



Radio System Upgrade Moving Forward

First Selectman's Column

I'm pleased to report recent progress on efforts to upgrade the Town's Public Safety Radio System and would like to keep you apprised of the next steps we plan to take.

As I described in my last column, the time has come to re-invest in this vital infrastructure. The current Radio System was installed in 2003 and at that time had an expected lifespan of 12- to 15-years. Due to the age of the equipment and shortage of replacement parts, the unreliability of the current system makes the upgrade a high priority. A Public Safety Simulcast Radio System consists of towers throughout town and a console that is used to send the data to these towers. It does not include the radios themselves – our current Police, Fire and EMS portable radio devices will continue to operate with a new Radio System.

The Boards of Selectmen and Finance met jointly on November 8th to receive a detailed presentation on the recommended Radio System replacement. I want to thank our



two Chiefs, Police Chief Frank Cappiello and Fire Chief Sean Rowland, for their work in putting together a very informative overview of where we stand today and why this upgrade is crucial to ensure the continuance of our Town's vital public safety services.

The aim of the upgrade will be to increase the coverage and reliability of the system as well as to improve the interoperability

between Police, Fire, and EMS – and to bring Public Works employees into the same system as well. The improved interoperability between all departments will be critical in all kinds of emergency conditions, including the increasingly occurring extreme weather conditions we face.

Following the presentation of the proposed Radio System, Town Administrative Officer Tony Genovese presented detailed financial data regarding the Town's current bonded debt and expected future obligations. This information enabled Board members to see how the Radio System upgrade project will fit into our long-term financial picture.

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Upcoming Holiday Activities and Fire Prevention Tips

Santa & Mrs. Claus

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Assoc. (WVFA) will host Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Firehouse from 12 to 3 pm on Sat., Dec. 16. The event is free and everyone is welcome. Bring your camera to capture the moment! Children may send a letter to Santa at santa@woodbridgefire.com.

Car seat technicians will be on hand to install car seats by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 203-389-3441

Toy Drive

The WVFA is collecting toys for the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Toy Closet through Dec. 16. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Woodbridge Fire Department lobby (100 Center Road) Mon. through Fri., 8 am - 4 pm. Toys and gifts for all ages are needed (newborn through adolescent). Used and plush toys cannot be



accepted due to infection control policies.

Winter Holiday Safety

- Choose flame resistant or retardant holiday decorations.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that burns. Blow out lit candles when leaving a room or going to bed.
- Turn off light strings and decorations before leaving home and at the end of

each evening.

- If you put up a Christmas tree, be sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, candles, radiators, heat vents or lights. Water cut trees daily.
- Heat your home safely. Keep anything that can burn 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.

For more information on these events and winter safety visit www.woodbridgefire.com and www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire.



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Members of the two Boards asked some important questions and the answers we received helped to clarify the situation and bring the group to consensus by the conclusion of the meeting. Both presentations as well as the question and answer session that followed were recorded by our Government Access cameras and are available for the public to view online at the Town website (woodbridgect.org).

A Special Town Meeting will take place on Tues., Dec. 5th at 7:30 pm in the Center Gym, 4 Meetinghouse Lane. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider and act upon a funding request for improvements to the Radio System. Details about this

meeting are available on the Town website, woodbridgect.org.

As I have said, I believe it is vital that we see this project through to a funding decision as soon as possible and I deeply appreciate the cooperation and spirit of collegiality we are experiencing as we work together to invest in our public safety infrastructure.

As town residents, this Radio System upgrade is about you and your safety. I am available to answer any question you may have about this project – please contact me by phone at Town Hall, 203-389-3401, or by email to bheller@woodbridgect.org.

– Beth Heller, First Selectman

Energy Assistance Program

Appointments are being scheduled for the 2017 - 2018 Connecticut Energy Assistance Program administered by TEAM, Inc.

Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Woodbridge Human Services Dept., along with Judi Young, Senior Social Worker, are available to schedule appointments and provide information pertaining to the Energy Assistance Program. Please call 203-389-3429.

The following documentation must be submitted at the

appointment to verify income and assets:

- bank statements or pay stubs (last 4) **or** income verification from the individual's employer
- Social Security benefits notice
- Supplemental Security Income
- pension
- unemployment income
- alimony/child support
- interest and dividend income
- utility bill
- names, birth dates and social security numbers of all family members residing with the applicant

From the Tax Office

Although taxes are due January 1, 2018, they may be paid through February 1, 2018 without interest. The Tax Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with extended hours offered: Sat., January 27, 9 am - noon; Thurs., February 1, 8:30 am - 7 pm.

Credit card payments are accepted **online only** through the Town website, woodbridgect.org. Be sure to understand the processing fees before completing the credit card transaction. For tax questions, call the Tax Office at 203-389-3425.

Library Hours

Regular Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 am - 8 pm and Friday & Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. For the Christmas holiday, the Library will be closed Saturday, December 23 and Monday, December 25.

Regular hours resume Tuesday, December 26.

For the New Year holiday, the Library will be closed Monday, January 1. Regular hours resume Tuesday, January 2. In case of inclement weather, please check the library website for closures or delays or sign up for library e-news at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org.

Holiday Book Fair

The Friends of the Library will be selling some unusual books at a Holiday Book Fair, Saturday, December 2, 10 am - 2 pm.

The book fair will feature a small collection of unique books at special prices. The Friends received unusual donations and will price the books at higher than their usual rock-bottom prices. Included will be: leather-bound Franklin Library Classic Books, mint condition, gilt page edges, sewn-in ribbon book marks, \$15; lovingly collected, beautiful art books – from Edward Hopper to Jasper Johns – in pristine

condition, \$10/hardcover, \$5/paperback; a small number of graphic novels by popular author, Neil Gaiman, excellent condition, \$10; and a historical collection of psychology books from a local psychologist, good condition, hardcover and paperback, \$1/book.

Holiday books as well as all books in the Friends Bookstore Alley will be available at usual prices. Quantities are limited, so come early! The Friends are providing free gift wrapping.

Thursday Night Film Screenings at 7 pm

Dec. 7: *Beatriz at Dinner*

Dec. 14: *Home Again*

Dec. 21: *Dunkirk*

Dec. 28: *The Beguiled*

Upcoming Adult Events

The Annual Holiday Party with Robin Glowa, the Conscious Cook Tuesday, December 5 at 7 pm

Join us to celebrate the upcoming holidays! Learn to make a festive cocktail and satisfying hors d'oeuvres you will love to make for your friends and family. Please register. Space is very limited. Due to the alcoholic beverage provided, registration limited to those over 21 years of age.

Holiday Concert featuring the Suzuki Music School Wednesday, December 6 at 7 pm

Join the Suzuki Music School of Orange as they perform an array of holiday classics using instruments such as the violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp and more. Seasonal refreshments will be served. Please register online.

Getting There: Connecticut's Transportation Woes Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm

Getting "there," whether to work or school, is a daily hassle for millions of Connecticut residents. Whether by road or rail, finding dependable, affordable transportation in our state is a major problem. Join Jim Cameron to hear a commentary on transportation in our state. Please register.

Passport Fair with the United States Postal Service Saturday, January 27 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Postal service clerks will be at the library, opening a one-stop shop for applying or renewing passports. Fill out your paperwork and have your photo taken at the fair. No appointments needed; first come, first served.

Upcoming Children's Events

Crazy 8's Math Club

Saturday, December 9 at 2 pm (Grades K-2)

Tricks of the Eye: Learn to trick your eyes by making your own optical illusions! Make eye-catching patterns and discover the math behind why our eyes play tricks on us.

Please register online.

Mid December Crafternoon

Saturday, December 16 at 3 pm (Ages 4 and up, under 12 with adult)

Make a waterless snow globe, enjoy early winter stories and a snack too! Limited space and supplies. Please register online.

Skiing Snowman Craft

Tuesday, December 26 from 1-4:30 pm (Ages 3 and up)

Make an adorable skiing snowman using Styrofoam, felt, pipe cleaners, and more! Space limited. Please register online.

John Higby- The Amazing Yo-Yo Guy

Wednesday, December 27 at 2 pm (Ages 4 and up)

John Higby is Yo-yo Guy! He's performed in 26 countries and holds 4 Guinness World Records. Join the fun at our interactive performance with yo-yos, a unicycle and a giant yo-yo that John walks on!

Swinging Through the Stacks a Success!

The Woodbridge Town Library and The Friends of the Woodbridge Library would like to thank everyone who attended the Swinging Through the Stacks Mini-Golf event at the library! Attendees were able to play mini-golf on an 18-hole custom mini-golf course that wound its way throughout the building.

Local businesses and community organizations sponsored holes and decorated them to reflect their organizations. See a replica of the Darling House pictured right and created by the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society.

A special thanks to our sponsors, listed below, for helping to make our event such a success!



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Upcoming Tech Classes

Please bring your valid library card and all necessary device passwords to these programs.

I Just Got an E-Reader—Now What?

Wednesday, January 10 at 2:45 pm

Learn how to use and download e-books on your new device in this class. Please register online.

Learning Lynda.com

Wednesday, January 17 at 2:45 pm

Learn how to set up an account and get started on this e-learning platform. Lynda.com is available to Woodbridge residents only. Please register online.

Teen Tech

Wednesday, January 24 at 2:45 pm

Bring all of your tech questions to this session and we will pair you with a local teen tech wizard who will help you navigate through your issues.

Ongoing Children's Activities

Babies (0-18 months) Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am

Join us for songs rhymes, fun for little ones.

Storycraft (Ages 3-5) Saturdays, 11-11:30 am

Join us for a literature based program and art project!

Storycraft (Grades K-3) Mondays, 6:30-7:15 pm

(excludes the last Monday of the month)

Join us for a story or two followed by a mixed media craft.

Ready to Read (18-36 months) Thursdays, 10:30-11 am

Find out how talking, singing and reading build vocabulary and a love of books!

Eager Readers Book Group (Grades K-2)

Meets last Monday of every month, 6:30 pm

Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a copy of this month's book selection. Read the book at home and then stop by for a book discussion and craft.

Community Support Welcome

When we transition from Nov. to Dec. we slip from the 'season of giving thanks' to the 'season of giving.' With that in mind we'd like to extend thanks to all those who helped make the annual Harvest & Holly Fair a great community building success. Special recognition must be given to the outstanding Holiday Fair Chair Elaine Marcucio – we are grateful for her leadership. We appreciate the generosity of so many in our community: Beth & Allen Heller, Laticrete International, Inc., Coachman Square-Woodbridge, Woodbridge Rotary Club, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage-Woodbridge: Holli Shanbrom, Chris Lovejoy, Pat Cardozo, Harriet Cooper, Sheila Saltzman, April Stirling, Dahlia Coleman, and many businesses: *continued - page 6*

Dec. & Jan. Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tuesdays and Fridays at the Center Café 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.

- 12/1 **Holiday Luncheon** sponsored by the Rotary Club - RSVP required.
- 12/5 Stuffed peppers with potatoes
- 12/8 Pasta fagioli soup & meatball grinders
- 12/12 **Hanukkah treats!** Spinach alfredo with chicken
- 12/15 Seafood cannoli
- 12/19 **Gingerbread cookie making!** Meat loaf with sweet potato & vegetable
- 12/22 Eggplant rollatini
- 12/26 Closed
- 12/29 **New Year's Eve Bash!** Stuffed shrimp with rice & special treats
- 1/2 Garlic chicken, rice & vegetable
- 1/5 Eggplant parmesan with pasta
- 1/9 Linguini with clam sauce
- 1/12 Kielbasa, cabbage, noodles
- 1/16 Roast beef, mashed potatoes & veg.
- 1/19 Moussaka (eggplant casserole)
- 1/23 Meatballs & manicotti
- 1/26 Assorted sandwiches & soup
- 1/30 Shrimp stir-fry

Special Programming

Events are held at The Woodbridge Center unless otherwise noted. To RSVP or for more information, call 203-389-3430 or email jglicksman@woodbridgecenter.org

Dec. 1: Annual Holiday Luncheon seasonal feast sponsored by Woodbridge Rotary Club, 12:15 pm. RSVP required.



Dec. 2, Sat.: Center Art Exhibit & Reception,

Intergenerational program with Amity Middle School - Bethany

1-3:30 pm at the Library. Join us for wine & hors d'oeuvres. Exhibit continues throughout December.

Dec. 6: Money craft with Ellen McDonald, 2:30-4 pm. Learn an artistic way to give monetary gifts for the holidays! Please bring bills suitable for gifting. Eggnog & cookies will be served. RSVP required.

Dec. 12: Lunch entertainment with Ralph Sacco at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15 pm, reservations are requested.

Dec. 19: Gingerbread Cookie Decorating with New England Young at Heart, 11 am - noon.

Dec. 20: Coffee at 10 - Lecture Series: Genealogy Methodology with Sheila McCreven and Mary Ellen Lucuk in the lounge at 10 am. Please RSVP.

Dec. 21: Healthy Holiday Cooking Demo with Courtney Huggins sponsored by ShopRite, 1 pm. No cost, RSVP required by Dec. 14.

Dec. 25: Closed Christmas Day

Dec. 29: New Year Celebration! Lunch program entertainment with

John Paolillo at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15 pm, reservations are requested.

Jan. 9: Lunch entertainment with Jim Sheehan at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15 pm, reservations are requested.

Jan. 16: Gait and Balance Program, 12:30 pm, with Family Care Visiting Nurse Home Care Agency. Lunch

begins at 12:15 pm, reservations are preferred.

Jan. 23: Tea Party with New England Young at Heart, 1-2 pm in café. Join us for an informational program about healthy benefits of organic teas. Scones and biscotti will be served. The class is \$2 - please reserve your spot.

Jan. 24: Coffee at 10 - Lecture Series: Marijuana as Medicine with Southern CT Wellness and Healing Center—Milford Medical Marijuana Dispensary, 10 am.

Jan. 30: Lunch entertainment with Katie Devlin at 12:30 pm. Lunch begins at 12:15 pm, reservations are preferred.

Feb. 6: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program begins. VITA is a free tax preparation service available to low-income individuals, people who have a disability and those who speak limited English. Appointments are made through Human Services and the Woodbridge Center and are available Tuesdays, 9 am - noon, through April 11. Call for information on required documents.

Ongoing Programming

Pickleball: Meets Fridays in the Center Gym for group play, 12:30-3:30 pm. Paid annual members may arrange play times with other players through Doodle scheduling tool and drop in Mon. through Thu., 12:30-2:15 pm. Equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

Exercise with Laurie: No exercise classes throughout December. Class resumes Jan. 2. Workout includes a combination of strength training, cardio, flexibility and balance. Bring weights if you have them. Class is at the Center Gym, Tuesday and Thursday, 10-11 am. No need to sign up - just pay a drop in fee of \$2 and stay for a great workout!

Book Club: Book club meets Dec. 19 at the Town Library, 11 am. This month's book is *The Boat Rocker* by Hajim. The January book will be announced. New members are welcome. Stop by the Adult Services desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Friday Movies: Following lunch in the Center lounge at about 1 pm: 12/1 no movie, 12/8 *Logan Lucky*, 12/15 *Vice-roy's House*, 12/22 *Dunkirk*, 12/28 *Elf!* January movie titles will be announced in December.

Ask the Nurse: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11 am - 12:30 pm, blood pressure screenings, weight and conversation with a registered nurse from VNA Community Healthcare.



Holiday Fair Kid's Bake-off winners -
Olivia Brostrom and Gabi Kline

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: Mon., Wed., & Thu., 1-4 pm, Center lounge. The group is looking for new players and will bring rusty players up to speed!

Mah-jong: Mon. & Fri., 10 am, Center Building - Room 11.

Chair Kripalu Yoga: Meets Wed., 11 am - 12:15 pm, in the Center Gym. Register for class and pay \$50 fee for 12 weeks. The classes include seated exercises and simple standing poses using a chair. Class prorated for those joining late.

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Thai Stories, Sunflower Farm, Pio Salon, Red Barn, Cilantro, Amity Bowl, Bender Showrooms, Marjolaine Pastry Shop, Massaro Farm, Spectrum Salon, JCC of Greater N.H., Today's Clothing, Amity Garden Center, D'Aniello's Amity Bike, Wash & Wag Pet Grooming, Mio Salon, Planet Fitness, the Rinks at Shelton, Traditions Golf Club at Oak Lane, Bunny Village Child Development Center, People's United Bank, North Haven Insurance Group, Evan's Deli & Grocery, Restopedic, Country Companions Veterinary Services, Bethany Nursery Group, Billy's Old Fashioned Ice Cream, Robyn Reilly-New York Life, Maplewood at Orange, Marrakech Inc., Perrotti's, Quality Staffing Homemaker-Home Health Aid Agency, Seabury Care Now, Miya's Sushi Restaurant, Deli Delish, Planet Fitness, White Silo Farm & Winery, Wadsworth Museum, Stop & Shop, Blue Check Deli, Sam Ash Music Center, Olive Garden, Teddy B's, Woodbridge Social, Antonio's,

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Many thanks to wonderful volunteers, Town employees and local donors who made this event a great success: the Senior Craft Group, Janet Ciarleglio,

Susan Davidson, Mary Leigh Sabshin, Nancy Atwood, Hyla & Barry Vine, Tony Anastasio, Paula Cofrancesco, Emil Mattei, William Letsch and the Beecher Road School Brass Ensemble, Jen DiBlanda and the Amity Teen Center, Leo Club, Emily Killian, Amity Creative Theater Club, Teresa Diaz-Hennessey and the Amity Dance Team members, Ms. Toto and the AHS Photo students Grayson Barret-Carrington, Mallory Leite, Teresa Nakouzi and the Beecher Student Council, Connecticut College ConnArtists, Kay and Harry Tuttle, Richard Zambarano, Ruth Gibbons, Karen Chartoff, Frank Ciarleglio, Stephanie Ciarleglio, Betsy Quist, Gerry Shaw, Toni Belenski, Mel Lucuk, Ellen McDonald, Nancy Pfund, TechniArt, United Illuminating, New England Conservation Services, the Friends of the Library, Laurie Luce, Chris Sorenson, Carlos Torres, Anthony Berardesca and the many volunteers who helped on the day of the fair!

Holiday Giving

A Word of Thanks

Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 63 for organizing the local food drive to benefit the Woodbridge Food Pantry. These scouts, with assistance from Troop 907 and Venture Crew 913, collected bags of food from many generous Woodbridge residents. Human Services will now be able to provide food to families in need for several months. Ben Inclima and Coleen Inclima have worked with the Boy Scouts and Human Services to coordinate these efforts.

A note of gratitude to our many volunteers who worked to sort and shelve the donated food: John Alvarado, Annie Bogush, Armando Palma, Max Kruger, Alex Oleschuk, Sharon Culbertson, Kevin Li, Aoi Tischer, and members of the Cohen,



Drew, Kinton, Massbach, Miranda, Polinsky, Rolf, Shanbrom and Sklarz families.

Toys 4 Kids

Income eligible residents who need holiday toys for children 12 years of age and under should call Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 to set up an appointment to apply to TEAM, Inc. by December 15, 2017.

Job Bank

Wanted: Teens Who Desire Work for Cash...Need Holiday Money?



Woodbridge teens, ages 13-18, interested in occasional paid jobs for Woodbridge residents should call Youth Services at 203-389-3429. Typical jobs include snow shoveling, yard clean-up, raking, gardening, weeding, babysitting and animal care. Parent permission required.

The Job Bank conducts an interview, and matches residents with registered teens who gain experience and self-confidence while earning some money. It's a perfect opportunity for young people to learn responsibility with assistance from Youth Services.

Recreation News

For more information, call Recreation at 203-389-3446. Registration is available online at woodbridgect.org. Click Recreation Registration at the bottom of the Town website to register and view the lineup of program options.

2018 Pool Memberships



Membership registration for the Woodbridge Outdoor Pool is now taking place for the 2018 summer season beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day. Online registration is available at woodbridgect.org for the following memberships:

	Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$330	\$550
Couple	\$550	\$660
Family	\$770	\$990

Senior discounts are available for single and couple memberships:

- Ages 60-65 -10% discount
- Over 65 - 20% discount

Winter Program Registration

It is time to register for winter leagues and programs available through Woodbridge Recreation.

Sign up for one of the basketball leagues: Classic League for Grades 4 through 6; Junior High League for Grades 7 through 9; and High School League for grades 9 through 12. In conjunction with the JCC, a girls basketball league is available for Grades 2 through 6.

Other Winter programs include:

swim lessons, bowling, clay date, floor hockey, gymnastics, hip hop dance, indoor tennis, indoor soccer, Kumon, Little Scientists, piano lessons and Taekwondo.

Adult programs include badminton, yoga with instructor Diane King or Bill Banick and T'ai Chi.

Most programs begin the week of December 4. To register, call the Recreation Dept. or visit the Town website.

Summer Concert Performers

Musical acts interested in performing at the July 2018 Woodbridge Town Green Concert Series should contact the Recreation Department Office in December and January. Please send a CD, DVD or website link to Woodbridge Recreation Dept., 11 Meetinghouse

Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525. Past years' performers may send an email to reactivate your application.

If anyone would like to recommend an act for the summer concerts, please contact the Recreation Dept. at 203-389-3446 or email recreation@woodbridgect.org.

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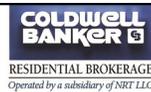


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Holiday Safety Tips from the Police Department

Happy Holidays from the Woodbridge Police Department!
While enjoying the upcoming holiday season, the Woodbridge Police Department offers some safety tips.

Holiday Driving

- Have fun, but celebrate responsibly!
- Whether guest or host, have a plan to prevent drinking and driving.
- Have a designated driver – follow this simple rule to ensure guests arrive home safely after a holiday party.
- Put that cellphone away – avoid distracted driving.
- Be sure everyone is buckled up and children are in properly installed car seats.
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, inclement weather and hazardous road conditions.

Away from Home during the Season

- Invest in automatic timers to have lights turn on and off at random times.
- Arrange for a trusted friend or neighbor to check your home and “keep an eye out.”
- Cancel newspaper and mail delivery, or arrange for pick up on a daily basis.



- Although excited about your holiday trip, it is not wise to advertise plans on social media such as Facebook.

Sending and Receiving Packages

- Insure your packages and request a signature upon delivery.
- Request tracking and delivery confirmation.
- If away, ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your packages.
- When sending a package, let the person you are sending it to know that it is coming and when to expect its arrival.
- Do not leave packages or gifts on the seat of your car – keep them out of sight in the trunk or move them inside the house.

Holiday Charity Scams

- Be suspicious of scammers who refuse to provide details of the mission of their organization, but pressure you to donate right away.
- Require proof that your donation is tax deductible.
- Do not send donations in cash or by wire transfer, or allow the caller to send a delivery person to pick up the donation.
- Protect yourself by doing research and giving only to trusted charities.