Summer Update from First Selectman Beth Heller

As we head into the summer months, I’d like to remind everyone about our wonderful Summer Concerts on the Green series which will take place every Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm, from July 3 through August 14 this year. In addition, we will have two Tuesday Movie Nights on August 21 and 28. These are always delightful events and a nice way to unwind and relax, visit with neighbors and friends, and enjoy the summer breeze. I hope to see you there!

Update on the work of the Board of Selectmen

At our June meeting, the Board of Selectmen continued consideration of a location for a Dog Park, received some preliminary information regarding a Solar Array option for the former-Country Club property, and heard a brief project update from the Connecticut Economic Resource Center which is conducting a Fiscal Health Analysis for Woodbridge expected later this summer.

Additional information and background documents on these topics are now available on the Town website on a new page we have created to further help improve communication. If you would like to learn more, I encourage you to review this new resource by visiting: woodbridgect.org/496/Current-Issues-Projects

We will keep this page updated with new information as the Board continues its work on these and other topics in the months ahead. Please stay tuned!

Donation to Animal Shelter Renovation

The Town’s Animal Shelter Building Committee recently accepted a $100,000 donation from local charity One Big Dog Animal Respite Fund. I am so grateful for this generous contribution, which makes possible the start of our long planned renovation to the Animal Shelter. Donations are still needed to help fund the next phase of the project, and should be made directly to One Big Dog, a 501c3 organization that maintains a dedicated fund for the Shelter renovation project (to contribute, please send your tax-deductible donation by check to 135 Bradley Road, Woodbridge CT 06525).

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

As always, my door at Town Hall remains open. Please feel free to visit or call me with any questions or concerns you may have, or just to say “hello.” — Beth Heller

Police Department Reminds Community to Lock Vehicles

In the past three months, the Woodbridge Police Dept. reports an increase of stolen vehicles in Woodbridge. In addition, vehicles have been rummaged through, resulting in items being stolen from within these vehicles.

Almost all incidents involved vehicles that were left unlocked and were not physically “broken into.” These activities have been spread throughout the entire Town, are not isolated to a specific area, and have mostly taken place during the overnight and early morning hours.

Woodbridge Police Chief Frank Cappiello, after meeting with the South Central Chiefs of Police, notes that our neighboring communities are reporting similar experiences. In response, Woodbridge Police patrol deployments have been both redirected and increased. Chief Cappiello states “Local law enforcement agencies are constantly sharing information and we continue to collaborate in our attempt to combat the problem.” Steps Woodbridge residents can take to help:

- Lock your cars and garages at all times
- Do not leave spare keys in your vehicle, or valuables in plain view
- Immediately report suspicious activity to the Police by calling 203-387-2511 (non-emergency number)

In addition, Chief Cappiello asks that community members who would like to be involved at the neighborhood level become “the added eyes and ears of the community” by getting to know your neighbors, and reporting any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity. Please contact the Police Dept. at the non-emergency number or Chief Cappiello by email (fcappiello@woodbridgePD.com), with any questions, or to share your concerns.
Although taxes are due July 1, 2018, they may be paid through Aug. 1, 2018 without penalty. The Tax Office is open Mon. through Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with extended hours available:
• July 28, 9 am - noon
• Aug. 1, 8:30 am - 7 pm
For convenience, credit card payments are accepted only online at WoodbridgeCT.org. Please be aware that a fee is assessed by the card processing company for this service.
For tax related questions, call the Tax Office at 203-389-3425.

From the Tax Office

Fire Department - Home Improvement Tips

Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes are often used for home improvement projects. It is common to use rags to wipe up spills or clean brushes. Wet rags can ignite on their own. They can start a fire if not handled carefully.

How can rags start a fire? Oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air, it builds up and is trapped which results in fire. Be aware this does not happen with water-based finishes.

Safety tips to follow:
• Never leave cleaning rags in a pile.
• Take the rags outside to either hang dry or spread them on the ground, never in a pile, to dry. Weigh them down so they do not blow away and be sure they are kept away from buildings.
• Put dried rags in a metal container ensuring the cover is tight. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution to break down the oils.
• Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place. Never place the container in direct sunlight or near other heat sources.

Stay fire safe this summer. For more information and safety tips, please visit WoodbridgeFire.com and follow us at Facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire.

Beecher Summer Enrichment

There is still time to register for the Woodbridge School District’s Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). SEP offers over 50 programs including cooking, visual arts, sports, sciences, crafts, theater, music, language arts, technology and theme based classes.
Here the emphasis is on fun, creativity and challenge in a safe environment, facilitated by highly skilled staff. SEP will run through Fri., July 27. One-week and two-week classes run from 9 am to noon each weekday except for Wed., July 4.
SEP, along with the Extended Day program, offers parents full day supervision for their children. The Extended Day program begins with an early bird option from 8-9 am and continues after SEP ends until 5:30 pm.
For more information please visit Woodbridge.k12.ct.us and follow the parent links to summer programs or email sep@woodbridgeps.org or eday@woodbridgeps.org.
Library News

Summer hours are Mon. through Thu., 10 am - 8 pm & Fri., 10 am - 5 pm.
Visit the library website 24/7 to access digital resources - www.woodbridge.lioninc.org

Farmers’ Market Returns to the Town Green

The Woodbridge Library Farmers’ Market will run every Tuesday evening in July and August from 5:30 to 8 pm. Mark your calendars for the Farmers’ Market dates:
• July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
• August 7, 14, 21 & 28

In July, the Farmers’ Market will coincide with the July concert series so you can enjoy live music while shopping for fresh produce and a variety of goods from local businesses. (Check out Recreation News on p.7 for the July performances.) Throughout August, the Farmers’ Market along with concerts performances and outdoor movies will continue to take place each Tuesday. (See the time details at the bottom of this page.) Additionally, there will be children’s activities each Tuesday, starting at 5:30 pm. Highlights include:
• July 3: Ed Pop Balloon Animals
• August 7: Toe Jam Puppet Band
• August 14: Circle K Petting Zoo
• August 21: The Marvelous Mutts

For additional information, call the library at 203-389-3433.

Thursday Night Film Screenings
7 pm in the Meeting Room
July 5: Roman J. Israel, Esq.
July 12: Wonder
July 19: Chappaquiddick
July 26: Death of Stalin
August 2: Tully
August 9: Beirut

No film screenings August 16, 23 or 30. Please join us at our other August events; see below.

Join The Conscious Cook for Spectacular Summer Salads!
Sensational, savory and just a touch of sweet—enjoy an evening of sampling summer salads prepared with the most luscious local, seasonal ingredients!
Robin Glowa, HHC, AADP, “The Conscious Cook,” is a passionate food and wellness professional who earned her certification in holistic health counseling from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and Columbia University Teacher’s College. She earned her cooking experience in the kitchen! Robin specializes in teaching healthy cooking classes to children and adults utilizing fresh, natural ingredients and super simple, extra delicious recipes. **Space is limited, please register** (for ages 14 and up).

Movies & Concerts on the Green

The library will present two concerts and two outdoor movies on the Town Green on Tuesday nights in August. Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy the show!
Aug 7: Goza Latin Band at 6:30 pm
Aug 14: Belle of the Fall Simon and Garfunkel tribute, 6 pm
Aug 21: Moana at sunset
Aug 28: Black Panther at sunset
Summer Reading Programs for All Ages

The 2018 Summer Reading Programs kicked off on June 20 with the theme “Libraries Rock!” Join us for reading fun, prizes and lots of special events for children, teens and adults. Summer reading will wrap up on Aug. 24.

Museum Passes Available Online

For participating museums and attractions you can now reserve and print your pass right from the comfort of home. If you don’t have a printer or computer at home, we will be more than happy to reserve the pass and print it out for you at the library. Printable passes do not need to be returned to the library, simply present it at the museum to receive your discount and then recycle it! Stop by the Information Desk or our website to learn more about this great new service.

A few of our museum passes cannot be checked out online, but must be checked out in person. A full list of passes is available on the library website.

July & August Children’s Events

Every Monday: Summer Reading Prize Drawings!!!

July Pajama Storytime
July 2, 7 pm
Wear your pajamas and listen to some great new stories!

July Book Party
July 9, time to be announced
It’s a mystery! Check in with the Children’s Department for more information about this event.

Reading Together Returns

Our fifth annual conversational reading program pairs children with teens in grades 9-12 to make connections with the stories they read and sharpen their reading skills during the summer. This program is for children entering Kindergarten to Grade 3. Online registration is required; space is limited.

Sessions will be held on Wed., July 11 & 18 and Aug. 1 & 15.
Contact Mrs. Rabin with questions at 203-389-3439 or jrabin@woodbridgect.org.

Ongoing Children’s Events

Babies (0-18 months) Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am
Join us for songs and rhymes, fun for little ones.

Ready to Read (18-36 months) Thursdays, 10:30-11 am
Find out how talking, singing and reading build vocabulary and a love of books!

Eager Readers Book Group (Grades K-2)
Special Summer Dates! Monday, July 16 and Monday, August 20, both at 6:30 pm
Stop by the Children’s Desk to pick up a copy of each month’s book selection and to register. Read the book at home and then stop by for a book discussion and craft.
### Assistance for Veterans

Assistance is available to veterans through the Town of Woodbridge. Veterans may contact Mary Ellen LaRocca for information, referral and advocacy on veterans’ benefits. Please call 203-389-3429 with questions or to schedule an appointment.

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### July & August Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tue. and Fri. at The Center Café at 12:15 pm. Cost is $3 for dine-in meals, $4 for take-out. Reservations are required one day in advance. Meals include bread, juice, coffee/tea and dessert.

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### Special Programming

Events are held at The Woodbridge Center unless otherwise noted. To RSVP or for questions, call 203-389-3430 or email jglicksman@woodbridgect.org

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**July 3:** Independence Day BBQ—join us for hamburgers and hot dogs, 12:15 pm.

**July 9:** 9 am - 1 pm, AARP Safe Driver Training, Center lounge, $15 - members; $20 - non-members.

**July 10:** Lunch entertainment with Pierce Campbell at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15 pm.

**July 12:** Coins & Claws trip—lobster and casino. Enjoy lobster or herb roasted chicken at Abbott’s in Noank and then depart for the Mohegan Sun casino. Call for details, $75.

**July 16:** Lunch Bunch! Join in for lunch with friends at Bellini’s in North Haven. Transportation provided by The Center’s van ($3) or meet there. Self-pay at the restaurant.

**July 17:** 12:30 pm, Alcohol Awareness Program provided by Dichello Distributors.

**July 24:** Plant Your Own Garden-craft program, 11 am -12 pm, lounge. Join Elizabeth’s Homecare to paint flower pots and plant herbs for your very own kitchen garden!

**July 27 & Aug. 24:** Mini-manicures! More than just pretty nails—come for a relaxing stress reduction session, Brilliant Home Care, 11 am -1:30 pm. No fee.

**July 31:** Annual Summer Indoor Picnic co-sponsored by Woodbridge Police Dept.: $6 - BBQ chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, watermelon and dessert. RSVP required by July 24. Lunch begins at 12:15 with entertainment by John Paolillo.

**Aug. 7:** Everyone’s invited! Second annual Community BBQ hosted by Coachman Square at Woodbridge from 12-2pm at the picnic grove next to the Woodbridge Library. Come for hot dogs and hamburgers, stay for the entertainment, play a game of bocce. Coachman Square will be giving back to the community through their ‘Radiant Acts of Kindness’ program. They will provide a delicious BBQ to all Town employees, first responders, and residents of the Town of Woodbridge. Entertainment with Brian Gillie.

**Aug. 20:** Lunch Bunch at 11 am! Join friends for lunch at Pepe’s Pizzeria in New Haven. Transportation provided by The Center’s van ($3) or meet there. Self-pay at Pepe’s.

**Aug. 28:** Lunch entertainment with Paul Schlein at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15 pm.

**Sept. 26:** Living Well with Diabetes or Prediabetes, 10-11 am. Learn about risk factors, treatment options and preventions. Ongoing disease prevention and management programs will be offered.
**New Meetinghouse Café opens July 1**

Ever in the Center of Town looking for a quick and delicious bite? Look no further than the new Meetinghouse Café located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane on the lower level. The café is open from 8 am to 2 pm, Mon.-Fri., and has everything from muffins and coffee to sandwiches, salads, soups, cookies and beverages. Although the café is in The Center, all ages are welcome to come and enjoy. For menu choices and prices, please see the Town’s website or come in and check out the menu!

The Center’s two-day per week nutritious meal program continues uninterrupted, but reservations and cancellations are required 24 hours in advance for meals.

Additionally, our vendor, Elaine Marcucio, will provide in-home meal delivery five days per week starting July 1. For more information and to sign up please call 203-887-5047 or 203-389-3491 or visit neyoungatheart.com.

**Ongoing Programming**

**Pickleball**: Meets Mon-Thu., Center Gym for group play, 12:30-2:30 pm and Fri., 12:30-3:30 pm. Paid annual members may arrange playing times with other players through the Doodle scheduling tool. Annual membership is $20 with a suggested $5 additional donation. Equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

**Exercise with Laurie**: Workout includes a combination of strength training, cardio, flexibility and balance. Bring weights if you have them. Class is in The Center Café, Tue. and Thu., 10-11 am. No need to sign up—just pay a drop in fee of $2.

**Book Club: New time!** The book club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, 2 pm at the Woodbridge Town Library. The next meeting is July 24. This month’s book is *Tangerine* by Christine Mangan. The selection for August 28 is *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware. New members are welcome.

**Tai Chi**: Daytime class begins in September. Call for dates and times!

**Art Class**: Class begins anew in September and meets each Wed., 10 am - 12 pm, in The Center Café. The class is taught by local artist Graham Dale. Call for more information on fees and new dates.

**Friday Academy Award Movie Series**: Following lunch in The Center’s lounge at 1 pm: 7/6 *Roman J. Israel, Esq.*, 7/13 *Wonder*, 7/20 *The Florida Project*, *Favorite Film Friday* 7/27 *An American in Paris* (1951 Best Picture winner), 8/3 *The Shape of Water*, 8/10 *Three Billboards*.

**Outside Ebbing, Missouri**, 8/17 I, *Tonya*, 8/24 *Call Me By Your Name*, *Favorite Film Friday* 8/31 *The Sting* (1973 Best Picture winner)

**Ask the Nurse**: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11 am - 12:30 pm, blood pressure screenings, weight and conversation with a registered VNA Community Healthcare Nurse.

**Duplicate Bridge**: Mondays, 9:30 am, The Center Café.

**Bridge**: The Center’s Wednesday bridge group invites new members! Join the group for a friendly card game. No reservations necessary—just come to The Center’s lounge, 1 pm.

**Pinochle**: Mon., Wed. and/or Thu., 1-4 pm, The Center’s lounge. Come any day—the group is always looking for new players and is willing to bring rusty players up to speed!

**New Class! Yoga for Healthy Aging**: Meets Wednesdays, May 30 - Aug.1, and Aug. 29 from 1-2:15 pm in the Center building, Rm. 16, with instructor Julie Luciani. The class fee will be pro-rated for anyone registering late. This is an alignment based yoga practice working to strengthen, add flexibility, balance and agility. Class combines seated and standing postures and is safe for all. Modifications will be suggested for individuals with limited mobility or balance issues. Reserve your spot—10 sessions for $75.

**Mah-jong**: Mon. & Fri., 10 am, Center building, Room 11.

Calling all *Bocce* players—let’s play! Give a call to The Center and we’ll arrange days and game times.
Red Cross Babysitter Training

American Red Cross-trained Facilitator, Anna Maria Mauhs, covers all babysitting basics: safety, planning, basic first aid and diapering. This 2-day class for teens, ages 12-17, will be held on July 10 -11 (Tue., Wed.) from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Town Library Meeting Room, 10 Newton Rd. Students must attend both days and bring lunch (snacks provided). Class fee of $60 ($65-non-residents) must be paid in advance and Parent Permission Form, found on the Town website, must be completed. (Sibling discounts are available.) Mail check and permission form to: Woodbridge Youth Services, 11 Meetinghouse Lane (Woodbridge). For details, please call 203-389-3429.

Teens Needed for Job Bank/Yard Work

Woodbridge teens, 12-18, can join the Job Bank to earn some cash and help residents. Call 203-389-3429 to join.

7th Grade Picnic/Mini-Golf

Woodbridge Youth Services invites all incoming 7th grade residents of Bethany and Woodbridge to the annual 7th Grade Picnic with a Mini-Golf course on Thu., Aug. 23, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the back field of Amity Middle School - Bethany, 190 Luke Hill Road (rain location - Middle School Gym). Admission is only $5. Games, pizza, interactive D.J. and free raffle are included. Sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Register now to attend at 203-389-3429. Parent volunteers and donations are needed. Please call for details.

Recreation News

Call Recreation at 203-389-3446 or email Recreation@WoodbridgeCT.org. Register at WoodbridgeCT.org. Select Recreation Registration at the bottom of the Town website to register and view the lineup of program options.

Concerts on the Green

Enjoy concerts every Tuesday evening in July on the Woodbridge Town Green. The Recreation Dept. has lined up several bands for the community’s listening pleasure.

July 3: George Gritzbach Band (Blues/Retro R&B) - No rain date

July 10: Boondocks (Country) - July 11 rain date

July 17: Urban Legends (Classic Rock) - July 18 rain date

July 24: Hypnosis Music Band (Rock) - July 25 rain date

July 31: Alex Shillo (Music of Bruce Springsteen) - Aug. 1 rain date

Should there be inclement weather on the scheduled rain dates, performances will be held in the Center gym.

Check out Library News (p. 3) for Tuesday evening events throughout August.

Bricks4Kidz at the Outdoor Pool

Bricks4Kidz Camp will be held at the Woodbridge Outdoor Pool. Each week will have a different theme.

Week 1: Transformers Brick Camp, July 23-26, 1-3:30 pm
Week 2: Remote Control Mania, July 30 - Aug. 2, 1-3:30 pm.

Week 3 Theme: Bat League Heroes & Villains, Aug. 13-16, 1-3:30 pm.

Week 1 or 2 each cost $110/child or $160/child with bus transportation to the pool from Beecher Rd. School. Week 3 cost is $125 (child will need transportation to the pool).

Save the Date!

Woodbridge Outdoor Pool July Special Events Schedule

July 4 Cookout & Games, 2-5 pm
July 12 Splash Party, 6-8 pm
July 19 Family Game Night & Pot Luck, 5-8 pm
July 26 Ice Cream Truck, 6-8 pm

* August events to be announced!

Dance/Theater Camp

New! Dance/Theater camp runs July 9 - Aug. 3 (Mon., Wed., & Fri.), 12:30 -3:00 pm, for ages 5-12. The cost is $110 per week, which includes bus transportation from Beecher Rd. School to the Academy of Dance of Woodbridge.

Still time to register for Pre-school Camp, Sports Camps (basketball, tennis, wrestling, soccer, football) and Massaro Farm Camp (August). Call the Recreation Office for details.