

The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents



Lisbon's Housing Rehabilitation Program Expires September 2017

Lisbon's Housing Rehabilitation Program will expire September 2017. This program, sponsored by HUD (Housing and Urban Development), provides interest free deferred payment Home improvement loans. Residents who may be interested are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. See the flyer on page 2 for details.

FY 2017-18 Budget

By Michael Zelasky, BoF Chair.

Last year, the State of Connecticut cut the grants that they give Lisbon each year.

In anticipation of further cuts from the State for next year's budget, FY2017-18, the Board of Finance asked that both the General Government Budget and the Board of Education Budget be kept at a zero percent increase.

The proposed State Budget by the Governor, released in February, cuts grants to Lisbon by \$1.8 million, which is an astronomical figure. Last year the Governor proposed \$1.3 million in cuts but the legislature restored all but \$370,000. So, the hope is the \$2 million figure will not hold. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that a significant cut will remain.

Therefore, it is extra important to follow the budget process this year and to make your opinions known at the March 15 meeting and the public

hearing on March 29.

The schedule of the budget meetings is below and you are invited to all meetings, which start at 7:00 PM

03/13/17 (Town Hall) - General Government and Board of Education Budget Discussion

03/15/17 (Town Hall) - Regular Meeting, Budget Discussion and Possible Vote on Budgets

3/29/17 (LCS Cafeteria) - Public Hearing on both budgets

04/05/17 (Town Hall) - Possible Vote on Budgets

04/19/17 (Town Hall) - Regular Meeting

05/01/17 (LCS Cafeteria) - Annual Town Meeting:

- * Per ordinance, it is the first Monday of May
- * The Capital & Non-recurring account will be voted at the meeting.
- * The Board of Education and General Government budgets will not be voted on at the meeting except to send the budgets to referendum

Approximately 2 weeks later - Referendum on General Government and Board of Education Budgets

Approximately 1 - 2 weeks after Referendum - Mill Rate Set

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Boston Red Sox vs Chicago White Sox Bus Trip - 8/6/17 see flyer on page 4

5th Annual Joe Kelly Memorial Road Race - 4/29/17 - See page 5 for details and Registration form.

Senior Center Activities:

March 10th - Foxwoods Bingo Trip

March 14th - Enhanced Benefits

March 15th - Corned Beef Luncheon & Magic Show

March 22nd - Texas Roadhouse Trip

March 28th - Spring Breakfast

April 7th - AARP Driving Class

April 22nd - Yard Sale

April 27th - Blowout Bingo

For more information contact Karen Washington, Senior Coordinator, at 860-376-2329 or kwashington@lisbonct.com

Historical Society Notes

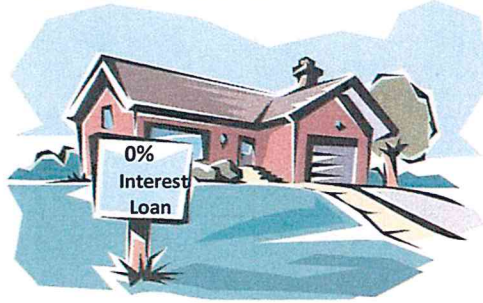
By Kim Sperry

Save the Date: Anshei Israel Synagogue Open House and Presentation by Kenneth Mahler April 30, 2017. The Anshei Israel Synagogue is a typical country New England house of worship listed on the National Register of contd. pg. 6

Housing Rehabilitation Program

0% Interest Loans

A Small Cities Grant-Town of Lisbon



Does your roof or plumbing leak? Does your heating system leave you cold? **The Town of Lisbon's** Housing Rehabilitation Loan program can help you make these repairs with no out of pocket expenses.

The **Town of Lisbon** has been awarded a Housing Rehabilitation Grant with the State of Connecticut's Department of Housing and applications are now being accepted for the program.

Time is of the essence as the grant expires September, 2017. Approximately 7 more families can be served and applicants are served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The program, sponsored by HUD (Housing and Urban Development), provides INTEREST FREE - DEFERRED PAYMENT HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS to qualified low and moderate income residents. The loans are not due and payable until the home is sold.

Examples of eligible repairs are: roof and window replacement, lead paint removal, electrical & heating system upgrades, code corrections, failed septic systems and handicap accessibility.

Eligible applicants must 1) be up to date on property taxes; 2) have 10% equity in the home; and 3) be low or moderate income by HUD standards.

THE PROGRAM REQUIRES NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES.

To request an application or to make inquiries please contact Lisa Low & Associates, Small Cities Consultants for the Town of Lisbon, 203-888-5624 or info@lisalowassociates.

Lisbon Recreation Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00AM

Lisbon Meadows Park (near the pavilion)

Age groups:

Under 4 ~ 4 to 6 year olds ~ 7 to 10 year olds

****Please bring your own basket****

Rain date: April 15th at 10:00



THE BOYS OF SUMMER ARE BACK!!!



**BOSTON RED SOX VS CHICAGO WHITE SOX
BUS TRIP**

(Sponsored by the Lisbon Recreation Committee)

SUNDAY, August 6, 2017, Time 1:35pm

Seats are in the Right Field Grandstand, Section 2, rows 1-5

Get your Tickets Early, First Come, First Served!!!

All tickets must be paid in full at time of reservation. Limited Tickets available!

Be aware this trip sells out FAST!!!!!!

Tickets are \$ 65.00/per person

(Tickets available to Lisbon Residents only through 7/15/17)

Motor Coach will leave Lisbon Meadows Park at 9:30am

and will arrive at Fenway Park at around 11:15 am.

The motor coach will leave 30 minutes after the final out.

Make Checks Payable to LISBON RECREATION

**Please enclose the names and addresses of persons attending (required) along with your
Contact number, and a check made out to Lisbon Rec. and mail to:**

LISBON RECREATION COMMITTEE c/o LISBON TOWN HALL

RE: Red Sox Bus Trip

1 NEWENT ROAD – LISBON, CT 06351

ATTN: JAMES SYNOTT

Call: 860-822-1676 or Email JimSynott@comcast.net with questions



5th Annual JOE KELLY MEMORIAL ROAD RACE SATURDAY – APRIL 29, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Run / Walk / Crawl

Joe Kelly Memorial Road Race is in memory of Joseph Kelly who courageously battled brain cancer for two years. While Joe was only 14 when he passed away, his goodness and positive attitude for life impacted all of those who knew him. He was thoughtful, kind, generous and truly cared for others. Joe was also passionate about sports. Whether he was playing football, baseball or basketball, he was competitive, but mainly loved being part of a team. Please visit www.joe-kelly.org for more information.

Proceeds will be directed to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center for the purpose of providing assistance and services for families with children undergoing treatment in the Oncology Department.

RACE STARTS AT THE LISBON TOWN HALL, EXIT 83A OFF OF 395 NORTH, PARKING AT LISBON MEADOWS

Course: 3.1 miles (Route 169 – Ames Road – Mell Road – Route 169 to Community Center)
- Chip timing by Timing Plus New England

Entries: \$25.00 Registration Fee

T-shirts: For pre-registered

To Enter: Register ONLINE at: <http://JoeKellyMemorial5K.itsyourrace.com>

OR- Complete the registration form and make checks payable to: Team Joe Kelly
Please mail to:

Andrea Kelly
12 Blueberry Lane
Lisbon, CT 06351

Contact Information: Andrea Kelly – Tel. # (860) 465-6151 or E-mail: teamjkelly@gmail.com

The forms may also be dropped at Lisbon Central School or Voluntown Elementary School

OFFICIAL APPLICATION – ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETE

PLEASE PRINT

(check one): **SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL XXL**

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

MALE/FEMALE _____ AGE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I hereby release the Kelly Family and any other person(s) or organization(s) connected with this race from any claim of damage or injury from my participation in or traveling to and from the Joe Kelly Memorial Road Race on Saturday, April 29, 2017. I also give my permission to use my likeness and publish my name in the news media. Race numbers are non-transferable and the Race Committee reserves the right to offer or reject entries. I have read and understand the above.

SIGNATURE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18) _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

ENTRY NO _____

RACE NO _____

Historic Places and the only one of its kind left in Connecticut. Built in 1936, the fifteen original founding families were Russian and Polish immigrants. Join us to learn their story and the history of the Anshei Israel Synagogue, a refuge in the country.

Lisbon's earliest immigrants came from Newent, England, by way of Ipswich, Massachusetts, in the late 1600s. Farmers and tradesmen, gradually displaced the native peoples occupying the land between the rivers. German families recruited in the 1880s by a representative of the cotton mill in Baltic to work in the mill established the German Shooting Club in 1893 to promote social life, welfare, and rifle shooting. Jews fleeing growing anti-Jewish sentiments and persecution in Eastern Europe and Russia during a period from the late 1800s through the early 1900s migrated to eastern Connecticut and Lisbon. Here they had the ability to own land and to farm, a right denied in their home countries. During the turn of the century Polish immigrants escaping revolution in Eastern Europe worked in the mills, many became farmers. In 1930, the Polish Citizens Club and others developed the first recreation park in Lisbon on the east side of Blissville Pond. Polonia Park held dances, fairs, and events until 1955.¹

The Burnham Tavern does not have any scheduled preservation projects during the winter months, however, grant applications are in the works. Several society members are collaborating on a State Historic Preservation grant to fund items identified in the Conditions and Assessment Report and we made it through the first round of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation step-based application process for the 1772 Foundation grant.

International corporations continue to add smaller craft breweries to their inventory, which adds new labels to CT redemptions. As long as CT is somewhere on the label or top the bottle or can is good. Gatorade, Snapple, tea beverages, wine bottles, plastic milk jugs, and all others that do not have "CT" in the list of states on the container are not redeemable, those items should be disposed of via our town-wide blue bin recycling program. Many thanks go out to our contributors, sorters, and especially Ken Mahler who administers and organizes the program.

A new web page is under construction, please visit, and like us on *Facebook* by typing Lisbon Historical Society in the "find friends" bar while we rebuild. Look for postings on the annual Holiday Open House, cooking classes, special events, and Burnham Tavern updates.

Visit The Last Green Valley webpage, www.tlgv.org for the *2017 Spring Outdoors!*

Membership in the Historical Society is a rewarding opportunity for only \$5.00 per year or \$100.00 for a lifetime membership to not only research, educate, mentor and preserve but to build long and strong community relationships. The Society holds business meetings on the second Friday of the month in the Lisbon Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Lisbon Fall Festival Activities

By Denise Howard, Secretary

The Lisbon Fall Festival Committee has added one additional Bingo Night to our schedule for the year! Save the date! The Bingo Night dates for this year are April 21, May 19, and September 29.

The Lisbon Fall Festival was a great success last year with several new events and live music. We will once again return to the Friday night and Saturday schedule on September 15-16, offering our famous clam fritters and chowder on

Friday night. Each year, we aim to make it a bigger and better event, so mark your calendars and join us!

Calling all Lisbon residents! We need your help! Do you have some great fundraising ideas and want to help? Are you a grant writer with some great ideas for a grant? Join our committee!

The Lisbon Fall Festival is a great local event for our community, and it is also one of our few methods of raising the funds required to install a heating system and insulation inside the Lisbon Community Center. The heating system will open the Community Center for year-round use, rather than closing during the winter months. **The funds that we raise yearly from our combined Bingo events and the Lisbon Fall Festival are small in comparison to what we need to accomplish this huge task.** The cost to properly install a heating system in the building continues to rise each year. We are reaching out to you, our community, for volunteers or contractors who may want to donate their services to help us complete this task. Let's get this Community Center heated so that we can continue to use it all year long!

Contact Cyndy Goodwin Cockett at 860-710-1640 or email her at lastcarnival@comcast.net if you can assist with the Lisbon Fall Festival Committee in any way.

Stay in touch with the Lisbon Fall Festival and all our future events by following us on Facebook! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/libsoncommunitycenter/> and click on the Events tab!

Check out the new unofficial Facebook page for Lisbon residents called "Lisbon Now", following the popular and successful page "Griswold Now!".

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¹ *History of Lisbon*, Compiled by the Bicentennial Commission of Lisbon CT 1976

You can find the latest updates from the Fall Festival Committee on this page, also!

<https://www.facebook.com/LisbonCTNow/>

To learn more about using the Lisbon Community Center, visit www.lisbonfallfestival.org and click on "Community Center". You may also make reservations by contacting Lorraine Dawley at 860-866-7595.

Living Museums

By Marcia Shafer, Town Historian

The Colonial and Federal Periods of American History can be seen in numerous historic homes and living history museums, colonies, and plantations in New England. You can learn how people lived, where their food came from, their modes of transportation and how difficult it was to live in those respective years.

There was no technology, no rapid modes of transportation, and no quick means of contacting family even if you sent a letter by the U.S. Post Office. Most families made their own clothing by hand stitching them and they usually only had one or two sets of clothes-work and church clothes. Furniture was made by hand tools as factories hadn't emerged yet. Food was preserved when harvested from the gardens, orchards, and woods. They preserved as much as they could by drying, smoking, and keeping food in dirt or root cellars. They raised animals for food such as cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, or hunted the woods for squirrel, pheasant, rabbit, deer, and such.

They were adept at killing and cleaning the food and using as much of the carcass as possible for clothing, rendering lard, casing for foods, and using the sweet meats. Bones may have been used for eating utensils and

other items requiring a handle once they were dried and hardened. Furniture would have been made by hand out of tree boards and may have been very simple in design and we all know some of the handmade furniture is very elaborate and precisely made. Many people made due with what they had, borrowed, or made for their families.

The majority of homes were very simple if there was little money to live on and was needed more for church tithing than furniture. Homes were usually one or possibly two rooms and all of the family needs were met in this living area, for cooking, eating, reading, sewing, and visiting.

PLYMOUTH PLANTATION in Plymouth, Massachusetts, is a great place to see and learn about early living with various homes depicting the way of life for various incomes and abilities. They have small one and two room houses where they worked and slept. The first Englishmen who came to live here did not have places to purchase their necessities as there were no established businesses.

The costumed players speak as the Pilgrims did and speak of their difficulty living in the new land after they came to "New" England. You can also visit the outdoor living museum exhibit of the Wampanoag Indians home site to see how the Indians lived and taught the Pilgrims how to plant their crops, fish, hunt, gather the herbs and berries, and how to make matts and baskets.

The Indian descendants who currently live there dress in accurate clothing made of deer skin. They will teach you their traditions, stories, music and dance of the tribes. They will allow you to go through their various "homes" and show you how they lived then and now.

There are many homes in Plymouth that give you an idea of various styles of

homes such as the Mayflower Society House, the Daniel Webster home, a sea captain's home, a grist mill, and other homes from the mid to late 1700's to the mid 1800's pre Civil War.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE is a living museum located in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. This museum on over 200 acres will show you how they lived from the 1790's to 1830's. You will learn of the many trades and skills of the time and the tools that were used to create products for home use and in the fields and businesses. There is a carding mill to prepare wool for spinning, a grist mill for grinding grains for cooking and feeding animals, and a saw mill for cutting wood to build homes and furniture. The mills were all run on water power.

They have various levels of homes to show how homes were built. There are one story and two story homes from very simple to very expensive. There is a Parsonage, a prosperous farmer's home, a home that features textile production, one for family and children highlights, and a farm with house, barn, outbuildings and fields.

Trades people who are featured are the blacksmith shop, the cooper shop, the tin shop, printing office, shoe shop, and the pottery shop. The cider mill, sawmill, and carding mill all run using water power as the source of power to run their machines.

There are churches for the Quakers, and a meetinghouse for the town meetings, elections, lectures, and political events. There is also a lawyer's office, a country store, a bank, a school, and many homes of citizens that would have lived in this era. There is a tavern for refreshments, the town pound to confine animals found roaming, a stage coach that will take you around the village, contd pg. 8

and over a covered bridge.

They also have products for sale that are made in the village, a gift shop to purchase items related to the village, and a book sales area to get ideas on how to build, cook, learn, make, grow, preserve, and books on periods of history.

They have museums of firearms, glass types of blown, molded and pressed glass objects. There is a lighting museum of oil lamps, candles, and lighting lamps used at different times in the village. There are herb, flower, and vegetable gardens for cooking, medicine, crafts, and items used for dying cloths.

They also advertise various topics and interesting subjects with regard to living in the early 19th century that are interesting to the young and old or to those who just have a curiosity to see what they might have missed if they were living in that era.

Next time I will write about Historic Deerfield in Deerfield Massachusetts and Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth New Hampshire, and Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. All of these places are locations where you can go back in time and see what you might have missed or would like to recreate for a simpler life today. They make good destinations for vacation for one and all.

SAVE THESE BOX TOPS
to donate to Lisbon Central School.



LCS participates in the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM started by General Mills in 1996 to support education and benefit American schools. The box tops can be found on hundreds of different products throughout the store from cereal to paper goods. Box tops can be sent to school with a student or dropped in an envelope on the town hall bulletin board. For more information or a list of products with the box tops go to www.boxtops4education.com

SLATER LIBRARY

MARCH 4th - Pasta and Meatball Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Raffles and performance by the GHS Chamber Choir at 7:00 p.m. Donation \$9. Advanced ticket sales only at Slater Library, VFW and Jewett City Greenhouse.

MARCH 4th - Dr. Seuss Story Hour to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with stories, refreshments and crafts. Sign-ups appreciated but not required.

MARCH 25th - Boston Flower and Garden Show. Tickets \$65 for bus and admission or \$55 for bus only.

WEDNESDAY'S - Board Games 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs "Community Room"

Tuesday Topics

MARCH 7th - Aromatherapy: Essential Oils and their Therapeutic Uses

APRIL 4th - Clutter Control: a process not an event!

MAY 2nd - Sustainable Backyard Gardens

JUNE 6th - To Be Announced

Slater Library-26 Main Street
Jewett City, Connecticut 06351
860-376-0024

Rebecca Jusseaume, Director
Kathleen Brown, Children's Librarian

Lisbon Recreation Tennis Court
est. 2011

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Use tennis court at own risk.
- No food, glass or alcoholic beverages.
- No pets.
- No bicycles, roller blades or skate boards.
- Proper footwear required.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Court for Lisbon residents & their guests only.
- Do not abuse net or other equipment.
- Court hours from sunrise to sunset.

Contact Lisbon Rec. Committee
with comments or concerns
860-376-9791.

TRACK RULES

THE TRACK IS FOR RUNNING
& WALKING ONLY

NO

GUM OR TOBACCO
PRODUCTS
PETS
WHEELED VEHICLES
ROLLER BLADES
ROLLER SKATES
SKATEBOARDS
SCOOTERS
BICYCLES
FOOD/GLASS BOTTLES