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LOOKING BACK, LEAPING FORWARD



Early autumn colors at Balsam's firepit. Photo by Dwelling Photography

Happy New Year! Time is flying past - it's hard to believe but the holidays have come and gone and we're already getting closer to the sun. We're hoping for a snowy ski season, but summer will be here before we know it. Our 102nd season was truly memorable, and we're making great progress towards our plans of moving and renovating the barn.

We've also been working on upgrading the cabins and we're excited to share some of those changes. Edgewood now features a gas heater, a new kitchenette, and a screened porch; Balsam has been outfitted with a completely renovated kitchen and bathroom, along with a heat pump, introducing air conditioning to the cabins for the first time; Fernwood now includes a gas heater, an upgraded kitchen, all-new windows and insulation, and vaulted ceilings in the living room. Here are some pics of the work completed so far (photos by Dwelling Photography):



Edgewood's new kitchenette



Fernwood's living room with vaulted ceiling and fan



Balsam's newly upgraded living room

Dear Loch Lyme Lodgers,

As winter settles over the Lodge, the quiet season gives us a chance to reflect on the past year and look ahead to what's next. The cabins may be closed, but the memories of shared laughter, crackling campfires, and lively gatherings stay with us throughout the year.

This time of year, we focus on improvements to the property, preparing for the season ahead. From small repairs to larger upgrades, we're working to make sure your next visit is as special as the last. We look forward to welcoming you back when the days grow longer and the world begins to thaw. Until then, we send our warmest wishes for a cozy and joyful winter season

Let peace and kindness rule!
Jay, Amy, and Juliet



Fernwood's new kitchen

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TREE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES A DECADE

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Lyme Utility Club's beloved Tree Festival – a tradition that brings warmth and cheer to the community each winter. Imagined and executed by Pat Pippin, owner of the Lyme Country Store, the festival has grown to be a hallmark of the season. 75 beautifully decorated trees graced the Town Common this year, sponsored by local families, businesses, and organizations. This year Loch Lyme Lodge's tree, decorated by the Kelly family, was adorned with adorable birdhouses.

The festival begins when the big tree lights are turned on - a festive gathering with horse-drawn sleigh rides, live music, gingerbread creations, and hot chocolate. Delicious soups, casseroles, and cookies are also for sale. As the glowing trees light up the cold New England nights, we are reminded of the enduring spirit of community and the joy of coming together to celebrate.

THE BRIDGE IS OPEN!

For the last year and half, the bridge connecting Lyme to Thetford, VT (and beyond!) has been undergoing a long overdue reconstruction, closing a route used daily by thousands of residents and tourists. In November, the work was completed and the bridge reopened to the delight of all. We are grateful to the workers and for the return of the "neighborhood". We can bike to Cedar Circle again!



Above: Christmas tree ice sculpture
Left: Loch Lyme Lodge's birdhouse creation by Amy and Jay
Below: A gingerbread creation honoring the newly reopened bridge between Lyme and Thetford.
Bottom: The tree festival at night



The Lyme-Thetford bridge opened at noon on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024. Leading the traffic from the Vermont side on his motorcycle is Jesse Pacht, of Long Wind Farm, just a stones throw from the bridge. Valley News-Jennifer Hauck

