Hoffmeister](#) (1st), [Angelica Clifford](#) and [Cassidy Nash](#) (tie 2nd), [Corin Riahi](#) and [Liam McBride](#) (tie 3rd); ages 8-12 -- [Sam Czaja](#) (1st), [Eloise Pieper](#) (2nd), [Cate Herbert](#) (3rd). In the new sidewalk art category for all ages the winners were [Laura Bickmeyer](#) (1st), [Greta Hoffmeister](#) (2nd), [Max Hoffmeister](#) (3rd) and [Liam McBride](#) (4th).

At the Rowayton Library

There are seven interns (five are returning Summer Youth Employment Program "SYEP" participants) at the Rowayton Library and they are working hard to bring to the community the library's summer programs. Did you see them last week serving up hot dogs for Hot Dog Day? Well, if you missed them, when you visit the library during the next few weeks, you can catch them shelving, assisting patrons in locating their favorite book or DVD, teaching origami on Mondays, reading stories to children almost every weekday morning, helping everyone with the latest in beading techniques on Wednesdays, serving iced tea on Tuesdays, and even developing a "virtual book sale" to benefit the library. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP aka the Weed & Seed program), administered by the

Mayor's Office is a five-week employment program that provides jobs for the young people, ages 14-18, so they can learn to navigate in a business environment, contribute to the community, gain life skills, explore a specific profession and earn money. Participants work 25 hours a week and earn minimum wage. This year, more than 175 young people are participating in this program. The Rowayton Library has participated in SYEP for the last five years... and it is very excited with this year's "crop" of "Weed & Seed" kids. The Rowayton Library is grateful for this grant as are the "Weed & Seed" kids, who not only earn a wage and gain valuable work experience, but most importantly, work within the community ---- venturing out (for the first time) into the real world.

Summer Workshops at the Rowayton Library: Mondays @ 2 p.m. Origami; Wednesdays @ 2 p.m. Beading; Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m. Knitting. StoryTime is every weekday @ 10:30 a.m. during the summer. Join us!

For children ages 6-9, sign up to be an Eco-Detective. This BookTalk for Kids is on Tuesday Evenings at 5 p.m. These programs are made possible - in part - through a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council. And with them, comes Pizza - Pizza -- Pizza!

Join your neighbors for a good game of Scrabble (the original Connecticut board game) on Monday, July 26t from 3:30 -- 5 p.m. at the Rowayton Library. All materials will be provided. There will be six tables set up for Scrabble plus two set up for Scrabble Junior for younger players. Players will be seated on a first-come/first-serve basis. Players of all ages are welcome. For information and a courtesy reservation, please call (203) 838-5038, email us at RSVP@Rowayton.org, or visit us on the web at www.Rowayton.org.

For more information on Rowayton Library programs, please call (2030) 838-5038. All programs are free and open to the public. Some may require a courtesy reservation. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

If you wish to let us know about things going on in Rowayton, please email Clamdigging@Rowayton.org