



News and Events

April 2025

Center Building Update

I am pleased to inform you that, following a comprehensive review and consultation with a range of environmental and health specialists, we have confirmed that there is no asbestos-related air quality issue at the Center Building. We consulted experts from multiple respected agencies, including the Connecticut Department of Health, Quinipiac Valley Health Department, OSHA, Fuss & O'Neill Hazardous Building Materials Consultants, as well as Yale's Occupational and Environmental Health specialists. All these experts have concluded that the Center Building can be safely reopened and occupied.

To further ensure the safety and peace of mind of our staff and the public, the Town will be taking additional steps to address the situation. We have hired a licensed company to perform cleaning in the specific areas where traces of asbestos were identified. This cleaning will target identified zones and is expected to be completed by the end of March. Furthermore, we are in the process of preparing a formal survey and plan to identify all asbestos areas of the building that we can and determine whether any areas require further attention or remediation.

We understand that this issue has caused some concern, and we would like to express our gratitude to both our dedicated staff and our residents for their patience and understanding as we navigated this process. Your support has been invaluable as we have worked diligently to ensure that the building is



safe and ready for occupancy.

As a result of these efforts, we anticipate that the gym, the Woodbridge Center Café, and kitchen areas will be thoroughly cleaned and reopened for use at the end of March. Other areas of the building will follow based on planning and funding under consideration. We are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way and will continue to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety and

well-being of everyone in our community.

Thank you once again for your continued patience and trust as we work to resolve this matter.

On another topic, **the second 2025 Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) Drop-in Open House will take place Tuesday, April 8 in the Town Hall Conference Room—stop by anytime between 4-7 pm.** As you may know from past communications, the 2025 POCD is in the process of being developed. The plan will identify our community's visions, goals, objectives and action steps for the next ten years. This Open House will focus on theme areas, goals, strategies and action items. Woodbridge residents, businesses, and interested parties will have the opportunity to review information, offer comments and share ideas. Everyone from our community is encouraged to attend and participate in this important meeting. Visit the [2025 POCD Update Guide](#) located on the Town Plan & Zoning page of the Town website for project updates.

~First Selectman Mica Cardozo

Preliminary Budget Hearing - Thursday, April 24

The Board of Finance will hold its Preliminary Budget Hearing on Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 pm in the Center Building gym (4 Meetinghouse Lane).

By mid-April, residents can expect to receive the FY2026 Preliminary Budget mailer which contains a summary of the proposed operating budget. Also around mid-April, detailed budget information will be available via the **Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget Just the Numbers Book** and the **Fiscal Year 2026 Digital Preliminary Budget**. To

view this information, go to the Annual Budget section of the Finance Department's page on the Town website.

The Preliminary Budget Hearing is designed so that residents may ask questions or make comments about the proposed budget ahead of the Annual Town Meeting. Following this hearing, the Board of Finance may make changes to the proposed budget which then will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting set to take place in the Center Building gym on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 pm.

Save the Date!

- April 1 (Tue.):** Community Conversation with Attorney General Tong in The Center Café at 7 pm. Register for the event via the HomePage of the Town website, woodbridgect.org.
- April 1 (Tue.):** Woodbridge Recreation Summer Camp Registration begins. See page 3.
- April 2 (Wed.):** CCW Open House in the Center Building gym, 6-8 pm.
- April 8 (Tue.):** 2025 POCD Open House at Town Hall—stop by between 4-7 pm. See details above.
- April 24 (Thu.):** Preliminary Budget Hearing in the Center Building gym, 7:30 pm. See details above.
- April 25 (Fri.):** 6th Grade Party at AMS in Bethany, 7-9 pm. See page 3.
- April 26 (Sat.):** Earth Day Celebration throughout the Town Center, 10 am - 5 pm. See page 2.
- April 28 (Mon.):** American Red Cross Blood Drive, Center Building gym, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. See page 3.
- May 17 (Sat.):** Save the Date for the Woodbridge Fire Dept. Spring Fling! Tickets now on sale. See page 2.

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CCW Open House Reminder

On Wednesday, April 2 from 6-8 pm, the second public meeting for the CCW Master Plan Project will take place at the Center Building gymnasium.

To remain informed throughout the project, visit [CCW Master Plan Updates](#) by clicking on the



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Earth Day Celebration

Woodbridge Earth Day 2025 will take place on Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Celebrate Woodbridge Earth Day by enjoying events and activities throughout the Town Center campus including sustainability themed exhibits, Friends of the Library book sale, EV Car Show, Fix It Station, antique appraisals, Tag Sale, Clothing Freecycle, farmers' market, drug take-back collection, seed exchange, performances and live music, beer garden, food trucks,



local shopping and more!

This community event is hosted by the Woodbridge ad hoc Sustainability Committee and the Town of Woodbridge.

For more Woodbridge Earth Day information, please visit WoodbridgeEarthDay.org.

Renter's Rebate Program

Applications for the Renter's Rebate Program may be filed with the Town's Assessor between April 1 and Sept. 30, 2025. To be eligible, Woodbridge residents must:

- have turned age 65 on or before Dec. 31, 2024. (Individuals receiving Social Security Disability must be 18 or older and meet requirements below.)
- be full-time Woodbridge residents.

- earn income not greater than \$45,200 for a single person or \$55,100 for a married couple.

Proof of 2024 income and Social Security earnings are required along with copies of receipts or cancelled checks for all rent and utilities (excluding phone and cable) paid in 2024.

Please call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416 with questions or to have an application mailed to you.

Spring Fling — Tickets of Sale

Spring Fling Tickets are now on sale! The Woodbridge Fire Department's 25th annual Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, May 17. This fundraising event will begin at 7 pm at the firehouse (100 Center Road).

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with food, drinks, music and dancing along with a Silent Auction and a Live Auction.

To buy tickets, please go to WoodbridgeFire.com/Events. Individual, Table and Party Packages are available. Also, tickets may be purchased by emailing snowflake@woodbridgefire.com or calling 203-389-3441.

Event proceeds support the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department. This year's fundraising will go toward updating the firefighter's Fitness Center.

The Center

The Woodbridge Center staff thanks everyone for their patience during the closure. For a full list of programs and events, or for more information, call 203-389-3430 or email kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org.

Woodbridge Job Bank

Teens are needed to join the Job Bank. Earn money and gain experience. Jobs may include yardwork, housework, babysitting, animal care, tech help, and more. Call Youth Services to schedule your interview at 203-389-3464. Residents may call to hire teens.

Sixth Grade Party-April 25

Students in 6th grade from Woodbridge and Bethany are invited to join friends on Friday, April 25 from 7-9 pm at Amity Middle School-Bethany. There is a fee of \$10 for DJ, fun, games, food, and raffle. Please call 203-389-3449 to register.

Human Services Programs

Make an appointment today to donate blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 28 from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Center Building gym. Scan the QR code to make your appointment today! This event is sponsored by the American Red Cross. There's been a 40% decrease in donations nationally; make a difference by donating blood.



Red Cross Babysitter Training

A two-day class will be held Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Woodbridge Town Hall Meeting Room. Snacks will be provided.



The class fee is \$60 for Woodbridge residents and \$65 for non-residents payable by check to Woodbridge Youth Services. Call Youth Services at 203-389-3464 to register.

First Selectman's Youth Award Deadline is April 11

The Selectman's Youth Award deadline has been extended to Friday, April 11. Please consider nominating a resident teen by completing the form found on the Town website or contact Youth Services by calling 203-389-3464 or emailing youthone@woodbridgect.org.

Recreation Summer Camp

Woodbridge Recreation Summer Camp will run June 23 through August 1, 9 am - noon, at Beecher Road South School for campers entering grades 1-8. Registration begins on April 1. Camp offers a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, drama, fitness, and more.

As in past years, the Counselor in Training (CIT) Program will be offered to students entering 9th grade for \$900 to residents and \$950 for non-residents. The Volunteer Program is for students



entering 10th grade. Students in the CIT Program last summer will be given priority into the Volunteer Program.

Summer Camp Fees for residents (below) are based on weeks a camper attends camp. Register via the QR code or call 203-389-3446 for more information.



<u>Camp (Grades 1-8)</u>	<u>Residents</u>
1 Week:	\$400
2 Weeks:	\$500
3 Weeks:	\$600
4 Weeks:	\$700
5 Weeks:	\$750
6 Weeks:	\$800

Library News

Woodbridge's Earth Day Celebration is right around the corner. On Saturday, April 26 there will be plenty of food, music, and fun for the whole family, all with the goal of supporting a more Earth friendly community.

You don't need to wait until the end of the month to make your life more sustainable. The Woodbridge Town Library makes it easy to be eco-friendly every day!

Don't buy, borrow. The library has thousands of books, movies, music, magazines, and more for all ages. We're always ordering new items, including current bestsellers and in demand titles. If we don't have what you want, just

ask! We can often get items from other libraries, or purchase it for our own collection.

Shop Used. If you prefer to own your books, shop the Friend's Book Store Alley or their upcoming sale on the Center Green during Earth Day. They have hundreds of gently used books, movies, and music all priced at \$2 or less!

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Department Phones & Emails

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Children's Dept.: 203-389-3439

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