



News and Events

February 2025

Dear Neighbors,

As we begin the new year, property revaluation understandably continues to be an area of focus for Woodbridge residents. Some residents have discussed their assessments with E-Quality, which performed our revaluations. There is still time and a formal process for those still seeking to appeal the new valuation. The Appeals article below details deadlines, requirements, and how to file an appeal.

While property values have increased significantly, it does not mean your tax bill will increase by the full amount of that value increase. The final impact on your property tax will depend on the overall tax rate and the budget decisions that will be made over the next several weeks.

To learn more about how we are developing our annual budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, I encourage you to attend the upcoming Capital & Operating Budget presentations at Town Hall. Town departments and our school leaders will present their proposed budgets on January 21, 23, 28, and 29 at 6 pm. You can watch them live, or after on WGATV. You can also find more information about our upcoming Budget Process on the Finance Department page of the website.



Critical to reducing the rate of growth in our property taxes going forward will be establishing new sources of revenue for Woodbridge. Recently, our TPZ amended text in our regulations related to opportunity housing here in Town. Opportunity housing allows for higher density in areas of Town that have access to public water and public sewer. By embracing opportunity housing, we make it possible for essential workers, young families, seniors, and others to stay within the community they love, close to work, schools, and essential services. It also promotes thoughtful growth by making efficient use of land and resources.

I recognize that change can be challenging, but it is essential if Woodbridge is going to remain a thriving, future-focused community. Together, we can work towards a **balanced and equitable** approach to housing that ensures the Town of Woodbridge remains a welcoming and vibrant place.

There is more to discuss on these and other happenings in our Town. I will provide more details in my upcoming eNewsletter. If you do not receive the eNewsletter, please visit the [First Selectman's page](#) to sign up.

~First Selectman Mica Cardozo

Board of Assessment Appeals Notice

The Woodbridge Board of Assessment Appeals will hold annual appeal meetings on:

- Tue., March 11, 6-9 pm
- Wed., March 12, 6-9 pm
- Wed., March 26, 6-9 pm

Meetings will be held to hear appeals relating to assessments for Real Property and Personal Property on the October 1, 2024 Grand List.

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 at woodbridgect.org. Original applications must be filled out and returned to the Assessor's Office **no later than 4:30 pm on February 20, 2025.** -continued on p. 2

Former CCW Master Plan Community Open House

The first Community Open House for the former Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW) Master Plan will take place Wed., Jan. 29 from 6-8 pm at The Center (4 Meetinghouse Lane).

Learn about the planning process, initial analysis findings, and provide feedback in a casual open house format. Representatives from the

Town and the planning consultants will be available to answer questions and hear your thoughts. Materials will be available online for those who are unable to attend in person.

To learn more and stay informed throughout the project, visit the Home Page of the Town website and click on [CCW Master Plan Updates](#).

An Important Message from the Woodbridge Police Department Regarding Your Mail

There has been a rash of mail thefts in our area. Business and personal checks, stolen from local mailboxes and USPS mailboxes, are being fraudulently altered and cashed for large sums of money. The Woodbridge PD, in collaboration with the United States Postal Inspector's Office, is actively investigating these offenses. Precaution measures that residents should follow are outlined on the [PD Press Release](#) located on the Police Department page on the Town website.

Mark Your Calendars

- Jan. 29 (Wed.):** Community Open House for former CCW Master Plan at The Center Café, 6-8 pm. (See details above.)
- Feb. 3 (Mon.):** Beecher Road School Community Workshop at BRS, 5:30-8 pm. (Details on page 2.)
- Feb. 4 (Tue.):** Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program begins & runs each Tuesday through Apr. 8 for qualifying residents. Call Human Services at 203-389-3429 for information and an appointment.
- Feb. 17 (Mon.):** Town Offices, Library & Transfer Station will be closed for President's Day.
- Feb. 20 (Thu.):** Deadline for Board of Assessment Appeals Applications. (See details above.)

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Beecher Road School Community Workshop

Join the **Beecher Road School (BRS) Community Workshop**, hosted by the Woodbridge School District and the BRS Infrastructure Upgrade Building Committee, to learn about project goals including capital needs, appropriate learning spaces, and responding to space concerns and population projections. **The workshop will take place on Mon., Feb. 3 with a building tour starting at 5:30 pm followed by a presentation and the opportunity to share ideas, feedback and priorities with committee members, architects, and planners.**

Woodbridge residents and business owners are encouraged to attend this important meeting and share in the community conversation.

For more details, go to [BRS Community Workshops](#) located under Community at the top of the Home Page on the Town website or email Maria Madonick at: MFedericoMadonick.Woodbridge@gmail.com.

Tax Relief Programs

Woodbridge residents may file applications for State and Town Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Programs by May 15, 2025 with the Town Assessor.

Eligible residents for State and Town Tax Relief Programs include individuals who:

1. turned age 65 on or before Dec. 31, 2024; 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 \$45,200 maximum for singles and \$55,100 maximum for married couples.
4. meet the Town program income limits (for single or married) of \$55,100 maximum to qualify for a \$1,400 Tier 1 credit and \$93,670 maximum for a \$1,120 Tier 2 credit.

Proof of 2024 income and Social Security earnings are required.

Tax relief is also available for veterans through a local veteran exemption offered through the Town. There is no age requirement and applications must be filed by Oct. 1, 2025.

To qualify, honorable discharge papers (DD-214) must have been filed with the Town Clerk's office by Sept. 30, 2024. The maximum income for this program is \$70,200 for a single person or \$80,100 for a married couple.

Applications for all programs will be mailed to residents who are presently on a program and need to refile.

Tax Relief Program details and applications are available on the [Assessor's page](#) of the Town website at woodbridgect.org or by calling 203-389-3416.

Applications may be filed with the Assessor's Office at Town Hall from Mon. through Fri. between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Board of Assessment Appeals Notice

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Persons filing proper applications shall be notified by March 1 of the day, time, and information relating to their appeal hearing.

You or a duly preauthorized representative must appear. (Written authorization and the representative's personal identification must be provided prior to the hearing.)

If appealing the assessed value of your property, you must include documents with your ap-

plication as evidence in support of your claim or an appraiser's analysis of your property value based on the Oct. 1, 2024 revaluation year comparable sales. Comparable sales are those of similar style, size and location and must be from the year ending Oct. 1, 2024.

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

Brain Health

Those 55+ may enjoy **Lunch & Learn: Habits for a Healthy Brain** at The Woodbridge Center from 12-1 pm on Thursday, February 6.

Just like the body, the brain requires care and attention to function optimally. This program will highlight lifestyle choices and practices that contribute to cognitive and overall well-being.

Join **Corrin Campbell from LiveWell** to learn brain fitness activities and lifestyle approaches to keep your brain healthy in this interactive presentation.

Healthy choices may delay the decline of abilities such as memory, and hand-eye coordination and can improve daily life. The complimentary lunch will be provided by **Amston Home Transition Solutions**. RSVP is required by Monday, February 3.

For programs, events, or information, call 203-389-3430.

American Red Cross Blood Drives Hosted by Human Services

Last year, the American Red Cross declared a national emergency due to the shortage of blood. They continue to see the lowest number of people giving blood in the last 20 years. There's been a 40% decrease in the number of people donating. Let's correct that in 2025!

Make an appointment to donate blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on January 31 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Center Building gym. Scan the QR code to make your appointment today! For assistance call 203-389-3429. Future dates for Woodbridge Human Services' Blood Drives include April 28 and September 15.



Valentine's Day Sweet Treats Party

Students in 7th & 8th grade are invited to the Valentine's Day Sweet Treats cupcake and cookie decorating party hosted by Woodbridge Youth Services to take place Feb. 11 from 2:30- 4 pm at Amity Middle School-West Cafeteria. Create fun Valentine's Day confections with friends. Permission form and ad-

vance payment of \$20 is required. Call Youth Services at 203-389-3429, or email youthone@woodbridgect.org.

Job Bank: Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire students for babysitting, light housework, animal care, tutoring, tech assistance and more!

Recreation Trips & Safety Update

Ice Skating – Sports Center of Connecticut

Join the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. on Tue., Feb. 18 for a fun-filled day ice skating at the Sports Center of Connecticut in Shelton.

Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling Trip

The Recreation Dept. will be visiting the Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling Alley on Thu., Feb. 20 for a spectacular day of bowling.

Both trips are open to students in grades 3-8 and cost \$35 per child per trip. Buses depart from and return to Beecher Road School South. Scan the QR code for more details



School Property Safety Update

We know that many Town residents enjoy using our Beecher Road School and Amity Regional High School properties to walk their dogs, exercise, explore nature, and other recreational activities.

Please keep in mind that for the safety and security of our learners, these activities are limited to times when the schools are not in session. For Beecher Road School, this includes the Extended Day program which runs until 6 pm.

Library Events

When was the last time you took your child to the library? No matter how long it's been, the library is offering you a great reason to stop by! Saturday, Feb. 1 is the fourteenth annual Take Your Child to the Library Day, an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Launched in 2011 by two Connecticut librarians with artist Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, Take Your Child to the Library Day raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families.

The Woodbridge Town Library is cel-



brating this special day with a fun activity for the whole family!

Join us at **2 pm on Feb. 1 for Drumming About You**. Presented by Bob Bloom, this 45 minute program is

melodic, joyous, play-based learning activities designed to engage students to work and socialize together. Plus everyone gets their own drum to play! Registration is required. Ages 3 and up are welcome.

Can't make the program? You can still celebrate with us! We'll also be handing out fun giveaways for everyone who visits the library that day.

Department Phones & Emails

Adult Services: 203-389-3434

wbrstaff@lioninc.org

Children's Dept.: 203-389-3439

childrensprogram@lioninc.org

General Info: 203-389-3433

askus@woodbridgetownlibrary.org

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