



News and Events

December 2024 / January 2025

Keeping Each Other Safe This Holiday Season

Dear Neighbors,

This year, severe storms have ravaged numerous locations nationally and as close to us as our neighbors in Oxford and Seymour. Recently, drought-driven wildfires have proliferated in unexpected places, including New Jersey, New York City, and multiple towns across Connecticut, resulting in an open flame burn ban here in Woodbridge and throughout our State.

As we head into the winter season, I want to ensure that every resident knows how to receive critical communications. We are committed to providing you with the information and resources you need.

The **Town of Woodbridge eNews Update** provides timely information on emergencies impacting our community and other news on key issues affecting Woodbridge residents. To [sign up for eNews](#), visit the First Selectman's page on the Town website.

The [Alert Center](#) on our website allows you to sign up for custom notifications and view all current Emergency Alerts. It is located under Services on our website.

The CTALERT System uses the 9-1-1 database to alert residents of life-threatening emergency conditions. You may



also choose to be notified in multiple towns or locations. To add or change your settings, visit ctalert.gov.

Older adults and individuals with disabilities, are reminded to sign up for the **Emergency Call List**. In the event of an emergency, someone will call to check in on you and help provide you with the specific supports you may need, such as providing refrigeration for your medication. Sign up by calling the Human Services Dept. at (203) 389-3429.

I hope you will take the time to make sure you and your neighbors are signed up and connected to us at Town Hall so that we can all work together to keep Woodbridge safe and informed this winter and beyond.

It takes seconds to sign for emergency notifications to prepare for whatever may come our way. Our community is always stronger when we work together.

My office is always available to assist our residents in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us at TownHall@woodbridgect.org or (203) 389-3401.

I wish everyone in our community a safe, healthy holiday season!
~First Selectman Mica Cardozo

Get HeatSmart This Winter

The **Woodbridge Sustainability Committee**, with support from the First Selectman's Office, is partnering with **Peoples Action for Clean Energy, PACE**, to offer our residents a unique opportunity to make their homes more energy efficient and save money on their heating costs.

HeatSmart Woodbridge is a community-wide effort that finds residents real solutions to saving money on heating and cooling, reducing energy consumption, and our environmental impact.

The first step to becoming HeatSmart is scheduling a Home Energy Solutions (HES) Audit of Service so that you can start improving your home's energy efficiency right away. During the visit, technicians evaluate the home's energy performance,

run a safety check of the current heating system, add weather stripping, seal air leaks, and if desired, add faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads.

What makes the HeatSmart Woodbridge initiative so special is that it's not just about individual households. It's about our community coming together to tackle shared challenges and support our neighbors collectively. For every HES Audit scheduled, \$25 will be donated directly to the Woodbridge Resident Assistance Fund.

By embracing HeatSmart, we reduce our collective energy use, cut our energy costs, and ensure a brighter, more sustainable future for Woodbridge.

Learn more and sign up at heatsmartct.org/woodbridge.

Important Reminders

Christmas Holiday:

Dec. 24 (Tue.) - The Transfer Station will close at noon & the Library will close at 2 pm.

Dec. 25 (Wed.) - Town Offices, Library, & Transfer Station will be closed.

New Year's Day: Jan. 1 (Wed.) - Town Offices, Library & Transfer Station will be closed.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Jan 20 (Mon.) - Town Offices & Library will be closed.

See important tax information on the bottom of page 2.

Stayed Tuned!

The second public information session for the Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) will take place the beginning of 2025. Go to the [POCD page](#) on the Town website for updates or call Kris Sullivan, 203-389-3406.

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Holiday Event at the Firehouse

On Saturday, December 14, the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Assoc. (WVFA) will host Santa and Mrs. Claus between 9 am and noon. Bring a camera to capture the moment! The event is free and everyone is welcome. Reservations are not required.

Letters to Santa may be sent to santa@woodbridgefire.com.

During this event, a Car Seat Technician will be on hand to properly install car seats by appointment only. To schedule, please call 203-389-3441.



New unwrapped toys are being collected at the firehouse for the Yale New Haven Childrens' Hospital Closet through Dec. 18.

Winter Storm Reminders & Tips

With winter around the corner, the Dept. of Public Works offers a few reminders.

During snow storms, vehicles should be parked off the road to allow for proper plowing to clear snow from roads.

It is against Town ordinance to plow, push, or throw snow and ice into the street or sidewalks. It can be dangerous for motorists and may impede snow removal.

Prior to the winter season, check your mailbox and post to be sure both are secure to withstand the rigors of snow removal. Heavy

wet snow can knock off or break mailboxes and posts. A secured protective shield may help deflect the weight of snow.

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

For concerns of snow accumulation on your street, call Public Works at 203-389-3420 or the Police Dept. non-emergency phone number at 203-387-2511.

For additional details, go to [Winter Hints, Tips and Policies](#) on the Public Works page of the Town website.

Notice from the Tax Office

Woodbridge taxpayers are reminded that Real Estate, Supplemental Motor Vehicle and Personal Property Taxes are due Jan. 1, 2025 and will become delinquent on Feb. 4, 2025.

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 will be open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Mon. through Fri. (closed January 1 & 20). For your convenience, the office will be open Sat., Jan. 25, 9 am to noon and Mon., Feb. 3, 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 to 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. 3, 2025. Credit card payments may be made online (only) through the Town website. There is a service fee charged for this service. **Carefully read the on-line 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.

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Holiday Lunch at The Center

On Dec. 19, at 12 pm come celebrate the holidays at The Center with a free, delicious hot lunch catered by Lasse's Restaurant, live music by Pierce Campbell, and (optional) photos with Santa Mark to send to your grands and greats. Lunch will include stuffed chicken breast, roasted potatoes, vegetables, and dessert. This event, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Woodbridge, is available to Woodbridge residents. Space is limited. Call 203-389-3430 to RSVP by Dec. 12.

For programs, events, or information, email kmoriarty@woodbridgetown.org, call 203-389-3430 or stop by The Center.



Human Services Extends Gratitude

Thank you to the many donors who brighten the holidays for other Woodbridge community members!

The Human Services Dept. is grateful to all the residents and businesses who give their support and time each year to provide for others during the season of giving. Special

thanks to the Recreation Dept. for their generous annual donation to the Resident Assistance Fund.

Featured right are partners and staff members from Bailey, Moore, Glazer, Schaefer, & Proto, LLC with one of two checks, each for \$750, that they donated to the Thanksgiving program, in



partnership with the Rotary Club, and to the Resident Assistance Fund.

Youth Services 'Tis the Season Activities

At the **Holiday Cookie Decorating Party** on Fri., Dec. 6 from 2:30-4 pm at Amity Middle School, Bethany, 7th & 8th graders can create sweet treats. Supplies, cocoa, and snacks will be provided! A \$10 fee and permission form are required. Call 203-389-3429 or email youthone@woodbridgetown.org.

Toys 4 Kids donations benefit local children. Drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the Woodbridge Library. Also, families can make **We Care Bags** for local homeless shelters. Fill a one gallon bag of items like gift cards, snacks, socks, or toiletries. Call 203-389-3429 to donate. Community Service hours are available.

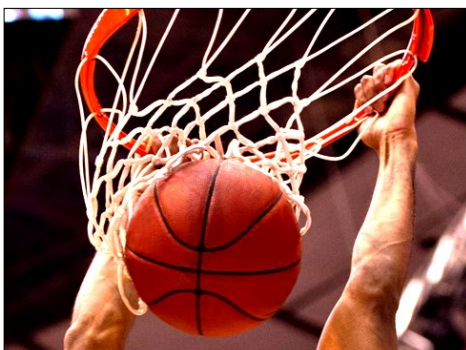
Recreation Winter Youth Basketball Leagues

Register now for youth basketball leagues—space is still available!

The boys' Classic League for grades 4-6 begins Tue., Dec. 3 and the Junior High League for grades 7-9 begins Thu., Dec. 5 from 6-8 pm. The \$240 fee includes a team t-shirt.

The girls' basketball clinic for grades 4-7 begins Fri., Dec. 6 from 6-7:30 pm. The Clinic Fee is \$75.

All basketball leagues will take place



in the Beecher South gym. To register, scan the QR code to the right or [visit our registration page on the Town website](#).



Bus Trips During February Break

Stay tuned for information on bus trips during the school vacation in February. To receive Recreation emails go to [Log In with Email](#) in the right corner of the Registration page.

Library News

The year is almost over, but there's still time for young readers to get ahead for 2025 and beyond! **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a free program offered by the library that helps children ages 0-5 establish strong preliteracy skills, and encourages parent-child bonding through reading.

The challenge is simple: read a book, (any book) to your child with the goal of reading 1000 before kindergarten. If that number sounds overwhelming you might be surprised—reading just one book a night equals 365 books in one year. And yes, repeat reads count!

Worried about keeping track, staying motivated, and getting the most out of

reading? The library is here to help! The program provides reading logs, incentives, and literacy resources to encourage phonics awareness, confidence, and most importantly, a joy for reading!

To register for the WTL's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, visit the children's desk and pick up your starter kit.

Department Phones & Emails

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Children's Dept.: 203-389-3439

childrensprogram@lioninc.org

General Info: 203-389-3433

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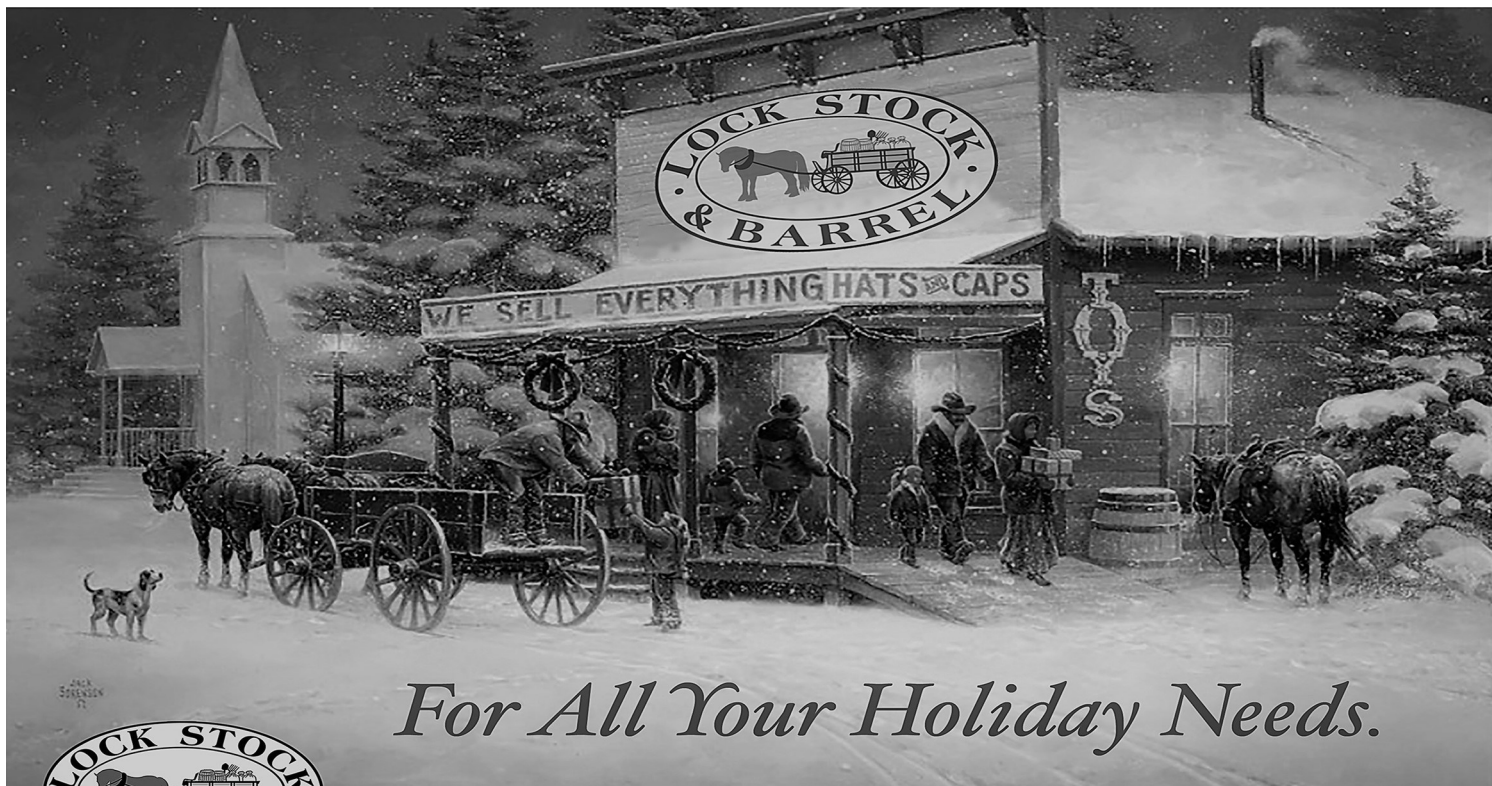
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