Eligible citizens in Woodbridge are encouraged to attend the recessed in-person Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Woodbridge Fire House at 100 Center Road. Bay doors will be open providing ventilation to keep residents as safe as possible, and there will be outdoor space available, weather permitting. We continue to do all we can to keep our residents safe. **Masks and social distancing will be required.**

Woodbridge always holds the Annual Town Meeting on the third Monday of May, and this year in the interest of public safety, the Board of Selectmen voted to hold the meeting virtually, but the virtual format and our Town Charter requirements became incompatible and very time consuming. The Board agreed to recess the meeting and reschedule it for June 2, so that everyone can be heard. According to the Woodbridge Town Charter, if 250 eligible residents (or more) are in attendance, residents will have an opportunity to vote on each line item to increase, decrease or eliminate any line item in the budget. **The entire budget cannot be voted on in a single vote—it must be voted on line by line.** Again, I encourage everyone to attend this most important meeting.

Every year, the Town’s budget process begins in the winter when department heads make requests which are vetted at public meetings by our Boards of Finance and Selectmen. At the Preliminary Budget Hearing in April, residents had an opportunity to ask questions or make comments. You may view the proposed budget and Preliminary Budget Hearing presentation and video of the hearing on the Finance Department page on the Town’s website.

The Town recently received notice that Verizon/Cellco has filed its application with the State Siting Council, seeking approval to erect a 100-foot tower at 118 Newton Rd. This is a private transaction between a resident and Verizon/Cellco. Over the past several months, the Board of Selectmen offered multiple alternative sites to Verizon, and also engaged an attorney and engineer with experience working against cell towers in residential neighborhoods. This is extremely disappointing news, and the Board of Selectmen will discuss how to proceed at our June meeting. I remain opposed to erecting towers in any residential neighborhood in our Town.

Due to significant illegal dumping at the former Country Club property, our Public Works Department has now installed barriers and a gate blocking the main parking lot. The property is still open to the public, but the lot is closed to cars. Parking is available at the small lot across the street from the property. Since the clubhouse at the former Country Club of Woodbridge has been vacant, it has attracted constant vandalism and the building has continued to deteriorate. It is, in my opinion, a potential danger, and I am happy the Board of Selectmen agreed to include its demolition in a list of projects to be presented to a Special Town Meeting.

The Town will also need to borrow for other projects:
- Remove the clubhouse and outbuildings at the former Country Club of Woodbridge. No matter the property’s future, the removal of these buildings will be necessary.
- Convert the Old Firehouse into a Community Center and create a storage facility for the Fire Department to house materials currently in the Old Firehouse, and add a sidewalk connecting Amity High School with our Town Center.
- Renovate and update the Senior Center so that our seniors will have a modern, fresh, welcoming and air-conditioned space.
- Refurbish three roofs at Beecher Road School.
- Most importantly, borrowing rates are at historic lows so now is the time to do these projects. **Our debt service has, and continues to fall, so this will have minimal impact on our budget.** Together these projects will transform the center of our Town into a more dynamic, active and attractive place that will help us create and sustain the sense of community that is sometimes hard to come by due to our geography. Coming out of a pandemic I believe that community building is even more important than ever. Also, Woodbridge is resuming the Summer Concert Series and initiating other events, including the Second Saturday Series. As we bring people together, we continue to follow the State’s advice and, in order to protect residents and staff, we will require masks in Town buildings. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any ideas or concerns—stay safe Woodbridge!

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**Important Reminders!**

- **June is Dog License Month.** New Woodbridge residents and new dog owners should contact the Town Clerk’s office at 203-389-3422 or 3424 to register their dogs. Reminders are being mailed to existing dog owners.
- **Bulk Household Collection** has ended for the spring and will resume on Tuesdays during October and November by reservation. Please call the Department of Public Works with questions, 203-389-3420.
Atlantic hurricane season runs June to November, with peak season in mid-August to October. Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to shorelines and several hundred miles inland. High winds, torrential rains, and flash flooding can persist for days.

A Hurricane Watch means a storm may be possible within 36 hours, and a Hurricane Warning generally indicates a storm within 24 hours. The Woodbridge Police Dept. offers the safety tips below to residents.

• Secure outdoor property and clear clogged gutters and downspouts.
• Charge cell phones and personal computers.
• Have available ample food and water, flashlight batteries, and water for sanitary purposes and flushing toilets.
• Remain indoors, away from glass doors and windows.
• Drive only when necessary avoiding flooded areas.
• Keep away from and report loose or dangling power lines to 203-387-2511.
• Contact authorities to report police, fire or medical emergencies.
• Listen to the radio or television for updates, and receive storm alerts from The United Illuminating Company via prerecorded calls, emails and text messages. Register online at uinet.com to receive alerts and storm status, and to report power outages.
Visit the Library website 24/7 to access digital resources - woodbridgetownlibrary.org

The Library will be open Monday-Friday throughout June. See Library hours below.

Summer + Reading = Library Visits!

We look forward to seeing you, whether you’re coming in for books for fun or books for assignments. Please continue to wear masks while inside and limit visits to 30 minutes.

Library hours are: Monday and Thursday, 3-6 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am - 1 pm.

Here’s what will be available:
- In-person browsing—come see all of the new books, audiobooks, and DVDs!
- Computers for one hour per user; no appointment needed.
- Printing, copying, faxing, and scanning.
- Periodicals, recent newspapers, plus catch up on the past year’s magazines!
- Reference help including getting started/troubleshooting our digital library services (hoopla, Kanopy, Libby).

At this time, the study room and the Woodbridge Room are closed. Park & Pickup is still available in the meeting room; it cannot be used for any events or programs. Seating throughout the Library is extremely limited and no puzzles or children's toys are available for use.

Park & Pickup hours are: Monday and Thursday, 10 am - 7 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am - 5 pm. Please wait for your email or phone call to alert you about your items.

Not ready to come inside? Call or email to place holds, ask questions, find out information, and more.

Department contact information:
- After the department, all email addresses end with woodbridgetownlibrary.org
- Adult Services/Reference: 203-389-3434
- reference@woodbridgetownlibrary.org
- Children’s Department: 203-389-3439
- childrens@woodbridgetownlibrary.org
- Circulation/General Info: 203-389-3433
- circulation@woodbridgetownlibrary.org

Not sure who you need? No worries—simply send a note to askus@woodbridgetownlibrary.org. Library staff is available to assist you and will respond to your emails.

Reminder! The Library has a great selection of beach and summer reads. Need a recommendation? Just ask.

Adult Programs & Events Return!

Woodbridge Unplugged: Live and Local

Join us for FREE informal outdoor acoustic concerts every other Thursday at 6 pm. Your neighbors have talent—listen for yourself! Concerts held on library grounds. Bring a blanket or chairs. No registration required.

- June 10: Michael Tornado
- June 24: Flynn Carney

Literature & Life: A Mark Schenker Lecture

Attend the lecture on Sunday, June 6 at 3 pm on library grounds. Rain date is Sunday, June 13. The event is hosted by the Friends of the Library in memory of Barbara Rader, longtime member and a past president of the Friends. Register online or by calling the reference desk.

Dr. Mark Schenker of Yale will return to discuss his approach to literature and how anyone who reads for personal enjoyment can gain insight into what makes literature art. And in the process, how we all can get more out of reading.

A string trio featuring Amity High School students and library volunteers Alice, Anna, and Nora Youtz will perform, starting at 2:45 pm.

Adult Summer Reading June 23 – August 18

Stop by the Reference Desk starting June 23 to pick up your Adult Summer Reading packet! You will get a raffle ticket for every book or challenge you complete. Tickets can be used to enter drawings for gift baskets, which will be raffled off every two weeks.

Shop the Friends of the Library’s Mini Book Sales at these upcoming library events:
- June 22: Summer Reading Kick-off with Magician Danny Diamond
- July 10: Mini Pop-Up Sale (part of the Summer Second Saturday Series)

Shop the Tiny Bookstore in the Meeting Room anytime you’re in the library!
Town Calendar

Woodbridge Happenings

Check out the Town’s calendar for event details! Registration may be required for some events.

6/4-5  Live Outdoor Concert at 10selden, 7 pm
6/6  Mark Schenker Lecture at Library, 3 pm  Rain Date 6/13
6/10  Woodbridge Unplugged at Library, 6 pm  Michael Tornado, outdoor acoustics
6/11-12  Live Outdoor Concert at 10selden, 7 pm
6/12  Second Saturday-Tag Sale & more! 10 am  Town Library Parking Lot
6/12  Open Barn Day, 2 pm  Darling House Homestead, 1907 Litchfield Tpk.
6/13  Little Free PJ Library Dedication, 10 am  Jewish Community Center of GNH
6/17  Father’s Day Drive-thru Lunch, 12 pm  For 60+ at The Center-RSVP by June 10
6/18-19  Live Outdoor Concert at 10selden, 7 pm
6/19  Shredding - Our Lady of Assumption, 9 am  Hosted by Knights of Columbus-Trinity Council
6/20  Father’s Day BBQ with Music, 12 pm  New England Brewing
6/22  Magician Danny Diamond at Library, 3 pm  Summer Reading Kick-off, all ages welcome
6/25-26  Live Outdoor Concert at 10selden, 7 pm
6/24  Woodbridge Unplugged at Library, 6 pm  Flynn Carney, outdoor acoustics
6/26:  Live Music at Coachman Square, 1 pm  Isabella Mendes
6/26  Live Concert at Massaro Farm, 7 pm  The Mike Collins Band

Town Calendar events will be highlighted here. Woodbridge organizations are encouraged to add events to woodbridgect.org/calendar. Questions? Call 203-389-3489.

Library News

Children’s & Teens

Summer Reading 2021: Tales and Tails—Visit our website for the most up-to-date information on fun at the library this summer.

Animal Alley: Every Thursday, 4-4:30 pm. Make a different animal craft each week, outside at the picnic tables. Ages 3 and up. Registration is required. No program if raining.

Outdoor Storytime: Every Wednesday, 10:30-11 am. Meet at the picnic tables; no registration required. Some chairs provided, feel free to bring your own or a blanket. Suitable for babies through Pre-K. No program if raining.

Cardboard Cat Workshop: For ages 5 and up, this workshop will take place June 7 and 14—choose only one workshop date, both start at 3:30 pm. Each session will be held inside the library and is limited to four artists; online registration is required.

Peeps Diorama Contest Winners

Congratulations to our 2021 Peeps Diorama Contest Winners! From left to right, pictures of the winning dioramas include:

Adult: *The Silence of the Peeps*
Teen/Tween: *Indiana Peep and the Raiders of the Lost Egg*
Children/Family: *Who bought all of the toilet peeper?*

Thank you to everyone for all the creative dioramas entered into this year’s contest!
Human Services News

Living Treasure Awards Return—Save the Date, September 14.
Here’s a chance to get involved with the 3rd Living Treasure Awards event. The event is a fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center which honors community-minded Woodbridge residents for their dedication to the Town and for their years of community service. This year’s event will be modified in scale but still will include a silent auction, an ad book and a delicious outdoor dinner (eat-in or take-to-go).

Volunteers, donations of silent auction items, purchase of ads in the program book and table sponsorships are needed. To volunteer please contact Jeanette Glicksman at 203-389-3415 or jglicksman@woodbridgect.org. Two deserving Woodbridge residents will be chosen for this honor. Nomination forms will be available in June.

The Woodbridge Food Pantry is available to seniors and families in need with non-perishable food items as well as gift cards to Stop & Shop for perishable items for qualifying families. Items needed for donation to the Food Pantry include coffee, tea, jam or jelly, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and gift cards.

Congratulations to Human Services Social Worker Judi Young. Judi received her recertification as a CHOICES Counselor. CHOICES is Connecticut’s program for health insurance assistance, outreach, information and referral, counseling, and eligibility screening. CHOICES counselors provide Medicare recipients with non-biased, free health insurance counseling and outreach. The Medicare program can be challenging to navigate. Please call with questions or for information.

FEMA Coronavirus Funeral Assistance is available to qualifying individuals who have lost a loved one. Learn more at FEMA.gov or for details call 844-684-6333.

Homebound Coronavirus vaccines were delivered in early May. AMR ENT Troyanna Hie, Public Health Nurse

Jennifer Bobok and AMR Paramedic Rachel Rodriguez visited homes of those Woodbridge residents who utilized the Department of Public Health’s Homebound Vaccination Program. Many thanks to the Woodbridge Police Department and the Quinnipiack Valley Health District for their assistance.

Woodbridge Center News

The Center is for everyone 55+!
Please call 203-389-3430 or email kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org with any questions or to register for classes.

Father’s Day Drive-thru Luncheon: Join us for the drive-thru luncheon on Thursday, June 17, 12-1 pm. All Woodbridge residents over the age of 60 are welcome to enjoy this delicious lunch provided by Jewish Senior Services. Lunch includes choice of BBQ brisket on a rustic roll or turkey, cheddar and bacon on a croissant, homestyle macaroni salad and blueberry shortcake. Music provided by Larry Barry. Hamden Health and Rehabilitation will complete this celebration by generously sponsoring The Center’s traditional Father’s Day root beer float treat. RSVP by June 10.

Transportation for medical appointments is available for those 60+ or with disabilities, Mon.- Fri. from 9 am - 2:30 pm with limited exceptions. Transportation for grocery shopping and pharmacy pick-up is also available. Call to arrange car or wheelchair accessible van transportation. Vehicles are cleaned between each use. Masks are required for safety reasons.

May drive-thru celebrated Woodbridge mothers! Shaunna Gramolini (far right) from New England Young at Heart, Nicole Caccomo (2nd from right) from Whitney Rehab, and Artis Senior Living sponsored this wonderful event. Beautiful anemone flowers, provided by The Center, brought more smiles from participants.

Meals: Seniors may reserve healthy, well balanced, flash frozen meals complete with a protein, starch, vegetables and fresh fruit for $5/meal. Order by noon on Monday for delivery to your home on Tuesday. Choose from a wide variety of options including Shepherd’s pie, chicken and pasta with fresh mozzarella, vegetable lasagna and fresh Cobb salad with grilled chicken breast. Meals include a roll and dessert. There is a minimum order of two meals please.

New meal options! Frozen soups are now available for $1 per 10 oz. container. Varieties include: Italian wedding, beef orzo, carrot apple, sweet potato bisque, and more. Call 203-389-3430 to place your order! Soup must be ordered with meals or a minimum of five soups must be ordered at a time.

Monthly drive-thru lunches continue! Stay tuned for delicious details on the annual “indoor” picnic coming in July.

Looking for company? Call Judi Young, senior social worker, at 203-389-3429 to arrange for a friendly visitor.
New Activities at The Center!

Have Clutter?
Gather it together to sell for someone’s treasure at the Community Tag Sale on June 12 at the Summer Second Saturday event, 10 am - 1 pm. Rent a space (two parking spots) for $10 or a space with two tables set up for $25. Located at the Library/Center Building parking lot. Sign up on Town website. Nothing to sell? Come enjoy browsing and maybe you’ll find something you need. Food trucks and lawn games available.

The Craft group would appreciate donations of clean skeins of yarn. Call The Center to donate!

In-person Programs Continue

Men’s Coffee Corner at the Grove will begin June 21 and meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 10-11:30 am. Bring your own coffee or buy a cup from the new Café Rebelde coffee cart coming in early June. The coffee cart will be located in the “Old Firehouse” parking lot. Play a game of bocce, shuffleboard, or just enjoy sitting and socializing with some new or old friends. The Grove, as always, is open to all.

In-person Programs Continue

Yoga for All with Bill Banick starts Wednesday, June 23 in Center Building Room 16, 1:30-2:30 pm. This all-level yoga class consists of seated warm up exercises, breathing techniques, standing and seated yoga postures using a chair as a prop, relaxation and meditation. Join for 8 weeks at $50.

Zumba Gold: Come try this fun, upbeat class beginning Friday, July 9. The class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography with focus on balance, range of motion and coordination. Previous Zumba experience is not required.

Shoot some pool in The Center café every Tuesday and Thursday, 1-3 pm. Masks and preregistration are required.

Craft Group will meet twice per week, Tuesday and Thursday, beginning June 22, 10 am - 12 pm. Instructor will be available on Thursdays.

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All classes meet outside unless inclement weather. During inclement weather the classes will meet inside the Center Building. Preregistration is required.

Craft Group meets Thursdays, 10 am - 12 pm. Bring your current knitting or crocheting project and enjoy some long overdue social time. Starting 6/22 the group will meet Tuesdays as well.

Painting for Pleasure with Graham Dale: All levels are welcome, Wednesdays, 10 am - 12 pm. Come paint your choice of subject with acrylics or watercolors. Call for materials list. The ten-week session fee is $60—prorated for late-comers.

Exercise with Laurie continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 am. Enjoy an aerobic, cardio and strength training workout to music. Bring your own 1 to 2 pound hand weights. Preregistration is required; $2 per class fee.

Targeted Strength Training on Mondays, 9-10 am, is led by Michele Tenney. This exercise class uses exercise bands to focus on strengthening specific muscle groups to help increase balance, stability, and flexibility. Bands are available for purchase through the instructor. The class fee is $40 for an 8-week session, and will be prorated as needed.

Pickleball: Monday through Friday, 12:30-3:30 pm in the Center Building gym. Two sessions will run each day. Advance court sign-up is required as space is limited.

Get to the Point of Health Zoom Lecture Series: The VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice will present “Memory Matters” on Friday, June 18 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Learn why exercising your brain is as important as exercising your body. Also find out how to maintain brain function and dispel the myths of memory loss and aging. This is the last lecture in this lecture series. It is accessible via Zoom and WGATV Channel 79. Call 203-389-3430 to register and obtain the Zoom link.

AAA Defensive Driving Course is offered virtually June 1, 8, 15, 29 and July 6. This free, four-hour class, taken from the comfort of your own home, may qualify you for an auto insurance discount upon completion. Register at: www.AAA.COM/DEFENSIVEDRIVING.
Youth Services News

First Selectman’s Youth Award Winner Christina Burland

First Selectman Beth Heller will present the award to Christina Burland this month for her many efforts to bring us a sense of community. Tina founded the Woodbridge Together group which has developed various programs like card writing for residents of a nursing home, but is recently known for coordinating the Luminaria Project which reminded residents to light up with hope as we reach out to others. Funds were raised for non-profit organizations.

Home Alone Class

Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund and Woodbridge Police Officer Vinny Lynch presented a recent Home Alone Class to ten students. Topics included Who’s at the Door, Phone Responses, Nutritious Snacks, Emergencies, Fire Danger, Calling 911, and Internet Safety. Participants received an emergency bag and an information pack to share with parents.

JOE BANK

Woodbridge Teens: Need Cash? Weeding and Yardwork Available

Join the Woodbridge Job Bank to work outdoors and earn some money. Call for interview 203-389-3429.

Residents may call to hire teens.

Save your energy and keep teens working to gain experience.

Chalk Art Party

Kids of all ages played yard games and created brilliant sidewalk art around the Center Building at last month’s Second Saturday event. Bubbles were flying as families beat the pandemic blues.

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.

Summer Camp

There is still time to register! Woodbridge Recreation Summer Camp will run June 28-Aug. 6, 9 am to noon at Beecher Road School South for campers entering grades 1-8. Camp will offer a wide range of activities including athletics, arts and crafts, drama, swimming and more. Space is limited and filling up. To secure your spot, please register online via the Town website at woodbridgeCT.org.

Yoga & T’ai-Chi

Indoor yoga returns with Instructor Bill Banick on June 1. Classes will take place Monday through Friday, 8:30-9:45 am. Masks are required. Tuesday night sessions resume June 1-August 31 from 5:30-6:45 pm. Class will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

T’ai-Chi with Bill Banick returns on Thursdays beginning June 3 at 5:30 pm. Class will be held outdoors on the Town Green, weather permitting. To register, please call the Recreation Department at 203-389-3446.

Town Fitness Center

The Town Fitness Center is expanding its hours. The Fitness Center is now open Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6-8:45 pm. This is in addition to its Saturday and Sunday hours, 9 am - noon.

The Fitness Center is available to Woodbridge members by reservation only; drop ins are not accepted. Resident seniors over 65 years of age are free. Call 203-389-3446 during Recreation Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm to make a reservation.

The time slots available for Tuesdays and Thursdays are 6:00-7:15 pm or 7:30-8:45 pm. Saturdays and Sundays will continue with the following available time slots: 8-9:30 am, 10-11:30, am and 12-1:30 pm.

Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing will be enforced. Space is limited to 6 individuals per session.

Food Explorers—Registration Begins

Campers, grades 2-5, may register to join Food Explorers for the week of August 2-6, 2-5 pm. Enjoy cooking and learning about food from all around the world! Campers will learn about different countries and the countries’ food. Then, get ready to make two of those recipes and have fun. You’ll be making foods like Greek Charcuterie boards, Spring Rolls, 7 Layer Dip and Bruschetta. All recipes are nut free and each child will make their own individual portion.