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First Selectman's Corner

The future of the Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW) is one of the most important and controversial issues facing our Town. As we consider next steps with respect to the property, it is important that we all start from a common base of factual information. This is essential as we evaluate options for the long term use of the CCW.

The final decision will be made by you, the voters of our Town. Knowing the facts will be crucial in making an informed decision.

To that end, the Boards of Selectmen and Finance have been meeting jointly to discuss the financial history, anticipated additional costs, how the CCW expenses impact other Town projects and potential development or open space options.

A few key points to keep in mind:

- **Net cost to Town thus far** (including \$7M purchase price): \$9,080,244
- **FY 2016 budgeted expenses** (net after estimated budgeted pool revenues): \$653,673
- **Significant future capital needs are anticipated at the CCW**
In addition to the estimated \$500,000 5-year capital requests for the golf course and pool, additional anticipated needs have not been priced out but could cost the Town millions of dollars.
- **Other Town capital needs are on the horizon**

The debt from the Country Club of Woodbridge, along with other bonded projects (i.e, the Public Works building and the

Beecher Road School renovation), makes it more difficult to consider other much-needed projects: the emergency services radio system, upgraded police facility, animal control building, old firehouse restoration and senior center improvements.

Options for the CCW property could include senior housing, single family residences, 9 or 18 hole golf operations, pool and tennis activities, demolition or renovation of the clubhouse. The Town could also convert the entire property into open space, or various combinations of uses.

Visit www.woodbridge.org/CCWFuture to see all the documents that have been presented to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance and links to videos of the meetings.

I hope you will take the time to familiarize yourself with the facts as we continue our process for determining a long-term CCW plan. Town property can never be sold without a vote by the residents: the final decision rests with you.

To stay up to date on this and other issues, follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT)), sign up for the Town's email newsletter (tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeEnews) and visit the Town's website, www.woodbridge.org.



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First Selectman



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Woodbridge Youth Services

Job Bank

Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work

The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers jobs to teen residents, ages 13 – 18, who would like to work to earn some extra cash. The application process offers a chance to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Types of jobs may include yard work, babysitting, animal care, house work, and snow shoveling. Call Youth Services to join at 203-389-3429.

Hire Woodbridge Teens

Woodbridge Job Bank teens will work for Woodbridge residents who want to hire someone to assist with odd jobs like yard work, party help, cleaning, tutoring, and moving furniture or boxes. Please contact us at 203-389-3429 for more information.

Need An Occasional Babysitter?

The Woodbridge Job Bank has numerous teenagers who are experienced in babysitting. Many have completed the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course. If you are a Woodbridge resident and would like more information about babysitters or Mother's Helpers, call Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.



Chef Maggie Lyon works with students during the After School Cooking Program. The students in the cooking class are hard at work each week in the Amity Middle School Bethany kitchen whipping up some great dishes while learning culinary technique. The class runs ten weeks and is co-sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Kids work together to create a "mummy" out of a teammate during the Mummy Wrap contest at Woodbridge Youth Services Halloween Bash. The program is co-sponsored by the Town of Bethany. The Bethwood Bash program is open to all Woodbridge and Bethany 7th and 8th grade residents. Private school students are encouraged to attend.



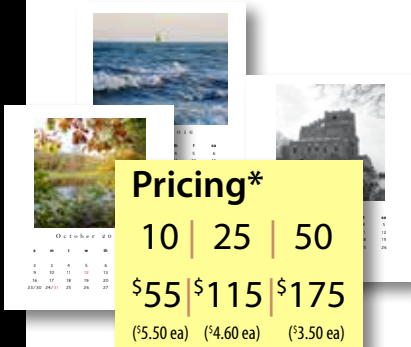
The costume contest during the recent Halloween Bash was a real fright! Costumes were judged in four categories: scariest, most fun, most original/home-made, and adult pick. The Halloween Bash included a Boppers DJ, a costume contest, a mummy wrap contest and a donut eating contest as well as pizza and snacks. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who help make these programs a success!

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Beth – Wood Baseball League

Beth – Wood Baseball League is busy getting organized and will once again be offering online Registration for our upcoming 2016 Spring Season, for Tee Ball through Majors. Baseball ages 4 – 12 as of April 30th. If you legally reside in the Towns of Bethany, Woodbridge, New Haven, Beacon Falls, Orange and / or Hamden (or if your children attend



classes in each of these communities), your children are eligible to register to participate in our League.

The 2016 Registration period begins on Monday, January 11th and ends on Sunday, February 7th (we will continue to take / accept online Registrations after the



February 7th deadline up to April 1st if there are openings still available but there will be an automatic late fee).

Beth - Wood Softball Little League will be taking Registrations as well for girls between the ages of 6 – 12. You may visit their web site at www.bethwoodsoftball.org for additional information and details. Girls may still register and participate in the Beth – Wood Baseball Program if they so desire.

There will be discounts when registering multiple children in the same family in

addition to a maximum amount charged per Family of \$375. Also note that Beth – Wood Baseball offers scholarships to those who financially can not afford to register their children (no children left behind) – visit our web site for a complete listing of all Registration fees.



For additional information about our Program, please visit our web site at www.bethwoodbaseball.com or contact B – W President Dwight Rowland at drowland@tcco.com.

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Generations of Culture



Pictured from left to right is: Mary Lee Raro, Woodbridge Senior Social Worker, Laura Hamilton, Teacher/Advisor of Latin Honor Society, Lee Canning, Woodbridge Senior Center Director, Peter Silva, Spanish Society, Xiaoqian Kong, Chinese Honor Society and Nancy Pfund, Woodbridge Youth Services Director.

Woodbridge Senior Center and Youth Services recently joined with Amity High School to sponsor a "Generations of Culture" Program. The event was subsidized by a grant from the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. The international-intergenerational program was held on October 22nd and featured entertainment by the Amity High School Jazz Band.

Cultural foods made under the supervision of Chef William Hans were served. After dinner, the members of the Chinese, French, Latin and Spanish Honor Societies provided cultural craft activities along with French crepes as dessert.

Winter Skincare Tips

- Use topical moisturizing ingredients. Occlusives preserve moisture levels by slowing trans-epidermal water loss. Humectants attract water to the skin. Emollients maintain soft, pliable skin, reduces flaking & moisture loss.

- Exfoliation removes dull cells while improving penetration of ingredients to smooth skin, stimulate collagen production & increases skin's natural protective barrier.

- Topically applied vitamins improve the health of the skin. Vitamin A inhibits collagen breakdown while stimulating collagen production. Vitamin B5 aids in wound healing. Vitamin E provides barrier protection.

- Keep your surrounding temperature moderate.
- A humidifier adds moisture to the air & to your skin.
- Consume at least 8 glasses of water daily.
- Excessive intake of alcoholic beverages, caffeine, salt & certain medications can contribute to dehydration resulting in a darkened, blotchy skin tone & under eye circles.

• Avoid diet sodas & fat-free foods. These lack vital, skin friendly essential fatty acids & fat soluble vitamins. Fat-free foods often substitute sugar with artificial sweeteners that can cause skin sensitivities.

• Sleep 8 hours. Inadequate amounts of sleep tend to show up around the eye area leaving you looking tired.

• Smoking can also have a drying effect on the skin. Smoking inhibits the body's ability to provide oxygen & nutrients to the skin. Smoking drains the body of vitamins A, C & restricts blood vessels.

• Apply sunscreen daily. Snow reflects about 80% of the sun's rays. Proper care from the inside out is essential to maintaining healthy & radiant looking skin.

Debra Morrissey,
Integrated Aesthetics

First Selectman Continues Local Business Tours

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar continues to tour local businesses to highlight them as part of the "Shop Woodbridge, Dine Woodbridge, Try Woodbridge" campaign. Additionally, the Town's Economic Development Commission has been inviting businesses to its monthly meetings in order to learn about those businesses and why they chose Woodbridge.

Recently Scalettar visited hair salon Hairs 2 You, David Lesser Fine Antiquarian Books, three Naturopathic Doctors and Kidalicious, a home business that teaches kids to cook.

Stephanie Tiddei of Hairs 2 You ran the salon called Stephanie's on Whalley Avenue in New Haven for 20 years. Deciding it was time for a change, Tiddei looked for a new location that would be convenient to her clientele.

Tiddei lives in Bethany and enjoys her shorter commute to Selden Street, she said. Many long-time customers followed her to the new shop and she's gained new local customers also.

At David Lesser Fine Antiquarian Books in the Woodbridge Office Park, Scalettar learned that Lesser has been selling antiquarian books out of his Woodbridge office since 1994. Lesser, a retired lawyer, specializes in American social, political and cultural history.

Lesser told Scalettar that most of his business is conducted via mail-order catalogues and book fairs. "We don't expect local business, though there are some locals who are regular visitors," he said.

On her visits Scalettar also learned that Woodbridge now has three Naturopathic Doctors, Dr. Jennifer Botwick, Dr. Sharon de Kadt and Dr. Ginger Nash. Connecticut is one of a number of states to offer a license for Naturopathic Physicians, which means they are licensed health-care providers and visits are covered by insurance. All three naturopaths say they spend a lot of time with patients and listen closely in order to address issues holistically. Instead of prescribing



Ellen Scalettar with Dr. Ginger Nash

pharmaceuticals, NDs use traditional healing methods combined with prevention strategies.



Scalettar also visited Kidalicious in Michelle Wachsmann's home kitchen (pictured above) where she teaches children about food safety, safe food handling and how to cook healthy meals.

Wachsmann has no professional background in cooking, but "I love cooking and wanted to make a business out of my passion," she said.

For more information, about Woodbridge businesses visit the Town's business website, www.woodbridgect.org/business.

If you know of a new or expanding business in Town, or if you would like the First Selectman to tour your business, please contact Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla at byagla@woodbridgect.org or 203-389-3403.

Beat Parkinson's Disease by DANCING

Orange CT, October 3rd, 2015. In recognition of Roderick Mitchell, an in-house dance competition was hosted at Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Orange for Parkinson's research. Roderick Mitchell was born and raised in Orange, CT. He is a known accomplished songwriter and singer. He has been writing songs for 20 years after starting out as a lyric poet and pianist. He has written and sung his favorite songs from his eight albums at various venues (www.RodMitchell.com). These songs have also accompanied Rod for his various dance showcase performances and regional competitions.

Rod was diagnosed with Parkinson's two years ago and he states that the only thing that keeps him going is ballroom dancing. Parkinson's disease (PD) is a progressive, neurodegenerative movement disorder that is often accompanied by impaired balance and reduced quality of life. Recent studies indicate that dance may be an effective alternative to traditional exercise for addressing these areas of concern for individuals with PD.

First, dance is an activity performed to music. The music may serve as an external cue to facilitate movement, and enhances dopamine release. Secondly, dance-based balance training has been shown to be successful in improving balance, strength, and flexibility. Finally, dance can result in improved cardiovascular functioning.

Several small studies compared those that walked for exercise versus those that danced tango and found that there were greater improvements in balance and walking speed amongst the dancers. Researchers believe that the purposeful walk in tango causes a shift in cortical activation, with increased activity in the premotor and supplementary motor areas mechanisms that are crucial to day to day walking performance.

A final aspect of dance that should not be overlooked is its social nature. Dance enhances social support networks, thereby contributing to an improved quality of life. On October 3rd, the Orange Studio had 40 attendants at our dance competition for

Parkinson's Research. We were able to raise a total of \$2,100.00 for the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. The opening remarks for the event were given by Dr. Diane Richardson a Neurologist from the VA Hospital, who works primarily with patients with Parkinson's Disease. She confirmed that the best way to stay healthy with PD is to "keep moving ...and dancing is a great way to keep your balance and coordination active..." Other local donors were 700° Pizza from Orange and Luigi's Bakery from Bridgeport who assisted with food for the event. Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Orange would like to thank all of the local competitors and vendors who contributed toward this great cause. We encourage everyone to keep dancing. It's a great activity for your physical and mental health!

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Drug Take Back Program

Woodbridge Police Department Partners with the D.E.A. in a Prescription Drug Take Back Program

The Woodbridge Police Department's recent participation in the Drug Enforcement Administration's Prescription Drug Take Back Program proved to be a success.

On September 26th residents were given the opportunity to rid their homes of unwanted, unused, and potentially dangerous expired prescription drugs by dropping them off at the Police Department.

During a four hour period, police collected a total of 74.5 pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals, which were then turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for destruction.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Studies show that a majority of prescription abused drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, common methods for disposing of unused medicines, such as flushing them down the toilet or discarding them in the trash, both pose potential safety and health hazards.

This free and anonymous service addressed a vital public safety and health issue concerning prescription drug misuse and abuse, and will likely be repeated again next year.

Sgt. Frank Cappiello

Amity Historical Society

Holiday Open House

The board of directors of the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society will be hosting a Holiday Open House at the Thomas Darling House, 1907 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge on Sunday December 6, from 2 to 4 pm. Decorated with simple greens and classic decorations, the house is turned back in time as the Darlings would have celebrated it during the Victorian era. Live music, fresh baked cookies, and caroling commence as the beginning of the holiday season unfolds. Come and spend some time with us and get a peek inside this lovely, old home. This event is free and open to the public. www.woodbridgehistory.org

The Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society is seeking information from any person or family who possibly inherited a Wepawaug Indian basket made by the members of the tribe who lived on the Deerfield Reservation in Derby and adjacent to Osbourne Lane in Woodbridge beginning about 1802. This was the Mack family: mother Eunice, son James, daughter Ruby. The death of Eunice was recorded in 1841 in the Woodbridge Congregational Church where her children were baptized in 1802 apparently under the name Mansfield. Originally, there were ten members in their group. They made simple wood splint baskets from ash or oak splints possibly dyed and usually without marks. Please call Dr. Marvin Arons, Woodbridge Town Historian, at 203-389-5179.

Woodbridge Recreation Dept.

The Town of Woodbridge Recreation Department is excited to announce that residents may now use an online registration form when registering for Recreation programs and classes.

Residents may still use paper forms to register for classes. These forms can be printed from the Town's website, www.woodbridgedct.org or obtained in person at the Recreation Office at Beecher Road School.

Registration for winter programs is now available. Residents may use MasterCard or Visa credit cards to register for classes.

The Recreation Department offers programs for children and adults at affordable prices. Programming for children includes after-school activities such as bowling, tennis, piano, basketball, ballet and more.

Winter programs began in December, with the exception of the adult Classic Basketball League, which started on Nov. 24.

"I'd like to thank the Recreation Commission for advocating for this online registration system and the Recreation Department for implementing it," says First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "This will make it easier for residents to access the many wonderful programs offered by our Recreation Department."

This online registration system may also pave the way for other government functions to be conducted online.

"Residents have responded very enthusiastically to this change, and I encourage people to look and see the variety of programs that we offer," said Director of Recreation John Adamovich.

Getting Ready For Winter:

Mail Box Tips And Parking Bans

The Town of Woodbridge Public Works employees take care to avoid damaging mailboxes during winter storms, but accidents do happen. The Town will assist residents in repairing mailboxes damaged by the Town of Woodbridge snowplows.

In order to avoid aggravation and reduce costs during the winter months, the Town of Woodbridge Department of Public Works would like to suggest the use of metal or wooden mailboxes and posts, which can better withstand the hard-hitting winter storms of the Northeast. We have found that mailboxes and posts that are made out of plastic do not hold up as well and therefore, will not be replaced or repaired by the Town.

We would also like to suggest checking the condition of your mailbox and post before winter storms hit. The Town cannot be held responsible for mailboxes and posts that are in a deteriorated condition.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD)

QVHD is the public health department for the towns of Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge. Its mission is to protect residents from disease, injury and environmental hazards through prevention, education, enforcement and collaboration with other town and state departments.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE, www.qvhd.org for information related to your health and community.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE QVHD MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS! (You don't have to have a medical background!)

Across America, communities prepare for unexpected emergency events. In 2014, QVHD established a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) which brings together community members who are interested in helping the health department during an emergency or unexpected event. Activities may include assisting to dispense medications or helping at a shelter or other community event. No one can know what or when an emergency or other event will occur. What is known is that a response will need to be rapid and will require volunteers who can respond quickly to the call for help. A volunteer work force that is in place and can be called into action is critical for QVHD to be able to respond in a quick and efficient manner. You can be part of the team that protects you, your family and your community! There will be many roles on this response team to be filled with people who are committed to helping others. You don't need to have a particular skill; just a willingness to help out. If you would like to be involved and play a critical role in your community's response to an emergency, please visit www.qvhd.org, Emergency preparedness section, and complete a volunteer application or call QVHD, 203-248-4528, for a volunteer application or more information.

Woodbridge Town Library Upcoming Events

Adult Events

Woodbridge Night at Long Wharf Theatre

Thursday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm

Library patrons are invited to Woodbridge Night at Long Wharf Theatre. Patrons will receive a \$15 discount off ticket prices and a special reception before the show. Tickets can be purchased online using the discount code "WOODBRIDGE" at checkout or by calling Long Wharf Marketing Coordinator Deena Nicol at 203-772-8242 and referencing "Woodbridge Night" to purchase discounted tickets. Long Wharf Theatre is located at 222 Sargent Drive in New Haven, CT.

The Pierce Campbell Trio Concert – "The Look of Love" Classic Jazz Love Songs

Thursday, February 11 @ 7 pm

The Pierce Campbell Jazz Trio features Pierce Campbell (from the Kerry Boys) on guitar and vocals, Tony Pasqualoni on acoustic bass and Loren Everts on keyboards. They will be performing classic jazz love songs for Valentine's Day from artists like Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. With excellent vocals, improvisation and a stellar song selection, they have an energy and sound that will engage you right from the start. Bring your voice and sing along!

Children Events

Shake It Up, Shakespeare!

Saturday, December 12 from 3-5 pm

Join Ingrid Schaeffer for a special two hour hands-on theater workshop based on A Midsummer's Night's Dream, Shakespeare's wacky comedy of errors! Try out all sorts of costumes, wigs, props and create your own Coat of Arms. This program is for teens and tweens in grades 5-12.

Animal Embassy - Preparing for Winter

Monday, December 28 @ 2 – 2:45 pm

Animals prepare for winter in a variety of ways. Some animals migrate, some get new fur coats, some hibernate and some store food to last through the winter. Animal Embassy will help children to define and understand terms such as hibernation, migration, brumation and adaptation while we will explore the ways in which different animals prepare for the challenges of the winter season. Families will meet Animal Ambassadors such as a Flemish Giant Rabbit or a Lionhead Rabbit, Ferrets, an African Bullfrog, South American Chinchillas, an Axolotl, a Duck and more! Ages 4 and up.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Pumpnickel Puppets

Saturday, February 6 @ 2 – 2:45 pm

Join Pumpnickel Puppets for two fables--The Three Billy Goats Gruff and the Lion and the Mouse. Plus meet their newest walkabout puppet! Ages 3 and up.

Woodbridge Town Library Announces New Pass to Long Wharf Theatre

The Woodbridge Town Library is circulating a new pass for Long Wharf Theatre. Patrons with a valid library card can pick up a pass that will allow them two free tickets to a performance at Long Wharf Theatre. Passes can only be given out in person no earlier than two days before a performance date. Patrons must choose which performance date and time they plan in attending when taking the pass and it is their responsibility to call Long Wharf Theatre and reserve their seats. Only one Long Wharf Pass can be reserved per show and the passes are first come, first serve. Long Wharf Theatre will give the best seats pending availability, for a given performance. One pass per patron, per show. Long Wharf Theatre is located at 222 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT. Check their website to see upcoming shows: www.longwharf.org.

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Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department Happenings

The WVFD recently hosted their 4th Annual Halloween Truck or Treat. This wildly successful event was sponsored by more than 50 local businesses and individuals and provided a free and fun family event for our community. Especially wonderful was the Spook-tacular Fireworks Show, sponsored by an anonymous donor – the night was truly lit up with smiles and oohs and ahhs!

Truck or Treat is only one of many community events the volunteer firefighters organize for residents. Next up, the WVFD will host Santa and Mrs. Claus at the firehouse. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be here to visit with children from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm on Saturday, December 19th. Letters to Santa can be sent to santa@woodbridgefire.com. In addition, the

WVFD brings Santa and Mrs. Claus to visit residents at the Southbury Training School and to deliver gifts to needy families in the community.

In addition to special events and fire prevention activities, the WVFD is a vibrant organization of men and women dedicated to serving our community as First Responders to fire suppression, rescue, medical emergency (EMT level),



and hazmat incidents 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are currently welcoming new members -- if you are 18 years of age or older and interested in finding out more about serving your community as a volunteer firefighter call (203) 389-3441 or stop by the firehouse on a Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Training, turnout gear, and equipment are provided. We also have a Juniors program for youths ages 15-17.

Check out this live burn training on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/BsFBGRy3Lvo>

To stay up to date on WVFD activities and events check out woodbridgefire.com and look for WoodbridgeFire on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

Beecher Road School Paving Complete

The Town of Woodbridge recently completed a paving and sidewalk project at Beecher Road School South thanks to a \$500,000 state grant. The sidewalk and paving project was completed by Complete Construction while renovation work was ongoing at the school during summer break.

“The new entryway looks great and sets the tone for a fresh and exciting beginning to the new school year. Our school community will enjoy a more beautiful, safe and energy efficient building,” said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. Scalettar expressed the Town’s appreciation for the help of our state delegation—State Senators Joe Crisco and Gayle Slossberg and Representative Themis Klarides—in obtaining financial assistance for the project.

“I am very pleased with how smoothly this project went considering the fact that it occurred while our building facility was a major construction zone,” said Woodbridge Superintendent of Schools Dr. Guy Stella. “This is a wonderful example of collaboration between the School District, the Town, and State Agencies. We also appreciate the cooperation and flexibility of our project manager, Matt Ward as well as the team from Complete Construction.”



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Mailbox Replacement Policy

In order to provide a consistent policy concerning replacement of mailboxes damaged during snow removal operations and limit the Town's exposure to increasing costs, the following policy was adopted by the Selectmen November 13, 1996.

- 1) If a mailbox or post is struck by a Town snowplow during snow removal operations, the Town will replace the mailbox and/or post with a standard box and/or post. The Town will supply the labor and material(s).
- 2) If a mailbox and/or post is damaged by the weight of snow plowed up against it or by other factors except being struck by a plow, the Town will not replace or repair the mailbox and/or post.
- 3) In the event a Town snowplow strikes and damages a custom or fancy mailbox and/or post, the Town will replace with similar quality provided the resident supplies the Town with a receipt or other evidence of value for the mailbox and/or post.
- 4) All requests for replacement or repairs must be made within 72 hours of the end of the storm during which the damaged occurred.

This policy was established after reviewing procedures in many other Connecticut towns.

Town Of Woodbridge, Facilities Department

Woodbridge Town Clerk Named "2015 Town Clerk of the Year"

At the Connecticut Town Clerk Association's Annual Meeting in late September, Woodbridge Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio was named 2015 Town Clerk of the Year.

Deputy First Selectman Beth Heller attended the Association's annual meeting to present Ciarleglio with a proclamation from the Woodbridge First Selectman. It read, in part, "I Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman of the Town of Woodbridge, and on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the many grateful citizens and visitors she has assisted over the years with professionalism, kindness and understanding, am honored to congratulate our Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio on this occasion as she is recognized by her peers and awarded the

honor of "Town Clerk of the Year by the Connecticut Town Clerks Association."

Ciarleglio was honored for providing an open, warm, and accessible office to residents, the restoration and preservation of historic Town records, spearheading the publication of the "Historic Woodbridge Homes" book, decorating Town Hall walls with photographs of historic Woodbridge and serving as a mentor to other Town Clerks, as well as many other accomplishments.

In 1991 Ciarleglio was appointed as Town Clerk by then-First Selectman Nan Birdwhistell. She has been subsequently reappointed by First Selectmen Roger Harrison, Amey Marrella, Edward Sheehy and Ellen Scalettar.



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Woodbridge Solar Challenge Close to Breaking Record

The Town of Woodbridge's participation in the CT Solar Challenge has been so successful that the Town may earn the largest free solar array awarded to date through the program.

Last fall the Town began the Woodbridge Energy Challenge to help residents make their homes more energy efficient and more reliant on clean energy. As part of this challenge the Town signed on to the CT Solar Challenge which offers discounted pricing on solar installations to Woodbridge residents. The program ends on Dec. 31, 2015.

In addition to the discount for residents, the Town will earn a free solar array at the end of the program. The size of the free solar array will depend on how many kilowatts of solar are installed in

Woodbridge through the Town's chosen vendor for this program, Aegis Solar.

Already the Town has earned a free 5kW array. As of late October, 25 Woodbridge residents had signed contracts for a total of 220 kilowatts of new solar installations. Another 60 residents have received proposals from Aegis. If the Town reaches 250 kW, the Town will earn a free 7kW solar array for municipal use. This will be the largest free solar array awarded through the CT Solar Challenge since its inception in 2013.

"I am very excited at the reception the CT Solar Challenge has had in Woodbridge," said CT Solar Challenge Executive Director Maggie Treichel. "Woodbridge residents appreciate the environmental and financial benefits, and I am hopeful that

Woodbridge will break the record and set an example for other towns."

"Woodbridge residents are taking advantage of this program to educate themselves about solar and to go green," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I created the Ad Hoc Energy Advisory Task Force with the goal of bringing a solar program to Woodbridge and they've done an outstanding job in overseeing and implementing the Woodbridge Solar Challenge. I'd like to especially thank Chair Lisa Connor and Lor Ferrante Fernandes."

For more information visit www.ctsolarchallenge.com/woodbridge

Woodbridge Resident Created Orchard & Shrub Garden

Woodbridge resident Dr. Chris Loscalzo loves birds. He loves birds so much that, while talking outdoors, he constantly interrupts himself to identify birds by song and by sight.

His hobby is bird watching and for the Audubon Society's Annual Christmas Bird Count, Dr. Loscalzo and other birders visit the Woodbridge Community Gardens to begin the local bird count.

"I started to learn that certain native plants attract birds," he said which is why he created a native shrub garden to provide a year-round food source and habitat for birds at the Woodbridge Community Gardens.

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar asked Dr. Loscalzo for a tour of the native shrub garden and the mini orchard that he has created for the local wildlife and residents to enjoy.

He has turned six 25 x 40 foot plots into a mecca for wildlife and wildlife lovers. He planted 60 shrubs of 10 varieties to create cover for birds. Most of the shrubs are fruit bearing, including blueberries, viburnum, chokeberry, elderberries and winterberry. The shrubs, which began as one-foot-tall plants, are now large, bushy and healthy.

For the first few years he spent many hours tending the garden. After the shrub garden was stable Dr. Loscalzo converted the contiguous three fallow plots into an orchard.

If the native shrub garden is for the birds, the orchard is for the humans. His orchard 16 apples and eight pears.

There are benches in both areas to invite residents to enjoy the view and the bird song. The fruit trees were planted four years ago and are already tall enough that Dr. Loscalzo uses a ladder to reach the highest branches. He invites the public to enjoy the apples and the pears.

"This is for people to enjoy," he said. "The goal was for it to be self-perpetuating, but I can't imagine how many hundreds of hours I've spent here, and I haven't regretted a minute of it."

"You've done so much for our community," Scalettar told him while enjoying a freshly picked apple. "It's lovely, and we thank you."



Wisdom of Woodbridge Lecture Series

The Woodbridge of Wisdom series of lectures will be delivered by Woodbridge residents who will discuss their exciting professions, unusual talents and expertise in various topics. At the first lecture, held at the Library, Southern Connecticut State University President Dr. Mary Papazian discussed "Embracing the Future: Southern Connecticut State University and the Changing Higher Education Landscape."

"Tonight we are launching a series of lectures where residents will share their wisdom with us," First Selectman Ellen Scalettar said in her introduction to the series and Dr. Papazian's talk. "We are starting with five lectures over the next several months, although we could no doubt schedule such lectures daily for many years without running out of fascinating talks by Woodbridge residents."

About 30 residents attended the lecture. Following the talk, audience members had a chance to ask questions and exchange in a discussion with Dr. Papazian.

Dr. Papazian discussed challenges facing higher education and how SCSU is facing them, including the dearth of college graduates, declining enrollments, retention issues, and the spiraling cost of higher education, education attainment gaps and more scrutiny at the federal level. She also discussed SCSU's evolving campus, green initiatives, a focus on science, technology, engineering and math and SCSU's community outreach and involvement.

The lectures are co-hosted by the JCC and the Woodbridge Town Library.



Senior Center News

Transportation Service



The Woodbridge Senior Center recently received a new 14 passenger wheelchair accessible bus through the State Department of Transportation's 5310 grant. Transportation will be provided for Woodbridge seniors 60 and over and disabled persons. The Center provides travel to the Senior Center, transportation for medical, dental, and therapy appointments, and for shopping. Residents must contact the Senior Center office at least 24 hours in advance of their service needs by calling 203-389-3430.

Massaro Farm

The Woodbridge Senior Center would like to thank the staff and volunteers at Massaro Farm for their hard work and for graciously

sharing with the senior center the fresh vegetables grown on the farm.

The Agency On Aging Of South Central Connecticut

They are offering CARE NETWORK LINK to help seniors and caregivers find help to live in their own homes as long as possible. The website address is www.CareNetworkLink.org and the phone number is 203-495-1655. The Agency on Aging has checked the credentials of all the providers for insurance, certifications and licenses. The website lists such services as: live-in care, delivered meals, hearing evaluations, home modifications, professional organizing, personal care assistants, companions, homemakers and hairstylists. For more information visit www.aoascc.org. Care Network Link is a subsidiary of the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut, 1 Long Wharf Drive.

Join Us For Lunch At The Senior Center

Every Tuesday & Friday at 12:15 p.m. Meals cost \$3 and include salad, bread, juice, coffee/tea, & dessert. Take out meals are \$4. On Tuesday's we have entertainment or an interesting speaker, and on Friday's a movie is shown after lunch. Please call 203-389-3430 to let us know you are coming!

Town of Woodbridge Receives Award for Audit

The Town of Woodbridge recently received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) from the national Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The award was presented to the Town's Administrative Officer and Finance Director Tony Genovese for the Town's financial audit. This is the Town's 19th time earning the award.

The GFOA's CAFR program is designed to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles. The program emphasizes comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then recognizes individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Earlier this year Woodbridge also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from GFOA. Only a small percentage of Connecticut towns earn both awards.

"The Town of Woodbridge regularly receives both of these awards that recognize the outstanding work of the Town's Finance Department and the volunteer Board of Finance," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

"These awards, coupled with Moody's recent confirmation of the Town's Aaa bond rating, affirm that the Town's Finance Department and Board of Finance are doing an excellent job of managing the Town's finances and reporting on those finances," said Board of Finance Chair Matthew Giglietti.

The Finance Department is currently preparing the 2014-15 audit for publication and submission.

Town Explores Economic Development



First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and CERC CEO Bob Santy

The Town of Woodbridge, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce and the Connecticut Economic Resource Council (CERC) teamed up for a workshop about economic development in Woodbridge.

Several boards and commissions were invited to the workshop at Birchwoods at Oak Lane in late October. The goal was to

bring Town volunteers together to think about their role—direct or indirect—in economic development.

"Since becoming First Selectman I have made economic development a focus for many reasons, not the least of which is building a tax base that will ease the burden on residential property taxes," said Scalettar at the opening of the workshop. She mentioned some of her initiatives including visits to local businesses, and the adoption of the C-PACE program which allows businesses to make energy upgrades.

Bob Santy, President and CEO of the CERC explained the difference between economic growth, economic development and community development.

"You all are involved in community development," he told the room, which included members of the Recreation Commission, Board of Education, Library Commission, Human Services Commission, Town Plan & Zoning, Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen.

Community development—creating a welcoming and rewarding place to live—leads to economic development by retaining and attracting businesses and residents, Santy explained.

Retaining businesses by supporting, listening to and visiting them is important, Santy affirmed, and praised the Town for its practice of doing so. The Economic Development Commission also invites local businesses to be "in the spotlight" at their televised monthly meetings.

Participants acknowledged and discussed progress on challenges including traffic and the future of the Country Club of Woodbridge.

Santy recommended that the Town highlight its considerable attributes—a strong school system, a highly educated population, open space and West Rock State Park, the proximity to New Haven and the great Recreation, Human Services and Library programs.

Jewish Community Center Events

On Sept. 20, nearly 300 runners and walkers participated in the JCC's Fifth Annual Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run, presented by Titan Energy. The USA Track & Field certified course started and ended on the grounds of the JCC and wound its way through residential neighborhoods in Woodbridge. The event included a kids obstacle course and a two-mile fitness walk, as well as a live DJ, massages, an inflatable slide for kids, and of course plenty of bagels and cream cheese.

On Thursday Oct. 15 scholar and diplomat Ambassador Dennis Ross spoke at the JCC on his new book *Doomed to Succeed: The U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to Obama*. He also discussed issues in Iran. Ambassador Ross has more than three decades of experience in Middle East

peace-making and is currently counselor and William Davidson Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a think tank in Washington, D.C. Previously he served as special assistant to President Obama and National Security Council senior director for the Central Region.

The JCC hosted a Fitness and Family Day on Oct. 18, new members, new Woodbridge residents and the public were invited to check out the JCC building and programs, sample fitness classes, meet trainers, join others new to the area and new to the JCC, and spend a day enjoying everything the JCC has to offer for the whole family. The day included group exercises, kids programs, lots of giveaways and specials. Check jccnh.org

for upcoming dates of additional Fitness and Family Days scheduled throughout the year, specifically for new Woodbridge residents.



BOWA Superintendents' Winter Advisory

Once again we are facing the time of year when New England weather can be very unpredictable and severe. Area superintendents of schools must ensure that each district meets the state mandated number of school days and number of instructional hours in a safe and secure manner.

The Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge, and Amity (BOWA) school districts will continue to participate in a regional school transportation collaborative. This arrangement allows elementary schools to dismiss at similar times and the Orange and Bethany Middle Schools to open and dismiss at the same time in coordination with Amity Regional High School.

When one BOWA school district closes, delays the opening of school, or dismisses early due to inclement weather, all BOWA school districts will also close, delay, or dismiss early. A delayed opening for elementary, middle, and high school will be two (2) hours. The BOWA superintendents try to make a decision to close or delay the opening of school by 5:30 a.m., based upon what is expected to happen in the following two to eight hours. Notifications will be distributed by district automated messaging services (Bethany: School Messenger; Orange: Alert Solutions; Woodbridge: Honeywell Instant Alert; Amity: Alert Solutions), radio, television, and designated Internet-based sites. Stay tuned when a delay has been announced since it may turn into a cancellation if weather conditions do not improve.

Although early dismissals are avoided whenever possible, it may be occasionally necessary to dismiss school early due to the unexpected deterioration of weather conditions. In these situations, an announcement will be issued by 10:30 a.m. Weather-related early dismissal for middle school and high

school students will be at 11:45 a.m. Bethany and Woodbridge elementary school students will be dismissed at 1:10 p.m. Orange elementary school students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m., and the Orange kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m. and will go to their respective schools to take their neighborhood buses at 1:00 p.m.

Families should have an emergency back-up plan in place in the event of an early dismissal. Please make sure that children understand where they should go in the event of an early dismissal from school. Child care arrangements at home or on the same bus route should be made in advance of the early dismissal day since it will be impossible for the school staff to personally contact each parent. On days when the weather may be problematic, in addition to announcements on local radio and/or television stations, parents can expect notification from district automated messaging services. As alternate drop-off and pick-up procedures vary from school to school, parents should follow the established procedure.

Unless otherwise indicated, when school is cancelled or dismissed early, all afternoon/evening activities and meetings are also cancelled. The school buildings will be closed.

The decision to delay, close school, or dismiss early is often a difficult one. During inclement weather when an administrative decision to open school has been made, this is not meant to preclude a family's choice to keep their student(s) home. Families are encouraged to exercise their own judgment in such cases.

Snow Plowing Policy

The Town of Woodbridge maintains approximately 80 miles of local roadway. Additionally, the CTDOT maintains approximately 22 miles of roadway in the town. Snow plowing efforts require multiple passes in order to remove snow from the roadways. Snow is moved from the center of the road to the edge of the road (typically in two passes for each lane). Snow can be wet/heavy or dry/fluffy, but always re-deposits over fallen snow. Snow operations are divided into 9 plow routes. It takes Town drivers approximately two hours to go through a route once. The Town also plows Beecher School and all Town Facility parking lots.

PLOW ROUTES: The roadway is plowed and sanded/treated in order of priority. Main (collector) roads are addressed first with special attention to steep hills and difficult intersections. Side (secondary) roads are done next. Cul-de-sacs and intersections are cleared/widened after roads are passable.

BLOCKED DRIVEWAYS: All snow plows are angled to the driver's right, this will result in snow being pushed into driveway openings. The homeowner is responsible for access to their driveway. The only way to avoid extra shoveling or plowing is to wait until DPW crews are done with final clean-up on the roads.

PRIVATE PLOWING: The Town has an Ordinance (375-19) which prohibits residents and/or contractors from pushing snow/ice from driveways or parking lots onto Town roads. It can be dangerous for motorists and impedes DPW's snow removal effort. If there is no alternative, snow piles, including rows and ridges must be plowed off the road until travel to the road is

not impaired. This means snow from private property must be placed beyond the edge of the road and conditions must at least equal what conditions were present before starting a driveway. Homeowners can be fined for neglect of a contractor.

MAILBOX DAMAGE: Mailboxes are typically installed in the road right-of-way that is directly in the path of snow removal operations. Mailboxes and posts should be able to withstand the rigors of winter snow removal operations. Mailboxes should be correctly installed 15" beyond the road edge and the bottom of the mailbox should be 42" high from the road shoulder. It is suggested that inspections be performed prior to the winter season and deficiencies corrected. In addition, a snow deflector of some kind should be installed to aid in protecting the post and mailbox. Only mailboxes and posts that are damaged by direct contact from the plow or vehicle will be replaced. Snow or the force of snow removal is not direct contact. A temporary mailbox or repairs to existing posts or mailboxes may be performed. All replacements will be of a standard 4"x 4" post and standard mailbox at the discretion of DPW.

PARKED VEHICLES: Parked vehicles create a hazard and impede snow removal operations during snow storms. The Police Department will usually notify the media when a ban is implemented. A parked vehicle forces a plow driver to veer away and leave a vehicle blocked with snow. It causes lane restrictions and impairs visibility for pedestrians and motorists.

Rose Garden Dedicated

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Deputy First Selectman Beth Heller, Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio and Executive Assistant Geraldine Shaw attended a ribbon cutting of the Shanti Rose Garden at the community gardens. More than 100 people attended the event.

Shanti Prasad was a dedicated gardener who tended a vegetable and flower plot at the community gardens on the Fitzgerald tract for many years. Shortly before her death the family discussed converting the vegetable garden into a rose garden.

In her memory, her husband Durga Prasad and his family completed the conversion of their plot to a formal rose garden and installed granite benches. Both the benches and the garden are for public use and enjoyment.

In mid-August the Prasad family invited friends, community members and Town officials to a dinner at the Prasad home followed by a ribbon cutting at the garden.

"The opening of this garden for everyone to enjoy says so much about the Prasad family," said First Selectman Scalettar at the event. "This is a generous, thoughtful and community minded contribution to our Town."

The rose garden is the last plot on the left. It is enclosed by an unlocked iron gate and community members are invited to stroll through the garden, sit on the benches and enjoy the sights and smells.



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Holiday-Proof Your Floors

The holidays are rapidly approaching and it is time to get your home ready for the influx of friends and relatives. The increased number of people in your home accompanied by the muddier, wetter weather can seem like an insurmountable challenge. Keeping your floors clean and free of debris can be a chore at this time. While you certainly cannot follow your guests around with a broom and vacuum cleaner, there are steps that you can take to keep your floors in top shape. Having a new, clean doormat is your first defense against dirty floors it will prevent dirt from entering your home. Spending a bit more time at the end of a day will help to protect your investment in your home.

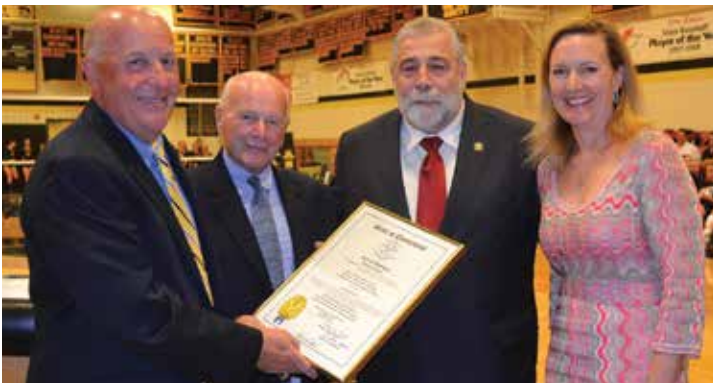
When hosting an event at your home you can help to prevent calamities by adding extra area rugs as well as additional tables for your guests to place their beverages or food on. Be certain that everyone has easy access to places where they can discard empty plates. When spills do occur it is important to know how to deal with them properly. Most people will push down on a spill. That method will push the soil into the carpet and further destroy the carpet and padding. The best method is the Bissel carpet cleaner as it will suck the stain up.

When spills do occur it is essential to treat them immediately. Be certain to have cleaning products on hand that are safe for your flooring. Once the holidays are past, it is a good idea to have your floors professionally cleaned to remove any residual dirt and grime that your own cleaning products may have missed.

This may seem as though it is a lot to go through but the end result is that your floors will always appear new and vibrant. I highly recommend a high quality steam cleaner such as the Bissel. Have a wonderful holiday season.

By Annamarie Mastrangelo, A.A.I. Flooring, Orange

Athletic Director at Amity Regional HS Recognized



State Reps. Charles Ferraro (R-Orange), Lezlye Zupkus (R-Bethany) and State Sen. Joseph Crisco (D-Woodbridge) presented former Athletic Director at Amity Regional High school Paul D. Mengold with an official legislative state citation in recognition of his accomplishments over the last 38 years with the school and the naming of the Amity Regional High school gymnasium as the Paul D. Mengold Gymnasium.

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the food that sustains them. Through the passionate dedication of volunteers over the last seven years, the farm has grown from a small group of concerned residents with a vision to an independent, thriving community-supported organization led by a skilled farm manager, and guided by its mission: Keep Farming, Feed People, Build Community. As we set out to celebrate the history of 100 years of farming and our success since inception, we know that there is more work to be done. The unique business model at Massaro Community Farm affirms that by using a multi-pronged approach small farms can survive and thrive in today's economy. However, we need the community to succeed as much as the community needs a farm.

We invite you to join us in this celebration as we continue our efforts to improve access, make connections and provide opportunities for learning. Access to fresh, healthy produce

continues to be a challenge for many in the wider community: we help make this access possible. Connection to where our food is grown speaks to our larger relationship to the Earth, and to each other: we provide the space and opportunity for these connections to be made. Learning to protect our environment improves overall health and helps avoid illnesses related to poor lifestyle choices: we offer opportunities for hands-on education. Help us achieve our vision to become the premiere regional center around sustainable farming, remaining a vital food donation partner and a hospitable community gathering space.



Farm volunteers help farm manager Steve Munno harvest carrots in our first "Harvest for the Hungry" this past July.

Woodbridge Aquatic Club

Woodbridge Aquatic Club completed its most successful long course season under Head Coach Dave Reilly. WAC participated in the CT Senior Open Championships, the CT Long Course Regional Championships, and the CT Long Course Age Group Championships. From July 9-12, five WAC swimmers competed in the CT Senior Championships. From July 17-19, 43 WAC swimmers competed at the CT Long Course Regional Championships. For the 12 and under age group, WAC swimmers captured a total of 10 first place finishes. At the 13 and overs Regional Championship, they claimed a total of four first place finishes, including first in the Boys 13-14 200 Meter Freestyle Relay.

From July 24-26, 22 swimmers competed at the State Championship level at the CT Long Course Age Group Championships. WAC had a total of 19 'A' Final swims over the course of the weekend, and captured 7 first place finishes: Kate Alvarado (15 -18 year old girls, 100 and 200 meter butterfly), Kevin Yanagisawa (13-14 year old boys, 400 meter freestyle) and William Zhu (11-12 year olds, 50,100, and 200 meter freestyle and 100 meter butterfly). Ten WAC swimmers qualified to go on to compete at the Eastern Zone Championship in Richmond, Virginia from August 5-8.



Woodbridge Aquatic Club Age Group Champions at the CT Long Course Age Group Championships held at Wesleyan University July 24-26; Kate Alvarado (15-18 year old girls, 100 and 200 meter butterfly), Kevin Yanagisawa (13-14 year old boys, 400 meter freestyle) and William Zhu (50,100, and 200 meter freestyle and 100 meter butterfly). Pictured here are (left to right): Kevin Yanagisawa, William Zhu, Head Coach Dave Reilly and Kate Alvarado.

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Beecher Road School

At Beecher Road School good things are coming from the Food Services program. The Superintendent's Cafeteria Task Force has been the driving force for these changes. Since February, the diverse group has addressed the creation of a healthy school environment through expanded menu choices, nutrition education, a Farm to School initiative and classroom and community collaborations.

Recent USDA regulation changes have raised nutrition standards, and have created significant challenges in student acceptance and public understanding. The task force has developed several goals to implement the regulations.

The task force plans include the first guest chef who teamed up with food service staff to serve sizzlin' squash – zucchini and summer squash "boats" sprinkled with olive oil, fresh herbs, then oven roasted.

Students were offered a tasting, then given a vote on their like or dislike. A positive response by most tasters put sizzlin' squash on the menu.

Monthly tastings include side dishes of healthy vegetables and whole grains, and entrée items. The winning foods become part of the school's recipe collection. School staff is encouraged to sample the foods, and recipes are posted online for families to re-create them at home.

The Farm to School initiative has connections with Massaro Farm and Hidden Valley Farm to provide fresh, local produce. The first delivery of fresh kale is scheduled for early next month. The food service staff will transform this super food into baked kale chips and put it to a vote.

Partnering with the Woodbridge Public Library will link healthy food and wellness

with literacy by selecting books that are centered on healthy foods. Imagine a menu created from *Stone Soup*, *Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs*, *James and the Giant Peach* and *Who Will Toss My Salad?* Use any of the books, invite a farmer to school, or a chef to provide demonstrations and a wonderful learning experience is created.



The first guest chef, Suzanne from Blood-root restaurant in Bridgeport, teamed up with our food service staff in May to prepare and serve Sizzlin' Squash. Zucchini and summer squash "boats" were sprinkled with olive oil and fresh herb combinations and then oven roasted.

A Healthier Beecher Pool Re-Opens

Beecher Road School's pool re-opened for school and public use earlier this month with an added feature: a UV filter.

The Woodbridge Aquatic Club (WAC) purchased the UV filter for the benefit of the entire community. Recently, WAC board members met First Selectman Ellen Scalettar at the pool to discuss and explain the UV filter.

Woodbridge Aquatic Club (WAC) is a competitive swimming organization for youth ages 5 to 18.

WAC practices at Beecher Road School; the pool is also used by students and the Amity Regional High School swim teams. The pool is open for public swimming before and after school through the Recreation Department.

WAC was fortunate enough to win a drawing to host swim meets at Wesleyan University's pool three years in a row. The swim club earns money through hosting meets and hadn't planned on the extra income, explained coach Dave Reilly. "We wanted to use the income to do something for the community and the UV filter had unanimous support from the board," he said.

"The Beecher Road School Community is very appreciative of WAC's donation of a new filtration system to our pool," said Woodbridge Superintendent of Schools Dr. Guy Stella. "It was fortunate that we were able to coordinate the installation of the UV filter with the school renovation project. For many years to come, the children of BRS and the citizens of Woodbridge will be the beneficiaries of this generous gift."

The UV filter kills bacteria and viruses in the water while significantly limiting the amount of chlorine needed.

"The UV filter has made a huge difference to my son, who has asthma," says Robin Robinson a WAC board member whose two children both swim with WAC.

"This is saving the Town money on chlorine and staff time spent cleaning the pool" said Scalettar. "I'd like to thank all of you for investing in Beecher Road School's pool with this UV filter which is creating a healthier environment for the swimmers and the staff and students."



Cub Scouts Camp Out

Cub Scouts went for a hike, launched bottle rockets, carved pumpkins, did skits and sang songs around the camp fire at the Cub Scout Pack 902 fall camp out in October. A good time was had by all. The new pavilion (Alfredo's Pavilion, built by Troop 63 & friends) is a wonderful addition to the facility and will be enjoyed for generations of scouts to come.

Cub Scout Pack 902 welcomes prospective Cub Scouts (boys in grades 1-5) to see what scouting is all about by attending our next monthly Pack meeting on Friday, December 11, 7 pm at the Center Gym (4 Meetinghouse Lane) or the Pinewood Derby on January 23 at 9 am at the Center Gym.

For more information, contact Michelle Mann (mrsmmann@hotmail.com or 203-387-9661).



Photos taken at Camp Whiting Cub Scout Pack 902 fall camp out, October 24, 2015

Sperry Park Gets a New Sign

Telling the story of the Sperry family members who lived here and donated the land

The beautifully scenic four-acre Sperry Park, owned by the Town of Woodbridge, sits quietly nestled around a gently flowing waterfall in the northeast corner of town. To enjoy this park, you must travel down one of the town's few remaining dirt roads, Sperry Road, and it certainly feels as though you are visiting a place forgotten by time. So when Woodbridge Public Works maintainer Jerry Kelly called Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio to see if she could help him replace a sign for Sperry Park that had gone missing, he had no idea how much information she would be able to provide.

But because adjoining property had been researched as part of the project she directed to update the book *Historic Woodbridge – An Historic and Architectural Resource Survey* for its 20th anniversary second edition, Stephanie actually had a treasure trove of information to share at her fingertips.

The collaboration between these two dedicated town staff members resulted in a new sign, posted at the park entrance, that tells the story not only of the land but of the family born and raised in the small house that once stood on the property in the 1800s.

The tale of Enoch Sperry's murder on New Year's Day 1856 at the hands of a mentally

disturbed local resident wielding an axe, is recounted in greater detail in the *Historic Woodbridge* book, where it appears as part of the history of the nearby Water Company-owned house further up Sperry Road. Copies of the book are available for sale at the Town Library and in the Town Clerk's office.

The history of the Sperry family goes back to the very first European settlers of Woodbridge who lived on this land in the mid-1600s. Sheila McCreven, who served as Editor for the *Historic Woodbridge* book, was happy to help on this project as well, sifting through the research and pulling together the text and photograph for the new sign. Sheila is a direct descendent of Sgt. Simeon Sperry and present day resident of Woodbridge.



Sperry Park Sign:

These four acres, part of the original land grant to Richard Sperry in 1642, were placed in the custody of the Town of Woodbridge by deed from the Sperry heirs in 1907. Here lived Richard's grandson Ensign Nathaniel Sperry, Jr. (born 1695 and died 1751); Nathaniel's son, Revolutionary War Sergeant Simeon Sperry (born 1738 and died 1805) for whom the Sergeants River is named; and Simeon's son Enoch Sperry (born 1787 and cruelly murdered nearby in 1856). The widow of Enoch Sperry, Mary Atlanta Sperry (born abt. 1795 and died 1864) was a daughter of Asa Sperry, Jr. and Eunice Johnson Sperry. Enoch and Mary Sperry raised their six children in the house that once stood on this property:

*Lucien Wells Sperry (1820-1890)
Stiles Denison Sperry (1823-1880)
Nehemiah Day Sperry (1827-1911)
Joseph Hart Sperry (1830-1846)
Laura Ann Sperry Ramsdell (1835-1879)
Enoch Knight Sperry (1837-1912)*

These children and their heirs gave this land on condition that it be preserved forever as a rural park.

The Woodbridge Public Works Department's Jerry Kelly with Sheila McCreven, a Sperry family member, pictured as the new Sperry Park sign is installed. Jerry donated the frame he handcrafted, Sheila donated graphic design services, and local business owner Jim Scott, of Joyce Printers, also donated his expertise to print the sign.



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