



Amity Schools Relax Pandemic Rules

Students Expected to Mask When Symptomatic

By Bettina Thiel

Woodbridge Town News correspondent

When students return to school next week, pandemic mitigation practices will no longer be required for healthy individuals. Following the State Department of Education's most recent guidance, masking will be by and large a choice, except for those who just suffered a bout of Covid infection or display even mild symptoms of respiratory disease. "Mitigation strategies will continue where 2021-22 ended," said Amity Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars when she updated the district's possible. At the high school, students can have lunch on the patio adjacent to the cafeteria. They also continue to offer four lunch waves rather than two.

The state adopted a "Test-Mask-Go" strategy, whereby students who exhibit mild respiratory disease symptoms but are fever-free are expected to test every day for Coronavirus and mask up during the symptomatic period.

Students who test positive or are running a fever of 100° or higher are required to stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication. Those who test positive are



Amity: What To Do With the Surplus?

BY BETTINA THIEL Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

When residents voted down the Amity School District budget twice this spring, the fact that the District has been carrying vast surpluses seemed to rub many people the wrong way, even if long-standing practice was to return some 80% of the surplus to the three member towns.

Last year, for instance, after the auditors closed the books on the 2020-21 school year, Amity returned about \$1.2 million to Orange; \$786K to Woodbridge and \$450K to Bethany. The money was transferred in January of this year. The five-year average of unspent funds was \$3.5 million, according to the March 14 budget narrative, out of a budget of some \$51 million. The return of surplus funds to the towns may have been a useful tool to keep the peace, but it does not align with state statute, as Amity board member Paul Davis found out when he checked what the Legislature prescribed for regional school districts' surpluses. According to Section 10-51c, "the board shall use any budget appropriation which has not been expended by the end of the fiscal year to reduce the net expenses of the district for the following fiscal year. "When reading the passage, Davis emphasized the "shall," leaving no room for interpretation. "It can't go anywhere else," he said. (Except limited funds to a capital and non-recurring fund.)

Returning funds to the towns is not permissible according to state statute. It was an arrangement the towns had made with previous school administrations, as a way to prevent the district from rushing into a spending spree at the end of the school year. The whole process was carefully watched over

Board of Education at its regular meeting on August 15.

The district will make sure that air filtration and HVAC systems are serviced and performing at recommended levels; and that the schools provide access to outdoor spaces as much as required to stay home for at least 5 days, with the day they tested positive being counted as Day Zero.

"We have to trust our families to do the right thing – and to report it to us,

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Town To Hire Consultant for Country Club

By Bettina Thiel Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Couples may hire a counsellor to help them navigate difficult situations in their lives, and the town is attempting a similar route in its effort to determine the best way forward for the former Country Club of Woodbridge property.

At its July 13 meeting, the Board of Selectmen, upon recommendation from its Strategic Planning group, voted to hire a consultant "who has experience in repurposing golf courses," as stated in the motion by Selectman David Vogel. "In particular, we are looking for someone with experience in situations similar to ours."

The town has been stuck ever since it purchased the 150-acre property in 2009 from the private golf club that went belly-up. Faced with rising taxes and a stagnant Grand List, town leaders have been eager to sell a portion of the property and gain some income from it. But many residents — neighbors in particular — raised staunch resistance to that idea, in the hopes that it can be used as a park.

The golf operation ceased after a few years, when the operator and the town could not agree who was responsible for necessary investments; the club house, with a leaking roof and single-pane windows, has been abandoned and boarded up. The last thing to close was the outdoor pool, which was a popular summer activity for many local families.

Several suggestions have been advanced over the years, including senior housing, a solar farm, a smaller golf operation, a banquet hall. About a year ago, a developer proposed to develop about a third of the property for housing, with a small affordable component. But the proposal was put on hold while the ad-hoc Affordable Housing study group was at work.

A survey conducted by Amity students a few years ago showed just how split the public is when it comes to the Country Club.

"Our hope is that the consultant will be helping the town to move forward and come to a consensus," Vogel said. Vogel, a Republican, and Sheila Mc-Creven, a Democrat, have been working in conjunction with Finance Director Anthony Genovese and former Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla to come up with a strategic plan for the town, formulating goals, and strategies to achieve them.

Picking the right candidate with the right credentials will be critical to the success of the endeavor, so as to "not poison the well with our own expectation," Vogel said. "If we can really, truly, come out with a clean slate...we will have some firm footing on which to make some real solid decisions and lead the town in a direction that's better for that property," he said at the Selectmen's meeting.

They are hoping to have a consultant identified by mid-September, and are hoping to see some recommendations by December, which can then be brought to the town at large for consideration.

McCreven said people have been asking her, "what's next for the Country Club." "We are hoping we'll get to a place where the public can provide input, long before moving forward with any specific proposals."

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Woodbridge Public School Free and Reduced Lunch

The **Woodbridge School District** announced today its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility. The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from **July 1**, 2022, to **June 30**, 2023, for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals in the Child Nutrition Programs.

Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Free meals						Reduced-price meals					
Household	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross incom e	Weekly gross income	Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	17,667	1,473	737	680	340	1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	23,803	1,984	992	916	458	2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	29,939	2,495	1,248	1,152	576	3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	36,075	3,007	1,504	1,388	694	4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	42,211	3,518	1,759	1,624	812	5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,331	1,156
6	48,347	4,029	2,015	1,860	930	6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	54,483	4,541	2,271	2,096	1,048	7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	60,619	5,052	2,526	2,332	1,166	8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
Each additional family member	+ 6,136	+ 512	+ 256	+ 236	+ 118	Each additional family member	+ 8,732	+ 728	+ 364	+ 336	+ 168

The income calculations above are based on the following formulas:

- monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12;
- twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24;
- income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and
- weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52.

DID YOU KNOW?

A growing emphasis on STEM has emerged within the educational sector over the last decade or more. Schools and students have put forth extraordinary effort into fostering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in curriculums and through personal pursuits. Although there are many proponents of STEM classes and careers, many people feel that creative endeavors, namely arts education, have been largely pushed aside in favor of STEM. But as evidence that arts-based learning has a positive effect on all aspects of education continues to mount — including improving students' test scores on the SAT as well as in math and science — many educators are reintroducing art in schools. For example, prior to 2017, Mann Elementary School in Detroit had not offered art classes in 20 years. By 2017, some art and music classes had been restored. Students in Lebanon, Penn. also are learning the importance of the arts through the STEAM concept. First implemented by the Rhode Island School of Design, the "A" in STEAM stands for "Arts." STEAM encourages students to think not only analytically but creatively, essentially blending the best of math and science with the arts. A recent study from PayScale.com even notes that graduates obtaining art degrees from certain schools can expect healthy returns on their educational investments. This furthers the push for a reintroduction of arts education, as it indicates that a career in the arts can be a potentially lucrative pursuit.

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by the Amity Finance Committee – a committee with representation of the three boards of Finance and the Board of Education.

As recently as this spring's budget narrative spelled out that the practice to apply surplus funds to the next budget "was discontinued six years ago...We have not carried forward any funds in the past five fiscal years."

The question for the administration of School Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars is how to handle the surplus of the 2021-22 Fiscal Year, since the towns have every reason to expect that income. Should the district hold on to the surplus from the 2021-22 school year and apply it to this year? Apply it to '23-24? The Amity Board at its August 15 meeting decided to have the superintendent consult with the auditors, who are about to start their work.

Orange, for example, allocated an anticipated \$700,000 from Amity in the current town budget. Should the district follow the letter of the law and not return the left-over funds, it would leave Orange \$700,000 in the hole.

Orange Finance Director John Cifarelli kept his cool. He said so far, he had not been informed that the district will not return the surplus, and he was not going to comment on rumors. The Orange Board of Finance has not met, and when it does, it will determine a course of action.

Due to the fact that town residents on May 18 approved a budget which included the original Amity budget request, while the third Amity referendum on June 20 approved a lower number, that provides the town with \$200,000 in savings right there, he said. If need be, the town can take the money out of its own fund balance to cover the shortfall.

Woodbridge Finance Director Anthony Genovese said the town does not allocate the income from Amity until it has received a check. That means the town does not allocate the Amity surplus funds until the following fiscal year.

This year, for example the town included \$611K in its budget. These were funds from the 2020-21 school year that the town received in January of 2022. He said he tries to encourage town officials not to use the Amity money for ongoing expenditures, rather than for one-time expenditures. "Eventually, it will stop," he said of the Amity payments. The members of the Amity Finance Committee (AFC) were not amused when they heard from the superintendent that the district may not return the funds. The AFC typically meets immediately preceding the regular board

meeting and is informed of the financial decisions at hand. Its decisions are recommendations to the regular Board of Education.

"I was not happy," said Woodbridge Board of Finance Chairman, Matthew Giglietti, after the meeting. He said if the district stops returning surplus funds there was no need for an AFC. "It makes Amity autonomous," he said. "Why would I want to stay."

Paul Davis does not agree. If the school district uses the surplus to offset the budget of the following fiscal year, as the law says it should, it will actually help lower the budget requests going forward, he said. The practice will benefit the taxpayers in a much more direct way.

In addition to Giglietti, the AFC consists of Joe Nuzzo, a member of the Orange finance board; Sharon Huxley of Bethany; and Board of Education members Christopher Browe (Orange), Andrea Hubbard (Bethany) and Dr. K. Sudhir, (Woodbridge).

In addition to the question of whether or not to return funds to the town, School Supt. Jennifer Byars asked the AFC to increase the percentage the district can put into a capital account. So far, the district board had voted to cap it at 1% of the operating budget. However, the law allows regional districts to put away as much as 2% for capital items. The money will reduce the amount of bonding they would have to do, at a much higher price, she said. But the AFC voted no, 5:1.

When the question came up during the regular board meeting, board member Carol Oladele cautioned not to send a message of easy spending. "I don't want to be tone-deaf to the community," she said. "We want to maintain good will with our community. Consider what just happened," she said, referring to the failed referenda.

Dr. Sudhir, a member of the AFC, said he voted to keep the capital reserve at 1% for exactly that reason, to be respectful to the community. However, it later became clearer to him which projects would need to be cut, namely the roof projects.

If there is not enough money in the capital reserve, the district will have to

bond to fix the roofs at the two middle schools, which are leaking in places. Bonding costs can be very, very large, he said. That is why he was changing his vote from no to yes.

In the end, the board voted to appropriate \$929,000 from Capital Non-Recurring to pay for roof repairs; for the replacement of musical instruments, which are 50 years old; and for renovations to the Lecture Hall at Amity High School. This time, the vote was unanimous.

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even as we get to the winter months," Dr. Byars said. During the winter and spring, other respiratory diseases and allergies can easily be mis-identified as potential Covid culprits.

School nurses will be reporting positive cases to a state database, but there will be no contact-tracing. Instead, they will be looking for cluster outbreaks, such as on athletic or debate teams, maybe a classroom cluster. Those have never happened at Amity, Byars said. However, should they have reason to believe that such a cluster occurred, the school will pass that information on to the health departments for input.

In the past, clusters occurred primarily outside of school, often as a result of overnight trips or parties.

Vaccination clinic: The best mitigation strategy at this point is to be vaccinated, Dr. Byars said. Therefore, the district will be partnering with Griffin Hospital and hosting a vaccination clinic on Thursday, September 22, at the high school, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic is open to staff, students and accompanying family members. Both adult and child vaccinations will be provided. Dr. Byars does not expect large numbers of people to show up, and if they do, the district can always schedule subsequent clinics, she said.

Covid info: Conversation ensued at the Amity board meeting of whether or not the district should continue posting the Friday Covid numbers on the district homepage. Dr. Byars said Covid updates will be embedded under the District News tab, and link to the statistics provided by the state. "Covid is now part of our normal operation," she said. "We are trying to move past the [crisis] mode."

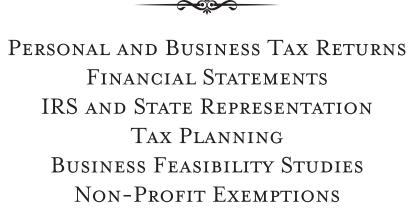


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OPINION

From the First Selectman BY BETH HELLER

As the Summer of 2022 comes to a close, and the beautiful changes of fall begin, there are also many wonderful, significant changes coming to Woodbridge's Town Center Campus in the coming months. Three major projects will improve the way our municipal center looks, feels and operates. The Center Building Renovation Committee is envisioning how the Center Building can be updated and modernized. Our Community Center Building Committee is working on the conversion of the Old Firehouse into a new Community Center and the Senior Center renovations will begin very soon. Our new Sidewalk Project is starting soon as well.

All of these initiatives are directly related to the Board of Selectmen's Strategic Plan, a goal of which is to "Maintain and Invest in Infrastructure and Facilities." They also support the "Enhance Quality of Life" goal.

Creating community has always been important to me. Making these investments in our Town Center Campus will create friendly, welcoming places for our residents to interact with each other and build stronger ties to one another and to OUR Town. I believe that is even more important as we slowly emerge from the pandemic and find ways to engage new residents and create an even stronger community.

At our July meeting, the Board of Selectmen set the budget for the Senior Center renovation project, utilizing mostly grant money, and designated Olympus Construction Company as the winning bidder. This project will include an HVAC system with a high-quality air filtration system for the safety of the senior population. It also includes a new reception area, new flooring, lighting, and other finishes in the cafeteria, lounge, and lower kitchen. The project is expected to be completed by late winter or early spring. I am very excited that our seniors will finally have a space that is as thoughtful, welcoming and matching the excellent quality of the programming that happens inside!

The creation of a Community Center in the Old Firehouse Building and surrounding outdoor spaces has the potential to be transformational for ALL our residents. These redesigned spaces will provide multiple venues for Town residents to gather for organized events, social gatherings, impromptu get togethers, host art and historic exhibitions, attend classes, performances, fitness programs, etc. The newly-appointed Community Center Building Committee has met several times to discuss the scope and process for converting the old firehouse into a Community & Cultural Center.

Input into program ideas for both indoor and outdoor space was requested from the Library, Human Services, Recreation and the Community Council. Based on the range of ideas received, the goal is to create flexible uses for all the space in the community center. This type of design will facilitate multiple uses for the many different types of activities that will take place in this building. The Committee will be working with the architectural firm of Silver Petrucelli, who oversaw the infrastructure updates to the Old Firehouse, and has experience as they recently completed the conversion of a firehouse in Manchester, CT into a community center.

The Committee is considering seeking the services of a physical experience designer/community place-maker to create a design for the outdoor space which encompasses the space from the Grove, around the old firehouse and extending all the way around our beautiful Town Library. Once design plans have been created, these will be shared with Town residents for their review and comment.

The next project is more long term. Earlier this year I created a Center Building Renovation Committee tasked with planning, designing, constructing and recommending financing (through state and perhaps federal funding) for upgrades to convert the Center Building (the old Center School) into a modern space for offices, classrooms and programs as well as a modernized police department. They will conduct a thorough analysis and make suggestions for all building systems including electric, plumbing, HVAC, technology infrastructure, building envelope (including roofs, windows and insulation) and finishes. The scope of the project includes all areas of the Center Building, including the Gym, Police Department, Human Services offices, and daycare rooms, but does not include the Senior Center space which is already currently under renovation.

This committee has already met several times, toured the Center Building, including the Police Department (PD), Human Services and Woodbridge Child Center areas, and have obtained desired space needs from both the PD and Human Services. They plan to seek the services of an architect in the near future. Once the project scope is finalized, we can begin to seek funding for the project, which may be a combination of bonding as well as grants.

One of our most recently state funded projects will be beginning very soon as well. As mentioned in previous articles, Woodbridge has received close to \$600,000 in State of Connecticut grant funding to complete the sidewalk project from the high school to the Town Center. Once we knew we were receiving these funds, we were in communication with First Church of Christ officials regarding this project, beginning in February of 2022. These sidewalks are necessary for the safety of the many residents who walk on Newton Road, as well as Amity High School students who regularly cross Newton Road from the high school to access the library, Center Field and other Town buildings. Additionally, the sidewalks will help make the entire Town Center a pedestrian friendly place. No traffic lights are contemplated at this time. There is one crosswalk included in the project. The Town has also been in contact with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding this project.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen is continuing to work on ways to make our business district more attractive and welcoming to residents and businesses. The 2030 Task Force is working with a consultant to accomplish this by growing the Town's Grand List by 2030. This committee will be seeking resident, property-owner and business-owner feedback and ideas at a public information session, which is currently scheduled for Thursday, September 15th at 6 pm at the New England Brewing Company.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have either at 203-389-3401 or bheller@woodbridgect.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer and please stay safe!

What are Advanced Placement Classes?

In recent years, many school districts have diversified their course offerings for high school students.

gram entails.

The College Board, which oversees the Advanced Placement Program as

courses in high school. By taking such courses, students can experience the rigor of potential college classes and students during the application process. Many colleges consider AP classes in their decisions to award scholar-



In addition to core education classes in key subjects required of most high schoolers, students now have electives that may rival college course offerings as well as classes that set interested students on career paths after high school. Indeed, it's not uncommon for high schoolers to enroll in classes in business administration, teacher/education or STEM.

In addition to these newer class options, many high school students have access to more advanced classes. Despite the prevalence of the Advanced Placement program, some students and their parents may be largely unfamiliar with what the prowell as the SAT, defines AP courses as "rigorous, college-level classes in a variety of subjects that give students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school." Students who enroll in AP classes are not guaranteed those credits, however. Rather, after taking the courses, they must then pass an AP exam in each subject for which they have taken an AP class and score at least a three out of five on that exam. That passing grade may entitle them to earn college credits, although some schools have limits on which AP exams they will accept. The AP program began in the 1950s as a way to teach introductory level

challenge themselves beyond standard and honor courses. AP classes were not initially widespread, and there were only 11 subjects in the pilot program. However, today there are nearly 40 AP courses available, though not every high school offers every course.

Students eager to land coveted spots at top colleges and universities often take AP classes to provide that extra edge against the competition. Most academic advisors now recommend that students take these types of courses, not only as a way to later save money by eliminating the need to pay for certain college classes, but also to set themselves apart from other ships as well.

The College Board reports that, as of 2019, about 2.8 million students take AP exams every year. It's quite common for high schoolers to take multiple AP classes during their time in high school.

It is possible to take an AP exam without having taken the coordinating class prior, but it is strongly recommended that students take the corresponding class to prepare for the test. Students and their families can learn about the Advanced Placement program by visiting https://ap.collegeboard.org/ or speaking with a high school guidance counselor.

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OPINION

From the Democratic Town Committee



Counting Our Blessings and the Responsibilities That Go with Them

No matter our age, back-to-school time brings the promise of new adventures, new learning and fresh starts. Here in Woodbridge, our children have the good fortune to attend Beecher Road School and Amity Middle and Senior High Schools, where they are taught the skills they will need to navigate the increasingly complex adult world that awaits them.

We celebrate these young people, our greatest blessings, and share in their wonder and excitement. We also recognize the burdens they carry and our responsibility to lighten them.

A 14-year-old's recent op-ed on the climate crisis reminded me of this responsibility. (Commentary: Hey Adults: We're counting on you to fight the climate crisis, www.timesunion. com August 12, 2022) The young author wrote, "I'm scared. In fact, I am ... terrified....The fear - not of coming of age, but of the world I will come of age in - is far from uncommon among young people when it comes to the climate crisis. Last year, a study in The Lancet found that of 10,000 young people (16-25) in ten countries, over 45 percent said their feelings about climate change had a negative impact on their 'daily life and functioning."

What can we adults do? The insightful young author went on to provide a call to action, "We rely on you to vote and run for office and urge others to do the same. We rely on you to pressure your local and federal authorities to take immediate, decisive action to drastically cut CO2 emissions while uplifting communities along the way. We rely on you to volunteer in activist groups or form your own. We rely on you to pressure your workplace into cutting its emissions and to invest in ity with us now."

On the same day that this op-ed was published, Congress gave final approval to legislation that will direct billions of dollars to slowing global warming. The new law, passed along party lines and signed by President Biden, has been characterized as the "single largest federal investment in the fight against climate change." (House Passes Sweeping Climate, Tax and Health Care Package, www.nytimes.com, August 12, 2022)

The benefits of the legislation are said to include slowdown in sea level rise; green retrofit of buildings, especially in urban centers; improved air quality and lower rates of respiratory illnesses; and bringing many more Americans into the clean energy economy thus providing greater political support for further action. (The climate future just changed, www.Bloombergbusiness.com, August 12, 2022.)

While I'm sure many people of all ages feel that the climate emergency demands more, there can be no doubt that we appear to be at a turning point in the recognition that there is a climate emergency and that it requires bold and effective action.

And we can build upon this milestone legislation right here by "greening" our homes, schools, and other public buildings, by taking on a conscious and continuous role in reducing our community's energy consumption, and by ensuring that town and state leaders have our support in prioritizing climate change mitigation for our generation of Woodbridge residents and the many generations that will follow.

If you are interested in learning more about the Woodbridge Democratic Town Committee, please get in touch with us by email: woodbridgeCT- Other Side of the Aisle WRTC CHAIRMAN



Half Open Isn't Good Government

There has not been a single public comment in person at a Woodbridge Board of Selectmen meeting since the pandemic shutdown started. How many years is that? Too many. As the nation, nay, the world has reopened, our First Selectman and Democrat majority have continued the bunker mentality to the detriment of residents who seek to speak with our political leaders face to face.

The technology and processes deployed to try to provide a forum for public comment have been a disaster from Day One. We won't rehash the issues with people being required to show their ID on live video with hundreds watching, or the complications of trying to log in for a remote comment, but it is worth noting there has been no improvement in these limiting systems since the start of the pandemic. Our world has graduated from the temporary pandemic lockdown environment, even Town Hall is back open, so what's the hold up with the Board of Selectmen getting back to normal business? This ineffective half opening is not good enough. Selectman David Vogel has been making this point for many months yet he has been summarily ignored.

Even a hybrid meeting, where residents still concerned with infection can participate remotely, while others come in person to the Selectmen's chamber would be an improvement. I guess those In-person attendees could tolerate wearing a mask, even if they don't personally see the need, to get back to the traditional way we address our elected officials. Local government is supposed to be the closest to the people. Instead, our First Selectman is perpetuating an arm's-length (at best) relationship that has been left in the dust by nearly every other facet of day-to-day living. Even hospitals allow some form of physical presence - so what's so special about our Board of Selectmen that they can't get with the program? There are two important issues facing our town, and it seems very little progress is being made on either the Country Club of Woodbridge property or the ever-increasing mill rate. Yet the grass keeps growing and our high tax bills keep coming in. If the strategy of "he who does nothing does nothing wrong" is in effect here, I can assure the Democrat leadership there is plenty wrong with it. Their counter argument for the CCW property is "these things take time" to which

one must ask "12+ years?" Whatever became of an open discussion of the petition-driven proposal for that property? I'm sure the 300+ residents who signed it would like their "day in court." We now have the seventh highest mill rate in the state. Maybe since there has been no effective way to have public comment at BOS meetings, the Democrat leadership thinks they are doing a fine job – heck – no one complaining! Believe me, people are complaining and if the BOS would open its doors to hear the comments, it would likely get an earful.

If the day does come when we can enjoy direct, live, in-person access to the Board of Selectmen, here's another suggestion – don't sit there like bumps on a log when people come with issues. Today the official format is for speakers to have a limited amount of time to make their point, the BOS sits unresponsive and then the next speaker gets his or her turn at bat. That's not constructive. That's not citizen participation. It's kabuki theatre with no commitment to address topics citizens come to present/discuss. Back-and-forth conversation is the best path to mutual understanding and common ground. It's not happening here at present. The structure of Robert's Rules of Order has been co-opted in a way for the Democrat majority to cast their four votes on pre-determined issues and make it appear democratic.

So, as we move into the early fall, let's see the Board of Selectmen get back to normal. Wear a mask if you must, use technology to accommodate those in the minority who want to participate remotely, but by all means move the ball forward on the critical

climate-friendly initiatives. We rely on you to act in inter-generational solidardems@gmail.com or visit our website: woodbridgeCTdems.org.



issues we face.

A special note to the Woodbridge Republicans: This year will be another test of how our party comes together after a primary. The Democrats have traditionally done a much better job of getting behind their primary winners, putting aside whatever slings and arrows were shot during the primary. Republicans have sometimes "taken their marbles and gone home" if their candidate does not win. The result, at times, is victory for the Democrats due to lack of support by Republicans for Republicans. Can we please rethink that strategy? Yes, the better candidate (or maybe the lesser of two evils in some people's opinions) should win, no matter the party, but disengaging isn't the answer.



Achievements Emerson College

Boston, MA - Gabrielle McGovern from Woodbridge, CT earned a spot on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) 2022 Division III Women's Tennis Scholar-Athletes Team. Emerson College's Women's Tennis team had seven members included on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) 2022 Division III Women's Tennis Scholar-Athletes Team. The Women's Tennis team is also on the Division III Women's All-Academic Teams list. For ITA eligibility an athlete must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for the current academic year. To be named an ITA All-Academic Team, the team grade point average must be 3.2 or above (on a 4.0 scale), all student-athletes included should be listed on the institutional eligibility form and all varsity letter winners should be factored into the cumulative team GPA for the current academic year. Gabrielle McGovern is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Dean's/President's List Bryant University

Smithfield, RI - Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. To earn a place on the Deans' List students must have a GPA of 3.4 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work. Congratulations to the following Woodbridge students on this outstanding achievement: Diego Rodriguez, class of 2023, and Daniel Carlson, class of 2025.

Champlain College

Burlington, VT - Annabel Kusnitz of Woodbridge, CT, has been named to a Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Students awarded honors based on their academic achievement. Kusnitz is currently enrolled in the Professional Writing major. The honors include: Dean's List - for achieving a 3.5 grade point average during the spring semester; President's List - for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during the spring semester; and Trustee's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average for two consecutive semester. at Emerson College. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester. McGovern is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Endicott College

Beverly, MA - Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2022 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. The following Woodbridge students have met these requirements: Meaghan Francis, Political Science, daughter of Betsy and Stephen Francis; and Tara Laugeni, Business Management and Marketing, daughter of Elise and Greg Laugeni.

Fairfield University

Fairfield, CT - The following Fairfield University students from Bethany received Deans List Honors for the Spring 2022 semester: Timothy L. Amarante, Danielle Grosso, Alexandra Plaza, and Saunder L. Saffran. In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Goodwin University

East Hartford, CT - Renee Pascarelli has earned a spot on the Goodwin University Dean's List for Spring 2022. Renee, a student from Woodbridge, CT, is one of 924 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance. Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify. Goodwin University congratulates Renee on making the Dean's List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Purchase College

Purchase, NY - Megan Ciarleglio of Woodbridge has been named to Purchase College's Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Ciarleglio is studying Graphic Design. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits. Congratulations, Megan!

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following area students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester at Quinnipiac University: Taylor De-Rienzo of Bethany, CT. Woodbridge students named to the Dean's List include: Kevin Alston; William Hunter; Karalyn Kachmar; and Julia Turski. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

State University of New York New Paltz

New Paltz, NY - SUNY New Paltz is proud to congratulate Benjamin Lee of Woodbridge, CT, for being named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. Well done! Dean's List designation is reserved for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Tufts University

Medford, MA - Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester. Among students from Woodbridge earning dean's list honors are: Dana Estra, class of 2023; Sam Farbman, class of 2023; Ian Glassman, class of 2025; Tracy Lu, class of 2024; Henry Molot, class of 2023; and Siavash Raissi, class of 2024. Dean's list honors at Tufts University requires a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. GPA. Students who have part-time status during both the fall and spring semesters of a given academic year are eligible for Part-time Dean's List. They must have completed 12 or more calculable credits over both terms and have earned a combined GPA in those terms of 3.50 or higher.

University of Maine at Farmington

Farmington, ME - The University of Maine at Farmington proudly announces its Dean's List for the Spring 2022 Semester. UMF maintains a Dean's List each semester for those students completing a minimum of 12 credits in courses producing quality points. Students whose grade point average for the semester is equal to or greater than 3.8 are listed with High Honors. Emma Marsh, High Honors, was named to the Dean's List for Spring 2022.

University of New Haven

West Haven, CT – Kaitlyn Price of Woodbridge, CT, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Kaitlyn is working on a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, Wis. - About 7,700 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 13 and 14. Michael Taylor, Law School, Doctor of Law (Juris Doctor), Law graduated with the class of 2022.

Washington University in St. Louis

St. Louis, MO - The following Bethany students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at Washington University in St. Louis: Weixin Du graduated in May from the university's College of Arts & Sciences and Jacob Silbert is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Clark University

Worcester, MA - The following Woodbridge residents were named to Clark University's Spring 2022 Dean's List: Sage J. Johnson and Brynn B. Keevil were named to first honors. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors.

Emerson College

Boston, MA - Gabrielle McGovern of Woodbridge, CT earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2022 semester

Hamilton College

Clinton, NY - The following Woodbridge residents were named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the spring 2022 semester: Alexis Galinovsky, a May graduate, majored in economics at Hamilton and Brian Seiter, a rising junior majoring in history and public policy, is a graduate of Hopkins School. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded

The University of Maine

The University of Maine recognized 2,951 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the spring 2022 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, Lilly Morrissey of Woodbridge was one of the students named to the Dean's List. To be eligible for the Full-time Dean's List, a student must have completed 12 or more calculable credits in the semester and have earned a 3.50 or higher semester

Western New England University

Springfield, MA - Woodbridge, CT resident, Alex Wyner, has been named to Western New England University's President's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Wyner, who is working toward a BS in Computer Science, is one of over 250 students who achieved this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

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WOODBRIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Paul Davis Elected Amity Board Chairman

By Bettina Thiel

Orange Town News Correspondent

The Amity Board of Education, at its regular meeting on August 15, unanimously chose Paul Davis of Orange as its chairman after the resignation of former chairman John Belfonti earlier in July. The only abstaining vote was that of Davis himself.

Davis is well known throughout the district, having coached the swim team at Amity High School as well as being founder and head coach of the Orange program when the town pool opened. He taught science at the middle- and high-school levels in West Haven for many years. He represented those living in the 117th House District in the State Legislature, and later joined the Orange Board of Selectmen before being elected to the Amity Board of Education in 2019.

Davis thanked his fellow board members for their support, saying this is the most "close-working group of people in support of education." Along with a number of other board members, he recognized his predecessor for leading the district during a particularly difficult time in public education.

"I knew John when he was a very young man," Davis said of Belfonti. "He was always a real gentleman."

As for Davis's own leadership, he pledged to always put the interest of the students in the district front and center. He also pledged to strive for transparency in the work of the board.

Amity Region 5 School District Names New Principal

On June 27, 2022 the Amity Region 5 Board of Education appointed Mr. Andre E. Hauser as the new Principal of Amity Regional High School. Mr. Hauser assumed his new leadership role effective July 14, 2022.

Mr. Hauser has dedicated his entire teaching and administrative career to high school students. He began his educational career as an English Teacher in Massachusetts before moving to Connecticut in 2000. Mr. Hauser then served as English Department Chair in the Enfield Public Schools before accepting his first administrative position as Assistant Principal of Coginchaug High School in Region 13. He served as Assistant Principal for seven years, earning recognition during that time as the Connecticut Assistant Principal of the Year, until his promotion to Principal. In 2013 Mr. Hauser became the Principal of Waterford High School, where he has dedicated his service for the past nine years. His commitment to education is further exhibited by the distinction of serving as President of the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS), earning the CAS Citation in 2022. He also serves as the State Coordinator for the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and is a member of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Board of Control.

Mr. Hauser holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned a Master of Arts in Education from Sacred Heart University and a 6th Year Certificate in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut. With over 20 years of experience in school administration, particularly dedicated to the high school level, Mr. Hauser brings a strong foundation of school leadership and will be a tremendous asset for continued growth of our educational community and the District as a whole. We welcome Mr. Hauser to the Amity Region 5 School District and wish him abundant success in his new role as Principal of Amity Regional High School.

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Graduations Brandeis University

Waltham, MA - Zachary Katz of Woodbridge graduated summa cum laude with Honors in Creative Writing from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts on May 22, 2022. At graduation, Katz received the Yakas Senior Thesis Award for his screenplay entitled "Legacy." A double major in Creative Writing and Anthropology and double minor in Classical Studies and English, Katz was named to the Dean's List at Brandeis all eight semesters.

Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT - Hundreds of students graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University at the conclusion of the spring 2022 semester. The University's annual Commencement Exercises occurred May 17 at the XL Center in Hartford, CT. The graduate-level ceremony occurred May 14 on Eastern's campus. Jolie Garcia of Woodbridge graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, and Nathaniel Urda of Woodbridge graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in General Studies.

Fairfield University

Fairfield, CT - The following Bethany students graduated from Fairfield University, May 2022: Timothy Amarante, Christopher Bierezowiec, and Thomas Nolan.

The following Woodbridge students graduated from Fairfield University, May 2022: Sarah Carter, Katey Green, Stacey Hauben, Jillian McCants, and Leah Saulsberry.

At the time of graduation, a student must have earned a minimum of 120 credits and completed at least 38 threeor four-credit courses, depending on the course of study, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

Georgia Tech

Atlanta, GA - The Georgia Institute of Technology presented degrees to more than 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students during the Institute's 262nd Commencement exercises May 6-7, 2022, at Bobby Dodd Stadium. Among the graduates from Woodbridge were: Thomas Barone, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with High Honors and Erbo Xu, Master of Science in Computer Science.

Hamilton College

Clinton, NY - Alexis Galinovsky, of Woodbridge, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 22, in a Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 210th year. Galinovsky majored in economics.

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following Bethany students received degrees from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May: Michael McGurrin, Bachelor of Arts in Communications; and Felicia Thomas, Master of Science in Public Relations.

The following Woodbridge students received degrees from Quinnipiac Univsersity during commencement ceremonies held in May: Karalyn Kachmar, Bachelor of Arts in Graphic and Interactive Design; Karalyn Kachmar, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Alyssa Rubano, Bachelor of Arts in Law in Society; Nancy Theinert, Master of Health Science/Cardiovascular Perfusion; and Helen Zhao, Doctor of Medicine.

ATTENTION TEACHERS!

We want to know what's going on in your classroom! Let us know about any fun activities or holiday projects. You can also send us your pictures. (Parental consent required) Woodbridge Town News P.O. Box 1126, Woodbridge, CT 06477 • edit@WoodbridgeTownNews.com

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Youth Services

by Nancy Pfund





Left: Diapering is an important technique taught at Babysitter Training. Right: Choking rescue is practiced with instructor AnnaMaria Mauhs.

Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook, Woodbridge, CT Youth Services.



Big J of the Harlem Wizards impresses campers with dunking skills

Harlem Wizards Bring Smiles

Youth Services partnered with the

Newly Trained Babysitters

Teens practiced diapering and dressing 'babies' at the recent Red Cross Babysitter Training. Basics include child safety, first aid, emergencies, and setting up a babysitting business.

Check our Facebook or Town Website for future classes. Call to get on the notification list for the next class.

Teen Job Bank

Join the Job Bank to earn some cash and build your resume. Call Youth Services now to schedule your interview. Jobs may include yardwork, raking, babysitting, housework, and animal care. Parent permission is required.

Hire a Teen

Residents may hire a teen for odd jobs by calling Youth Services for yard clean up, babysitting, dog walking, raking, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities in Youth Services

The Woodbridge Youth Advisory Board makes recommendations for Youth Services programming and seeks to include a diverse membership of residents to support our diverse population. A few positions remain open. Interested residents may contact Youth Services for more information. Volunteers are needed for occasional after-school or evening programs. Adults, including college students, may help with volunteer coordination, chaperoning events, and registration. Responsible high school students can earn community service. Contact Youth Services for more information.



Many thanks to the faculty, parents, and students at Beecher Road School's Lemonade Stand program – part of the Summer Enrichment Program– for their hard work to raise funds for the Woodbridge Human Services' Resident Assistance Fund. Their generous donation of over \$400 will help to assist Woodbridge residents in need. Special thanks to BJ Ahern and Kelly Borer.

The 2022 Woodbridge Living Treasure award recipients are Dwight Rowland, Susan Jacobs, Richard Jeynes, and the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association. These volunteers represent years of public service in many areas of the town serving on and volunteering with boards, commissions, ad hoc committees, building committees, B'nai Jacob, the United Church of Christ, the Land Trust, the Historical Society, Beecher Road School, Amity High School, the Woodbridge Child Care Center, and the Woodbridge Father's Baseball League (Beth-Wood Baseball). For 93 years, the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association's membership has provided continuous volunteer work with fire prevention and suppression, response to motor vehicle accidents, storm response, medical assistance calls, and providing assistance to other agencies. The Woodbridge Fire Association sponsors community events such as the annual Snowflake Dance, Truck or Treat (with Fireworks), cooking for the Beth-Wood Baseball League's opening Day, delivering toys to families in need during the December holidays, and entertaining youngsters with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Firehouse. The association also coordinates a car-seat safety program, a Junior Firefighter training program for 15–17-year-olds, and a Fire Safety and Prevention Day. This wonderful community-building event, which honors 3 Woodbridge seniors who have volunteered their time over many years and the current and past contributions of the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association's membership, also serves as a fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center. If you would like to honor the award-winners'

contributions to the town by attending the event on Thursday, September 22, please contact the Human Services Department to purchase tickets (203-389-3429). To donate items or gift cards to the silent auction, please contact the department no later than September 8.

Flu Clinics: Human Services will host two flu clinics this fall on October 18 from 12-3 pm and October 25, 11 am - 1 pm in the Center Building gymnasium. Both high-dose and regular quadrivalent vaccines will be available. Preregistration is required for each clinic. Please call for registration and information on participating insurance.

Alzheimer's Walk: Each year, Human Services and The Woodbridge Center sponsor a walk team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. This year's Greater New Haven walk will be held at Lighthouse Point Park on September 25. The team, Motrin in Motion-Woodbridge, will walk locally as well, stepping out from Town Hall for a short walk around the Town campus on September 7 at noon. Participants are asked to contribute \$5.00 to join the walk. Please visit the team's page if you would like to contribute to the team's efforts at http://act.alz.org/ goto/MotrininMotionALZ or you may send a check to The Woodbridge Center. Food Pantry: Residents in need may call for access to non-perishable food each month. The food pantry currently needs donations of peanut butter, jams and jellies, canola/olive oils, shelf stable milk, coffee, hot and cold cereal, mac and cheese, snack foods, salad dressing, condiments, dish

Woodbridge Recreation Department to bring Big J of the Harlem Wizards to summer camp last month. He performed some great basketball and dance moves while kids watched in awe.

Campers screamed to be chosen and were thrilled to participate in the activities. Many received posters, basketballs, backpacks, and other souvenir items which Big J autographed after the show. He reminded the youths to "Stay in school," and posed with them for photos.

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Mosaic: Woodbridge Reading in Community

The Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, in partnership with B'nai Jacob, invites residents to a community discussion of Dara Horn's People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. The discussion will be led by Rabbi Rona Shapiro of B'nai Jacob.

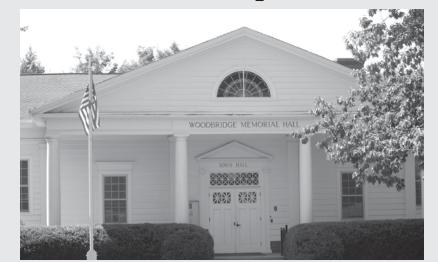
The event is a part of the "Mosaic: Woodbridge Reading in Community" series which offers opportunities for residents to come together with neighbors to deepen our understanding of each other and the diversity of our community.

The event will be held outdoors on the Center Building Lawn (4 Meetinghouse Lane) or, in case of rain, in the Woodbridge Town Library meeting room. To RSVP and to receive a PDF copy of selected chapters from the book, please email David Franklin at davidfranklin006@gmail.com. Participants are encouraged to attend even if they have not had a chance to complete the reading.

To learn more about the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, please visit woodbridgect.org.

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

Town of Woodbridge Meetings for the Month of September 2022



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

9/6	Town Plan & Zoning Commission6:30 PM	Town Hall
9/7	Housing Opportunity Study Committee7:00 PM	Town Hall
9/8	Community Council9:30 AM Economic Development Commission6:00 PM	Town Hall Town Hall
9/12	Library Commission6:00 PM	Library
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9/14	Board of Selectmen5:00 PM	Town Hall
9/15	Board of Finance6:00 PM Conservation Commission7:30 PM	Town Hall Town Hall
	Fire Commission6:00 PM Commission6:15 PM Recreation Commission7:00 PM	Police Dept Beecher Sch So
· ·	2030 Task Force6:00 PM Access TV Commission7:30 PM	Town Hall Town Hall
9/21	Diversity & Inclusion Committee6:30 PM Inland Wetlands Agency7:30 PM	Library21 Town Hall
9/22	Board of Assessment Appeals6-9 PM	Town Hall
9/23	Board of Assessment Appeals6-9 PM	Town Hall
9/24	Board of Assessment Appeals9 AM-12 PM	Town Hall
9/26	CUPOP5:30 PM	Town Hall
9/29	Center Building Renovation Committee	CANCELLED

Recreation News



New Recreation website

Woodbridge Recreation has a new registration website. Follow the link from woodbridgect.org. Clients will need to create a new account. Not only will you be able to register for activities and memberships, it will be used for field reservations, tennis permits, room reservations, and pool reservations. Due to the new website, Fall registration will begin on August 25th. Fall youth programs include basketball, bowling, Build with Ricky, ChessWizards, cooking, flag football, gymnastics, Little Scientist, Hip Hop Dance, Running Club, tennis, and Taekwondo. For registration information, please contact the Woodbridge Rec. Dept. at 203-389-3446, or register online at www.woodbridgect.org.

40th Annual 5K Road Race/Children's Fun Run

This is a reminder to join the Woodbridge Recreation Department for its 40th annual 5K Road Race/Children's Fun on Saturday, October 1, 2022. The Children's Fun Run is at 9:00 am at the Beecher Road/Fitzgerald Cornfield. The cost for the Fun Run is \$20. The 5K Road Race is at 10:30 am at the Woodbridge Town Center/Meetinghouse Lane. Race day registration begins at 8:00 am with a cost of \$40. If you register before September 20, the cost is \$30. Portions of the proceeds will benefit the Woodbridge Resident



Assistance Fund and funds supporting recreation to benefit community enhancement. Register exclusively online at runsignup.com or scan

the QR code. Registration will not be accepted in the office.

Pool Annual Shut Down Begins September 3rd

The Pool annual shutdown will be on September 3. Until then, General Swim Monday and Wednesday evening 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 12 noon to 4:00 pm.



Woodbridge Transfer and Recycling Station

Shredding, HazWaste & Bulk Pickup

Shredding and HazWaste Satellite Collection will take place Saturday, September 10 between 9 am to noon at the Woodbridge Transfer and Recycling Station, 85 Acorn Hill Ext. Shredding is for Woodbridge households only. To use the HazWaste satellite collection you must electronically submit a HazWaste Central Registration Form prior to going to the Transfer Station. Access the form on the Transfer and Recycling Station page, under Household Hazardous Waste Program, via the Town website at woodbridgect.org. Bulk Pickup will take place Tuesdays in October and November. As in the past, bulk pickup must be scheduled in advance by calling the Department of Public Works at 203-389-3420. This is a popular program with limited spots that fill quickly. Please make your reservation early.

As a reminder, the Transfer & Recycling Station is open Tuesday through Saturdays, 8:30 am - 3 pm. Scheduled holiday closings are listed on the Transfer & Recycling Station page of the Town website, woodbridgect.org. AT THE WOODBRIDGE CENTER



 Kelsey Lang of Elim Park, and Jessica Esposito of the Woodbridge Center, cheerfully greet attendees at the Annual Picnic sponsored by Elim Park and the Woodbridge Police Department. Over \$225 was raised at the drive-thru for the Alzheimer's Association.
 Participants of the Bangle Bracelet Workshop provided by Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center display their beautiful, handcrafted bracelets.
 The dedicated aerobics class, led by certified instructor Laura Richling, enjoy exercising outside in the Grove as they strive to maintain healthy habits.

Are you over 55 years old? Contact The Woodbridge Center. Call 203-389-3430 or email kmoriarty@ woodbridgect.org for information on all programming. Preregistration is required for all programming and events.

Facebook: Follow us on Facebook (The Woodbridge Center, Woodbridge CT) for current updates and local information. Look for fun programming photos as well.

Email blasts: Things change quickly - please make sure you are on our email blast list to receive Woodbridge Center updates. Call The Center at 203-389-3430 to subscribe.

COVID-19 Guideline Update at The Center

Masks will be required for all indoor Center programming and events when New Haven County is in a "high" level based on the CDC's new tool for monitoring COVID-19 in the community. For the safety of others, please stay home if you have symptoms of COV-ID-19, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if you tested positive for COVID-19.

Sponsored lunches for Woodbridge residents over 60 years of age

For two years The Center has been offering monthly drive-thru lunches. These drive-thrus are exclusively for Woodbridge residents over the age of 60. They are funded by the generosity that contribute to the events.

On October 27 from 12-1 pm The Center will have the 2nd annual Spooky Sponsor Social with a to-go lunch which affords the opportunity for participants to learn more about what these local businesses offer and personally thank all of the drivethru sponsors. Stay tuned for more information.

Annual Town Picnic sponsored by Coachman Square at Woodbridge

All Woodbridge residents (any age) and Town of Woodbridge employees are invited to attend this lively picnic in the Grove on September 13 (rain date September 15) from 12-1:30 pm. Menu includes: Hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, pasta salad, watermelon, and cookies. Enjoy music by former CT State Troubadour Pierce Campbell. Corn hole, bocce, and shuffleboard will be available for play. Please RSVP by September 7.

Upcoming events/programs New Park added in The American Armchair Adventure - National Park Series

This in-person monthly series is provided by Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Enjoy simulated tours with interactive discussions and fun treats. Added adventure to Friday, 9-9:45 am, in the Center Building gym. Who says exercise can't be fun? This fun "dance party" focuses on all elements of cardiovascular health, muscular conditioning, flexibility, and balance. No prior Zumba experience required. The fee is \$30 for a 6-week session. Next session will begin September 16.

Lunch and Learn: Planning for the Future for children and adults with special needs

This workshop, presented by Drazen Rubin Law, provides an overview of the potential risks and pitfalls when planning for the future for individuals with special needs. Explore available benefits for which they qualify. Lunch will be provided. This program is offered in collaboration with The Woodbridge Library and will meet September 21 from 11:30 am -12:30 pm in the Library Meeting Room. No charge. All ages are welcome! Call to register.

AAA Driver Improvement Class

Member and non-members may be able to lower their auto insurance costs by taking this class on September 26 from 9 am – 1 pm in the Center Building gym– space is limited. No charge. Pre-registration is required.

Lunch and Learn: Hearing Loss is Tiring

New start date: FREE Lifestyle Change (Diabetes Prevention) Program - offered inperson and on Zoom

Concerned about your health risks as you age? Want to live healthier but don't know where to start? Join this updated evidence-based Lifestyle Change Program led by a certified lifestyle coach. The program now includes 16 weekly sessions followed by 7 bi-weekly sessions on healthy eating, type 2 diabetes prevention, weight loss, stress management, physical activity, and more. A weekly 45-minute exercise class with Laura Richling is included as well as six private sessions with a Registered Dietician.

This program, valued at \$1500, is provided AT NO COST to everyone 60+ years of age. It is co-sponsored by the South Central CT Agency on Aging and provided by non-profit Monitor My Health, in an effort to promote good health. Weekly lecture/discussion takes place every Tuesday 1-2 pm in the Center Building room 16 with fitness classes every Tuesday 12-12:45 pm in the Center Building gym. Join anytime. New session begins October 4. Call to register.

In-person Virtual Visit to Vermont

Come enjoy a virtual visit to Vermont while exploring the delicious tastes for which Vermont is known. Sponsored by Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, this program will take place on October 7 from 1-2 pm in the Library's Meeting Room. Please call to RSVP.

of local businesses whose unwavering support has provided The Center the ability to offer these well-attended drive-thrus.

The hundreds of drive-thru participants over the past two years are very appreciative of these luncheons. The drive-thrus provide much more than a "free lunch". They allow The Center and the Town's older residents an opportunity to stay connected during a time when social isolation has been at a peak, and reliable community support continues to be a much-needed comfort.

Each drive-thru, Kristy, Jessica, and Jeanette look forward to the smiles and friendly conversations that abound during the hour as well as the relationships that have been established with the local businesses Acadia National Park on September 9. This program will meet 11 am – 12 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Call 203-389-3430 to sign up. No charge.

New session! Painting for Pleasure with local artist Carole Abbate

Monday, 10 am - 12 pm, in the Library Meeting Room. Find joy in creating your own paintings as Carole helps inspire beginners to intermediates to paint with acrylics or watercolors. Paint the subject of your choice - bring in a note card or photo for inspiration. No experience necessary. Next session begins September 12. Call to sign-up for this 6-week, \$36 class.

New! Zumba Gold with Amanda Aranzullo

Inability to communicate effectively is very stressful for relationships of all kinds. Trying to listen and interpret speech and environmental sounds when unclear can be fatiguing for the hearing partner. Repeating, rephrasing and talking loudly can result in anger for everyone. Join Dr. Willa Horowitz, audiologist/owner of Acuity Hearing Solutions, LLC, for a presentation that enlightens us to ways to conserve and preserve hearing and understand the consequences of not recognizing or treating hearing loss.

A delicious lunch (sandwich, chips, and dessert), sponsored by Coachman Square at Woodbridge, will be served. This workshop will take place on October 3, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Please call 203-389-3430 to register.

Lunch and Learn: What's New for Medicare in 2023 and How to Prepare for the Annual Enrollment Period

This workshop presented by Jeffrey Comen, local Medicare Advocate/Broker, will cover what is new for Medicare in 2023 and how to prepare for the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period. Learn what is covered and not covered, when to sign up and what options are available to add to Original Medicare (i.e., Medicare Supplements, Prescrip-

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tion Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans). This is an educational seminar only- no plan or carrier specifics will be discussed. A delicious lunch (sandwich, chips, and dessert), sponsored by Coachman Square at Woodbridge, will be served. This workshop will take place on October 12, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Please call 203-389-3430 to register.

Murder Mystery

Get into the Halloween spirit with this suspenseful, interactive game of mystery and intrigue. Participants will be divided into teams, then will look through a case file together. There will be evidence reports, toxicology and autopsy reports, and actual evidence from the crime scene. Be sure to call 203-389-3430 to sign-up for this fun program that takes place October 13 from 11 am – 12 pm in the Center Building Room 16.

Exercise

Not sure if a class session is right for you? Try a complimentary class first!

Hybrid Aerobics Class with Laura Richling

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 am in the Center Building gym and on Zoom. Enjoy a complete aerobic, cardio, and strength training work-out to a variety of music. Bring your own 1- or 2-pound hand weights, if you have them, to use during the class. There is a \$3 fee payable at the start of class or invoiced monthly for Zoom participants. Please call for link.

Pickleball

Monday through Friday, 12:30-3:30 pm, in the Center Building gym and enjoy the new nets outside 7 days/week. New players please call to register. All levels are welcome. Call for more information. There is an annual fee of \$20 for residents, \$25 for non-residents.

Hobbies/Social

Bridge: Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-4 pm in the Library Meeting Room.

Thursdays, 1:30-4 pm in the Center Building, room 16.

Services offered (for Woodbridge residents only)

Tech Tuesday and Thursday, 2:45-4:15 pm: Need help navigating your computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone? Call to sign-up for a 1:1 session in The Center's computer lab with patient, knowledgeable, Amity High School student volunteers. No charge.

Computer lab: Located in room 13 of the Human Services hallway, is open Monday - Friday, 10 am - 2 pm. Two-person limit in the computer lab. Printing is available (first 5 pages free). Preregistration is required.

Transportation is available for those over the age of 60 or for those temporarily or permanently disabled to medical appointments to 17 surrounding towns, local grocery shopping, banking, pharmacy pick-up, and social engagements, Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Call to arrange car or wheelchair accessible van transportation. Vehicles are cleaned between each use. Masks are required.

Meals: Healthy, well balanced, flash frozen meals for \$5.25/meal are available. Order by noon on Monday for delivery to your home during the same week. Choose from a wide variety of options including stuffed flounder, eggplant parmesan, chicken piccata, and fresh Cobb salad with grilled chicken breast. Meals include a roll, fresh fruit, and dessert. Two meal minimum order with a ten-meal limit. See website (https://woodbridgect.org/541/ Lunch-Meal-Programs) for a complete list of offerings.

Frozen soups are available for \$1.50 per 10 oz. container. Varieties include: Italian wedding, beef orzo, minestrone, harvest vegetable, chicken noodle, and many more. Call 203-389-3430 to place your order.

Friendly Visitor Program: Call Judi Young, Senior Social Worker, at 203-389-3429, to arrange for a friendly visitor.

Medical Loan Closet: Durable medical equipment, including walkers, wheelchairs, knee rollers, shower chairs, and more, is available for lending. Donations of wheelchairs

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- Mental capacity: the testator must be of sound mind and memory. Simply put, this means that the testator understands the nature of his/her assets and clearly understands his/her intentions of the future distribution of assets.
- **Signature:** the will must be signed by the testator.
- Witnesses: the testator must sign the will in the presence of two (2) witnesses who thereafter sign the will as witnesses in the presence of each other.
 - It is often helpful to include contact information for each witness near each witness signature.
- Writing: a will must be in writing.
 - A will may be handwritten, typed, or printed. A handwritten will need not be entirely handwritten by the testator.
- **Beneficiaries:** a will must dispose of the testator's assets to at least one or more beneficiaries. A beneficiary is a person, institution, charity, pet, etc. who will receive the testator's assets.

If you are interested in learning more about executing a legally valid will please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



Craft Group: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am - 12 pm, in the Woodbridge Room of the Library. Bring your current knitting, crocheting, or needlepoint project to work on while enjoying a lovely time socializing.

Pinochle: Wednesdays, 1-4 pm and

and transport chairs are needed. Call for details.

Job Bank: Residents may call Nancy Pfund, Youth Services Director, at 203-389-3429, to hire a student worker. Schedule now for fall cleanup, party assistance, baby-sitting, and more.



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soap, deodorant, paper towels, cleaning sprays, laundry detergent, and gift cards for groceries. Kindly check expiration dates prior to donating.

National Emergency Preparedness Month: September is National Emergency Preparedness month. Remember some basic safety measures when operating a generator:

- always put generators outside well away from doors, windows, and vents;
- never use a generator inside a home, basement, garage, crawlspace, tent, shed, or any other indoor or enclosed area;
- carbon monoxide is deadly, can build up quickly, and linger for hours.

It is suggested that residents put together a disaster supply kit containing basic items you, and others in your household, might need in the event of an emergency including food, medications, glasses, flashlights, batteries, and water. Don't forget your pets' or service animals' supplies.

If you receive regular treatments administered by a clinic or hospital, find out their emergency plans to identify back-up services. In the event of a weather emergency or power outage, elderly residents and those with disabilities are encouraged to register for the Emergency Call List at 203-389-3429.

Energy Assistance Program: Beginning September 12, qualifying residents may schedule an appointment to apply for the 2022 - 2023 CT Energy Assistance Program administered by TEAM, INC. For more information regarding this program, please call social worker Judi Young at 203-389-3429.

COVID Test Kits: For those who have the iHealth in home COVID-19 test kits with expiration dates posted in June, the FDA has extended dates to December. You can look up your kit's new expiration date at https://ihealthlabs.com/pages/news#expiration. You can order free at-home COVID-19 test kits by going to www.COVID.gov or calling 1-800-232- 0233. Human Services still has a limited supply of home test kits and N-95 masks available. You must call to make an appointment to pick up these supplies.

Adopt-A-Family: Human Services seeks sponsors for the Adopt-A-Family program. The program provides holiday food baskets for the December holidays to Woodbridge families in need. Distribution of the baskets will take place in early December. If interested in sponsoring a family, please call the department by October 29. Gift cards are also welcome for this program.

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Strategies That Can Improve Reading Comprehension

Strong reading comprehension skills are one of the foundations of a successful academic career. According to the Institute of Reading Development, students with strong reading comprehension skills get a big boost in all subjects, including math and science.

Though the benefits of reading comprehension are well documented, many students are struggling in this area of their academics. Officials with the National Center for Education Statistics note that, over the last decade, students have made no progress in reading performance. That likely comes as no surprise to seasoned educators, as data indicates students are reading less outside of school than they have in years past. Data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress indicates the percentage of public school students who said they read 30 minutes or more a day declined by 4 percent between 2017 and 2019, dipping below 50 percent overall in the latter year.

There's likely a multitude of reasons why students now read less than they used to. Parents concerned about their children's reading comprehension can try these strategies to bolster this highly valuable skill.



Let kids read what they like. The tutoring professionals at Oxford Learning® report that 73 percent of students indicate they would read more if they found books they liked. Parents can address this issue by taking children to their local libraries and letting them choose which books to check

out. The more practice kids get with reading, the more their comprehension skills develop.

Read aloud to children. Various studies have found that reading aloud to children significantly benefits literacy development. One study from the National Association for the Education of Young Children found that listening to others read helps children develop key understanding and skills, including how stories are written. In addition, the Reading Rockets project, which aspires to bring reading research to life in the hopes of helping young children develop into strong, confident readers, notes that children can listen on a higher language level than they can read. That makes complex ideas more accessible.

Ask questions when reading to children. When reading to children, parents can compound the benefits of this activity by asking youngsters questions about the book. Asking what, when, where, why, and how can encourage children to look for answers to these questions while they're being read to. As students advance and then read more on their own, parents can encourage them to ask these questions of themselves (if they're not already doing so on their own). Asking and answering these questions is a great way to strengthen reading comprehension skills.

Strong reading comprehension skills can help students reach their academic potential. Parents can employ various strategies to help children bolster those skills.



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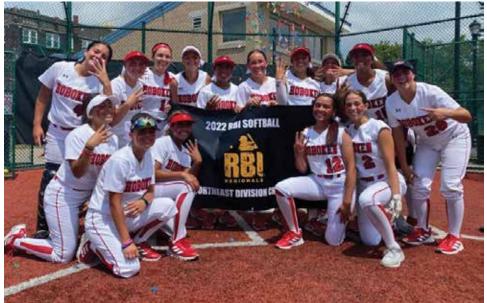
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Amber Miltenberg, a rising senior at Woodbridge High School is heading to the RBI Softball World Series in Vero Beach, FL. Her team won the Northeast Division Championship on July 16th. She will be competing at the Jackie Robinson complex August 8th-13th. Amber wears #26 for the team based out of Hoboken, NJ

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The Woodbridge 2030 Task Force

The Woodbridge 2030 Task Force invites residents, Woodbridge business owners and other interested parties to a public information session on Thursday, September 15 at 6 pm at New England Brewing Co., 175 Amity Road. First Selectman Beth Heller created the 2030 Task Force and tasked the members - co-chairs Chris Dickerson and Susan Jacobs, members Chris Lovejoy, Garett Luciani, Jeremy Rosner and Teri Schatz – with finding ways to grow and diversify the Town's grand list by 2030. The group is currently concentrating on making the Town's business district more attractive for businesses and consumers. To that end they are working with two consultants, Pirie Associates and SLR (which is focusing on pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and is funded through a State grant). "I hope all residents take advantage of the opportunity to work with and inform the 2030 Task Force's mission to improve our business district and grow our tax base," said First Select-

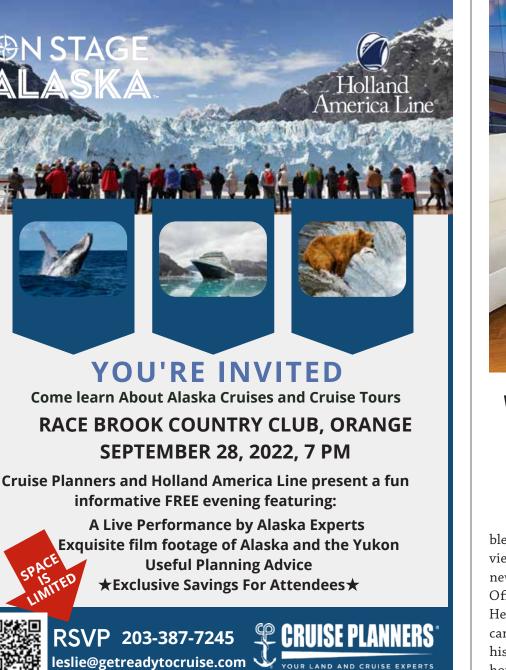
man Beth Heller. "I'd like to thank all the members of the task force for their efforts. I'm excited to see these concepts and ideas become a reality."

"We encourage everyone to attend this meeting," said co-chair Chris Dickerson. "All residents and business owners have a stake in growing and diversifying our tax base, and your input is valuable." To date, the 2030 Task Force has visited other area towns whose business districts are bisected by State highways. They have also reviewed the Economic Development Commission's resident survey regarding the business district and surveys of local businesses. The Task Force is in close communications with the Economic Development Commission (EDC), which has been focused on supporting existing businesses. This public information session will be an opportunity to share ideas with the Task Force and its consultants. At a later meeting the Task Force and consultants will present concepts based on the ideas gathered at this first session.



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Woodbridge Resident Talks Big Brothers Big Sisters on WTNH

Woodbridge resident Charlie Gamble, third from left, was a recent interview guest on WTNH-TV's morning news show. Gamble, Chief Operating Officer at New Haven-based Inbox Health, talked about how he first became interested in youth mentoring, his current match relationship and how he felt about being recently honored as Connecticut's Big Brother of the Year for 2022. Joining Gamble for the interview were, from left on couch, Alyssa Taglia, co-anchor of the WTNH morning news show; Little Brother (mentee) Rell from New Haven; Big Brother Charlie Gamble, Rell's mentor in the program and Ryan Matthews, Vice President of Programs at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut.









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Local Rotary Club Supports School in India

The Woodbridge Rotary recently received a thank-you letter from a village school in Hindalga, a small town in the province of Karnataka in western India.

The club had donated 11 computers to the school's newly built Bahirji Pawashe Memorial Computer and Science Laboratories.

Pawashe may be a name familiar to some, as Bahirji's daughter Aruna is a lecturer at Yale and a resident of Woodbridge. Hindalga was the town she grew up in and her father had been the mayor of the village.

When Woodbridge Rotary President Neelima Kaushal and her husband, Woodbridge Selectman Paul Kuriakose, visited the village in early 2020, they found the school in a sorry state, with leaking ceilings, broken desks and a lack of resources. But Pawashe, with the help of donations, managed to renovate the building, and prepare two classrooms for a computer lab and a science lab which, after her father passed away, was called the Pawashe Memorial Computer and Science Laboratories.

Thanks to the new computers, the students have been able to interact with students at Bethany Community School, a connection that was made through then-Bethany Superintendent Colleen Murray, a fellow Rotarian.

"You have given our children an opportunity to use technology like all other children from private schools to enjoy it in today's technology era," wrote the grateful principal of the school. "You have quenched the thirst of learning using computers of our rural students."

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- Oswald Schmitz, PhD., Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies;
- Susan Quincy, CT DEEP Environmental Educator;
- Greg Bugbee, Connecticut Agricultural Experient Station;
- **Robert LaFrance**, Audubon Connecticut;
- Carrie Szwed, Education Director, White Memorial Conservation Center;
- Margery Winters, Environmental Scientist;
- Paul Tanner, Hydrogeologist, Environmental Professional;
- > **Tessa Getchis**, Sea Grant.

During this 2-day course, these academics, environmentalists and industry leaders will guide you through a wide range of topics. There are 8 onehour modules, plus a 2-hour virtual fieldtrip, covering environmental science, the value of Biodiversity, Earth stewardship, Sustainability and the impact of humans on the planet.

Learn how to make personal changes to benefit the Earth and how to work effectively with organizations and institutions to create beneficial policies. Make connections! Share ideas with fellow garden club members from Connecticut and around the United States during this lively 2 day offering.

Environmental School courses are designed to teach participants environmental literacy and an appreciation of the natural world. The courses are open to garden club members and the general public. Garden club members may, upon completion of all four courses offered by Environmental Schools, join the Environmental Consultants Council. Courses may be taken in any order.

Please register online at www. ctgardenclubs.org. For additional information, please contact Millie Legenhausen or Virginia Casanova, CT Environmental School Co-Chairs at ESChair@ctgardenclubs.org.



Garden Club of Woodbridge

On May 24 several members of the Garden Club of Woodbridge made a field trip to Peony Heaven at Cricket Hill Garden in Thomaston, CT. Cricket Hill Garden is a family-run, 7-acre landscape specializing in tree and herbaceous peonies. Fragrant peonies in a multitude of colors greeted us as we toured the gardens (see photo). We learned that tree and herbaceous peonies are native to Eastern China and wild herbaceous peonies are found growing throughout the Mediterranean regions of Europe. These perennials are long-lasting and fairly easy to maintain. At the conclusion of the tour, we leisurely walked through

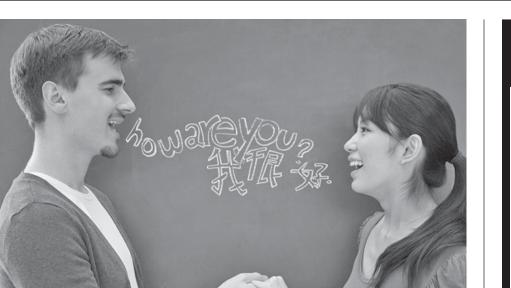
home gardens.

The annual meeting of the Garden Club of Woodbridge was held in a greenhouse at Bethany Farm and Nursery, Woodbridge, CT on June 14. Bethany Farm and Nursery is a wholesale and retail landscape nursery. Members brought chairs into the greenhouse, and a business meeting ensued in which new officers for the Garden Club were chosen. Delegated club members provided a variety of sandwiches and desserts. After lunch members were given a tour of some of the thousands of plants, trees and shrub options grown at Bethany Farm and Nursery. Of course, members couldn't resist shopping for their own gardens. All gardeners are welcome to join the Garden Club of Woodbridge. If interested, please send Judy an email at Jsmam@aol.com for information.



the gardens, admiring the fruit trees and ornamental trees and shrubs that Cricket Hill Garden staff also cultivates. Prior to leaving, a number of members bought peony trees to plant in their





How Learning a Foreign Language Benefits Students

Adults undoubtedly recall their school days when schedules included a class devoted to foreign languages. Some students embrace foreign language classes, while others may question their value. Those in the latter camp may be surprised to learn just how much they benefit from studying a foreign language.

Foreign languages and long-term cognitive health

Dementia might not be foremost on the minds of school-aged youngsters, but their foreign language class could be delaying its onset by a significant margin. A 2010 study published in the peer-reviewed journal Neurology found that bilingual patients with probable Alzheimer's disease reported the onset of symptoms 5.1 years later than monolingual patients. Authors of the study concluded that lifelong bilingualism confers protection against the onset of Alzheimer's disease, which underscores the value of learning a foreign language as a young person and maintaining that knowledge throughout adulthood.

Foreign languages and attention span

A recent study from Microsoft

suggest the prevalence of screens, particularly the use of multiple screens at once, has led to that decline. But bilingual individuals may be able to buck that trend. Researchers at the School of Psychology at the University of Birmingham suggest that bilingualism could lead to better sustained attention and attentional monitoring, thus improving students' ability to remain focused and block out distractions.

Foreign languages and multi-tasking

Most adults likely need no reminder that the current world is one that requires an ability to multi-task. Learning a foreign language can make it easier to navigate that world. A 2012 study funded by the National Institutes of Health found that bilingual children had a greater ability to multi-task than monolingual children. The NIH study utilized a switching task to gauge monolingual and bilingual children's ability to pay attention, plan, organize, and strategize. Bilingual children were faster at switching than their monolingual counterparts, which could set them up to be more successful in a world that has increasingly valued the ability to multi-task.

Foreign language courses do more than teach kids how to speak a non-native tongue. The benefits of such courses on students' brains is well-documented and can produce some immediate and long-lasting results.

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Library Announcements Saturday hours return Saturday, September 10

Visit us Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm and Friday 10 am to 5 pm. We are closed on Saturdays until after Labor Day. Our first open Saturday will be September 10 (after Labor Day)—from 10 am to 5 pm. We hope to see more of you soon. The Library will also be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

New Online Card Registration to Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month!

Are you a Woodbridge resident? You can now sign up for a library card online! To help celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, we've introduced a way for you to register for a Woodbridge library card through our website, woodbridgetownlibrary.org. After registering, you will immediately be able to use your new account to place holds on items for pick up at the library. We will then contact you via email within 2 business days with your new library card number. At this time, you will get full access to our electronic resources, including downloadable books and magazines. Please note that this is a temporary registration that will expire in 30 days. Before the 30 days is up, please visit the Woodbridge Town Library in person to verify your name and address. At that time, you will receive a permanent library card.

September is Library Card Signup Month, when libraries nationwide join the American Library Association (ALA) to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. Libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, offering a variety of programs to spark creativity and stimulate an interest in reading and learning. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their voice. At the Woodbridge Town Library, patrons of all ages can find a variety of educational resources and activities, including storytimes, STEM programs, lectures and more. v"Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children," says Library



Director Eric Werthmann. "We've recently introduced a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and we also have programs that serve students of all ages and backgrounds."

Do we have your email address??

Sign up for our email newsletters to receive notifications about events, new offerings, and library hours/closings. We typically only send one email a week. Join our mailing list by visiting our website and entering your email address in the form provided. That's it! (You can also give us your email address while in the building.)

Notary Services are now available at the Library by appointment or by chance! Please contact the Reference Desk for more information (stop by or call 203-389-3434) or email Bill (warmstrong@woodbridgetownlibrary.org).

Library Information

Visit the Library website 24/7 to access digital resources - woodbridgetownlibrary.org. What's available at the Library:

- In-person browsing: come see all of the new books, audiobooks, and DVDs;
- Computers: no appointment needed;Printing, copying, faxing,
- and scanning;
- Periodicals: recent newspapers and magazines;
- Reference help including getting started/troubleshooting our digital library services (hoopla, Kanopy, Libby, Creativebug);
- Ancestry Library Edition: use this popular resource to explore your family history. Use our computers or bring your own device to work anywhere in the building on our wi-fi.

The Woodbridge Room is open! The study room is available for two-hour

townlibrary.org.

 Not sure who you need? Email askus@woodbridgetownlibrary.org.

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Library News

We need you! And your art! Exhibition spaces are available for any and all 2D media. Fill out the form here: https://woodbridge.lioninc.org/ events/art-exhibits/. Contact Kira Edic at kedic@woodbridgetownlibrary.org for more information.

The Library is now FINE FREE! The Woodbridge Town Library has gone fine free, which means patrons will no longer be charged fines for overdue items. All existing overdue fines for Woodbridge Town Library items have been removed, but this policy change will not include replacement fees for missing or damaged items. Please see the Circulation Department with any questions, or contact them: 203-389-3433 or askus@woodbridgetownlibrary.org.

Museum Passes Available

We have museum passes to area attractions, everything from The Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport to the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford, providing you with free or discounted admission. Reserve your passes online then print out at home (when allowed) or pick up at the library. We can also print them here for you. Visit https://woodbridge.lioninc.org/museum-passes/ for more info. Please note that every attraction has its own policies for pass usage and availability may be limited.

From Adult Services *Music of Ireland: Songs of Love & Rebellion*

pitfalls when planning for the future for individuals with special needs. Explore available benefits for which they qualify. Presented by Drazen Rubin Law. Lunch will be provided. This program is co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Center. Register online via the library's website or by calling The Woodbridge Center at 203-389-3430.

James Webb Space Telescope Images

Thursday, September 22 at 2 pm in the Meeting Room

We will be watching several short videos that compare James Webb images to previous telescopes, and analyze and explain images of nebulae, galaxies, and deep field pictures of the universe. Hosted by astronomer David Butler. Please register online or at the library

Woodbridge Scrabble Group

Every Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm in the Meeting Room

Play Scrabble against your friends and neighbors! No registration required.

Woodbridge Writers Workshop

Held the fourth Tuesday of every month (September 27) from 3 to 5 pm.

Join area writers as we read and critique our works in a friendly atmosphere. Register online or at the library. Contact Bill with questions, warmstrong@woodbridgetownlibrary.org.

From The Children's Department

Animal Facts Club: Monday, 9/12 @ 6:30 pm. Ages 7+. Registration required. Meets monthly.

Creative Writing Club: Wednesday, 9/21 @ 6:30 pm. Ages 9+. Registration required.

Graphic Novel Club: Tuesday, 9/27 @ 6:30 pm. Ages 9+. Registration required. Meets monthly.

Teen Advisory Board: Wednesday, 9/21 @ 3:30 pm. Ages 13+. Registra-

reservations; please call the reference desk to book your time. Our puzzles and children's toys are back, and so is our seating!

Call or email to place holds, ask questions, find out information, and more.

Department phones and emails

- Adult Services/Reference: 203-389-3434; reference@woodbridgetownlibrary.org;
- > Children's Department: 203-389-3439; childrens@woodbridgetownlibrary.org
- **Circulation/General info**: 203-389-3433; circulation@woodbridge-

Saturday, September 17 at 2 pm in the Meeting Room

Join us on the halfway to St. Patrick's Day! Guitarist and vocalist Gil McLean performs Irish songs ranging from the 1800s or so to more modern times and tells you the stories behind them. Please register online or at the library.

Lunch & Learn: Planning for the Future Wednesday, September 21; 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room Learn about the potential risks and

tion required.

More information and registration available on our website or at the Children's Desk.

Ongoing Events—come every week or when you can! No registration necessary.

Baby Group: Mondays @ 10:30 am. Ages newborn-18 months. Songs, rhymes, and finger plays.

Storytime: Wednesdays @ 10:30 am. Ages infant-3 years. Fun stories, music, and props.

Thursday Crafts: Thursdays @ 4 pm. Ages 3 and up. New make and take craft every week.

"I can't run forever. I decided to go back to school for my degree, because I know now there's more to life than track." - EVELYN ASHFORD





How the Arts Benefit Academic Performance

The cost of products and services continues to rise and organizations everywhere have increasingly been feeling the pressure to reevaluate budgets. It's no different in school districts nationwide, with school boards making difficult decisions about which programs to keep and which will have to go in order to save money.

Music and arts programs often are the first to be cut when school budgets are tightened. The organization Save the Music says that, during the Great Recession in 2008 and 2009, per-pupil spending in public schools decreased by approximately 7 percent across the country. This led to a trickle-down effect that resulted in the cancellation of art and music programs. Since then, many districts have continued to cut arts programs due to budget limitations. COVID-19 also did little to help the situation.

Art program cutbacks are rarely met with open arms, and that resistance has a lot to do with the positive effects such offerings have on students' acavolved in arts performed better on standardized achievement tests than students with lower arts involvement. Furthermore, data from 2015 from The College Board, which produces the SAT, found students who took four years of arts and music classes while in high school scored an average of 92 points higher on their SATs than students who only took one-half year or less.

Improved emotional states

In addition to better performance on tests, a review in Frontiers in Psychology examined several studies linking arts and aesthetic experiences with "broad improvements" in people's emotional states. Those improvements included greater psychological and physical well-being.

Community involvement

Participation and even appreciation of the arts can have an impact as well. Researchers from the Department of Public Administration at the University of Illinois Chicago found that being an art curator or audience member leads to high levels of civic engagement and social tolerance. The support and therapy company Evolve Treatment Centers reports that involvement in music and arts leads to overall higher GPAs, higher scores in math and reading and a reduced risk of behavioral problems and suspensions. Music and arts education are important to students' development. Keeping these programs alive in schools can benefit students in many ways.

HEALTH & FITNESS Cold Laser: Cutting Edge Pain Relief

Imagine if there was something that could help reduce your pain and improve your function in as little as 1-2 sessions. Now imagine that it is pain free and doesn't require any medication. Cold Laser Therapy, technically termed Low Level Laser Therapy (LLLT), has been proven through research to be clinically effective at decreasing pain, inflammation, swelling, and stiffness. It utilizes laser light to enhance the energy of the cells in the particular tissue/area of the body that is injured in order to heal.

If we can get damaged or degenerated cells to absorb as much of this light energy as possible, we will see decreased inflammation, increased blood and lymphatic circulation, relaxation of muscles, and relief of pain and stiffness.

Since beginning its use in our practice, we have had patients across all ages and injury type benefit from the use of Laser Therapy. Through the transmission of laser light into the injured area, photomodulation, the laser heals the damaged cells and tissue.

Laser Therapy has been proven to work for patients suffering from rotator cuff pain, plantar fasciitis, tennis and golfers' elbow, knee sprains/ strains, and neuropathy (among many more conditions).

While the list of what conditions it can help is much longer, understanding the benefits and risks of any treatment is important. The improvement which can be had from use of Cold Laser Therapy is tremendous with little to no risk. Given that the applicator produces only LED light without generating any heat, there are no risks of burns which can potentially occur with other types of lasers.

All treatments are performed in a 1-on-1 setting with protective glasses worn by both the therapist and the patient to protect the eyes while the applicator is active. The addition of this great treatment to our practice has helped many patients with varying conditions substantially decrease their pain, stiffness, swelling, and inflammation. LLLT is a great adjunct to a formal PT treatment. While the laser can help reduce the pain, swelling, and inflammation, optimal results and long-term carryover are maximized when combined with direct and effective mobility and stability training. This will help



Kyle Branday

to fix the underlying reason why the pain and inflammation are happening in the first place.

In our experience, we are seeing patients benefit in as little as 1-2 sessions. Laser therapy has proven to be a beneficial treatment for patients suffering from both acute and chronic pain. Research has also shown LLLT to be more effective than non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in the treatment of acute injuries.

Safe, effective, drug-free pain relief...what's not to love! Want to know more about if LLLT could be right for you? Call (203) 389-4593 to speak to a therapist or visit www.amitypt.com

Kyle Branday, MSPT, C-PS, is a licensed Physical Therapist and is the supervisor of the Woodbridge office. He is a graduate of Quinnipiac University where he earned his Master's degree in Physical Therapy. In addition, Kyle is Level 2 Certified by the Institute of Advanced Musculoskeletal Treatment for Dry Needling. Kyle enjoys treating patients with a wide range of orthopedic and neurological conditions. Kyle has extensive training in the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic orthopedic and sports injuries, neurological rehabilitation, manual therapy, sports specific training, Selective Functional Movement Assessment (SFMA) and works with patients ranging from pediatrics to geriatrics. Recently, he has completed course work to earn designation as a Champion Performance Specialist (C-PS) to enhance his work with elite athletes and weekend warriors alike. Kyle is an avid sports fan and works with our patients in our Sports Performance Programs.

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Better test performance

Numerous studies have found a correlation between early introduction to music education and a number of benefits for children. Music education can help develop communication skills, brain plasticity, language, and motor skills. A study conducted by the University of California, Los Angeles used a database of more than 25,000 middle and high school students. The researchers found that students in-

"As we celebrate Labor Day, we honor the men and women who fought tirelessly for workers' rights, which are so critical to our strong and successful labor force." — ELIZABETH ESTY



Holy Infant Church Women's Guild

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, 9/13. The meeting starts at 6:45 pm in the Guild Hall. Our guest speaker will be Laura Vega, who will be talking about the once-a-month volunteering at the Beth El Center in Milford. Refreshments will be served.

Looking ahead, the Guild's Membership Tea will be on Sunday, September 25 from 2 - 4 pm in the Guild Hall. We are looking for people to bake. If you would like to bake, please contact Kathy Barrett at (203)799-2240. There is a 45-person capacity in the

Guild Hall. Membership dues for the upcoming year is \$10. Membership packets are available at all of the church entrances.

Another event is going to be Family Pizza night on Sunday, October 16 from 4-6 pm. Amici's Pizza Truck will be catering. \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 6-12, children under 6 are free. It includes all you can eat pizza, salad, stuffed breads, pasta, cherry and lemon ice, Foxon Park soda, water. Tickets will available at the Rectory after 9/13. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Congregations of Orange Collaborative

Congregations of Orange Collaborative (COC) is a new collaboration of eight Houses of Worship in Orange. We came together in June 2021 to help the community and to learn about the religious diversity around us. Our mission is Together Helping Others. Our vision is grounded in the spirit of repairing the world by encouraging our participating congregations in Social Action projects. We are committed to improving the quality of life of people in need, strengthening relationships with our fellow congregants, and creating opportunities for our congregations to work together on mutual community service projects. Our congregations are Church of the Good Shepard, Congregation Or Shalom, Holy Infant Roman Catholic Church, Orange Congregational Church, St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, St Joseph of Arimathea ANC Church, Temple Emanuel, and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We have a very exciting event planned for October 29, 2022. It is called Tour De Faith. We will invite the community to visit two Orange Houses of Worship to learn about them. It is a way for Orange residents to gain a greater understanding of the diversity in our community and to learn about other faiths. The Houses of

Worship featured will be Congregation Or Shalom (tour 12-1PM), and St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church (1-2PM). Registration is required. To register for Congregation Or Shalom, call 203-799-2341 and to register for St. Barbara, call 203-795-1347. If this event is successful, we will continue with two other Houses of Worship in the spring.

In addition, we were very successful in the two projects we completed since we began. We ran an Orange Food-2Kids no touch pop-the -trunk food collection December 5, 2021. It was a huge success. This collection was the second most food collected for this program. We also had a campaign this winter for residents to donate to the Orange Fuel Bank. Because of our efforts, donations increased by 50%.

One reason we have been so successful thus far and likely will be in the future is that we work together. In our group, we support and promote each other's our social action projects. For example, COC had a table at the Strawberry Festival this year and we promoted the Orange Fuel Bank. If you are interested in joining our group and being part of making the Orange community better for everyone, please contact nancykline@gmail.com.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a local and traditional Missouri-Synod Lutheran congregation in Orange.

Founded in 1883, we've been gathering as a congregation, singing hymns, preaching Jesus Christ's saving work on the cross, and administering the sacraments for 138 years. We're the type of place where lifelong friendships are

formed around eternal truths. We're the type of place where you'll never go unnoticed. We're the type of place that you'll not leave without hearing about what Jesus has done for you.

If you find yourself in Orange on a Sunday morning, we would love to meet you. Divine Service is at 10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the **Assumption Parish**

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Woodbridge will begin the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on Wednesday evening, September $14^{\rm th}$ on ZOOM from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. If you are baptized Catholic but have never completed the sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation), OR are not baptized in any faith OR are of another faith but do not practice—you are invited to join us, to come and see what this journey has to offer you.

Road) in Woodbridge announces its Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The Event is from 9am-3pm. Over 30 tables of crafters and vendors will be able to attend. A homemade Bake Sale, Santa appearance, Christmas Train Display (running all day), Raffle Baskets, free Children's Craft Room, White Elephant Sale, and Selection of Breakfast and Lunch items will be available. Our Bazaar attracts over 500 people each year. Crafters may get a contract form from oloaguild@gmail.com. For more information/to register, contact Sr. Carolyn at 203-387-7119/ carsev2000@yahoo.com.

Congregations of Orange Collaborative is a new collaboration of eight houses of worship in Orange to "Help Others Together.' Our aim is to improve the quality of life in our town by participating together in social action projects.

Congregations of Orange Collaborative invites you to



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The Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Assumption Church (81 Center

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ATTENTION CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP!

Send us your organizations events listings and items of interest. We will publish them for free.

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Saint Barbara

Congregation **Or Shalom** Tour: Saturday 10/29 12-1 pm

Greek Orthodox Church Tour: Saturday, 10/29 1:15-2:15 pm

Tour one or two houses of worship in Orange and learn from our clergy about the different faiths in our community. In the future, we plan on touring more Orange houses of worship.

> Please register for each tour by 10/27. Congregation Or Shalom - Call 203-799-2341 Saint Barbara - Call 203-795-1347



Odyssey: A Greek Festival

PRESENTED BY SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

40th Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival to Feature All Things Greek Including Greek Cuisine, Live Music, Greek Dancing and More

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church announced details regarding the long-anticipated return of ODYS-SEY: A Greek Festival after a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic. This 40th annual festival, to be held September 2-5, is a 4-day party featuring all things Greek, including mouthwatering cuisine, live music, dancing, and a bustling Hellenic agora (marketplace). Set on the grounds of the beautiful Byzantine-style Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, ODYSSEY 2022 offers something for everyone.

ODYSSEY 2022 includes:

- Classic Greek cuisine appetizers (meze), Greek pastries (glyka), lamb on the spit (souvla), moussaka, gyro, spanakopita (spinach pie) and pastitisio (Greek style lasagna);
- Live Greek cooking demonstrations – learn to prepare some classic Greek foods;
- Greek marketplace Gourmet Greek grocery, t-shirts, jewelry, arts & crafts, bookstore;
- Presentations on Greek culture and religion, including tours of Saint Barbara Church, and performances of liturgical music by the Saint Barbara Choir;
- Greek dance performances by the ODYSSEY Dancers –Traditional folk dances performed by St.

Barbara's youth;

- Greek dance lessons taught by the ODYSSEY Dancers (8:45 pm, Saturday and Sunday);
- Nightly dancing to ODYSSEY's live Greek band, "The Hellenic Company";
- Raffle Have a chance at winning the grand prize of \$10,000 cash, or 4 other cash prizes!

For 39 years ODYSSEY has delighted the senses with a feast of Greek cuisine, the thrill of Greek dance, the sounds of the bouzouki, and the ethnic flavor of the Agora (Marketplace). We are thrilled for the return of Saint Barbara's ODYSSEY. Be sure to stop by Connecticut's greatest "Greek Party," a rain-or-shine Labor Day tradition!

HOURS: 12 noon to 10 PM on Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9/2, 9/3, 9/4; 12 noon to 6 PM on Monday 9/5. FREE ADMISSION and FREE PARKING (on-site and next door at Holy Infant Church). CONTINUOUS FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE BETWEEN GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (680 Racebrook Road) and ODYSSEY FES-TIVAL (480 Racebrook Road) - 1 MILE AWAY. INFO: www.saintbarbara.org or 203-795-1347

Upcoming Events at B'nai Jacob

Weekly services & Classes

Daily Minyan Services

- Monday Friday: 7:45am
- Sunday Thursday: 6:00pm (on ZOOM only)
- > Sunday: 9:00am
- National Holidays: Times vary

Weekly Shabbat Services Friday

- Shabbat Schmooze: 6:00pm
- Services: 6:30pm
 Saturday
- > Bread & Torah: 9:00am
- Services: 9:45am

Bread & Torah

Saturday Mornings 9:00am-9:45am Meet in the B'nai Jacob Library to explore the weekly Torah portion and the way in which its story relates to our own. Be prepared for a lively discussion over bagels and coffee. No experience necessary. Taught by Rabbi Rona Shapiro.

YAHAD

YAHAD, the combined religious school for Congregation B'nai Jacob and Congregation Or Shalom, is gearing up for a vibrant year of education. For students in grades K-7, (membership required). The first day of school is Sunday, September 11th and kicks off with a fun shofar making workshop.

Gan Hayeled Sundays

Open to all Jewish 3-years old and 4-years old in the community!



Congregation B'nai Jacob

Play-based Jewish curriculum, offered Sunday mornings, provides a warm, caring environment in which children can develop social skills while also learning about Jewish holidays, traditions, and values.

For more information about any of the listed events, programs, or inquiries about becoming a member of B'nai Jacob: Call 203-389-2111, Email: office@bnaijacob.org, Visit our website, bnaijacob.org.

Congregation B'nai Jacob is a conservative synagogue located at 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, CT. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Shabbaque

Welcome the fall season with friends & family! Friday, September 9 at 5:30pm in our Courtyard

Cookout will be followed by an outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30pm, Casual dress. Prospective members welcome. Please call us at 203-389-2111 if interested in learning more.

Holy Infant Faith Formation Registration For 2022-2023 CLASS SCHEDULE

Orange~Woodbridge

Chabad of

Chabad of Orange~Woodbridge would like to invite you to join us in the following celebrations:

Rosh Hashana Community Lunch

Monday, September 26 Following service (approx. 1:30pm) Suggested donation \$18.00 www.chabadow.org/rhlunch

Family Apple Picking

Sunday October 2, 10 am - 12pm @ Norton Brother Farm 466 Academy Road, Cheshire, CT 06410 \$5.00 per person/\$20 max per family Hay ride! Apple picking! Picnic lunch! www.chabadow.org/apple

Deli on Derby Pop Up & Sukkot Family Festival!

Thursday, October 13, 5 pm @ Chabad Life size inflatables! Live Music! Sukkah! Free entry. Food for sale www.chabadow.org/deli

Simchat Torah with Chabad

Monday, October 17 Services 7:00 followed by Lavish Kiddush & Hakafot

261 Derby Avenue (Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy), Orange, CT 06477 Race Brook/Monday – 3:20 to 4:20 p.m.;
Peck Place/Tuesday – 3:20 to 4:20 p.m.;
Turkey Hill/Wednesday – 3:20 to 4:20 p.m.;
Monday Evening – 7 to 8 p.m. Grade 9;
Tuesday Evening – 7 to 8 p.m. Grades 7 & 8;
Wednesday Evening – 5 to 6 p.m. Grade 7, 8 and 9.

Registration Forms are found on the website for Holy Infant www. holyinfantorangect.com. Registration is due by August 15th. Any questions please call the Parish Office 203-799-2379.



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Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel Events

Courtyard Concert

Elm City Winds will perform in the BEKI Courtyard on Sunday, August 28. There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. In case of rain, the concert will move inside. Light refreshments will follow. For more information, email office@beki.org or call the office at 203.389.2108 x114.

High Holy Days

Tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services can be purchased for \$150 from the BEKI office; email office@beki.org or call (203) 389-2108 x114. Active-duty military, police personnel, and full-time students may enter for free with valid official ID; however, advance arrangements are required.

Children's Programs

On September 2, and every First Friday of the month, BEKI's Kabbalat Shabbat service is kid-friendly, though not specifically a children's service. Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, and Junior Congregation meet in person each Saturday morning. BEKI's K-6 religious school, now called BINA, is accepting registrations from member and non-member families through the BEKI office, 203.389.2108 x114 or office@beki.org. School starts September 18.

In Person and Online

BEKI offers in-person services twice daily, led by Rabbi Eric Woodward and congregants. Details at beki.org. Weekday services also are on Zoom. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

Elul Learning



Congregation Beth-El Keser Israel

Sunday, September 11 at Edgewood Park. Binoculars are welcome.

River Cleanup

BEKI's tradition of "Riverse Tashlich" will also be held on Sunday, September 11. It's reverse because interested teens and adults will remove debris, unlike the symbolic casting of sins into the water later in the month, and it's riverse since the cleanup is at the West River. Wear a hat, sturdy shoes, gloves, and sunscreen; bring a water bottle. Tools and clean-up bags will be provided. Consult www.beki.org for details.

Healing Service

Rabbi Woodward will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat healing service on Friday, September 16, and on the third Friday of each month.

New Year Meditation

Robin Goldberg, a certified instructor of Heart Rhythm Meditation, will offer a guided meditation on Saturday, September 17. The intention of the session is to help participants grow the skills to be more of what they want to become in the New Year. No special clothing or equipment is required. Consult www.beki.org for details.

Selichot Service

BEKI's traditional Selichot Service will be Saturday, September 17 in-per-

Congregation Or Shalom Happenings

Join Us For Weekly Services Morning Minyan

- Sunday 9:00 AM In person and Zoom'd
- Monday 8:30 AM Zoom'd
- Thursday 8:30 AM Zoom'd

Shabbat Services

- Friday 7:30 PM In person and Zoom'd
- Saturday 9:30 AM In person and Zoom'd

Please call the synagogue office at 203-799-2341 or email coshalom@ sbcglobal.net for more information).

Virtual Learning This Month JOIN A NEW BOOK GROUP IN 2022!

Thursday September 15th at 7:00 pm Old New York by Edith Wharton Discussion led by Rachel Ranis

Four Books in One! A new, beautifully laid-out edition of Edith Wharton's classic 1924 tetralogy of novellas, revolving around upper-class New York society in the 1840s, 1850s, 1860s, and 1870s, and published under one title: Old New York. This collection includes all four Old New York novellas: False Dawn, The Old Maid, The Spark, and New Year's Day. Edith Wharton (1862-1937) was an American novelist and short story writer. An insider to New York's upper-class aristocracy, Wharton drew upon her first-hand experience to become to foremost chronicler and most insightful critics of the lives and morals of America's Gilded Age. In 1921, she became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, The Age of Innocence. A prolific author of full-length novels, as well as novellas and short-stories, among her other well-known works



Congregation Or Shalom

school, a joint project of Congregations Or Shalom and B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. At Yahad, meaning "together," students form their Jewish identities through amazing experiential programming, while building foundational skills in prayer, Hebrew, Bible and much more. Together, as students, parents, teachers, and as a community, we will create our Jewish future! Please call Rachel @ Or Shalom if you are interested 203.799.2341.

High Holidays

We welcome non-members to the following services. Please call our office in order to attend.

- Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 25th @ 7:30 pm
- $\,\,$ $\,$ Kol Nidre, October $4^{\rm th}$ @ 6:30 pm.

Community Yizkor

Congregation Or Shalom, the only Conservative synagogue in Orange, is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur Day (October 5, 2022) at 4:00 PM. We will also offer this service over Zoom. Please call the office. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any membership obligation. The Service will be led by the synagogue's President, Robert Spaulding and his wife Tova Clayman.

On Saturday, September 10 Steven Fraade, Mark Taper Professor of the History of Judaism at Yale University, will lead an in-person discussion on the topic "Moses, Deuteronomy, and the Fragile Condition of Our Torah and Lives."

Nature Hike

Bruce Spierer, Public Education Manager at the Jewish environmental organization Hazon, will lead a Rosh Hashanah nature walk for all ages on son and on Zoom.

Current Exhibitions

A retrospective of artwork by Israeli artist Mordecai Avniel (1900-1989) is on display in the upstairs gallery until mid-September. An exhibition of paintings by New Haven artist Belle Kogan Greenberg (1931-2022) is in the downstairs gallery.

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

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Special Services

Friday, September 2, 7:00pm: Join us as we hold our annual outdoor Shabbat Service under the Gazebo at High Plains Community Center. (525 Orange Center Road, Orange) The Rabbi will bring his guitar and lead us in a joyful "sing-along" service. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Feel free to bring dinner to eat before the service. An Oneg will follow the service.

YAHAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Yahad is a community Hebrew

Blood Drive

Save the date, October 13th, 9:00 am-2:00pm Register at:

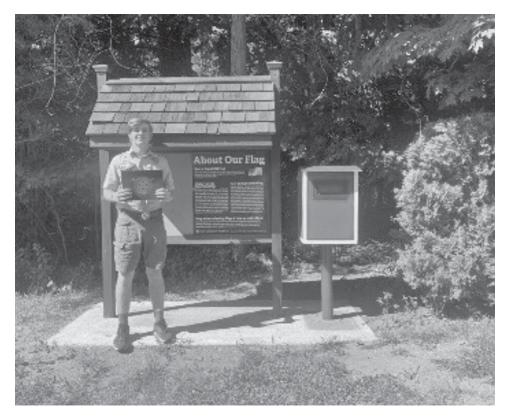
> www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/ donation-time

Pull Tabs

Our Social Action Committee collects pull tabs from soda cans for the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. The house hosts families of children who are being cared for at Yale New Haven Hospital and allows families to stay close to their children during hospitalization. The pull tabs can come from cans of soda, beer, cat or dog food, sardines, soup, beans, fruit, etc. - any size tabs, any color, any metal. You

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Events at The First Church of Christ, Woodbridge

The First Church of Christ welcomes you to our Worship Service every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse

Interim Minister

The Rev. Susan Murtha has been the Interim Minister at FCCW for a few of months now and has made quite an impact. Worship has been filled with God's Holy Spirit in music and prayer, in God's Word and sacrament. Plan a visit to see what is "happening." You can also read about her on our website. We are honored to have such an extraordinary individual here with us at First Church!

Pie ala Mode

We are excited to announce that FCCW, in collaboration with the Woodbridge Road Race and the Woodbridge Garden Club Plant Sale, will be holding its Pie ala Mode event again this year on Saturday, October 1, from 10 am - 1

had a great week at Camp Sequassen this summer. The troop will continue to meet in the Parish House basement on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM starting September 8. Stop by with the young man in your family (ages 11-17 years old) and meet our great scouts! New members are always welcome. For more information go to www. troop907.org.

Sanctuary Décor Restoration

The John Canning Company has completed the Phase One sanctuary restoration. Please attend a Sunday service and see the restored ceiling, rosette, cornices, and the north wall. The new décor is glorious.

Music at First Church

The music committee is pleased to announce that even though Nenad Ivovic's time at Yale has come to an end, he very much wants to continue in his

Celebrate Sabbath at the Gazebo with Or Shalom

Congregation Or Shalom, an open-minded, welcoming, progressive synagogue invites members and nonmembers to its annual outdoor Shabbat (Sabbath) at the Gazebo on Friday, September 2, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Spiritual leader Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus said, "Bring yourselves, relatives and friends for some prayer. I'll bring my guitar for a festive singalong. Who knows, maybe dancing will break out as we celebrate!"

Shabbat at the Gazebo follows the synagogue's Shabbat at the Beach in Milford attended by a record crowd of over 100 adults and children. Synagogue president Bob Spaulding said, "We hope to have an even greater crowd at this event." He added, "Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Come early with dinner or snacks before the service." An Oneg (festive gathering) with light refreshments will follow as part of the celebration. And, he stated, "Dogs on leashes and cats are welcome!"

Shabbat at the Gazebo is a continuation of Or Shalom's yearlong celebration and reintroduction of its commitment to provide Jews and non-Jews with spiritual, social and educational experiences. If you are not a synagogue member, please let us know you are coming to Shabbat at the Gazebo by calling the office: 203-799-2341.

First Church of Woodbridge Seeks Residents Input

The First Church of Christ Woodbridge has engaged the Whitneyville Cultural Commons to conduct an exploratory analysis for a potential adaptive reuse of the church's Parish House at 5 Meetinghouse Lane as a Cultural Center.

As part of the analysis, First Church and Whitneyville Cultural Commons would deeply value community input from Woodbridge residents. We invite you to provide us this input through an online survey available at either of the following URLs: uccwsurvey. whitneyvilleculturalcommons.org or survey.whitneyville.cc.



We greatly appreciate your participation in this survey, and look forward to hearing from you.

Seeking Crafters!

pm. Come and join us on the church green for seasonal delights, like fresh cider and warm apple pie ala mode (\$2), and a free scoop of ice cream for all children.

Boy Scout Troop #907

Ben Rickel is Troop 907's most recent Eagle Scout. His Board of Review was held at Camp Sequassen this summer. His Eagle project for Troop 907 and the Town of Woodbridge was the construction of a flag retirement repository. Location is across from the outward-bound mailbox at the Woodbridge Town Hall, Woodbridge center. This is where the old community bulletin board stood. (See photo)

The troop held its year ending Court of Honor June 18 just after the Community Strawberry Festival. It also position with us as Director of Instrumental Music, which we are thrilled about. He will be studying to get his Doctor of Music at the City University of New York. Over this summer he has been performing many concerts throughout Europe and other adventurous places.

Weekly Bible Study

Bible Study meets at the Parish House each Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. All are invited!

Zoom Option

The option to attend Sunday Service via Zoom continues to be available. To receive an invite, please email the office or log on to our website and add

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The Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Assumption Church (81 Center Rd) in Woodbridge announces their Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 12, 2022. The Event is from 9am-3pm.

Over 30 tables of crafters and vendors will be able to attend. A homemade Bake Sale, Santa appearance, Christmas Train Display (running all day), Raffle Baskets, free Children's Craft Room, White Elephant Sale, and Selection of Breakfast and Lunch items will be available.

Our Bazaar attracts over 500 people each year.



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can drop them to the Synagogue M-Th from 10-4 and Friday 10-3. Collect them from family and friends, too!

Congregations of Orange Collaborative/ COC

Congregations of Orange Collaborative consists of members from SAC and other social action groups from eight Houses of Worship in Orange. Our mission is Together Helping Others. Our vision is grounded in the spirit of repairing the world by encouraging our

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your name to our church email list. All people in the community are welcome in person or via Zoom.

*If you would like assistance gaining access to Sunday Services, please call us by Friday morning, at 203-389-2119, or email us at office@uccw.org.

Office Hours

The Church office in the Parish House is open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Join the FCCW Choir!

New members are always welcome. Join us for rehearsals each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-school space is available

Pre-school/day care space is available in the Parish House at 5 Meeting-

congregations in Social Action projects to improve the quality of life for people in need, strengthening relationships with our fellow congregants and creating opportunities for our congregation to work together on mutual community service. On October 29, 2022 an exciting event called Tour De Faith will invite the community to visit two Orange Houses of Worship to gain a greater appreciation of the diversity in our community and learn about other faiths. Contact our office 203.799.2341 if you would like to participate in Tour De Faith.

house Lane. Three rooms, 1,200 sq. ft., and an outside fenced playground.

For More Information

Visit our website at www.uccw.org for resources such as our calendar of events, monthly newsletter, ministry and volunteer opportunities, photo galleries, scout info, and much more! Follow us on Facebook and stay up to date with parish happenings, including memorials and baptism announcements.

Feel free to email us or call the office with all your questions. We are happy to hear from you!

First Church of Christ 5 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge, CT 06525 Phone: 203-389-2119 *Email: office@uccw.org Website: www.uccw.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/uccwoodbridge

DEATH NOTICES

David Ryan

David A. Ryan, long-time labor relations consultant for the Town of Woodbridge, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2022, at Griffin Hospital, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Ryan, as well as his five children and their spouses and children: David (Caroline, Victoria, David); Thomas (Linda, fiancé), Joe, Nicholas, Meghan, Jack); William (Cristina, Robert, Alexandra, William); Catherine (Mike, Ryan, Ellie); and Patricia (Mike). He also leaves behind Judith's four children, and their spouses and children, Karen (Bill, Lucy); Laurie (Jim, Greg, Owen); Amy; and Wendy (Eric, Abigail, Peter, Nate).

Born August 30, 1939, in New Haven, Connecticut, to the late Connecticut Supreme Court Justice, Elmer W. Ryan, and Dorothy Lawlor Ryan, he graduated from Hopkins School, Yale University, and Cornell University. He was extremely proud to have been a member of Yale's last undefeated, untied football team in 1960. Upon graduating from Cornell with a master's degree from the School of Industrial Labor Relations, David worked for Scovill Manufacturing as Vice President of Labor Relations. He

then started and ran a successful management labor relations consulting business while serving as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration for approximately fifty years as an arbitrator. He was proud, and fortunate, to have been able to work until he passed. When recently asked by a doctor in the emergency room at Griffin Hospital, "When did you retire?" he immediately responded, "I am not retired." David was also a founding member and officer of the Woodbridge Father's Baseball League, the head American Legion baseball coach in Orange, CT for almost two decades, and an assistant football coach at Crosby High School in Waterbury, CT. He will be sorely missed by the countless number of people, both young and old, who knew and loved him, and whose lives he touched.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 75 Center Road, Woodbridge, CT. Burial was at Milfordside Burying Ground, 1138 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge. Donations may be made to either Smilow Cancer Hospital, PO Box 7611, New Haven, CT 06519-0611 or Griffin Hospital, 130 Division Street, Derby, CT 06418.

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The Woodbridge Town News will publish Death Notices for Woodbridge and Bethany families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: edit@woodbridgetownnews.com

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> Interested applicants can contact: Jennifer Hudson Transportation Coordinator 203-891-4786 jhudson@orange-ct.gov M-F 8:30am to 4:30 pm

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Youth Program Coordinator – Part Time

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Part-Time Youth Program Assistant (Per Diem)

Must be creative and energetic. Provide assistance at occasional youth programs with set-up, clean-up, and supervision of participants and volunteers. Meet with staff in developing activities and assure compliance to policies. Most events are held on Friday evenings but may be after-school or on Saturday.

Develop and implement Youth Programs (occasional evening, inschool, and after-school programs). 15 – 19 hours per week with reduced hours in summer. \$18.24/hour.

Responsibilities include program planning, supervision of staff and youth participants, volunteer recruitment, publicity, purchasing, and timely reporting. Computer, organization, and excellent writing and inter-personal skills required. Some physical/lifting abilities and occasional use of personal automobile necessary.

Education/Experience:

Associate Degree in social services, education, recreation, human services, or related field with 2 years' experience preferred.

Send resume by 9/7/22 to: Woodbridge Human Services 4 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge, CT 06525 Email: humanservices@woodbridgect.org

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Education/Experience:

Two years of college in related field. One year of experience in youth programming preferred. Physical activity and some lifting may be required. Some programs are held outdoors.

Rate of Pay: \$15.43/hr.

Send resume by 9/7/22 to: Woodbridge Human Services 4 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge, CT 06525 Email: humanservices@woodbridgect.org

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Much to Look Forward to this Fall on Massaro Farm

Please enjoy one of these events coming up at Massaro Community Farm:

FREE Family Movie Night

Join us once again on the farm lawn, Friday, September 2, when we'll gather to watch Honey, I Shrunk the Kids. Come early, help us put the goats and chickens to bed for the night, take a walk around the farm and enjoy a picnic. Doors open at 6:30pm. Movie screening will begin at dusk, ~7:30pm.

Dinner on the Farm Returns

Get your tickets now for this farmto-table set out among the fields and flowers at Massaro Farm, Saturday, September 10 at 4:30pm. We're excited to announce that Seasonal Catering will prepare this year's meal featuring the farm's organic vegetables. Proceeds directly support our donations of produce to food security, which is approximately 8,000 pounds annually. Ticket price includes appetizers, a multi-course meal (vegetarian options), dessert, coffee/tea and open bar. Live music, a farm tour and silent auction are also part of the evening's program. \$125/pp.

Final Beekeeping Workshops of the Season

The final adult beekeeping workshop of the season will focus on caring for your hive over the coming winter months, Saturday, September 17 at 9:00am. All levels are welcome. Please wear long sleeves, long pants and closed toed shoes. Veils and gloves are available for use. Suggested donation \$10/pp. Led by Ted Jones of Jones Apiaries and former president of CT Beekeeper's Association.

Final junior beekeeping class of the season on Saturday, September 24 at 10:00am will also focus on over wintering a hive. Intended for ages 10-14. Please wear long sleeves, long pants and closed toed shoes. Youth are given a veil, gloves and a beekeeping journal. \$20/pp.

Music on the Farm

The Jolly Beggars return for what has become an annual performance on Saturday, September 17. Doors open at 6:00; performance begins at 7:00pm. The Beggars bring the rich tradition of Celtic folk music and storytelling to modern day audiences, telling traditional stories from Irish folklore, interwoven with jigs and reels. Even if you're not an Irish music fan, The Beggars will have you up on your feet. This event typically sells out; advance purchase is strongly encouraged. General seating on the lawn; chairs recommended. \$13/pp.

Tickets for all above events can be purchased on www.Eventbrite.com.

Summer Camp and Summer Youth Crew Draw to a Close

Over 200 campers came through the farm gates this summer. For six weeks throughout July and August, campers harvested produce from the Learning Garden, fed and watered the goats and chickens daily, exchanged notes with the farm fairies, and sampled edible weeds. We tasted cold cucumber soup, beet and strawberry smoothies and grilled French bread pizza. We held daily dance parties and hula hooped our way through the hot afternoons. We made oodles of friendship bracelets, butterfly prints and bug houses. Best of all, we saw friendships develop we hope will last for years to come.

We want to express a special debt of gratitude to all the families who entrusted their youngsters to us and the instructors, guests and assistants who kept us going, even when the heat index approached 100 degrees including director Jim Matheson, (instructors) Ashley Antoine, Olivia Bonaventura, Meredith Fucci, Rose Hatt, Matt Nappe, Sophia Otero, (assistants) Rondell Burnham, Jake Gueddes, Eleni Kyriakides, Ansley Matheson, (volunteers) Lisa McManus, Ana Henriques, Diane King, and Jen Shuart.

We also just bid a fond farewell to our summer youth crew of 2022. From late June to mid-August, teens Alex, Aliah, Bobby, Bella, Faith, Morgan and Steven spent four mornings a week working alongside farm staff. During their time here they had primary responsibility for the u-pick field adjacent to the Learning Garden, abundant with cherry tomatoes, green beans, herbs and flowers. They also picked thousands of pounds of summer squash for our CSA subscribers. In spite of this year's heat, this crew said this was a one-of-a-kind experience they'd highly recommend to others. Special thanks to crew leaders Cass Darrow and Mary Claire Whelan and to The Werth Family Foundation for their financial support of this program.

Buy a Brick

Bricks are now on sale to support the upcoming construction of a postand-beam pavilion in the Learning Garden by students of Emmet O'Brien Technical School. The pavilion will provide valuable shade and be a gathering space for the many educational programs taking place at the farm. Your brick commemorates you or a loved one and becomes the foundation for the pavilion. Bricks come in two sizes and can be purchased through the farm's website or using the following link: https://brickmarkerusa.com/donors/massaro.html. 4" x 8" - \$100; 8" x 8" - \$250.

Massaro Community Farm is a nonprofit, certified organic community farm on 57 acres of land whose mission is to keep farming, feed people, and build community. In addition to growing vegetables for seasonal subscribers, the farm donates thousands of pounds each year to hunger relief. The farm serves as a hub of education for all ages and shares its space with the community. The farm's nature trail is open to the public 365 days a year. For more information, visit our website at www.MassaroFarm. org or contact Executive Director Caty Poole at 203-736-8618 or at caty@ massarofarm.org.

Area Lifelong Learning Group Offers Virtual Tour of N.Y. MoMA

Institute for Learning in Retirement Plans Free Zoom Event Highlighting Museum

New Haven area residents may take a free virtual tour of the Museum of Modern Art at 11 a.m., October 24. 1930s? We will delve into these stories and others, as we tour one of New York's beloved museums and consider its most

researching contemporary indigenous artwork to support an upcoming Yale art acquisition. In July 2020, Julie launched link is provided after the registration is confirmed.

Sponsored by the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), the tour will be conducted via Zoom and led by Julie Averbach a recent Yale University graduate.

The tour will explore works by Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet and more. What inspired Vincent Van Gogh to paint The Starry Night? Which sculpture fascinated Albert Einstein when he visited the MoMA in the iconic works.

Julie Averbach recently graduated as a History of Art and Psychology double major at Yale University. Her interests encompass areas as diverse as Russian and Soviet protest art, Indian graphic novels, and decorative arts of the Belle Epoque. Julie enjoys serving as Founder and Chair of the University's Franklin Fine Arts Committee, and is currently smARTee to promote arts engagement and emotional well-being.

Although free, seating for the tour is limited and registration is required. ILR members can register beginning just after midnight on September 12. Non-members may register on September 19. Register by visiting the ILR website, https://www.ilralbertus.org/, and completing the RSVP form. The Zoom The Institute for Learning in Retirement is a non-profit, community-based group of adults who share a love of learning. Members enjoy college-level classes from the arts and baking to writing and zoology, often taught by active or retired professors or professionals. Classes are held during the day and usually during the week. More information is available at https://www. ilralbertus.org or by calling (203) 747-9675.

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Ansonia Nature Center September Events

Fall Term Junior Rangers

Thursdays, September 15-November 3, 3:30-5 pm.

Calling all kids 11 to 14 years old who love nature! Has your child wanted to work with animals, garden, help maintain our trails, and help with special events? This is the opportunity to help the Nature Center in our 8-week after-school program. Parental permission is required. Class size is limited; this class fills up fast! FREE.

Family Organic Gardening

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 11, 18, 3:30 p.m.

ANC will be continuing family-friendly activities in our organic garden. Learn about growing a variety of fruits and vegetables. Dress appropriately; keep in mind you will get water and soil on your clothing. FREE, with the potential to take home fresh produce!

Full Harvest Moon Hike

Sat, Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m.

September's full moon is known as the Full Harvest Moon, the full moon closest to the fall equinox. In the northern hemisphere, the Full Harvest Moon rises very soon after sunset, providing plenty of bright light for farmers harvesting their summer crops. September's full moon is so well-known for its luminosity and brilliance that certain Native American tribes even named it the Big Moon. The Full Harvest Moon holds major cultural significance in many different communities, who spend this full moon not just celebrating the fall harvest, but also the moon itself. Please register in advance at ansnaturectr@ansoniact.org. FEE: \$3 per person.

Nature Explorers

at ansnaturectr@ansoniact.org. TU-ITION: \$40 per 4-week session in advance (cash or check payable to Ansonia Nature Center).

Rowanwood Llama Farm Field Trip

Saturday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. (meet in parking lot 10:15)

Join the Nature Center staff on a field trip to Rowanwood Llama Farm for Cria Crawl Farm Tour!!!! Cria crawl is a personalized farm event where you will learn about our llamas and other animals on the rescue ranch. Enjoy this rare opportunity to be with these amazing animals, tea cup cow, goat, bunnies, and ducks up close on our beautiful property. They also have an authentic 3-generation Native American tipi you can explore! This wonderful adventure is enjoyable for ages 3 and up! Registration is required at ansnaturectr@ansoniact.org, FEE: \$15.00 per person must be paid by September 9. For directions, please visit www.rowanwoodfarm.com.

Foxes in Fact and Fiction

Sunday. September 18, 2:00 p.m.

September 17^{th} is National Fox Day! Celebrate these wily critters with this fun, family-friendly program. Learn about the two species of fox we have in Connecticut and the roles foxes have played in folklore around the world. FREE for all ages. Registration required ansnaturectr@ansoniact.org.

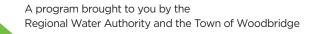
Ongoing Programs Sunday Guided Hikes Sundays, 1 pm

Join a Nature Center guide on Sunday afternoons for fun, exercise, and learning. See the above listings for hikes with a specific theme. FREE.

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