Proposals for the Former-Country Club Property

Since I began my term in office as First Selectman in July 2017, among my top priorities has been to work diligently, together with my fellow members of the Board of Selectmen, to explore and bring to the residents of Woodbridge a viable plan for the future of the former-Country Club property.

As you know, this approximately 150-acre parcel was purchased by the Town in 2009 and has been the focus of considerable efforts over the years to determine the best path forward. I authorized a Public Opinion Survey in January-February 2018 to ask residents to provide their thoughts, and this information has been helpful as the Board of Selectmen evaluates various options.

With this in mind, the Board of Selectmen is considering proposals for the best use of the property and at a Special BOS Meeting on November 28, the Board heard presentations from two developers who are interested in purchasing part of the parcel for development of Senior Housing (over 55 years of age). One option was from Insite Development and Woodbridge resident Brian St. Pierre, and the other proposal was from the developer of Fieldstone Village on Rt. 34 in Orange, Robert Sachs.

After the two presentations, questions from the Board were answered by the developers. The Board then moved into Executive Session to discuss negotiations regarding these offers. We will continue negotiations with a goal of having further details available to the public prior to a Public Information Session where the public may see each option presented and have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers.

Public Information Session
Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7 pm in The Center Gym

Immediately upon the conclusion of the December 17 Public Information Session, we will hold a Special Board of Selectmen meeting so the Selectmen can decide whether to set a date for a Special Town Meeting and Referendum on one of the options. As I have stated several times before, any proposal for the sale of former-Country Club property will ultimately be decided by you, the voters.

All the presentation material from the November 28 meeting is available at the Woodbridge Town website. Please visit WoodbridgeCT.org/496/Current-Issues-Projects to review this material, and follow the link to the YouTube video of the meeting, or watch the meeting on cable channel 79.

I have sent out an email with links to this information. If you have not received my email, please sign up for my messages at: tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeEnews

I will continue to keep the public informed of next steps. If we decide to proceed to a Special Town Meeting and Referendum, a written notice will be mailed to every household. As always, please be in touch if you would like to share your thoughts with me!

– First Selectman Beth Heller

Important Dates!

• Real Estate Taxes (second half) are due Jan. 1 through Feb. 1, 2019. Postcard reminders will be mailed in December to residents who do not escrow taxes. Call the Tax Office with questions, 203-389-3425.

• The 20th Annual Snowflake Dance and Auction benefitting the WVFA is Sat., Feb. 23. Featuring the Rum Runners cover band, this fun night helps support Woodbridge’s volunteer firefighters.

Holiday Events and Safety Tips from the WVFA

Holiday Events
Santa & Mrs. Claus - The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association (WVFA) will host Santa and Mrs. Claus at the firehouse on Sat., Dec. 15, from 12-3 pm. Everyone is welcome to this free event. No reservations are required to see Santa. Bring cameras to capture the moment! Letters may be sent directly to Santa at: Santa@WoodbridgeFire.com.

Car Seat Clinic - During Santa’s visit, a car seat clinic will be held. Car seats will be fitted by appointment. Call (203) 389-3441 x100 or email Aimee at ABogush@WoodbridgeFire.com.

Toy Drive - The WVFA is collecting toys for the Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital Toy Closet. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Fire Dept. lobby (100 Center Rd.), Mon. through Fri., 8 am - 4 pm. Toys and gifts for all ages (newborn through adolescent) are needed. Used and plush toys cannot be accepted due to infection control policies. Toys will be collected through Dec. 21.

Fundraiser - The WVFA will send their annual fundraising mailing to residents in the next few weeks.

Winter Holiday Safety

• Choose flame resistant or retardant decorations.

• Keep candles 12 inches away from items that burn.

• Blow out lit candles and turn off light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

• Be sure a cut Christmas tree is watered daily and is at least three feet away from any heat source.

• Heat your home safely by keeping anything that can burn three feet away from a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.

For more holiday events and winter safety information, visit WoodbridgeFire.com/ and Facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire.
Town News

Woodbridge Community Council
Events Promote Diversity and Inclusion

Explore and celebrate diversity at three events this winter organized by the Town’s ad hoc Community Council. The first is intended to help children discuss and value diversity; the later events are for adults.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Mon., Jan. 21) from 10 am - 12 pm, the JCC is hosting a free event for students grades K-3 and their families. The authors of Soulful Sydney, Terry Murphy and Mariam Azeez, will be on hand to read from and discuss their book. The book is a heart-warming children's story about Sydney who meets the girl next door. Together they set off in search of lessons of kindness and acceptance. In addition to the story, students are invited to make a craft that will be donated to spread the kindness forward. The event is free and families are asked to preregister at jccnh.org. The book may be pre-ordered for a discounted rate of $8. Books will also be available for purchase at the event for $12. It is not required to purchase a book in order to attend the event. For more information about the book Soulful Sydney and the authors, please visit soulfulsydney.com.

In February the Community Council will host a book discussion about Ta-Nehisi Coates’ book, Between the World and Me, on Feb. 26 and the movie I Am Not Your Negro will play on Feb. 28. Details about the two February events will be available on the Town website in the coming months.

“Choices for Sustainable Living” Course

Residents are invited to participate in a community-led course called “Choices for Sustainable Living” to learn how to lead sustainable lives. The course is co-hosted by the Town of Woodbridge’s Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee, the Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Property (CUPOP), the Woodbridge Town Library and Massaro Community Farm.

An Information Session describing the course, its dates, and an opportunity to sign up and buy the curriculum materials for a discount, will be held Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm at the Woodbridge Town Library. The course will run February through May with two evening sessions available for 15 people per session. See the library website for details: WoodbridgeTownLibrary.org
Library News

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

Please note the Library holiday hours will be:
Monday, December 24: 10 am to 2 pm
Tuesday, December 25: Closed
Monday, December 31: 10 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday, January 1: Closed
Monday, January 21: Closed

Book Clubs: Library Offers Book Sets and More

The Adult Services Department recently relocated the large collection of book club sets owned by the library from the Reference Office to shelving in the middle of the stacks. What was once accessible only to staff can now be browsed and borrowed by the entire community. Stop in and take a copy for yourself, you and a friend, or your entire book club! The titles have been read and enjoyed by the library’s own book club, and have been loaned to library book clubs throughout Connecticut.

Fiction and nonfiction sets are available, with best-selling titles such as Animal, Vegetable, Miracle; The Address; When Breath Becomes Air; and Pachinko. Most are available in regular print, large print and audio. The full list is on our website and holds can be placed.

If the library does not own enough copies of a set for a particular book club, additional copies can be ordered from both the LION consortium and libraries around the state. Additionally, if a book club is reading a title that is not a library-owned set, multiple copy/multiple format requests can also be placed. Please stop by the Information Desk with questions, call 203-389-3434, or email wbrstaff@lioninc.org.

Winter Reading Returns

The Adult Winter Reading Program will begin Jan. 14, and run through Feb. 28.

Read books, write reviews and enter the reviews in our weekly drawings to win prizes! Drawings will be held every Thursday, starting Jan. 24. For more information and to register, visit the Library Information Desk.

“Get Toasty Thursdays” will also return, starting Jan. 17. Each Thursday at 5 pm, cocoa and cookies will be provided in the library lobby for everyone to enjoy.
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.

Sneak Peek Club (Grades 5 & 6)
Thursday, Dec. 13, 5:30-6:30 pm
Get first dibs on new books at the library, make a snowman craft and have a snack. Please register online or at the Children's Desk.

Eager Readers Book Group (Grades K-2)
Monday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 pm
Stop by the Children’s Desk to pick up a copy of this month’s title, and to register. Read the book at home and then come for a book discussion and craft.

Snowy Owl Afternoon (Grades K-3)
Saturday, Dec. 22 at 3 pm
Learn cool and interesting facts about Snowy Owls, enjoy owl stories, an owl snack, and make a wonderful Stuffed Snowy Owl Sock Craft to take home. Please register online or at the Children’s Desk—space and supplies limited.

Just Like Magic with the Discovery Museum (Ages 5-12)
Thursday, Dec. 27 at 2 pm
Balloons that don’t pop? Water that disappears immediately? It’s not magic—it’s science! We’ll break the cardinal rule of magic and reveal how it’s all done. Online registration required.

Nonfiction Club (Grades 3-6)
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6:00-7:00 pm
Check out a nonfiction book about space, then share what you learned at the program. Afterwards we will have a snack and make glow-in-the-dark galaxy slime. Please register online or at the Children's Desk.

Eager Readers Book Group (Grades K-2)
Monday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 pm
Stop by the Children’s Desk to pick up a copy of this month’s title, and to register. Read the book at home and then come for a book discussion and craft.

December Film Screenings

Colette
Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 pm or Friday, Dec. 14 at 1 pm
111 minutes; R

Crazy Rich Asians
Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7 pm or Friday, Dec. 21 at 1 pm
120 minutes; PG-13

Puzzle
Thursday, Dec. 27 at 7 pm
103 minutes; R

Our January film selections will be scheduled in December. For the latest news, please check our website, call the Information Desk, 203-389-3434, or stop by the library to pick up a listing.

Library Resources Available
Online, Anytime

Library closed? Bad weather? Items overdue? Need something to read or watch? Renew your items and place holds any time via the Library website: WoodbridgeTownlibrary.org. Download apps from hoopla or OverDrive for digital books, movies, music, and more! All you need is your library card number and a device.

Massaro at the Library
Winter Series Returns

For the second year in a row, the Library and Massaro Community Farm are joining forces to provide informative programming with hopes of engaging minds and building community. This year’s theme is “Ingredients For Change,” with three exciting programs planned.

The first will be Fresh Ingredients—A Tasting of January, held on Wed., Jan. 23 from 6-8 pm at the Library. Join us for a tasting and discussion with three local cooks, using local ingredients to make fresh food in the wintry month of January. Six dishes will be provided! Please register online or at the library, as space will be limited.

Plan to join us on Wed., Feb. 13, from 6-8 pm for a Pre-Valentine’s Potluck—Ingredients to Eat By, and on Wed., March 13, from 6-8 pm for Ingredients for Change (Panel Discussion).

More details will be available as the dates draw near.
Breakfast at 10 – Lecture Series

Jan. 30: Estate Planning and Asset Protection with Guertin and Guertin, LLC in The Center lounge. This program was created to help people learn how to protect their most valuable assets (like a home) from financial devastation of a long-term stay in a nursing home, creditor issues and/or lawsuits, by utilizing an irrevocable Asset Protection Trust. Forty percent of older Americans will need nursing home care at some point in their lives!

Feb. 27: Cooking for 1 or 2 and Proper Freezing Techniques with Elaine Marcucio and Penny Pompa, New England Young at Heart. Learn how to navigate recipes without having to eat leftovers all week—unless you so choose! Freezer-friendly foods, proper containers and food storage will be discussed.

Dec. & Jan. Lunch Menu

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

- 12/4 Meatloaf with mashed potatoes
- 12/7 Holiday Luncheon! Call to RSVP
- 12/11 Moussaka
- 12/14 Chicken cacciatore
- 12/18 Stuffed peppers with turkey, quinoa
- 12/21 Swedish meatballs over egg noodles
- 12/25 Closed - Christmas holiday
- 12/28 New Year Party! Baked stuffed shrimp, fruit cup and treats!
- 1/1 Closed - New Year’s Day
- 1/4 Roasted pork loin with potatoes
- 1/8 Roasted garlic chicken over rice
- 1/11 Baked potato and turkey chili bar
- 1/15 Spaghetti and meatballs
- 1/18 Stuffed cabbage with mashed potato
- 1/22 Shrimp stir fry with egg rolls
- 1/25 Lasagna and salad
- 1/29 Chicken cordon bleu

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

Dec. 1, Sat.: Center Art Exhibit & Reception, 1-3:30 pm at the Friends’ Meeting Room in the Library. Join the Painting for Pleasure class for wine & hors d’oeuvres. Exhibit continues throughout December.

Dec. 4 and Dec. 6: Pickleball for beginners with Fred Butterfield and Les Rosenbaum, 12:30-2:30 pm in the Center gym. Equipment provided, please RSVP.

Dec. 6: Holiday Origami with Dollars! 10 am in Rm. 11. Free lesson teaches a unique way to give monetary gifts for Hanukkah or Christmas! Make a 3D origami heart, star or wreath out of your own crisp $1, $5 or $10 bills. RSVP by Dec. 4.

Dec. 7: Annual Holiday Luncheon sponsored by the Woodbridge Rotary Club. Lunch is served at 12:15 pm. Entertainment by Paula Pettinella. There is no cost for this luncheon but reservations are required by Nov. 30.

Dec. 28: New Year’s Party with Paul Schlein, begins at 12:15. RSVP required.

Jan. 9: Diabetes Prevention Program ongoing Wednesdays from 10-11 am in The Center lounge. See page 6 for more details on this life-changing program!

Jan. 15: Lunch entertainment with Pierce Campbell begins at 12:15 pm. RSVP required.

Jan. 29: Lunch entertainment with Paul Schlein begins at 12:15 pm. RSVP required.

Jan. 31: Life Line Screening, preventative health screenings, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm in the Center gym. Ultrasound screenings for cardiovascular disease, EKG, and osteoporosis risk assessments and more. To register please call 888-653-6441 or online at www.lifelinescreening.com/community.

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.

Feb. 5: Chinese New Year Celebration, begin the Year of the Pig with a festive lunch program at 12:15 pm, reservations are required.
Change for Life! Diabetes Prevention Program

Beginning Jan. 9, Diabetes Prevention will be offered as an ongoing program that will meet regularly Wednesdays, 10-11 am, in The Center lounge. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention–National Diabetes Prevention Program can help individuals make a change for life! This program will offer lifestyle changes to help prevent type 2 diabetes. Groups meet for 16 weekly sessions and six monthly follow-up sessions with a trained lifestyle coach. There is no cost associated with this program but you must register. This program costs up to $500 at other facilities! This course is sponsored by Griffin Hospital, Area Agency on Aging of South Central CT. Please call The Center to register 203-389-3430.

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.

Café Grand Opening in February

The Meetinghouse Café grand opening is scheduled for February. The Café will be closed for the months of Dec. and Jan. while renovations are underway. Stay tuned for grand opening details! The Meetinghouse Café is located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane on the lower level and serves all ages from 8 am to 2 pm, Mon.-Fri.

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 session! Yoga for Healthy Aging: class begins Nov. 30, please register.

Meetings, from 11:45 am - 1 pm in the Center Building, Rm. 16, with instructor Julie Luciani. Class combines seated and standing postures and is safe for all. Reserve your spot—12 sessions for $75. The class fee will be pro-rated if joined late.

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

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 club will not meet in December. The next meeting is Jan. 22 and the book will be Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah. 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 for those joining late.

Friday Movies: Following lunch in the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room at 1 pm: 12/7 Puzzle, 12/14 Colette, 12/21 Crazy Rich Asians, 12/28 Favorite Film Friday: Victor Victoria. Please call the office for January film titles.

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, in 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 the Center Bldg. Rm. 11, 1-4 pm.

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

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 due by Jan. 31. Woodbridge residents are $20 per year, non-residents are $25. Equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

Bocce: Begins in spring, Tuesdays at the Old Firehouse, 11 am -12 pm.
After-School Delicious Designs

Amity Middle School-Bethany students are invited to join Youth Services on Tue., Dec. 11, to get into the winter spirit. For $5, students will create a delicious treat to eat or offer as a gift. They will also make a craft to warm the heart of a loved one or family member. Supplies, music and snacks will be ready. Meet at school from 2:30 to 3:50 pm to relax and have fun. Late bus is available after class. Pre-payment and permission form are required by Fri., Dec. 7.

Check the school newsletter or the Town of Woodbridge website for notices and permission form. For more details, call 203-389-3429 or email: Youthone@WoodbridgeCT.org.

Community Service Project

Amity Middle Schoolers are invited to make gifts for a charity on Tue., Jan. 15, from 2:30 to 3:50 pm in a relaxed setting in the Amity Middle School-Bethany cafeteria. Enjoy snacks, music and friends. Participation is free. No skills required. Bring your desire to help others.

Parent permission form is required by Fri., Jan. 11. Call 203-389-3429 or email Youthone@WoodbridgeCT.org to join. Community service hours will be approved. The late bus is available after this community service project.

Toys 4 Kids Kicks Off

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. 14, 2018.

New Toys Needed for Kids

Please bring donations to the Toys 4 Kids’ collection box located in the Woodbridge Library until Dec. 14 to brighten the holidays for kids in the community.

Job Bank Needs Teens

Woodbridge teens willing to rake leaves or shovel snow are needed. Help residents and earn cash by joining the Woodbridge Job Bank. To join and schedule an interview call 203-389-3429 or email Youth Services at npfund@woodbridgect.org. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire help.

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.

Winter Program Registration

It is time to register for Woodbridge Recreation Winter leagues and a wide variety of programs.

The basketball leagues include: Classic League (grades 4-6); Junior High League (grades 7-9); and High School League (grades 9-12). Also offered is a girls’ basketball league in conjunction with the JCC for grades 2 through 6. Games are played on Sundays at the JCC, with practice on Monday evenings at the Center gym.

Winter programs include: swim lessons, bowling, basketball, Bricks4kidz, chess, Clay Date, Coding Club, fashion design, floor hockey, guitar lessons, gymnastics, indoor tennis, indoor soccer, Kumon, Little Scientists, piano lessons, sign language, Taekwondo, and Zumba.

Adult programs include badminton, yoga with instructors Diane King or Bill Banick, and T’ai Chi.

Most programs begin the week of Dec. 10. For registration information, contact the Recreation Dept. at 203-389-3446 or register online at WoodbridgeCT.org. Click on the online Recreation Registration link on the home page of the Town website.

Summer Concert Performers & Sponsors

Musical acts interested in performing for the 2019 Summer Concert series should contact the Recreation Dept. in December and January. New performers must submit a CD, DVD or website link. Returning performers should send an email to reactivate previously submitted applications. Please direct mail to the Recreation Dept. at Woodbridge Town Hall (11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525) or email Recreation@WoodbridgeCT.org. Also, residents may recommend performers by emailing or calling the Recreation Office.

Each year the Recreation Dept. seeks sponsors to help defray the cost of summer concerts. Sponsor donations are greatly appreciated and the generosity of all sponsors is acknowledged in a flyer mailed to all Woodbridge households advertising the summer concerts. During the evening of each summer concert, sponsors are recognized for their generosity and sponsor names are posted on our concert website at WoodbridgeCT.org. For sponsor details, call 203-389-3446 or email: Recreation@WoodbridgeCT.org.
LOCAL
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER
WOODBRIDGE, CT
06525

Buddy DeGennaro
REALTOR®
Broker, Managing Partner
203-710-2548
buddy@wdsells.com

Honest. Reliable. Experienced.
Buying? Selling? Use the Buddy System – It Works!

Pat Cardozo
REALTOR®
Recommended for a Reason
203-824-2177

Judy Cooper
ABR • CNE • CRS • GRI • PSCS • SBES
BROKER — REALTOR
203-605-5128
Judy@Judy-Cooper.com
www.Judy-Cooper.com

Willy Winchenhern
Real Estate Professional
35年执业经验

Your One-Stop Shop For
LOCK STOCK & BARREL

ORGANIC FEED
POWER EQUIPMENT
PET FOOD & SUPPLIES
CLOTHING & MORE
RIDING APPAREL
TACK

What Can We Feed Or Fix For You?
770 Amity Road, Bethany, CT | lsbfarmsupply.com | (203) 393-0002 |