November Planning and Updates

As the weather starts to turn chilly and we head into our annual budget planning season, the Selectmen are focusing on several initiatives now underway or contemplated. Below is some basic information and updates on each – as always, additional details are available at the Town Website: WoodbridgeCT.org

Old Firehouse Project

At our October 10 meeting, we discussed the budget and the Amity School District’s Transition Academy program. We requested further information regarding the potential bonding of the project.

Farmland Preservation

The Selectmen voted to authorize me to sign a cooperative letter of agreement to become pre-qualified for grant applications through the Community Farms Preservation Program (CFPP). This is an important first step in working toward any future initiative for the acquisition and ownership of development rights easements to maintain agricultural land for farming purposes in our Town.

Former Country Club Property

The Selectmen also received a new proposal for the former-Country Club of Woodbridge property from Robert Sachs, the developer of Fieldstone Village in Orange. Should it be the Board’s desire to move this proposal forward, I will keep the public informed of any next steps.

Sustainable CT Program

We received word that the Town of Woodbridge has earned Bronze certification in the Sustainable CT program! This is a statewide initiative meant to inspire and support communities in becoming efficient, resilient and inclusive. Of Connecticut’s 169 municipalities, twenty-two met high standards in a broad range of sustainability accomplishments to qualify for certification, and I am proud to say that Woodbridge now stands among this prestigious group of leading communities in our State. I look forward to sharing more news about our Bronze Certification and the new opportunities for grant funding that will become available to us as a result. Stay tuned. Also, see important dates in box below.

— First Selectman Beth Heller

Important Dates

- Nov. 5: Town Planning & Zoning Meeting at Beecher Road School-South Assembly, 7:30 pm (40 Beecher Road)
- Nov. 6: Election Day—Please remember to vote at the Center Building gym, 6 am - 8 pm (4 Meetinghouse Lane)
- Nov. 12: Veterans Day Ceremony at the Center Building gym, 11 am (4 Meetinghouse Lane)

Fall Safety Tips from the Fire Department

Fall brings the start of the heating season and often has families spending more time indoors. Not surprisingly, the potential for structure fires and carbon monoxide incidents increases. It is important to have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors properly installed in the correct places in your home.

Install smoke alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Install alarms in the living room, den or family room and/or near the stairway to the upper level.

Families with children or elderly members should provide extra protection near their bedroom. For multi-story homes, at least one carbon monoxide detector should be placed on each level. If the furnace is in the basement, place a CO detector there, as well.

Need a detector?

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are available at the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD). Free to residents, the detectors are made available by Operation Save A Life which is sponsored by Kidde and The Home Depot. Additional detectors are provided by the WVFD. Call the Fire Marshal’s office (203) 389-3445 or stop by the Firehouse Mon.-Fri., 8 am - 4 pm for more information or to pick up detectors while supplies last.

Furnace and Chimney Maintenance

Each year in the US, over 7,000 home fires are caused by furnaces. A well-maintained furnace or boiler has slim to no odds of causing a home fire. Be sure the furnace is working properly and efficiently by having it inspected and serviced by a licensed professional at least once a year, especially prior to heavy use.

Additionally, creosote, the black or brown residue of combustion that collects on the inner surfaces of a chimney flue liner, is highly flammable. If allowed to build up, it can catch fire, causing cracks in "fireproof" brick, stone or clay flue liners and allow heat to reach nearby wood framing and other combustible materials in the home. A dirty chimney is the cause of many house fires each year. For more information on finding a reputable chimney sweep visit the State of Connecticut’s Dept. of Consumer Protection site at http://bit.ly/ChimneySweepInfo.

Stay fire safe this fall. For more information and safety tips, please visit WoodbridgeFire.com and follow us at Facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire.
The annual Woodbridge Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at 11 am on Mon., Nov.12. The ceremony takes place at the Center Building gymnasium at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.

The program includes a history of Veterans Day, patriotic music, a memorial wreath presentation, the Woodbridge Police Dept. Honor Guard and remarks by local elected officials. Contact Woodbridge Town Hall with questions, 203-389-3400.

Patrol Officer Matthew Lima has joined the Woodbridge Police Dept. He was sworn-in at the Board of Police Commissioners’ meeting on Oct. 9. Officer Lima retired from the Milford Police Dept. where he served for 20 years in various capacities including a K-9 Handler and Special Response Team member with assignments in the Patrol Division as well as the General Investigations Section as detective. Also, he is an US Marine Corps veteran. (Pictured left to right: Officer Matthew Lima, Chairman Robert Berke, and Police Chief Frank Cappiello.)

The Human Services Dept. can help with Meal Home Delivery services and Fuel Assistance. For older adults who might find grocery shopping and cooking difficult, a Home Meal Delivery Program is available through New England Young at Heart in conjunction with The Woodbridge Center. All meals are prepared using fresh ingredients from local farms. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated. Advanced notice of 3-5 business days is needed to ensure meal delivery. Contact Judi Young, Senior Services Social Worker, at 203-389-3429 with questions or if you know someone who might benefit from this program.

Appointments are being scheduled for the 2018-2019 Connecticut Energy Assistance Program administered by TEAM, INC. Income eligibility requirements must be met. The following documentation must be submitted with the application:

- bank statements or pay stubs (last 4) or income verification from the individual’s employer
- Social Security benefits notice
- Supplemental Security Income
- pension
- unemployment income
- alimony/child support
- interest and dividend income
- utility bill
- names, birth dates and social security numbers of all family members residing with the applicant

To schedule an appointment, call Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Woodbridge Human Services or Judi Young, Senior Services Social Worker, at 203-389-3429.
Friends of the Library Seek Mini Golf Sponsors

The Friends of the Woodbridge Library’s next Mini Golf Fundraiser will be March 8 and 9, 2019. Many sponsors from last year will be returning, but there is room for a few more! The adult “Par Tee” takes place Friday night, once the Library is closed. Appetizers, beer and wine will be served at the “Nineteenth Hole” in the Library’s Meeting Room. All day Saturday is “Fore Families”.

Sponsorship ($250 per hole) is an opportunity to support the Library while memorably showcasing your business. Sponsors are invited to promote their business with advertising posters and business cards; popular items last year were sturdy shopping bags and Pop Sockets for cell phones with company logos. At other libraries, food sponsors have given cookies or coupons and obstacles used on the Mini Golf course included a bank using bags of play money and large plastic teeth set up by a dentist.

The Friends also are seeking a sponsor for a photo booth and local food and beverage sponsors for our Adult Night. Sponsors’ names will appear on all publicity including the game scorecards. The Friends will help sponsors design holes to best promote the businesses.

If interested, please contact the Friends for details at 203-389-3493 or WoodbridgeCTFriends@gmail.com.

The Blue River Jazz Band to Perform November 19

Join us for an evening of smooth jazz on Mon., Nov. 19 at 7 pm. The Blue River Jazz Band plays America’s traditional, classic, “hot” jazz and swing music from the early 20th century. The band features fabulous music from New Orleans, along with songs written and made famous by great jazz artists like Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Fats Waller and much, much more. Refreshments will be served. Please register online or at the library.

This program is sponsored by the Gerry Hellmann Eckhardt Fund for the Woodbridge Library, an endowed designated fund at the Valley Community Foundation. This designated fund supports adult cultural and arts programs that help the library attract more patrons and provide alternatives to other local programs.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund, which will continue to support similar programming at the library, please mail a check to the Valley Community Foundation at: 253-A Elizabeth St., Derby, CT 06418. Checks should be made payable to VCF with the Gerry Hellmann Eckhardt Fund in the memo or donate to the foundation online at ValleyFoundation.org.
Children’s Activities & Events

Babies Session (0-18 months)
Every Wednesday, 10:30-11 am
Join us for songs and rhymes, fun for little ones. No registration required.

Ready to Read (18-36 months)
Every Thursday, 10:30-11 am
Find out how talking, singing and reading build vocabulary and a love of books! No registration required.

Preschool Storycraft (3-5 years)
Every Saturday, 11-11:30 am
Join us for a literature based program and art project! No registration required.

November Art Escape: Janell Cannon (Grades K-4)
Monday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 pm
Come learn about Author/Illustrator Janell Cannon! We’ll read one of her stories, and make a craft inspired by her art work. Please register online or at the Children’s Desk.

Native American Crafter-noon (Ages 5+ with adult)
Saturday, Nov. 17 at 3 pm
Make a dart game, a talking stick or a ball and triangle game. Please register online.

Pumpernickel Puppets (Ages 3+ with adult)
Saturday, Nov. 24 at 2 pm
An adventure with a princess, a knight, a dragon...and a happy ending! Please register online.

New Program!
Nonfiction Book Club (Grades 3-6)
Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 pm
Join us for our first meeting! Check out a Titanic-related book prior to the program, then come to the discussion, have a snack, and make boats powered by Little Bits. Please register online.

Eager Readers Book Group (Grades K-2)
Monday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm
Stop by the Children’s Desk to pick up a copy of The Antlered Ship by Dashka Slater, and to register. Read the book at home and then come for a book discussion and craft.

Research Holiday Gifts with Consumer Reports

Consumer Reports enables subscribers to make informed purchasing decisions on a large variety of products. Whether consumers are looking to find the best deal on a TV, or researching the top-recommended used vehicles, Consumer Reports provides ratings, reviews, recommendations and buying advice for thousands of services.

Patrons may use this service in the library, right from our website or at home with a valid Woodbridge Library card.

For more information, please contact the Library’s reference desk at 203-389-3434 or send an email to: wbrstaff@lioninc.org.

November Film Screenings

All Thursday Night Film Screenings start at 7 pm in the Meeting Room. No registration required.

Nov. 1: Adrift (96 minutes; PG-13)
Adventure, Thriller, Romance

Nov. 8: No Film Screening

Nov. 15: BlacKkKlansman (135 minutes; R)
Comedy, Drama, Crime, History

Nov. 22: No Film Screening—Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 29: The Children Act (105 minutes; R)
Drama

Friends Announce Pop-Up Holiday Shop

Doing some early holiday shopping? Stop by the Friends of the Library Bookstore Alley in mid-November for special finds of like-new books that can be paired with a non-book item for all of your gift-giving needs. Stop by the Library for details or call the Friends at 203-389-3493.
Veterans Day and Giving Thanks

Happy November, everyone - a month rich with opportunity. We have the chance to practice democracy by voting on Election Day, honor those who served in the military on Veterans Day, and express heartfelt gratitude with loved ones on Thanksgiving.

In honor of Veterans Day, The Center begins a pilot program providing free transportation for qualifying veterans and their spouses to medical appointments and to The Center through April 2019. These services are provided to Woodbridge residents who are veterans over 60 years old or disabled. Call for more information.

November also provides opportunities to be more involved at The Center. There are so many wonderful “resources” here and a wealth of talented individuals. Come share the wealth of your experience with the craft group or the bridge, pinochle, book club, mahjong, lunch or Pickleball members. People of all abilities are welcome to share what they know or learn from the experts. Opportunity beckons.

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—fortune cookie proverb

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

Living Treasure Award winners Louisa Cunningham, Robert Conniff, Leland Torrence Sr., and Dorothy Martino with First Selectman Beth Heller (Left) and Human Services Commission Chair Sharon Bender (Right)

RSVP is required one day prior unless otherwise noted.

Nov. 1: Fascia’s Chocolate Trip! Join us for a tour and tasting! Leave Center at 9:45 am, tour and chocolate making, $15. Lunch at The Station Restaurant in Naugatuck, self pay.

Nov. 6: Closed for Federal and State Election – Vote!

Nov. 7: Reverse Bids Bridge Class with Rita Brieger, 6:45-9 pm in the Center gym. Learn reverse bids and recognize when your partner makes one. Intermediate level, space limited to 40, $5 fee. RSVP required.

Nov. 8: Trip! Newsies at Westchester Broadway Theatre. Included in the trip is transportation, lunch and the show for $106.

Nov. 9: Veteran’s Day! The Center hosts a presentation on the services and programs available to veterans through the New Haven Vet Center. Veterans and family members are invited.

Nov. 10: Woodbridge Veterans Day Ceremony in the Center Building gym at 11 am with Master of Ceremonies Barry Josephs, US Army Captain, Vietnam War Veteran. (See additional details on page 2.)

Nov. 13: Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon with entertainment by John Paolillo. This seasonal feast is sponsored by the Woodbridge Police Union, Coachman Square, the Willows -Woodbridge. RSVP required by Nov. 7.

Nov. 17: Trip! UCONN Huskies vs. Vanderbilt Commodores at Mohegan Sun Arena (Sat.). Call for details.

Nov. 27: Lunch entertainment with Brian Gillie, begins 12:15 pm.

Feb. 5: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) 9 am -12 pm, Tuesdays through April 9. VITA is a free tax preparation service available to low-income individuals, people who have a disability and those who speak limited English. Call for information on required documents. Call 203-389-3429 for appointments.

November Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tue. and Fri. at the First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, at 12:15 pm. Cost is $3 - dine-in meals, $4 - take-out. RSVP is required by noon one day prior. Meals include bread, juice, coffee/tea and dessert.

11/2 Chicken parmesan over angel hair pasta
11/6 Closed – Federal and State Election
11/9 Veterans Day! Spinach Alfredo served with salad
11/13 Thanksgiving Celebration – RSVP!
11/16 Stuffed cabbage and potatoes
11/20 Lasagna and salad
11/23 Closed – Thanksgiving holiday
11/27 Baked stuffed shrimp over rice pilaf, salad and vegetable
11/30 Garlic chicken with whipped sweet potatoes

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Breakfast at 10 – Lecture Series

Nov. 28: Tips for Healthcare Self Advocacy with Jeanne Hughes, BSN, RN of Seabury Care at Home, Woodbridge Library meeting room.

Jan. 30: Estate Planning and Asset Protection with Guertin and Guertin, LLC, The Center lounge.
Meetinghouse Café remains open through Construction
The Meetinghouse Café located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane on the lower level is open to all ages from 8 am to 2 pm, Mon.-Fri., and serves breakfast and lunch. During the renovation the café will be open for business. Please call 203-389-3491 to place an order or drop in for a tasty meal! The Woodbridge Center is undergoing construction to add an accessible restroom and ramp to the facility to improve service to the community. During this renovation all activities will continue without interruption. For more information regarding individual activities, please call The Center, 203-389-3430.

Living Treasure Award Dinner Successful
Many thanks to all who worked to make the Living Treasure Award Dinner a successful fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center. Thanks to the committee members, celebrity servers, sponsors, staff and volunteers as well as all those who attended and donated. We’re already looking forward to this event next year!

CHOICES Counselors Available
Medicare’s Open Enrollment period runs from Oct. 1 to Dec. 7. The Town of Woodbridge has certified CHOICES Counselors available to provide counseling and information on topics such as Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicare HMO’s, Long-Term Care Insurance and other state and federal benefit programs. Please call 203-389-3429 for more information.

Ongoing Programming
Calling all knitters and crocheters as well as poker, canasta and spades players! Call The Center and let us know you are interested and we’ll put a group or a game together!

New! Tai Chi with Instructor Gabriella Connolly, R.N.
Wednesdays, 10-11 am, $15 for 12 weeks through Nov. 12.

Bocce: Tuesdays 11 am - 12 pm at the bocce court in the picnic grove behind the Old Firehouse.

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 gym, Tue. and Thu., 10-11 am. No need to sign up—just pay a drop in fee of $2.

Book Club: The book club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, 11 am at the Woodbridge Town Library. The next meeting is Nov. 27. This month’s book is Library at the Edge of the World by Felicity Hayes-McCoy. New members are welcome.

Art Class: Class begins Oct.31 and meets each Wed., 10 am - 12 pm, in the Center Bldg., Rm. 11. The class is taught by local artist Graham Dale. Call to register for the ten week class—$60. Class will be pro-rated if registering late.

Friday Movies: Following lunch in the Woodbridge Library Meeting Rm. at 1 pm: 11/2 no movie, 11/9 Adrift, 11/16 BlackKlansman, 11/23 Closed, 11/30 Favorite Film Friday: Dr. No.

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 at the Parish House, Congregational Church, 5 Meetinghouse Lane.

Duplicate Bridge: Mondays, 9: am, The Center gym.

Bridge: The Center’s Wednesday bridge group invites new members! Join in for a friendly card game. No reservations—just come to Center Bldg. Rm. 11, 1-4 pm.

Pinochle: 1-4 pm, Mon. or Thu. meets at the Center Building, Rm. 11; Wed. meets at the Woodbridge Library meeting room. Come any day—the group looks for new players and is willing to bring rusty players up to speed!

Yoga for Healthy Aging: Meets Fridays, through Nov. 16 from 11:45 am - 1 pm in the Center Building, Rm. 16, with instructor Julie Luciani. The class fee will be pro-rated if registering late. Class combines seated and standing postures and is safe for all. Reserve your spot—11 sessions for $75.

Mahjong: Mon. & Fri., 10 am, Center Building, Rm. 11.

Pickleball: Meets Mon-Thu., in the 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.
Youth Services News

Teens Have Kindness to Offer

Students in 7th and 8th grade have an opportunity to join a club to make gifts for humanitarian groups in a relaxed setting with snacks, music and friends. No special skills are needed, except a kind heart. The Kindness Klub meets after school in the Amity Middle School - Bethany cafeteria and will dismiss in time for the late bus.

Dates planned are as follows: Nov. 1, Jan. 15 and Mar. 21. Additional dates will be announced. Students may join as many as they like, and no payment is required.

Parent permission form is required. To join, call 203-389-3429 or email Youthone@WoodbridgeCT.org. Community service approved.

Recreation News

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

Road Race Results

The first place female and overall winner of the 37th annual Woodbridge 5k Road Race held on Oct. 6 was Kaleigh Roberts with a time of 17:52. Grant Young was the first place male winner at 18:17. The winner of the one mile Fun Run was Drew Jackson with a time of 6:31. Maggie Kershnar was the first girl to finish the Fun Run at 6:59.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Woodbridge Food & Fuel Fund and Recreation programs.

Many thanks to all sponsors, volunteers from the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Dept., Recreation staff and Commission members, and Human Services staff for making this event possible for the community to enjoy.

After-School Winter Programs

Registration for the youth after-school programs begin Mon., Nov. 5.

Swimming lessons along with a wide variety of activities are being offered: arts & crafts, sign language, chess, basketball, bowling, Bricks4Kidz, Clay Day, floor hockey, guitar lessons, soccer, tennis lessons, Kumon, Little Scientists, piano lessons, swim lessons, Taekwondo and Zumba.

For adults, ongoing registration is available for badminton as well as Tai Chi and yoga taught by Bill Banick or Diane King.

Youth Basketball Registration

It is time to register for the Woodbridge Recreation Youth Basketball League Programs. Three leagues are being offered:

- **Classic League** for grades 4, 5 and 6, Tue. evenings
- **Junior High League** for grades 7, 8 and 9, Thu. evenings
- **High School League** for grades 9 through 12, Wed. evenings

Basketball leagues begin the week of Dec. 3. For time details and registration, contact the Receptions Office at 203-389-3446, or register online at WoodbridgeCT.org. Click on the Recreation Registration link on the Town website homepage.

Job Bank Needs Teens to Rake

Teens willing to rake leaves and pull weeds wanted. Help residents and earn cash by joining the Woodbridge Job Bank. To join and schedule an interview call 203-389-3429 or email Youthone@WoodbridgeCT.org.

Be the first in your neighborhood to start raking those leaves or shovel the snow to earn some money before the holidays. Other jobs in yard work, child care or animal care also available. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire help.

Toys 4 Kids

Income eligible residents who need holiday toys for children 12 years of age and under should call 203-389-3429 to set up an appointment in Youth Services to apply to TEAM, Inc. Applications will be accepted between Nov. 13 and Dec. 13, 2018.

Toys 4 Kids’ collection box will be located in the Woodbridge Library through Dec. 13, 2018.

First Selectman Beth Heller (L) on hand at the start of the Fun Run
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