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EL Parks & Rec to honor ex-chairman

East Lyme - The Parks and Recreation Commission is honoring Robert Tobin, the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, at a ceremony and dinner at Frank's Gourmet Grille Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given in recognition of exceptional contributions by an individual to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the East Lyme community.

For more than 30 years, Tobin has been involved with promoting and developing recreation programs and facilities for youth in East Lyme. Tobin is past chairman of the commission, past president and coach of the East Lyme Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, was a founding member and is actively involved with the youth basketball program and was instrumental in lobbying for land that is now Samuel M. Peretz Park at Bridebrook.

He was actively involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut and was honored in 2008 with its Distinguished Citizen Award. Tobin has been twice recognized by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association in 1973 and 1999 as its Outstanding Board/Commission Member. He was recognized by the State of Connecticut as one of Connecticut's Treasures. Tobin currently serves on the board of directors of the East Lyme Public Library.

For more information and to purchase tickets to the ceremony and dinner, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 739-5828.

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