

## Community in Action

As summer settles in, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible spirit of community we've seen this past month and look ahead with hope and excitement for what's to come. June was filled with moments that reminded us why Woodbridge is so special.

On 06525 Day, hundreds of residents of all ages gathered to celebrate our town's past, present, and future. This unforgettable event, even featured on NBC CT News, began with a spark of genius from resident Emily Resnik Conn, who noted the once-in-a-lifetime alignment of our ZIP code and the calendar date.

My Executive Assistant, and resident, Alison Valsamis, brought the idea to life with the help of three talented Amity High School interns and other resident volunteers, creating a truly joyful day at Pease Park.

Our free Bike Skills & Safety Classes, made possible through a state grant and championed by resident Kate Rozen, kicked off in June and will continue through the fall. These sessions offer riders of all ages the opportunity to build confidence and learn essential skills; details are available below.



The 2030 Task Force and Economic Development Commission hosted a Community Open House at Crest Lincoln to share updates on the \$8 million Business District Connectivity Project. This exciting initiative will redefine the area's look and feel, aiming to calm traffic and better connect visitors and residents to the restaurants, shops, and businesses.

We also officially broke ground on the Town Center Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Project, which will enhance walkability around the Town Green, especially for Amity students walking to the Center Road fields.

We're thrilled to continue our July Summer Concert Series organized by our Recreation Dept., a favorite tradition that brings us together to enjoy great music and summer nights.

In every project and program, from sidewalks to celebrations, we're building not just infrastructure, but connection. Thank you for your ideas, your energy, and your commitment to our shared future.

Together, we're shaping a town we can all be proud to call home.

~First Selectman Mica Cardozo

## Woodbridge's First Poet Laureate

Charlotte Allen is Woodbridge's very first Poet Laureate!

Charlotte is a writer and educator who believes in capturing the resonance of the natural world and the miracle of being human through words. She is a firm believer in the wisdom of the land, the trees, and young people who will steward the future of our world.

The mission of the Town's Poet Laureate Program is to celebrate the value of poetry and to use poetry as a

means to inspire, inform and entertain the community. The Woodbridge Poet Laureate Selection Committee believes Charlotte will fulfill this mission admirably.

The Poet Laureate position is intended to benefit the entire Woodbridge community. Any organization interested in collaborating with Charlotte can reach her at [poetaureate@woodbridgetownlibrary.org](mailto:poetaureate@woodbridgetownlibrary.org).

## Free Bicycle Skills Classes

Join us for a series of fun, hands-on bike education classes for all ages and skill levels, hosted by the Town of Woodbridge and local partners.

These classes are made possible by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Active Transportation Microgrant Program.

Whether you're just learning to ride or want to feel more confident on the road, there's a class for you. You can register and learn more at [woodbridgect.org/682/Free-Bike-Skills-Classes](http://woodbridgect.org/682/Free-Bike-Skills-Classes).

### Important Dates & Information!

**July 1 (Tue.):** First July Summer Concert on the Town Center Green, 6-8 pm. Schedule and details on page 3.

**July 1 (Tue.):** Woodbridge Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle Taxes are due July 1. Details on page 2.

**July 4 (Fri.):** Woodbridge Town Offices, Library, and Transfer Station will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

**July 19 (Sat.):** HazWaste Disposal & Shredding at the Transfer Station, 9 am - noon. Details on page 2.

**Aug. 22 (Fri.):** Motor Vehicle Assessment Appeal Applications are due in the Assessor's Office. Details on page 2.

### ~ Stay Informed on Community News & Project Updates ~

Connect to Woodbridge Happenings! From the Homepage on the Town website, [woodbridgect.org](http://woodbridgect.org), sign up for:

- First Selectman's Reports and Enews communications—simply click on **Sign Up to Receive Woodbridge E-News**.
- Homepage NewFlashes—click on the **Notify Me** icon below the three NewFlashes. Scroll down to NewsFlash to register for **Woodbridge News**. Also from this page, register for **Emergency Alerts** under the Alert Center.

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# Town News

## HazWaste Collection & Household Shredding

On Saturday, July 19, from 9 am to noon, the Department of Public Works will host HazWaste Satellite Collection along with Household Shredding at the Woodbridge Transfer and Recycling Station, 85 Acorn Hill Ext.

For shredding, residents may simply bring their household paperwork to the Transfer Station.

To use the HazWaste Satellite Collection, residents must submit an electronic [HazWaste Preregistration Form](#) prior to bringing any hazardous materials to the Transfer Station. To locate this form on the Town website, go to the Transfer and Recycling Station page and choose Household Hazardous Waste Program.

Through October, Woodbridge residents may also dispose of hazardous materials every Saturday from 9 am - noon at the Regional Water Authority (RWA) located at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven.

This service is available to residents because the Town is a member of the RWA HazWaste Central Program. To learn more about this program including the seasonal Hazwaste Collection Schedule and accepted hazardous materials, visit [rwater.com/hazwaste/](http://rwater.com/hazwaste/) or call 203-401-2712. A link to the RWA website may also be accessed via the [Household Hazardous Waste Program](#) page on the website.

Call the Dept. of Public Works with questions, 203-389-3420.

## Motor Vehicle Appeal Notice

In September, the Woodbridge Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) will meet at Town Hall located at 11 Meetinghouse Lane to hear appeals relating to motor vehicles assessments on the Grand List of October 1, 2024.

To present your appeal to the Board, it is requested that a completed Appeal Application be returned to the Assessor's Office by Friday, August 22 so a September appointment with the BAA may be scheduled.

Motor vehicle assessments are based on original MSRP (Manu-

facturer's Suggested Retail Price) and schedule of depreciation as of October 1, 2024, per new legislation. To substantiate an appeal, documents relating to MSRP may be submitted with the application to the Assessor's Office at Town Hall or mailed to the Assessor at 11 Meetinghouse Lane.

Beginning August 1, applications will be available in the Assessor's Office or found online at [woodbridgect.org](http://woodbridgect.org) on the Assessor's page under [Board of Assessment Appeals](#). Call the office with questions, 203-389-3416.

## Taxes are Due July 1

August 1, 2025. For a receipt, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope along with the entire bill.

Online Credit card payments may be made via the payment link at the bottom of the [Tax Collector page](#) on the Town website only—there is a fee for this service.

Please read the [Legal Notice to Woodbridge Taxpayers](#) also located on the Tax Collector page on the Town website. The Notice includes important tax information.

Call the Tax Office with questions, 203-389-3425.

Mailed payments must be post-marked at a US Post Office by

## The Center Annual Indoor Picnic

Enjoy live music by **Shawn Taylor** and BBQ at its best with the **Woodbridge Police Department** grill masters serving up BBQ chicken, hot dogs, and (cheese) burgers. Summer salads and dessert will also be served.



This *free* event, co-sponsored by the **Woodbridge Police Department** and the law firm of **Resnik & Resnik**, will take place July 24, 12-1 pm. Space is limited. Please RSVP by July 17 with The Woodbridge Center, 203-389-3430.

*For a full list of programs and events for ages 55+ or general information, call 203-389-3430, stop by The Center, or email [kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org](mailto:kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org).*

Woodbridge Summer Concerts will be held every Tuesday evening in July on the Town Center Green from 6 to 8 pm.

Enjoy an evening of music with friends and neighbors. Bring a blanket or chair and pack a picnic or purchase food and beverages from Food Trucks at the concerts.

**July 1:** Garrett Stack's American Jukebox Live (Pop, Rock, and Soul)

**July 8:** Kathy Thompson Band ('70s Rock, Old School Funk, & Dance).

**The Woodbridge Town Library is now in your pocket!** The LION library group, which includes Woodbridge, recently partnered with the nonprofit Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) to create a mobile app for all your library needs! With the new LION Libraries app, you can:

**Search the Collection** and find new releases, hidden gems, and classic titles for all ages. Prefer digital materials? You can learn more about the different services we offer and start streaming right away on the app under Digital Collections.

**Manage your Account** with ease. You can place or cancel holds, and ex-

## Human Services—Living Treasure Event

**Save the date!** The 7th annual Living Treasure event will be held Thursday, September 25. The event will honor a few residents age 60 or over, who have worked as a volunteer to improve the quality of life in Woodbridge, have contributed, and may continue to contribute

their time to enhance this community.

Members of the community are welcome to join the event planning committee which meets in July, August, and September. This event raises funds for The Woodbridge Center. Please call 203-389-3429 for more information.

**Food Pantry:** Residents in need may contact Human Services for access to non-perishable food each month. The Food Pantry is looking for donations of canola/olive oils, ground coffee, snacks, condiments, and canned chicken.

## Events Hosted by Youth Services

Youth Services will host a two-day **Red Cross Babysitting Training Class** on August 6 & 7 from 9 am - 1 pm in the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room. Teens will learn babysitting basics like diapering, dressing, feeding, and some first aid. Must attend both days to receive a certificate. The fee is \$65; \$70 for non-residents (sibling discount available). Call 203-389-3464.

A **7th Grade Picnic** will take place on August 21 for Woodbridge and Bethany students entering 7th grade to connect with existing friends and to make new ones. **Stay tuned for event details on the Town website and Facebook.**

**Job Bank:** Residents may hire a teen for yardwork, babysitting, and more. Call 203-389-3464.

## Recreation News



**July 15:** The Bernadettes (R&B, Funk, & Soul).

**July 22:** ACE & Friends (Grateful Dead Tribute Band).

**July 29:** The O-Tones (Swing, R&B, Motown, and Blues)

When inclement weather, check the Town [website](#) for rain date details.

Our main sponsors, Amity Physical Therapy & SERVPRO of Milford-Orange-Stratford, along with ALL our sponsors have made the July concerts possible. Thank you!

## Library News

tend due dates on items under My Account. You can also store your library card in the app for easy checkouts.

**Search & Register for Events** that interest you or your family. We have lots of fun things planned for summer, and signing up to participate is more convenient than ever!

**Reserve a Room** right from the app, anytime you need a quiet place to work or study.

**Explore our Library of Things** and see what's currently available to borrow. We have lots of items to keep you learning and exploring all summer long.

**Borrow a Museum Pass** and get free or discounted entry to museums and

other institutions in CT and beyond.

To download the app, scan one of the QR Codes below:



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

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

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

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