Concerts on the Green and More This Summer

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 throughout July. For the lineup of performers, turn to Recreation News on page 7. All rain dates will be Wednesday of the same week.

In addition, we will have Tuesday Outdoor Movie Nights at sunset beginning in August. (See Library News on page 4 for film titles.) Just prior to the Tuesday, August 6th movie there will also be a picnic on the Town Green, designed to encourage neighbors to meet each other. These concerts and movies 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!

Newly Planted Trees
While visiting our Town Center Campus for these summer events, I hope you will have an opportunity to see our beautification efforts “taking bloom” — the plantings in Arden’s Garden, at the entry to the Green, have now been joined by two new trees that have been donated to honor the legacy of a pair of Woodbridge residents. These two tree donations are part of our Bench and Tree Donation Program — details on how you may also participate are available at our website: WoodbridgeCT.org.

In addition, the first five trees planned for the Center Road border of the Fitzgerald Tract have also been planted — many thanks to our Parks Department and foreman Adam Parsons for their work to improve the look of this parcel that is such a frequently visited area in the center of our Town.

Transfer Station Changes
At our June meeting, the Board of Selectmen acted to set the rate per ton for disposal of solid waste by commercial haulers only. There will be no charges for disposal of recycling (visit the website RecycleCT.com to review State recycling requirements for all households, whether utilizing a commercial service or not).

Haulers will be weighed on the scale that was recently installed at the Transfer Station. Residents who utilize the Transfer Station will not be charged for solid waste or recycling, and will not be required to utilize the scale at this time.

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. I always enjoy hearing from residents.

- First Selectman Beth Heller

Mark Your Calendars!

- **July 1 through August 1:** Woodbridge taxes are due. Please call the Tax Office with questions, 203-389-3425.
- **July 4:** Woodbridge Town Offices and Transfer Stations will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- **Every Tuesday in July:** Enjoy concerts on the Woodbridge Town Green, 6-8 pm. (See Recreation News, p. 7.)
- **Every Tuesday in August:** Come watch outdoor movies at sunset on the Woodbridge Town Green, 7:45 pm. (See Library News, p 4.) Preceding the **August 6** movie, bring a picnic dinner to the Green, 6 pm. Check the Town website for details.
- **August 8:** Nomination deadline for Living Treasure Awards (See The Woodbridge Center News, p. 6.)

Visit the Town website for a full line up of Woodbridge summer events: WoodbridgeCT.org
It’s that time of year again! The Woodbridge Fire Department urges all residents to follow the grilling safety tips below to ensure a safe summer barbecue season.

- Only use propane and charcoal grills outdoors.
- Operate grills away from your house, trees and deck railing.
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance away from hot grills.
- Remove grease buildup from grill racks and trays to maintain a clean, grease-free grill.
- Start a gas grill with the lid open! Lighting your grill with a closed lid can cause a dangerous buildup of gas.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Check propane grills for leaks with a soapy water solution.
- Use only charcoal starter fluid with charcoal grills.
- Never add charcoal fluid or other flammable liquid to the flame.
- When finished using the charcoal grill, let coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container away from structures.

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

Harris Web Works recently moved to 245 Amity Road from the New Haven coworking space Agora (formerly The Grove).

Harris Web Works focuses on building ecommerce systems for businesses, particularly business to business ecommerce. The company is a certified agency partner in Magento, an ecommerce platform owned by Adobe.

Owner Matt Harris started his first business as a consultant in New York City. After the dot-com bubble burst and after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, he and his wife left the city and moved back to the Midwest. When he and his family decided to return to the East Coast, he chose New Haven from a MetroNorth map—he wanted to be close, but not too close, to New York City. In New Haven he started working from his home, and in 2012 his business was strong enough to rent office space.

As the business grew he hired more employees. Eventually Harris Web Works was one of the largest businesses at the downtown coworking space. “We love Agora and downtown, but it started to seem like, as a business, we were ready to have our own space,” he said.

Harris had recently moved to Woodbridge (the strong school system played a big role in the decision) and realized the town was an ideal location: Proximity to Route 15 and the Valley give them easy access to clients. For more business news visit: WoodbridgeCT.org/business.
Fill Your Summer with “A Universe of Stories”

Summer reading at the Library has only just begun! The Adult and Children’s Departments have reading challenges with plenty of opportunities to win prizes. Stop in, sign up, and blast off into the pages of a great book! Both departments have lots of entertaining events to help explore your world and fill your calendars. Leaving Woodbridge’s orbit for the summer? Don’t forget to pack your library card—library materials may be accessed with digital services (hoopla, Libby, and Kanopy).

For the latest news and information, visit the Library website or look for us on Facebook and Instagram.

Pastel Workshop Series Starts in July

Get creative this summer, expand your horizons, and try something different! The Library will present three exciting pastel painting workshops, including instruction, demonstration, and hands-on work for both sheer beginners and those more advanced. Classes are taught by Gregory Maichack, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) pastel demonstrator, twice nominated for the MCC Gold Star Award, and award-winning pastelist.

You’ll complete your own work of art in an evening and get to take it home afterwards! Snacks and refreshments will be served, including wine for those over 21 years old. Each workshop starts at 6:30 pm, and features a different theme. The series includes:

**July 17:** The Starry Night (tying in with our summer reading theme)
**August 5:** Monet’s Magic: Wondrous Water Lilies
**September 10:** Stunning Still Lifes Like the Masters

Please register in person at the Information Desk. Registration is required, with a $10 supplies fee per person due upon registration. Participants must be at least 15 years old—no exceptions. You may only register for one of these three nights as space will be limited, however you may go on a waitlist for the other nights.

Save the Date for Our End of Adult Summer Reading Party

Mission Accomplished: a special party for participants of this year’s Adult Summer Reading Bingo Challenge will be held on Monday, August 19 at 7 pm. Prizes will be given out and refreshments will be served.

Want to join the fun? Sign up for the bingo challenge! Read outside (or inside) the box and discover new and different parts of the literary universe. Participants may pick up bingo boards at the Information Desk and start reading!

Once a book is finished, fill out a review card and let Adult Services staff know which challenge was fulfilled on the bingo board. Win a prize for every row completed. Every marked box will give you a chance to win prizes at the party. Stay tuned for party details—it’ll be out of this world!
**Summer Events**

*Online registration is required for events below.*

**Cryptogram Scavenger Hunt**
Ongoing all summer! Ask at the desk to get started.

**Harry Potter Club**
Wednesdays in July at 6 pm (grades 3 & up)

**Eager Readers K-2 Book Group**
July 22 at 6:30 pm AND August 12 at 6:30 pm

**Cartooning with Rick Stromoski**
July 10 at 5 pm (ages 8 & up)

**STARLAB Planetarium**
***Held in the Center Building Gym***
July 16 at 5 pm (ages 4 & up with an adult)

**Yo Yo Guy John Higby**
July 24 at 5 pm (ages 5 & up)

**First Mime on the Moon with Robert Rivest**
August 7 at 5 pm (all ages with an adult)

**Nutmeg Club**
August 8, 15 & 22 at 5:30 pm (grades 6 to 8)

**Aliens: Escape from Earth with Sciencetellers**
August 21 at 2 pm (ages 4 & up with an adult)

*Enjoy the summer concerts every Tuesday in July on the Town Green, 6-8 pm (see p. 7).*

**Summer Reading Finale**

Come celebrate the end of summer on August 26 at 2 pm (for students entering grades K to 8). Enjoy the magic show with Ed Popielarczyk and an outdoor ice cream social afterwards. Bring your reading log—book prizes for our summer readers!

**Young Children’s Events**

*Registration is not required.*

- **Babies Session (0-18 months)**
  Every Wednesday, 10:30-11 am
  Songs and rhymes, fun for little ones.

- **Ready to Read (18-36 months)**
  Every Thursday, 10:30-11 am
  Talking, singing and reading build vocabulary and a love of books!

- **Preschool Storycraft (3-5 years)**
  Every Friday, 11-11:30 am
  **Starting July 5**, a literature based program and art project.

**Summer Film Screenings**

*Registration is not required; more information is available online or by calling the Library.*

**July: Thursdays at 7 pm**

- **July 4:** No film screening. Library closed for Independence Day.
- **July 11:** *Isn’t It Romantic*
- **July 18:** *Gloria Bell*
- **July 25:** *The Man Who Killed Don Quixote*  
  Held indoors in the Library’s meeting room.

**August: Tuesdays at Sunset**

- **August 6:** Superhero Film, *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*
- **August 13:** Family Film, *The Princess Bride*
- **August 20:** Animated Film, *Aladdin* (1992)
- **August 27:** Classic Film, *Back to the Future*
  Held outdoors at approximately 7:45 pm on the Town Green near the gazebo.
July & August Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tue. and Thu. at The Center café, 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.

7/2  Garlic herb meatloaf with mashed potatoes and carrots
7/4  Closed: Independence Day
7/9  Stuffed Sole with jasmine rice
7/11 Baked ziti with meatballs and grilled zucchini
7/16 Herb roasted turkey with roasted sweet potatoes
7/18 Bruschetta veal cutlets with roasted potatoes and vegetable
7/23 Roast beef with gravy, baked potatoes and vegetable
7/25 Stuffed flounder with fried rice
7/30 Annual Indoor Picnic!
8/1  Chicken cacciataore with linguini
8/6  General Tso chicken with jasmine rice
8/8  Cheese pizza with grilled zucchini
8/13 Baked orange fish, mashed potatoes and squash
8/15 Margarita chicken pasta with salad
8/20 BBQ chicken, potato salad and cole slaw
8/22 Ravioli marinara with salad
8/27 Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes
8/29 Fish Florentine, linguini and summer succotash

RSVP is required one day prior unless otherwise noted.

July 2: Independence Day craft with Kristy Moriarty 11 am - 12 pm in The Center café. Turn mason jars into patriotic vases with stars and stripes. All materials provided, no charge. RSVP is required.

July 8: AARP Safe Driver Training, 9 am - 1 pm, Center lounge. $15 - members; $20 - non-members. RSVP required.

July 15: Lunch Bunch! Join in for lunch with friends at Lenny & Joe’s Fish Tale in New Haven. Transportation is provided by The Center ($3) or meet us. Self-pay at the restaurant.

July 16: Lunch entertainment with Brian Gillie begins 12:15 pm. RSVP required.

July 19: Fashion show at Elim Park Independent Living in Cheshire. Transportation available for $3. Bus will depart Center at 10:15 am and return at 2 pm. This event is sponsored by New England Young at Heart. Light fare and shopping and informational vendors too.

July 23: Clear Captions telephone information program, 12:30 pm. Learn more about no cost, captioned phones for those with hearing loss. RSVP required.

July 30: Annual Summer Indoor Picnic co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Police Dept.: $6 for BBQ chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, watermelon and brownies. RSVP required by July 23. Lunch begins at 12:15 pm with entertainment provided by John Paolillo.

Aug. 8: Living Treasure nomination forms are due. See page 6 for details.

Aug. 8: An Education in the Grotesque lecture, 6 pm at the Woodbridge Library meeting room. This event features Bethany resident Mathew Duman who will highlight a selection of gargoyles and grotesques found throughout the buildings at Yale University. Co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Library.


Aug. 19: Lunch Bunch! Join in for lunch with friends at Outriggers Restaurant in Stratford. Transportation is provided by The Center ($3) or meet there. Self-pay at the restaurant.

Aug. 23: Free Yoga class with Julie Luciani at 11:45 am in Room 16.

Aug. 27: Lunch entertainment with Kayte Devlin begins 12:15 pm. RSVP required.

Sept. 2: Center Closed - Labor Day

Sept. 4, 11, 18: Free Art Classes with Graham Dale 10 am - 12 pm in The Center café. Come try a taste of art at no charge. This class is for novice to experienced artist and will include both demonstration and hands on participation. For a materials list please call. Ten week class follows in October (see p. 6 for details).

Sept. 10: 3rd annual town-wide BBQ hosted by Coachman Square at Woodbridge from 12-2 pm 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 provide a delicious BBQ to all town employees, first responders, and residents of Woodbridge. Entertainment with Jim Sheehan. No cost, please RSVP.

Sept. 25: Trip! Broadway with choice of show, Tootsie or Ain’t Too Proud To Beg, lunch at Carmines, and transportation for $245. RSVP by Aug. 16.

October 2: Living Treasure Award Dinner—Save the date!
**Living Treasure Award Nominations**

Due August 8

The Living Treasure Awards event is a fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center honoring community-minded Woodbridge residents for their dedication to the Town and for their years of community service. Nomination forms are available at the Town website and through the Human Services Department.

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Don’t miss a chance to advertise your business with a wide cross section of Woodbridge residents; this event brings all groups of Woodbridge residents together for a great night to honor the backbone of the community while raising money for The Woodbridge Center! Donations of silent auction items, purchase of ads in the program book and table sponsorships are available by calling The Woodbridge Center at 203-389-3430 or emailing: jglicksman@woodbridgect.org.

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Thursdays, 10 am - 1 pm, in The Center lounge. Calling all knitters and crocheters to join the group. No RSVP necessary.

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**Mahjong:** Mon. & Fri., 10 am, Center Building, Rm. 13.

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7th Grade Picnic
Thursday, August 22

Woodbridge Youth Services invites all incoming seventh grade residents of Bethany and Woodbridge to the annual 7th Grade Picnic on Thursday, Aug. 22, 5:30 -7:30 pm. Join us at Amity Middle School–Bethany at 190 Luke Hill Road. Admission is only $5 to experience a giant inflatable, challenging games, an interactive D.J., and free raffle. Pizza and snacks are included. Rain location is in the gym. Register now at 203-389-3429 to receive an extra raffle ticket. The event is sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Adult volunteers, college students and high school upper classmen are welcome to help. Donations and raffle prizes are needed. Please call 203-389-3429 for more information.

July Summer Concerts

July 2 kicks off the summer concerts on the Woodbridge Town Green. Every Tuesday in July enjoy an evening of musical entertainment, 6-8 pm. In case of rain, performance dates will be moved to Wednesdays of the same week.

Bring a lawn chair and blanket for a picnic dinner. A variety of food will be available for purchase from food trucks including: burgers, hot dogs, fries, baked potatoes, tacos, gourmet-inspired street food and desserts.

- **July 2**: The Sounds of Frank (Frank Sinatra Tribute)
- **July 9**: Kenn Morr (folk music)
- **July 16**: Alex Shillo (Bruce Springsteen Tribute)
- **July 23**: Shaded Soul (soul music)
- **July 30**: West Rock (classic rock)

In August, enjoy outdoor movies every Tuesday at sunset (see film titles on p. 4).

Babysitter Training
July 24 & 25

American Red Cross-trained facilitator, Anna Maria Mauhs covers the basics to get students ready to babysit: safety, planning, basic first aid and diapering. This two-day class for teens, ages 12-17, will be held Wed., 7/24 and Thu., 7/25, 9 am to 1 pm, at the Woodbridge Library meeting room, 10 Newton Road. Students must attend both days and bring lunch. Snacks will be provided. The $60 fee ($65 for non-residents) must be paid in advance. Sibling discounts available.

Register on the Town website. Please call Youth Services for details, 203-389-3429.

Camp Hero

Camp Hero is open to Woodbridge, Bethany and Orange students, grades 7-12, receiving Special Services through an IEP. Camp will run July 22 -26, 1-4 pm at Beecher Road School, south. Activities include arts and crafts, games, swimming and socializing.

Space is limited to 10 campers. The camp fee is $200.

July Basketball Camps

Register now for basketball camps led by Amity High School basketball coaches for ages 8-14. Camp for girls will run July 8-12. Camp for boys will run July 15-19. Both camps are in the afternoon, 1-4 pm, and cost $185 per student.

Please contact the Recreation Office to register or for additional details, 203-389-3446.