



# News and Events

December 2022 / January 2023

## A Season to Give Thanks

On November 8, the Town of Woodbridge participated in a very important, consequential election. Voting is one important way that we can participate in our democracy. It takes a grand effort on the part of many to hold an election, especially one with such high interest and turnout. I first thank all the voters who were patient in line, respectful of the process and courteous to the election officials and other voters. Thanks also go out to the wonderful election officials — our Town Clerks, Registrars of Voters, poll workers, absentee ballot counters, police officers, and fire department volunteers. All of these folks worked to ensure our election was conducted efficiently, smoothly and most importantly, according to the law.

Woodbridge Like Me Day was a largely-attended, successful community event held last month. This event, and others, are sponsored by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI). If you recall, I created this Committee in 2020 in response to the horrific events surrounding the tragic murder of George Floyd. The DEI Committee gave the Board of Selectmen an update on their activities, and shared the results of their Experiencing Woodbridge Survey. I am proud and grateful for the DEI Committee members' work.

Our annual Veterans Day ceremony was held this year after a two-year COVID hiatus. I was moved by the remarks from our elected State officials and pastoral attendees, the wreath presentation, and the lovely voice of the soloist. I extend gratitude and pledge to never forget our veterans. Our Human Services Department is available to veterans and their family who have questions or need help accessing veteran services.

Recently I met with representatives from the Regional Water Authority (RWA) to explore using a possible RWA grant to connect water to the community gardens at the Fitzgerald property. We are now exploring ways this might be done, and I will keep you updated.

The Board of Selectmen received many letters of support to keep the Beecher Road School pool up and running. In September, issues requiring attention were uncovered beginning with replacing filters and associated piping. Given the



pool was built in 1972, Board of Selectmen members are working to make a decision on how best to proceed.

I am pleased to announce the Town has been notified that our annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30 has once again qualified for the *Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. I must thank our esteemed Finance

Director Tony Genovese, our Finance Department members, and our Board of Finance for this significant accomplishment.

Woodbridge police officers and dispatchers have been actively fundraising this holiday season. In November, they participated in "No Shave CT" to support cancer prevention, research, and education. Proceeds benefitted CT cancer patients. On December 3, from 9 am to 3 pm, the Police Department will hold its annual "Stuff A Cruiser" Toy Drive in the D'Andrea's Plaza parking lot to benefit the CT Special Olympics and Toys for Tots. The event will be held in conjunction with Starbucks, Katz's Deli, and the Micro-Creamery. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be graciously accepted.

Additionally, our Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department members will be collecting unwrapped, new toys at the firehouse (100 Center Road) for the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet through December 19. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the firehouse on Saturday, December 17 from 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Many thanks to all our fire department volunteers!

During this holiday season, I extend my deepest appreciation for all of you in our wonderful Town of Woodbridge. Working with Town employees, and meeting with so many residents over the past year, has been a great opportunity for me. I am truly thankful and profoundly privileged to be your First Selectman. Wishing you all a peaceful holiday season and a joyful 2023!

As always, please contact me with questions or comments at [bheller@woodbridgect.org](mailto:bheller@woodbridgect.org) or 203-389-3401.

—First Selectman Beth Heller

## Holiday Schedule—Mark Your Calendars!

- **Christmas Holiday:** Town Offices and Library will be closed Sat., 12/24 through Mon. 12/26. The Transfer Station will be **open** 12/24 from 8 am - 12 pm and **closed** 12/25 & 26.
- **New Year Holiday:** Town Offices will be closed Sat., 12/31 through Mon. 1/2. On 12/31, the Library will be **open** from 10 am - 2 pm, and the Transfer Station will be **open** 8:30 am - 3 pm; both will be **closed** 1/1 & 1/2.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Town Offices, Library, & Transfer Station will be closed Mon., 1/16.

## Stayed Tuned!

Help re-envision the business district by joining the 2030 Task Force at the third public information session to take place the beginning of 2023. Details will be available on the website at [woodbridgect.org](http://woodbridgect.org).



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## Notice from the Tax Office

Woodbridge taxpayers are reminded that Real Estate, Supplemental Motor Vehicle and Personal Property Taxes are due Jan. 1, 2023 and will become delinquent on Feb. 2, 2023.

For delinquent payments, interest will be charged on the unpaid installment balance at the rate of 1.5 % per month from the due date. The minimum interest charge is \$2.

The Tax Office is open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Mon. through Fri. (closed Monday, January 2 and 16). For your convenience, the office will be open Sat., Jan. 28, 9 am to noon and Wed., Feb. 1, 8:30 am to 7 pm. **Please take the weather into consideration when paying at the last minute.**

If making payment in person, bring your entire bill so it may be stamped as your receipt. For mail payments, enclose your check, the entire bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope for a return receipt. The payment must be postmarked at a US Post Office by Feb. 1, 2023. Credit card payments may be made online (only) through the Town website at woodbridgect.org. There is a fee charged for this service. **Carefully read the online information.**

Failure to receive a bill does not exempt you from payment of tax or penalty, per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130, 12-146.

Please call Woodbridge Tax Collector Pat Crisco with any questions at 203-389-3425.

## WVFA Holiday Events

**Santa & Mrs. Claus:** The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association (WVFA) will host Santa and Mrs. Claus at the firehouse 9 am - noon on Sat., Dec. 17. The event is free and everyone is welcome. Reservations are not needed to see Santa. Bring a camera to capture the moment! Send letters to Santa at:

santa@woodbridgefire.com

**Car Seat Clinic:** During Santa's visit, car seats may be installed by



appointment. Please call Tina at (203) 389-3441 x100.

**Toy Drive:** Through Dec. 19, the WVFA will be collecting toys for the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Toy Closet. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 4 pm in the firehouse lobby at 100 Center Rd. Toys

and gifts for newborn through adolescent are needed, but used and plush toys cannot be accepted due to infection control policies.

## Public Works Snow Reminders

During winter storms, vehicles should be parked off the road. It is against Town ordinance to plow, push or throw snow and ice into the street or sidewalks. For snow accumulation concerns on your street, call Public Works at 203-389-3420, or the Police at 203-387-2511.

The Town will replace a mailbox or post, only if it is directly struck by a Town snowplow. The weight of wet snow can knock off or break mailboxes and posts. In

such cases, the owner is responsible. To help avoid this issue, check your mailbox and post to be sure both are secure. A secured protective shield may help deflect snow from the mailbox and post.

To avoid lawn damage, install snowplow guide markers along the edge of your property.

For more details, go to Winter Hints, Tips and Policies on the Public Works page of the Town website, woodbridgect.org, or call 203-389-3421.



**Library hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 am to 8 pm; Friday & Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm.**  
**Visit the Library website 24/7 to access digital resources - [woodbridgetownlibrary.org](http://woodbridgetownlibrary.org)**

**Winter Holiday Closures: Saturday & Monday, Dec. 24 & 26, 2022; Monday, Jan. 2, 2023; and Monday, Jan. 16, 2023. Please note, we will close at 2 pm on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.**

## Sixth Annual Eckhardt Fund Concert to Feature The Harris/Roane Duo

The Harris/Roane Duo, featuring vocalist Julie Harris and guitarist Stephen Roane, will perform *An Afternoon with Cole Porter*. The fascinating life of Cole Porter, the great American composer, is set to his unforgettable music. His story is filled with memorable characters such as Fred Astaire, Ethel Merman, Irving Berlin, against the background of such tunes as "Night and Day", "Begin the Beguine", "Delovely" and more!



The concert will be held in the Library's Meeting Room on Saturday, December 10 at 2 pm. Please register on our website, via phone, or in person at the Reference Desk.

This concert is graciously sponsored by the Gerry Hellmann Eckhardt Fund for the Woodbridge Library, an endowed designated fund at the Valley Community Foundation. The Fund enables the Library to host an annual concert celebrating the arts; learn more by visiting [valleyfoundation.org](http://valleyfoundation.org) and searching "Eckhardt."

## Adult Happenings

**For most events, please register in person or via our website.**

### 10 Tips to Manage Stress. Wed., Dec. 7 at 7 pm

Presented by Dr. Wendy Hurwitz. Whatever your age or situation, this presentation will provide 10 tips to manage stress. Everyone will learn a technique to minimize stress and maximize vitality.

**Gingerbread House Decorating! (for families, too) Thu., Dec. 15 at 4 pm & 6 pm.** Join us for our annual Gingerbread House Decorating party with houses from Julia's Bakery in Orange! \$15 per house is due at registration. Cash or check will be accepted. Space is limited – we cannot hold spots without payment. **Please register in-person at the Information Desk.**

### Holiday Music with Joe Neumann. Tues., Dec. 20 at 7 pm.

A singer, songwriter, and guitarist, Neumann will be performing a December solo concert featuring a mixture of traditional Christmas songs and traditional songs from the 50s and 60s.

**More Adult Events Coming in January!** Concerts, music lessons, and more! Check our website, call us for more information, or stop by the library for a flyer.

### Saturday Morning Meditation, starting December 3.

Every Saturday at 10:15 am, join us for one hour of silent Vipassana (mindfulness) meditation hosted by experienced meditation instructors. Registration suggested, but walk-ins welcome too!

**Woodbridge Scrabble Group**, Every Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm in the Meeting Room. Play Scrabble against your friends and neighbors! Registration is not required.

**Woodbridge Writer's Workshop—expanded!** Second monthly session added to accommodate more participants. Join area writers as we read and critique our works in a friendly atmosphere. Please register online or at the library, choosing one session or the other. Group meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, in the Meeting Room from 3 to 5 pm.

**Indoor Film Screenings.** Thursdays at 7 pm. Join us most Thursday evenings for a movie screening in our first floor Meeting Room. No registration is required to attend, but seating is first come, first serve.

## Stay in the Loop with the Library!

**Sign up for our email newsletters** to receive notifications about events, new offerings, and library hours/closings. We typically only send one email a week. **Join our mailing list** by visiting our website and entering your email address in the form provided. That's it! (You can also give us your email address while in the building.)

# Town Calendar

## Woodbridge Happenings

To register & view January events go to: [woodbridgect.org](http://woodbridgect.org)

- 12/2 **Lunch & Learn:** Cardiovascular Disease, 11:30 am for 55+, Library Meeting Room
- 12/3 **Stuff a Cruiser - New Toy Donation Drop Off** 9 am - 3pm, D'Andrea's Plaza, 1660 Litchfield Tpke.
- 12/3 **Needle Felting Class @** Massaro Farm, 10 am
- 12/3 **Annual Trimming Bee & Potluck**, 2 pm  
First Church of Christ
- 12/4 **Craft & Gift Fair @** the JCC, 10 am
- 12/7 **We Care Kits - Donation Drop Off**  
between 2:15-4:15 pm at Woodbridge Youth Services
- 12/7 **Tips to Manage Stress**, Library Meeting Room, 7 pm
- 12/8 **Gnome Wine Topper Craft for 55+**, 11 am  
Library Meeting Room
- 12/9 **Holiday Cookie Decorating & Craft**, 2:30 pm for Amity Middle School students @ AMS
- 12/9- **Evergreen** - a musical theater production, 7 pm  
Trinity Church
- 12/10 **Eckhardt Fund Concert @** the Library, 2 pm
- 12 /11 **Outdoor Community Carol Sing**, 4 pm  
First Church of Christ
- 12/14 **Lunch & Learn:** Conservatorship & more, 11:30 am  
Library Meeting Room
- 12 /15 **Holiday Drive-thru Lunch for 60+**, 12 pm  
Center Building
- 12/16 **Christmas in London for 55+**, 11 am  
Library Meeting Room
- 12/17 **Santa & Mrs. Claus @ the Firehouse**, 9 am - noon  
New toy donations accepted through 12/19
- 12 /18 **Outdoor Pop-Up Christmas Pageant**, 4 pm  
First Church of Christ
- 12/20 **Holiday Music with Joe Neumann**, 7 pm  
Library Meeting Room

# Library News

## From the Children's Room

*For more information and registration where necessary, please visit our website.*

**Ongoing Groups for Preschoolers:** offered nearly daily, see our website for more information!

**Fox in Box Diorama Workshop:** Sat. 12/3 @ 11 am. Ages 6-9.

**Pete the Cat & My Music Room:** Sat. 12/3 @ 2 pm. Ages 1-7.

**Animal Facts Club:** Mon. 12/12 @ 6:30 pm. Ages 7+. Dinosaurs!

**Creative Writing Club:** Weds. 12/21 @ 6:30 pm. Ages 8+.

**Graphic Novel Club:** Tue. 12/27 @ 6:30 pm. Ages 9-12.

**Buildwave Program:** Wed. 12/28 @ 2 pm. Grades 1 to 4.

**Winter Break Ice Science:** Thu. 12/29 @ 11 am. Ages 7+

**Magic Show with Ed Pop:** Fri., 12/30 @ 2 pm. Ages 3+.

**Winter DIY: easy & elegant homemade gifts!**

Several sessions available, different opportunities for separate age groups. See our website for more info.

**Teen volunteers needed!** Check out our teen page on our website to see what volunteer opportunities are available.

**ACT Virtual Practice Test:** Sat., 12/3 @ 10:30 am.

**SAT Strategy Session** (in person): Tue., 1/ 24 @ 3 pm.

More events planned for the Winter Break Week and January! New Year? New Uke...ukuleles are COMING to the Library... Check our website, social media, and eblasts for updates!

*Season's Greetings from the Children's Room!*



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**Emergency Preparedness:** Prior to a weather event or potential power outage, elderly residents and those with disabilities are encouraged to register for the Emergency Call List by calling Human Services.

**Needed! Medical Loan Closet:** Transport chairs and regular wheelchairs, in good working order, are needed for the Medical Loan Closet. Contact Human Services to donate.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA):** Tuesdays, 9 am - 12 pm. VITA is a free tax preparation service available to low-income individuals, people who have a disability, and to those who speak limited English. For required documents and to schedule an appointment call 203-389-3429. The program will begin Feb. 7 and run through Apr. 11.

**Energy Assistance Program:** Human Services is accepting ap-

pointments for residents applying for the 2022-2023 CT Energy Assistance Program administered by TEAM, INC. Income eligibility requirements must be met. For information or to schedule an appointment, call Judi Young at 203-389-3429.

**Food Pantry:** Residents in need may call for access to non-perishable food each month.

**Masks Available:** Contact Woodbridge Human Services if you would like to pick up either a few medical or KN95 masks. Please no walk-ins.

**Seasonal Giving:** If you would like to donate to the Resident Assistance Fund (RAF), or the Holiday Basket program (HBP) please make checks payable to Woodbridge Human Services and indicate RAF or HBP on the memo line. Donations of gift cards for groceries or area shopping are also requested.

## Many Thanks



Many thanks to Woodbridge Boy Scouts of America Troops 63, 907, and 410 for planning and executing a remarkable food drive to benefit the Food Pantry at Woodbridge Human Services. Special thanks to Scout Master Bill Nardini, and Aron and Ben Smith for their wonderful organizing of this event. This is a reflection of the VERY generous residents of Woodbridge who donated over 3,500 pounds of non-perishable food which will help their neighbors this winter. The department also acknowledges the adult and student volunteers assisting with the task of sorting and shelving all this food.

## Woodbridge Center News

**The Center is for everyone 55+!**

Please call 203-389-3430 or email [kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org](mailto:kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org) with any questions or to register for programs.



Sarah Mach shares Whitney Rehabilitation Care Center's offerings with Julianna and Jim Baker at the Spooky Sponsor Social on October 27. **Whitney Rehab** and **Coachman Square** co-sponsored the lunch for over 85 participants at this fun, annual event.

### Sponsored Lunches (for Woodbridge residents over 60 years of age):

**Holiday Drive-thru Luncheon:** Celebrate the holidays with The Center at this festive drive-thru on Dec. 15, from 12-1 pm, generously sponsored by **The Rotary Club of Woodbridge!** Pick-up a delicious meal of stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, and fresh roasted vegetables, provided by Lasse's Catering, to be heated and enjoyed at home with mini pastries for dessert. Please

RSVP by Dec. 8. Quantity is limited.

### Services:

**Tech Tue. and Thu., 2:45-4:15 pm:** Need help navigating your computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone? Call to sign-up for a 1:1 session in The Center's computer lab with patient, knowledgeable Amity High School student volunteers. No charge.

**Transportation** for medical appointments is available for those age 60+ or with a long or short-term disability, Mon.-Fri., 9 am - 4 pm. Transportation for grocery shopping, banking, pharmacy pick-up, and social engagements are also available. Call to arrange car or wheelchair accessible van transportation.

**Meals:** Healthy, well balanced, flash frozen meals are available for \$5.25/meal. Order by noon on Mon. for delivery to your home on Tue. Choose from a wide variety of options including baked ziti, chicken piccata, flounder Florentine, and turkey pot pie. Meals include a roll, fresh fruit, and des-

sert. Two meal minimum. Frozen soups are available for \$1.50 per 10 oz. container. Varieties include: Italian wedding, beef orzo, lemon chicken and rice, and many more. Call 203-389-3430 to place your order.

**Friendly Visitor Program:** Call Judi Young, Human Services Social Worker, at 203-389-3429 to arrange for a friendly visitor.

**Medical Loan Closet:** A wide variety of medical equipment is available for lending. Call for more info. Donations of transport chairs are needed!

**Job Bank:** Residents may call Nancy Pfund, Youth Services Director, at 203-389-3429 to hire a student worker. Schedule helpers for party assistance, gift wrapping, snow cleanup and more.

### Updates:

**Facebook/e-blasts:** Follow us on Facebook (The Woodbridge Center, Woodbridge CT) and call to sign-up for email blasts for The Center updates.

**No Programs: Dec. 23 – Jan. 2.**

# Woodbridge Center News

*The Center is for everyone 55+! Call 203-389-3430 or email kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org to register or for more details.*

## Spooky Sponsor Social

Many generous local businesses that have sponsored The Center's regular drive-thru and outdoor luncheons, and programs over the past year came together on Oct. 27 for a fun, Spooky Sponsor Social.

This included *Whitney Rehab* (event lunch sponsor with Coachman



*Square), Agency on Aging of South Central CT, Amity Physical Therapy, Atrinity Home Health, Elim Park, Hamden Rehab, The Holli Shanbrom Team, Coldwell Banker Real Estate, Law Offices of Resnik & Resnik, The Linden, and Visiting Angels.*

## Special & New Activities

**Lunch & Learn: Fight Back Against Cardiovascular Disease!** Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the US. Join Becket Gretchen-Harrison, Cardiology PA and founder of *Hearts at Home*, for a presentation to learn how to reduce the risk of developing heart disease and how to reclaim quality of life living with it. This informative program will meet Dec. 2, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Library Mtg. Room. Please RSVP 203-389-3430. Lunch will be provided.

**Gnome Wine Topper Craft:** Come make adorable gnome, winter or holiday themed, wine toppers to give as gifts or to keep for yourself. All supplies are provided. This program is sponsored by *Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center* and will meet on Dec. 8, 11 am - 12 pm in the Library Mtg. Room. Please RSVP.

**NEW Date - Lunch and Learn: Conservatorship, Guardianship, and Supported Decision Making:** This work-

shop, presented by *Drazen Rubin Law*, provides information to navigate the complicated world of special needs planning including key benefits, available resources, power of attorney, estate planning, financial considerations, and more. RSVP to enjoy lunch while attending on Dec. 14 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Library Mtg. Room.

**Christmas in London:** Although you may not be able to experience it in person, come take part in a lovely virtual visit to experience Christmas in London complete with delectable British treats. This immersive experience, sponsored by *Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center*, will take place on Dec. 16 from 11 am - 12 pm in the Library Mtg. Room. Please RSVP.

**FREE: Mindfulness four-week session:** Learn how to use mindfulness to help relieve stress, lower blood pressure, reduce chronic pain, improve sleep and health with Dr. Jennifer Botwick of the New Haven Naturopathic Center. Meets

Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 10, from 6-6:50 pm in the Library Mtg. Room. No fee. Please remember to RSVP.

**Lunch & Learn: Start 2023 Clearing the Clutter and Organizing Lost Space:** Learn where to start, tools to help, and the difference between a closet vs. a mini storage unit to efficiently and effectively declutter and organize your home once and for all. This essential presentation with lunch is offered by *The Holli Shanbrom Team, Coldwell Banker Real Estate*, on Jan. 11, from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Library Mtg. Room. Please RSVP to attend.

**Lunch & Learn: New Year, New Joints:** Kyle Branday, MSPT, of *Amity Physical Therapy* will cover how to prepare for knee or hip replacement surgery to shorten recovery time and mitigate complications, as well as provide instruction for how to get the most out of your replaced joint if you have had replacement surgery. Stay tuned for date and time.

## Ongoing Activities

### Hobbies/Social:

**Bridge:** Wed. and Fri., 1-4 pm in the Library Mtg. Room.

**Computer Lab:** Mon.- Fri., 10 am - 2 pm in Room 13. Printing is available (first 5 pages free).

**Craft Group:** Tue. and Thu., 10 am - 12 pm, in the Woodbridge Room of the Library. Bring your current knitting or crocheting project to work on while enjoying a lovely time socializing.

**Painting for Pleasure with local artist Carole Abbate:** Mon., 10 am - 12 pm, in the Library Mtg. Room. Enjoy creating your own paintings as Carole helps inspire beginners to intermediates to paint with acrylics or watercolors. Paint

the subject of your choice; bring a note card or photo for inspiration. Sessions are consecutive; join anytime. Call to sign-up for this 6-week, \$36 class.

**Pinocle:** Wed. 1-4 pm and Thu., 1:30-4 pm in Room 16.

**Exercise:** Not sure if an exercise class is a good fit? Try a complimentary class.

**Hybrid Aerobics Class with Laura Richling:** Tue. and Thu., 10-11 am in the Center Building gym and on Zoom. Enjoy a complete aerobic, cardio, and strength training workout to a variety of music. Bring your own 1 or 2 pound hand weights, if you have them, to use during the class. There is a \$3 fee payable at the start of class, or invoiced

monthly for Zoom participants. Please call for link.

**Pickleball:** Mon. through Fri., 12:30-3:30 pm, in the Center Building gym, and 7 days/week at the Town's tennis courts. All levels are welcome. Please call to register. Annual fee: \$20 residents/ \$25 non-residents.

**Zumba Gold with Amanda Aranzullo:** Fri., 9-9:45 am, in the Center Building gym. Who says exercise can't be fun? This fun "dance party" focuses on all elements of cardiovascular health, muscular conditioning, flexibility, and balance. No prior Zumba experience required. The fee is \$30 for a 6-week session.



Call Youth Services for information: 203-389-3429. Email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) or [youthone@woodbridgect.org](mailto:youthone@woodbridgect.org).  
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## Jami Joy Gibson - Program Coordinator

Youth Services welcomes new Youth Program Coordinator Jami Joy Gibson, a New Haven native with a bachelor's degree in psychological science from Vassar College. She is currently working on her master's degree in social work at SCSU.

Jami Joy has experience in teaching middle school math, and



enjoys singing, cooking, and watching movies with her family. Ms. Gibson will be working on programming for youth in the community.

Feel free to call or email [Youthone@woodbridgect.org](mailto:Youthone@woodbridgect.org) to welcome her and share your ideas for the future of Youth Services and its programs.

## Toys 4 Kids

Youth Services is collecting toys for the TEAM, Inc. Toys 4 Kids program which benefits several families in our area. Collection boxes are in the Woodbridge Public Library and by the Center Building gym. Toys are due by 12/7 and will certainly bring some smiles to kids for the holidays.

Families in need: See TEAM, Inc website to apply for toys by Dec. 9.

## We Care Bags for Homeless

Help the homeless by filling gallon size resealable bags with **new** items such as: warm hats, gloves, mittens, underwear, socks, water bottles, healthy snacks, gift cards, and small toiletries. Blankets or pillows will also be accepted for a

shelter.

Drop off day is Wed., Dec. 7, from 2:15-4:15 pm at Room 12 of the Center Building, 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Call with questions. Community service hours approved.

## Holiday Cookie Decorating & Craft

Amity Middle School students can get into the holiday spirit on Fri., Dec. 9 from 2:30 to 4 pm in the AMSB West Cafeteria.

Use your creative flow as you decorate yummy



cookies, listen to music, and make a fun winter craft. Fee is \$5 and includes donuts and hot chocolate. Call or email to sign up. Permission form and advance payment are required.

# Recreation News

Call Recreation at 203-389-3446 or email [Recreation@woodbridgect.org](mailto:Recreation@woodbridgect.org). Register at [woodbridgect.org](http://woodbridgect.org).  
Select Recreation Registration at the homepage on the Town website to register and view the lineup of program options.

## Pool Update



The Beecher Road School pool was closed Sept. 3 for its regularly scheduled annual maintenance. During this time, several issues were uncovered that require repair. The Town is working toward identifying repair costs, and to determine if a phased reopening is possible.

For your convenience while the pool is closed, individuals with existing pool

memberships may use the JCC pool or the Orange Town pool. Simply, show your current membership card at either pool.

The Recreation Dept. will continue to provide pool reopening updates. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact the Recreation Office with questions, concerns, or comments at 203-389-3446 or [recreation@woodbridgect.org](mailto:recreation@woodbridgect.org).

## Concert Performers Wanted

Musical acts interested in performing for the 2023 summer concert series should contact the Recreation Dept. in December and January.

New acts, please send an email with a website link to [recreation@woodbridgect.org](mailto:recreation@woodbridgect.org). Musical performers who previ-

ously applied may simply send an email to reactivate your application.

If anyone would like to recommend an act for the summer concerts, please contact the Recreation Dept. at 203-389-3446, or email us at [recreation@woodbridgect.org](mailto:recreation@woodbridgect.org)

## Winter Ice Skating

The Town's ice skating rink, managed by the Recreation Dept., will be open for daily use throughout the winter season—weather permitting. The rink is located at the tennis courts at 149 Center Road.

The Recreation Dept. will provide lighting on selected Friday and Saturday evenings

from dusk until 8:30 pm. Dates will be listed on the Town's website when they become available. "The Recreation Department would like to thank the Fire Department for providing the water for the ice skating rink," said Recreation Director John Adamovich.

**Winter program registration is in progress!** For a complete list of winter programs, check out the Recreation page on the Town website at [woodbridgect.org](http://woodbridgect.org). Adult programs include badminton, Tai Chi, and yoga with instructor's Diane King or Bill Banick. Ongoing registration and prorated pricing available.

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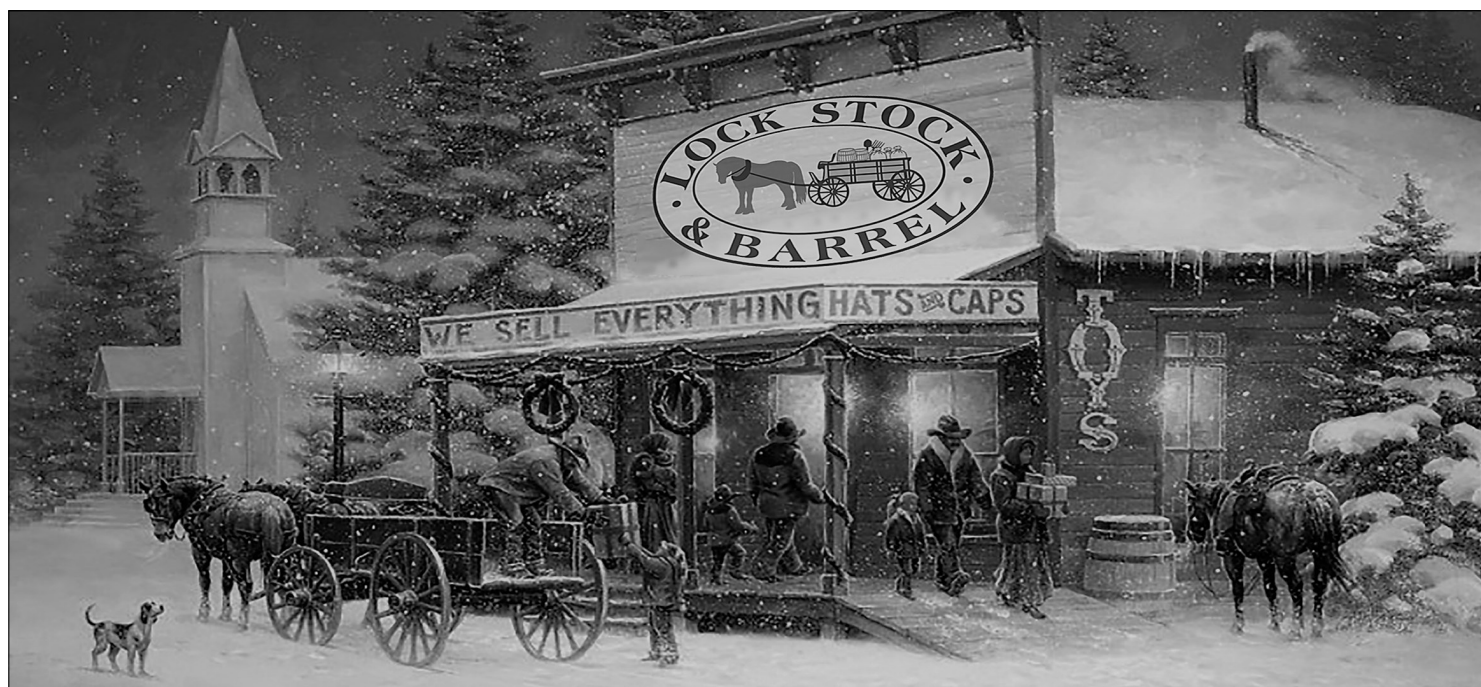
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