



LYME ELECTION NEWS

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LET'S ELECT CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT OUR VALUES

"Voting in the upcoming election is the most effective way to ensure our values and concerns are represented in our federal, state and local governments. We are fielding a slate of highly qualified candidates this year – at all levels – who are willing to represent and fight for our values. Let's put these people into office. Be a voter in the midterm elections!"

– John Kiker, Chairman, Lyme DTC



Elect Colin Heffernan as Our State Representative

We need to elect **Colin Heffernan** as our state representative so we have finally someone in Hartford who represents our district and fights hard for our values, which include reproductive rights, environmental protection and common-sense gun control.

Our current state representative, Devin Carney, falls noticeably short in these areas:

- Devin voted against the Reproductive Freedom Defense Act in 2022, which protects the right to abortion in our state, expands access to the procedure, and protects our health care providers and patients from anti-abortion lawsuits and court actions originating in other states.
- Devin voted against an addition to the Connecticut Clean Air Act this year, which reduces carbon emissions by expanding the public and private use of electric vehicles to protect human health and the environment. (The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters gave him a failing 56% score on its 2022 Environmental Scorecard.)
- Devin voted against our state's latest Red Flag Law in 2021, which strengthened the legal procedures for the temporary removal of firearms from people who may pose a danger to others or themselves.

Colin supports all of these bills as his priorities are fully aligned with our values and include the following:

- **Defending reproductive rights.** Colin is committed to enshrining protections for abortion at the state level so abortion continues to be legal, accessible and safe.
- **Addressing the climate crisis.** Colin is committed to fighting for an environmentally sustainable future in

Connecticut so we can leave our future generations with a hospitable planet.

- **Keeping combat weapons out of the wrong hands.** Colin believes the only solution to our gun violence epidemic is to keep assault weapons off the street and to close every loophole that allows guns to fall into the wrong hands. He'll vote to preserve common-sense gun control and ensure we do everything we can to save lives.

Colin has been extremely active in the Old Saybrook community for the past 14 years, serving on the town's Zoning Commission and as chair of the Aquifer Protection Agency and Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

He has maintained a law practice in Old Saybrook since 2010, representing individuals, families, small businesses and nonprofits across the state, often as a trial lawyer before the Connecticut Supreme and Appellate courts. Equal rights have been a recurring focus of his legal practice and, in Law School, he served as the editor in chief of the "Tulane Journal of Law and Sexuality," the nation's first law journal dedicated to the advancement of legal protections for the LGBTQ community.

Let's put Colin into office this year so we have someone in Hartford who is working hard on our behalf to enact laws that support the values we share.



Colin Heffernan for State Representative



Re-Elect Joe Courtney as Our Congressman

by Phyllis Ross

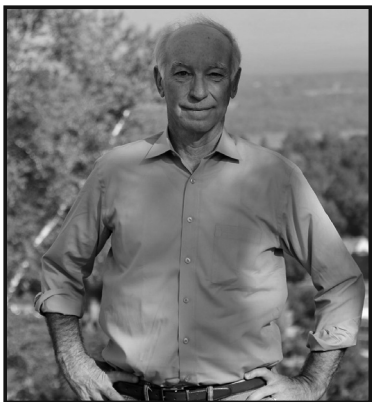
How does he do everything, **Joe Courtney**, our congressman?

Through tenacious efforts, he has helped generate a \$22.2 billion contract between the Navy and Electric Boat to build the initial stages of Virginia Class submarines, which will significantly benefit Eastern Connecticut's economy. Construction of nine submarines will continue until 2023, and a 10th will probably follow. (The final work is done by Newport News Shipping.)

Joe, a tenacious congressman, is the chairman of the formidable Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee that oversees all submarine and ship construction programs. That's probably why a *Connecticut Magazine* poll declared him the "Most Conscientious" legislator and "Democrat Most Admired by Republicans." He works cooperatively with the Republicans for our benefit.

He has labored tirelessly to reduce the cost of education, expand vocational education programs and support our veterans. Joe has also been a determined advocate for affordable health care and better access to mental health and opioid treatment. And one of his highest priorities is improved infrastructure.

My vote and yours in November are the best ways we can show our appreciation for Congressman Joe Courtney's impressive service.



Joe Courtney for
U.S. House of Representatives

Re-Elect Norm Needleman as Our State Senator

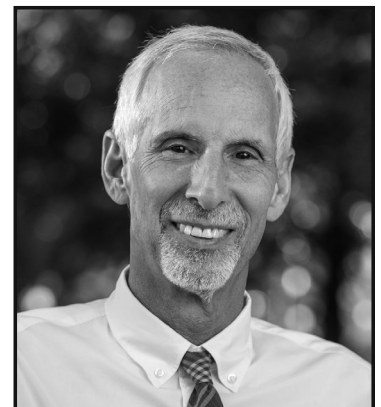
by Carol House

I am voting for Norm Needleman to represent me in the Connecticut State Senate. Why? He shares my values. He understands the small towns of the Lower Connecticut Valley and the issues their residents and leadership face. And, importantly, Norm has the skills, political contacts and common sense to help actualize solutions to those issues in our state senate.

Norm is an active, integral participant in his community. As a homeowner, family man, businessman and town executive, Norm understands the multidimensional aspects of life in the Lower Connecticut Valley. He raised children in a local school system. He founded and located a business here that employs more than 150 people. Norm is providing local leadership and helping to maintain financial stability in his small-town government through a fifth term as selectman.

Norm has taken his background and skills to our state government. He was first elected to the state senate in 2018, and quickly acquired significant positions from which to forge innovations that work for us. He serves as the chair of the important Energy and Technology Committee and has been instrumental in moving the state toward increased wind and solar energy production for our homes and businesses. Norm is Vice Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, and a voting member of several other important senate committees. From these platforms, Norm has helped to provide funding for diverse issues such as treatment for post-traumatic stress for our first responders, and increased protection for our ponds and rivers from invasive species.

Norm looks for consensus that finds solutions. His motto is "put people and their needs ahead of party politics." I like that! I plan to vote for Norm in November. I encourage you to do the same.



Norm Needleman for
State Senator



Re-Elect Jeannine Lewis as Our Probate Judge

by Kristina White

Jeannine Lewis deserves our vote for probate judge for the Saybrook District Probate Court. Since 2018, Judge Lewis has worked tirelessly serving our community, advocating for the area's most vulnerable residents in nursing homes, keeping estates moving forward and real estate transactions on track for local residents and attorneys.

Throughout the height of the pandemic, Lewis' ability to meet the community needs by continuously providing essential court services shows how vested and dedicated she is to her community. In the past four years, Judge Lewis completed 107 hours of continuing education to hone her skills for her role as probate judge, while also donating her time and energy to help her fellow colleagues in the legal profession as a member of the Continuing Education Committee of the Probate Assembly.

Judge Lewis has lived in our district for 22 years and actively contributes to her community as a board member and meal server for Shoreline Soup and Kitchen Pantries. She also donates her time as a guest lecturer at senior centers and rotary meetings on end-of-life, elder abuse and probate issues.

Her dedication, experience and compassion make Jeannine Lewis the clear choice for probate judge of District 33.



*Jeannine Lewis for
Probate Judge*

Also Running This Year

These are the other highly qualified candidates who represent our values running in November. Let's put these people in office!

- **Richard Blumenthal** for U.S. Senator
- **Ned Lamont** for Governor
- **Susan Bysiewicz** for Lt. Governor
- **William Tong** for Attorney General
- **Stephanie Thomas** for Secretary of the State
- **Sean Scanlon** for State Comptroller
- **Erick Russell** for State Treasurer

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Vote Yes for Early Voting

Voters in 44 states across the country enjoy the freedom to vote in-person a few days early. It's long overdue to happen in Connecticut. Vote "Yes" on early voting for Connecticut.





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Important Voting Information & Reminders

- **Poll Hours & Location.** Lyme residents can vote in person on Nov. 8 at Lyme Town Hall at 480 Hamburg Road. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Same-Day Voter Registration on Nov. 8.** If you haven't registered to vote yet, you can do so on Election Day at Lyme Town Hall from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- **Absentee Ballot Return Reminder.** If you requested and received an absentee ballot to vote in this election, you must deposit your filled-out ballot in the Official Ballot Drop Box on the sidewalk outside of Town Hall no later than 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 8.