

November 2024

A Community for Everyone

Dear Neighbor,

Recently, I participated in community events that perfectly illustrate what makes Woodbridge so exceptional.

On September 25th, our Annual **Living Treasure** event celebrated three residents – Susan Davidson, Beth Heller and Tom Kenefick – for their many years of dedicated volunteer service to our Town. Additional details on this meaningful event follow in this issue.

The 42nd Annual **Woodbridge Road Race** kicked off a beautiful fall Saturday on October 5th, with 108 runners raising thousands of dollars for our Residence Assistance Fund.

Our 4th Annual **Woodbridge Like Me Day** followed, welcoming hundreds of people from our Town and beyond to celebrate the many cultures and identities that make up our Woodbridge community, and what makes our Town so special.

Representatives of more than 30 local organizations staffed tables to familiarize and engage friends and neighbors with their activities. Nearly a dozen performances took place, including the Beecher Road School Band, Salsa lessons, and Taekwondo. Henna tattoos, craft activities, and a variety of games provided numerous opportunities for hands-on engagement.

The event culminated in the **first ever** Woodbridge Like Me “Runway” presentation, with participants representing the cultural heritages and dress of Albania, China, Greece, Italy,



Jamaica, Japan, Nigeria, Southeast Asia, Tanzania, and Vietnam, and sharing their different interests including baseball, gardening, Legos, soccer, and sustainability, and even a couple of our local Living Treasures.

A long-time Woodbridge resident shared with me that she teared up watching fellow community members walk the runway. The impact of seeing our rich, colorful and diverse community being displayed and celebrated on our Town Green was inspiring and joyful.

Woodbridge is a dynamic and diverse community that continues to grow and evolve. It was truly an honor to have been a part of demonstrating all the things that make our Town truly wonderful.

For information about how local leaders are preparing Woodbridge for the future, please be sure to sign up for my monthly **First Selectman's Reports**.

-First Selectman Mica Cardozo



Election Day is November 5



Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. **Polls for the 2024 Election will be open from 6 am to 8 pm in the Center Building gymnasium at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.**

Same Day Registration will be available on Election Day. Woodbridge residents may conveniently register and vote at the same time in The Woodbridge Center located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. To register, proof of identity **and** proof of Woodbridge residency will be needed. A CT issued Driver's License, Learner's Permit or State ID with a Woodbridge address will serve to establish both. For other acceptable

forms of identification and residency, call the Registrars Office at 203-389-3408.

As a reminder, **early in-person voting will continue through November 3 at Town Hall and Absentee Ballots will be available at the Town Clerks Office through November 4.**

For election questions, please contact the Registrars at 203-389-3408 or the Town Clerks at 203-389-3422. In addition, Early Voting and Absentee Voting information may be found on the HomePage of the Town website.

Important Dates!

Nov. 3, Sun.: Last Day for Early Voting at the polls in Town Hall.

Nov. 4, Mon.: Last Day to obtain Absentee Ballots from the Town Clerks Office in Town Hall.

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

Nov. 11, Mon.: Veterans Day Ceremony in the Center Building gymnasium at 11 am. Details on page 2. Town Offices, the Library, and Transfer Station will be closed.

Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend Schedule:

Nov. 28, Thu.: Town Offices, the Library & Transfer Station will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 29, Fri.: The Transfer Station will be open; Town Offices & the Library will be closed.

Nov. 30, Sat.: The Transfer Station & Library will be open.

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Veterans Day

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The annual Woodbridge Veterans Day Ceremony will be held Monday, November 11 at 11am in the Center Building gymnasium at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.

The program will be led by Dr. Barry Josephs, US Army Captain, Vietnam Veteran. Ceremony highlights include patriotic music with vocals by Kathy Barkin, a memorial wreath presentation, Invocation by Reverend Brian Bodt, remarks by local elected officials and dignitaries, and the police honor guard.



In observance of Veterans Day, Woodbridge Town Offices, the Library and Transfer Station will be closed.

Living Treasure Event



The 6th annual Living Treasure Award event, hosted by the Human Services Dept., took place last month. This well-attended community event, honors Woodbridge residents who have generously volunteered their time. The event also serves as a fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center.

This year's honorees were Susan Davidson, Beth Heller, and Tom Kenefick. These three out-

standing volunteers represent years of public service within many areas of the town.

The Human Services Dept. extends its gratitude to all the community sponsors, the advertising and silent auction donors, the celebrity servers and volunteers, the Living Treasure Planning Committee, and to all those who attended the event.

Reminder from the Fire Dept.

Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 3. When setting clocks, be sure to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Age matters when it comes to detectors. Replace smoke alarms

every 10 years and refer to the manufacturer's recommendation for carbon monoxide detectors

For Fire Dept. safety tips and other event details, please visit woodbridgefire.com.

November Bulk Pick Up

The Dept. of Public Works is still accepting appointments for bulk pick up each Tuesday in November. There is a \$50 fee to be paid up-front for this service. Bulk pick up will be offered again in April and May. Call 203-389-3420 for an appointment.



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Human Services Holiday Basket Program

Reflection and gratitude play a big part of the holiday giving season. As in past years, the Holiday Basket Program, coordinated through the Human Services Dept., provides holiday baskets to Woodbridge families.

If interested in sponsoring a family by donating a holiday basket, contact Human Services by Nov. 8. If being a



sponsor is not possible, gift card donations are welcome and will be added to holiday baskets. To sign-up as a sponsor or for information, call 203-389-3429.

During the holiday season, **Food Pantry volunteers are needed. Students are encouraged to volunteer as community service hours will be approved.** To volunteer, please call 203-389-3429.

Paint Party!

Enjoy a Paint Party at Amity Middle School on Nov. 12



from 2:30-4 pm. Event is open to 7th & 8th grade students. The fee is \$15. To sign up, contact Youth Services at 203-389-3429 or npfund@woodbridge.org.

Thanksgiving at The Woodbridge Center

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast at The Woodbridge Center on Thu., Nov. 21 from 12-1 pm. Space is limited. Please call 203-389-3430 to RSVP by Nov. 8.

The luncheon will be catered by Lasse's Restaurant of Milford. This event is sponsored by *Autumn Lake at The Willows*,

Charter Senior Living of Woodbridge, Coachman Square at Woodbridge, The Holli Shanbrom Real Estate Team - Coldwell Banker Realty, and the Woodbridge Police Union.

To learn about other programs, visit The Center, call 203-389-3451, or email kmoriarty@woodbridge.org.

Medicare Enrollment: Medicare open enrollment continues through Dec. 7. Because Medicare can be challenging to navigate, our certified CHOICES counselor Judi Young is available to help—call Human Service Dept. at 203-389-3429.

Recreation Ice Skating Trip

Join the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. on Tuesday, November 5 for a fun-filled morning ice skating at the Sports Center of CT in Shelton. The cost of the trip is \$30 per student. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase, or bring a snack. Space is limited to 40 students.

Students will skate from 9-10 am. The bus will leave Beecher Road School South at 8 am and will return to the school at 10:45 am for parents to



promptly pick up students.

For information or to register, scan the QR code to the right or call 203-389-3446.



Winter Program Registration

On Mon., Nov. 4, registration for youth programs will begin. Stay tuned for details! To receive Recreation emails, go to [Log In with Email](#) in the left corner of the Registration page.

Library News



The holidays are approaching, and it's often a time for reminiscing on cherished family memories. If you've ever wanted to share a home movie or other family treasure, but realized it can no longer play because of the outdated format, you're in luck! The Woodbridge Town Library offers a free Digitization Station to convert your physical media to digital.

Countless family treasures are stuck in older formats like VHS, audio cassettes, or film. Have some scrapbook photos or drawings you want to post online? Try our Photo Scanner for high quality scans. Convert 8mm or Super8 reels to digital with our film digitizer, which

also works for a variety of negatives and slides. We can convert more modern formats like VHS tapes to digital as well.

Whether you're looking to preserve cherished family mementos, or want to

create a personalized gift for loved ones, the library can help! Stop by the Adult Services Department or give us a call and we can help you get started.

Correction: Our Digital Navigator's phone number was listed incorrectly in the October issue. He can be reached by calling 203-907-7298 or Adult Services at 203-389-3434.

Department Phones & Emails

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Children's Dept.: 203-389-3439

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General Info: 203-389-3433

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