



News and Events

March 2017

Welcome to the Town's New Newsletter!

Since becoming First Selectman, improving communication and community has been one of my priorities. To that end, the Town has initiated an enewsletter (sign up here: tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeEnews) and a Town Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT) and improved our website (www.woodbridgect.org).

Today we are launching this Town-wide newsletter to inform you all about the news and events going on in Woodbridge.

This newsletter replaces the Senior Center newsletter, which was mailed to more than 2,200 homes. Now all households will receive news



from the Library, Recreation, Human Services, Town Hall and more.

There will be limited space for advertisements to defray costs: The Town will charge \$100 per month for a business card size ad, and \$500 for a half-page ad on the back page. If you are interested in advertising, contact Betsy Yagla (203-389-3403; byagla@woodbridgect.org).

I am delighted to share this new newsletter with you!

Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman

Police Warn of Bobcat Sightings

The Woodbridge Police Department has received reports of bobcat sightings on Rimmon Road, Peck Hill Road, and Newton Road.

Based on reports from the Department of Environmental Protection, the bobcat population in Connecticut has been increasing over recent years.

Bobcats are most active just after dusk and before dawn, and are patient hunters, meaning that they spend significant time crouching, waiting, stalking, and then ambushing their prey. Their diet ranges from rabbits and squirrels to deer and domestic livestock. Bobcat attacks on humans are extremely rare.

Should you encounter a bobcat, keep as much distance between you and the animal as possible and:

- *Immediately protect children and pets;
- *Back away slowly and deliberately;
- *Avoid running to prevent triggering a pursuit;
- *Make a lot of noise, if possible, to scare the animal away.

If you observe a bobcat that appears to be sick, injured, or is roaming an area frequented by humans, notify the Woodbridge Police Department at 203-387-2511 or Woodbridge Animal Control at 203-389-5991.

Fuel Cell is Celebrated

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Robert Klee visited Woodbridge to announce the completion of a new fuel cell at Amity Regional High School.

The fuel cell can generate up to 2.2 megawatts of clean renewable energy; provides heat for the high school; and will serve as the generation source for the Town's microgrid, which will supply power to municipal buildings during power outages. Construction on the microgrid will begin this spring.

The project is possible because the Town received a \$3 million grant from the State of Connecticut. The grant will cover the cost to bury the power lines to create the microgrid, but the Town needed to



Amity Board Chair Bill Blake, DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee, State Rep. Themis Klarides, State Sen. George Logan, former State Sen. Joe Crisco, State Rep. Lonnie Reed, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Governor Dannel Malloy and UI President Anthony Marone at the ribbon cutting.

come up with and fund a power source for the microgrid.

At the same time, UI was looking for projects to meet its commitment to generate a total of 10 megawatts of clean energy. The Town and UI solved each other's problems by installing a UI-owned fuel cell to power the Town's microgrid.

See full story on Town website.



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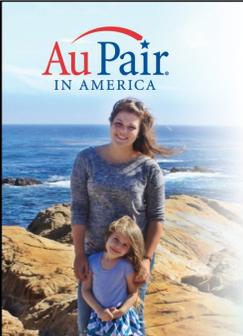
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First Selectman Visits Two Local Boutiques

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar visited Today's Clothing on Selden Street and Pamela Hirth Designs on Litchfield Turnpike.

Scalettar has been visiting local businesses to highlight them as part of the "Shop Woodbridge, Dine Woodbridge, Try Woodbridge" campaign.

At Today's Clothing, customers will find European-inspired clothes ranging from simple silk tees to intricately embroidered formal wear as well as funky shoes, handbags, scarves, jewelry and other accessories. "I have fun with my customers and love

buying them what they want. The clothes are unique and appeal to women who don't want cookie-cutter clothing," said owner Cynthia Miller.

Pamela Hirth designs and makes her own line of clothing. Hirth describes her style from classic to eclectic with a mixture of fitted and flowy shapes. She makes her signature jackets from upholstery fabric and also offers slinky velvet cocktail dresses, soft everyday cotton tunics and everything in between.

Read the full story on the Town's website.

Notice: New Building Codes

A copy of the State of Connecticut's new building codes is at the Woodbridge Town Library.

The new codes were adopted October 1, 2016 and include the 2012 International Building Code, the 2012 International Residential Code and the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code supplement. They will be available in the reference section of the Library.

Residents are encouraged to consult with the Building De-

partment when planning renovations to their homes or businesses. The code information contained in these new books is not available online.

The Building Department is located on the lower level of Town Hall and is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You will find specific information and permit applications on the Building Department's page on the Town website.

The Building Department can be reached at 203-389-3419.

Bulk Pick Up Begins in March

The Department of Public Works will begin Bulk Pick Up (by appointment only) in March. Appointments can be scheduled through the Public Works Office by calling 203-389-3420.

We ask that residents use this service one time per year to allow for everyone to take advantage of this program. Residents will need to provide a list of items they are placing out for pick up.

Scheduled pick-ups are Tuesdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Items for pick-up should be large household items that don't fit in the trunk of a car such as: large furniture and appliances, gas grills, lawn mowers, carpeting, bed frames and the like.

Bulk pick-up is offered March to May, October and November.

From the Library Director's Desk

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of Woodbridge Town Library in 1927. At that time, the library was limited to a few shelves in Town Hall, and the total circulation during its first year was 286 books. In the 90 years since, much has changed (and our circulation is quite a bit higher), but, as it was all those decades ago, we are still a place that celebrates reading, learning and inspiration. We still have books too – bestsellers, adult books on every conceivable topic, children's books, reference books. And there's still a friendly, knowledgeable staff to welcome you.

But, these days, we also offer things that couldn't even have been conceived of in 1927. We have audiobooks, DVDs, free Wi-Fi, plenty of public computers and



hundreds of great programs every year, from technology classes to film screenings and from cooking demonstrations to storytimes.

We also subscribe to plenty of digital resources which you can access from our website at any time with a Woodbridge library card – free, downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, music, movies and magazines, as well as online learning through *Lynda.com* and product reviews through *Consumer Reports Online*.

At the Library, we embrace change, but we also know that we must strive to remain the cultural heart of our community.

Eric Werthmann, Library Director

Annual Peeps in the Library Contest

Join us for the third annual *Peeps in the Library* Contest. This contest is open to all ages as individuals or teams. Registration runs from Monday, March 13 through Saturday, April 1. Register in person at the Information Desk to receive a pack of Peeps and the contest rules to get started.

Participants are challenged to make a diorama of a scene from their favorite book or movie using Peeps as characters. Completed dioramas will be accepted during library hours between

Monday, March 27 and Saturday, April 1. The dioramas will be on display from April 3 until April 29. Library patrons will have the opportunity to vote on their favorites until April 21 and winners will be announced on April 24. There will be three prize categories: Adult, Teen, and Child/Family.

Please see the Information Desk or email kward@woodbridgedct.org for full set of contest rules. This free program is open to the public. Space is limited, and in person registration is required.



Upcoming Adult Programs

- March Art Exhibit: Palette Art Studio
- Thursday, March 2 – *Manchester by the Sea* Film Screening @ 7pm
- Tuesday, March 7 – Book Discussion with Dr. Mark Schenker: “Life After Life” by Kate Atkinson @ 7pm
- Thursday, March 9 – *Jackie* Film Screening @ 7pm
- Saturday, March 11 – Pysanky Egg Decorating with Sharon Leonard @ 2pm
- Wednesday, March 15 – Adina Hoffman author visit, co-hosted with the JCC @ 6pm
- Thursday, March 16 – *Loving* Film Screening @ 7pm
- Monday, March 20 – Music and Medicine: The Curse of the Mendelssohns Lecture with Dr. Gus Davis, co-hosted with Home-Haven @ 2pm
- Wednesday, March 22 – Teen Tech Drop-in Help @ 2:45pm
- Thursday, March 23 – Butterflies in My Backyard Lecture with Victor DeMasi @ 7pm
- Saturday, March 24 – Palette Studio Art Reception @ 1:30pm
- Monday, March 27 – Learn Lynda.com Tech Class @ 3pm
- Tuesday, March 28 – The Not-So-Good Life of the Colonial Goodwife Lecture with Velya Jancz-Urban @ 7pm
- Wednesday, March 29 – Learn Lynda.com Tech Class @ 6pm
- Thursday, March 30 – *Fences* Film Screening @ 7pm

More details about these events can be found at woodbridgetownlibrary.org.

“Butterflies in My Backyard” Lecture and Presentation

Spring is coming to the library! Victor DeMasi will join us on Thursday, March 23 at 7 PM for an INDOOR sunny day walk through his butterfly meadow in Redding. Along the way, we will view some of the rare and common species he has seen there in 40 years of stewardship.

An impressive display of specimens from the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History will be shown; he will also explain life histories of some of our favorite species and how a butterfly garden promotes a diversity of



aurelian beauties. Comments will include a discussion of butterflies in our changing environment with issues such as climate change and invasive plant species. The complex demise of the Monarch Butterfly will receive particular emphasis. He will go on to explore his studies in the biology of the Tiger Swallowtail.

DeMasi is a wetland conservation officer in Redding and a research affiliate at the Yale Peabody

Museum of Natural History. Please register for this event.

Ongoing Children’s Programs

- **Eager Readers Book Group (grades k-2) Monthly, Monday, March 20 @ 6:30pm**
Be an Eager Reader! Join our book discussion for children in Kindergarten through grade 2. Read the book at home, and come to the library for a lively book chat and themed craft. Copies of the books will be available at the Children’s Desk.
- **Series Club (grades 2-4) Monthly, Thursday, March 23 @ 6:30pm.**
Did you ever wonder what to read

next? Our Series Club introduces a different series each month. Join us to find out about the characters, and what makes the series fun to read. No need to read the books in advance, copies will be available at the program. Crafts and snacks included!

- **Crazy 8’s Math Club, (grades 6-8) bi-monthly Saturday, March 18 @ 1pm**
Crazy 8s is a recreational math club that helps kids enjoy the math behind their favorite activities! With

Crazy 8s kids build glow-in-the-dark structures, crack secret spy codes and play games like Toilet Paper Olympics.

- **Teen Reads at the Library, Monthly, Thursdays, March 9 & 30 @ 6:30pm**
Every month we will meet to review the books we have read, and recommend books for others to read. Get a free book, enjoy some snacks, make some friends and get first pick at new books.

Save the Date: Pumpernickel Puppets Return

Join the fun at the Woodbridge Library on Saturday April 1, 2017 at 11 a.m. when the Pumpernickel Puppets return with *The Frog Prince*.

Imagine a prince who has turned into a frog! Can a special princess save the day? This show is recommended for children ages 4 and older, with an adult. Please register online.

Pumpernickel Puppet shows are presented with a cast of colorful puppet characters, audience participation, live voices and sound effects and fast paced scripts that not only entertain, but stimulate children’s imagination and creativity.

A demonstration period follows every performance giving the audience some insight into what happens behind the scenes.



From the Director

I welcome the opportunity to reach a greater audience with this new newsletter. All of us at the Senior Center embrace collaboration with other town departments to cross promote and extend our programming and services to the entire community.

The Senior Center offers health, recreational, educational, & social activities for residents 60 years of age and older. The Center also provides a luncheon program as well as transportation services.

There are opportunities here for volunteering and we welcome your participation. For more information or to RSVP for programming please contact us at 203-389-3430 or jjglicksman@woodbridgect.org.

Jeanette Glicksman, Senior Center Director

Save the Date!

The Woodbridge Senior Center is turning 40! Join us on Wednesday, May 24 for our 40th Anniversary Celebration Program & Dinner. Wine and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., program and dinner at 6:15 p.m.

To sponsor a table (\$50.00 donation) call 203-389-3430. Transportation for Woodbridge seniors and disabled will be available.

March Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tuesdays and Fridays at the Senior Center at 12:15. The cost is \$3 for dine-in meals and \$4 for take-out. Reservations requested. Meals include bread, juice, coffee/tea and dessert.

- Friday, 3/3 Vegetable Quiche w/ Soup
- Tuesday, 3/7 Turkey Meatloaf
- Friday, 3/10 Stuffed Shrimp
- Tuesday, 3/14 St. Patrick's Day-Corned Beef!
- Friday, 3/17 Chicken Linguini Alfredo
- Tuesday, 3/21 Stuffed Cabbage
- Friday, 3/24 Eggplant Parmesan w/ pasta
- Tuesday, 3/28 Roasted Pork Loin
- Friday, 3/31 Assorted Sandwiches and Soup

Special Programming

The Senior Center will offer a free 16-week **Diabetes Prevention program** from the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) in conjunction with Griffin Hospital's Community Outreach and Parish Nursing Department. This program is designed to reduce body weight and increase physical activity to help prevent Type 2 Diabetes.

Following the program, monthly support will be provided for one year. National Institutes of Health research shows that programs like this can reduce new cases of Type 2 Diabetes by 58% in adults 60+.

Class will meet at the Center from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday mornings beginning March 8. Call 203-389-3430 for more details.

AARP Driver Safety Class on March 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – reservations are required.

Intergenerational program with Beecher Road School on March 8 from 11:15 a.m.- 1:15 p.m. This event will include music, games, and lunch. Lunch is \$3.00.

Senior Bridge, Humana Social Worker Lisa Navarra will facilitate a 6-week support group beginning March 10 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. every other week. The focus of the group will be **"Loss of Independence."** This group is limited in size; please call to reserve your spot.

Free 15 minute, private **Memory Screenings** with Geriatrician Dr. Susann Verano, of Hamden Health Care and Rehab Center, March 13



Intergenerational program to be held March 8

from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

March 14- Annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Join us for a traditional holiday lunch of corned beef and cabbage. Lunch is \$6.00 and reservations are required. Entertainment will be provided by local musician Tom McNulty! Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m.

Antiques Roadshow—Woodbridge Edition. Have you ever been curious about the history of a family heirloom or a favorite piece of jewelry? Join us for an entertaining & informative evening on March 22 from 6-8 p.m. at the Senior Center Cafeteria. Residents are encouraged to bring items of interesting background and significance for review by local historians and appraisers. This free program is offered in collaboration with the Woodbridge Library. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Brookdale Woodbridge. One item per person—please!

Entertainer Larry Batter will perform during lunch on March 28.

March 29 **Life Line Screenings** in the Center Gym from 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. To reserve your spot please call: 888-653-6450.

Senior Center News

Ongoing Programming

Pickleball: New! At the Center Gymnasium Fridays at 2 p.m. This fun exercise program is offered with a yearly fee of \$20.00. More weekly playing time is coming soon!

Exercise with Laurie: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – this class is a combination of cardio, strength training, flexibility and balance. Class meets in the Center Gym. No registration is required. \$2.00 drop-in fee.

Senior Book Club: Self pick month! Members will lead a 5-10 minute discussion of their favorite, recent reads. Book club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m. at the Library. Next meeting is March 28. Drop-ins are welcome!

Friday Movies: Following lunch, in the Senior Lounge at 1 p.m.: 3/3 *The Queen*; 3/10 *Jackie*; 3/17 *Loving*; 3/24 *Young at Heart* (Documentary); 3/31 *Oklahoma!*

VITA –Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is available by appointment Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon through April 11. Call for details and to make an appointment.

Crafts: Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Center Lounge.

VNA Blood Pressure screenings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mahjong: Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m., Room 11 in the Center Building.

Duplicate Bridge: Mondays, 9:30 a.m., Center Café.

Pinochle: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Senior Lounge.

Bridge: Wednesdays, 1p.m., in the Senior Lounge.

Medical Loan Closet Is Seeking Donations

The Town of Woodbridge Human Services Department has a Medical Loan Closet for Woodbridge residents in need of medical equipment.

Currently there is a large selection of walkers of all sizes, commodes, shower chairs/seats, and tub grab bars.

If you are in need of any of these items, please call the Human Services Department at 203-389-3429 to

arrange a time to pick them up.

In addition, the department is currently asking for donations of gently used items such as wheelchairs, rolling walkers with seats, crutches and canes of all sizes.

You may drop off or pick up items at the Human Services office, located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge.



Youth Services News

Digital Photography Class Offered

This introductory class is for students who want to get the most out of their digital cameras and improve their skills.

Each week students will learn a fun, new technique and bring home their creations. These will include: Painting with Light through Photos, Double Exposures, Zany Photos Using Angles, Strange Portraits, Weird Pictures Using Perspective, and Op-Art Photography with Bub-

bles. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Class runs from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., March 16 - April 27 (no class April 13th) in the Amity Middle School-Bethany Computer Lab. Fee is \$60 in advance, and a digital camera is required.

To register, or for more information, contact Youth Services (203-389-3429; Youthone@woodbridgect.org).

Award Nominees Sought

The annual First Selectman's Youth Award will be presented to a deserving young Woodbridge resident who has made a significant contribution to a Woodbridge community member, organization, or the town.

The award will be presented at the Human Services Annual Volunteer Tea on April 20.

Call 203-389-3429 for the nomination form or visit the Town website for Youth Services' announcements.

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, March 10, 2017.

Hip-Hop Dance and Pizza Party

On Friday, March 3 following school in the cafeteria from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., 7th and 8th grade Woodbridge and Bethany residents are invited to watch a demo and learn some fresh Hip-Hop moves!

Our dancer specializes in Hip-Hop and other urban dance forms, such as Break, Dancehall, and Hip-Hop Fusion. Join us to participate, or just hang out, watch and have pizza! The cost is \$5.00 and sign-up sheets will be available at

Amity Middle School-Bethany during lunchtime. E-mail Youthone@woodbridgect.org for information or to register. Space is limited so pre-registration is required.

Volunteers needed! Parents, grandparents, college students, and high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to help. It's a great way to support our young teens and create a safe, fun way to meet friends. Please call 203-389-3429 for more information and to register.

A semi-formal dance for Woodbridge and Bethany 7th and 8th grade students is coming in April.
Stay tuned for details!

Recreation News

Spring Programming Sign Ups

It is time to register for Woodbridge Recreation spring programs. Most programs begin the week of March 27.

For registration information contact Woodbridge Recreation at 203-389-3446, or register online at www.woodbridgect.org. Click on the "Recreation Registration" button or navigate to the Recreation page.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

- **BASKETBALL:** Tue., Grades k-2; 3/2-5/30
- **BASKETBALL:** Thu., Grades 3-6; 3/30-6/1
- **BOWLING:** Mon., Grades K-6; 3/27-5/22
- **BRICKS4KIDZ:** Fri., Grades K-6; 3/31-5/26
- **COOKING:** Mon., Grades 3-6; 4/3-5/29
- **FLAG FOOTBALL:** Wed., Grades 3-6; 3/29-5/24
- **GYMNASTICS:** Sat., Grades PreK-6; 4/1-5/27
- **HIP HOP DANCE:** Fri.,; Ages 5-12; 3/31-5/26
- **KIDS DIG FARMS @MASSARO COMMUNITY FARM:** Mon., Ages 9-12; 3/27-5/22
- **KUMON (choose math or reading):** Mon., Grades K-6; 3/27-5/22

- **LITTLE SCIENTISTS:** Tue., Grades K-5; 3/28-5/30
- **MOVENASTICS:** Thu., Grades K-6; 3/30-6/1
- **PIANO:** Wed., Grades K-6; 3/29-5/24
- **RUNNING CLUB:** Mon., Wed., & Fri., Grades 3-6; 4/17-6/2
- **STICKBALL:** Fri., Grades 3-6; 3/31-5/26
- **SWIM LESSONS:** Tue. & Thu. or Sat., Age 3 - Grade 6; 3/28-5/27
- **TENNIS:** Mon. or Sat., Grades K-6; 4/17-5/22
- **TAEKWONDO:** Mon. or Wed., Grades K-6; 3/27-5/22
- **WORLD DANCE:** Tue., Grades K-6; 3/29-5/24

ADULT PROGRAMMING

- **BADMINTON:** Wed., ongoing thru 4/26
- **T'AI- CHI:** Wed., 2/15-4/26
- **YOGA:** Gentle with Diane King, Mon. or Wed., 3/6-4/26
- **YOGA:** with Bill Banick, Daily a.m., Tue., or Thu. Evening; 3/1-5/31

Summer Camp Registration Begins April 3

Beginning on Monday, March 27, Recreation will take registration for summer camp volunteer positions, Counselors in Training and Volunteers, for those who were enrolled in summer camp last year.

Counselors in Training (CIT) is for summer camp students entering 9th grade; Volunteers are for students entering 10th grade who have completed CIT.

Completing CIT does not guarantee a Volunteer position. After a student has completed both trainings they are eligi-

ble to be a paid Camp Counselor.

Open registration will begin on Monday, April 3 for any remaining spots. Online registration is not available for these programs. Students enrolling in CIT will pay the regular 6-week camp fee; Volunteers do not pay.

Summer camp will run from Monday, June 26 through Friday August 4. Registration for summer camp attendees will begin on Monday, April 3.



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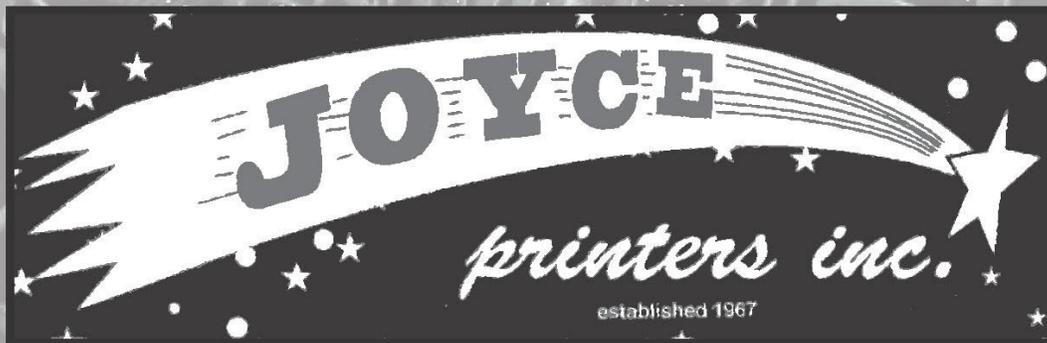
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