



# News and Events

October 2024

## Working Together

Attending meetings, managing budgets, and speaking at local events are among the many official responsibilities that come with being your First Selectman.

One of the roles I consider to be most important is making myself available to hear concerns from residents and work with other Town officials on potential solutions.

I strive for residents to enjoy a high quality of life here in Woodbridge—one that reflects the commitment we all make each day to keep our community special.

Whether it is Board and Commission members donating their time to help guide our Town, or residents reaching out to let us know when something is not right, we all can make our community better by stepping up or speaking up.

For example, we have heard from several residents about various roads in Woodbridge that need repair and repaving. Budget constraints in recent years meant less funding to complete this work, and your input led our Board of Selectmen to leverage grant funds to increase the amount we allocated for this purpose in our latest budget.

As a result, we will have repaved and patched more of Woodbridge roads this year than in many recent years. These freshly repaved and replenished streets leading up to our homes directly increase our quality of life here in Town.



Smooth roads can often make it easier for drivers to forget to check their speed, and I have heard concerns from community residents about speeding in various residential areas. People care because this issue directly affects their safety and that of their families, as well as our quality of life.

We can all agree that children outside playing and riding bikes, neighbors going for walks or walking their dogs, and homeowners checking for mail should feel just as secure on our streets as those behind the wheel.

At Town Hall, we are working closely with our Police Department to increase traffic monitoring and explore additional measures, such as enhanced technology and signage, to ensure that speed limits are respected throughout our community.

As a nearby town leader recently said, “Drive Local”. You can do your part by keeping track of your speed and remembering that nothing is more time-sensitive than helping to keep fellow members of our community safe.

The other thing you can do regularly is keep your comments coming. The only way that Town staff, volunteer leaders, and I will know your concerns—as well as your ideas for improving our community—is if you let us know. For Woodbridge to be the best it can be, we need to hear from you so we can continue working together.

*-First Selectman Mica Cardozo*



## Voting Options for the Presidential Election



The right to vote is one of our most fundamental liberties and one of our most important duties as citizens. For the 2024 Presidential Election, several options for voting are available.

Woodbridge residents may conveniently vote in person before Election Day. **Early voting will take place from Monday, October 21 through Sunday, November 3 in the Town Hall Meeting Room** located at 11 Meetinghouse Lane. Polls will be open from 10 am - 6 pm each day including weekends with extended hours from 8 am - 8 pm on Tuesday, October 29 and Thursday, October 31. Same Day Registration will be available during this period.

Anyone turning 18 years old by November 5 and who is a US Citizen is eligible to register and vote. For online Voter Registration and Absentee Voting information, go to the [Registrars Page](#) on the Town website.

To help with any questions, a Registration Session will take place in the Office of the Registrars located in Town Hall on Friday, October 18 from 9 am - 8 pm.

**For Election Day, November 5, polls will be open for in person voting from 6 am - 8 pm in the Center Building gymnasium** located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Same Day Registration will be available.

Call the Registrars at 203-389-3408 with questions.

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Oct. 5, Sat.:** Children's Fun Run at Fitzgerald Tract, 9 am and 5k Road Race at the Town Center, 10:30 am.

**Oct. 5, Sat.:** Woodbridge Like Me Day on the Town Center Green (rain location - Amity High School), 11 am - 2 pm.

**Oct. 8, Tue.:** POCD Public Information Session, 4-7 pm. Details on page 2.

**Oct. 14, Mon.:** Town Offices, Library, and Transfer Station will be closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day.

**Oct. 21 - Nov. 3:** Early Voting for the Presidential Election. Details above.

**Oct. 31, Thu.:** Truck or Treat at the Town Center, 5-8 pm. Rain date will be Nov. 1.

**Nov. 5, Tue.:** Election Day. Polls will be open 6 am - 8 pm at the Center Building gymnasium.

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## Town News

### POCD Open House October 8 from 4-7 pm

On October 8, the first public Open House will be held to discuss the 2025 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Everyone from the Woodbridge community is invited and encouraged to attend this “drop in” style meeting—stop by Town Hall anytime between 4-7 pm.

The Open House will be an opportunity to learn about the POCD process, review community data and survey results, and most importantly share ideas. Several workshop stations focusing on a variety of community topics will be set up to gather feedback.

The 2025 POCD will identify our community’s visions, goals,

objectives and action steps for the next ten years. For this reason, it is important to hear from Woodbridge residents, property owners and businesses during the initial stages of updating the POCD.

The POCD project team includes Town Planning and Zoning Commission Members, Town staff and SLR Consulting, the firm hired to assist with this project. For information, contact Kris Sullivan at 203-389-3406.

Visit the 2025 POCD page on the Town website to stay informed throughout the project. Stay tuned for details on the next public session to take place later this fall.

### Truck or Treat — October 31

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association (WVFA) will host its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween “Truck or Treat” on Thu., Oct. 31 from 5-8 pm. This year the event will take place around the Town Center at 11 Meetinghouse Lane. The event rain date will be Nov. 1. Admission is free.

Fire trucks will be decorated for Halloween, and children may “truck or treat” in a fun and safe setting.

Donations of candy are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Firehouse lobby Mon. through Fri. from 8 am to 4 pm leading up to



the event.

The WVFA is seeking event sponsors. For sponsorship information and event updates, visit: [WoodbridgeFire.com](http://WoodbridgeFire.com) or [Facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire](https://Facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire)

### Notice to File Annual Personal Property Declarations

The Woodbridge Assessor reminds personal property owners to file an annual Personal Property Declaration Form on or before Friday, November 1, 2024.

Declaration Forms must be filed by all businesses, professionals, and farmers as well as owners of:

- non-CT or unregistered motor vehicles
- horses, ponies & thoroughbreds

- mobile manufactured homes not assessed as real estate.

Declarations Forms must be completed and received in the Assessor’s Office no later than November 1, 2024. Forms that are received late or that are not filed will be subject to a 25% penalty.

Call the Assessor’s Office at 203-389-3416 if a form was not received in the mail.



## Human Services

### The Woodbridge Center

For a full list of programs and events, or for more information, please call 203-389-3451, stop by The Center, or email [kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org](mailto:kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org).

#### **Annual Spooky Sponsor Social:**

Thu., Oct. 31, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Center Building Gym and The Center Café. **RSVP by October 24; no charge.**

Come to this festive event to thank many of our generous sponsors. Visit with all of the sponsors between 11:30 am - 12:30 pm at this health-fair style event in the gym, then enjoy a catered Chicken Francese lunch from Carmine's Di Vega (no take-outs) in The Center café with live music performed by Shawn Taylor. Lunch is sponsored by **Coachman Square at Woodbridge** and **Whitney Rehabilitation and Health Care Center**. Priority will be given to Woodbridge residents. Space is limited.

### Human Services

For information call 203-389-3429.

The Human Services Dept. will hold **Vaccine Clinics** on Oct. 5 (at Woodbridge Like Me Day), Oct. 7, 25, and Nov. 1 at The Woodbridge Center. Vaccines available will be flu, COVID, RSV, Shingles, and Pneumovax. Call for information and an appointment.

The annual Boy Scout Town-wide food drive to benefit the Woodbridge Food Pantry will take place on Oct. 26. Please consider donating with the Boy Scouts. Look for their flyer at your mailbox in the weeks to come.

Appointments are available for residents to apply for the **CT Energy Assistance Program** administered by TEAM, Inc. Income eligibility requirements must be met. Call the department social worker, Judi Young, at 203-389-3429.

### Woodbridge Youth Services

Call 203-389-3429 or email

[npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org); Facebook: Woodbridge Youth Services CT

**Halloween Spooktacular for Grades 7-8** will take place Oct. 25 at the Woodbridge Center Building gym, 7-9 pm. Fun includes DJ, Costume Contest, Donut-Eating Contest, pizza, and raffle. Event fee is \$10. The event is open to Woodbridge and Bethany residents and AMSB students only. Volunteers are needed. Raffle donations accepted.

**Job Bank:** For teens who want to earn cash. Call for an interview. Residents may call for help with odd jobs.

A two-session **Home Alone Class** will take Oct. 24 & Nov. 7. Call for sign-up details.

**Stay tuned for Family Game Night!** Check Youth Services and Town Facebook pages for upcoming details.

## Recreation Fall Programs Still Available

Yoga with Diane King will continue with Mon. and Wed. morning classes from 10:30-11:45 am and Mon. evening classes from 5:30-6:45 pm.

Bill Banick yoga classes take place Mon. through Fri., 8:30-9:45 am, and Tue. nights, 5:30-6:45 pm. T'ai Chi takes place Thu. evenings from 5:30-6:30 pm.

All sessions are held in the Center Building, Room 16 or outdoors when weather permits.



Adult Badminton has returned on Wed. evenings from 7-9 pm. Registration is in progress and fees will be pro-rated, or stop by to play for a \$10 drop-in fee.

There is still time to register for fall Youth Programs including basketball, gymnastics, field hockey, bowling, and Running Club. Pro-rated prices are available. To view all available programs and to register, use the [online registration link](#) on the Recreation Registration page at the Town website.

Call 203-389-3446 for more information.

## Library News

**Are you struggling with a technology question?** Whether it's a quick question about a new app, Microsoft Office trouble, or feeling totally overwhelmed by all the new tech in your life, the library is here to help!

Thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the CT State Library, a technology expert called a Digital Navigator is now available for one on one tech help appointments for up to one hour per week per person. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and can be made by calling the Digital Navigator directly at 203-907-7289 or Adult Services at 203-389-3434.

**Speaking of technology,** your library card offers you access to FREE ebooks, digital audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and graphic novels through the Hoop-



laDigital app. Simply download the app to your favorite mobile device, create an account using your library card, and start borrowing! You can check out up to **5 items per month** and everything is always available, so no need to wait for what you want! The digital app is limited to Woodbridge residents only. Call Adult Services for more information.

### **Department Phones & Emails**

**Adult Services:** 203-389-3434

[wbrstaff@lioninc.org](mailto:wbrstaff@lioninc.org)

**Children's Dept.:** 203-389-3439

[childrensprogram@lioninc.org](mailto:childrensprogram@lioninc.org)

**General Info:** 203-389-3433

[askus@woodbridgetownlibrary.org](mailto:askus@woodbridgetownlibrary.org)

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