

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

VOTE ON MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>



Ed Weinberg



Beth Heller

Country Club, Taxes  
& Property Values

HOT TOPICS IN THIS ELECTION

BY BETTINA THIEL  
WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The question of what to do with the Country Club of Woodbridge property continues to elicit passions in Woodbridge, and is one of the top issues people bring up, said to Ed Weinberg, the GOP contender for the First Selectman position. Similarly, important are rising taxes and decreasing property values.

The municipal election is coming up next Monday, May 6 at the Center Gym, 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Weinberg, a six-year resident, is challenging Beth Heller, a long-time resident who has served in many volunteer positions, including on the Board of Selectmen before she was

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Spring Blooms at Woodbridge Town Center on June 1 with a number of

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Students at Orange Community Nursery School in Woodbridge were treated to a visit from First Selectman Beth Heller. The students have been learning about community helpers. Selectman Heller read a story to the students and shared how she enjoys helping people as part of her job.

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Upcoming Issue Date	Issue Deadline
May 31   Father's Day Issue.....	May 24
June 28   Independence Day Issue.....	June 21
July 26   Summer Issue .....	July 19

Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

## FROM OUR READERS

### National Foster Care Month

At any given day, there are over 4,000 youth in Connecticut in need of a home, and the number will continue to increase as foster families dwindle. These youth, who lack the nurturing relationships that is crucial to their development, deserve an equal opportunity at a successful life, and sometimes their only hope is the love and care of a foster family. As National Foster Care Month approaches, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven desperately seeks families and individuals of all backgrounds who are interested in providing the necessary care for a youth in need.

Foster parenting is not for everyone, but we believe that if more people spread the word regarding our mission, then it would help us find more families; those who have the time, care and patience it takes to parent one of these youths. There are families and individuals out there who have lots of love to share. We just need you to help us reach them.

Although they might not show it, every youth that is placed in our program needs a solid support system. It is our goal to place these youth in a stable home, so we will work with you every step of the way. We get to know all of our families prior to placement, and ensure that the needs of the youth match the strengths of your parenting style. We provide extensive training, and our case workers are on call ready to assist in urgent situations. The stipend supports household stability, so that we can help create a bright future for these deserving individuals.

If you feel as if you or someone you know has the time, care and love to provide to a youth in foster care, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you would like to hear more about

the program, attend an informational session, or have someone you would like to refer, please reach out as we look forward to your correspondence. Contact our Foster Care Team Leader Elaine Benevides, LCSW, at (203) 389-5599 ext. 115 or [ebenevides@jfsnh.org](mailto:ebenevides@jfsnh.org). People of all religions, races, sexual orientation, or cultural backgrounds are welcome to apply as the youth come from varied backgrounds.

*Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven*

### Reader Denounces Eversource's Actions

The citizens of Woodbridge and Orange-and any other area with Eversource high tension poles' right of way - must be aware of what Eversource has done in our neighborhood. In the guise of maintaining the hideous high-tension poles, Eversource has denuded abutting areas of all foliage and vegetation, leaving scorched area acreage and diminished home values. Apparently, no concern was given to environmental damage, to ecological distress or to the animals whose habitats were so cruelly ruined. At a recent town meeting with Eversource officials, Woodbridge town officials and local residents understood as it became clear that Eversource had no idea of its destruction nor any interest in its effects. Our town leaders-our First Selectman and town attorney-were equally clueless on ways to protect their citizens or to prevent further rapacious Eversource activity. I urge all residents to contact our town officials and Eversource to denounce Eversource's actions and to urge the Town to either begin a class action against Eversource or to take other appropriate legal action. You have been warned. Our neighborhood wasn't.

*Elaine Albom Braffman, Esq.*

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# WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

## The Value Of High-End College Admissions

By now many people are aware of Operation Varsity Blues. Federal prosecutors allege that William “Rick” Singer touted his knowledge of “the secret of getting into college,” becoming “the mastermind of an enormous, elaborate scheme carried out over years, brazenly paying off coaches and test monitors, faking exam scores and fabricating student biographies – all to help wealthy parents cheat their children’s way into desirable colleges.”

Hiring a high-end college admissions advisor is not illegal, unfair or unscrupulous. In the quest for success in various endeavors, parents hire, for example, music teachers to help a child nurture a musical gift. They may hire a tennis pro to help a budding tennis star. They might obtain country club memberships, where their child has access to golf pros. There may be dance lessons or voice coaches. They may hire a ship’s captain to learn the finer points of sailing or racing tall ships. There is absolutely nothing wrong with hiring a college admissions advisor/expert. There is certainly nothing unethical for charging for a service that provides a competitive advantage.

Many parents — wealthy or not — hire college admissions consultants to help their children navigate the college admissions process by assisting with applications, essays, interviews and admissions strategies. When it comes to Ivy League and highly selective colleges and universities it’s par for the course to engage an expert at some level who is versed in the nuances and changes in college admissions.

Here are some of the reasons why parents hire high-end college admissions advisors:

1. Many guidance counselors at public high schools are overwhelmed and sometimes have no expertise or

time for college admissions advising. Many counselors may not even visit Ivy League and highly selective schools, not even once. My team and I visit these universities four times annually.

2. The most elite colleges and universities now accept less than 6% of those who apply. Some schools routinely reject dozens of valedictorians and students with perfect or near-perfect scores on their SAT or ACTs. This is why, year after year, new clients always call. They hear the horror stories of wonderful students who were rejected from all their top choice colleges including what they thought were safety schools.

3. Ivy League colleges and universities help establish meaningful and long-lasting networks that are important to facilitate future careers and social connections. Parents who call us understand the importance of networking and establishing connections. For international parents, global networking is important for their children’s success. Wealthy, upper middle-class and middle-class parents who call us understand the value of networking. They all share the same thing in common: they are concerned about their children’s future in a competitive and uncertain world.

4. Ivy League and highly selective colleges and universities are luxury educational brands that represent sta-

tus, prestige, pedigree and a high ROI.

A study in the journal, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, confirms parental suspicions that the

best route to a top job is to attend an Ivy League school. According to Dr. Lauren Rivera, the author of the study, “Elite professional service employers rely more on academic pedigree more than any other factor. Where

you went to school rather than what you did there makes the difference.”

PayScale Inc., an online provider of global compensation data, in a survey demonstrated that an Ivy League diploma is still worth its price of admission and tuition. “An Ivy League education makes a job candidate stand out, even before a recruiter talks to them! The median starting salary for Ivy Leaguers is 32% higher than that of liberal-arts college graduates and at 10 or more years into graduates’ working lives, the spread is 34%.” Additionally, according to PayScale, the return on investment for a degree from Stanford or Princeton is about \$800,000 after 20 years.

Dr. Robert H. Frank, an economics professor at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University, stated, “Because of the bitter competition for premium salaries, elite educational credentials are often a

precondition for even landing a job interview. Degrees from elite schools clearly open doors.”

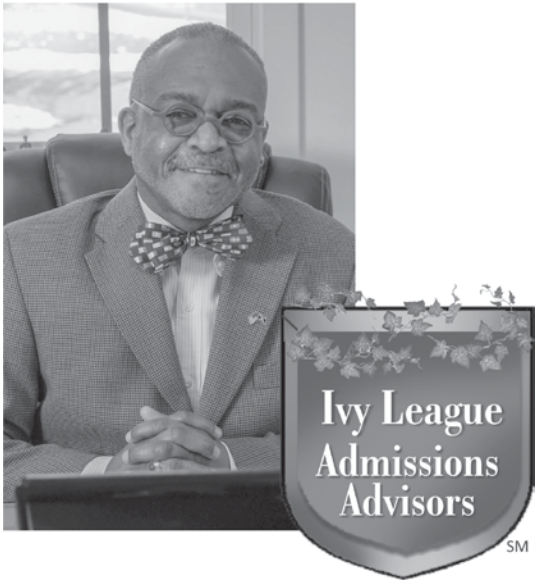
Reputable consultants are active members of one or all of the following professional organizations: NACAC (National Association of College Admission Counseling), HECA (Higher Education Consultants Association) and/or IECA (Independent Educational Consultants Association). Each organization has some form of a Statement of Principles and Good Practice: Code of Ethics and Professional Practice and professional development programs.

I am an active member of NACAC, New York State Association of College Admission Counseling (NYSACAC), New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling (NJACAC), HECA and International Association of College Admission Counseling (IACAC). I am also a College Community Representative for the HECA Community Representative Program, where I visit colleges to gather information and interview college officials regarding admissions policies at their institutions.

“Admissions is a competitive sport! Why gamble with uncertainty?” – Dr. Paul Lowe

*Dr. Paul Reginald Lowe is the managing director and lead admissions expert at Woodbridge Admissions Advisors. Tel. (203) 387-1574, and founder affiliate: Ivy League Admissions Advisors of the Pinnacle Educational Center Admissions Advisors Group network.*

*Dr. Lowe specializes in providing exclusive concierge-type admissions advisory services for families and students who are interested in applying to Ivy League and highly selective colleges and combined BS/MD programs. Dr. Lowe also helps students gain admissions through transfer admissions.*



## 2018 Google Science Fair Winners

### How Cell Size Affects A Plant’s Maximum Efficiency

Joseph Benedetti, Austin Gilbride, Connecticut, USA16-18

The research conducted was to help understand constraints of genome size on cell size and packing density. Rhododendrons were obtained from the New York Botanical Garden and housed in the Greeley Memorial Laboratory greenhouse. They were then augmented via the use of colchicine to prevent cytokinesis after mitosis. This created

ploidies 2x–8x for analyzation. After the plants grew both shade and sun leaves, both types were collected and stained for imaging. Once imaging was complete, ImageJ was used to measure specific cellular characteristics. Findings show that genome size roughly determines upper limits of cell size, but not necessarily packing density.

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## STUDENT NEWS

### Achievements Hart School of James Madison University

Congratulations to the 2018-19 Hart School’s Most Outstanding Seniors: Alex Bunnell and Natalie Pyne. The students were recognized as part of the annual Senior Sendoff reception. These two outstanding young people

are Amity 2015 graduates, and by amazing coincidence were both selected to be honored by the Hart School of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia! Alex is a lifelong Orange resident; Natalie is a Woodbridge resident. They both have their many impressive accomplishments listed on LinkedIn.

## Attention Teachers!

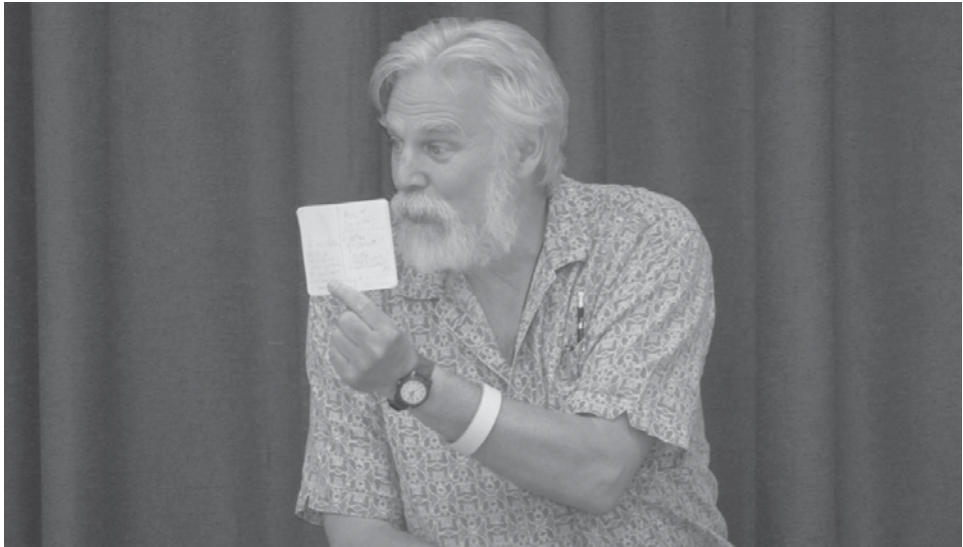
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# EDUCATION



## “Mr. B.” Set to Retire After 30 Years of Service

Rich Burness (aka Mr. B.), cofounder of the Multi-Age Group (M.A.G.) at Beecher Road School in Woodbridge, is retiring after thirty-three years. Twenty-seven of those years were spent teaching in the Multi-Age Group. In the spirit of the culture and community of M.A.G., families are planning an informal potluck/reunion on May 18th to celebrate Mr. B and M.A.G.

We are hoping to reach as many of his past students and their families so they can plan to join us for this special celebration. The Planning Committee has set up a Facebook Page that includes all of the details for the May

18th Celebration. For further information, you can ask to join the Multi Age Group and B-1 (Pre-M.A.G.) Family Facebook page or contact James Hubbard at hubbard\_james\_c@sbcglobal.net or McKenzie Granata at mcknz@aol.com.

Also, a gofundme page has been set up to accept donations for a significant and permanent gift to M.A.G. to commemorate Mr. B’s vision, values and his many contributions to the children and families in our community. If you would like to donate, please do so on the link below: <https://www.gofundme.com/community-celebration-of-mr-b>

## Special Prayers of Remembrance

*For Victims of Poway and Tree of Life Anti-Semitic Shooting at Holocaust Commemoration*

On Sunday, May 5, at 1 p.m. at The Towers (18 Tower Lane, New Haven) the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven will convene our community to stand in solidarity to mark Yom HaShoah, the annual commemoration of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. This Sunday we will also offer special prayers of remembrance for those murdered in Pittsburgh and Poway.

Senator George Logan will light the candle for the remembrance of the Righteous Among the Nation - those who risked their lives to help save Jews escaping death by the Nazis. New Haven Mayor Toni Harp will read the Holocaust Remembrance proclamation, and Tagan Engle, a New Haven Native and the granddaughter of Holocaust Survivors, Selma and Chaim Engel, will be a featured speaker.

Engel is a long time community leader on issues of food justice, community development, and racial and economic equity. She is the Executive

Producer of the radio show and podcast The Table Underground Podcast: stories of food, radical love and creative social justice.

Tagan Engel’s grandparents were part of the revolt and escape from Sobibor, a Nazi death camp in Poland. The legacy of her grandparents story, the Jewish Holocaust, and her lifetime of living in racially and economically diverse communities have been fundamental to her consciousness and commitment to Tikkun Olam through solidarity work with all persecuted peoples.

Sponsored by the Holocaust Memory Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven in cooperation with The Towers.

*The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is a community-building organization that cares for those in need in our community and promotes the continuity, security, and unity of the Jewish community here, in Israel, and around the world.*

# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Spring Yardwork Injuries: We’ve Got Your Back!

By KYLE BRANDAY MSPT

Thankfully it’s finally Spring! So much to do, so little time, back-breaking yard work – it adds up to possible lower back strain, muscle pulls, and joint dysfunctions. Advice: Take it slow and prepare yourself for outside chores with some simple exercises.

Raking requires upper body strength and endurance. Warm up to yard work by exercising your primary muscles that include biceps, deltoids, rotator cuff, forearm and parascapular muscles. Do it before and after raking or lifting piles of yard litter.

Simple exercises like arm circles, pendulums, forearm and upper trap stretching will help loosen these muscle groups. Proper posture while raking is a must. Stay upright, head up, shoulders back and don’t hunch forward. Good postural habits will prevent rotator cuff impingement, strain on neck and upper back and puts the upper body in position for the greatest mechanical advantage to create force and leverage. You’ll also use less energy. Once you’ve got those leaves raked into piles, now comes the real trial. The body’s trunk and core are being tested, requiring the lumbar spine and hips to generate force to move leaf piles. The strain is on your obliques, glutes, and hip rotators along with the lumbar extensor muscles. What that means is there’s a lot of muscle groups interacting to get those leaves moved. Never bend from the waist to pick up these mounting piles of leaves. It is vital to squat and bend your knees while you pick up leaves. Keep a flat back while you lift. This takes the stress off the lower lumbar spine eliminating the possibility of strains and sprains or worse injuries such as herniated discs and sciatica. Helpful, also, are warm up and cool down exercises such as hamstring, knee to chest, and trunk rotation stretches.



Kyle Brandy

“Summerize” your body. Trunk rotation stretches, hamstring stretches, light weight workouts with dumbbells for biceps, triceps and deltoids are important in preventing serious injury. Squats with light barbells for your quads, hamstrings, and glutes strengthen these important stress absorbing muscles. For lower spine and back, prepare yourself with warm up knee to chest exercises, trunk rotations and quad and hamstring stretches. Proper exercise techniques, either at home or with a professional physical therapist or trainer, can keep you fit and in action throughout the spring and summer.

Kyle Brandy, MSPT is a licensed physical therapist and partner at Amity Physical Therapy, founded fourteen years ago by Michael Dow MSPT CEO/Director with offices in Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. Kyle is a graduate of Quinnipiac University with his Masters in Physical Therapy. He works with patients of all ages and ability levels, treating high level athletes with fractures and sprains to gait and balance dysfunction in the elderly. Kyle can be reached to set up an evaluation at (203) 389-4593 or visit [www.amitypt.com](http://www.amitypt.com).

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# Town’s Modest Spending Increase Mostly Supports Education

BY BETTINA THIEL  
WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Town leaders presented a budget with a tax increase of four tenths of a mill at the annual budget hearing April 22. The spending plan pushed the mill rate from the current 39.83 to 40.23 for the 2019-20 fiscal year. For an average property assessed at \$297,000 (this assessment represents 70% of the market price) taxes would increase by \$119, from the current \$11,830 to \$11,949.

The Annual Town Meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 20, in the Center Gym. For a quorum, 250 eligible voters need to be present, but typically are not. In the absence of a quorum, the vote to approve the budget reverts to the Board of Finance, which will convene immediately following the Town Meeting.

Once approved, the 2019-20 budget foresees total expenditures of \$50.3 million, up 1.62% from this year’s budget. The increase in spending is almost exclusively due to education needs, with a \$530,000 increase to the elementary school budget; and \$253,000 increase in the Amity budget for the middle-and high schools. By comparison, the town government spending increases by \$17,000.

What is new in this spending plan is that the Beecher Road School budget (\$15.2 million) comes in higher than Woodbridge’s share of the Amity budget (\$14.9 million). For the elementary district that represents a 3.6% increase. The Amity budget increases by 1.06% overall, but Woodbridge’s portion of regional district increases by 1.72%. The allocation is based on the number of students each town sends to the district schools.

Both Woodbridge School Supt. Robert Gilbert and Board of Education Chairman Margaret Hamilton thanked the town for supporting the school and its programs throughout the years. “I recognize we are asking for a higher percentage [increase] than normal,” Gilbert said at the hearing, citing enrollment increases and the increase of students enrolled in special education programs as the main budget drivers. The total budget allocation will allow the school to preserve staffing and programming at current levels, he said.

Several teachers who live in town spoke in their dual role as taxpayers and district employees, saying it is not just the legal, but moral obligation of the community to educate its children. “A school district is not like other town budgets,” said primary math coordinator Jean Molot. Kindergarten teacher Nicole Chick pointed out how students’ special needs increased dramatically in the past few years, but the support staff did not. Traditionally, the school has tried to address not only academic, but social-emotional needs of its students, she said. Sixth-grade teacher Kim Franklin told the audience how increasing class sizes impacted the time

she had for each individual student. In 2015-16, she had 19 students in her class; a year later, 20; then 21 and this year, 23. It will limit the time she can devote to each student individually, she said, and may limit her focus on students’ potential. “It will cost us later,” she warned.

What it pays for: One of the major objectives for the upcoming year is to move forward with planning for the police facility update. Currently, the police department is located in the lower level of the Center Building, which used to be the town’s elementary school before Beecher Road School was built. The facility was deemed too small and not adequate for the needs of a modern department years ago, when the town commissioned an architectural needs study. That study will have to be updated. But resident Michael Broderick disagreed with the Board of Finance at the budget hearing.

“How can you justify [spending millions] when the town is suffering from some of your previous judgements,” Broderick said. The police station is not needed, he said, since the officers

paid for by a \$500,000 STEAP grant that will expire at the end of this year. The Board of Selectmen has decided to proceed with renovations that will need to be done irrespective of future uses of the space. Things such as mechanicals, a sprinkler system and an ADA accessible bathroom and elevator will be needed irrespective of the type of future use.

In the meantime, town officials are talking to the Amity district about potentially housing its transition program on the upper level of the old firehouse. Uses being considered for the lower level include moving the fitness center into one bay, creating a meeting room, and possibly moving historic artifacts into the building. The fire department already stores an antique fire truck, and that is expected to stay.

Capital plan: For 2019-20, the capital plan includes \$1.2 million, namely a fire engine lease payment; Public Works truck replacement reserve, road paving reserve; and a partial payment for a passenger lift-equipped van for the senior center.

Country Club: Over the past three

the town spends on employee benefits “outrageous.” At \$4.5 million for 83 employees, the town is paying about 55,000 per employee. Finance chair Matthew Giglietti did not disagree. He said the number includes benefits for retirees, a practice that the town has eliminated.

Viglione also challenged town leaders to eliminate \$465,000 from the expenditures to arrive at a 0 mill increase. “That would be a major statement and a move in the right direction,” he said.

One expense he questioned was the \$813,000 price tag for running the town library. He questioned whether the library is being used in the digital age. Maybe they need to cut back the hours, he suggested, adding that the schools have their own libraries.

Resident Susan Davidson disagreed. “Our library is a treasure, and an extension of the educational system,” she said, adding, “A library is a mark of an educated community.”

Ed Weinberg, a candidate for first selectman, brought up concerns that property values are declining and taxes rising. Once the mill rate passes the 40 thresh hold, “you are in a new class,” he said. At the same time the fund balance grows every year. The fund balance constitutes the town’s rainy-day fund that accumulates unassigned dollars. It stands at about \$5.8 million, 11.8% of expenditures. “We have been overtaxing the taxpayer,” Weinberg said, and suggested to apply some of that money to the operating budget to bring those figures down.

Finance Chairman Matt Giglietti brought the suggestion of reducing the fund balance up during the finance board meeting following the public hearing. The problem with applying those dollars to the operating budget is that it will help bring down the numbers one year, but then you have to make that up the following year, he said. In fact, the Board of Finance has been applying \$400,000 from fund balance every year for a number of years now.

Resident Cheryl Lipson asked town leaders why the property values are decreasing. Assessor Betsy Quist said a property will depreciate by ten percent every year. Since the town is not bringing in much business, the Grand List is not growing. In addressing economic development, First Selectman Beth Heller said their first priority is to protect and support the businesses that are in town already. “Then we’ll have a look at how we can expand from there,” she said.

Resident Stephen Falcigno pointed out the lagging property values. Since the recession in 2007/08, property values have plummeted by 35% he said, and have not come back up. “The only way you can change that is by being fiscally responsible,” he said to the town leaders. “Otherwise you will not have any seniors coming [to the senior center],” he said sarcastically.

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***“Our library is a treasure, and an extension of the educational system. A library is a mark of an educated community.”***

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are spending most of their time in the cruisers anyway. Chairman Giglietti responded by saying the police station is housed in a sub-standard building, with boxes piled up everywhere. “Take a tour,” he suggested.

Senior Center Director Jeanette Glicksman, whose agency also is located in the Center Building, agreed that the building is outdated. “It is really time [to update] this building,” she said. She thought it was hypocritical for people to be calling on the town to restore the abandoned clubhouse at the former Country Club of Woodbridge, but to not be willing to update the building that is a working building for this town.

The Human Services Department, which governs the senior center program, also has been working on making plans for a more efficient, contemporary and needs-oriented facility. But the senior center renovation has been postponed.

The old firehouse: In addition to the police station, the town plans to continue with improvements to the old firehouse at the corner of Newton and Center roads. The building sustained a fire in 2006, and the envelope has since been restored using insurance proceeds. Inside however, it is unfinished. The project will be

years, town leaders have discontinued use of the former Country Club of Woodbridge. Selectmen voted last fall to close the outdoor pool, since membership had been dwindling. Most recently, the finance board decided to turn off water and heat in the dilapidated clubhouse, removing the property from its operating and its capital budget. The grounds will be mowed once during the season and dead trees and branches moved out of the way, so as to allow people to walk the former cart paths.

Meanwhile the town continues to pay down the debt on the \$7 million purchase. So far, the town has taken advantage of low interest rates and financed the Country Club purchase with short-term notes rather than long-term bonding. However, there are time limits on this, and the town will have to either pay off the debt or refinance next year.

Town employee salaries do not show any increases in the budget document, but that is because the town is in negotiations with the unions. A larger amount than usual has been set aside in the contingency fund for that reason, said Finance Director Anthony Genovese.

Reactions: At the hearing, resident Anthony Viglione called the amount



# Beecher Happenings

BY ROBERT GILBERT  
Superintendent of the  
Woodbridge School District



Beecher Road School is a Professional Learning Community that strives to maximize the learning and success of each child as we prepare them for the future. Student learning is, of course, dependent on the continuous learning afforded to our teachers.

The following highlights will provide a view into some of the ways we are preparing our Beecher students through the use of Technology. We will also highlight how our teachers are engaged in continuous learning and will also highlight the support that comes from our community through our town government, parents (PTO) and Woodbridge residents/clubs (Rotary).

## Technology Plan

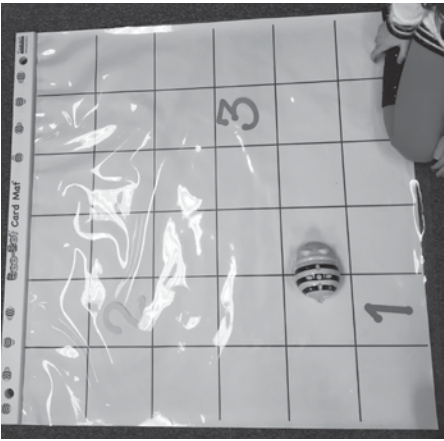
The Woodbridge School District, for the last thirty years, has created a Technology Plan that drives both technology instruction and the use and maintenance of the current technology hardware in the district. The Technology Plan that is coming to a close this year sought to promote personal learning, creativity, and innovation among all members of the Beecher Road School Community. The District supported the needs of the faculty and staff to encourage and nurture students to become independent lifelong learners.

The adoption of the Student Data Privacy Act, PA 16-189, has changed the landscape of how technology is used and integrated in Connecticut classrooms. Our new District Technology Plan is centered around creating a Trusted Learning Environment, that implements high standards for student data privacy protections around five core practice areas: Leadership, Business, Data Security, Professional Development and Classroom. The district, as trusted stewards of both student and staff digital information, is consistently reviewing policies, procedures, and practices to ensure the safety and security of all.

## Open Tech Lab

Last year, the technology center began an open Tech Lab for students

in grades 5 and 6. Students are able to sign up with their classroom teachers based on their daily classroom schedules. Opportunities for students include animation, robotics, Coding (Scratch and Python), and a demo day to try out new and emerging software and hardware that is being tested for possible future use in Technology classes.



## Coding For All

At Beecher Road School we offer students a wide variety of coding experiences throughout the grade levels, and many of those experiences don't even involve a computer! Giving students experiences both with hands-on coding using robotics such as Code-a-pillar, Bee-Bots, and Cubelets combined with computer-based programs (Kodable, Scratch, and Python) allows students to learn and explore multiple ways to interact with technology. These experiences plant a seed for future learning and exploration. Students can find the areas and programming styles that interest them and delve deeper into them as they grow.

## Traveling The World Without Leaving The Classroom

Students in grades 3 and 5 have recently gone on Google Expeditions to explore different parts of the world as part of their science classes and enrichment clusters. The technology team, in conjunction with classroom teachers and our STEAM teacher, have used our new Google expedition virtual reality goggles to transport students across the globe. These experiences have al-

lowed for students to see the areas they are studying and get an up-close look at different parts of the world to better understand the concepts being taught.

## Grade 2 Google

The second-grade team has added the use of iPads and Google classroom for their unit on local government and community helpers. Over the course of this two-week unit, students will ask questions to drive their own learning, and decide on a way to present their new found knowledge to their classmates. This project further integrates technology into the curriculum.

## Digital Citizenship

Digital citizenship is becoming an increasingly important piece of our students lives. We begin teaching digital citizenship beginning in Kindergarten through a variety of lessons. Digital citizenship skills are also taught outside of the technology center as well as through health and the D.A.R.E. program curriculums. Here at BRS we believe it takes the entire community to create a responsible digital citizen, and we continually strive to supply the background knowledge for all our students to build off of.

## WBRS News

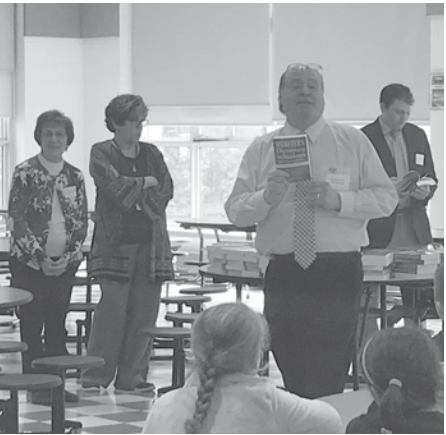
Grade six students are given a unique opportunity to become a member of a working news broadcast crew. In September students may apply by completing an application complete with an essay on their interest in the program and why they feel they would be an asset to the team. Throughout the year students are introduced to both the technological aspects of creating a broadcast, as well as researching information for segments, interviewing both peers and faculty, and presenting skills.



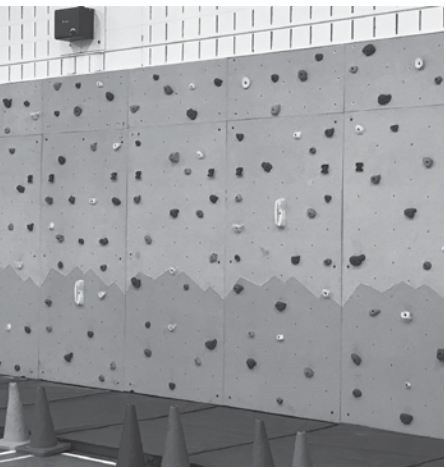
## Professional Learning

As a Professional Learning Com-

munity, Beecher Road School teachers continuously strive to increase their knowledge of teaching strategies and content to support their students. Professional learning takes place on Professional Development Days, afterschool meetings and grade level/department PLC meetings, among other times.



Rotary Club Members at  
Beecher Road School



The New South Gym climbing  
wall provided by the PTO

## Community Support

Beecher Road School continues to recognize and enjoy the support from our town. Beecher and the Board of Education continue to appreciate the high priority that the Town Boards of Finance and Selectmen place on Education funding as we prepare our students to become 21st century global citizens. Beecher also appreciates the support of our amazing PTO and organizations like Rotary. Rotary provides funding each year for dictionaries and our DARE program and the PTO provides thousands of dollars each year in support of curricular and cultural programs – all in support of student learning.

# Amity And Woodbridge Historical Society Spring Events

## Children's Day at the Old South SchoolHouse

Sunday, May 5th, from 2 to 4 PM  
Johnson Road, Woodbridge CT

Please join us in learning what life was like in a one-room schoolhouse back in 1887 when the schoolhouse was built. Parents, please stay with your children to enjoy the games, lessons and light refreshments.

## Fashion in Fiction Presented by Kande Carle

and hosted by the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society  
Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2 to 4 PM  
First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge CT

A delightful show and tell as reflected in Jane Austen's fiction. While dressed in authentic Regency attire, Ms. Carle gives a detailed overview of the clothing of the Regency Era, (the early 1800s) for both gentlemen and ladies. Then Ms. Carle shares excerpts from Austen's

personal letters as well as passages from some of the novels, highlighting Miss Austen's use of clothing and fashion to define character and class, enhance the storyline, and develop plot points. Teens through adults will enjoy discovering just how important fashion was 200 years ago! Ms. Carle has been presenting historical programs since 1992, from Regency to Edwardian (1800-1915), and draws on her extensive background in theatre, dance and histor-

ical fashion to engage and enthrall the audience! This program is free and open to the public and is the Amity and Woodbridge's Annual Meeting.

## Tag Sale

Friday, May 17th 8 to 3 PM, Rain date Saturday, May 18th  
Historic Thomas Darling House

Come and find your treasure or rent a space for \$15 at info@woodbridgehistory.org.



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# Statement From State Senator James Maroney

## Reaffirming Support For Increasing Nursing Home Staffing Levels

April 15th State Senator James Maroney (D-Milford/Orange/Woodbridge) released the following statement supporting nurses and all other nursing home employees who announced they will be going on strike on May 1 if their demands for better salaries and nursing home staffing level increases are not included in the state's budget. Nurses with the New England Health Care Employees Union District 1199 Service Employees International Union (SEIU) held a press conference Monday to formally announce the impending strike if an agreement is not reached. Sen. Maroney said we must find a way to ensure the necessary funds are available to take care of our state's caretakers.



James Maroney

"I am proud to stand by the 1199 SEIU and nursing home employees across the state," said Sen. Maroney. "We must take care of the people who work long hours to provide care for our loved ones. In addition to better salaries for our nurses, addressing the issue of staffing levels is imperative to taking care of our caretakers. Nurses are tasked with working without sufficient staffing assistance far too often. This burns nurses out and compromises the care our loved ones receive. This impacts all of us and it is why I fully support legislation to increase nursing home staffing levels. We all must stand with our caregivers and find a way to get this done for them."

Sen. Maroney has given his support to Senate Bill 375, "An Act Concerning Nursing Home Facility Minimum Staffing Levels," which will ensure nursing homes are not short staffed and can provide each resident with care. It will also require that nursing homes disclose the actual number of direct care

staff providing care to residents, and to make this information accessible to patients' families in an accurate and understandable manner.

There is a growing body of evidence that demonstrates a link between adequate nurse staffing and better patient outcomes. Studies also conclude that insufficient staffing causes nurse burnout, job dissatisfaction and turnover, which diminish patient satisfaction and hospitals' bottom lines.

Sen. Maroney was first elected to represent the 14th District (Milford) in 2018. Before being elected to the Senate, he was a State Representative for the 119th District from 2012-2014, where he served on the Higher Education Committee. Due to his distinguished service on the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, he was asked to serve on the Planning Commission for Higher Education and help develop a strategic plan for higher education in Connecticut.

***“Mutt Strutt” From Page 1***

community events beginning at 9am: in addition to the Mutt Strutt, the Garden Club will hold a plant sale, and the Friends of the Woodbridge Library will hold a book sale. All activities take place in and around the Woodbridge Library.

Since receiving approval for our site last August, we have raised 40% of the \$60,000 needed to build the park. With your help, all of us can enjoy gathering together in our new dog park this year - before the snow flies!

Mutt Strutt check-in: 9:30am. Walk begins at 10:30am with festivities to follow from 11 to 12:30. Like most

walk-a-thons, there is a modest registration fee of \$10, and to multiply the impact, all participants are urged to seek donation pledges for their walk from families, friends and businesses. To register to join the Mutt Strutt and multiply your contribution, contact us at: [woodbridgedogpark@gmail.com](mailto:woodbridgedogpark@gmail.com); on Facebook at Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative; our website: [woodbridgedogpark.org](http://woodbridgedogpark.org)., or by mail at: 10 Timber Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525. We will also be providing information and registration forms at the Fitzgerald Property in the coming weeks. As we are an all-volunteer non-profit, all donations will go directly towards the construction of the dog park.

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# WOODBIDGE ELECTION 2019

## Vote Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>!

Election Day in Woodbridge is Monday, May 6, 2019. Polls at the Center Gym open at 6:00am and close at 8:00pm.

If you have not yet registered to vote, you may still register at the Election Day Registration loca-

tion at the Senior Center adjacent to the polling place in the Gym. Residents who are already regis-tered do not need to re-register. You may check your registration status online at [www.dir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx](http://www.dir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx).

For voters with limited mobility, we offer curbside voting. Please have the person driving pull up to the front entrance and come inside to ask an election official for assistance. For voters who are vision impaired or have difficul-

ty completing a paper ballot, we have an Accessible Voting System at both the polling place and the Election Day Registration location. This is a touch-screen device with an audio option that will mark your ballot as you intend.

### Beth Heller

Democratic Candidate for First Selectman

Beth Heller is running for re-election - she's been Woodbridge First Selectman since 2017. She has served on the Board of Selectmen continuously since 2008, and was Deputy First Selectman from 2009 to 2017. In April 2013, following the death of First Selectman Ed Sheehy, Beth was elected by the Board of Selectmen to complete his term and serve as First Selectman through June 2013.

Beth is vice chair of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), having previously served as its secretary.



Beth is a graduate of the Roger Williams School of Nursing and a registered nurse licensed in Connecticut. During her active nursing career, she was a charge nurse at Roger Williams Hospital in Providence and at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston. She is a member of the Board of Corporators of Griffin Hospital, a position she has held since 2009. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the East Side Burying Ground Association in Woodbridge.

Before joining the Board of Selectmen, Beth served as secretary of the Library Commission (1994 to 1998), and subsequently served for nearly a decade as chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners (1999 to 2008). She was a Woodbridge Deputy Registrar of Voters from 1997 to 1998, and a Woodbridge Registrar of Voters from 1998 to 2008. She is a past co-chair of the Woodbridge Community Council, and co-founder of the popular "Summer Concerts on the Green."

While raising her family in Woodbridge, Beth was active in the Beecher Road School PTO (Past Treasurer), the Amity Junior High-Bethany PTO (Past Treasurer), and the Amity Regional High School PTO. Beth and her husband Dr. Allen Heller, have been married since 1976 (almost 41 years) and have lived in Woodbridge since 1992. Their three sons are all graduates of the Woodbridge and Amity school systems: David (Amity Class of '98); Richard (Class of '03); and Stephen (Class of '06).

### Edward Weinberg

Republican Candidate for First Selectman

Edward Weinberg moved to Woodbridge from New Haven with his wife Jacqueline and youngest son Jeremy in 2013. Jeremy is a graduate of Amity High School. Ed loved Woodbridge in that it reminded him of the small town where he grew up in New York.

Ed graduated from Syracuse University with a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1981. He has been involved in Real Estate investment for over 30 years and is an Associate Broker at Keller Williams Realty. He is also President and co-founder of Dex Property Solutions, Inc. which invests in and redevelops real estate. In addition, Ed is a real estate trainer.

Prior to moving to Woodbridge, Ed was an Assistant Scoutmaster in his home town of Hastings-on-Hudson, NY and taught IT



certification classes at Branford Hall. He is a former member of the Greater New Haven Chamber, Valley Chamber, Torrington Chamber and the Rotary Club. He is currently a member of the Bridgeport Board of Realtors, Connecticut Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and Connecticut Association of Real Estate Investors. He also is a former member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Ed holds a Black Belt in Taekwondo, Extra Class Amateur Radio License, a member of American Mensa, and has been a member of the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee since 2014. He is also a member of the Chabad of the Shoreline Congregation.



“I love voting day. I love the sight of my fellow citizens lining up to make their voices heard.” — BETH BRODERICK

### SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICE →  PARTY ↓	1 First Selectman Vote for One	2	3 Board of Selectmen Vote for Any Three	4	5 Board of Education Vote for Any Two	6	7 Board of Education To Fill Vacancy for Two Years Vote for One	8 Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for One	9 Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for Any Two	10	11 Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Vote for Any Two	12	13 Regional Board of Education Vote for Any Two	14
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# WOODBIDGE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES 2019

## Mica Cardozo

Candidate for Board of Selectmen

Mica is running for re-election to the Board of Selectmen (BOS), where he has served as Deputy First Selectman since July 2017. He brings many years of service in local government, combined with a highly successful business career in telecommunications technology sales and account management. Before election to the BOS, he served as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners from 2014 to 2017. Prior to this he served a term as an appointed member of the Economic Development Commission from 2010 to 2014, where he was instrumental in the launch of the Town's Business Development website initiative.

Mica is employed by AT&T as an Account Executive. Previously he worked for ATT Partner Solutions and SNET in increasingly senior management roles over the course of more than 20 years with the company as it evolved through mergers. In his role as a client relationship management professional, Mica has been recognized as a seasoned leader who, having held diverse key roles, has a keen understanding of demands across functions and who effectively motivates and inspires team members to deliver results. He is highly regarded by peers as an innovative and collaborative manager.



In 2014 he was selected for the Diamond Club, the highest sales honor awarded to the top two percent of AT&T salespeople globally. Mica attended Albertus Magnus College's Business Management Program, where he achieved Dean's List recognition.

As a volunteer, Mica has served as Treasurer of the Knights of Pythias since 2010, and as a coach for both the Southington Youth Basketball and the JCC Girls Basketball programs. He has also been an active member of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce for several years. In addition, he currently serves as a Board Member of the Alzheimer's Association, and is a former Vice President and Board Member of the Woodbridge Child Center.

Mica and his wife Pat, who serves as Vice-Chairman of the Amity Board of Education, moved to Woodbridge in 1995. Their two daughters are graduates of both Beecher and the Amity school system; their youngest is a college student, and eldest is a recent graduate of Bryant University. Mica is bilingual; English and Cape Verdean (Portuguese Dialect). He enjoys coaching youth athletics, participating in local adult sports leagues, and reading.

He is also a member of the Chabad of the Shoreline Congregation.

## Sandra Stein

Candidate for Board of Selectmen

Sandy is running for election to the Board of Selectmen, where she previously served three terms, from 2005 through 2011. She is currently the Vice-Chairman of the Woodbridge Board of Finance, where she has served since 2011.

With sixteen years of continuous public service to the Town of Woodbridge, she has devoted much time to developing an understanding of our fiscal and administrative structures. After retiring from senior management positions at Yale University, she is currently active on several community non-profit boards, including the New Haven Symphony Orchestra Foundation, Massaro Community Farm and the Agency on Aging for South Central Connecticut.

Sandra held several positions during her 17-year tenure at Yale University. She was most recently the Associate Director of Finance & Administration at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript



Library and spent 9 years as the Director, Finance and Administration for the Department of Diagnostic Radiology at the

Yale University School of Medicine. Prior to working at Yale she spent 7 years as an Administrative Director at Yale-New Haven Hospital with responsibilities including quality improvement, operational redesign and strategic planning and marketing.

Sandra received her BA, with honors, in Psychology from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and her MA in Public Health from the University of Illinois.

Sandra and her husband, Dr. Harvey Kliman, have been a part of our Woodbridge community since moving here in 1992 to raise their three daughters all of whom are graduates of Beecher and Amity. Sandy's two youngest daughters were in Beecher Road's School very first MAG class.

## Joseph Crisco

Candidate for Board of Selectmen

Joe is running for re-election to the Board of Selectmen, where he has served since July 2017. His twelve terms as a State Senator, from 1993 to 2016, were distinguished by numerous Committee roles, including co-chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, vice-chair of both the Banks Committee and the Commerce Committee and chair of the Appropriations Committee. He also served as Chief Deputy President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.



Joe began his service to the community by holding elected and appointed positions in Woodbridge. He was a member of the Woodbridge Board of Education from 1989 to 1993, and on the Town Plan and Zoning Commission from 1986 to 1988. He is well-versed in both Town and State governmental issues and brings a depth of knowledge to the Board of Selectmen, particularly in these challenging economic times and as state and federal funding to Woodbridge

continues to shrink. Among his many accomplishments while a member of the Connecticut General Assembly, Joe worked tirelessly to encourage economic growth and job creation, ease the tax burden for families and small businesses, support youth development programs and public schools, and ensure access to quality services and programs for senior citizens. Joe created the CT Biomedical Research Fund which seeks to advance research on eight major illnesses, and he was a leader in critical breast cancer legislation. He also created the Connecticut Hall of Fame which celebrates individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our state and country.

Prior to his 24 years working in Hartford,

As a Selectman in Woodbridge since 2017, Joe serves as liaison to the Board of Police Commissioners and Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

Joe and his wife Pat, who works as the Woodbridge Tax Collector, moved to Woodbridge in 1977 to raise their six children. They are now the proud grandparents of nineteen grandchildren. Joe graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, where he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. He attended the University of Connecticut, where he played football. Joe is now a marathon runner - you may see him out along the roads of Woodbridge in every season and in all kinds of weather!

## Jeffrey Ginzberg

Candidate for Board of Tax Assessment Appeals

Jeffrey is running for re-election to Board of Assessment Appeals, having stepped up last year to fill an unexpired term. He is seeking another term based on knowledge and experience. The Board of Assessment Appeals job requires a great deal of familiarity with town property values, neighborhoods, and the legal process. As an experienced lawyer for over 35 years, Jeff has the requisite experience and judgment to fulfill this role. He knows that property values in certain areas of town change over time and that the town's tax assessor must make sure that the property assessment of each homeowner is fair compared to all members in town.

Jeff is a divorce and personal injury lawyer in Seymour. He has lived in Woodbridge for 25 years with his wife Lynn and two children who have attended the Woodbridge public schools.

Jeff volunteers his time on many occasions on behalf of the Town of Woodbridge. He is a former member of the Woodbridge

sewer commission and he recommended that the town join the regional sewer authority, which saved taxpayer money. He is the town's representative to the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority. He is also a former member of the Woodbridge tennis court committee who helped bring tennis courts to the center of town; and he served on the town inland-wetlands committee.

A life-long resident of Connecticut, Jeff graduated from Brandeis University with a degree in political science and Boston College Law School. He has been a tennis player all his life, playing college tennis and coaching his son Andrew, who became a four-year player/Captain at UCONN. His daughter is a high school English teacher in Barcelona, Spain. Jeff was also director of junior tennis development for the USTA/CT for 6 years. Jeff believes that Woodbridge is a beautiful town and that "we must be vigilant to protect our property's value and the town's own distinctive high-achieving character."



# WOODBIDGE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES 2019

## Todd Jokl

Candidate for Woodbridge Board of Education

Todd is running for re-election to the Woodbridge Board of Education, after having been appointed to fill a vacancy last year. He is Dean of the University of New Haven's Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. He has been a Woodbridge resident since 2010. Dr. Jokl began his professional academic career in 2002 as a professor at the University of New Haven and has become engaged in academic administration over the past decade. He has a BA in Archaeological Studies, an MFA in Photography and Digital Media, and also holds a Doctorate in

Education. Todd and Paige Jokl have two children in Beecher Road School currently in 5th grade. As a member of the Woodbridge Board of Education, Todd has been focused on providing students with the resources necessary to continue providing top quality education. Todd has applied his knowledge of higher-ed administration to maximize efficiency without sacrificing services for Beecher's students. He is also a member of the Chabad of the Shoreline Congregation.

## Joyce Shavers

Candidate for Woodbridge Board of Education

Joyce is running for re-election to the Woodbridge Board of Education, after having been appointed to fill a vacancy last year. Her managerial, legal and international experience distinguish her as a Woodbridge Board of Education member. Joyce has worked at the law firms of Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Simpson Thacher in New York City. She has also run HR departments for Morgan Stanley's Investment Banking division in Asia, Goldman Sachs' global Private Equity division in New York as well as Cantor Fitzgerald firmwide. Joyce and her husband Tim moved to Woodbridge in 2013 and are the parents of two Beecher Road School students, a son in fourth grade and a daughter who will

enter first grade this fall. Joyce is looking forward to continuing to enhance learning opportunities at Beecher. On a volunteer basis, she started and ran the after school Chinese language and culture program as well as the FIRST Lego League science and robotics team competition program. She also spearheaded the parent effort to establish the WBOE Ad Hoc Enrichment committee to address the educational needs of all students. Joyce earned a BA from Yale College and a JD from Yale Law School. Joyce says, "People move to Woodbridge because of Beecher Road School. I am committed to helping Beecher maintain its excellent reputation as a school that meets the needs of all our students."

## Jeffrey Townsend

Candidate for Woodbridge Board of Education

Jeffrey is running for a seat on the Woodbridge Board of Education. Experience across the spectrum of education distinguishes Jeffrey as a candidate. He and his wife have three children who currently attend Beecher Road School. As a member of the WBOE, Dr. Townsend will use his experience in education as a primary, middle, and high school teacher, and professor to ensure that we are doing everything we can to meet every student where they are — and bring them to the highest heights they can reach. Prior to earning his doctoral degree in Biology from Harvard University in 2004, Jeffrey was a residential counselor and instructor at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. He then taught a range of subjects and grades at Brooklyn's Saint Ann's School from 1994–1997. He was a research fellow at the University of California-Berkeley for a few years before being appointed to the faculty at the University of Connecticut, then Yale. He is currently a professor in Biostatistics, and

will devote rigorous attention and scholarly knowledge to the evaluation of programs operating at Beecher, ensuring that teachers and administrators are efficiently fulfilling all students' educational potentials. Jeffrey was recently elected to the Connecticut Academy of Sciences and Engineering, which identifies issues and technological advances that are or should be of concern to the people of Connecticut, and provides unbiased, expert advice on science and technology-related issues to state government and other Connecticut institutions. The Academy is comprised of distinguished scientists and engineers from Connecticut's academic, industrial, and institutional communities. Jeffrey often visits Beecher Road School classrooms to perform dynamic readings of children's books, and is an avid theatregoer, having been an actor and director in numerous amateur productions, and has also become known by many town residents by his frequent participation in local road races including the Woodbridge 5K.

## Sheila McCreven

Candidate for Amity Regional Board of Education

Sheila is running for re-election to the Amity Board of Education, where she has been a member since September 2014. She was previously elected to the Board of Assessment Appeals serving from 2013 to 2015, and prior to that served two terms on the Woodbridge Board of Education, to which she was first elected in 2005. While a member of the WBOE, Sheila served as board Secretary for two years, and Chairman for four years. Her combined experience on both the Woodbridge and the Amity BOEs provides unique insight, which she brings to her leadership role as Chair of the Amity BOE's Ad Hoc Shared Services Committee exploring options for expanding Amity to become a K-12 district while ensuring we retain local control of our schools. She participated as a member of the negotiating team for several union contracts at both Beecher and Amity, and was also actively involved in the Superintendent search process for the Woodbridge School District in 2005, and the Amity School District in 2018. Sheila also has been a member of three separate

School Building Committees, including the committee which oversaw the completion of the 2016 Beecher renovation project. Sheila and her husband have lived in Woodbridge since 1997 and have three grown children who graduated from the Beecher and Amity school districts. She enjoys genealogy research and has traced her maternal lines back to several of the families who settled Woodbridge in the 1660s. To her work on the Amity BOE Sheila brings a professional background in communications and public relations, including past positions with the United Nations Department of Public Information, Yale University, and her current job at Woodbridge Town Hall as Communications Director and Grant Writer. In addition, she has wide-ranging experience serving on the Board of Directors for several local non-profits, including the Amity Teen Center and the East Side Burying Ground Association. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Media Arts and Advertising from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

## Patrick Reed

Candidate for Amity Regional Board of Education

Patrick is running for a seat on the Amity Board of Education. He hopes to utilize his extensive academic and experiential background in education to support the needs of all Amity students. Patrick earned a BA in Psychology from Salisbury University, followed by an MA in Experimental Psychology from the University of Hartford and an MA in School Psychology from Towson University. Through his work as a school psychologist in a nearby public school district over the last 12 years, Patrick strives to strengthen the relationships between families and schools, with a particular focus on helping special needs students achieve their potential. Patrick has served as a Judicial Marshall for the State of Connecticut which provided invaluable practical experience in the field of safety and security.

Patrick worked with the Marshalls to help them earn collective bargaining rights and was elected to be their first treasurer. Patrick's passion for the sport of lacrosse has led him to be a varsity high school coach for over 10 years, and inspired a commitment to providing access to high quality extracurricular activities to develop students' unique passions. Patrick and his wife, Dr. Anamika Reed, have twin seven-year-old daughters, who are flourishing in the MAG program at Beecher Road School. In choosing Woodbridge to call home, Patrick and Anamika were attracted by the reputation for educational excellence of both school districts, and he is eager to contribute to ensuring the continual improvement of opportunity for all students as a member of the Amity BOE.

VOTE



WOODBIDGE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES 2019

Joi Prud'homme

Candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate

Joi is running for the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate position. She and her husband Scott moved to Woodbridge in June 2013 to raise their daughter who is now a third grader in the MAG program at Beecher Road School. They chose this town specifically for the excellent school system, the close proximity to New Haven, and for its rural small-town character and commitment to open space.

Since moving back to Connecticut, Joi has been very active in the community, currently serving on the PTO Executive Board as the Chair of Fundraising, Special Events and Artsweek, and most recently as the PTO Representative to the WBOE Policy Committee. She volunteers to cook with MAG students on a regular basis, and also volunteers for the Bluebird Monitoring Project, other projects and workshops throughout the year in MAG, as well as many other PTO sponsored events at Beecher Road School.

Joi says, "In my volunteer work and as a stay-at-home-mom I have been able to enhance my skill sets in ways I never could have imagined. While I find this extremely fulfilling work, I have always thought that as my daughter grows, I would eventually

grow into other areas of leadership and service in our community. I have been interested in becoming actively involved in our local government since we moved here."

Formerly, Joi was a Sales Executive in the Waste Management Industry. Her strong interpersonal communication skills helped her to build and retain business relationships in the environmental field. Subsequently, Joi returned to school to complete a Bachelor's Degree then focused her career on Non-Profit work. She worked on two large federally funded grant projects as an Administrative Assistant to Executive Directors.

"Having lived in Southern Maine, Philadelphia, Cape Cod, Phoenix, Arizona and Northern New Jersey, I can tell you that Woodbridge is truly special. It is important to me to be of service here because I want our town to be a successful and thriving community. In order for that to happen there needs to be many people with different backgrounds and talents working together to make a difference. It is my sincere hope that this is just the beginning of a long and lasting career of service to my community."

Shawn Flynn

Candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals

Shawn is running for the Zoning Board of Appeals. His professional experience includes over fourteen years of analytic work providing data-driven strategy in several industries. Utilizing this skill set, this past fall he joined the Yale University Office of Development. His dedication to family, strong ethics, and hard work are what best qualify him as a candidate for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Shawn graduated from WCSU with a degree in Economics and is presently working toward a master's degree in Survey Research from UConn. Shawn's public service experience includes being a former member of the CT Air National Guard serving in the local 103rd Air Control Squadron in Orange, CT for six years. This military service allowed him to support both his

community and himself through college.

Shawn and his wife, McKenzie Granta, moved to Woodbridge in 2012 with their two children who are now in 1st and 3rd grade at Beecher Road School. In his spare time Shawn enjoys spending time with his family walking the local Woodbridge trails, building Lego sets with his son, and bringing his daughter to sports activities. Shawn's chief hobby is mastering his DIY skills to keep his family's home well maintained.

Shawn has been seeking a way to volunteer his time to a civic role in Woodbridge and sees this as an amazing opportunity to learn and be involved. Active participation, understanding our neighbor's needs, and bringing new life to Woodbridge's democracy are areas that Shawn is focused on.



WOODBIDGE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES 2019

Joe Dey

Candidate for Board of Selectmen

Joe first moved to Woodbridge in 1968 as a 12-year old. He attended Beecher Road School, Amity Middle School and graduated from Amity Regional High School in 1974. He earned a BS in Business Administration from UCONN and his JD, cum laude, from Bridgeport School of Law, which is now Quinnipiac University School of Law.

Joe started a general law practice in Milford, where he lived after graduation. He married Deirdre (Gremmy) Smith and in 1992 they moved back to Woodbridge with their three-year old daughter. Even though he kept his law practice in Milford, Joe knew that Woodbridge was where he wanted to raise their three daughters. Daron, Taylor and McKenzie went through the Beecher and Amity school systems.

In addition to practicing general law, Joe spent some time working in private industry as an international sales manager for Westwood Associates, Inc. and a national sales manager for sister company, ParcelPort, LLC. Westwood Associ-



ates, Inc. was a broker of printed circuit boards and ParcelPort, LLC was a related warehousing and logistics company. In 2011 he became a licensed property and casualty insurance agent and joined Danforth Associates, Inc. DBA George J. Smith & Son Insurance. Joe is Vice President of this family-owned independent insurance agency in Milford.

Joe's professional and community involvement has been extensive. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and Phi Beta Phi Law Fraternity and was elected into the Amity Regional Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2003, he was elected to the Amity Regional Board of Education where he served as Chairman of the Facilities Committee, which oversaw the three school \$90 million renovation project.

In addition, he is currently a member of the United Way of Milford Board of Directors, the Milford Hospital Board of Corporators, and the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen since 2013.

David Lober

Candidate for Board of Selectmen

David has been a Woodbridge resident since 1984, and a Connecticut resident since 1975 and has been a member of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen since 2017. He is a retired board-certified anesthesiologist who moved to Connecticut to join the medical staff at Yale New Haven Hospital after finishing his Naval tour of duty during the Vietnam conflict.

He attended Brooklyn College where he served on the Student Advisory Leadership Council, a liaison between the faculty and student organizations. He graduated from SUNY Downstate Medical Center and started training in surgery at the University of Florida, later switching to anesthesiology. After graduating he served as an instructor before reporting for active duty in the Navy.

At Yale, he became Director of Anesthesia at the Memorial Unit as well as Director of Obstetrical Anesthesiology where he was responsible for scheduling, nurse education, staffing and monthly coverage. He was also the medical liaison to the Lamaze Childbirth Education Program.

He left Yale for private practice at Temple Surgical Center, eventually becoming

president of his corporation, helping to manage contracts, hiring, legal negotiations and salary decisions.

His wife, Felicia Lober, a lifelong Connecticut resident, is a nurse educator at Yale New Haven Hospital. He has sent four children through the Woodbridge and Amity school systems.

Dave has been a volunteer for several organizations throughout his years in Woodbridge, including Boy Scout Troop 907 as Assistant Scoutmaster, Habitat for Humanity, Our Lady of the Assumption Church home rehabilitation project, Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, Columbus House, and Hurricane Sandy clean-up in Milford. In addition, he has coached soccer, tee ball and Little League. Dave was also a board member of the Woodbridge Child Care Center and a member of an ad hoc committee to save the Country Club of Woodbridge.

For fun he sails, golfs, plays tennis, hikes, snow shoes, cross country skis, and fishes (fresh water, salt water and ice). He is an NRA certified Range Safety Officer and shotgun instructor and served as a volunteer for Boy Scout shooting events. He has built cabinets and a sailboat.



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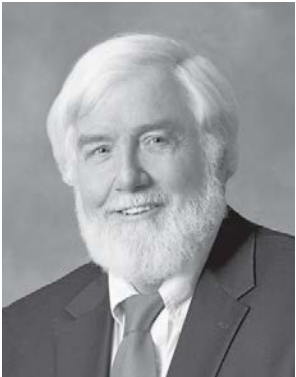


# WOODBIDGE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES 2019

## Dwight Rowland

Candidate for Board of Selectmen

Dwight C. Rowland moved to Woodbridge with his wife Rosalie in 1979. They have two sons, Sean (who is the current Fire Chief in Woodbridge) and Scott (an Engineer with Turner Construction) along with four wonderful grandchildren. Dwight and Rosalie will be celebrating their 45th Anniversary later this year. After graduating from Darien High School in 1968, Dwight earned a BS Degree in Mathematics from the Virginia Military Institute in 1972. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force and was Honorably discharged from the USAF Reserves with the rank of Captain in April 1981.



He was employed by Turner Construction Company for over 45 years as a Purchasing Manager and Senior Project Manager on several large projects which have included YNHH Children's Hospital, YNHH Smilow Cancer Center, People's Bank in Bridgeport, several projects for Yale University and transformation of Madison Square Garden in NYC, before retiring in 2018.

As a resident of Woodbridge, Dwight has been very active while serving his community. He will be entering his 35th year being associated with the Beth – Wood Baseball League (formerly known as Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League), serving as its President from 1992 – 94 and again from 2001 on where he remains today. Under his leadership, the League has expanded in size and was

instrumental in the funding and completion of several projects including upgrades to the Acorn Hill complex (fencing, dugouts, scoreboards, batting cages, etc.) and at West River which continue to benefit those children who participate. Dwight has served as a Babe Ruth League District Commissioner for the last 12 years and was elected to the CT Babe Ruth Hall of Fame in January 2018.

In addition, Dwight has served on numerous committees and commissions. He was Co-Chair of the Building Committee for the new Fire Station, closely overseeing the project that was completed under budget and on time in 2009. He also has served in various capacities on other Town Projects including the Woodbridge Town Library Expansion, Beecher Road Elementary School Expansion, Site location committee for the new Fire Station and was Chair of the Building Committee for Phase I of the existing Firehouse Renovation.

Dwight has been an active member of the Woodbridge Recreation Commission for the past 20+ years, working closely with the Woodbridge Recreation Department and the town in the development of recreational programs for our community. Dwight is also a 20-year honorary member of the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association (WVFA), assisting the WVFA with their various functions and events throughout the year, including playing "Santa" when the WVFA visits families during the holiday season.

## Dan Cowan

Candidate for Woodbridge Board of Education

Dan Cowan decided to make Connecticut his permanent home after serving in the U.S. Navy in Groton. In 2011 Dan, his wife and youngest daughter moved from Stratford to Woodbridge with the expectation that she will graduate with the Amity High School class of 2027.

After starting his Career as a machinist mate in the US Navy, Dan then became a service technician of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. He then went on to teach the operation and repair of these systems to students and adults at the Porter and Chester Institute while he concurrently earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering in 2011.

For the past 13 years, Dan has overseen commercial projects related to HVAC, Refrigeration and Pumping systems taking them from concept and financing through the build. Dan is currently a Professional Engineer in the business development department with EMCOR Services New

England Mechanical. Dan is a member of several industry-related societies, including the CT Association of Plumbing Engineers and the CT Association of Energy Engineers. In 2010 he was the founding president of the University of New Haven chapter of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers). He was ASHRAE Student Activities Chair for 4 years, has been Refrigeration Chair since 2011 and on the Board of Governors since 2012. Prior to moving to Woodbridge, Dan was involved in the PTO of his eldest daughter's school in Norwalk. Once his youngest daughter started Beecher Road School, Dan jumped right in, volunteering to help raise funds by increasing donors for the Halloween Hoot. The following year, Dan began his 3-year role as Hoot coordinator by increasing the financial success and number of volunteers every year.

## Jeff Hughes

Candidate for Woodbridge Board of Education

Jeff Hughes, candidate for Woodbridge Board of Education, was raised in Derby. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven. In 2002 he earned dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Horticulture and Agronomy from UCONN Storrs. He met his future wife Jen at Delaney's in New Haven. When they decided it was time to settle down and have children, they scouted area towns and decided a top flight school system was their priority. Residents of Woodbridge for seven years, their son and daughter are now students at Beecher Road School. Jeff and Jen plan for their kids to go all the way through Amity schools.

Jeff always worked while in high school and college. His love of horticulture has

kept him involved with several landscaping and construction businesses both as an employee and as an owner operator. He continues to work as a property owner/manager in addition to his current job at Yale University.

Jeff worked his way through the ranks of Yale, starting as an assistant manager in the dining halls. He is now Area Manager at Yale University with oversight of all the Residential Colleges at Yale. His job involves overseeing all programmatic and capital improvement projects while managing a team of 8 superintendents and 107 union employees. He is currently involved in University wide Sustainability initiatives and creating an alternate work program to maximize labor over shutdown periods.

## Lynn Piascyk

Candidate for Woodbridge Board of Education

A resident of Woodbridge since 1964, Lynn Piascyk is a graduate of Beecher Road School and Amity Regional High School. She continued her education earning Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Early Childhood Education as well as a 6th Year Degree of Advanced Study as a Classroom Teacher Specialist from Southern Connecticut State University. Lynn was a beloved teacher at Beecher Road School for 36 years before retiring in 2014.

While teaching at Beecher Road School, Lynn was an active member of the Woodbridge Education Association holding the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. During her tenure, she acted as a Faculty Representative on Search and Interview Committees for numerous administrative and faculty positions. She continues to be involved as an alumni member and former Chair of the WEA Scholarship Committee that presents three scholarships to Amity High School Seniors each year. Lynn was awarded the Woodbridge Board of Education Award of Excellence for Distinguished Service and was named Wood-

bridge Teacher of the Year in 1993. In 2011, she was named Educator of the Year by the Turkish Cultural Center of Connecticut.

Lynn was elected to the Woodbridge Board of Education in 2015. She serves on the Facilities Sub-Committee, Chairs the Curriculum Sub-Committee, and has represented the Board of Education on the Class Size Ad Hoc Committee, the SRO Study Committee, and the Tools for Schools Committee. Lynn acts as BOE Liaison to Beecher's Safety and Security Committee as well as the school's Beautification Committee.

Lynn was previously elected to the Zoning Board of Appeals, serving for 12 years.

She was an appointed member of the Human Services Commission from 1989-2001, serving as the Commission's secretary for 4 of those years. Lynn has been a member of the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee since 1988 and has been a Justice of the Peace since 2001. She is currently active on the Board of Directors of the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society.

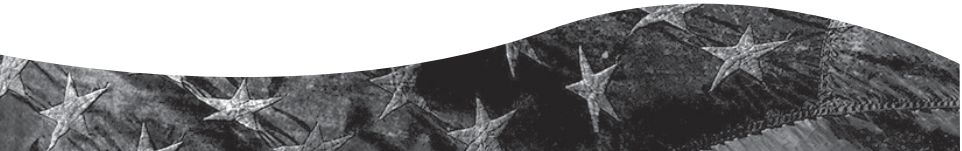
## Jonathan Arpaia

Candidate for Amity Regional Board of Education

Jonathan Arpaia grew up in Woodbridge and graduated from Amity High School in 2005. He earned his BS in Technology and Engineering Education from Central Connecticut State University in 2012 and his Masters of Arts in Learning and Thinking from the Graduate Institute in 2018. Jonathan began his teaching career with New Haven Public Schools at Metropolitan Business Academy in 2013. He is currently a Technology Education teacher at East Hartford High School, teaching Woodworking

and Robotics. In addition to teaching, Jonathan is the Woodworking Club Advisor, and spearheaded the Freedom Pen Project in which students in his classes and club made pens to send to troops deployed overseas.

Jonathan is a volunteer firefighter in Woodbridge, and has been active in the local community for many years. As a young man he earned the Eagle Scout award as a member of Troop 63 in Woodbridge. He is also an NRA pistol instructor and avid sportsmen.





# WOODBIDGE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES 2019

## Matt Schwartz

Candidate for Amity Regional Board of Education

Matt Schwartz is a lifelong resident of Woodbridge, and attending Beecher Road School and Amity Middle School Bethany. He is a 2012 graduate of Amity Regional High school and a 2018 graduate of Southern Connecticut State University where he earned a BA in History with two minors, one in Political Science and one in Public Health.

As a student at Amity High School Matt was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. In addition, he was an Assistant Teacher and Teacher of Hebrew and the Jewish Religion at Temple Emanuel.

While in college, Matt was very active in several campus organizations including serving terms as President of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Vice President of Greek Life Council, President of the SCSU History

Club and President of the SCSU Political Science Club. He was presented awards from National Political Science Academic Honor Society, National Greek Life Leadership Honor Society, National Greek Life Academic Society and Susan Pinsky Bleeks Scholarship.

Matt currently works as messenger and researcher for the House Republicans at the Capitol in Hartford. He was the Assistant Campaign Manager for Senator George Logan during his 2018 re-election campaign. In addition, he was an intern for the Mark Boughton for Governor campaign in 2018 and town coordinator for the 2018 Re-elect Themis Klarides campaign. Prior to that Matt was a sales associate at the Boy Scouts of America Scout Store in Milford and awarded Top salesman in 2015-16.

## Frank Ciarleglio

Candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals

Frank Ciarleglio is a third-generation resident of a five generation Woodbridge family. He attended the Warner School on Lucy Street for grades K-7 and graduated from Amity High School in 1959. He has been married to his wife Janet for 55 years. Frank and Janet have 2 children, both Amity High graduates and two granddaughters, both of whom will have graduated from Amity High School as of June 2018.

Frank has worked and lived in Woodbridge for his entire life, except for 2-1/2 years when he was employed by the FBI in Washington, DC and New Haven. After leaving the FBI he spent seven years as a Police Officer with the Woodbridge Police

Department. In addition, Frank was the owner/operator of a school bus for the Amity School System for 47 years and the owner of Ciarleglio Landscaping for 32 years. He also spent many years working with his father, a former Woodbridge Police Chief, building houses in Woodbridge and neighboring towns.

Frank is lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Woodbridge and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He served as Town Chairman for the Special Olympics in 1995, was on the committee to refurbish the Amity Athletic fields and is a member of the FBI Alumni Association.

## Vincent Carrano

Candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals

Vincent Carrano was born and raised in New Haven. He graduated from Quinnipiac University with BS degrees in English and Business Administration. He also has a Masters and a Sixth Year Degree in School Psychology and a School Administrators Sixth Year Certificate all from Southern Connecticut State University.

He moved to Woodbridge in 1979. He and his wife, Diane, raised 4 children all of whom were educated in the Woodbridge and Amity School systems.

Vincent had a 41-year career in education, spending 29 years as a School Psychologist for Pre-k through High School in

Naugatuck. He was also a High School English/Reading Teacher and baseball Coach at Sheehan High School for 12 years. Vincent was a 31-year member of the Teachers Negotiating Team, 8 years as its Chairman. He was also a member of the Woodbridge Fathers' Baseball League and a coach for 18 years. After retiring, Vincent returned to teaching and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Gateway Community College.

Vincent was elected to the Amity Board of Education, served a term on the Human Services Commission, is a member of the NRA and a parishioner at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church.

## Robert Wiznia

Candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals

Bob and his wife Carolann have lived in Woodbridge since 1980. All three of their children attended Beecher Road School and the Amity Regional School system.

Bob attended Milford (CT) High School, earned his B.A. from Yale University, and graduated from the NYU School of Medicine. He did his internship at Montefiore Hospital in New York, completed his residency in ophthalmology at Tufts University in Boston, and then took a vitreoretinal fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Professionally, Bob has a private ophthalmology practice specializing in vitreoretinal diseases in New Haven. He is an Attending Ophthalmologist at Yale New Haven Hospital and Consultant in Ophthalmology at Griffin Hospital. In addition, he is an Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at the Yale University School of Medicine and an Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery (Ophthalmology) at UCONN School of Medicine. Bob is a member and past

President of the Board of Governors of the NYU School of Medicine. He is a Fellow of Ezra Stiles College of Yale University.

Bob is a long-time member of the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee. He has served on the Woodbridge Board of Zoning Appeals since 2015, currently as a regular member.

He has participated for many years in the Amity High School College Fair and has interviewed numerous Amity students on behalf of Yale College.

Bob successfully applied for forest and open space designations for land in Woodbridge. This effort allowed him to gain extensive knowledge of the Woodbridge Zoning and Wetlands regulations.

In order to continue to be well-informed on the latest zoning issues that Woodbridge faces, on March 23, 2019 he attended a one-day conference for members of Connecticut Land Use Commissions at Wesleyan University which was sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association.

## Cynthia Gibbons

Candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals

Born and raised In Woodbridge, Cynthia Gibbons is an alumna of Beecher Road School and Amity High School. She attended Quinnipiac University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Cindy is a current

member and former chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

While living in Prospect, Cynthia was Chair of the Town Council as well as Treasurer and member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. She is a member of the Woodbridge Rotary Club.

## Chuck Pyne

Candidate for Board of Tax Assessment Appeals

Chuck and Holly moved their young family from White Plains, NY to Woodbridge in 1998. Their children, A.J., Charlie and Natalie went through the Woodbridge and Amity school systems, graduating in 2011, 2012 and 2015 respectively. Both parents were involved in the children's activities – Holly was a career class parent and PTO volunteer and Girl Scout leader, Chairing and Vice-Chairing the Halloween Hoot during her days at Beecher. Chuck was a little league coach for the boys and a sponsor/coach for his daughter's little league team. He was also the Cubmaster of Pack 902 for several years as his boys went through the program.

As a parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Chuck served as a religious education instructor for elementary and middle school students, was a member of the Evangelism Committee and volunteered on home rehabilitation

projects the church sponsored.

Professionally, he has been in the medical imaging and IT industries since his graduation from Muhlenberg College in 1980. He has worked for CT-based Fuji Medical Systems, Philips Healthcare and Dell/NTT DATA in a variety of operations and senior sales management positions.

He has been active in Woodbridge and Connecticut politics for over a decade. He has been the Secretary of the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee and State Senator George Logan's Campaign Manager for both successful campaigns. He was elected to Republican State Central in 2011, representing Woodbridge, Bethany, Ansonia, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck and Beacon Falls.

In addition, he is currently the Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget & Control Committee of the Connecticut Republican Party and Vice President of the Woodbridge Land Trust.



# YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



# WOODBIDGE ELECTION 2019: LETTERS

## Woodbridge Seniors Well Served by Heller

I write in support of First Selectman Beth Heller who is running for re-election on May 6th. As a long-standing member of the Human Services Commission and as a Senior who has lived in Woodbridge for 38 years, I have seen little done to The Center to improve conditions indicative of neglect and deferred improvements. First Selection Heller has recognized a growing senior population with all the programs and courses provided to them. We need her continued action on behalf of the Town.

Mary Leigh Sabshin

## Woodbridge Better Served by Heller’s Experienced Team

There’s a ‘Trumpster fire’ raging throughout the Republican party, with Connecticut flare-ups of this nasty national trend too common to ignore. Only Woodbridge voters can insulate our town from the idealism and excesses of the current administration in Washington and its complicity

it – even when silent – GOP faithful.

In his acceptance speech, the Republican nominee for Woodbridge First Selectman immediately spoke of reversing Roe v. Wade, repealing President Obama’s Affordable Care Act (‘Obamacare’), and building a wall along the United States’ southern border (<https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeRTC/videos/243445049881036/>).

He acknowledged an inability to affect these things from Town Hall, but his message to the GOP base was clear: let’s bring that mindset to bear in Woodbridge.

I worry about the potential, local consequences of Republican goals and objectives, particularly in the areas of public education and fiscal responsibility. Their ‘starve government’ mantra would undermine Woodbridge schools and their excellence, for which our community is renowned.

At last week’s Preliminary Budget Hearing, an irresponsible idea to deplete the Town’s rainy-day fund was promoted by Republicans to provide property tax relief. Risky, one-time, unsustainable revenue like that would

automatically create a deficit in next year’s budget and potentially jeopardize the Town’s highest possible, AAA credit rating.

Woodbridge is – and will be – much better served with First Selectman Beth Heller and her experienced team. With literally decades of public and community service to call upon, Beth Heller and the Democratic slate are the seasoned, reasonable leaders to keep Woodbridge moving in a steady, positive direction.

Please help protect the best interests of Woodbridge on Monday with votes for Beth Heller and the Democratic team.

Laurence Grotheer

## Vote for a Better Woodbridge; Vote Ed Weinberg

I am a life-long resident of Woodbridge and have been active in a variety of social and political organizations. Woodbridge residents have been, at least from my perspective, upbeat about our town, citing our quiet neighborhoods, good school system and the sound investments we have

made in homes being the foundation of our nest eggs. But in the last few years I have experienced a disturbing shift in the upbeat attitude. Many people I speak with are now experiencing first hand a serious reduction in their home values. As they become empty nesters and look to downsize, they are finding their home values diminished, not appreciated. They say potential buyers are put off by our property taxes compared to other CT towns and selling homes now requires major price reductions to make a sale possible. As I read campaign literature from candidates in our May elections, I see the Republicans recognizing this situation and offering solutions, while I see the Democrats talking up leadership and results. It occurs to me it is Democrat leadership that got our wonderful town to the point of reduced property values and that these are not the results we need going forward. We need to put people in charge who recognize this problem and are offering real solutions. Vote for a better Woodbridge; vote Ed Weinberg and his team.

Dorothy Martino





# Did You Know?

## If You Don't Have An Estate Plan, Connecticut Has One For You

### Part I: Assets

Most people feel strongly that they want to control who may access their assets and what happens to their assets while they are alive; they limit who may view bank accounts, write checks, make investment decisions, or other important financial decisions. After all that hard work acquiring and protecting assets while you're alive what happens to your assets after your death?

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Estate planning gives you the opportunity to state who has access to your assets, who has the right to make decisions, and, ultimately, who receives your assets after your death. If you are a Connecticut resident and you don't have an estate plan (Will and/or Revocable Trust) stating who gets what, Connecticut statutes provide a plan for you. This statutory plan varies based on your family dynamics and may or may not match your actual wishes. It will apply to anything you own that does not have a joint owner or a designated beneficiary. Your estate will be called an "intestate estate".

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Children but no spouse	Children inherit everything
Spouse and at least one child from you and someone other than your spouse	Spouse inherits ½ of your intestate property. Your children inherit the other ½
Spouse and parents (no children)	Spouse inherits the first \$100,000 of your intestate property plus ¾ of the balance. Your parents inherit the other ¼
Parents but no spouse or children	Parents inherit everything
Siblings but no spouse, children or parents	Siblings inherit everything

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# Ansonia Nature Center

## May 2019 Events

### CONSERVATION PROJECT: Weekend Warriors Part 1

Saturday, May 4, 9 am-1 pm

Ranger Dan is seeking naturalists who want to help keep our park beautiful. Managing our precious landscape requires your help! Together we will continue the legacy of this nature preserve. Part 1 will focus on controlling invasive plant species around our open fields. Great for teenage scouts and adult volunteers. Bring water, snacks, gloves, and trimming tools. Call to register.

### PIGEONS: SMARTER THAN YOU THINK

Sunday, May 5, 2 pm

Licensed wildlife rehabilitator Megan Eaton will bring her pigeon friends for this unique meet and greet. Megan has spent the last 3 years rehabbing every pigeon brought to her door. At this family-friendly program, meet some of her rescues and learn all about one of the earliest domesticated and most misunderstood birds: the pigeon. FREE; donations appreciated.

### LAVENDER BATH BOMBS FOR MOTHERS' DAY

Saturday, May 11, 10 am

Join us in making these wonderful bath bombs. Each attendee will make a batch, learn how to mold them, and prepare them as gifts. For 8 years old and up. MATERIALS FEE: \$12 per person. Please register; class size limited.

### FAIRY HOUSES AND TEA PARTY

Saturday, May 11, 1 pm

Join Ranger Amie at Pavilion #2 to design tiny homes for fairies and gnomes from bark, moss, stones, and other natural decorations. Materials will be provided. Celebrate these magical creatures during the fairy tea party. Bring tea party food to share if you would like. Please register for this FREE family program.

### ADVENTURES IN EDIBLE PLANT FORAGING

Saturday, May 18, 10 am

Karen Monger is the author of the 3 Foragers blog, which she runs with her husband, Robert. Come join them for a

short lecture and a hike to discover and identify edible plants in the park. Their mission is to impart their knowledge of wild edible plants to others. FEE: \$6 per person for this family program.

### NATURE EXPLORERS

Wednesdays - May 22, 29;  
June 5, 12; 10 am

Join us for this 4-week pre-school/toddler program for children ages 2-5 and their adult explorer. Participants will have fun exploring nature every week in these outdoor classes. The classes are typically loosely structured and influenced by the seasons and the interests of the children. We will go outside for a short hike and to explore nature every class so please dress for the weather. Classes will end with a light snack (provided or bring your own) and conversation. TUITION: \$40 for all 4 weeks, space permitting (cash or check payable to Ansonia Nature Center), due at the first class. Class is limited to 10 children. Please call to register, 203-736-1053.

### MIGRATORY BIRD WALK

Saturday, May 25, 9 am

Warblers, catbirds, and grosbeaks, oh my! Join Ranger Jess for a migratory bird experience. The Ansonia Nature Center is the home to many migratory birds. See redstarts, common yellow throats, towhees, and more during this birding adventure. This is a slow-paced walk on uneven terrain. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. FREE; please register.

### JUNE 2019 CONNECTICUT TRAILS DAY

Saturday, June 1, 9 am

Join Nature Center Director Alison Rubelmann and Ranger Daniel Bosques for this morning walk. Discover the beauty of the Nature Center's typical New England woodland during the CT Forest and Park Association's annual Trails Day weekend. We might get lucky and find a lady slipper or two. This moderate hike will also focus on the history of the land, and we will visit the settlement of the Paugasucks. Bring water, a snack, and bug spray, and wear sturdy shoes. Suitable for older children and adults. FREE.







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All antique cars, trucks, muscle cars, motorcycles and big trucks are welcome. The event features people's choice judging. Show vehicles can begin to arrive at 11 a.m. with raffle and trophies being distributed at 3:30 p.m. Cost for the event is \$10 for show vehicles and general parking.

The Car, Truck & Bike show offers fun for the entire family featuring a food tent with fire fighters and auxiliary members hard at work cooking delicious sausage & peppers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. Come out and enjoy a wonderful event and as always thank you for your support!

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# Statement Re: Poway Synagogue Attack

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and its Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) are heartbroken and outraged at another hateful and anti-Semitic attack on the Chabad Synagogue of Poway, California, where one woman was killed and three were injured. This mass shooting, which took place exactly six months after the mass murder of 11 innocent worshipers at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, comes on the final day of Passover, a holiday that celebrates freedom from oppression.

As innocent children and adults gathered to recite the sacred Yizkor memorial prayer for those they have loved and lost, an enraged white supremacist sought to gun them down in the sanctuary. We will forever remember the name of Lori Gilbert-Kaye, 60. Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, suffered injury while confronting the attacker. We pray for the rabbi's recovery and for the speedy and complete recovery of Almog Peretz, 34 and Noya Dahan, 8. Ironically, they had left their hometown of Sderot, Israel after enduring endless terror attacks by rockets from Gaza for the sunny and peaceful greater San Diego, California area, only to encounter extreme Jewish hatred in the United States of America.

On Sunday, May 5, at 1 p.m. at The Towers (18 Tower Lane, New Haven) the community will come together to stand in solidarity to mark Yom HaShoah, the annual commemoration of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. This Sunday we will also offer special prayers of remembrance for those murdered in Pittsburgh and Poway.

We are alarmed by the escalating string of attacks on houses of worship and the continued, increasing tide of anti-Semitic and hate incidents overall.

All places of worship for all faiths should be prayerful, peaceful and free from violence.

Safety and security of the Jewish community is of primary importance to the Jewish Federation of Greater

New Haven. The Federation works continuously in partnership with local and state law enforcement, the FBI, Secure Communities Network and ADL to foster training and education for Greater New Haven Jewish community institutions. Recently the Federation coordinated Active Shooter Training and Stop the Bleed Training. Additional security resources can be found at [www.jewishnewhaven.org/security-resources](http://www.jewishnewhaven.org/security-resources).

Resources in coping with the impact of such situations are available locally and online. If your kids are struggling with what they may hear on the news, PJ Library ([pjlibrary.org](http://pjlibrary.org)) offers "How to Talk to Your Kids About Scary Situations". Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven offers counseling staff to help alongside community clergy.

The Jewish Federation extends its deepest condolences and prayers for a speedy and complete recovery to the families impacted in Poway. We stand in solidarity with the Chabad of Poway community and the Chabad community in Greater New Haven as they grapple with this trauma.

Together we will stand against hate. Together we will ensure that peace and love will triumph.

Dr. Jeffrey Hoos, President  
Judith Alperin, Chief Executive Officer  
Dr. Arthur & Betty Levy, JCRC Co-Chairs  
Eliraz Shifman-Berman, JCRC Director

*The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater New Haven is the public affairs and community relations arm of the Jewish community representing Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout the Greater New Haven area. The JCRC focuses on government relations, Israel advocacy, inter-group relations, and social justice. The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is a community-building organization that cares for those in need in our community and promotes the continuity, security, and unity of the Jewish community here, in Israel, and around the world.*

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celebrity  
extra  
by Dana Jackson

**Q:** I saw that the actress who played Georgette on “**The Mary Tyler Moore Show**” passed away recently. I just loved her character on that show. Did she ever act in anything else? -- M.R.

**A:** Why yes, actress **Georgia Engel** had a long career in television after playing the flighty, hilarious Georgette on the classic sitcom. She was a regular on the short-lived “**The Betty White Show**,” and she appeared many times on “**The Love Boat**” and “**Fantasy Island**.” She had a regular role on the hit show “**Coach**” in the 1990s. In more recent years, Engel was a semi-regular on “**Everybody Loves Raymond**” and again co-starred with Betty White on the sitcom “**Hot in Cleveland**.”

Engel never married and didn’t have any children. In an interview with “People” magazine several years ago, Engel credited the late **Mary Tyler Moore**, and her iconic character Mary Richards, for “letting it be known that it was alright to be a certain age and not be married, to be a certain age and not have a date on Saturday night. She made it OK to have the joy of throwing yourself into your work.” Engel’s chosen work definitely brought her audiences a lot of joy and laughter. She will be missed.

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**Q:** Will “**Manifest**” be back on NBC next fall? I really hope so after that cliffhanger. -- P.E.

**A:** For those who haven’t watched the season finale, I won’t spoil it for you by giving details about how season one ended. For those who are avid viewers of the mystery drama, I have good news: There will be a season two of “**Manifest**.”

It’s hard to believe that its renewal was even in question after more than 10 million viewers watched the series



Tiger Woods [Freestockphotos]

premiere last fall. It was no doubt compared to the very popular “**Lost**,” another show about passengers on a plane sharing some kind of purpose or connection. However, by season’s end, “**Manifest**” had lost more than 5 million viewers. Fortunately, NBC still has faith that it will win back viewers in its sophomore season.

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**Q:** Who is the woman **Tiger Woods** kissed after he won the Masters? I thought he was still with that Olympic skier. -- W.P.

**A:** The special woman in Tiger’s life is **Erica Herman**. She’s in her early 30s, and they apparently met when she was managing his restaurant in Florida. His children, daughter **Sam** and son **Charlie**, also were in attendance when he won the elite tournament, along with his mother, **Kultida**.

Tiger and his former girlfriend, Olympic skier **Lindsey Vonn**, still remain friends. His professional comeback occurred after years of scandal and injuries. He missed two seasons of pro golf before returning to the green. He finally got relief by undergoing another back surgery, this time by **Dr. Richard Guyer** of the Texas Back Institute.

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## Huzi Speaks at Joint Garden Club Meeting

The Garden Club of Woodbridge hosted the Bethany Garden Club at the Woodbridge Town Library on April 2. The guest speaker for the evening was Lawrence Huzi, Floral Designer. Larry is a member of The Garden Club of Orange, National Garden Clubs and Creative Arrangers of CT. He has won many awards for his creativity. Larry's creativity was on display at the meeting when he produced two mechanics he had engineered: the spider

web holder and the tatami-like knot. Mechanics are used to hold flowers in floral arrangements. Larry used these mechanics in two of the floral displays he constructed for the group. As Larry put it, "it is all in the mechanics." Larry talked about using mesh and painted wire in his other arrangements. In the photo Larry poses with his finished designs. At the end of the evening a raffle took place, and four lucky people walked out with the inspired creations.



The Garden Club of Woodbridge welcomes all to its annual plant sale on June 1 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Woodbridge Library grove, 10 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT. A large assortment of unusual and common plants, bushes and bulbs from club members' gardens will be sold. There will be a book sale at the library and a "Mutt Strut" dog walk also happening at this time. Shown is a perennial sold at last year's plant sale



Joseph Enright and Matthew Thurston

## Locals to Chair Boys & Girls Village Fundraiser

Boys & Girls Village (BGV) is pleased to announce that Board Members Joseph Enright and Matthew Thurston will chair its 2019 'Compass to Success' fundraiser, the organization's only fundraising event of the year. The event will be held on Thursday, June 6th from 6:30pm – 10pm at Black Rock Yacht Club in Bridgeport.

A long-time Boys & Girls Village supporter, Joseph Enright, of Woodbridge, CT, joined the Board in 2016 and currently chairs the board development committee. A Partner at CBP in Stamford, he has been in the insurance industry since 1997, with a concentration in serving employers in the nonprofit sector. He is an active board member for Boys & Girls Village, the Cardinal Shehan Center, The Farms Country Club and serves on the Development Committee at Community Health Resources. "I joined the board at BGV because it gave me the opportunity to give back to the community we serve. The opportunity to help families and children get their lives back on track is time well spent," said Enright. "When I have spoken about BGV I always talk about giving a hand up as opposed to a hand out."

Matthew Thurston, a Milford resident, joined the Boys & Girls Village Board in 2018, and is a member of the board development committee. He is a member of the sales and marketing team at his family company, Thurston Foods, Inc. of Wallingford, which has been in the food distribution business for over 70 years. Thurston is also an active member of the Toast Masters organization. "I really enjoy seeing people realize their potential and achieve their goals," said Thurston. "It is truly fascinating when people can, at the same time, overcome great obstacles. Boys & Girls Village helps people do these things."

Boys & Girls Village encourages the

community to support this exceptional seaside event, which features cocktails, mingling, great music, delicious food, inspiring speakers and the satisfaction of helping those in our community who need it most. The lively evening attracts 150 community and business leaders and last year raised nearly \$200,000 to support at-risk children and families throughout the state. Tickets are on sale now, visit <https://www.bgvillage.org/fundraiser/> for additional details.

Boys & Girls Village would like to thank its generous sponsors to date, including Captain Sponsor: L.H. Brenner Inc., Officer Sponsors: Bismark Construction & Blanchard Wealth Management, and NSI - IT Support & Cyber Security, Deck Chief Sponsors: Advanced Security Technologies, Inc.; Aetna; A-1 Toyota; Artistic Design LLC.; Beers, Hamerman, Cohen & Burger, PC; CBP; Cigna; Domack Restoration; Eastern Glass& Shower Door; Ferraro Custom Woodworking; G. Pic and Sons Construction Co.; Guardian; Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare; Highway Animal Hospital; Lincoln Financial Group; Newtown Savings Bank; Murtha Cullina; Superior Comfort; Thurston Foods, Inc.; United Healthcare; Unum; Vaz Quality Woodworks; and media sponsor, Fairfield Living Magazine/Moffly Media.

For 76 years, Boys & Girls Village, Inc. has been one of Connecticut's leading providers of behavioral health, educational and permanency planning services for at-risk youth and their families. Since its founding, Boys & Girls Village has touched the lives of thousands of children and families from 50 different Connecticut communities, providing behavioral health, educational, family preservation and stabilization, and vocational services with the belief that all children can develop a healthy developmental pathway. Learn more at [www.bgvillage.org](http://www.bgvillage.org).





# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## Eagle Scout Gives Back

By LAURA FANTARELLA  
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Fond memories of playing soccer in Orange inspired Amity High School sophomore Simon Khairallah to devise an Eagle Scout project to give back to the town's soccer program.

At last month's Orange Board of Selectmen's meeting, Khairallah presented his plan to install a 12 x 14 pre-fabricated cedar pavilion at the Fred Wolfe Fields. Khairallah met with OSA President Tom Pisano who gave the go-ahead and even offered to fund the project. "If you're wondering why a Boy Scout from Woodbridge is coming to Orange to do his Eagle Scout project, I grew up in the Orange Soccer Association and I wanted to help them out in any way I can," Khairallah said in his presentation to the board. Khairallah started playing soccer in Orange when he was eight-years-old and now is a ref-

eree for the program. "A lot of thought went into this plan and Simon did a great job," Pisano said, adding that the pavilion will provide much needed protection in inclement weather. Pisano is also looking into installing a lightning rod like the gazebo at the High Plains Community Center has to ensure safety for kids and parents. The pavilion should be installed later this month.

The Selectmen unanimously approved the project and praised Khairallah for his maturity and ambition. "The proposal looks great and to many of us who have been to those fields, it will be nice to have a little shelter, so thank you," Selectman Mitch Goldblatt said.

The pavilion will be installed on a floating concrete slab designed to withstand soil erosion and will require little if any maintenance from the town.

## "The Art of the Ketuba: A Study in Jewish Diversity"

*Presented by the West Rock Chapter of Hadassah*

The Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah will present a program on "The Art of the Ketuba: A Study in Jewish Diversity" by Nanette Stahl on May 14, 2019, at 7 pm at Beth El Keser Israel Library, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven. Dr. Stahl is the Joseph and Ceil Mazer Librarian for Judaic Studies at Yale. The ketubah is a Jewish marriage contract, created in the 1st century CE to protect the woman in marriage. Come hear how

the language and look of the ketubah have evolved over time. Please RSVP to [wepawaug@gmail.com](mailto:wepawaug@gmail.com) as space is limited.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. is the largest Jewish women's organization in the United States, bringing Jewish women together to effect change and advocate on critical issues such as medical care, research, and women's empowerment.

## Join the Jewish Genealogical Society of CT

Please join the Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 1:30 pm, at Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington, as JGSCT President Doris Loeb Nabel presents "Two Genealogical Roots Journeys: Thirteen Cities, Five Countries, Seven Weeks".

Doris Loeb Nabel will share her 31-day roots quest in Europe and Israel.

She will explain how she planned her visits and researched proactively from home via computer to maximize the results. The highlights included research facilities, ancestral locations, cemeteries, and meeting 15 'new' cousins, and their spouses, for the first time.

The program is free and open to the public. Visit [www.jgsct.org](http://www.jgsct.org) for additional information.

## Amity Regional High School Class Of 1969 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Friday, September 13, 2019 informal get together at Orange Ale House, 217 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 6:30 til ???

Continue to renew friendships on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Trumbull Marriott, 180 Hawley Lane,

Trumbull, CT 6:30 – 11:30 with music and food - \$69.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Diane Consoli, 20260 Puma Trail, Estero, FL 33928, (978) 758-3502.

Please share info with any of our classmates you see or speak with!

## Happiness Club Meeting

Join Bernie Siegel, M.D. & Lionel Ketchian for a discussion on Happiness for our well-being. Lionel Ketchian is the co-host with Dr. Bernie Siegel on Mind Health Matters radio programs. Lionel is also the co-host on "The Happiness Show," broadcast on TV by Cablevision of Connecticut.

Take part in getting valuable tools and techniques for making your life the best it can be. Suffered enough? Do you really need to suffer anymore? Are you ready to learn to Be Happy? Being Happy will help you, suffer less and evolve spiritually. External events are difficult for us without the right tools to deal with the turbulence that

we all experience in life. Master these strategies to lessen your suffering. Your happiness can empower you and keep you on track. Learn to have the peace of mind you need and experience happiness now.

Everyone is welcome; meetings are free and no reservations are required. Meet some wonderful people using happiness in their lives.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 21st from 6:00 to 7:45 PM.

**Place:** The Woodbridge Town Library located at 10 Newton Road, Woodbridge.

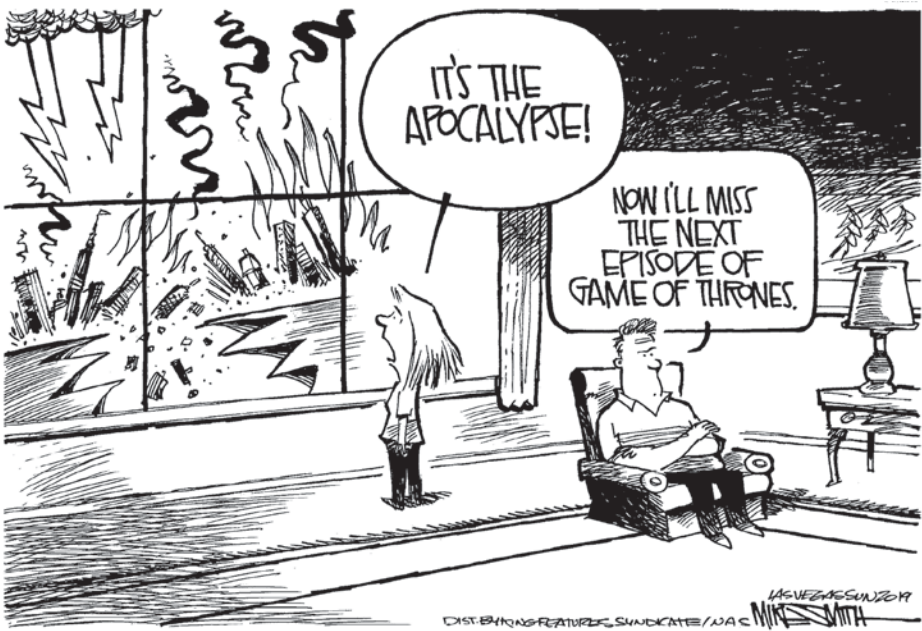
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## Clothing Drive To Benefit Boy Scout Troop 115

*Naugatuck Town Green*  
*Saturday, May 11, 2019, 10:00– 3:00*

Accepting clothing, shoes (bagged separately), linens, car seats (with base), strollers, small toys, stuffed animals and bicycles. We are also collecting used inkjet cartridges, old cell-phones, cameras, game consoles and

tablets, as well as can tabs. We kindly ask that these items be separated from the clothing/linens. For info, contact [info@onmyhonor.com](mailto:info@onmyhonor.com) or visit our event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1851158634959401/>.





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\*\*\*Please note the Library will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day. We will be open on Saturday, May 25.\*\*\*

### We're back on Instagram!

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### Shoutbomb: Text Messages from the Library

Have you signed up for Shoutbomb, our text messaging service about your library account? Simply text the word SIGNUP to (860) 345-1307. Then reply to the messages from Shoutbomb with a library card number. Please contact the Reference Desk with any questions by calling (203) 389-3434, emailing [wbrstaff@lioninc.org](mailto:wbrstaff@lioninc.org), or stop by the Library!

### Summer Reading Starts June 18

Both the Adult and Children's Departments are gearing up for a fantastic summer. This summer's theme is "A Universe of Stories." Programs are being planned now—there will be movies (indoor and outdoor), crafts, food demonstrations, book-related activities and more! The entire staff looks forward to welcoming residents to the Library and signing them up for summer reading challenges—for adults and children. More information will be announced as summer draws near, including polls to pick the outdoor movies in August! Stay tuned!

### Friends of the Woodbridge Library Annual Book Sale May 30–June 4

Great items, great prices, great cause! Shop from hundreds of gently-used books in all genres. DVDs and CDs too! The Friends spend the entire year carefully curating the donations, providing shoppers with items in fantastic condition, all at very reasonable prices. Buying something at the book sale supports the Friends, which in turn supports the Library. All funds raised go towards Library programs and technologies. Donations in good condition are gladly accepted and may be dropped off inside the Library when it is open. For more information, check the Library's website, contact the Friends at [woodbridgectfriends@gmail.com](mailto:woodbridgectfriends@gmail.com) or (203) 389-3493.

PS. On Monday, June 3, teachers



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and Woodbridge town employees can shop for free! On Tuesday, June 4, everything is free to the public!

### Adult Programs

For more information about our events, or to register, please contact the reference desk at 203-389-3434. Registration is also available on our website.

#### Lovely, Luscious Mother's Day with Robin Glowa

Wednesday, May 8 at 7 pm

She's back! Robin Glowa, The Conscious Cook, returns to the Library. Perfect for brunch or lunch, this menu will provide inspiration for a lovely and luscious celebration of Mom! Samples and recipes provided. Due to an alcoholic beverage that will be served, attendees must be age 21+. Registration is required; this is a very popular program and space is limited.

#### A Passeggiata (Stroll) Through Italy: Past, Present and Future

Wednesday, May 22 at 7 pm

Mariann Millard will "walk" participants through the richness and diversity of Italy to appreciate its geography, language, cuisine, culture, politics and economics. Understand not only Italy's complex past and present culture, but about its future. Participants wishing to travel to Italy will leave with a better understanding of how to travel successfully among Italians to fully enjoy their experience. Mariann, a dual citizen of the United States and Italy, will enhance the experience by including tidbits on her family history, her work as an international tour director, finding long-lost Italian relatives, and learning and speaking Italian as an adult.

#### Woodstock: A 50th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, May 28 at 7 pm

Craig Harris transports attendees back to 1969 with rare recordings, archival video, insightful storytelling, group singing, and guided music-making all in celebration of Woodstock's 50th anniversary! The August 1969 Woodstock Exposition of Music and Art continues to reverberate cultural ripples and this program will not only stir memories but provide new

perspective.

#### Thursday Night Film Screenings

Film screenings start at 7 pm.

No registration required.

#### May 2: Can You Ever Forgive Me?

107 minutes; R

Lee Israel made her living in the 1970s and 80s profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Tallulah Bankhead, Estee Lauder and journalist Dorothy Kilgallen. When Lee is no longer able to get published because she has fallen out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception, abetted by her loyal friend Jack. An adaptation of the memoir *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* relays the true story of the best-selling celebrity biographer (and friend to cats).

#### May 9: At Eternity's Gate

111 minutes; R

During a self-imposed exile in Arles and Auvers-Sur-Oise, France, Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh develops his unique, colorful style of painting. While grappling with religion, mental illness and a tumultuous friendship with French artist Paul Gauguin, van Gogh begins to focus on his relationship with eternity rather than the pain his art causes him in the present.

#### May 16: The Mule

116 minutes; R

Earl Stone is a man in his 80s who is broke, alone, and facing foreclosure of his business when he is offered a job that simply requires him to drive. Easy enough, but, unbeknownst to Earl, he's just signed on as a drug courier for a Mexican cartel. The mysterious new drug mule has also hit the radar of hard-charging DEA agent Colin Bates. And even as his money problems become a thing of the past, Earl's past mistakes start to weigh heavily on him, and it's uncertain if he'll have time to right those wrongs before law enforcement, or the cartel's enforcers, catch up to him.

#### May 23: On the Basis of Sex

120 minutes; PG-13

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a struggling attorney and new mother who faces adversity and numerous obstacles in her fight for equal rights. When Ruth

takes on a groundbreaking tax case with her husband, attorney Martin Ginsburg, she knows it could change the direction of her career and the way the courts view gender discrimination.

#### May 30: Widows

128 minutes; R

Widows is the story of four women with nothing in common except a debt left behind by their dead husbands' criminal activities. Set in contemporary Chicago, amid a time of turmoil, tensions build when Veronica, Alice, Linda, and Belle take their fate into their own hands and conspire to forge a future on their own terms.

### Children's Activities & Events

For more information on our Children's Events, please visit our website or call 203-389-3439.

#### Eager Readers Book Group (Grades K-2)

Monday, May 13, 6:30 pm

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

#### Nonfiction Club (Grades 3-6)

Thursday, May 16 at 6 pm

Don't bug out! Check out a library book about insects, read it, then write down a cool fact that was learned. Get ready to share the book and the fact, have a snack, and make bug boxes! Please register online or at the Children's Desk and let staff know of any food allergies. Get first dibs on new books at the library, make a very cool dragon egg, and enjoy a snackONGOING Childrens Programming

#### Babies Session (0-18 months)

Every Wednesday, 10:30-11 am

Join us for songs and rhymes, fun for little ones. No registration.

#### Ready to Read (18-36 months)

Every Thursday, 10:30-11 am

Find out how talking, singing and reading build vocabulary and a love of books! No registration.

#### Preschool Storycraft (3-5 years)

Every Saturday, 11-11:30 am

Stories and crafts for ages 3 to 5 with an adult. No registration, unless otherwise noted.

“When my mother had to get dinner for 8 she'd just make enough for 16 and only serve half.” — GRACIE ALLEN



# LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Woodbridge Hosts ‘Business After Hours’

The Town of Woodbridge and the Economic Development Commission are inviting local business representatives to a business happy hour on Tuesday, May 14. At this Business After Hours at Solun Tapas Bar and Restaurant (245 Amity Road), happy hour specials will be on offer from 5-6:30 p.m. Admission is free to this event.

The goal is to bring the business community together to learn about and from each other. If you or someone from your business plans on attending this event, please contact Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla at [byagla@woodbridgect.org](mailto:byagla@woodbridgect.org).

“These happy hours are a great way for our business community members to network in a local, relaxed setting,” said First Selectman Beth Heller. “One of our economic development priorities is to retain the businesses we have and make sure that our businesses feel valued by and connected to Woodbridge.”

The Woodbridge Economic Development Commission plans to hold both a spring and fall Business After Hours event. To learn more about Woodbridge business news and events, sign up for the business email newsletter at [www.tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeCTBiz](http://www.tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeCTBiz).

## Resident Named President of National Doctors’ Group

Robert M. McLean, MD, FACP, has been named President of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the national organization of internists. His term began during Internal Medicine Meeting 2019, ACP’s annual scientific meeting held in Philadelphia from April 11-13.

A resident of Woodbridge, Conn., Dr. McLean practices internal medicine and rheumatology in New Haven with the Northeast Medical Group of Yale-New Haven Health, where he is the Medical Director for Clinical Quality. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale School of Medicine and has served as an Attending Physician at Yale-New Haven Hospital since 1994.

He most recently served on ACP’s Board of Regents, which manages the business and affairs of ACP and is the main policy-making body of the College. As a member of the Board of Regents, he was Chair of the Medical Practice & Quality Committee and also served on the Clinical Guidelines Committee and the High Value Care Task Force. Dr. McLean has been a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP) since 1998. FACP is an honorary designation that recognizes ongoing individual service and contributions to the practice of medicine. He previously served as ACP Governor for the Connecticut Chapter from 2009-13. Governors are elected by local ACP members and serve four-year terms. Working with a local council, governors supervise ACP chapter activities, appoint members to local committees and preside at regional meetings. They also represent members by serving on the ACP Board of Governors.

Board certified in internal medicine and rheumatology, Dr. McLean earned a bachelor’s degree from Williams College and a medical degree from University of Maryland School of Medicine. He completed medical residency training and a rheumatology fellowship at Yale. In 2000, he received the Laureate Award from the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization in the United States with members in more than 145 countries worldwide. ACP membership includes 154,000 internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists, and medical students. Internal medicine physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness. Follow ACP on Twitter and Facebook.

## Wareck D’Ostilio Real Estate Welcomes Miguel Pagan

Greg Robbins and Rhonda Young-Leu, Managers and Partners of the Branford office, take great pride in welcoming Miguel Pagan to the company. Miguel has been a full time Realtor since 1998. Fluent in English and Spanish, he enjoys working with local sellers and buyers and is very familiar with the Hispanic community. Although he specializes in representing sellers and buyers in residential sales, Miguel is also thoroughly experienced with short sales, foreclosures, relocation clients and REO Properties. He believes in a straight forward, honest approach with his clients.



Michael Pagan

Miguel serves the areas of Ansonia, Bridgeport, Derby Fairfield, Milford, Shelton, Stratford, Trumbull, New Haven, East Haven, West Haven, and Branford.

“I love that no two days are the same in the real estate industry. There are always new people to help; new goals to set,” said Miguel.

“We are delighted to have Miguel affiliated with Real Living Wareck D’Ostilio Real Estate,” said John Wareck, Partner/Broker. “His vast

knowledge and expertise in all aspects of real estate fit nicely into our business plan for expansion.”

Miguel is married and resides in New Haven. Contact him directly at 203-650-0151 or [miguelpaganreal-estate@gmail.com](mailto:miguelpaganreal-estate@gmail.com).

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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel May Events

### Daily Services

- › Sunday 9:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Monday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Tuesday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Wednesday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Thursday 8:15 am and 5:45 pm
- › Friday 7:00 am

### Shabbat Services

- › Friday 6:00 pm
- › Saturday Morning 9:15 am
- › Saturday Children’s Services 10:45 am
- › Saturday Afternoon 1:00 pm

### Rabbi Richard Eisenberg Guest Darshan

Rabbi Tilsen has invited Rabbi Eisenberg, formerly of Congregation B’nai Jacob, to speak during services on Saturday morning May 4.

### Holocaust Speaker

Professor David Pettigrew will give a talk on Saturday, May 11, entitled “Theresienstadt Camp - Ghetto: A Strategy of Deception,” at 1:00 pm, following services and the weekly kiddush lunch. A professor of philosophy at Southern Connecticut State University, Prof. Pettigrew is a member of the Connecticut Department of Education Holocaust and Genocide Education Advisory Committee. Sponsored by BEKI Sisterhood, this event commemorates Yom HaShoah.

### Art and Kabbalah Meet in Paintings

Sandra Valabregue, a painter and



Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

independent scholar who specializes in medieval Kabbalah and philosophy, will give an artist’s talk on Saturday, May 18 at 12:45 pm. Her exhibition at BEKI, called “Circles in the Tree,” shows her recent focus on Jewish topics such as Angels, Talisman, Hamsah and the sefirotic tree. She calls this project “Partzufim and Ilanot” (divine faces and trees). This show runs through June 2. Born in France, Valabregue obtained her M.A. in Philosophy from the Sorbonne, an M.A. in art from the Beaux Arts de Paris, and a PhD in Jewish Thought from Hebrew University.

### Lag BeOmer Kumsitz

BEKI’s annual Kumsitz Campfire Singalong for all ages will be held Wednesday, May 22 from 6:15 - 8:30 pm at a member family’s home in the Westville section of New Haven. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Feel free to bring musical instruments. For location information: office@beki.org or 203.389.2108.

85 Harrison Street (corner of Whalley Avenue - Route 63 - in Westville)

## Unique Ekadasha Sahasra Shivalinga Archana

Chinmaya Ashram To Host

A special, first-of-its-kind Maha Puja in Connecticut - Ekadasha Sahasra Shivalinga Archana will be performed at the Chinmaya Ashram (393 Derby Avenue, Orange) on Saturday, May 11, from 8 AM to 8 PM. For this sacred puja, 12,276 natural clay Shivalingas will be made by devotees and arranged to depict Kailasa. All are invited to perform this special puja and seek Uma Parameshwara’s blessings for health,

wealth and happiness in this New Year. Dress code for devotees performing this puja: Sari/Salwar for women and Dhوتي/Kurta Pajama for men. Free lunch and dinner will be served to all attendees.

To register for this puja, please contact Prashanti Reddy at 203-654-1847 or Priest Hanuman Prasad at 469-422-4488. For more information, visit [www.chinmayafairfield.org](http://www.chinmayafairfield.org).

“I got to grow up with a mother who taught me to believe in me.”

— ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange Strawberry Festival

Members of the Orange Congregational Church are seeing red this spring as preparations for the 11th Annual Strawberry Festival begin. Red will be the color of the day on the Orange Fairgrounds at High Plains Community Center on June 8 from 9AM-5PM (rain date June 9). Church members have spent countless volunteer hours preparing for this popular family event.

The stars of the day are the bright red strawberries that take center stage with mouthwatering treats for visitors to enjoy. Jams, pies and shortcakes delight visitors each year and sell out quickly. A Pancake Breakfast will begin the day’s festivities. Popular festival foods like hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers and even the old family favorite, grilled cheese, will be

served for lunch or dinner.

The Red Car Show will return. The car show will host red cars and red trucks of all types and vintages. The cost is \$10 per car. The Show runs from 10AM-3PM. More than 70 local artists, artisans, handcrafters, and business owners return each year and offer a wide variety of items for sale. Entertainment is planned throughout the day. Music by Al DeCant and performances by Dimples-The Clown and the band Furious George will be featured. Hayrides, face painting, children’s games and amusement rides will entertain the younger generation.

The parking and admission are free. For more information, contact the Church at (203)795-9749 or visit <http://www.orangecongregational-church.org/strawberry-festival>.

## Rummage Sale

At The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd invites the public to visit our popular semi-annual Rummage Sale on Friday, May 3rd from 1-6 pm and Saturday, May 4th from 9am – 2pm. Shoppers will find a wide array of men’s, women’s and children’s clothing, along with shoes, handbags, scarves, jewelry, accessories, children’s games, puzzles, toys, books, DVDs, housewares, glassware, pictures, linens, etc. Come and browse our treasures for that special Mother’s Day gift.

The Episcopal Church of the Good

Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday



service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music at 9:30 a.m. For more information about The Church of the Good Shepherd’s many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodspeherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ [www.the-goodshepherdorangect.org](http://www.the-goodshepherdorangect.org),

and, of course, check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/cgsorangect](https://www.facebook.com/cgsorangect) for frequent postings.

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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP

## Congregation B'nai Jacob Adult Education Spring 2019

### Shabbat Lunch & Learn

Saturday, May 4, after  
Kiddush (12:30 pm)

Mark Gottdiener, PhD, Professor of Sociology Emeritus, U. at Buffalo, Winner of the Lynd Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Sociological Association



Congregation B'nai Jacob

### “The Culture of Lying”

Dr. Gottdiener’s book, The Culture of Lying, demonstrates how our “post-fact” culture is coming apart through the saturation of lying in all our social institutions. Truth is no longer relevant, and negative sanctions no longer follow damaging acts of falsehood. Rather, present socialization norms encourage deception with impunity. Please join us to hear Professor Gottdiener’s explanation, grounded in the social sciences, of this pressing societal problem.

### SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday, May 19 at 10 am  
(Minyan at 9 am followed by a light breakfast will precede the talk at 10 am)

**Rachel Korazim, noted Israeli educator**  
“Messages from Sinai – Learnings from Auschwitz”  
How Israeli Poetry Shapes Israeli Society through the Influence of the Bible and the Holocaust

Rachel Korazim is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. She engages audiences worldwide through innovative presentations built around the stories, po-

ems, and songs of Israel’s best writers. Her thought provoking talks open a window onto Israeli society, inviting listeners to engage with the country and its history in new ways.

### Ongoing Classes Reading the Talmud Rabbi Rona Shapiro

Mondays evenings 7:30 pm  
May 6

The Babylonian Talmud, in many ways more so than the Bible, is the core text of the Jewish people and yet it is unknown to many of us. We will explore some of its breadth and depth, looking at both stories (aggadah) and law (halacha) as we work to gain insight into the rabbinic project and its meaning for us. No knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is required.

### Learning and Prayer Bread & Torah EVERY Shabbat Morning Before Services, 9:00 – 9:45am

Rabbi Shapiro explores the weekly Torah portion and how its story relates to our own. This year we will explore the Book of Jonah and the Five Megillot. Lively discussion over bagels and coffee. No experience necessary.

## Christ Episcopal Church Spring Fair

Come enjoy this family event which will include fun for kids, a giant tag sale, a plant sale, our Country Store, jewelry bargains, the twice-nice ladies’ boutique and the bake sale- all just in time for Mother’s Day. Have a delicious lunch at the outdoor barbecue, and bid on a variety of treasures and experiences at the silent auction. A special feature of this year’s fair will be the presence of some adorable an-

imals from Bethany’s own Locket’s Meadow farm.  
This year we have also selected a few specialty vendors, including the Olive Oil Company, Nurse to Farm Girl, Adelbrook Bakery, Mary Kay, Alvarado Woodcarving, Hummingbird Way, and more. The fun begins at 9 am and continues through 2 pm on Saturday, May 11. Hope to see you there to help us share the love!

“It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?”  
— MAHATMA GANDHI

# TOWN DEPARTMENTS



First row from left to right: First Selectman’s Youth Award recipient Samuel Martin, First Selectman Beth Heller, Senior Marketing Manager of People’s United Bank Garrett Luciani who presented Samuel Martin with a check.. Second row: Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund, Human Services Commission Chairperson Sharon Bender, and Human Services Director Mary Ellen LaRocca.



First row from left to right: Human Services Special Recognition Award recipient Tony Anastasio, The Woodbridge Center Award recipient Carolyn DeGennaro, First Selectman Beth Heller, Community Volunteer Business Award recipient Tom Weyland of Joyce Printers, and Human Services Special Recognition Award recipient Chris Sorensen. Second row from left to right: The Woodbridge Center Director Jeanette Glicksman, Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund, Outstanding Volunteer Jennifer DiBlanda, Outstanding Volunteer Sharon Bender, Community Volunteer Business Award recipient Jennifer Weyland, and Human Services Director Mary Ellen LaRocca. Missing from the photo are Outstanding Volunteer Kristy Moriarty and Community Volunteer Business Award recipient Peter Verab of Amity Gardens.

## Human Services 31<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Tea

Woodbridge Human Services recently held its 31st Annual Volunteer Tea honoring 141 volunteers. Special awards were distributed to several volunteers in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

## Town Hosts Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

The annual Woodbridge Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27 at 11 am at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Monument in front of the Center Building (4 Meetinghouse Lane). The program will include patriotic music, a memorial wreath presentation, a history of the holiday, the Woodbridge Police Department Honor Guard and remarks by local elected officials.  
In case of rain the ceremony will be held inside at the Center Building gym. Town offices will be closed to observe the holiday.



# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

## Youth Services

BY NANCY PFUND



Students Learn How to Hand Over a Baby in the recent Woodbridge Youth Services Babysitter Training Course



Inflatable for 6th Grade Party

### Sixth Grade Meet and Greet Party

Woodbridge and Bethany 6th grade residents only are invited to meet and party together on Friday, May 10 from 6:30—8:30 pm at Amity Middle School-Bethany in the gym at 190 Luke Hill Road. The DJ will play top hits and get kids moving with awesome challenges and games. A giant inflatable

and photo booth are sure to bring fun and laughs. Pizza and snacks are on the menu, and everyone gets a free raffle ticket for amazing prizes. Kids won't want to miss this event.

Cost is \$5.00. Call 203-389-3429 now to register and get an extra raffle ticket.

### Adult Volunteers Needed

Parents, college students, and high school upper classmen are needed at the May 10th event for registration,

chaperoning, serving food, etc. Contact Youthone@woodbridgect.org or call 203-389-3429 to help.

### Towns Collaborate to Present Drug Addiction and Recovery Speaker

On Monday, May 13th, 2019, from 7-8:30 pm, Stephen Hill will present the story of a young man's battle with drug addiction and his journey to recovery at High Plains Community Center on Orange Center Road in Orange. This event will be sponsored by Orange Youth Services, Woodbridge Youth Services, and the Milford Pre-

vention Council. Subject matter is appropriate for middle school and high school students, as well as all parents/guardians.

Refreshments served. Doors open at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend this FREE event, register at stephenhillorange.eventbrite.com or call Jessica Simone (203)891-4785.

### Job Bank Needs Teens

Woodbridge teens willing to do odd jobs, yard work, babysitting, and animal care for residents are needed. Students can gain work experience and earn money.

To join, call 203-389-3429 to schedule an interview or email NPfund@Woodbridgect.org. Residents may call the Job Bank to hire Woodbridge teens at 203-389-3429.

## Invasive Plants

### CUPOP's "First Tuesday" In May Workshop

As the weather warms up, our lawns and gardens spring back to life. But among your cultivated plants and flowers, you may have also noticed some "invasive" plants which have been moving into our wooded areas, meadows, and backyards here in Woodbridge, just as they have across the New England states.

Invasive species are defined as plants that are non-native (or alien) to the local ecosystem, and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause harm. Getting to the root of the problem is often difficult as it is a very time-intensive task to remove these plants from your property and prevent their regrowth.

In 2015 the Town of Woodbridge engaged in a process to update our 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and among the agreed upon goals of this plan was the task of engaging residents in protecting the environment in Woodbridge. The Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Property (CUPOP) is launching a series of workshops on the 'First Tuesday' of

the month to begin education efforts on topics related to protecting the environment. The public is invited to learn more and get involved.

To kick-off the CUPOP "First Tuesday" series of workshops, the Commission chose Invasive Plants as its topic with the goal of informing the public how it can support, sustain, and restore plant species diversity in Woodbridge, and help maintain the health and resilience of the Town's environment.

This workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 7th 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Woodbridge Town Library. The event will feature a talk by Rose Hiskes from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. She will provide a broad overview of the invasive plant issue, and the origins, identifying characteristics and life cycles of some species commonly encountered in Connecticut. Herbarium specimens and live samples will be available to make this a hands-on event. The public is also invited to bring a sample of any "mystery" plant on their property they would like help identifying.

## Woodbridge Recreation Preschool Summer Camp

Are you looking for a summer program for your preschooler? The Woodbridge Recreation Department is offering a camp program this summer for children ages 3½ to 5. The program provides an assortment of diverse age-appropriate activities for a fun filled summer.

Some of the activities include arts and crafts, swimming in the big pool and in the kiddie pools, water slide and outside water games, athletics, drama, ball pit and play ground fun. There will be weekly theme days such as pajama day with a teddy bear pancake breakfast, Halloween in July, and other fun surprises.

There will also be camp visitors such as Whitney Waterworks and a band of exotic animals, as well as visits from the Town Librarian for weekly story time. Out-of-camp trips will include The Children's Museum of New Haven, and Amity Bowling, with exclusive use of their facilities. A ride on a school bus completes the fun for first-time campers, and also provides a wonderful preparation experience for children entering kindergarten in the fall.

Woodbridge Recreation staff is very

experienced; from certified teachers, to college students majoring in early childhood development, to high school students with child care experience. They are nurturing, enthusiastic, and want to make your child's camp experience a fun and memorable one. The counselor-to-camper ratio is 3 to 1.

The camp will be in session Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 12 noon, from June 24 through August 2 (with the exception of July 4). Optional curb-side drop-off and pick-up, and daily snack are included. A 'Before Camp' option is also available at an additional cost, from 7:30 am to 8:45 am.

Coordination with the Beecher Extended Day Program is also available for those wishing to arrange for extended hours of childcare either before or after camp (see Beecher website for Extended Day Program details: bit.ly/E-daySummer).

For cost and further information about the Woodbridge Rec Preschool Summer Camp, or to sign-up online, visit bit.ly/RECSummerCamp or see Jim Franco at the Rec office (phone 203- 389-3446). Sibling discounts and multi-week discounts are available.

RESERVE YOUR AD SPACE TODAY. CALL US AT 203-298-4399.



# AT THE WOODBRIDGE CENTER



Students from Emmett O'Brien Technical High School's Hairdressing and Cosmetology program provide free manicures to Health Fair attendees at The Woodbridge Center. The Spring Fling Health Fair was sponsored by New England Young at Heart and offered a wealth of vendors and information to community residents.



Woodbridge Center Clerical Assistant Mary Ellen "Mel" Lucuk, shared her thoughts during her farewell luncheon at The Center. Close to 70 people attended the retirement lunch- she will be missed!

## Free Lunch!

May is 'bring a friend to lunch month'! Bring a friend who has never come to the Woodbridge Center's lunch program and they'll eat for free! RSVP required 24 hours in advance.

## Thursday Lunches- Begin in June

The Center's Friday lunch program will move to Thursdays beginning June 6 at 12:15 pm in The Center's cafeteria. Friday movies will move to Tuesdays at 1:15 pm starting June 4 in The Center lounge. Join in and make new friends or reconnect with old friends.

## Living Treasure Committee Meets in May

Here's a chance to get involved with the 2nd annual Living Treasure Awards event. The first meeting of the planning committee will be May 9 at 9 am in The Center cafe, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, lower level. We're looking for individuals who would like to build on last year's success. The Living Treasure Award dinner is a fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center which honors community-minded Woodbridge residents for their dedication to the Town and for their years of community service. The event also includes a silent auction, a program and a delicious dinner. Donations of silent auction items, purchase of ads in the program book and table sponsorships are available by calling the Woodbridge Center at 203-389-3430 or emailing [jglicksman@woodbridgect.org](mailto:jglicksman@woodbridgect.org).

## Welcome New Staff

Stop by The Woodbridge Center or give a call to meet the newest staff member—Kristy Moriarty. Kristy is a Woodbridge resident who has volunteered at The Center during the past year. Kristy will take The Center's part time assistant job available following Mary Ellen "Mel" Lucuk's retirement at the end of April. Please extend your warmest Woodbridge welcome to Kristy!

## Transportation

The Woodbridge Senior Center offers limited transportation to eligible seniors and disabled residents to The Woodbridge Center and to medical appointments as scheduling permits. Reserving a ride is on first-come, first served basis. You may schedule a ride by calling 203-389-3430 between 9am and 4 pm. The Center provides transportation to Amity Shopping Center area on Wednesday mornings. This service is for qualifying residents in need of a ride to pick up groceries, go to the bank, or visit the drug store. Please call the office at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation as soon possible—we must have at least 24 hours' notice. Driveways, walks, and steps must be cleared of trees, brush, snow, and cars to protect our driver and passengers. The Woodbridge Transportation Program operates in full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

## May Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tuesday and Friday at The Center café, at 12:15 pm. Cost is \$3 for dine-in meals, \$4 for take-out. RSVP is required by noon one day prior. Meals include bread, juice, coffee/tea and dessert. 5/3 Cinco de Mayo! Cheesy taco pasta and flan, 5/7 Mother's Day celebration! 5/10 Eggplant parmesan with pasta, 5/14 Pork loin with roasted potatoes, coleslaw and biscuits, 5/17 Corned beef Rubeen with sweet potato fries, 5/21 Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, 5/24 Corned beef hash with eggs and home fries, 5/28 Chicken pot pie casserole, 5/31 assorted sandwiches: egg or tuna with side salad.

## Special Programming

Events are held at The Woodbridge Center unless otherwise noted. To RSVP or for questions, call 203-389-3430 or email [jglicksman@woodbridgect.org](mailto:jglicksman@woodbridgect.org).

**May 3:** Cinco de Mayo celebration at 12:15! Join in for Mexican treats!

**May 3:** Campaign visit with mem-

bers of the Republican slate for municipal office who will speak and serve lunch at 12:15 in the café.

**May 6:** Center closed for Municipal Elections – Vote! 6 am- 8 pm.

**May 7:** Memory Matters with VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice begins 12:20 pm in The Center café. Learn why exercising your brain is as important as exercising your body, find out how to maintain brain function and dispel the myths of memory loss and aging. RSVP if requesting lunch (\$3.00/12:15).

**May 8:** Center Open – Amity Referendum– vote! 6am –8 pm.

**May 13:** AARP Safe Driver Training, 9 am - 1 pm, The Center lounge. \$15 - members; \$20 - non-members. RSVP required.

**May 16:** Senior art exhibit and reception, "The Art of Aging" sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging. The exhibit features art from around the region and the Center's Art class. The reception will be held from 1 pm-3 pm at 117 Washington Avenue, North Haven. Transportation will be provided by the Center (\$3). RSVP by May 9.

**May 20:** Lunch Bunch, Join in for lunch with friends at Carmines di Vega in New Haven. Transportation is provided by The Center (\$3) or meet us. Self-pay at the restaurant.

**May 21:** Lunch entertainment with Jim Sheehan begins at 12:15 pm. RSVP required.

**May 22:** Senior Prom, sponsored by New England Young at Heart, 11am-3 pm at Aria Banquet facility in Prospect. Event includes dancing, shopping vendors, raffles, appetizers and a 3-course meal. Transportation provided by The Woodbridge Center (\$3.00). You must be 50 or older to participate. Tickets are \$28.00 and may be purchased at The Woodbridge Center. RSVP is required by May 3.

**May 27:** Center closed—Memorial Day: Please attend the Woodbridge Memorial Day commemoration at 11 am at the Center flagpole. Inclement weather sends event to the Center

gym.

**May 28:** Acuity Hearing Solutions, 11am free hearing screenings followed by informational talk at 12:30. RSVP required for screenings.

## Breakfast at 10: Lecture Series

**May 22:** Estate Planning and Asset Protection with Guertin and Guertin, LLC in The Center lounge. This program was created to help people learn how they can protect their most valuable assets (like a home) from financial devastation of a long-term stay in a nursing home, creditor issues, and/or lawsuits, by utilizing an irrevocable Asset Protection Trust. 40 % of older Americans will need nursing home care at some point in their lives! Lectures are held in room 11 Center building.

## Ongoing Programming

**Bocce:** Tuesdays from 11 am - 12 pm at the bocce court in the picnic grove behind the Old Firehouse.

**Weekly Craft Group** Thursdays, 10 am - 1 pm, in The Center lounge. Calling knitters and crocheters, beginner to expert, to join the group – no RSVP necessary.

**New session! Yoga for Healthy Aging Class** meets Fridays, 11:45 am - 1 pm, in the Center Building, Room 16, with instructor Julie Luciani. New 12-week session begins May 17. Class combines seated and standing postures and is safe for all. The class fee will be pro-rated if joined late (12 sessions for \$75).

**Mahjong:** Monday & Friday, 10 am, Center Building, Room 13. \*Note new location.

**Exercise with Laurie:** Workout includes a combination of strength training, cardio, flexibility and balance. Bring weights if you have them. Class is in The Center gym, Tuesday and Thursday, 10-11 am. No need to sign up—just pay a drop-in fee of \$2.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Time To “Waterproof” Kids

*Through Woodruff Family YMCA Swim Programs*

As the season turns from winter to spring, the Woodruff Family YMCA, a branch of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA encourages children and parents in the community to explore the many benefits of swimming, while also keeping safety top of mind. In Y swim programs participants can enjoy water sports, enhance or learn new techniques, meet new friends and develop confidence, while also learning safety skills that can save lives.

“It’s never too early to get children involved in swimming—it’s important for safety reasons, but also a great way to keep active and healthy,” said Joshua Royce, Woodruff Family YMCA District Executive Director. “There are so many options for parents, but the best place to start is by learning basic water safety skills that helps get kids familiar with the water that often continues with swim lessons and competitive swim programs and can even lead to a career.”

As part of National Water Safety Month in May, the Woodruff Family YMCA encourages parents to take an active role in fostering a relationship between their children and swimming—beginning with water safety. Following are safety tips to practice when in and around the water:

- › Only swim when and where there is a lifeguard on duty; never swim alone;
- › Adults should constantly and actively watch their children;
- › Inexperienced or non-swimmers should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket;

- › Parents or guardians of young children should be within an arm’s reach; and
- › Children and adults should not engage in breath holding activities.

In addition to learning lifesaving water safety skills, swimming is a great way to increase physical activity. Swimming also motivates children to strive for self-improvement, teaches goal orientation and cultivates a positive mental attitude and high self-esteem. It also teaches life lessons of sport and sportsmanship, so that children can learn how to work well with teammates and coaches and how to deal with winning and losing.

As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, the Y has been a leader in providing swim lessons and water safety. The Woodruff Family YMCA continues to help youth and adults experience the joy and benefits of swimming, so they can be healthy, confident and secure in the water. There are a variety of programs to choose, including lap swims, open swims, family swim and a competitive swim team.

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate, financial assistance may be available to those in need to help cover the costs.

The Y will be offering a free Safety Around Water program for community youth on May 6-10 at the Y with pre-registration.

To learn more about the Woodruff Family YMCA’s swim programs, please visit [woodruffymca.org](http://woodruffymca.org) or call 203 878 6501.



## Local To Run London Marathon To Help Prevent Cancer

Cancer survivor, Amber Calver (45), is running the 2019 Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday, 28 April to raise money for World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF), who support life-changing research in the prevention of cancer through diet and lifestyle.

Amber started running with her dog as a way to exercise Roxi, her Rhodesian Ridgeback. In 2017 Amber was diagnosed with skin cancer on her face. After being misdiagnosed a couple of times, it was eventually revealed that she would need surgery to remove the tumor. Between her diagnosis and treatment, and then her recovery, the only thing that kept her sane was running. Now she hopes to raise money to help WCRF reduce the number of people developing a preventable cancer. Around 40 per cent of cancer cases are preventable, that’s approximately 144,000 cases in the UK every year.

Before her surgery, Amber said to her husband “If I get through this, I am going to run a marathon.” Running gave Amber something positive to focus on instead of the negative time she was going through. She encourages anyone going through a cancer diagnosis to stay positive by doing the things that are fun and make you happy, surround yourself with the love and support of family and friends, keep healthy by eating plenty of fruit and vegetables, and exercise and sleep when you can to keep yourself strong through the shock. Her diagnosis gave her a new perspective, and she is now working her way through a bucket list, starting with the marathon. The next one she hopes to tick off is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

“I never thought I’d run a marathon, but when I run, I am me; people notice me for my running not my surgical scars. The clubs I run with are Kesgrave Cruisers and Rushmere Community Runner’s, they are both very supportive and are for people of all abilities.”

Commenting on her decision to run the London Marathon for World

Cancer Research Fund, Amber said, “We’ve all lost somebody to cancer, if I am going to do this, I am going to do it for a charity that means something to me. I didn’t realize the enormity of the training though. I’ve never felt so physically fit but I also feel fit to drop! But it hasn’t been as mentally tough as the cancer, I hope running the London Marathon is going to be a piece of cake in comparison!”

Priyanka Kotecha, Events Manager at World Cancer Research Fund who looks after the runners, said, “Thank you to Amber for running the London Marathon for us and raising this fantastic sum. I know running a marathon isn’t an easy feat but it’s because of people like Amber that we can continue our cancer prevention work, helping us to stop cancer before it has even begun.”

After not smoking, eating a healthy diet, being more active each day and maintaining a healthy weight are the most important ways in which people can reduce their risk of developing cancer.

To support Amber’s fundraising efforts, visit: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=amber-calver-SAVM-LMBONDS3332019-5949&pageUrl=1>. For more information, contact Maxine Lenza, Press and Communications Officer at WCRF on 020 7343 4235 or [m.lenza@wcrf.org](mailto:m.lenza@wcrf.org).

World Cancer Research Fund is one of the world’s leading cancer prevention charities, and the only UK charity dedicated to funding life-changing research into the prevention of cancer through diet and lifestyle. We cut through the jargon to turn the latest global research on cancer prevention and survival into practical, straightforward advice and information, helping anyone who wants to reduce their risk of developing cancer to make fully informed lifestyle choices. Find out more at [www.wcrf-uk.org](http://www.wcrf-uk.org).

### Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse Assoc.

[amitygirlsyouthlacrosse.org](http://amitygirlsyouthlacrosse.org)

2019

### Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Learn to Play Lacrosse Clinic

Come Join In On The Fun!  
Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge Residents

**Sunday, April 14th – Sunday, June 10th**  
**At Fred Wolfe Park Lacrosse Fields.**  
Season will end with a fun Pizza Truck play day June 10th  
**Players will work on stick skills, agility and a basic introduction to the sport.**

Visit: [Amitygirlsyouthlacrosse.org](http://Amitygirlsyouthlacrosse.org)

**Register Now Online - \$100 includes league Shirt**

Equipment needed: Lacrosse Stick, Eye Protection, and Mouth Guard.  
Beginner equipment packages available.

Contact Bill McNeil for more information at  
[BillMcNeil@amitygirlsyouthlacrosse.org](mailto:BillMcNeil@amitygirlsyouthlacrosse.org).  
Web Site: [AmitygirlsYouthLacrosse.org](http://AmitygirlsYouthLacrosse.org)



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elected to be First Selectman two years ago. She is now running for her second two-year term.

Ed Weinberg: A licensed real estate broker, Weinberg said if elected, he would engage a consultant to determine possible uses for the former country club property. “Up until now the only proposal they would entertain is one that involved higher density development with over-55 housing,” he said. Since numerous golf operations have shut down throughout the country, more and more consultants with expertise in repurposing golf properties are available. “Of course, they have to understand the character of our town,” he added. He thought that there may be a use for the existing buildings after all, if someone is willing to renovate them.

His style would be more proactive, he said, “rather than waiting for someone to come along” to develop the property.

First Selectman Beth Heller has heard it all before. She said there have been people at town hall to inquire about the golf operation, but after they went to see the property or the building, they were never heard from again.

Even so, “we’ve made some progress,” she said. Early in her administration she initiated a survey that showed residents are more divided on this issue than past votes may have indicated. The only thing most responders agreed on was that taxes are too high.

There are two proposals that are currently on the table for 55-and-up housing, and Heller hopes that the board will allow one of the two proposals to be forwarded to a referendum. “It is important we let the voters decide,” she said. For her, the proposals constitute a compromise, allowing two thirds of the property to remain open space. The developers are local, with one of them living in town and the other having developed the Hines property along Route 34.

Many of the details can be part of the negotiations, she said, such as the environmental remediation of parts of the property; construction of a new outdoor pool for the benefit of the community, etc. With limited development the town will be able to pay off the debt it incurred when it bought the property and the residents will get some tax relief in the future.

While Ed Weinberg emphasized be-

ing proactive, Beth Heller emphasized respect. Her biggest accomplishment, she said, is to lower the tension around issues like the country club. “I’ve been working across the aisle and seeking dialogue, discourse,” she said. “It’s healthy.”

Yet, she has a long list of projects that were either completed or initiated during her tenure, among them the simulcast radio system for first responders and Public Works employees; also an ADA accessible bathroom and ramp at the senior center; and a carport for police cruisers. She is looking forward to a ribbon cutting to showcase the renovations at the animal shelter and the opening of a dog park, which is being planned and built by a volunteer group. “We got a lot accomplished and I feel good about that,” she said.

She has reorganized the Town Hall employees, and hired a grant writer, Sheila McCreven. Betsy Yagla has taken on economic development so as to have a go-to person in town hall. She is currently talking to existing business owners to find out what their needs are to be successful in Woodbridge.

With Yagla’s help, Heller has developed a town beautification plan which encourages public-private partnerships to make the Meetinghouse area a place for people to enjoy. People can donate trees and benches. Among the plans for the future are sidewalks to the high school and wifi capability throughout the campus.

Economic Development: Both candidates emphasize economic development as a priority for the first selectman. The town last year has worked with the Connecticut Economic Resource Council (CERC) on a fiscal health analysis, comparing the town to towns of similar size. Weinberg suggested hiring a person to work on economic development.

Heller has designated a go-to person in town hall who will help keep the lines of communication open between the business community and town hall. Instead of hiring a person for economic development, she has partnered with REX, an outgrowth of the Economic Development Corporation of New Haven. “This approach allows us to tap commercial development specialists to help guide our efforts,” she said.

Her efforts to get federal help in mitigating the flooding issues along Litchfield Turnpike and the West River also have a commercial component, she said, since many businesses as

well as residences are affected by the flooding.

Budgeting: Weinberg said if elected he would suggest to change the charter to allow the Board of Finance to be elected by voters rather than appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Currently the budget is voted on at the Annual Town Meeting, but that has a quorum of 250, and only rarely do that many people attend. In that case the vote reverts to the (appointed) Board of Finance. If the board were elected, the board members would be more responsive to the townspeople, he said.

Board of Selectmen

Selectmen run for re-election every two years. While many boards have split terms, the Selectmen all are up for reelection at the same time. Both parties offer a full slate, with two incumbents and one newcomer to the board. Voters can choose three of the six candidates.

Incumbents are Democrats Mica Cardozo and Joe Crisco and on the Republican slate Joseph Dey and David Lober.

Sandy Stein, a long-time member of the Board of Finance, is stepping up as a candidate to fill the Democratic slate after Claire Coleman dropped out for a professional opportunity. Stein retired a year ago as director of finance and administration at Yale Medical School and prior to that associate director of the Beinecke Library. She said she is excited to help work out the key initiatives that the town is facing, in particular finding a resolution for the country club property, pushing for economic development and dealing with fiscal and budgetary challenges.

Economic development is important, but will take a long time to generate income, she said. Development of a portion of the country club apart from the tax relief will be an opportunity to provide housing for senior citizens. Even though she is not in general opposed to some development on the former golf property, she said details need to be negotiated. That is one strength she will bring to the table.

On the Republican ticket, Dwight Rowland is running for a spot on the Board of Selectmen. He is well known not only for his role of Santa at the firehouse, but first and foremost as president of the Bethwood Baseball League. In 2018, he was elected to the CT Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

A veteran, Rowland also comes to the position with a background in

business, having retired recently as purchasing manager and senior project manager at Turner Construction Company.

Just like Stein, he has served on many boards and commissions in town. He was co-chairman of the building committee for the new fire station, as well as other projects, such as the library expansion and Beecher Road School expansion, projects that were planned and fought over back in the 1990s. Currently he serves on the Recreation Commission and is a 20-year honorary member of the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association. His son, Sean, is the fire chief.

Asked about his vision for Woodbridge, he said he would propose “immediate changes in how we do business” so as to tackle the challenges ahead, namely controlling the budget and action on the country club property, which “continues to flounder with no realistic end in sight.”

Woodbridge Board of Education

The Woodbridge Board of Education is a 9-member board, with four positions up for re-election. All of the candidates are currently serving on the board. On the Democratic ticket are Joyce Shavers and Todd Jokl; on the Republican ticket Lynn Piasczyk and Jeff Hughes.

In addition, there is a vacancy that will be filled for a two-year term. The candidates for that vacancy are Jeffrey Townsend (D) and Daniel Cowan (R).

Amity Board of Education

Patrick Reed and incumbent Sheila McCreven are running on the Democratic ticket; Jonathan Arpaia and Matt Schwartz are running for the Republicans. Two of the four candidates will be seated. Those may or may not be the top vote getters, to satisfy minority representation on the regional board.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Jeffrey Ginzburg (D) or Chuck Pyne (R)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Candidates are Shawn Flynn for the Democrats; and Cynthia Gibbons and Robert Wiznia for the Republicans. Voters can pick two of the three candidates. Alternates: Candidates are Joi Prud’homme (D) and for the Republicans, Vincent Carrano and Frank Ciarleglio.

VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice Events for May

Memory Matters

On Tuesday, May 7 at 12:20 p.m., join VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice at Woodbridge Center, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, for a free program to learn why exercising your brain is as important as exercising your body, find out how to maintain brain function, and dispel the myths of memory loss

and aging. Registration is not required. For more information about all of VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice’s wellness programs, visit [www.vnacommunityhealthcare.org](http://www.vnacommunityhealthcare.org) or call 1.866.474.5230 (toll-free).

Ask the Nurse

Join VNA Community Healthcare &

Hospice on May 7 and 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Woodbridge Senior Center, 4 Meetinghouse Lane for a free nursing clinic. A registered nurse (RN) can check your blood pressure, heart rate, weight and work with you to set goals. The RN can also review your medications, help you create a medication list, and discuss how you

can prepare for a medical appointment. There is no cost for this service and appointments are not required. This clinic is held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information about all of VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice’s wellness programs, visit [www.vnacommunityhealthcare.org](http://www.vnacommunityhealthcare.org) or call 1.866.474.5230 (toll-free).



LEGAL NOTICE – WOODBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY MAY 20, 2019 7:30 pm – THE CENTER GYMNASIUM  
4 MEETINGHOUSE LANE, WOODBRIDGE, CT

Electors and citizens qualified to vote in a Town Meeting of the Town of Woodbridge are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Center Gymnasium, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT to consider and take action on the following:

I.

To Elect a Town Meeting Moderator for a term of two (2) years, pursuant to Chapter 1, Article III of the Ordinances of the Town of Woodbridge. Nomination (will/may) be made from the floor.

II.

To Act on the FY2020 Budget as recommended by the Board of Finance in the total amount of \$50,295,683. The Board of Finance recommendations are those presented at the Preliminary Budget Hearing on April 22, 2019 with the following exceptions:

Account	Account #	Preliminary Recommendation	Final Recommendation
Probate Court	1120-00	\$ 12,500	\$ 9,500
Board of Finance	1170-00	\$ 456,479	\$ 431,479
Employee Benefits	1710-00	\$4,536,439	\$4,564,439

III.

Other business as proper to come before the meeting.

Dated at Woodbridge CT this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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# DEATH NOTICES

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It is with deep sorrow, sadness and regret that ElderCare Services announces the passing of Gail Mayer, one of its co-founders. She fought a brave nine-year battle against Ovarian Cancer and was active in the company until the last few weeks before her passing.


Gail and her husband Al established ElderCare Services in September 2003 and Gail was very committed to the quality of care provided to clients

throughout Connecticut. She was very proud that ElderCare Services was established as and continues to operate as a stand-alone, family operated, local business in the Town of Orange where she and Al have lived for over 30 years.

We thank Gail for her commitment, devotion and guidance throughout the years. We all love her and miss her very much.

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## Town of Woodbridge Meetings for the Month of May 2019



(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-389-3422)

5/7	Town Plan & Zoning Commission.....	7:30 PM	Town Hall
5/8	Board of Selectmen.....	5:00 PM	Town Hall
5/9	Complete Streets Team.....	12:00 PM	Town Hall
	Economic Development Commission.....	7:00 PM	Town Hall
5/13	Library Commission .....	6:30 PM	Library
	Human Services Commission .....	7:00 PM	Center Building
	Zoning Board of Appeals .....	7:30 PM	Town Hall
5/14	Police Commission.....	6:15 PM	Police Department
5/15	Inland Wetlands Agency .....	7:30 PM	Town Hall
5/16	Investment Committee.....	5:30 PM	Town Hall
	Board of Finance.....	6:00 PM	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission.....	7:30 PM	Town Hall
5/20	Fire Commission .....	6:00 PM	Firehouse
	Recreation Commission .....	6:30 PM	Center Building
	Annual Town Meeting.....	7:30PM	Gym/Center Building
5/28	Gov't Access TV Commission .....	7:15 PM	Town Hall

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**Boy Scout Troop 63**, meetings Monday nights 7:00pm-8:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption “Mother” Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Route 63), Woodbridge; September-April and May-June outdoors at Camp Whiting, all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade are welcome to stop by and see what we’re all about. For more information, visit <http://www.troop963.org> or email [Troop63CT@gmail.com](mailto:Troop63CT@gmail.com).

**Bereavement Support Groups**, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm, Griffin Hospital, 130 Division Street, Derby, support groups for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. Contact Janice Lautier at 203-732-1100 or [jlautier@griffinhealth.org](mailto:jlautier@griffinhealth.org) to register.

**Woodbridge Republican Town Committee Meetings**, second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm, Center Cafeteria. Visitors welcome and we urge you to join us. For information, go to [www.woodbridgeregop.org](http://www.woodbridgeregop.org).

**Cancer Support Group**, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of the month at Coachman’s Square, 21 Bradley Road, Woodbridge. If interested contact: Lucille Ranciatto [lranciatto2@yahoo.com](mailto:lranciatto2@yahoo.com) or Bernie Siegel, MD [bugsysiegel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bugsysiegel@sbcglobal.net) for details.

**Alzheimer’s and Dementia Family Support Group Meeting**, last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge in the West Rock Room. For more information, contact Averil Kelly, Ms, R-DMT, 203.389.2911.

**Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes**, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months) and Family Manners Classes/Obedience & Canine Good Citizen; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Pawz for Wellness in Shelton. For registration and/or information, call 203-450-9485 or email [tfkctraining@gmail.com](mailto:tfkctraining@gmail.com). Trap Falls Kennel Club is a non-profit member club of the American Kennel Club (AKC).

**Boy Scout Troop 907**, Come find out why Troop 907 has been Making a Difference in the Life of Scouts since 1968. Meetings Thursday nights 7:00-8:30PM at the First Church of Christ in the Parish House (enter via back parking lot), 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge next to Town Hall. Boys aged 10 and older or who have completed 5th grade are invited to visit an upcoming meeting and join the adventure of scouting. For more information, visit our website [Troop907.org](http://Troop907.org) or use the website “contact us” link to communicate directly with troop leadership.

**Alzheimer’s Community Caregivers Support Group**, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00pm, Arden House, Conference Room, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden. Call Maria Paduano, Program Director to RSVP or for more information at 203-281-3500, ext. 7669; [www.genesishcc.com](http://www.genesishcc.com).

**Woodbridge Rotary Club Meetings**, 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 7:30am breakfast meeting, Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Road, Bethany and the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 12:15pm luncheon meeting, Woodbridge Social, 12 Selden Street, Woodbridge. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson, 203-710-0223 or [annadickerson@yahoo.com](mailto:annadickerson@yahoo.com).

**Goat Yoga**, every Saturday at 9am,

10:15am and 11:30am, Locket’s Meadow Farm, Bethany, \$25.00. Stretch and pose with our sweet baby goats (and pigs and puppies and who knows who else will wander through) and learn what the goat hype is about! All funds from our programs go directly to support the rescued animals of Locket’s Meadow as well as to help fund our programs for special needs individuals. Please bring your own yoga mat, but if you forget, we have a few extra.

**Ansonia Nature Center Events**, 10 Deerfield Road, Ansonia; call 203-736-1053 to register for all events.

**Donate Your Car, Truck or Van**, help raise funds for a local private school; FREE, FAST, TOW AWAY; Running or Not Running; Can be used for a charitable tax deduction. Call Charter Oak Education DBA Sterling Education at 860-643-1100.

**Clothing Drive To Benefit Boy Scout Troop 115 Of Naugatuck**, Saturday, May 11, 2019, 10:00am-3:00pm, Naugatuck Town Green, Accepting clothing, shoes (bagged separately), linens, car seats (with base), strollers, small toys, stuffed animals and bicycles. We are also collecting used inkjet cartridges, old cellphones, cameras, game consoles and tablets, as well as can tabs. We kindly ask that these items be separated from the clothing/linens. For info, contact [info@onmyhonor.com](mailto:info@onmyhonor.com) or visit our event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1851158634959401/>.

**4th Annual Wine & Craft Beer Tasting**, The Bethany Leapley Autism Spectrum Disorder Charity Fund, Saturday, May 18, 2019, 7:00pm, St. Barbara’s Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange; Tickets \$125 - Single/\$800; Table of Eight/\$1000; Table of Ten. Make check payable to: The Bethany Leapley ASD Scholarship

Fund, c/o Bethany Luna, 17 Cannonball Road, North Haven, CT 06473. For tickets and/or information, [www.bethanyleapleyasdfund.org](http://www.bethanyleapleyasdfund.org).

**Mutt Strutt and Spring Celebration**, June 1, 2019, check-in 9:30am, walk begins 10:30am, hosted by the Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative, Humans with or without canines will gather together for a fun and easy 2K stroll around Town Center and our future dog park on the Fitzgerald Property, Costumes encouraged and contests, music and food will follow the walk. registration fee \$10, For registration and information on how to multiply your contribution to building our dog park, visit [www.woodbridgedogpark.org](http://www.woodbridgedogpark.org) or Facebook: Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative, email: [woodbridgedogpark@gmail.com](mailto:woodbridgedogpark@gmail.com), or mail 10 Timber Lane, Woodbridge, CT.

**Bethany Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary 12th Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show**, Saturday, June 8, 2019, 12:00-4:00pm, rear paved parking lot of fire headquarters, 765 Amity Road (Route 63), Bethany; all antique cars, trucks, muscle cars, motorcycles and big trucks are welcome; event features people’s choice judging. Show vehicles can begin to arrive at 11:00am; raffle and trophies being distributed at 3:30 p.m. Cost for the event is \$10 for show vehicles and general parking. Featuring a food tent with sausage & peppers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. For more information, contact Amy Cogill at 203-410-2602 or Rich Cogill at 203-954-8597 or visit <http://www.bvfdct.org/>. This event is sponsored by Laticrete International Inc.

**Remembering Anne Frank**, Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 5:30-8:00pm, New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven. For more info contact, Seth at [sgodfrey@nhfpl.org](mailto:sgodfrey@nhfpl.org) or 203-946-7450.

## “Woodbridge Center” From Page 33

**Book Club:** The book club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, 11 am at the Woodbridge Town Library. The next meeting is May 28 and the book will be Lost Roses by Martha Hall Kelly. New members are welcome.

**Art Class:** New session begins May 8. Class meets each Wednesday, 10 am - 12 pm, in The Center café. The class is taught by local artist Graham Dale. Call to register. The ten-week class is \$60 and will be pro-rated for those

joining late.

**Friday Movies:** Following lunch in The Woodbridge Center lounge at 1 pm: 5/3 Can You ever Forgive Me? 5/10 At Eternity’s Gate, 5/17 The Mule, 5/24 On The Basis of Sex, 5/31 Favorite Film Friday: It Happened One Night (1934– with Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable).

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

Center lounge.

**Duplicate Bridge:** Mondays, 9:30 am, in the café.

**Bridge:** The Center’s Wednesday bridge group invites new members! Join in for a friendly card game. No reservations—just come to The Center lounge.

**Pinochle:** Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, 1-4 pm, in The Center lounge. Come any day—the group looks for new players and is willing to bring rusty players up to speed!

**Pickleball:** Meets Monday-Thurs-

day in the Center gym for group play, 12:30-2:30 pm and Friday, 12:30-3:30 pm. Paid annual members may arrange playing times with other players through the Doodle scheduling tool. Annual membership is \$20 for Woodbridge residents and \$25 for non-residents. Equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

**Calling all gin rummy, poker, canasta and spades players**—call The Center and share your interest. The Center will put a group or a game together!

“For when a child is born the mother also is born again.” — GILBERT PARKER



ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Shazam! (PG-13)

Zachary Levi, Mark Strong
2. Little (PG-13)

Regina Hall, Issa Rae
3. Hellboy (R)

David Harbour, Milla Jovovich
4. Pet Sematary (R)

Jason Clarke, Amy Steimetz
5. Dumbo (PG)

Colin Farrell, Michael Keaton
6. Captain Marvel (PG-13)

Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson
7. Us (R)

Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke
8. After (PG-13)

Hero Fiennes Tiffin,  
Josephine Langford
9. Missing Link (PG)

animated
10. The Best of Enemies (PG-13)

Taraji P. Henson, Sam Rockwell

TOP 10 V.O.D.

1. The Mule (R)

Clint Eastwood
2. Aquaman (PG-13)

Jason Momoa
3. Bumblebee (PG-13)

Hailee Steinfeld
4. Vice (R)

Christian Bale
5. Second Act (PG-13)

Jennifer Lopez
6. Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)

Shameik Moore
7. The Green Book (PG-13)

Mahershala Ali
8. Mary Poppins Returns (PG)

Emily Blunt
9. A Star Is Born (R)

Lady Gaga
10. Instant Family (PG-13)

Mark Wahlberg



Nicole Kidman in “Destroyer”  
[Annapurna Pictures]

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of April 22, 2019.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

**“Escape Room” (R)** -- Six players accept an uninvited mental challenge with a hefty payoff: survive an enhanced escape room and win a million dollars. When the puzzles become perilous -- the first room heats up like an oven until it bursts into flames -- the strangers must combine wits and learn from past experiences in order to literally escape with their lives. And the lives to be saved are diverse, from an Iraq War veteran (Deborah Ann Woll) to an introverted physics student (Taylor Russell) to a supercilious stockbroker (Jay Ellis). It’s moderately suspenseful young adult horror, and although there are plot points that aren’t hard to work out, I couldn’t escape my own enjoyment.

**“Destroyer” (R)** -- Nicole Kidman goes deep undercover -- so deep that there are times you can barely identify the

actress portraying LAPD detective Erin Bell. As a young cop, Bell takes a surreptitious role in a crime gang with her partner Chris (Sebastian Stan). They end up party to a botched bank robbery, and Chris is killed by gang leader Silas (Toby Kebbell), who disappears. Years later, Silas’ re-emergence is discovered when a tainted bill is left behind at a murder scene. This brings Bell out full force, tracking him down for retribution and justice, gang member to gang member, with a treacherous bloodlust and moral ambiguity to match.

**“The Gospel According to Andre” (PG-13)** -- As a boy in North Carolina, Andre Leon Talley discovered luxury in not only the issues of Vogue magazine he found in the library, but also in the smart and well-crafted clothes provided by his grandmother, a cleaning lady at Duke University. Raised in the segregated South, but never accepting its limits, he rose to a life of influence in the New York fashion world, working at the top echelons of Vogue by his mid-30s. Told through interviews and archival footage, with a loving patina of honesty from the man himself.

**“Hal” (NR)** -- He operated in the same universe as other pantheon directors of the 1970s, a decade of groundbreaking film direction, but you don’t generally hear the name Hal Ashby in a list of greats. Director Amy Scott means to change that by documenting the significant contributions of one of the most respected and rebellious editors and directors of his time. From his editing Oscar for “In the Heat of the Night” to direction of iconic, era-defining works such as “Shampoo,” “Harold and Maude” and “Being There,” Hal is brought into focus by an exhaustive list of actors, Hollywood filmmakers and friends.

1. In the Dean Friedman song, who is standing by the waterfall at Paramus Park?

2. Who wrote and released “Daisy a Day”?

3. Which group released “You Know What I Mean”?

4. What 1960s British beat group released “Somebody Help Me”?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “I’ve always been the kind of man who doesn’t believe in strings, Long-term obligations are just unnecessary things.”



1. Ariel, the girl in the song “Paramus Park” from his 1977 debut album. She was collecting change in a paper cup and he fell in love on the spot. 2. Jud Strunk in 1972. It was about the love of a young couple, growing old together, with the boy promising the girl a daisy a day. 3. The Turtles, in 1967. The song climbed the Hot 100 chart and stayed there for 11 weeks. 4. The Spencer Davis Group, in 1966. The band included 17-year-old Steve Winwood. 5. “Every Which Way but Loose,” by Eddie Rabbit in 1978. The song was on the soundtrack of the 1978 film by the same name, starring Clint Eastwood, a trucker/fighter looking for a lost love. Critics didn’t like the film, but it was very successful.

Sports Quiz

BY CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. In 2017, Houston’s George Springer became the third person to hit five home runs in a World Series. Name either of the first two to do it.

2. Which of the following four players hit the most home runs while in a Cincinnati Reds uniform: Adam Dunn, George Foster, Ken Griffey Jr. or Tony Perez?

3. Who was the last rookie running back before Jordan Howard in 2017 to represent the Chicago Bears in a Pro Bowl?

4. Which men’s basketball team was the last before Villanova in 2018 to win all six of its NCAA Tournament games by double digits?

5. In 2019, Washington’s Braden Holtby became the second-fastest goal-tender to reach 250 victories (409 games). Who was faster?

6. Through 2019, how many consecutive years has a Hendrick Motorsports driver won the pole for the Daytona 500?

7. How many times have Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal combined to finish in the top three in the year-end ATP tennis rankings?

1. Reggie Jackson (1977) and Chase Utley (2009). 2. Perez, with 287 homers, tops Dunn (270). Foster (244) and Griffey Jr. (210). 3. Gale Sayers, in 1965. 4. North Carolina, in 2009. 5. Ken Dryden did it in 381 games. 6. Five consecutive years. 7. Seven times.

Sudoku answers on page 40

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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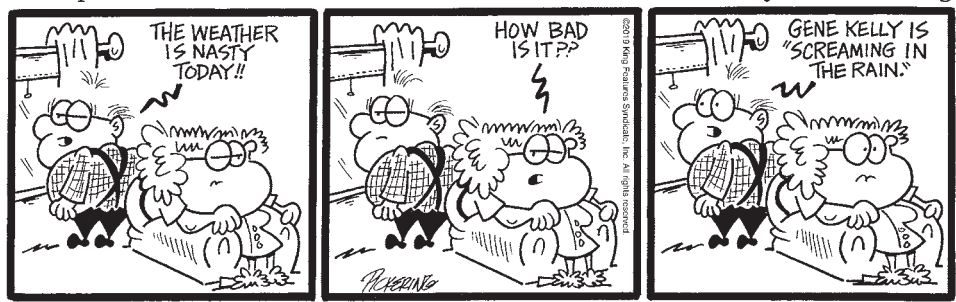


# COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD

## TIGER



## The Spats



## Amber Waves



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Fellow
- 5 " — Blue?"
- 8 Barbershop item
- 12 Mentor
- 13 CD- —
- 14 Sheltered, at sea
- 15 Office machine
- 17 Tarzan's transport
- 18 Scrooge's outcry
- 19 Hateful
- 21 Future mare
- 24 Met melody
- 25 Sandwich cookie
- 26 Site of many sites
- 30 Swindle
- 31 Paquin and Quindlen
- 32 Id counterpart
- 33 Gap
- 35 Bartlett, for one
- 36 Line of stitching
- 37 Papa
- 38 Triangular letters
- 41 " — Town"
- 42 Pelvic bones
- 43 Lyon-based crimefighting group
- 48 Expansive

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- 2 Attila, for one
- 3 Skill
- 4 Colorado city
- 5 St. Louis attraction
- 6 Cattle call?
- 7 Undying
- 8 Ritzy spread
- 9 Hodgepodge
- 10 Server's handout
- 11 Honey bunch?
- 16 Shaft of light
- 20 Conks out
- 21 Central points
- 22 Press
- 23 Fasting period
- 24 Region of Vietnam
- 26 Tending to spread
- 27 Requirement
- 28 "Zounds!"
- 29 British conservative
- 31 Neighborhood
- 34 Subject of a will
- 35 Buccaneer's bird
- 37 Payable
- 38 Prima donna
- 39 Verve
- 40 Roster
- 41 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- 44 Asian electronics giant
- 45 Omega preceder
- 46 On in years
- 47 Actress Myrna

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## HOLLYWOOD

### BY TONY RIZZO

Tom Hanks has a couple of big roles coming up, starring as Mr. Rogers in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," with Wendy Makkena, Matthew Rhys and Chris Cooper (out Nov. 22), then transforming himself into Colonel Parker, the manager of "The King of Rock and Roll" Elvis Presley, for director Baz Luhrmann. Among Luhrmann's hit films are "Moulin Rouge" (2001), "Australia" (2008) and "The Great Gatsby" (2013). He recently completed the Netflix series "The Get Down," about the birth of hip-hop, and you can be sure this Elvis film will be like no other. Meanwhile, the release of Hanks' war film "Greyhound," with Elisabeth Shue, has been pushed back to May 2020.

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You knew after the \$20 million low-budget film "A Quiet Place" pulled in \$340 million at the box office that there would be "A Quiet Place 2." John Krasinsky again writes, directs and stars with wife Emily Blunt, plus Millicent Simmonds and Noah Jupe (as their children). But it's likely the film will zero in more on other survivors, including Cillian Murphy, for a May 2020 opening.

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Denzel Washington will next take on the title role of a Scottish lord in William Shakespeare's "Macbeth," aided and abetted by "Three Billboards" Oscar-winning best actress Frances McDormand as Lady MacBeth.

Chris Hemsworth has landed another franchise with the reboot of "Men In Black: International," co-starring Rebecca Ferguson, Liam Neeson and Emma Thompson, dropping June 14, and "Dhaka," about a mercenary hired to rescue a Bangladeshi businessman's kidnapped son.

Benedict Cumberbatch, now starring as Doctor Strange in "Avengers:



Tom Hanks [Depositphotos]

Endgame," is going to war as Greville Wynne in "Iron Bark," with "Mrs. Maisel" Rachel Brosnahan, a Cold War drama about two businessmen who aid the CIA in penetrating the Soviet nuclear program. That's followed by "1917," in which he and Colin Firth are two young soldiers during World War I. Sam Mendes (Kate Winslet's ex) is directing for a Christmas Day opening.

Patrick Schwarzenegger, son of Arnold, stars as the imaginary friend of a troubled college freshman in the thriller "Daniel Isn't Real," with Mary Stewart Masterson. The film screened last month at The South by Southwest Film Festival and is looking for a distributor. Patrick is now filming the sci-fi thriller "Warning," with "Magic Mike" star Alex Pettyfer.

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Meryl Streep has completed the reboot of "Little Women," as Aunt March, with Saoirse Ronan, Timothee Chalamet, Laura Dern and Emma Watson (due Christmas Day), and Netflix's "The Laundromat," which Steven Soderbergh is directing, with Gary Oldman, Antonio Banderas, Alex Pettyfer, Will Forte and David Schwimmer. It's about a group of journalists who unearth 11.5 million files linking the world most powerful figures to secret bank accounts as they attempt to avoid paying taxes. From "Little Women" to big tax dodgers. Sounds like D.C. today!

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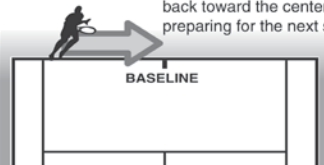
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**CHECK YOUR REACTIONS**

On the service return, be sure to track the ball coming in as soon as possible. Turn your shoulders and take a short backswing as you prepare to hit.

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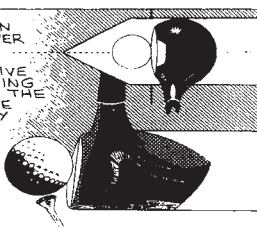


**M**ANY AMATEURS DON'T PROGRESS AT GOLF BECAUSE OF "PARALYSIS BY ANALYSIS."

HERE'S A THOUGHT FOR SUCH PLAYERS.

WHEN WORKING ON YOUR GAME NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE ONLY OBJECTIVE OF THE GOLF SWING IS TO DELIVER THE CLUBFACE TO THE BALL SQUARELY WHILE TRAVELING AS FAST AS POSSIBLE ALONG THE TARGET LINE.

GEAR EVERYTHING YOU DO WITH YOUR SWING TO THOSE OBJECTIVES.



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Exercising With  
Your Dog

Dogs, like humans, need regular exercise and stimulation to keep them healthy, both physically and mentally. Since dogs crave human companionship, then who better to choose as your exercise partner than your furry canine friend?

Frequent activity positively impacts a dog's health in many ways, benefiting his muscles, bones, digestion, sleep, circulation, and general attitude. The bond between canine and human also encourages humans to exercise more frequently and lose more weight than most nationally known diet plans. A key reason for the better results is that the dog walkers stayed with the program because of their emotional connection to their dogs.

Tips To Get Started With  
Some Physical Exercise

Exercise needs vary from dog to dog, depending on the dog's breed, age, weight, and other factors. Therefore, consult with your vet before starting an exercise program with your dog—and be sure to consult with your own physician about the right program for you.

- Take things slowly at first. Begin with short walks at a slow speed, then gradually increase the time, speed and distance.
- The pads of your dog's paws will need time to toughen. Begin walking or running with it on soft surfaces such as dirt, sand or grass.
- Avoid exercising your dog immediately before or after it's eaten. A full stomach may cause digestive upsets. Provide only small amounts of water before and directly after exercise.

Watch The Weather

- Exercise in the cool hours of the morning or late evening.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke.
- Be aware of hot asphalt, which can damage your dog's paw pads.

Be Sensible

No matter how fit your dog; mon-

itor its need to rest.

- Stop the games if your dog seems to be getting overly tired.
- Be sure your dog has access to fresh drinking water. Prevent stomach upset by limiting your dog's intake if it is panting heavily.
- Remember to clean up after your dog.

Keep Things  
Interesting With Some  
Mental Training

Just letting your dog out in the backyard is not enough exercise. Likewise, a brief daily walk may not be enough either. However, you can keep your dog both physically and mentally active on your daily walk by varying how you walk.

- Change the pace. Intermittently walk fast, slow, stop, etc. Your dog will come to see this as a game and will find the activity fun and stimulating.
- Change directions frequently. Go left, then right, turn in front of the dog, reverse direction, etc. Each time you make a change in direction, give a gentle flick of the leash to alert your dog you are about to change direction.
- Give obedience commands as you go. Stop and ask your dog to sit, lie down, etc.

Exercise His Mind

Exercise your dog's brain, too. Just 15 minutes once or twice a day of teaching basic obedience can tire your dog in a different way.

With some practice, you can establish the leadership required for a satisfying stroll with your dog so you can both reap the benefits of good health, fitness and a happy emotional bond. Remember, a tired dog is a happy dog!

Vicki and Richard Horowitz are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit [www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com](http://www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com).

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You might be tempted to be more assertive when dealing with a job-related matter. But a carefully measured approach works best at getting the cooperation you're looking for.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** While others urge you to act now, you instinctively recognize that a move at this time is not in your best interests. You should know when to do so by week's end.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A busy schedule keeps you on the move for much of the week. But things ease up by the time the weekend arrives, allowing you to reconnect with family and friends.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Travel dominates the week, and despite some delays in getting to where you want to go, the overall experience should prove to be a positive one in many ways.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Your Leonine self-confidence comes roaring back after a brief period of doubt and helps you get through a week of demanding challenges and ultimately emerge triumphant.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Virgos who have made a major commitment -- personal or professional -- should be able to tap into a renewed reservoir of self-confidence to help them follow through.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You soon could receive news from a surprising source that could cause you to change your mind about how you had planned to deal with an ongoing job-related problem.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A surprise move of support from a colleague who has never been part of your circle of admirers helps influence others to take a new look at what you've put on the table.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** While a bold decision to take an "I know what I'm doing" approach impresses some colleagues, it also raises the risk of causing resentment among others.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A misunderstanding 'twixt you and a friend might not be your fault at all, despite what he or she suggests. Talk it out to see at what point the confusion might have started.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Getting into a community operation fulfills the Aquarian's need to help people. It also can lead to new contacts that might one day help you with a project.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A minor problem could delay the start of a long-anticipated trip for two. Use the time to recheck your travel plans. You might find a better way to get where you're going.

**BORN THIS WEEK: You are a** dedicated romantic who seeks both excitement and stability in your relationships.



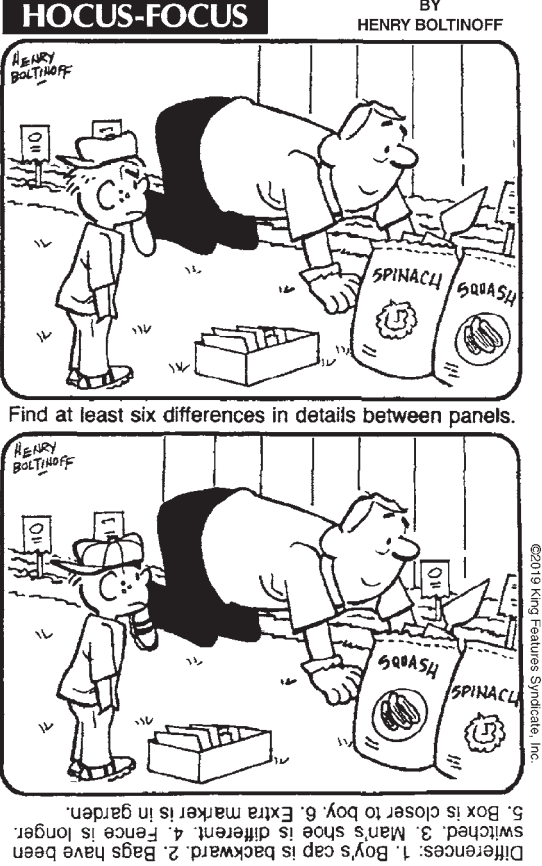
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Source: OECD

\*per capita consumption



# Make Your Town More Dog-Friendly

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I live in a town with no dog parks and very few sidewalks, other than in the town center and a few subdivisions. When I take my dog "Greta" outside in the morning I get dirty looks from the neighbors, even though I pick up after her. I live in an apartment with no yard, so I have to drive into the city to find an off-leash dog park so Greta can run. I love my town and don't want to move, but I'm getting tired of this. Is there anything I can do? -- Leeanne G., via email

**DEAR LEEANNE:** It can be frustrating to have to go so far to give Greta some recreation time. Here are a few ideas to try:

- Find like-minded dog owners by searching for or creating a Meet-up.com group in your town, and get together to talk about concerns they have with walking their dogs.
- Contact city hall to find out if they have considered a dog park, or designating a park as dog-friendly. If so, ask how you can be a part of the process. If not, look into starting a community dog park. The AKC has some helpful tips on how to do this.
- Talk to your neighbors and ask if they have concerns about dogs.
- Commit to other solutions that may help make your town more dog-friendly: remind other dog owners to pick up droppings, post flyers that explain how to approach a strange dog, and of course, keep Greta on a leash where required.

Unfortunately, these tips put much of the onus on the dog owners. But that may be the best place to start. Good luck.

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- Brenda Weaver



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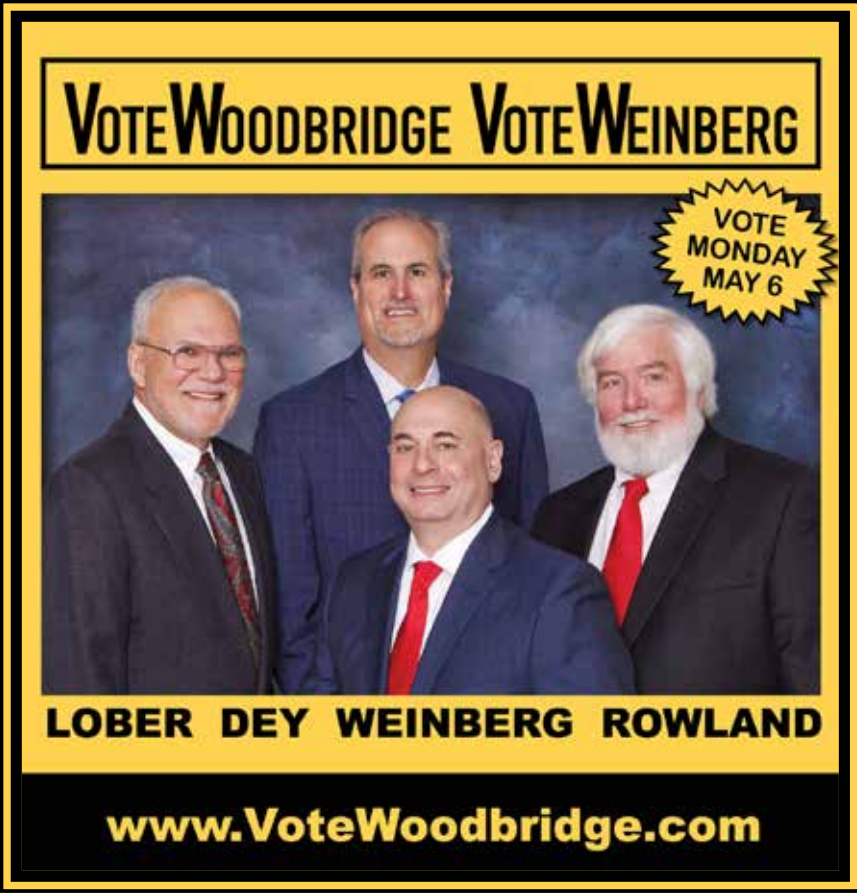
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