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First Selectman's Corner

We at Town Hall have been busy, indeed, following up on various projects and issues. I welcome this opportunity to inform you about some of the highlights of the past few months.

The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget - Going through the budget process for the first time as First Selectman, I was impressed by the professionalism of our Finance Department staff and the cooperation and trust that exists between them and our Boards of Finance and Selectmen on the one hand, and our Town Departments on the other. Working together, we reduced total budget requests totaling a 6% mill rate increase down to below 3% by the time of the Preliminary Budget hearing, and to below 2.5% mill rate increase by the time of the Annual Town Meeting.

Controlling our mill rate is of course of great importance for myriad reasons. We do this each year in the context of the first-rate services and infrastructure investments that Woodbridge residents expect. Foremost for many of our residents is our top notch school system. Together, Beecher Road School and Amity Middle and High Schools account for approximately 60% of our budget. We also enjoy a first rate library, extensive senior and youth programs, and public safety and public works services that allow our residents to feel safe and secure, at home and on the road.

Our recent infrastructure improvement projects, for which

we are diligent in seeking grant and donation opportunities, included the following: the public works garage; sidewalks in the business district; the Merritt Avenue Bridge; removal of the Pond Lily Dam; and the Beecher Road School renovation plan.

Woodbridge's budgeting practices have earned us the Government Finance Officers Association award for Distinguished Budget Presentation and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting over the past several years. These practices contribute to our Aaa bond rating, which is particularly important as we go into the bond market for the Beecher Road School project and for the Country Club of Woodbridge property. (At this time, the CCW purchase is financed through notes.)

Country Club of Woodbridge ("CCW") Update - As you may recall, I was able to renegotiate the contract with Billy Casper Golf to assure that the Town would no longer face unknown risk in the operation of the golf course. This was very important for the soundness of our budgeting process, as well as for controlling spending.



Ellen Scalletar,
First Selectman

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Summer Concert Series *with “Taste of Woodbridge” and “Health Fair”*

This summer, the town’s popular Woodbridge Concert Series will add two new twists: a local food fair and a local health fair.

The free Woodbridge summer concerts are held on Tuesdays in July from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Gazebo on the Green, 4 Meetinghouse Lane.

The all-new “Taste of Woodbridge” will be held during the July 1st concert. Restaurants in the town of Woodbridge are invited to participate, by bringing a sample of food or dessert along with brochures or menus. To participate, restaurants may contact the Woodbridge Recreation Department at 203-389-3446 or recreation@woodbridgect.org.

The Health Fair will be held in conjunction with the July 15th concert. Any Woodbridge health practitioner is invited to participate by calling or emailing the Recreation Department. Health practitioners will share information and services, such as blood pressure tests, massages and eye tests.

There will be no charge to participate in the Taste of Woodbridge or the Health Fair this first year, but it is required to register.

The summer concert series schedule is as follows:

- July 1, Rave On
early rock n roll featuring the music of Buddy Holly*
- July 8, Ken Morr, folk music*
- July 15, Boondocks, country*
- July 22, Creedence Fogerty Tribute Band
A Creedence Clearwater Revival and
John Fogerty tribute band*
- July 29, Shaded Soul, R&B, Motown,
Soul, Rock and Swing*

In the case of rain, concerts will be held inside in the Center Gym except for the July 29 concert. If it rains on the 29th, the concert will be held on Wednesday July 30. If it rains on the 30th, the concert will be in the Center Gym.

The Woodbridge Concert Series is made possible by generous sponsors. New sponsors are always welcome to help cover the concerts’ costs.

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In particular, Moody's Investors Services noted that maintaining balanced Country Club operations while avoiding increased subsidies are important to maintaining our strong credit rating. At the same time, the new agreement provides for Woodbridge to receive 50% of gross golfing revenues in excess of \$825,000. Early projections are strong thus far this season, but of course it is too early to tell what the final season numbers will look like.

With respect to the long-term plan, there has been continued public discussion. In addition to the two Community Conversations which many of you attended, we held an additional public Informational Forum. There was a presentation to a joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, and the Town Plan and Zoning, Conservation and Golf Commissions. The Town Plan and Zoning, Conservation and Publicly Owned Properties Commissions held a joint meeting about the topic. The Town's consultants, Milone and MacBroom, presented their final report and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, which I anticipate will be the last step before the drafting and release of an RFP to the private sector.

I am ever mindful of the substantial investment and financial obligation authorized by Woodbridge voters in purchasing this property. And I am equally mindful of the justification stated by the Selectmen at the time for this expenditure: "To ensure appropriate development of the largest single tract of land remaining in Woodbridge." We will have the opportunity soon to determine what that appropriate development should look like, and balance it with maximizing the preservation of a beautiful parcel of open space and controlling the financial obligations and mill rate of the Town.

Lawsuit Settlement - The Chairs and Members of the Inland Wetlands Agency and Fire Commission, and our volunteer firefighters, worked diligently and in good faith over the past several months to settle the lawsuit with respect to the patio alongside the fire station. The case arose when the firemen built the patio without seeking an Inland Wetlands permit. After learning that the patio was in the Upland Review area under the jurisdiction of the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Fire Department acknowledged its error and applied for an "after the fact permit," a permit that the Inland Wetlands

Agency is authorized to grant. After denial of this permit, the Fire Commission took an appeal to the Superior Court.

At my request, both agencies agreed to participate in non-binding mediation before a Superior Court judge. Each side felt strongly about the merits of its case, but, as the judge reminded them, there is no guarantee for success at trial. In the end, both parties were willing to compromise in the best interests of the Town.

And it was in the best interests of the Town to resolve this dispute between two of our own boards and commissions; in essence, Woodbridge was suing Woodbridge. The attorneys' fees for both parties were ultimately the Town's responsibility. In this case also, the dispute was over Town owned property.

Any settlement agreed upon by the two commissions needed approval by the Board of Selectmen as well as by a Superior Court judge. The former was granted in a 4-2 vote on April 9; the latter by the Court on May 5.

In approving the settlement, the judge noted that it was "a good idea that all of this got done" and that "it's always nice when these things [get] worked out without a ... further fight."

The language of the settlement along with the transcript of the court hearing are posted on the Woodbridge Town Website, www.woodbridge.org. The terms of the agreement were distorted in emails and letters to the editor in local papers, so please check our Website if you have questions.

Communications - We continue to make good progress in enhancing communication between Town residents and Town Hall. The number and notice of meetings has increased considerably, including the several meetings relating to the Country Club of Woodbridge described above, the Special Informational Meeting on the Beecher Road School Project, the public meeting with the State Department of Transportation on the Routes 63/67 construction project, two meetings with United Illuminating concerning their tree trimming/removal plans, the Plan of Conservation and Development Charrette, and the Informational meeting on the State plan regarding Exit 59 of the Wilbur Cross/Merritt Parkway.

The Town Website continues to be updated, including the launch of the Economic Development Section, and we are working on an E-Newsletter. Plus, the Town has a Facebook page. "Like us" at www.Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT!

Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman

From the Tax Collector's Office

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Taxes are due July 1 and January 1 of each year.

If you have not received a bill by the first week of July, please call the Tax Collector's office immediately.

By State Statute 12-130 failure to receive a bill does not negate your responsibility to pay and if you are late, interest is due. There are no exceptions.

Remember, we do not send real estate bills in January. Instead, we send a blue postcard in December as a reminder.

For your convenience, in July and January our office is open on the Saturdays closest to August 1 and February 1 from 9

a.m. to noon and on August 1 and February 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The motor vehicle bill you receive in July reflects a motor vehicle that was registered in Woodbridge on October 1 of the previous year. If you have questions about the bill, call the Assessor's office (203-389-3416) immediately so that adjustments can be made, if needed.

Please call the Tax Collector's office with any questions at 203-389-3425.

Beecher School

Peter Pan

For nearly 20 years, Beecher Road School's summer enrichment program has introduced theater to young actors at the school. Kindergarten teacher and Extended Day director Cathy Salinardi has extended this program to include a spring school-wide performance.

Salinardi has brought on Beecher teaching assistant and certified art teacher Ashley Wagner to guide young artists as they create and bring to life magical sets, scenery, and costumes. Joining them is teaching assistant and Extended Day staff member Jennifer Cooper, who works with the actors to develop their characters on stage. Both Wagner and Cooper transfer their excitement for the visual and performing arts to students at Beecher Road School.

This year the Drama Club performed an adaptation of *Peter Pan* in May.

Students rehearsed for two months, learning stage performance and teamwork. Simultaneously, students constructed



the stage sets and scenery for the show in art class.

With each new play the program grows. This year has seen a record number in membership with children in grades two through six. With this growth in membership, second grade teacher Teresa Ramia has joined the team of teachers in the Drama Club.

"I'm excited to offer our children the opportunity to experience theater here at Beecher," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Guy Stella, who is very proud of the children's work. "Through the visual and the performing arts, our children develop the ability to work well with others in an enriching environment."

The teachers are excited to showcase what the children have accomplished. They have seen children excel with the opportunity given them. Salinardi adds, "Over the last few years many children here have continued to look forward to these wonderful productions. I am so proud of the teachers and the children who dedicated themselves to hard work. What a spectacular performance!"

Read Across America

Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar read a Dr. Seuss book to a 4th grade classroom while sitting between posters explaining the U.S. Constitution and the meaning of citizenship.

Scalettar was one of 14 community leaders who volunteered to participate in Beecher Road School's "Read Across America" event in March. This is a national event held on Dr. Seuss's birthday. During the event, community members are invited to read a Dr. Seuss book to students as a fun way to promote life-long literacy and learning.

Volunteer readers included State Representative Themis Klarides, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Board of Selectmen Tony Anastasio Jr. and Joe Dey, Board of Finance members Karen Cusick and Andrew Esposito, Woodbridge Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella, Amity Superintendent Dr. Chip Dumais, Board of Education chair Margaret Hamilton, Woodbridge Director of Administration and Finance Tony Genovese, Woodbridge Human Services Director Mary



Ellen LaRocca, Woodbridge Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund, and parents Tim Kelly, Emily Melnick and business owner Chris Dickerson.

Like many visitors, Scalettar read to two classrooms, including Mrs. Dee Don's class which was in the middle of a unit about government. Mrs. Don had tasked her class with researching Woodbridge's government and the town's elected leader.

There was a short talk about Town government followed by plenty of questions, such as "Is it hard being a First Selectman?" (Answer: "Yes, but it's very rewarding.")

"We believe a school should have no walls," said Woodbridge Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella. "And what better way to demonstrate that than bringing in our community leaders to the classroom for a learning experience. Today learning came alive in a fun way.

That is our constant theme: We are fostering a love of learning and trying to foster life-long learners and readers."

School Renovations

This summer Beecher Road School will undergo an extensive facilities upgrade that will include energy conservation measures and security enhancements.

Beecher Road School was built in 1960, and has been

added onto since then, including a major addition (Beecher South) in 1970, a small wing of classrooms in 1994 and a second addition of classroom space in 1997.

The \$13.4 million project was approved by a referendum in February. It was the first time that a Town project passed a referendum with the necessary 2/3 vote on the first try.

As part of the energy upgrades, the project includes an “energy performance contract” that will guarantee certain energy cost savings.

The school will see upgrades which include the following:

- North Roof Replacements and Increased Insulation
- Mechanicals, Heating/Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) upgrades to the entire school
- New High-efficiency Gas Boilers (Already installed)
- Building Automation Control System
- Lighting Upgrades and Occupancy Sensor Control Switches
- Classroom Casework, Ceilings & Ductwork in the north wings of the building
- Window/Wall Replacement & Envelope Improvements
- Water Conservation Improvements
- Transformer Upgrades
- Curtain Wall Replacements with insulated Glazing

- Pool Cover and Air Dehumidification System
- Entry Canopy at North and South Entrances
- Energy Conservation Measures & Building Management System
- Green Energy and Alternative Energy (Micro-turbine, Solar & Wind)
- Security Enhancements

Construction is scheduled to take place over this summer and continue through December 2015. It is anticipated that this summer’s work will focus on the A Wing as well as the process of replacing HVAC delivery systems throughout the building. In this building project, careful consideration will be given to minimize any disruption of the educational program. Much work will be done during summer months.

Summer programs that normally operate at Beecher will be located elsewhere, including Amity High and Ezra Academy.

Chinese Visitors

The Beecher Road School marching band led Woodbridge Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and 17 visiting Chinese principals through the school’s hallways. On their walk through the school, students lined the hallways and greeted the visitors in Chinese.

The principals were on a two-week tour of Connecticut schools in March, part of a decade-long exchange between Connecticut and China.

Beecher Road School Assistant Principal Nancy White has visited China twice, including Beecher’s sister school. “You learn that the kids are the same: they have the same hopes and dreams and sense of humor,” she said. Despite the differences in culture and education systems - it’s not unusual to see a class of 40 or 50 students and high schools with 8,000 students in China - she was impressed with the similarities.

Before the principals toured the schools, they spoke with Dr. Stella and First Selectman Scalettar through an interpreter.



Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella greets visiting Chinese principals. Photo by Cathryn Ressler.

Both spoke of the importance of the educational and cultural exchange between the two countries.

“We are so pleased to be part of the continuing relationship between Connecticut and Chinese educators. Dr. Stella and our Woodbridge educators have learned a great deal from their visits to your schools in Shandong Province,” said Scalettar. “They have come home with new ideas and excitement about new opportunities for learning and growth.”

Dr. Stella recalled a video conference between Beecher Road School and its sister school in China. During the conference, the children sang to each other and asked questions like, ‘What do you have for lunch?’ and ‘How much homework do you have?’

“You could have chosen thousands of schools but you came here to Woodbridge,” Dr. Stella told them through an interpreter. “You are the true heroes: the educators helping to build a bridge between two cultures and promoting the free exchange of ideas through collaboration and support.”

Summer Programs

As you may know, Beecher Road School will undergo a building upgrade this summer. As a result, the Summer Enrichment, Recreation, and Extended Day programs will be held at Amity High School from June 30 through August 1. The Summer Enrichment program will run from 9:00 am - noon; Recreation 8:45 am - 12:15 pm and Extended Day 12:00 - 5:30 pm. The Extended Day early drop-off program will run from 8:00 - 9:00 am. Please note that there will be NO classes for any program on July 4. School Resource Officer Lynch and building supervisors will help support these programs.

BRS’s Summer Special Education program will operate at

Ezra Academy from July 7 - 31 from 9:00 am - Noon. “We are grateful for the support from Amity School District and Ezra Academy in providing space for our summer programs,” said Dr. Guy Stella, Superintendent of Schools. “The key words will be creativity, flexibility and adaptability. The directors of the summer programs, my administrative staff and I are committed to make the summer programs better than ever. Our theme will be: ‘Join us for an adventure at Amity High School’ or ‘Join us for an adventure at Ezra Academy.’ There will be a menu of many exciting offerings.”

Please check the Woodbridge School District’s website www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us or the Recreation Office for more details.

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Woodbridge Rotary Club presented a check to Lee Canning of the Woodbridge Senior Center and Jeanne DelVecchio of the Bethany Senior Center. The funds were proceeds from the Rotary Club's recent Silent Auction and Homemade Wine Tasting and Contest fundraiser. Proceeds also benefited the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry and other Rotary projects. Pictured left to right are: Rotarian Tony Anastasio, Rotarian Robin Riley, Woodbridge Senior Center Director Lee Canning, Bethany Senior Center Director Jeanne DelVecchio and Rotarian Buddy DeGennaro.



The Woodbridge Rotary Club and Friends of Rotary partnered together recently to clean the Woodbridge Hiking Trails around the Rotary-Stoddard Memorial Pavilion located on Center Road, Woodbridge. There were two clean-up dates in April. Michael Walter assisted the group on this project. The clean-up project was chaired by Rotarian Matthew Cummings.

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Woodbridge's New Police Officer

Matt Iannucci is Woodbridge's newest police officer. Officer Iannucci says his family and friends often told him that he'd make a good police officer. To test out the theory, he did a couple of ride-alongs with officers in Woodbridge. Based on those experiences he studied criminology at Central Connecticut State University.

"Once I started my first class and did my ride-along I just knew," he says. Officer Iannucci enjoys being in the community and helping to protect people. The camaraderie was also a big attraction for him. "I come from an athletic background so I was looking for that strong brotherhood in a career," he says.

Officer Iannucci graduated from the Milford Police Academy on March 14 and started patrolling Woodbridge the following week.

If you see Officer Iannucci around town, introduce yourself! "I plan on being part of this police force for a long time, so it's nice to interact with the residents and get to know everyone."

Also at the police department Anthony Cappiello (AJ) was promoted from patrol to Sargent. There were six candidates for the position. All six officers passed the written and oral



Police Chief Gene Marcucci, Officer Matt Iannucci, Police Commission Chair Tina Weiner and Deputy Chief Ray Stuart.

exam. Department rules only allow for the top three to be considered for the position. Those top three were interviewed by the Board of Police Commissioners. The Board chose to promote Cappiello.

"He is an excellent choice," said Police Chief Gene Marcucci. "The other two candidates were also great and would have also been an excellent choice for the position."

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Woodbridge Town Library

Peep-Mania at the Woodbridge Town Library

Peeps marshmallow candies created quite the craze at the Woodbridge Town Library during the "Peeps in Literature" contest, which ran during the month of April. Contestants were faced with the following challenge: to create a diorama using Peeps as characters to show a scene from a book or movie. The library provided contestants with a pack of Peeps to get started, but it was up to them to choose a topic and create it. The results were not only wildly creative, but also diverse in topic choices. Over 20 contestants signed up and four entries were created by library staff. The dioramas were on display for two weeks for patrons to enjoy and can still be viewed on the library Facebook page: Facebook.com/Woodbridge.Town.Library.

There were five contest winners. The three winners in the children's category were Rosalie, Matthew, and Mackenzie Rowland for Peeps Field of Dreams, The Lenskold Family for Jake and the Neverland Pirates, and Sarah Rastelli with Swiss Family Peepinsons. The teen winner was Carolyn Simpson with Frozen with my Peeps. The adult winner was Barbara Fabiani with PeePee Longstocking.



Winners included PeePee Longstocking and Jake and the Neverland Pirates.

Reading Together

The Woodbridge Town Library is sending out a great big "thank you" to all those who made our first Reading Together initiative so successful! Each Saturday in April children and teens read books together and shared in the art of conversational reading. Teen volunteers went through a training session to learn how to help children connect with the stories they read and motivate them to read for pleasure.

Feedback from the program has been enthusiastic. One parent said, "The one-on-one attention that each child receives partnering directly with a teen is phenomenal. Each child felt special being paired with a teen and having all of the teen's attention for the story hour. My kids discussed the stories they had read after participating and they seemed much more engaged and enlivened by the experience than just having me the parent read them a book."

Teens also enjoyed the program. One teen said, "Reading Together helped me remember the questions I should be asking myself while reading, as well as reminding me how

much I love reading!" Another teen added, "Reading with someone new and with someone that isn't already known for making rules makes the children feel like they are reading by choice and not because someone told them to." Plans to continue include Reading Together during the Summer Reading Program are underway. Please call the Children's Desk 203 389-3439 or email childrensprogram@lioninc.org for more information.

PROGRAMS

Make the Woodbridge Town Library your destination this summer. There are summer programs for all ages and something to meet everyone's interest.

Adult - There is plenty to do this year in the Adult Summer Reading Program. Registration starts Friday, June 20 and the program runs until Friday August 15. Enter our weekly prize drawings by submitting book reviews about what you are reading. Attend dynamic programs and take part in the fun. Upcoming summer programs include:

Miniature Garden Workshop

Saturday, June 21 @ 11am

In this hands-on workshop led by master gardener, Rhonda, of Garden Inspirations, participants will learn the secrets of designing, planting, and maintaining a miniature garden. And you'll have fun making your own little garden for yourself or as a gift. You may wish to make a charming beach or tropical scene, woodland scene, serenity Zen garden, gardening or farm scene, or fairy garden. The style of miniature accessories are smaller, adorable versions of what you can realistically find in larger landscapes. Plants used are low-maintenance and low light, including ferns and succulents. Students should bring their own container (a 10-12" wide bowl or oval pot, 4-6" deep). \$35 materials fee for basic miniature garden supplies is payable to instructor day of class, and additional miniature materials may be purchased if desired. Limited space, please register by calling 203-389-3433, stop by the Circulation Desk, or email kward@woodbridgect.org with your name and phone number.

Tri-Burger Bash and Charcoal Grilling Demonstration with Chef Ray

- Tuesday, July 8 @ 6:30 pm. Want to wow at your next cookout? Join Chef Ray in this two-part program. First, he will demonstrate making Beef, Turkey and Salmon Sliders. Afterwards, participants will go outside and learn techniques of real charcoal grilling. There will be recipes to take home and a sample for all! Limited space, please register by calling 203-389-3433, stop by the Circulation Desk, or email kward@woodbridgect.org with your name and phone number.

Children - FIZZ BOOM READ! Join the fun at the Woodbridge Town Library and be a part of our Summer Reading Program from June 23 - August 15. We have books for readers of all ages, ongoing crafts, book groups, and story time sessions. Our special events may include hands-on science and engineering activities, live animals, puppets, magic, cartooning, Zumba classes, and more! All of our programs are free; however most will require advance registration.

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Congratulations to Amity High School

Congratulations - Amity Regional High School was chosen as the site for the National Healthy Schools Day Celebration and Recognition Event in April.

"Maintaining a healthy environment for our students and staff is our number one priority," Superintendent Chip Dumais told an audience of three AP science classes, school staff, public health officials and First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

Amity has won two national excellence awards recently for indoor air quality from the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Eugene Benoit, the EPA's Region 1 Indoor Environment Coordinator told the crowd that, "Connecticut is one of the most successful states for Tools for Schools, a program to help schools diagnose and fix indoor air quality issues."

Many Connecticut school districts started using Tools for Schools after a 2001 state Department of Public Health study showed that 65% of schools in the state had indoor air quality issues. "Indoor air quality is important in schools because it has a direct impact on student and staff performance," said Kenny Foscue, a Health Educator for the state Department of Health.



Amity Regional School District Superintendent Chip Dumais, Director of Finance and Administration Jack Levine, John Laudano of the Quinnipiac Valley Health District and First Selectman Ellen Scalettar discuss the importance of indoor air quality in schools.

"Amity's staff has worked very hard to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff, and I applaud those efforts," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

Dog Registration Renewals

Don't forget to renew your dog's registration during the month of June. Connecticut state statute requires that all dogs 6 months and older be licensed in the town where they live. To register or re-register, your dog must have a current rabies vaccination.

The town also needs validation that your dog has been spayed or neutered.

The Town Clerk mails renewal notices to registered dog owners in May.

Applications are due in June and are good for July 1- June 30.

Once an application has been processed, the dog owner receives a license and a dog tag. Your dog should wear its tag at all times. If your dog is lost, the tag will help reunite you.

New dogs may be registered at any time in person at Town Hall (11 Meetinghouse Lane) or via a mailed application.

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Check our library website for dates and times www.woodbridge.lioninc.org, and be sure to opt in to our e-news for the latest updates. Don't miss:

Animal Embassy – Zoology for Kids

Wednesday, June 25th from 5:30-7 pm. Ages 4 and up. Animal Embassy will bring the scientific study of Zoology to life with incredible live Animal Ambassadors! With this interactive, educational, and entertaining program children will meet a variety of animals from around the world, representing numerous habitats and classifications. Registration required please call the Children's Department at 203-389-3439 or

email childrensprogram@lioninc.org to register.

FIZZ BOOM READ! is this year's science-themed Summer Reag program for children.

Teen - Join us during the lazy weeks of summer. Electrify yourself with creativity geared for high school students during our Slap Art sessions. Stop by for our High School Book Discussions where we chat about books, movies, and more. Sign up for our Summer Reading program. For every three books you read, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 iTunes gift card. Check our website for further summer reading information and program dates.

Land Trust Member Attends Roundtable



Woodbridge Land Trust Board member Cathy Wick attended a roundtable discussion for local leaders on February 8, held by U.S. Senator Chris Murphy.

Senator Murphy, who met recently with a group of young Connecticut farmers, told the group that the demand for locally grown food is strong, but is not being fulfilled because of the shortage of farmable land. Wick believes that, “the efforts of the Woodbridge Land Trust and other town conservation groups protect Woodbridge’s precious natural resources and can help provide our next generation

of farmers with farmable land.”

The Senator updated the group on recent developments in Washington, such as the Farm Bill, the funding for land and water conservation in this year’s federal budget, and his efforts to ensure that the tax laws that promote conservation easements will be re-authorized. Attendees also discussed local grass roots efforts to support urban farming, to encourage environmental education in schools, and the constant struggle to obtain funding for the protection of valuable open space.

New Playground!



After six years of volunteer work, Woodbridge Community Playground co-founders Colleen Inclima and Teri Schatz are seeing their vision become a reality.

The two mothers have rallied the Town around their idea to create an ADA-accessible playground, called Pease Place. The Town received a bond from the state to help with playground costs. The mothers have inspired families, churches, synagogues, businesses, nonprofits and organizations to buy decorative bricks to help cover the cost.

They’ve also inspired others to donate their money, time and/or services to create the playground, including Laticrete International, A-1 Toyota, Advanced Paving, Air Handling Systems, Bethwood Baseball League, ChemWerth, SERVPRO, Congregation B’nai Jacob, L.H. Brenner Insurance, Corporate Health Insurance Planners, Garden Club of Woodbridge, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, KBM Landscaping, The Plastic Forming Company, The Woodbridge Child Center, Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department, Group Insurance Associates, Crest Lincoln Jaguar, Material Girls, New England Cat Care, Infinity Dental, Leibo Brothers, Woodbridge Rotary, Woodbridge Social, Woodbridge Child Center, Trinity Community Preschool, Gan Hayed Early Childhood Center, Wells Fargo, Dean’s Hair + Nail, Woodbridge Youth Services, West Rock Materials, State Senator Joe Crisco, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Tony Genovese, Terry Gilbertson and Adam

Parsons. “The donations we’ve received from the community have allowed us to incorporate additional amenities, such as the basketball court, which was generously provided by Laticrete International,” said Inclima.

The playground, located at the Woodbridge Athletic Fields on Pease Road, will be the Town’s first playground to accommodate children with physical, sensory or developmental disabilities. It will include play structures for toddlers and older children, inclusive swings, accessible pathways and surfacing.

“We’ve received several calls from families with children who have disabilities, and it’s a great feeling to know we are building something that will improve the quality of their recreational play,” says Schatz. “When Colleen and I started this over 6 years ago, we had no idea that the project would eventually have this scope.”

The volunteers have raised 80% of their fundraising goal and are in the process of raising the last 20% for the picnic pavilion, playground signage, lacrosse netting and walkway to the playground. Anyone interested in purchasing a sponsor package or making a tax-deductible donation can visit www.woodbridgeplayground.com or contact Inclima at 203-927-3160 or Schatz at 203-605-6005.

Donations can also be mailed to Woodbridge Community Playground, PO Box 3634, New Haven, CT 06515.

Woodbridge Community Listings

- AMITY YOUTH LACROSSE
Steve Makowski, President(203) 687-0097
- ANIMAL CONTROL OF WOODBRIDGE
..... 203-389-5991
- AQUATIC CLUB – WOODBRIDGE
Dave Reilly 203- 848-0307 or 203-446-1872
- BETH-WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE
Dwight Rowland 203-215-0266
- BETHWOOD GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE
Matthew Fletcher, League President..... MF99@sbcglobal.net
..... www.bethwoodsoftball.org
- BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - TROOP #63
David Metzger, Troop Committee Chair 203-387-1984
Bob Tucker, Scoutmaster 203- 387-1984
- BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA – TROOP #907
Paul Konwerski 203-298-0906
Nate Case..... 203-393-2983
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WOODBIDGE/BETHANY BUSINESS COUNCIL OF THE
GREATER NEW HAVEN 203-787-6735
- COMMUNITY GARDEN - WOODBRIDGE
Andy Stack 203-397-0818
Thera Stack woodbridgecomgarden@gmail.com
- COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE..... 203-387-2278.
- CUB SCOUT PACK #902 - WOODBRIDGE
Fred Luciano..... 203-906-6711
- FRIENDS OF THE WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY
Mia von Beeden, President 203-387-3349
Friends Bookstore 203-389-3493
- GARDEN CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE
Susan Hildebrand, President..... 203-387-3543
Chris Lovejoy 203-298-4328, or Isabelle Bulger ... 203-387-6952
- GIRLS SCOUTS OF CT - AMITY SERVICE UNIT
..... 203-239-2922 ext. 3334
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY – AMITY/WOODBRIDGE
Donald Menzies..... 203-387-0789
- HUMAN SERVICES/YOUTH SERVICES,
ELDERLY SERVICES, SENIOR CENTER
Mary Ellen LaRocca 203-389-3429
- THE WOODBRIDGE LAND TRUST INC.
Lochlin Reidy, President..... 203-393-5400
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS – AMITY
Barbara Pico..... 203-397-2723
- LIBRARY - WOODBRIDGE..... 203-389-3434
Children’s Library..... 203-389-3439
- MASSARO COMMUNITY FARM, INC.
David Schneider, President..... 203-393-3721
- NEW ENGLAND COMETS PREMIER SOCCER CLUB
Jody Smith, Vice President..... 203-298-0363
..... www.necomets.com
- ORT AMERICA - WOMEN’S AMERICAN ORT 203-393-1884
Marcia Jamron..... 203-795-4444
- WOODBIDGE PARK ASSOCIATION INC.
..... www.woodbridgeparks.org
- QUINNIPIACK VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT 203- 248-4528
- RECREATION DEPARTMENT – WOODBRIDGE
John Adamovich, Director 203-389-3446
- ROTARY CLUB WOODBRIDGE
Carol Yingling & Philip “Buddy” DeGennaro Co-Presidents
..... P.O. Box 4096, Woodbridge, CT 06525
- SENIOR CENTER - WOODBRIDGE
Lee Canning, Director 203-389-3430
- SOCCER LEAGUE - WOODBRIDGE
..... www.woodbridgesoccer.org
- YOUTH SERVICES
Nancy Pfund, Director 203-389-3429
- SCHOOLS
AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
Michael Nash, Interim Superintendent 203-397-3811
- EZRA ACADEMY
Risa Vine 203-389-5500
- WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Gaeton “Guy” Stella, Superintendent 203-387-6631

Youth Services



Students from Amity Middle School-Bethany campus created portraits as part of the “Memory Project” coordinated and guided by the school’s art teacher, Ms. Sara Frank. This service learning project enhances learning through portraiture and provided students at Amity with a connection to kids in orphanages in many countries. The “Memory Project” began in 2004 and has worked with thousands of children in this country interacting through art with thousands of underprivileged children in 34 countries. Close to 50,000 portraits have been completed. Funding for this project came from Woodbridge Youth Services working in conjunction with the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation. Top row from left are Woodbridge Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund, AMS-B art teacher Sara Frank and top row from right Woodbridge Youth Services Program Coordinator Jeanette Glicksman and Fred Hulley of the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation and students.

Bethany and Woodbridge 7th and 8th graders had a great night at the annual semi-formal event sponsored by The Town of Bethany and Woodbridge Youth Services. The event, held at the Woodbridge Senior Center Cafeteria, was a huge success with 120 kids attending and great donations from local restaurants and businesses.



PLACES OF WORSHIP INFORMATION

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

(Mother Church) 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte 69)
 Service Schedule:
 Weekday Service: Mon – Fri. 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday Service: 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 8:00 a.m.
 No Thursday Service

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Rectory - Center Road Church
 81 Center Road (Rte. 114)
 Tele: 203-387-7119
 Fax: 203-387-4281
 Service Schedule:
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
 Confession:
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. or by appointment

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Church of Christ
 United Church of Christ - 5 Meetinghouse Lane
 Tele: 203-389-2119
 e-mail: office@uccw.org
 Service Schedule
 Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

75 Rimmon Road
 For more information: 203-389-2111

MINYAN (Judaism – orthodox)

Woodbridge Senior Center
 4 Meetinghouse Lane
 For information call:
 (203) 387-1925 (203) 655-4668

NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH (Independent)

922 Greenway Road
 Tele: 239-3492
 Minister: David Eger
 Service Schedule:
 Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
 Wednesday: 8:00 p.m.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

33 Center Road (Rte. 114)
 Tele: 203-387-4711
 Service Schedule:
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 During mid-Summer one service - Sunday 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

990 Racebrook Road
 Tele: 203-387-7799

Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department

FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION DAY

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department's third annual Fire Safety and Prevention Day in Memory of Eva Ryan Block was a huge success! Eva was a town resident who passed away in a fire while attending Marist College in New York in January 2012.

"This is an event where we are able to invite the town to be a part of our Fire Department, an opportunity to share our experience with the town and showcase our training to make children feel more comfortable with the fire service," said Fire Chief Sean Rowland.

"I'd like to thank our volunteer firefighters for putting on events such as this one to educate families and help keep residents safe," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

The fun and informative event included activities for adults and children. There were fire safety and fire prevention demonstrations. A fire simulator trailer designed to look like a bedroom was available for children to learn how to safely escape a house fire. Kids were also invited to touch a fire truck, try on fire fighting gear and test the Fire Department's rescue tools and thermal imaging cameras.

There were also demonstrations with extrication tools to show how the fire department utilizes their apparatus.

Adults learned how to properly install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and how to use a fire extinguisher safely.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE CHILD CAR SEAT INSTALLATION

You can have a trained car seat technician install your child's car seat for free on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Four of Woodbridge's volunteer firefighters have completed a 50-hour class sanctioned by SafeKids.org. These volunteers offer free car-seat installation on the first Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the third Monday of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.

"Our volunteers love providing this service free of charge to Woodbridge residents," says Fire Chief Sean Rowland. "We take safety very seriously, and we are proud to help parents keep their children safe in the car."

"If you have children or grandchildren, please take advantage of this important service," said Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "Volunteer Al Koerner showed me how to safely install and remove a child seat in my car for when my infant granddaughter visits. I feel more comfortable having her in the car now that a trained professional installed the car seat."

As an added bonus, children who accompany their parents for this free service get the chance to touch a fire truck.

The Fire Department also offers emergency appointments on an as-needed basis. Since 2013, the volunteers have installed 119 car seats and offered two car seat clinics.



Fire Department volunteer Al Koerner helps First Selectman Ellen Scalettar safely install a child seat for the First Selectman's granddaughter.

RECOMMENDED GRILL SAFETY TIPS FROM THE WOODBRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors
- Grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- Keep children and pets away from grill area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from grills and trays below the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Check propane grills for leaks with a soapy water solution
- On a charcoal grill if you use starter fluid only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to the fire
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children away from heat sources
- When you are finished using the charcoal grill let the coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container and keep them away from structures

In addition to grill safety, the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department will give smoke detectors free of charge to senior citizens in Woodbridge who do not have any in their home.

The Fire Department will hold a hands-on free extinguisher training exercise in order to teach proper use and handling of fire extinguishers. These sessions will be open to the businesses and residents of Woodbridge.

If you have questions regarding grill safety or any other fire safety question feel free to contact the office of the Fire Marshal at 203-389-3445.

Young Lawyer's Breakfast



On March 26th, State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) served as keynote speaker at the Connecticut Bar Association's 2014 Annual Legislative Breakfast for Young Lawyers. The annual event draws dozens of lawyers for a chance to meet state legislators and discuss legal and legislative issues facing Connecticut. Rep. Klarides, who is a practicing attorney, spoke at the Capitol Complex about proposed legislation in the Judiciary Committee and recent judicial appointments.

United Illuminating Plans

As part of a State-approved plan, United Illuminating plans to trim and cut down trees near power lines in Woodbridge starting this summer. At the time of this writing, UI's plans for how to deal with trees near power lines had not been finalized; Town Hall is keeping a close eye on developments. Please check our website, www.woodbridgect.org, or [Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT), for up-to-date information. As of now, the utility companies are required to notify residents if they plan on cutting or trimming trees in the area. Residents may choose to grant consent, deny consent or request a modification if UI identifies a specific tree on their property to be removed or trimmed.

After recent storms that left parts of Connecticut without power for an extended time, Governor Malloy tasked the utility companies with protecting power lines from trees. According

to the report of the Two-Storm Panel (created by the governor), 90% of the power lines downed during Tropical Storm Irene were knocked over by trees. In response, UI and CL&P drafted plans to cut trees and branches within eight feet of power lines. Many residents have expressed concern that the utilities' plans are not carefully drawn and would damage or remove healthy and/or notable trees.

Trees that are a true hazard should be removed, while others need to be protected. The town is encouraging and supporting a properly balanced and nuanced plan that both protects the town's trees and their aesthetic and environmental value, and allows for appropriate tree care where it will help avoid power line damage leading to extended power outages in the future.

Jewish Community Center



GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN' at the JCC –with sizzlin' sounds of the best local bands at the JCC's free outdoor Grill n' Chill summer music series. The hot food and cool tunes kick off with Beatles/Simon & Garfunkel tribute duo, Mark Schwartz and Preston John, on June 25 5-8 p.m. All performances take place on the Terrace. For a break from the sun, you can enjoy the music from the new adjacent Living Room.

Other performances include Dave Quick on July 9, and TBA performers on July 23 and August 6. Check www.jccnh.org for the full lineup. In case of rain, each show will move inside to the Vine Auditorium.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT BRINGS FAMOUS FOODIES TO JCC THIS SPRING - Beckerman Lecture Series Features Mark Russ Federman, Jacques Pepin, Faith Middleton, and Co-Founders of Honest Tea and Nantucket Nectars.

The JCC of Greater New Haven's annual spring lecture

series, formerly known as Perspectives, returns this year, revamped and renamed Beckerman Lecture Series. Information-seekers and life-long learners of all ages will enjoy this season, entitled Food for Thought, that explores the history, art and conscience of cuisine. The three-part series kicked off April 3 with Mark Russ Federman, owner of Russ and Daughters, the iconic cured-fish palace known as "New York's most hallowed shrine to the miracle of caviar, smoked salmon, ethereal herring, and silken chopped liver."

On May 1, world-renowned chef Jacques Pepin engaged with WNPR's Faith Middleton, host of The Food Schmooze. Pepin is Dean at the French Culinary Institute and creator of more than 20 cookbooks and 11 cooking shows. The event also featured cocktails and hors d'oeuvres based on Pepin's classic recipes.

The third and final event in the series is June 12. The JCC hosts a discussion on the ethics of the food industry with entrepreneurs Barry Nalebuff, co-founder of Honest Tea, and Tom Scott, co-founder of Nantucket Nectars. Nalebuff and Scott will explore building successful conscientious food businesses. The event will also feature healthy, natural desserts and cocktails. The event begins at 5:30 pm in the JCC Vine Auditorium, 360 Amity Rd., and cost \$25 for JCC members or \$30 for non-members. Tickets are available at jccnh.org or through DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, dedek@jccnh.org or (203)387.2522 x300.

Land Trust Sets Goals

The Woodbridge Land Trust has set its goals for 2014, identifying the protection of Baldwin Farm as a top priority. In cooperation with the farm's owners, the Trust is actively seeking grant money and has established a separate fund for private donations to help in the acquisition of the farm's development rights. In keeping with its mission to conserve, preserve and protect open spaces, woodlands and natural resources for the benefit of the public, other important goals for 2014 include continued trail maintenance, increased property donations and distribution of the Elm trees located in the Chestnut tree orchard. To mark the occasion of its 50th anniversary, the Trust is planning a series of public events, including a fall

walk in support of National Public Lands Day, cooperative events with other conservation groups and a photo contest. According to Land Trust President Chris Keevil, "these events highlight the Trust's commitment to participate in community events and local discussions pertaining to land use issues to help educate and promote awareness of the importance of our natural resources."

For more information about the goals and activities of the Trust, contact the Woodbridge Land Trust at woodbridgelandtrust@gmail.com or visit its website at woodbridgelandtrust.org.

Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society

The Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society hosted a Spring Time Open House on Sunday May 4th. Visitors were welcomed with fresh flowers, open hearth cooking, and calligraphy and culinary demonstrations, all while sampling period food and touring the beautifully restored 1772 Thomas Darling house. Built for Thomas Darling (1720-1789) between 1772 and 1774, this significant Colonial Cape is historically important for its extended association with the Darling family

and its preservation as a house museum by the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society. Its grounds are complete with fine barns and other outbuildings. Located at 1907 Litchfield Turnpike in Woodbridge, The Darling House Museum is open several times during the year by way of significant events. It is available for tours anytime! School and group tours are encouraged and may be booked by special arrangement. Please visit www.woodbridgehistory.org for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Central opened for the season on Saturday, May 17. HazWaste Central is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon until mid October at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven at the Regional Water Authority building.

Anyone looking to drop off household hazardous waste must first fill out a questionnaire. It can be found at www.rwater.com/community/hazwaste-central/ or filled out on site.

This service is free to Woodbridge residents. Woodbridge is looking for volunteers to help with the hometown collection

day on Saturday June 21 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers will help with directing traffic and/or handing out questionnaires. Volunteers will not come into contact with debris being brought to the facility. The Town of Woodbridge Transfer Station is holding a satellite collection at the Woodbridge Transfer Station, 85 Acorn Hill Road Extension for hazardous waste on Saturday, October 18th, from 9:00 am to noon. If you would like to volunteer a few hours please contact the Public Works Office at 203-389-3420.

Off to the Races!

Fresh from a series of fast track, off-road mountain bike races, to his professional life as a physical therapist, Bethany's Peter Geloso is pumped up with his active lifestyle.

Geloso, a doctorate program graduate of Elon University in Elon, North Carolina, brings his cycle racing experience to the practice of physical therapy, by diagnosing all sorts of cycling injuries.

"Off road racing is serious stuff," Geloso commented. "It's a strenuous sport, and cyclists can get injured during races with muscle sprains, lower back pain and knee problems among a host of other potential injuries. The secret is conditioning, proper exercising, and time spent on practice runs on neighborhood roads."

A weekend warrior at cycling, Peter Geloso is a member of the Laural Bike Club, a team that enters many of the Root 66 Mountain Bike Series - races that cover many of the Northeast

states from Connecticut to New Hampshire. In 2013, Geloso won the entire Root 66 Northeast Mountain Bike Series in Cat 3, men from 19-29. This year he's taking on Cat 2 (sport/intermediate) men 30-39.

"Bike racers are a tight community" Geloso said. "From our club to partners like D'Aniellos's Amity Bike in Woodbridge to cyclists we encounter on the road, we all get to know each other when we compete. We take no prisoners but we're still friends."

In preparation for his races Geloso logs many miles each week, largely on the back roads of Bethany and Woodbridge and off-road trails. "That's where the terrain gets tough," he said. "It shows what you're made of."

*Peter Geloso
Amity Physical Therapy, Woodbridge*

Woodbridge Senior Center



Town of Woodbridge employees with First Selectman Ellen Scalettar (center) served a lunch of corned beef and cabbage to 80 seniors at the Woodbridge Senior Center's Annual St. Patrick's Day party.

ZUMBA GOLD CLASS - The class runs weekly at 9:00 am on Fridays and will meet in the cafeteria. All are welcome! Cost for the 6 week class is \$30.00. Payment is due when you register. Zumba Gold was designed for the active older adult, the true beginner, and/or people who are not used to exercising, or people who may be limited physically. It is done at a low intensity. Zumba Gold classes strive to improve our balance, strength, flexibility and most importantly, the heart. June 6, 13, 20. To register, call 203-389-3430.

EXERCISE - The Senior Center offers exercise (combination of cardio, strength training, flexibility, and aerobics) on Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

NOTE - The Woodbridge Recreation Department offers a variety of gentle and dynamic yoga classes; mornings, afternoons, and evenings. For more information, call Jim Franco at 203-389-3446.

SHOPPING AT AMITY SHOPPING CENTER - if you need a ride to pick up groceries, do banking, go to the drug store, etc.; please call the office at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation. The cost is \$4.00

THE SENIOR CENTER CRAFT GROUP - meets every Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. Knitting, crocheting, sewing, and socializing are some of the activities of the group.

FREE FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES - Movies are shown at the Senior Center on Friday afternoons at 1 pm. Join us at 12:15 for a nutritious \$3 lunch, followed by a movie with free popcorn (or just attend the movie at 1 pm).

THE MAH-JONGG GROUP - meets every Monday and Friday in Room 15 from 10 am to 12 noon. Novices are welcome - they will teach you.

EVENTS FOR JUNE

June 6 Fri - Five Wishes - VITAS - Helps you to express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself.

June 10 Tues - Hearing Balance & Speech, Hearing Loss & the Brain Education

SEMINARS

June 13 Fri - Keeping Strong (VNA Community) Food & Fitness, Beth 203-458-1369.

June 16 Mon - Suffolk Downs Trip Departs

June 17 Tues - Getting the most for your home - Emeritus Book Club - 11:15

June 19 Thurs Yale Center for British Art "Making Sense of Art" 2:00 at the British Art Museum - call for reservation

June 24 Tues - Larry Batter - Entertainer

June 25 Wed - 911 Memorial/Museum Getaway Tours

BOOK CLUB - On June 17th the club will meet in Room 15 at 11:15 a.m. Please call Mary D'Ostilio at 203-389-3429 for details.

LUNCH BUNCH - Share lunch and friendly conversation. Everyone is welcome, and it is "Dutch treat". Van transportation can be arranged for a \$3 fee. Please call Lee at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation for the lunch and/or transportation.

WALKING GROUP will meet each Friday at 10am to walk, weather permitting, at the Cornfield.

TRIPS - Call 203-389-3430 to register. Trips must be paid for at time of registration. Checks are payable to Getaway Tours.

AUGUST 13-15 - Wednesday to Friday - Lake George & Saratoga. \$499 pp/dbl includes Saratoga Raceway Admission, Hotel Accommodations, Transportation, 5 Meals (2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, & 2 Dinners), Scenic Train Ride, Sightseeing Cruise, Taxes & Baggage Handling, Getaway Tours' Tour Director, and Gratuities for Tour Director & Driver.

AUGUST 19 - Tuesday - Block Island. \$119 includes ferry ride from Point Judith RI, narrated island tour, lunch at The National Hotel, and driver's gratuity.

SEPTEMBER 17 - Wednesday - The Big E. \$49 includes transportation, admission to the "Big E" and driver's gratuity.

OCTOBER 21 - Tuesday - Oktoberfest. \$85 includes transportation, festivities and family-style luncheon at Platzl Brauhaus, and driver's gratuity.

TRIP CANCELLATIONS FOR DAY TRIPS - Unfortunately **NO REFUNDS** can be issued for any cancellations made less than 30 days before a scheduled trip or event.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:15 pm. Call in for reservations at least one day in advance. All meals include salad, bread, juice, coffee/tea, & dessert. Meals cost \$3. Take Outs cost \$4.

JUNE MENU - Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m.

Friday 6/6 - Shrimp Stir Fry

Tuesday 6/10 - Turkey Meatloaf

Friday 6/13 - Tuna Salad Plate served w/Fruit

Tuesday 6/17 - Chicken Cacciatore

Friday 6/20 - Baked Fish

Tuesday 6/24 - Pork Loin

Friday 6/27 - Assorted Sandwiches

Woodbridge Remembered

When out of town guests visit are you able to tell them about Woodbridge and how it got its name? Do you know where the first ice skating rinks were, what the three judges' connection to Woodbridge is and where the first dairy farms were? At a recent meeting of the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society, a host of local residents shared memories and facts about what makes our town special. Pictures and artifacts were on display as the Historical Society president, Don Menzies, shared stories of murders, merchants and music. Participants young and old remembered the events of our past that help us connect to our present. Stay tuned for more programming from your local historical society. And to find out more, visit www.woodbridgehistory.org.



New Administrative Team

Recently, the Board of Selectmen unanimously and enthusiastically named Tony Genovese, the town's Finance Director, to also serve as the Town's Administrative Officer. The Board of Selectmen also voted to hire an Assistant Administrative Officer, Betsy Yagla, who will focus on three areas: resident issues, special projects and communications.

The Administrative Officer is a position required by Town charter. The former Administrative Officer, Joe Hellauer, retired in January. He was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of Town Hall and assisting in long-range planning and special projects.

"I would like to thank Joe Hellauer for his faithful and friendly service to the Town of Woodbridge," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I would also like to congratulate Tony on his promotion, which capitalizes on his managerial skills and depth of knowledge accumulated during more than 12 years of service leading the Town's finance department. Also, please join me in welcoming Betsy Yagla to Town government."

The Town of Woodbridge's administrative team also includes Executive Assistant Geraldine Shaw, who has worked for the Town in various capacities for 40 years and Senior Clerk Lynne Anglace who has worked for the Town for 20 years.

Prescription Savings

Woodbridge residents are invited to take advantage of a free prescription card that offers discounts on prescription drugs, pet prescriptions, vision services including LASIK eye surgery and hearing aid services.

The Town of Woodbridge is one of 112 towns participating in this program offered through the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the statewide association of towns and cities.

Prescription cards were mailed to Woodbridge residents in November. The cards are automatically activated and provide discounts at participating pharmacies to residents without insurance and residents whose prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

"It is unfortunate that so many prescription medicines are so expensive and so important to our health and quality of life," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "Please take advantage of this free service to lower your medical costs."

The prescription discount card provides an average savings of 45% off the retail price of prescription medicine.

Susan, a retired Woodbridge resident currently without insurance, has used the card several times. She saw a price drop on one of her medications from \$44 to \$17, thanks to using the card.

"It's a lot of money to pay out of pocket so the discount card helps a lot," says Susan.

Residents who lost or did not receive a card may request one through CTRxdiscounccard.com.

Cards must be presented at the pharmacy for the discount. The cards cannot be used to reduce insurance copays. In addition to prescription savings, cardholders can receive up to 20% off eye exams, 50% off frames and lenses retail price and 40-50% off the national average price of Lasik. Cardholders may also receive a 35-65% discount on hearing products and services.

Woodbridge is on Facebook!

The Town of Woodbridge now has an official page on the social networking site, Facebook. You may "like" the town at www.Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT. The Town's page will update residents with town information, including upcoming meetings and events, news articles and other items of interest.

"Increasing communication with Woodbridge residents has been one of my priorities and using Facebook provides town residents with a fun and dynamic way to get timely and

important information about their town," says First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

The Facebook page may also be used by Woodbridge-based nonprofit organizations that wish to promote an event of general interest happening within Woodbridge or that benefits Woodbridge. To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Betsy Yagla at byagla@woodbridgect.org.

Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD)

Many town residents do not know that they have a health department that serves their town. QVHD is the public health department for the town of Woodbridge. Its mission is to protect the residents of Woodbridge from disease, injury and environmental hazards through prevention, education, enforcement and collaboration with other town and state departments.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

Visit www.qvhd.org for information related to your health and community. The spring issue of Qvhd-TIPS Family Health Letter has just been posted! Learn about those pesky critters, lice.

FIRST CASE OF MEASLES REPORTED IN NEW HAVEN COUNTY: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

You should be aware of your susceptibility for measles. (Are you vaccinated? Did you have the disease?)

Know the symptoms of measles. Measles is very contagious. If you think you have symptoms*, avoid public contact and call your health care provider rather than going into the office or an emergency room.

The best protection against measles is vaccination. If you (or your children 12 months or older) have not been vaccinated or have never had the disease, you should contact your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, visit the QVHD website and view the Community Health Resources document.

*The early symptoms are mild to moderate fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes and/or a sore throat. Two to four days later a red or reddish-brown rash appears, usually starting on the face and neck. High fevers may accompany the rash. It is a highly contagious (easily spreads from person to person) disease. Persons with measles are contagious up to four days before and after the rash appears.

REMODELING? RENOVATE RIGHT. PREVENT LEAD POISONING!

Some of the children within our health district that became lead poisoned dwelled in houses that were being renovated. If your house was built before 1978, chances are you may have lead paint in your home. If you are doing any remodeling or renovations, including painting your house or garage, you need to follow safety precautions to prevent lead poisoning. Lead-based paint is the most common source of lead exposure. You can find it just about anywhere in the home: windows, sills, walls, doors, baseboards and the home's exterior. It can be found in peeling paint or contaminated dust. Children under age 6 are most at risk for lead poisoning. Lead exposure can damage the brain. It can cause growth problems, hearing loss, and learning problems. Many children do not show signs of lead

poisoning. If you are working on your home, it is important to take steps to prevent lead poisoning. Visit <http://www2.epa.gov/lead> or leadfreekids.org to learn about the actions you can take to renovate safely and protect your family. If you do not have internet access, you can call Quinnipiack Valley Health District, 203 248-4528 for written materials.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS

Pertussis Vaccinations Offered: You can protect the infant you care about while protecting yourself! QVHD offers the pertussis vaccine (in the form of Tdap-tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters and other caregivers or contacts of newborns and infants 12 months and younger. If you are over age 18 and have never had a Tdap vaccine, (a combined booster immunization containing tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis protection) you are eligible to receive this vaccine. A \$10.00 administration fee is requested. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay this fee. Immunization clinics are held every 4-6 weeks. Call or visit QVHD on line, www.qvhd.org, for dates and times. Vaccinations are given at the QVHD office.

PLANNING A FOOD EVENT THAT WILL SERVE FOOD TO THE PUBLIC?

If yes, you need to obtain a temporary food permit. This will help protect your group from the consequences of a foodborne outbreak among attendees. Groups such as community organizations, churches or other groups including schools that plan to hold an event that will sell or serve food to the general public must obtain a TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE PERMIT from QVHD. Examples include bazaars, community picnics, strawberry festivals, fairs or any fundraising event where food is served to the public. Two weeks time is required to process the permit, so be sure to plan ahead! Such permits are required under the Connecticut Public Health Code for food service to public groups. Failure to obtain a permit may result in the shutting down of your event. Proper food handling, cooking and storage are essential for preventing food-borne illness. For safe food handling information and/or an application for a temporary food service permit, call QVHD, 203 248-4528 or visit our web site, www.qvhd.org

Happy Spring!

*from all of us at Essex Printing
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Woodbridge & New Haven Look to Connect



Woodbridge residents and members of the West River Watershed Coalition recently took a weekend hike through West Rock to look at options for connecting the West River Trail between Bradley Road in Woodbridge and Pond Lily Avenue in New Haven. The exploratory hike was part of a larger goal of making the West River more accessible and to connect parks and greenspaces among the West River's water-

shed municipalities of Woodbridge, Bethany, New Haven, Hamden and West Haven.

Woodbridge Trailmaster Mike Walter led 15 people on the hike. First Selectman Ellen Scalettar joined the hike with West River Mitigation and Restoration Committee Chairman and Woodbridge resident Frank DeLeo and committee member and Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio.

Woodbridge Recreation Summer Camps

Who: Woodbridge Rec Summer Camps / Ages 3 thru 8th grade

Session: June 30 thru August 8, 6 weeks

Time: 9:00 -12:00 noon

Where: To Be Determined

Who: Sal Coppola's Baseball Camp / Boys Ages 8 to 14

Session: July 14 thru July 23, 8 days

Time: 9:00 -12:00 noon

Where: Amity High School Field

Who: Lindsey Costano's Softball Academy / Girls Ages 8 -14

Session: July 14 thru July 18, 5 days

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: Amity High School Field

Who: John Adams' Total Development Soccer Academy / Boys & Girls Ages 8-14

Session: July 7 thru July 11, 5 days

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: Amity High School Field

For pricing and other information, call the Woodbridge Rec. Dept. Office at 203-389-3446, or email recreation@woodbridgect.org, or visit the Town website, www.woodbridgect.org

Massaro Community Farm



Spring seedlings await transplanting at Massaro Community Farm.

Massaro Community Farm is pleased to welcome its fifth season with the clearing of an additional five acres of land. Returning this season are the ever-popular Dinner on the Farm (August 31) and Family Fun Day (October 4). Enrollment is under way for Summer Camp @ the Farm, running from August 11-22.

In addition to more open farm days and cooking demonstrations, you will see our presence in the Lower Naugatuck Valley growing through partnerships with Ansonia Salvation Army, Griffin Hospital, and the work of our FoodCorps service member.

The farm is now featuring educational field trips and encourages groups of all sizes to check out the variety of options available for a visit. Thanks to the success of our farm manager, we will have a presence at the Bethany Farmer's Market this season, in addition to our ongoing attendance at Westville's Edgewood Park Farmer's Market.

The farm encourages all ages and skill levels to get involved; there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available both in the office and the fields. To register for camp, or get the most recent news, visit our website (www.MassaroFarm.org) and sign up to receive our bi-weekly newsletter.

The Woodbridge First Selectman was added to the Massaro Community Farm Board as an Ex Officio Board Member. The decision was made at the farm's Annual Meeting. The farm is a non-profit organization that operates on town property. First Selectman Ellen Scalettar (pictured with "Farmer Steve") says that adding the First Selectman to the farm's board will help strengthen the cooperation and working relationship between the town and the farm.



Winner of Essex Printing Contest



Carl Iaccarino, owner of Carl's Closets receives a \$100 American Express gift card from Bill McMinn, President, Essex Printing and Events Magazines.

Carl was the winner of an Essex Printing "Like Us on Facebook" contest.

Annual Volunteer Tea



State Senator Joe Crisco presented a State of Connecticut Citation to outstanding volunteer, Jo Ann Begley, Community Liaison Caregiver Support Network of VNA Community Healthcare. Standing left to right: Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services, Jo Ann Begley of VNA Community Healthcare and Senator Joe Crisco.



Sitting left to right: Willows Genesis HealthCare employees Peter Mongillo, Patricia Gilmore, Rose Spinelli, Terry Duda and Woodbridge Youth Services Director, Nancy Pfund. Standing left to right: Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services; Katy Poole, Massaro Farm; Mary Lee Barker, Human Services Commission Chairperson; Steve Munno, Massaro Farm; Jen Romanoff and Beverly Fries Amity Teen Center/Leo Club; and First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

The Woodbridge Human Services held their 26th annual Volunteer Tea in April. More than 100 volunteers received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of exemplary volunteer services benefiting Woodbridge. Jo Ann Begley, Sharon Dworkin, Ruth Gibbons, George Grotheer and Alexis Mugno were honored as Outstanding Volunteers.

Jo Ann Begley, Community Liaison and Coordinator of the Caregiver Support Network, of VNA Community Healthcare, in Guilford, has been a 3 year member of the Woodbridge TRIAD Senior Center. The TRIAD is a community awareness, crime prevention and personal safety program for Woodbridge seniors. In addition, through the VNA Community Healthcare and LIFETIME Care at Home, she has sponsored desserts for various TRIAD Programs.

Sharon Dworkin has been an exemplary Friendly Visitor since 2008. She has consistently offered a weekly reassurance phone call to a senior resident over the years. She has visited the senior when she was hospitalized or in rehab, and usually brings a thoughtful get well gift in the process. The Human Services Department is very grateful for Sharon's empathetic and nurturing nature and generous contribution to the life of one of our Friendly Visitor recipients.

Ruth Gibbons is a Woodbridge resident who was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer for her dedication to the Senior Center. Ruth volunteers for the Lunch Program, Senior Advisory Board and Holiday Fair. In addition, after Hurricane Sandy she volunteered at the Town's Emergency Shelter.

George Grotheer is a junior at Amity High School who has volunteered for the Youth Evening Programs since he was in middle school. He sets up tables and chairs, moves boxes, serves food, decorates, and assists at the registration area. He has been a fine example for the younger students by encouraging them to participate in the activities.

Alexis Mugno has volunteered in the Youth Services office doing clerical work, data coding and entry, research, and organization of files. Ms. Mugno shared her photographic talents at the Human Services Volunteer Tea last year and at a recent Youth Services program. She also chaperones at Youth Evening Programs for middle school students.

The Amity Teen Center/Leo Club, Massaro Farm and Willow Genesis HealthCare received Human Services Special Recognition Awards.

Amity Teen Center/Leo Club has been very generous to the Human Services "Adopt a Family" Program. Since 2006, the Amity Teen Center/Leo Club has provided bountiful holiday food baskets to 6 families each year in need to brighten their holidays.

Since the summer of 2008, Massaro Farm has generously donated fresh produce to the Woodbridge Human Services Department for distribution to residents in need from June-October. Every year approximately ten families are served.

The Willow Genesis HealthCare received the Human Services Special Recognition Award honoring them for their ongoing generosity and support of the Woodbridge Senior Center. Last fall, they sponsored a Car Show Fundraiser and donated the proceeds to Woodbridge Senior Center. Each month they donate a birthday cake to celebrate the Senior Center's members' birthdays and have donated desserts for TRIAD Sponsored programs.

"The attitude of compassion and commitment of all the volunteers brings so much to Woodbridge. The Staff appreciates and is grateful for the hard work and dedication given so generously by the volunteers," stated Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services.

Celebrating Two Pinnacle Awards!



Robert Vankeirsbilck of Long Cat Graphics and Jill Butler from Jill Butler Design with Bill McMinn and Brad Cunningham from Essex Printing, holding the Pinnacle Award for a marketing piece designed by Long Cat Graphics, created by Jill Butler Design and printed by Essex Printing.

PROUD WINNER OF TWO 2014 PINNACLE AWARDS

Essex Printing is the proud recipient of two Pinnacle Awards from the Print Industries of New England for 2014. The Pinnacle is given to the most outstanding entry in each category.

The competition was intense with over 300 entries from printers throughout New England so entries must be flawless to win. "Year after year, the quality of submissions for the Awards of Excellence increases and raises the standard to which they are held" said Christine Hagopian, PINE's Director of Programming.

"It's an honor to be selected as recipient of two Pinnacle Awards for 2014 and it is an even greater honor to win PINE's Award of Excellence two years in a row. It is a testament to our core value to help our customers meet their objectives through marketing and print" said William McMinn, President, Essex Printing & Events Magazines.

Printing Industries of New England's panel of national printing experts recognized Essex Printing for its outstanding work. The award winning entries will now be entered in the 2014 Premier Print Awards competition, the largest international competitive print awards program.

Country Club of Woodbridge

Country Club Pool Director Anthony Taddei is ready to welcome you to the pool this summer. This is the first year that the Country Club of Woodbridge Pool will be run by the town. The pool opened on Memorial Day and will stay open through Labor Day.

The pool will be open on weekends only (June 1 & 2; June 8 & 9) until Saturday, June 15. Pool hours are 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Your smiling pool director has already organized the first of many "member work days" in which member volunteers helped rake, mulch, move club chairs

and many other tasks to get the pool ready for you!

Pool memberships include access to the heated Olympic-size pool, a (non-heated) kiddie pool, towel service, the playground, basketball court, banquet tent, snack bar, bathhouses and access to the men's and women's locker rooms.

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For more information, contact Cynthia Clegg at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, 860.347.0025 or Cynthia@MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

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