

Let's Grow Together

Welcome to the first edition of our newly re-established Woodbridge Town Newsletter. Being mindful of our budget, we are launching a smaller version, with ten issues a year mailed to every household in Woodbridge. We hope you find it helpful, and we welcome your feedback. Now, onto the news...

In my first eight months as your First Selectman, I focused on how we in Woodbridge can get things done.

Ensuring everyone has a voice in the process continues to be at the top of my list. From my colleagues on the Board of Selectmen and other Boards and Commissions to Woodbridge residents, businesses, and commercial property owners, my goal is to listen to all perspectives on how best to strengthen our community.

I am particularly excited that almost **650 residents** took the time to respond to the recent Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) survey. Its purpose was to help identify our community's views on housing, economic development, open space, and sustainability, and it will inform our planning over the next decade.

Our Town Planning and Zoning Commission and consultant will release the findings later this year, and I look forward to sharing what we have learned from your direct feedback.

A close second on my list of ways to make things happen is focusing on solutions to modernize and **foster growth** in our Town. Woodbridge has always been evolving—from forests to farms to single-family homes and a handful of businesses.



And now, our evolution must continue because it has to.

We must commit to growing our Town's commercial revenue so that we can sustain Town services. We must plan for housing that is accessible and affordable for our older adults looking to downsize and our young professionals just starting out.

I believe that together, as a community, we can and must lead this evolution. By listening to one another and sharing a commitment to action, we can, and we will position Woodbridge for a strong future.

As part of my initiative to improve communication and the accessibility of important Town information, I encourage residents to sign up to receive the **First Selectman Report** every month via email with updates and details on business development, schools, taxes, and the former country club property. Simply sign up on the First Selectman's page of the Town website.

I always welcome residents to contact my office at (203)389-3401 or MCardoza@WoodbridgeCT.org with any feedback, questions, or concerns.

I look forward to hearing from you, and working with you, as we build a **strong future for Woodbridge**.

I'd like to end by congratulating our **Beth-Wood 12U All Stars** on making it all the way to the Cal Ripkin World Series in Missouri to represent all of New England. We are all so proud of what the team has accomplished.

-First Selectman Mica Cardozo

Annual Living Treasure Event—September 25

The Human Services Dept. will hold the 6th annual Living Treasure Event on Sept. 25 at 5:30 pm at The Woodbridge Center. The 2024 award recipients are Susan Davidson, Beth Heller, and Tom Kenefick. The service commitments of these outstanding community volunteers include many Boards, Commissions, and private organizations within the Town.

This community-building event, which honors residents who have generously volunteered their time over many years,

also serves as a fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center. The event includes a silent auction, a ceremony, and a dinner provided by Lasse's Catering. Tickets are on sale through Sept. 18 in the Human Services Dept. For more event information including meal choices, tickets, and contributions call 203-389-3429. The Living Treasure Committee is currently accepting donations for the Silent Auction. Please contact Jeanette Glicksman at jglicksman@woodbridgeCT.org to contribute.

Mark Your Calendars!

- September 2 (Mon.):** Town Offices, Library, and Transfer Station will be closed in observance of Labor Day.
- September 25 (Wed.):** Annual Living Treasure Event, 5:30 pm. Details above.
- October 5 (Sat.):** Children's Fun Run, 9 am and 5k Road Race, 10:30 am. Details on page 3.
- October 5 (Sat.):** Woodbridge Like Me Day, 11 am - 2 pm. Details on page 2.

**** Fall Bulk Pick Up will take place in October and November. Details on page 2. ****

Town News

Fall Bulk Pick Up

The Department of Public Works is now accepting appointments for fall Bulk Pick Up. Call 203-389-3420 to schedule an appointment. There is a \$50 fee to be paid upfront for this service.

Bulk Pick Up will take place each Tuesday in October and November, and will be offered again in April and May. Residents are asked to limit use of this service to one time per year to allow everyone in the community to take

advantage of this program.

Items to be placed curbside will need to be provided when scheduling an appointment. Large household items that cannot fit in a car trunk such as large furniture, washing machines, dryers, gas grills, lawn mowers, carpeting, bed frames, and the like will be accepted. The disposal fee for freon based appliances (air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers) is included in the \$50 service charge.

Woodbridge Like Me Day—Oct. 5



Come celebrate the vibrant and diverse Woodbridge community at the **4th Annual Woodbridge Like Me Day** on Sat., Oct. 5 from 11 am - 2 pm on the Town Center Green. The event is hosted by the ad hoc Woodbridge Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and takes place following the 5k Road Race (see page 3).

This free community event features live cultural performances, local organizations, music, food trucks, and more. If inclement weather, the event will be held at Amity Regional High School located at 25 Newton Road.

To stay up to date on event performances and activities, go to Woodbridge Like Me on the ad hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion page found on the Town website.

Notices from the Assessor's Office

Motor Vehicle Appeals Notice

The Woodbridge Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) will meet at Town Hall on Tue., Sept. 17, and Fri., Sept. 20 from 6-9 pm, and Sat., Sept. 21 from 9 am - 12 pm to hear appeals relating to assessments on Motor Vehicles on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 2023. **Dates are subject to change.**

Anyone wishing to appeal assessments made by the Assessor on the Grand List must make an appeal to the Board. Applications can be obtained from the Assessor's Office or found online at woodbridgect.org on the Assessor's page under BAA. All evidence to present to the Board to substantiate an appeal must be attached to the application.

Applications are to be returned **no later than Mon., Sept. 9, 2024** to the Assessor's Office.

Notice to File Exemptions

Residents are reminded to file exemptions by the dates below.

- Veterans must file honorable discharge papers (DD-214) by **Sept. 30, 2024** with the Town Clerk's Office.
- Veterans with a disability rating from the VA must file paperwork with the Assessor's Office by **Sept. 30, 2024**.
- Certificates of Legal Blindness and Social Security Disability Certificates must be filed by **Sept. 30, 2024** with the Assessor's Office.
- Farms, Forest and Open Space Applications are available in the Assessor's Office and must be filed between **Sept. 1 through Oct. 30, 2024**.

For the above Notices, call 203-389-3416 with questions.

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Human Services

The Woodbridge Center

A few of the many offerings are listed below. For a full list, or for more info., call 203-389-3430, stop by The Center, or email kmoriarty@woodbridgect.org.

Tue. Lunch at The Center, 12-1 pm: Delicious 6" deli subs from Heritage Deli, a side and dessert - \$5 residents, \$6 non-residents. RSVP by noon on Mon.: **9/3** Italian w/ provolone, **9/10** turkey or tuna, **9/17** roast beef or egg salad, **9/24** BLT or walnut cranberry salad.

Coffee and Conversation with First Selectman Mica Cardozo: The First Selectman will be available the second Wed. of the month (Sept. 11, 9:30-10:30 am, The Center café) for coffee and casual conversation. Bring your questions, comments, and concerns to discuss. Please RSVP.

Annual Picnic sponsored by Coachman Square at Woodbridge: All (any

age) Woodbridge residents and Town employees are invited to attend this fun picnic in the Grove on Sept. 12 (rain date Sept. 17) from 12-1 pm. Enjoy live music while indulging in traditional summer barbecue foods. Please RSVP by Sept. 5.

Human Services

For information call: 203-389-3429

The Human Services Dept. will hold **vaccine clinics** on Sept. 27, Oct. 7, 27, and Nov. 1 at The Woodbridge Center. Vaccines available will be flu, COVID, RSV, Shingles, and Pneumovax. Call for information and an appointment.

The **Food Pantry** is in need of supplies. Please consider donating non-perishable food items.

Appointments are available for residents to apply for the **CT Energy Assistance program** administered by TEAM,

Inc. Income eligibility requirements must be met. Call the department social worker, Judi Young, at 203-389-3429.

Woodbridge Youth Services

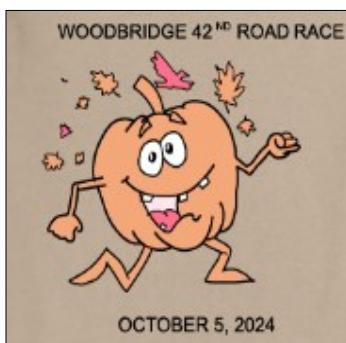
Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org, Facebook: Woodbridge Youth Services CT

Save The Date! Fri., Sept. 20!

Back To School Bash for Grades 7 & 8 Event will be from 7-9 pm at Amity Middle School-Bethany. Fun to include Hippo Chowdown inflatable, DJ, games, pizza, and raffle. Cost-\$10. Woodbridge and Bethany residents and AMSB students only. Adult and mature high school student volunteers needed. Donations of gift cards accepted for raffle.

Job Bank is open to teens who want to earn cash. Call to set up an interview. Residents may call for odd jobs.

Recreation 5k Road Race & Fun Run



Join the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. for its 42nd annual 5k Road Race and Children's Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Fun Run will begin 9 am at the Fitzgerald Cornfield. Go to the online Recreation Registration page on the Town website to register. The registration fee is \$20.

At 10:30 am, the 5k Road Race will take place at the Woodbridge Town Center. Pay \$40 to register on race day starting at 8 am. For a discounted fee of \$30, register before Sept. 21 via runsignup.com or scan the QR code to the right. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Woodbridge Resident Assistance Fund.

Enjoy the Woodbridge Like Me Day event from 11 am to 2 pm following the Road Race. See page 2 for details.



Library News & Events

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month! Do you have a library card? If not, it's a great time to get one! Woodbridge Town Library cardholders have access to:

- Discounted or free admission to a selection of museums with our Museum Passes
- Thousands of digital materials like ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and magazines through Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy
- Our Library of Things, a collection of nontraditional materials such as a metal detector, telescope, sewing machine, and more!

Without a card, you can still enjoy free



notary services, a seed exchange, and more!

If you lost your card, the library is offering a FREE replacement card for the month of September (normally \$2).

Join Ken Gloss: Rare Books Specialist, Wed. Sept. 4, 6-7:30 pm. Ken Gloss shares some of his favorite finds and the

joys of "the hunt" for rare books and manuscripts. Q&A session and appraisals to follow.

Two new grade school book clubs!

I Survived Book Club: Tue. Sept. 4, 6:30 pm. Chat about the book and enjoy an activity. Grades 3+.

Fairy Tale Book Club: Mon. Sept. 16, 6:30 pm. Discuss different adaptations.

Department Phones & Emails

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Children's Dept.: 203-389-3439

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General Info: 203-389-3433

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