



Just Dump It... One's Trash is Another's Treasure

By Lisa Monet

Out and about recently, we stumbled upon a mod cool white leather chair sitting next to a trash bin. This was the perfect “college” chair to fit the bill for a first on-campus apartment. As we maneuvered it unsuccessfully every which way to get into our car, a young gentleman strolled over and said “I love that chair too! Can I help?” After he fit it in our car, he introduced himself as the owner of Just Dump It. We have been wanting to feature this small local family business for over two years. Funny how the universe works.

Old Lyme resident Tom Larson is first a family man, with three adorable young children and his lovely wife, Ashlynn. The two met at Central Connecticut State College and have made Old Lyme their home for over 12 years. Originally from New Britain, Tom summered in Old Lyme in the Soundview area for over 30 years. Their children – Thomas, 4 ½, Julia, 3, and Ali, 1 year old – are growing up along the beach, loving the water, boating and fishing.

Riding along Shore Road, you are sure to see the bright orange Just Dump It sign on the corner of Shore Road and Cross Lane, across from Teddy's Pizza. It's truly a family business. Tom started in college with a small pick-up truck picking up “stuff” for people and clearing out homes. One of his first jobs was clearing out a home with an old church bench in it. Seeing this as a treasure, the young couple kept it as a keepsake piece in their cottage at the beach.



Just Dump It handles everything from single item pickup to full estate clean outs, as well as Junk Removal Services. It has dumpster rentals of all sizes, office clean outs, and mobile storage rental. They do specialty item removal such as hot tubs, pianos, sheds, boats and cars and is a turnkey operation.

“We'll come to your house, office, apartment and take away your junk,” says Tom. “You can have everything piled and ready to go or just point to around the house and we'll haul it away. As much as possible, we try to recycle, repurpose and donate as much as we can, turning one's trash into another's treasure.”

This is truly a LOCAL family business that knows what it takes to be successful: hard work, dedication and a great sense of community.

We asked Tom what's the neatest thing he ever found...

“The coolest ‘find’ was a 1979 Monte Carlo with hydraulics that made the car bounce up and down.”

One man's trash is another's treasure! For more information, contact Tom, Just Dump It, 860-989-4902.

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