

Open Communities Litigation Update

Dear Neighbors,

As many of you are aware the Town was sued by the Open Communities Trust LLC and other Plaintiffs about affordable housing. I'd like to provide an update on that litigation.

The action, which was commenced in August 2022, seeks 20 separate types of relief which include:

- Changing Town zoning regulations to permit multifamily units on all residential properties,
- Requiring the Town to expand its public water and sewer services,
- Making Town owned land available for affordable housing developments, and
- Requiring the Town to provide funding for the advancement of affordable housing.

The Town denies that it has violated any state laws and through engaged counsel we have and will continue to defend against the claims.

It was recently suggested that the Town has failed to comply with discovery requirements in the case. The entire discovery process has been supervised by the Superior Court, and the Town is in compliance with the parameters set by the Court.

The Town has not caused any improper delay in the discovery process. The Plaintiffs have served comprehensive dis-



covery requests on the Town including written interrogatories, requests for production of documents, requests for admissions, and requests for electronic searches of email and text messages.

The electronic searches include multiple key words and are directed to the Town, current officials, and various former elected and appointed officials involved in zoning and housing going back years.

The Town has been transparent throughout the process, and its attorneys have spent hundreds of hours responding to the discovery requests, and to date have produced over 45,000 pages of documents.

As previously noted, the Superior Court has supervised the discovery process and the Town is in compliance with the parameters set by the Court. We expect the current phase of discovery to continue for at least a few more months as we seek to gather all the electronic files sought by the Plaintiffs.

I am planning a community conversation in March to provide an opportunity to discuss plans related to growth and economic development in our Town. Meeting details will be posted on the HomePage of the Town website as soon as they become available. To receive an email from me with the date, time, and location, register for my Enews on the [First Selectman's page](#) at www.woodbridge.org/611/First-Selectmans-Report.

~First Selectman Mica Cardozo

Town Clerk's Office Closed March 3

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed all day Monday, March 3, for the installation of a new Recording/Land Record System. This enhanced system will offer benefits to Woodbridge residents—stay tuned for details from the Town Clerk in the April Newsletter.

On Tuesday, March 4, the Town Clerk's office will reopen for business during regular hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

2025 POCD Public Forum

Stay tuned! In March, the second public Open House and Information Session for the Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) will take place. Date, time, and location will be coming soon—check the HomePage on the Town website or register to receive the Town's [Enews](#).

At the Open House, the POCD consultants, SLR, will share potential goals, strategies, and actions for the 2025 POCD. Attendees will have time to review the information, offer comments, and share additional ideas. For project updates, visit the [POCD page](#) on the Town website.

Mark Your Calendars

Mar. 3 (Mon.): Town Clerk's Office will be closed; reopens March 4. See details above.

Mar. 9 (Sun.): Daylight Savings—remember to set clocks & change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

*** In March the second 2025 POCD Public Forum will take place. Meeting details will be coming soon. See above.***

Apr. 1 (Tue.): Community Conversation with CT Attorney General William Tong in The Center Café, 7 pm. See page 2.

Apr. 2 (Wed.): CCW Open House—meeting location to be announced. See above.

Appointments are being scheduled for spring bulk pickup. See details on page 2.

CCW Open House



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of Woodbridge Master Plan

The second public meeting for the CCW Master Plan Project will take place **Wednesday, April 2 from 6-8 pm**. Meeting location will be available soon. Check for details on the HomePage of the Town website.

To stay informed throughout the project, click on [CCW Master Plan Updates](#) at the top of the HomePage.

Town News

Bulk Pickup

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Call the Department of Public Works at 203-389-3420 to schedule an appointment for spring bulk pickup. There is a \$50 fee per appointment to be paid upfront prior to pickup.

Spring bulk pickup will take place by appointment only each Tuesday in March through May between 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. Bulk pickup will be offered again during the months of October and November. Residents are asked to limit use of this service to one

time per year to allow everyone to take advantage of this program.

A list of items to be placed curb-side will need to be provided. Items should be 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. The disposal fee for freon based appliances (air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers) is included in the \$50 pickup charge.

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Crunch!



Woodridge has a new restaurant, Crunch!

Crunch offers Middle Eastern dishes. The menu includes a variety of boreks, soups, and sweet treats. There is plenty of seating to dine in to enjoy a meal, or stop by, call, or order online for take-out dishes. DoorDash delivery is available as well.

Owner Liam Shemi does all the cooking. When looking to open his business, he knew he wanted to be in the Woodbridge community. "I wanted my restaurant to be in the neighborhood close to where I

live with easy access for residents from other local communities to stop by."

Often found helping Liam at the restaurant is Hannah and their five-month old son.

While Crunch opened earlier this year, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place February 13.

Liam and his family were joined by First Selectman Cardozo, Economic Development Commission (EDC) Chair Cliff Lynch, and EDC Members Rick Bourdeau and Scott Hunter.

Crunch is located at 24 Lucy Street (203-684-3059).

Community Conversation—April 1

Save the Date! Enjoy a lively Community Conversation with Connecticut Attorney General William Tong as special guest speaker on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 pm in The Center Café (4 Meetinghouse Lane).

This thought-provoking discussion will touch upon a variety of 2025 Health Matters including

reproductive freedom, state-level protections, and collective advocacy.

The evening is hosted by the ad hoc Woodbridge Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Stay tuned for registration details on the Town website.

Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

The Woodbridge Center's New Car



The Center added a new 2025 Subaru Forester SUV to its **Transportation Program**. The Forester was funded by a Federal ARPA Grant administered by the State to all senior centers. Woodbridge residents over the age of 60, or any adult who is temporarily or permanently disabled, may utilize the Transportation Program which includes the new vehicle. Transportation is available Monday through Friday during business hours. Call for details.

For The Center's full list of programs, events, or general information, call 203-389-3430.

Youth spring program registration has begun!

Choose from a variety of programs including: basketball, bowling, chess, gymnastics, horseback riding, ultimate team sports, Kumon, Little Scientists, running club, tennis, taekwondo, & field hockey. Most programs begin the week of March 24. To register, simply scan the QR code above. For specific program details, call 203-389-3446.



Adult Yoga and T'ai Chi classes continue in March with Instructors Diane King

Get a head start on spring cleaning!

The Friends of the Woodbridge Town Library are seeking donations of gently used, unstained, and odor-free books for their upcoming book sale as part of the Woodbridge Earth Day celebration from 10 am to 4 pm on April 26.

All books are cleaned and sorted before being put for sale, but books with dust, dampness, mildew, musty, or smoking odors are discarded, as these conditions can spread throughout our collection. Books kept in a basement or garage are often damp or have slight mold, and they also are discarded.

With these requirements, please understand that donations are always welcomed and may be dropped off

Human Services Programs

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program** is a free tax preparation service. VITA's service is available to low-income individuals, to people who have a disability, to older adults, and to those who speak limited English. **VITA runs through April 8 and takes place each Tuesday from 9 am to 12 pm.** For a list of required tax documents and to schedule an appointment, call 203-389-3429.

First Selectman's Youth Award Nominations Are Due April 3

Nominations for the First Selectman's Youth Award are now being accepted. This annual award is offered to a youth (18 or under) who has worked to improve the Town of Woodbridge or has assisted its residents. Please nominate a deserving young person by April 3. All nominations are welcome!

School counselors, peers, principals, and group leaders are encouraged to make nominations. Parents and family members may not nominate relatives.

Forms are located on the [Youth Services](#) page on the Town website.

Email youthone@woodbridgect.org or call 203-389-3429 with questions.

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

Recreation Youth & Adult Spring Programs



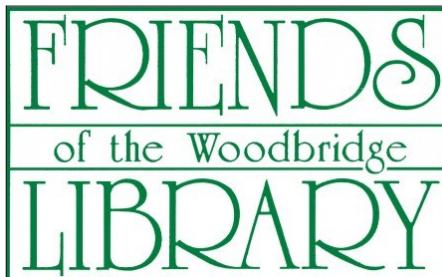
and Bill Banick. Several morning and evening sessions are available—use the QR code for specifics. Classes are held in the Center Building, Room 16.

Summer Concert Sponsors

Each year, the Town seeks corporate sponsors to help defray the cost of July summer concerts. If you would like to help by making a donation, call 203-389-3446 or email Recreation@woodbridgect.org.

Sponsors will be recognized at the concerts and will be listed on the Town website.

Library News



whenever the library is open. There is a donation basket and table inside the library's front entrance.

If you don't have books to donate, you can still support the Friends and encourage sustainability by shopping the Bookstore Alley! A Friends' signature achievement, it's a treasure trove of

gently used books waiting to be discovered at excellent prices. Nestled on the library's Mezzanine level, this cozy nook is open whenever the library is.

All book purchases support the Friends, who use those funds to sponsor programs for adults and children, support book and equipment purchases, and much more!

Department Phones & Emails

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wbrstaff@lioninc.org

Children's Dept.: 203-389-3439
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