



News and Events

June 2017

The Town of Woodbridge: Values We Share

During my years as your First Selectman I have learned a great deal about our Town. We have our areas of disagreement, but more important are our shared values.

We Celebrate Our History. Woodbridge was founded in 1784 and our active Historical Society helps us learn about our past through preservation of the Darling House and related activities. We also continue the Town Meeting form of government, where residents have the opportunity to meet in person to review and vote on the Town budget.

We Welcome Our Growing Diversity. According to DataHaven, 17% of our residents are foreign born. Students at Beecher Road School come from several countries including Mexico, Russia, Albania, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Switzerland, Tanzania, Guatemala, England, Japan, Kenya and South Korea.

We Applaud the Spirit of Volunteerism. Woodbridge residents are community minded. More than a hundred residents volunteer to serve on our boards and commissions. Our Town could not function without them.

We Value Education. Budgets are policy documents that

reflects our values and 60% of our budget goes to education. Of course, education doesn't only happen in our schools – our Town Library offers enriching, educational programming. Woodbridge has a higher proportion of residents with college degrees than most CT towns.

We Believe in Science and Protect the Natural Environment. Our commitment to clean energy can be seen in our highly successful solar campaign, the recent energy efficiency renovations at Beecher Road School, and our Town Center Microgrid, currently under construction. We are dedicated stewards of the land, with organic land care requirements and preservation of 25% of our land as protected open space and another 12% maintained as open land.

We have so much to be grateful for as residents of Woodbridge and I thank you for having given me the honor of serving as your First Selectman.

—Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman



Save the date! The swearing-in ceremony for newly elected officials will be June 29

Person of the Month

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar named Building Maintenance Foreman Brad Parsons the May Person of the Month.



sons has been readying the Country Club of Woodbridge pool for the public. "If you are a pool member please thank Brad," said

The Building Maintenance Foreman is responsible for much of the behind-the-scenes work required to keep Town buildings running smoothly. Recently Par-

First Selectman Scalettar. "Opening the pool this year would not be possible without Brad's hard work and creative problem solving." For the full story, visit the Town's website.

Solar Installed at Library

A free 5kW solar array was installed at the Woodbridge Town Library.

The solar panels were earned thanks to the success of the Woodbridge Solar Challenge.

The Town's Ad Hoc Energy Advisory Task Force, in partnership with CT Solar Challenge and vendor Aegis

Solar, sponsored the Woodbridge Solar Challenge which offered discount pricing on solar



Left to right: Library director Eric Werthmann, Aegis Solar CEO Chris Lenda, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Task Force chair Lisa Connor and CT Solar Challenge executive director Maggie Treichel.

to Woodbridge residents.

For the full story, visit the Town's website.



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June is Dog License Month

Please register your dog(s) with the Town Clerk's Office June 1 to 30 to receive a new license. The cost is \$8.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$19.00 for non-spay or neutered dogs. Dogs must have a current rabies certificate.

For additional information, call the Town Clerk's Office at 203-389-3422 or 3424.

Home Businesses Flourish

First Selectman Ellen Scalett visited Sweet Seidners and Susan Lettelleir's Beautycounter, two Woodbridge-based businesses.

"In Woodbridge we have so many entrepreneurs with home-based businesses," said Scalett. "It is always my hope that home-based businesses are able to flourish and out-grow their home office."

Sweet Seidners bakes made-to-order cookies and treats in a certified kosher kitchen and ships anywhere in the US via USPS Priority Mail so cookies arrive in two business days. Because preservatives are not used, cookies are generally baked and shipped the same day.

Jodi Seidner always dreamed of having her own bakery. About six years ago, Seidner sent her niece at college two dozen cookies every month for a year. It became her go-to graduation gift for students heading off to college.

Seidner offers 14 varieties of baked goods including cookie bars and specialty treats. Visit SweetSeidners.com to order. Her

cookies are also for sale at The Write Approach on 245 Amity Road in Woodbridge and the Town Library farmers' market.



While pregnant Susan Lettelleir was shopping for sunscreen and "I realized that what I put on my body is as important as what I put in my body."

Beauty counter is a skincare line. The company lobbies Congress to "clean up" cosmetics. Beautycounter has a list of 1,500 chemicals that it will never use in its products despite their legality.

Products include cleansers, masks, makeup, sunscreen, moisturizers and more. Lettelleir sells the products through small gatherings. A host will invite guests to a party where Lettelleir explains the company's mission and has guests test products.

For more information, visit beautycounter.com/susanlettelleir.

Taxes Due July 1

It's tax time again. Residents and business owners will receive tax bills in early July.

Real estate and personal property taxes **over \$100** are due in two installments, July 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018. Any tax amount **\$100 or less** and **all** motor vehicles taxes are to be paid in one single installment on July 1, 2017. Unpaid taxes become delinquent on August 2, 2017 and interest will be assessed at the rate of 1.5% per month from the

due date. Minimum interest charge is \$2.

The Tax Office will be open: Mon. through Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sat., July 29, 9 am - noon; Tue., Aug. 1, 8:30 am - 7: pm.

For a receipt, bring the entire bill if paying in person or enclose your check, with the entire bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope for mail payments.

Credit card payments may be made online (not at the Tax Office) and a fee is involved.

Farmers' Market Change & New Outdoor Movies

The Woodbridge Town Library Farmers' Market is moving this summer.

The Farmers' Market will run on Tuesdays from 5:30 – 8 pm on the Town Green before and during the Town's concert series.

Opening day however will be Thursday, July 6 from 5:30-8pm to coincide



with the opening concert date (and to avoid July 4).

The market will continue on Tuesdays in August during a new outdoor movie series hosted by the Library.

Upcoming Events

Please register for these upcoming Events by calling the Circulation Desk at 203-389-3433 or registering online at woodbridge.lioninc.org

* Thursday, June 1 at 7 pm: **Wine Tasting with Savino Vineyards.** Savino Vineyards is a small, family owned and operated vineyard located 106 meters above sea level in the beautiful town of Woodbridge that grows premium vitis vinifera grapes and American hybrids to produce unique tasting red and white wines.

* Tuesday, June 20 at 7 pm: **Maximizing Your Retirement in a Post-Election World.** Rebecca Miller of American Prosperity Group will present a bipartisan post-election workshop that identifies retirement risks and discusses how to manage those risks.

* Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm: **Cutting and Ar-**

ranging From Your Garden. Donna Rapino of Diva Fiore will show you how to use what you have in your garden to create beautiful flower arrangements.

* Tuesday, June 27 at 11 am: Join the **Senior Book Group** to discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall. Extra copies are available at the Adult Services Desk.

* Tuesday, June 27 at 7 pm: **The Perfect Picnic With The Conscious Cook.** Summer is the perfect time for a picnic. The Conscious Cook, Robin Glowa, will feature delicious dishes with a healthy twist.

* Thursday, June 29 at 6 pm: **Social Security Workshop.** David Cowan from Legacy Retirement Group will teach you important information about the benefits of Social Security and when and how to elect to receive it.

Peeps at the Library Contest Winners

The Library's third annual *Peeps in the Library* contest ran from late March through the end of April.

Participants made dioramas of their favorite book or movie using Peeps as characters. Completed dioramas were displayed throughout April and Library patrons voted on their favorites.

Peeps of La La Land by Coachman Square at Woodbridge won in the Adult Category (bottom photo).

Peepalicious by Alison McMillan (top, pictured with sister Molly) tied with *Emoji Peeps* by Mackenzie and Matthew Rowland for the Children category.

Peep Pan by the Onofrey Family won the Family Category (pictured right).



2017 Summer Programs for Children

Reading Together

Reading Together is for grades K-3. This is our fourth season. There will be four sessions this summer on Wednesdays at 5 pm - July 12, July 19, August 9 and August 16.



Trained teens (grades 9-12) will be on hand with specially selected stories to engage children in conversation about the stories they read. Sign up for as many sessions as your schedule permits and join the fun!

Online registration opens June 14.

**Teens: register now for training on June 21 or 28!

Check the Library website, woodbridge.lioninc.org for more info.

June Maker Programs

- Lego Engineering June 3
- Strawbees Building June 15
- Coding Class June 17
- Cartooning Class June 19
- Beach Bag Challenge June 22

Registration required. Details are on the Library's website.

News and Tips from the Children's Department

Author and literacy specialist Mem Fox writes, "When I say to a parent, "read to a child," I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate

Whether your children love to read or need a little encouragement, we have a wealth of resources to keep them engaged during the vacation months.

The Summer Reading Program

and Reading Together help children maintain and improve skills when school is not in session.

Your free library card is the best value in town! Stop by for books and movies, free museum passes, family programs and more.

July and August hours are: Mon. to Thu., 10 am - 8 pm; Fri., 10 am - 5 pm. In September, Saturday hours will resume.

Build a Better World

The Build a Better World Summer Reading Program will run from June 15 through Aug. 18. This program is for readers in Grades K-6.

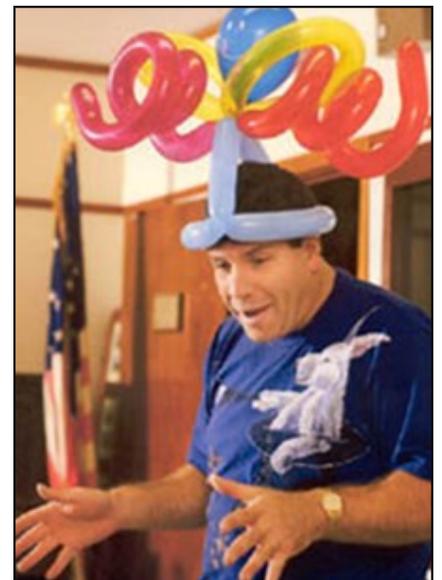
Grab your library card and check out some books. Stop by for your free Bookopoly Game Board! Complete the game and win a free book while supplies last.

Children's Programming at the Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market opening day is July 6, 2017 on the Woodbridge Town Green! After Thursday July 6, markets will be held on Tuesdays in July and August to coincide with the summer concert and summer movie series.

At each farmers' market there will be children's activities. On July 6 there will be free balloon animals by Ed Popielarczyk from 5:30-8pm

Upcoming programs include: Storycraft, Face Painting, Circle K Petting Zoo, Stilt Walking and Bending Gravity.



From the Director

The Woodbridge Center begins its 41st year with a new name and expanded programming. I'm so pleased to be starting a second year as its director to continue the growth of the past year.

The Center now offers exercise 5 days each week as well as community building programs highlighting health, wellness, arts, recreation, entertainment and education.

The Center's reach is expanding to provide more options to its members and attract new residents to our community. Volunteers are welcome as are ideas for new programs.

The Woodbridge Center is a vibrant combination of fitness and wellness coaching, an arts center, a volunteering headquarters, a transportation hub, and a tasty dining location. Come see for yourself!

For more information about activities at the Center or to RSVP for programming please call 203-389-3430 or email jglicksman@woodbridgect.org.

June Lunch Menu

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

- 6/2 Stuffed red peppers with mashed potatoes
- 6/6 Baked tilapia with rice pilaf
- 6/9 Salad plate with grilled chicken
- 6/13 Stuffed chicken breast
- 6/16 **Father's Day**- BBQ pulled pork & root beer floats
- 6/20 Chicken cacciatore over whole wheat pasta
- 6/23 Pan seared shrimp over zoodles (squash noodles)
- 6/27 Cupcake decorating 11-12! Stuffed cabbage with potatoes
- 6/30 **Independence Day BBQ**

Special Programming

To RSVP or for more information, call 203-389-3430 or email jglicksman@woodbridgect.org

and reservations are requested.

June 19 - **Lunch Bunch!** Join in for lunch with friends by the water at



In May Lunch Bunch visited Crave in Ansonia; this month Lunch Bunch is at Dockside Restaurant in Branford.

Dockside Restaurant in Branford. Transportation is provided by the Center van (\$3) or meet us there. Reservations required. Participants self-pay at the restaurant.

June 20 – **Jeopardy Program** with Bobbi Kulas, Care Coordinator at Grand Care Companions in Nau-

gatuck. This exciting program will run from 11am to noon and will stimulate those participating to a challenging and fun game! Please reserve your spot in the game.

June 22 - **Art of Aging** closing reception 1-3 pm; winners of the exhibit will be announced. The Center van will drive to this event. Call to reserve your seat.

June 23 - Dr. Susann Veranno, Geriatrician at Hamden Health and Rehab Center, will discuss **“What is Normal Aging”** during the lunch program at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15, reservations are requested.

June 27 - **Independence Day** cupcake decorating 11am to noon. This free event is sponsored by New England Young at Heart. The lunch program begins at 12:15 and includes **entertainment** with Larry Batter at 12:30 pm.

June 5 - Come for a tour of **Energize CT** in North Haven and learn ways to cut monthly energy costs. Transportation and lunch will be provided for free. Van leaves Senior Center at 11 am, reservations required and space is limited.

June 6, 13 - **Adult Coloring**, taught by Woodbridge resident Fred Solomon, from 11 am to noon in the Woodbridge Center Lounge. Materials will be provided. Coloring books with mosaic designs, flowers and animals will be featured.

June 6 - Local expert Lorri Cavaliere, of *A Family Affair*, will present a program on **“Decluttering Your Home”** at 12:15 pm. This valuable program is offered free of charge during the lunch program. Lunch is \$3 and reservations are requested.

June 7 - Evening Program! The VNA will present **“Dementia, Dealing with Challenging Behaviors”** in the Center Lounge from 6-7 pm. Join us for an informative and helpful program.

June 13 - Lunch program **Entertainment** with John Paolillo at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15

Ongoing Programming

New! The Center will be offering a new card game on Tuesdays from 1:15-3:15 pm. The game is called “Captain” and is a multi-player Gin Rummy game. For those who don’t know how to play, there will be instruction. Please call for details and to express interest.

New! Starting on June 2 – Stay healthy, meet new friends, and enjoy one of Woodbridge’s best walking locations! Walk the cornfield loop at the Fitzgerald Property at a moderate or gentle pace on Friday mornings. The walking group will meet at the parking area on Beecher Road and leave promptly at 9:30 am. To join, call 203-389-3403 or email Judi Young at rsocialworker@Woodbridgect.org. The walk will be cancelled for weather conditions which may make walking unpleasant such as strong winds, heavy rain, mud, and cold temperatures.

Pickleball: Meets Fridays in the Center Gym for group play from 2-3:30 pm. Self-scheduled hours are available for those who have paid annual fee of \$20. Interested players can make arrangements with other players and drop in from 12:30 pm - 2:15 pm Monday thru Thursday. On Fridays the space is available from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm. The equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

Exercise with Laurie: Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Center Gym from 10-11 am. No need to sign up – just pay a drop in fee of \$2 and stay for a great workout! Exercise class includes a combination of strength training, cardio, flexibility and balance.

Book Club: The book club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 11 am at the Library. The next meeting is June 27.

This month’s book is *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. A *New York Times* Best Seller: World War II historical fiction.

Art Class: Begins anew on June 7 and will run 10 weeks on Wednesdays from 10 am until noon in the Center Café. The class, taught by local artist Graham Dale, is just \$60 and participants are asked to bring their own supplies. For a list of supplies and to register contact the Center.

Friday Movies: Following lunch in the Senior Center Lounge at 1 pm: 6/2 *Lion*, 6/9 *The Space Between Us*, 6/16 *The Sense of An Ending*, 6/23 *The Last Word*, Favorite Film Friday 6/30 *Chicago*

VNA Blood Pressure Screenings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, blood pressure screenings, weight and conversation with a registered nurse.

Duplicate Bridge: Mondays, 9:30 am, Center Café.

Bridge: The Center’s Wednesday bridge group invites new members! Join the group for a friendly game of cards. No reservations necessary– just come down to the Center Lounge at 1 pm.

Pinochle: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 1-4 pm, Center Lounge.

Mah-jong: Mondays and Fridays, 10 am, Center Building-room 11.

40th Anniversary Celebrated!



The Senior Center celebrated its 40th Anniversary! Two well-attended, festive events were enjoyed by approximately 170 people. The celebration included music by the Humble Bees during the luncheon and the Pierce Campbell Jazz Trio during dinner.

According to Center Director Jeanette Glicksman, “Part of our purpose for gathering this week to acknowledge this milestone is to recommit to the resources first assembled in this space 40 years ago. As we look to the next 40 years, the need for its services are greater than ever.”

Job Training Workshops

Red Cross Babysitter Training

The Red Cross training course helps students, ages 12 to 17, become reliable babysitters.

The two day training will be held June 29 and June 30, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, at the Woodbridge Town Library Meeting Room. To receive a certificate, both days must be attended.

The course fee is \$60 (sibling discounts available) payable in advance to Woodbridge Youth Services. Students receive a Babysitter Handbook, DVD and daily snack and should bring lunch.

Please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429 to register as space is limited. Non-residents will be placed on a wait list.



Job Readiness

High school and college students are invited to attend the two-day Job Readiness Workshop at the Amity High School, July 10 & 11, 10 am – noon.

Preparation for work (part or full-time) is the focus of this workshop. Students will work through a job application, experience the interview process and complete a resume to take home on a flash drive.

An AT&T grant made course funding possible. A \$10 course fee includes flash drive, workbook, and materials. Register online at Amity Adult and Continuing Education, amityadulted.ce.eleyo.com.

Save the Date: 7th Grade Picnic



Woodbridge and Bethany incoming 7th grade students are invited to a picnic on the Woodbridge Town Green, Aug. 24, 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Meet friends to enjoy pizza, music, games and an inflatable. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter.

Recreation News

For more information, call Recreation at 203-389-3446. Registration is available online at woodbridgect.org

CCW Pool Open

The Country Club of Woodbridge Pool memberships are now on sale. Ladonna Reynolds, the new Pool Director, is looking forward to the season along with Robert Klinger, the food vendor returning from last season.



Through June 18, the pool will be open week-ends. Starting June 19, pool hours are 10:30 am to 8 pm through Labor Day.

Memberships are available online through the Town website or through the Recreation Office.

Resident memberships are: \$330, single; \$550, couples; \$770, family.

Non Resident memberships are: \$550, single; \$660 couples; \$990 family.

Discounts are available for single and couple memberships: ages 60-65, 10% discount; over 65, 20% discount.

The Town would like to thank Brad Parsons, Bob Hauser and Carlos Torres for working so hard to have the pool ready for residents to enjoy this summer.

Summer Camp Options

Basketball

Amity Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach Mike Brady will lead camp July 17 to 21, 1 - 4 pm.

Campers will practice basic fundamentals and drills used by the Amity team and partake in organized games and competitions.

The camp is for students ages 8 to 14 and costs \$175.

Little Scientist

Science camps are offered to Kindergarten to 5th graders for four weeks with a different science theme each week. Campers may participate one week or all four weeks.

Camp runs 1:30 - 4 pm each of the following weeks:

June 26 to 30; July 3 to 7 (no class July 4); July 10 to 14; July 31 to Aug. 4.

Call the Recreation Dept. for science topics offered.

Massaro Farm

Camp is led by experienced environmental educators and special guests. Campers, ages 5 to 10, explore the natural world and experience a working vegetable farm. Activities include: caring for and tasting from their "Learning Garden", exploring woods and wetlands, natural crafts, and healthy snacks. Camp is 9 am - noon, Aug. 7 - 11 and Aug. 14 - 18. Cost is \$150 per child, per week.

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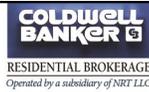


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