

Coming Together for Woodbridge

The past few months have brought big discussions about housing, our values, and the kind of future we want for our Town.

As we settle into a new year, I firmly believe we can and must move beyond reacting and begin collaborating. I have spoken to scores of residents and can tell you with confidence that we agree on much more than we disagree on.

To help us move forward, I am launching a new initiative: "Conversations with the First Selectman." **Please join me in the Library Meeting Room from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 24th for the first of these conversations.**

These informal gatherings will provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and speak directly with Town leadership about what's happening in Woodbridge and why.

The goal is to ensure our community controls the future of Woodbridge. Thoughtful decisions that reflect our shared values are critical at this juncture. It is important that we come together to understand each other, and the situation.



For our part, we will be able to share with you what we have been learning from planners, small developers, and policy experts who are helping us to move from "What should we do?" to "Here's how we get what we want done."

I urge you to join in on the conversation. As we plan these sessions, we will post announcements on our Community Calendar, the First Selectman's Page of our website, and in my eNewsletters.

On another note, one of the most important tools we have for shaping the future of our community is our annual budget. From education to public safety, recreation to infrastructure, it reflects our shared priorities and values. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer input on the budget at the Preliminary Budget Hearing in April.

Department budget presentations wrap up on January 29, and I encourage all residents to stay informed by watching those meetings, and others, on the Town's WGATV79 YouTube channel.

Your participation matters.

~ First Selectman Mica Cardozo

Tax Relief Programs Expanded

Woodbridge residents may begin to file applications for **State and Town Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Programs**. Proof of 2025 income and Social Security earnings are required. **Applications must be filed with the Town Assessor by May 15, 2026.**

Eligible residents include individuals who:

1. turned age 65 on or before December 31, 2025; individuals on Social Security Disability are exempt from age requirement.
2. hold full time residence in Woodbridge.
3. meet the State program income limits of \$46,300 maximum for singles and \$56,500 maximum for married couples.
4. meet the Town program income limits (for single or married) of \$72,448 maximum to qualify for a \$1,600 Tier 1 credit and \$108,672 maximum for a \$1,320 Tier 2 credit.

Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 1: Tax Relief Applications may begin to be filed with the Assessor's Office (details above).

Feb. 3 (Tue.): Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program begins (details on p. 3).

Feb. 3 (Tue.): Opioid Prevention Training at the Woodbridge Library, 6-7:15 pm (details on p. 3).

Feb 6 (Fri.): Vaccine Clinic in The Center, 12:30-2:30 pm. Call 203-389-3429 for an appointment. (Flu, Covid, Shingles, Pneumonia & RSV vaccines are available.)

Feb. 16 (Mon.): Town Offices, Library, & Transfer Station will be closed for President's Day.

Feb. 20 (Fri.): Deadline for Board of Assessment Appeals Applications (details on page 2).

Feb. 27 (Fri.): Woodbridge Stories Live Event in The Center, 6:30 pm (detail on page 2).

On Tue. Feb. 3, the CTDOT will hold a public meeting on the **Exit 46, Route 15 Improvement Project** at 6:30 pm in New Haven. Go to the [Town website homepage](#) for details.

Town News

Woodbridge Stories Live Event

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Woodbridge Stories Live will take place on Friday evening, February 27 at 6:30 pm in The Woodbridge Center.

Residents are invited to attend this intimate evening of personal storytelling inspired by the spirit of the Human Library and the intimacy of The Moth Radio Hour.

Join your neighbors as they take the stage to share stories from their lives told with humor, reflection, and honesty. This event celebrates

the experiences that connect us as a community.

Woodbridge Stories Live is a free, community event, hosted by the ad hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Everyone is welcome! To register and for event details, please use the QR Code above. Space is limited.



Welcome Deputy Chief Quinn

The Woodbridge Police Department is pleased to welcome Deputy Chief Raymond Quinn. Deputy Chief Quinn was officially sworn in during a ceremony held at Police Headquarters in December.

Deputy Chief Quinn brings extensive experience and knowledge to the department, having previously served the Town of Hamden for more than 28 years.

During his tenure with the Hamden Police Department, he held several key leadership roles, including supervising the Patrol Division, Detective Division, Professional Standards Bureau, and the SWAT Team.

Deputy Chief Quinn is a well-respected law enforcement leader and will be a great addition to the Woodbridge Police Department and our community. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Quinn.



Board of Assessment Appeals Notice

On the dates below, the Woodbridge Board of Assessment Appeals will meet to hear appeals relating to assessments for Real Property and Personal Property on the October 1, 2025 Grand List:

- Wed., March 11, 6-9 pm
- Thu., March 12, 6-9 pm
- Mon., March 16, 6-9 pm

Dates and times are subject to change based upon the number of appeal applications received.

Written applications are mandatory for an appeal to be heard. [Applications](#) and [Application Instructions](#) are on the Board of Assessment Appeals page on the Town website, woodbridgect.org. Completed applications must be returned to the Assessor's Office no later than 4:30 pm on February 20, 2026.

Individuals filing proper applications shall be notified by March 1

of the day, time, and information relating to their appeal hearing.

The applicant or a duly preauthorized representative must appear. (Written authorization and the representative's personal identification must be provided to the Assessor's Office prior to the hearing date.)

If appealing the assessed value of your property, documents must be included with your application as evidence to support your claim or an appraiser's analysis of your property value based on the October 1, 2024 re-valuation year comparable sales. Comparable sales are those of similar style, size, and location and must be from the year ending October 1, 2024.

Call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416 with Board of Assessment Appeals questions.



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There is a two meal minimum order with a ten-meal limit. Soups are also available for \$2 per 8 oz. container. Please call for more information.

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

Spring Registration for Youth Programs will begin February 18. Choose from a variety of programs including: basketball, bowling, chess, gymnastics, guitar, horseback riding, ultimate team sports, Kumon, Little Scientists, running club, tennis, taekwondo, Massaro Farm program & field hockey. Most programs will begin the week of March 23. For details, call 203-389-3446 or use the QR Code to register.



Adult yoga and T'ai Chi classes continue in March. Gentle yoga with

Human Services Programs

The Human Services Dept. extends a heartfelt thank you to the many individuals, organizations, businesses, and Town Departments for their support of the **Holiday Basket Program** and the **Resident Assistance Fund** throughout the December season. With this generous support, the Department was able to assist 49 Woodbridge families.

With the start of 2026, two important programs are available to residents.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will begin February 3. VITA provides free tax preparation and is available to low-income individuals, people with disabilities, and to those who speak

limited English. Through tax season, appointments may be scheduled each Tuesday between 9 am to noon—please call 203-389-3429.

Opioid Prevention Training will take place February 3 from 6-7:15 pm at the Woodbridge Library. At this free, community-wide Naloxone training, learn the signs of an opioid overdose, how to administer Naloxone, and more about the opioid crisis in CT. Naloxone supplies will be distributed to participants as supplies last. This event is offered through Human Service along with the Alliance for Prevention and Wellness.

Youth Services

Youth Services will be kicking off the new year with two fun-filled events. Back by popular demand, a **Paint Party for grades 3-6 will take place on Feb. 10** at Beecher Road School from 3:25-5 pm. Also, save the date for our **Sixth Grade Meet & Greet on Mar. 6** at the Amity Middle School-Bethany. Call 203-389-3429 to register.

Recreation News



Instructor Diane King takes place Mon. and Wed. mornings, and Mon. evenings. Yoga with Instructor Bill Banick is held each morning and Tue. evenings, and T'ai Chi takes place on Thu. evenings. Call 203-389-3446 for information.

Summer Concert Sponsors

Each year, the Town seeks corporate sponsors to help defray the cost of summer concerts hosted by the Recreation Department. Concerts take place each Tuesday in July. If you would like to help by making a donation, please call 203-389-3446 or email Recreaion@woodbridgect.org.

Sponsors will be recognized at the concerts and will be listed on the Town website.

Library News

still have fun at the library on Valentine's Day!

Join us for two events exploring the Mexican city of Oaxaca. On Saturday, February 14, the library will be hosting SHU Professor Anna Ramierz for an interactive workshop that blends storytelling, culture, and creativity. Attendees will explore the Mexican city of Oaxaca and learn about its tradition and symbols through the children's book *Walking in Oaxaca*, written and beautifully illustrated by SHU Professor Anna Ramierz.

Participants will engage in hands-on creative activities while reflecting on themes of love, memory and community. This workshop invites community to

connect across generations, celebrating how stories and art keep our ancestors spirits alive.

Event for Children: 11 am

Event for Adults: 1 pm

For additional details on both events, please visit: www.woodbridgetownlibrary.libcal.com

Department Phones & Emails

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Children's Dept.: 203-389-3439
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