

# The Essex Foundation



**Annual Meeting:** Foundation board members attended the organization's annual meeting in October. Pictured (from left to right): Strick Hyde, Judy Bombaci, Bruce Glowac, Cheryl Harger, and Herb Clark. Not pictured: Jay Tonks and Jim Clark.

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## Other Notes of Support

Funding was granted for five scholarships for the Essex Park & Recreation summer camp at Essex Elementary School.

The second phase of the overhaul work on the Town Clock housed in the tower of the First Baptist Church was completed and co-funded with the Town of Essex.

Support was also provided for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Bumpy Warner Youth House on Bushnell Street used by the Boy Scouts, and for other scout-related projects.

As trustee for the Bumpy Warner Youth House on Bushnell Street for over 30 years, the Foundation continues to manage and provide support for its maintenance and repair. The building serves as headquarters for the Essex Boy Scout program.



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## Consider A Legacy Donation

If you like what The Essex Foundation does, please consider the possibility of a legacy donation. A gift through your will or living trust will continue your support of The Essex Foundation as an important legacy in our community. Many of our donors use their wills or living trusts to make their most generous gifts. A charitable bequest is also an excellent way to create a living memorial. For more information, please contact Essex Foundation Treasurer Cheryl Harger at (860)767-0000.

The Essex Foundation also relies on the many gifts sent by individual donors in dollar amounts of their choosing. Use the enclosed envelope or mail a check to: The Essex Foundation, PO Box 64, Essex, CT 06426. Donations can also be made online at: [www.theessexfoundation.org](http://www.theessexfoundation.org).

All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent provided by the law.

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## 2019 Community News

The Essex Foundation is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex citizens by providing support for medical, educational, social welfare, cultural, recreational and civic needs. The Foundation's role is to provide "seed money" for new services and to allocate funds to fill needs not met by other organizations or sources. In general, funds are granted for special purposes, including land, buildings, equipment and programs, but not to recurring expenses. With a 46-year history of service to Centerbrook, Essex and Ivoryton, The Essex Foundation continues to expand its support for community projects that require fast, local action. This past year saw the completion of many initiatives, and the beginning of others, all tackled in partnership with town officials, residents and like-minded organizations.

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*Sullivan Landscaping delivered and installed 15,000 daffodil bulbs at Sunset Pond a year ago in October.*

## Sisters' Legacy Blooms in Essex

Since the passing of Elizabeth "Diz" Callender five years ago, a lot has happened to change the landscape of the town she called home. This year, in addition to the spectacular display of daffodils and evergreen tree plantings, a \$3000 scholarship for those pursuing studies related to land conservation and preservation was awarded.

Diz was passionate about a clean and beautiful Essex, organizing town Clean-Up Days, helping with the weeding of the traffic island at the intersection of Routes 154 and 153, and restoring the wilderness along the Falls River, known today as Osage Trail. The idea for the daffodil project came from the fact that Diz enjoyed

planting daffodils. The plan was put into action with additional funding coming from The Paul Foundation (owners of the Sunset Pond property), Centerbrook Properties, and individual donors. The first phase kicked off October 2018 with the planting of 15,000 bulbs in a 3,000 square foot section of turf between Sunset Pond and West Avenue. The second phase of the daffodil project will be completed this fall with 20,000 bulbs planted in the gateway area, at the intersection of Route 154 and Route 153 across from the Essex fire station, where 12 Chanticleer pear trees have already been installed. Stay tuned for the spring bloom!



*A ribbon of yellow daffodils first bloomed last April, adding a bright spot to the West Avenue corridor into Essex Village.*

## Scholarship Awarded

Diz was predeceased by her sister Mary who shared the same passion for Essex and its natural beauty. The Elizabeth Barnes Callender and Mary Francis Barnes Annual Scholarship was established by The Essex Foundation in memory of the two sisters, and in honor of their commitment to land conservation and preservation. A \$3000 scholarship is available each year to one Valley Regional High School graduating senior or graduate, or an Essex resident who is pursuing studies related to land conservation and preservation at a two or four-year college, a technical school, or graduate school, or taking accredited courses. This year's recipient was Silvia Gopalakrishnan, a 2019 Valley graduate. More information can be found on the Foundation's website or the school's guidance office.



*The crew marks off the 3,000 square-foot bulb planting area.*



*The northwestern slope of the Exit 3 overpass area.*

## Essex Gateway Now Evergreener

Now in its third year and third phase, The Essex Foundation's gateway beautification project is 36 trees greener with a summer installation along the western slope of the Route 9 overpass between Route 154 and Route 153. Matthew Verry Landscape Design provided the design and the project supervision, while Sullivan Landscaping was hired to install the evergreens, including 10 juniper, 10 Canadian hemlock, 6 Norway spruce, and 10 Chanticleer pear trees. This tree planting adds to the beautification work that kicked off in 2016 and already boasts 12 Chanticleer pear trees and over 300 evergreen and perennial ornamentals on the eastern side of the highway bridge.



*The southwestern slope of the Exit 3 overpass area.*

## President's Letter

Dear Friends

The Essex Foundation has had another very active and successful year, continuing with its mission to "do good things" for the citizens of our community. We strive to be the catalyst that brings groups and individuals together to support worthwhile projects and causes that are not typically funded by other charitable organizations. We are excited to share highlights of the Foundation's many accomplishments over the past year here in this issue of "Community News," and hope you agree that a lot of good work is getting done.

Things don't "just happen" - as we all know every project, whether small or large, requires efforts in organizing, planning, executing and overcoming the hurdles and complications that inevitably pop up. I would like to give special thanks to the members of The Essex Foundation Board of Directors. They give freely of their time, working together towards meeting our goals.

Of course these projects would not be possible without the generous support we have received from individuals like you. Please give The Essex Foundation consideration in your gifting this year, and be assured that no matter the size, your tax-deductible contribution will be greatly appreciated and maximized for the betterment of our community.

The generosity of our citizens has been nothing less than amazing. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,  
Bruce M Glowac  
President  
The Essex Foundation, Inc.

