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NOW IT'S UP TO THE VOTERS TO DECIDE...

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

When Woodbridge electors are called to vote for their local government on Monday, May 4, only few of the town's boards and commissions are on the ballot. Elected positions are the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen members, the Board of Assessment Appeals, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the two boards of education. All other boards and commissions are appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation from the two parties.

Selectmen

In Woodbridge, the vote for First Selectman appears separate from the Board of Selectmen on the ballot. While in some other towns the selectman with the highest number of votes becomes the first selectman, in this town the two party-endorsed candidates are it: either Ellen Scalettar, the incumbent Democrat or Cathy Wick, the candidate heading the Republican ticket. There is also a line for a write-in candidate.

The Board of Selectmen, according to town charter, is re-elected every two years. All five members of that board

are running for re-election, including Susan Jacobs, Beth Heller and Laurence Grothier on the Democratic ticket, and Republicans Joe Dey and Tony Anastasio. The Republicans are also presenting a challenger to the current selectmen, Maria Kayne, who chaired the Conservation Commission for several years. Voters get to choose three of the six names presented; the five highest vote getters will be seated.

Woodbridge Board of Education

Four member terms out of the nine-member board are up for re-election this year. Only two of those chose to run again, namely board Chairman Margaret Hamilton and Emily Melnick. Not running for re-election are Matt Gilbride and Carl Lindskog, both Republicans. The Republican ticket is presenting Lynn Piascyk, a long-time Beecher Road School teacher, and Garrett Luciani. Voters are asked to choose two of the four candidates, but all four will be seated.

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Lynn Serra & Eric Werthmann

TOWN WELCOMES NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

"Eric, you landed in a good place," that's how Woodbridge School Supt. Dr. Guy Stella welcomed the town's new library director when they were introduced to each other at the Town Hall recently. Eric Werthmann had just arrived in town in early April, and started his new job at the helm of the

Woodbridge Public Library.

His latest position was as library director at the Acorn Public Library District in Oak Forest, outside Chicago, a much larger community than this, where he managed a staff of 25 and

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A CLASSIC

WOODBRIDGE - Classic 4 BR, 3.5 bath Garceau-built Colonial on cul de sac. LR w/FP, DR, FR w/FP, sun room, study, sitting room, laundry rm. & powder room on first floor. Kit. w/high end appls. & French drs. to bluestone patio. Front and back staircases. Newer roof, heating & C/A. Irrig. system. Newer ext. paint. Circular driveway and three car garage.

\$985,000
John M. Cuzzo, Jr. x124



GRAND LANDMARK

WOODBRIDGE - Exquisitely reno. 5 BR, 3.5 bath landmark estate tucked behind iron gates & stone wall. Gracious foyer w/coat room leads to LR w/wide plank random width flrs. & FP. A 3-season sunrm. w/FP OL landscaped grounds. EIK w/pantry & high end appls. Two 1st flr. studies, 1 w/FP & oak bookshelves. MBR suite, nursery/exercise rm. Two car att. gar. & det. 2-story gar./workshop.

\$1,195,000
Ellen Nathanson x125/Elise Kamp x193



GRACIOUS LIVING

WOODBRIDGE - Gracious 4 BR col. boasts sunken LR w/FP, formal banquet-sized DR. EIK w/bkfst. rm., 1st flr. FR w/FP & vault. ceil. Den/library w/BI bookshelves leading to lovely screened porch. Large MBR suite, au pair/guest quarters. First floor laundry, OS 2 car att. gar. Large patio overlooking landscaped 2+ acres. Circular drive. A charming, custom home.

\$569,000
Ellen Nathanson x125/Jill Nathanson x191



A RARE FIND

WOODBRIDGE - Rare find in the heart of Woodbridge! Charm abounds in this sprawling 4 BR, 2.5 bath 1934 col. Beautiful architect. details: wide plank pegged HW flrs., French drs., entry foyer, cedar roof. OS LR w/FP & BIs opens to bluestone patio, lovely level yard. DR w/FP & BI hutch. First flr. FR. EIK w/granite & sunken bkfst. area w/wall of wins. Bonus office/studio or poss. 5th BR.

\$465,000
Ellen Nathanson x125/Jill Nathanson x191



SPRAWLING RANCH

WOODBRIDGE - Stunning, sprawling 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath ranch! Fabulous updated kitchen with granite counters & large eating area. Living room with fireplace, dining room, expansive family room with gas fireplace opening to glass sun room. Separate bedroom with full bath for possible in-law. New roof, windows, baths. Generator.

\$459,900
Susan Shaw Santoro x126



ON DEPOSIT

ROOM TO ROAM

WOODBRIDGE - Gorgeous 5 BR, 3.5 bath col. on 2+ acres features grand 2-story foyer opening to LR & DR. Fabulous kit. w/isle, pantry & BI desk, granite counters & new SS appls.! FR w/FP & sliders to deck. MBR suite boasts new bath w/free-standing air tub, marble shower & Palladian win. Fin. 3rd flr. offers office/bonus rm. w/BIs. WO LL offers wet bar, full bath, FR & gym.

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BEECHER RENOVATIONS CONTINUE DURING SPRING BREAK

Beecher Road School's staff, students and parents will return from spring break to find a "sally port" at the school's north entry. The sally port is part of a comprehensive set of security measures to be included as part of the school's building upgrade. The sally port will create a third set of protective doors at the school's main entry. Similar to before, visitors will be buzzed in through the building's first set of doors. Between the second and third set of doors, visitors will be able to communicate with main office staff via a communication window. Through a reception drawer, visitors may drop off an item for a student, such as lunch, permission slips or keys. If the visitor needs to enter the school, the visitor will leave their driver's license and will be issued a temporary visitor's pass. The visitor then will be buzzed in through the next set of doors.

This set of security measures is similar to procedures in the Bethany and Orange schools and many other schools throughout the state and country. "The building upgrade is about making our school more secure and more energy efficient," said Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella. "The sally port will send a clear message that the Town values our students' safety. However, in spite of added security measures, we will continue to do everything possible to make parents feel welcomed at the school."

"The building renovation at Beecher Road School is an incredibly important project," said First Selectman Ellen

Scalettar. "While it is unfortunate that new safety measures are necessary, it is today's reality. When all the work is complete the building will be as outstanding as the learning that goes on inside."

The \$13.4 million project was approved by referendum in February of 2014, and work on the project began last summer. Energy Systems Group is managing the building upgrade which includes energy conservation measures, building envelope improvements, lighting upgrades, security enhancements and more.

The Beecher Road School renovation project is scheduled to be completed next winter. During the summer break, the school will become a major construction zone. The pool will be closed; summer programs will be conducted at both Amity High School and Ezra Academy.

Major work projects will include installation of new roofs on the B and C Wings, installation of solar panels on the school's roof, new window walls in the B wing, as well as completion of the new heating and air conditioning system, which is expected to be finalized to provide central air in time for next school year.

Last summer the wiring and piping was installed and updated in preparation for this summer's work, and major work was done on the A Wing, including the installation of a new roof, window walls, ventilators and painting of classrooms and main hallways.

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Board of Assessment Appeals

Only one of the three-member board is up for re-election. The position is currently held by Henry Nusbaum, who is not running again. Claire Coleman is running for the Democrats, Edward Weinberg for the Republicans. Voters vote for either one.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Two of the four-member board are up for re-election, David Speranzini for the Democrats and Lynn Piascyk for the Republicans. Piascyk, who is running for the Woodbridge Board of Education, is not running for re-election. Instead, the Republicans fielded two candidates, Edee Lockyer and Cynthia Gibbons. Voters get to choose two of the three candidates.

The voters also choose alternates for this board. Arlene Levine (D) and

Cynthia Gibbons (R) are currently serving as alternates. Levine is running for re-election, but Gibbons is on the ticket for the regular board. Republicans are fielding two candidates, Jeffrey Wasikowski and Spencer Rubin, for that spot. Voters get to choose two out of the three candidates for alternates.

Amity Board of Education

Woodbridge voters send four members to the regional board of education, and two of those four are up for re-election this year. The positions are currently held by Sheila McCreven — who was appointed last fall to replace Julie Altman — and James Horwitz, who is not running for re-election. In his place Democrats are presenting Thomas Handler, who has served on the Woodbridge Board of Education for many years. The Republican ticket consists of Hal Smullen and Diane Urbano. Voters get to pick two of the four names for the regional board.

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a budget of over a million dollars (the budget here, at \$800,000, is not far behind).

Both he and his wife Sara Werthmann are Connecticut natives and they wanted to live closer to family, he said during a conversation in his office on the second floor of the library. Werthmann was born in Greenwich, but his family lives in Milford. He fondly remembers visits to his aunt's house on Beecher Road. His wife grew up in Litchfield. An early childhood educator, she is finishing out the school year in Oak Forest, while he is staying with family for now.

"The staff is incredible," he said of the local library staff, "and seems really close to the community". One attraction for him was that "the community seems really invested in the library," he said. He expressed gratitude for the staff's welcome, in particular head Technology Librarian Lynn Serra, who had served as the interim library director, and for making the transition a smooth one.

The first challenge he encounters in his new job are looming state budget

cuts, which, if passed, will curtail the inter-library loan as well as a cooperative purchasing program. At the same time the Friends of the Library, in the past generous sponsors of educational programming, are thinking about shutting down the Used Book Store, due to a lack of volunteers. In spite of these challenges, Werthmann aims to maintain the level of excellence that patrons have come to expect, and at the same time continue to innovate through introducing new technology and programming when feasible, he said.

Two summer programs were already in the works when he arrived, namely a community read dubbed Woodbridge Reads: One Book, One Town; as well as a big used book sale the first weekend in June. The book suggested for Woodbridge Reads is a non-fiction book by Barbara Kingsolver, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, in which she describes her family's experiences when they decided to eat only locally grown food for one year. In conjunction with the book, the library will again be sponsoring an expanded farmer's market this summer, as well as other food-related events.



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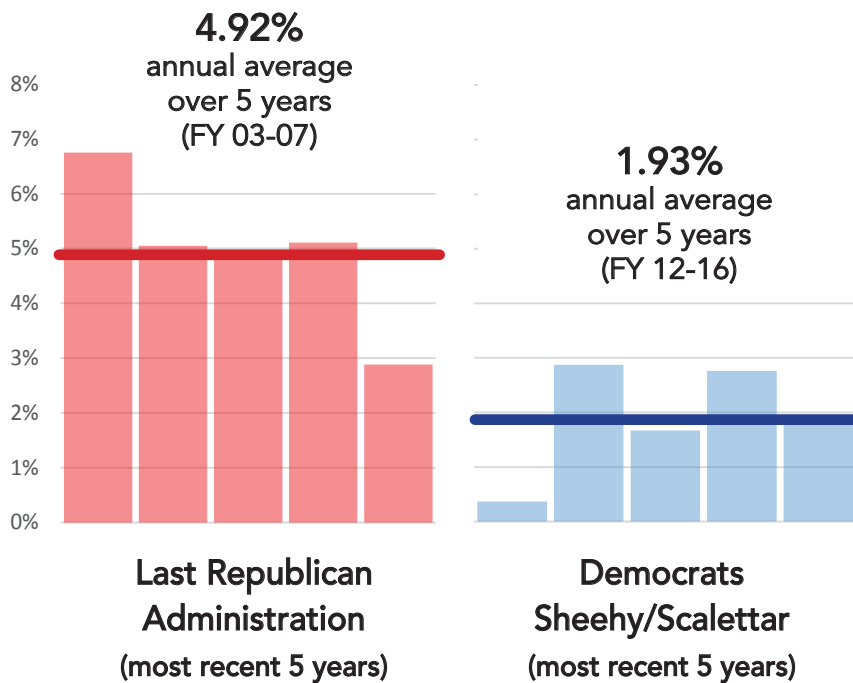
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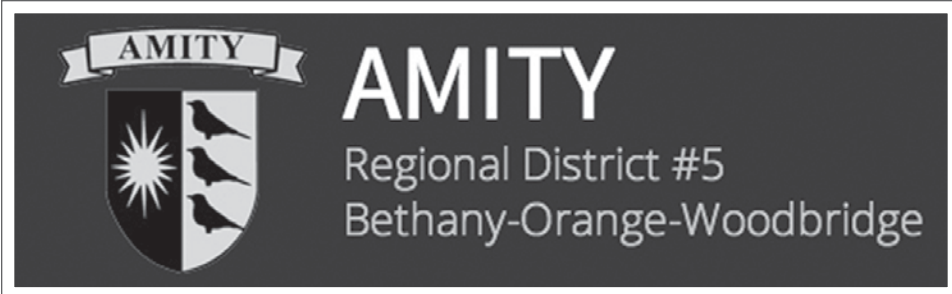
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WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



AMITY PRESENTS 2015 HALL OF HONOR CEREMONY

Amity Regional School District No. 5 will be hosting its annual Hall of Honor ceremony on Monday, May 4th 2015, at 5:30 PM at the Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange. This ceremony honors past Amity graduates who consistently demonstrate the highest standards of excellence and honor in his or her chosen vocation, including leadership, innovation, excellence, integrity, and dedication. These candidates are the prime example of what it means to be an Amity student, and exemplify the Amity mission statement by being “a lifelong learner and a literate, caring, creative, and effective world citizen”. This year, Amity will be inducting five excellent candidates, with careers spanning from the fields of medicine, public service, business, and the fine and performing arts.

The inductees from the field of business are Neal DeLaurentis and Alan Flaumenhaft. DeLaurentis, class of 1979, is the Vice President of the Soros Economic Development Fund. Flaumenhaft, class of 1984, is the CEO of the Freedom Disability and Altegra Health.

Being honored for her success in the field of adolescent medicine is Dr. Paula Braverman. Braverman, class of 1974, is the Director of Community Programs and Interim Medical Director for the Division of Adolescent and Transition Medicine at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She is also a

professor of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati.

In the field of fine and performing arts, Amity is pleased to induct Jeff “Gitty” Gitelman, class of 2000. Gitelman was a member of the band, Step-kids, and has toured with prestigious artists such as Lauryn Hill, Alicia Keys, and Stevie Wonder.

Being inducted for his contribution to society through public service is William Galston, class of 1963. Galston is the Ezra K. Zilkha chair in the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies Program and a professor at the University of Maryland. In the past, he has worked under former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

This will be the 9th year of the event for the Amity Regional School District No. 5, and has been organized by Dr. E. Marie McPadden, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development for the district. “Amity has provided graduates with the confidence and tools necessary to become successful in life. The Hall of Honor inductees exemplify the possible outcomes of an Amity educational experience,” said Dr. McPadden when asked about this year's inductees.

Anyone who wishes to attend the induction dinner may purchase tickets by sending an e-mail to Carol Lange at carol.lange@reg5.k12.ct.us or by calling Carol at the Amity district offices at 203-397-4815. Tickets are \$35.

STUDENT NEWS

Eastern Student Erik Russell-Shepherd of Woodbridge Participates in University Club

Willimantic, CT -- Erik Russell-Shepherd '15 of Woodbridge, CT, participated in the Accounting Society at Eastern Connecticut State University during the fall 2014 semester. Erik's major is Accounting. Eastern students who participate in clubs/organizations excel in the classroom and do better academically than students who do not participate. Students participating in clubs had an average GPA of 3.10, much higher than the 2.94 average for those students not taking part in any of the 73 clubs/organizations.

Clubs/organizations planned and implemented 322 events for the fall 2014 semester alone. These programs have a direct impact on the daily life of all students on Eastern's campus. The programs range from social to educational, physical to spiritual, and civic engagement programs, many of which also benefit the local community.

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state's public liberal arts university and serves approximately 5,300 students each year on its Willimantic campus and at satellite locations. A predominantly residential campus, Eastern offers more than 30 majors and 50 minors while emphasizing a strong liberal arts foundation grounded in applied learning experiences. For more information, visit www.easternct.edu.

Furman University Student from Woodbridge Named to Dean's List

Greenville, S.C.—Zachary Arons, a Furman University student from

Woodbridge, was named to the Dean's List for the 2014 fall term. The honor is awarded to full-time undergraduates who earn a grade point average of at least 3.4 during the university's fall and spring semesters. Arons is the son of Lauren and Jeffrey Arons of Woodbridge.

Academic Honor for Local Resident

Baltimore, Md. -- Avi Mahajan of Woodbridge, Conn. was named to the Dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2014 semester at Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in a program of at least 14 credits with at least 12 graded credits. Avi Mahajan is the son of Amit Mahajan and Kavita Joshi and attended Hopkins School in New Haven, Conn. Avi Mahajan, who is majoring in chemical and biomolecular engineering, will graduate in May 2018.

Tufts University Announces Dean's List for Fall 2014

Medford, MA -- Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. Students from Woodbridge are: Jared Bronen, class of 2015; Matthew Luciani, class of 2015; and Ani Papazian, class of 2015. Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Southern Connecticut State University Announces December 2014 Graduates

SCSU has awarded degrees to the following Woodbridge students: Rachel Griffin and Steven Palma.

AMITY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS “CHARITY CHAMPIONS”

Student members of the Amity Community Action Club at Amity Regional High School were recognized today by Town of Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar for participating in this year's Charity Champions, a program from Optimum Community that promotes volunteerism and encourages area high schools to raise funds for a charity of their choice. The school was presented with \$1,000 to be donated to THP Project Purple Initiative, the students' charity of choice; they also received \$500 for the furtherance of their charitable activities.

Following opening remarks from Amity Community Action Club Advisor Amy Miller, Optimum Public Affairs Manager Kristen Thurber discussed the



Charity Champions program. First Selectman Scalettar then thanked the students for their commitment and spoke about the importance of community service. Students were presented with checks in the amount of \$1,000 and

\$500. The THP Project Purple Initiative is a national anti-substance abuse initiative of The Herren Project, launched to break the stigma of addiction and bring awareness to the dangers of substance abuse. Students will be featuring

a March Madness for Project Purple fundraiser where students can purchase wristbands to enter the gymnasium to watch basketball competitions between teachers and other faculty members.

“The students here today are dedicated to raising money for THP Project Purple Initiative and I have no doubt that they will succeed in their efforts,” said First Selectman Scalettar. “This deserving charity brings hope for a better tomorrow and helps empower young people to make healthy choices in their teenage years that will last a lifetime. I thank Optimum Community for bringing Charity Champions to our area.”

“Optimum Community's Charity Champions program offers students

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Below are the next three Woodbridge Town News issue dates and deadlines.
Thank you for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

Table with 2 columns: Upcoming Issue Deadline, Upcoming Issue Dates. Rows include May 15th (Memorial Day Issue), June 5th (Father's Day Issue), and June 24th (Independence Day Issue).

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

FROM OUR READERS

Many Thanks to our Volunteer Firemen

Many thanks to the wonderful Woodbridge Volunteer Firemen and the Woodbridge Police. I sincerely hope that others never have the situation that we had at our house the weekend of March 28-29.

Our dryer caught fire and these dedicated people saved our home from total disaster. We could have lost our house. The firemen are dedicated volunteers who, at a moment's notice, leave their warm homes and put a hundred pounds of equipment on their backs to run into burning buildings, cut people out of car wrecks and help us during emergencies like hurricanes and snow storms-all on their own time (and their families' time).

All of this makes me proud of our wonderful town. Our administration and town departments are so very supportive and caring. The Volunteer Fire Department, our Public Works and Police are always there when you need them. Thank you! Last but not least, thank you to John, my wonderful son, for getting us out of the house (when all I could do was panic), for having fire extinguishers in the house and for trying so hard to put out the fire. It could have been so much worse.

Please check your smoke detectors, have fire extinguishers handy and know how to use them, have an emergency plan, and don't ever go to bed or leave your home with your clothes dryer on!

Our family is thankful to the Town for all of the kindness that we have received following our fire emergency. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Ciarleglio

Thank You for Getting us Through a Challenging Winter

I am writing to thank First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and the town's Emergency Response Team for getting Woodbridge through a challenging winter. As a Wisconsin native, my expectations for handling winter weather well are pretty high! Thanks to a well coordinated ERT team, Woodbridge residents were ensured efficient snow removal and public safety.

I remember the video of Ellen recording the call that went out in January giving an update on local preparation for the "big storm" that ended up not

so bad here in Woodbridge. (I am one of the over 800 residents who have signed up for the new Town of Woodbridge emails.) The newly established "reverse 911" call system kept residents well informed about local conditions.

Now that spring is here (we hope), we forget all the work needed to keep our streets clear and our homes safe. Thank you to Ellen and our dedicated town employees!

Margaret Hamilton

Outstanding Team Effort!

Just picked up my copy of the long awaited Second Edition of Historic Woodbridge and all I can say is WOW! What an incredibly OUTSTANDING job! I am so thrilled with the new book; it is far beyond what I expected. This wonderful second edition will be an invaluable resource to me, as a realtor (in fact, have already used it for business) and as a proud Woodbridge resident, can't wait to read through it at my leisure to savor every word and photo that have been added.

Complete with updated home histories, color photos and even photos of the original homeowners, the Second Edition is a must have for every Woodbridge library or bookshelf.

Many thanks and big kudos to Sheila McCreven, Stephanie Ciarleglio and the many folks behind the scenes for producing this masterpiece. It was clearly a labor of love, and that love for Woodbridge and our rich cultural history shines right through the pages.

Special thanks to our town hall team for making the book a reality, especially our first Selectman, Ellen Scalettar, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance who supported the project from start to finish. And lastly, thanks to each and every homeowner for making the updated book a reality. It is precisely this kind of camaraderie and shared vision that makes Woodbridge such a special place to work and live: people like all of you that work hard to make things happen - THANK YOU!

Pat Cardozo

See more From Our Readers regarding the upcoming Woodbridge Elections beginning on Page 37

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

QVHD HEALTH TIPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD), the public health department for the towns of Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge, is pleased to announce that a new issue of Qvhd-TIPS, a family health letter, is now available on line at www.qvhd.org, Living Healthy section, Qvhd-TIPS.

This publication of the health district is intended to provide you with current health information to assist you in making health decisions, as well as providing health information on trending topics, especially as related to families with young children. Contact QVHD for more information, 203 248-4528.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By Nancy Pfund



Parent Support Group

Amity High School, Woodbridge Youth Services, and the Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge Drug and Alcohol Action Committee (BOWDAAC) have teamed up to invite local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be involved with substance abuse to share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. The Amity Parent Support Group meets every other

Friday morning at 7:45 in the Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge on the lower level at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Meetings are scheduled for May 8 and May 22.

For more information, please contact Gary Lindgren at Amity High School or Nancy Pfund at Woodbridge Youth Services, (203) 389-3429, or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org.

Woodbridge Job Bank

Are you looking for someone with lots of energy to pick up branches and clean up the lawn? Perhaps you're looking for a babysitter to help with the kids. Try calling the Woodbridge Job Bank for teens who want to work.

The Woodbridge Job Bank matches Woodbridge youths ages 13-17 with Woodbridge residents who want to hire someone to assist with odd jobs. Please contact us at 203-389-3429 for more information.

Job Bank Open To Woodbridge Teens

Woodbridge Youth Services offers resident teens, ages 13 - 17, the opportunity to join its Job Bank. Our youths gain work experience while earning

money. Jobs may include yard clean-up, babysitting, housecleaning, shoveling, planting, and more. Call 203-389-3429 to schedule an interview.



Back row from left: Woodbridge Human Services Commission Chair Mary Lee Barker, outstanding volunteer Betsy Quist, outstanding volunteer Pennell Hamilton, representing Bailey, Moore, Glazer, Schaefer & Proto LLP and their employees Rosemarie Guardino, Human Services Director Mary Ellen LaRocca, Senior Center Director Lee Canning, and Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund; front row from left: outstanding volunteer Mary Leigh Sabshin, outstanding volunteer Audrey Grotheer, outstanding volunteer Laurie Luce, Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, and outstanding volunteer Randi Fiorello.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

On April 16th Woodbridge Human Services held its 27th Annual Volunteer Tea. This year 111 volunteers were honored for their dedication and

generosity to the community. The Tea was very well attended by Woodbridge dignitaries, volunteers, their friends and families.

"Charity" continued from Page 7

a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others and provides a deserving charity with additional support," said Jennifer Ostrager, Cablevision Vice President of Public Affairs. "We congratulate the students at Amity Regional High School for their participation."

For the sixth year, Optimum Community is bringing its Charity Champions program to high schools within

its service footprint. Selected schools receive \$500 in seed money to put towards fundraising efforts, in addition to a \$1,000 donation to their charity of choice. Throughout the school year, students raise money and awareness for their selected charity and submit a summary of fundraising results in April 2015. Schools compete against each other and a grand prize winner in each of the six tri-state regions that Optimum serves will receive an additional \$5,000 for their charity.



From left are Human Services Director Mary Ellen LaRocca, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Human Services Commission Chair Mary Lee Barker, Director of Youth Services Nancy Pfund, First Selectman's Youth Award winner Abby/Kai Keevil, Senator Joe Crisco and Massaro Farm Board Member Jonathan Gorham.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S YOUTH AWARD

Abby/Kai Keevil was selected as this year's recipient of the First Selectman's Youth Award.

She was nominated by Jonathan Gorham for her work with the Massaro Farm along with other her volunteer

commitments. Abby/Kai received a certificate and a plaque from Human Services, a citation from the State Legislature presented by Senator Joe Crisco, as well as a check donated by People's Bank.

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Wine Talk
With Ray Spaziani

ROSE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Michael O'Harra, the founder of New England Wine & Spirits recently invited me to a wonderful tasting of some of the new wines they were taking on from around the world. I was surprised to see about one third of the wines were Roses! Mike indicated that Rose has been overlooked by American consumers for some time. However, it has become the hottest wine type in the country. Mike travels all over the world tasting wines and trying to find a great wine at a great price that he feels will be a hit to the Connecticut market place. He is a delight to be around and tells fascinating stories about his wine-seeking adventures. His track record is awfully good. He has brought in wines from Aliancia to Zwack or perhaps I should say from A to Z.

Included in this group are such favorites as Barefoot Cellars, Black Tower, Bogle, Geno Auriemma and a host of other wines. One of the favorite rose wines I tasted was Rose de Loire from the Loire valley in France. It was bright and flavorful and delicate wine that is just terrific!

Another great Rose was called Compos de Luze it is made from 100% granache. Lots of strawberry and fresh fruit abounded and it had a big strawberry nose. Another is called Codorniu Pinot Noir-Rose. This wine is part of the new "Pink Revolution" and Spain's first Rose cava made entirely from 100% Pinot Noir grape. Lots of woodland fruit characteristics and a crisp citrus finish.

When rose wine is the primary product, it is produced with the skin contact method. Black skinned grapes are crushed and the skins are allowed to remain in contact with the juice for a short period of time. Usually one to three days. The must is then pressed and the skins are discarded rather than left in contact throughout fermentation. The longer the skins are left in contact with the juice the darker and more intense the color of the wine. Early red wines were most likely more the color of Rose than red wines. Early wine makers did not leave the skins in contact with the juice for long periods of time in that they wanted a light fruity wine. Big red wines were considered harsh in Greek and Roman times. So this Mother's Day have mom join the "Pink Revolution" that is sweeping the country and buy her a bottle of one of these wonderful Rose wines. You will be glad you did!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College, The Milford Board of Ed and at Moltose Wine and Beer supply and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Ray.Spaziani@gmail.com.



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Local high school students meet with current college students to learn about anti-Semitism happening on college campuses

BREAK THE HATE

Hundreds attended Break the Hate, a program to educate high school students about increasing anti-Semitism on many college campuses and how to best respond to anti-Semitic incidents, on Sunday, April 12 at the JCC in Woodbridge. Students and the general community were invited to hear speaker Kenneth Marcus, founder and director of the Louis P. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under the Law, discuss current incidents of hate on U.S. campuses. After the presentation, local

high school students met with current college students and campus organizations to get their perspective on what is happening on college campuses today.

Marcus assured the group that a student can have an excellent college experience and never experience anti-Semitism, but they must be prepared in case hatred is present and directed against Jewish students. The only way to Break the Hate is to be prepared to confront bigotry and anti-Semitism when it appears.

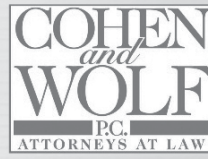
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

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



Town Hall

5/4	Recreation Comm-Special Meeting ... 7:30pm	Beecher Road South
5/5	Town Plan & Zoning Commission 7:30pm	Town Hall
5/6	Police Commission 6:00pm	Police Department
5/11	Library Commission 6:00pm	Library
	Human Services Commission 7:00pm	The Center
	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	Town Hall
5/13	Board of Selectmen 6:00pm	Town Hall
5/14	Economic Development Commission 7:00pm	Town Hall
5/18	Fire Commission 6:00pm	Fire Station
5/20	Inland/Wetlands Agency 7:30pm	Town Hall
5/21	Board of Finance 6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission 7:30pm	Town Hall
5/25	Recreation Commission 7:30pm	Beecher Road South
5/26	Country Club of Woodbridge Comm. 6:00pm	Town Hall
	Government Access TV 7:15pm	Town Hall



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SENIOR CENTER

Health Fair – May 13th “Put A Spring In Your Step”

The Senior Care Professional Council will be holding a symposium and health fair titled “Put a Spring in Your Step” on Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Thornton Wilder Hall Auditorium, 2901 Dixwell Ave., Hamden. At 11:00 a.m., Margaret Palmieri of the VNA Community Healthcare Physical Therapy team will provide a Sitercise demonstration and a demonstration on how to exercise with assistive devices. Bill Banick will demonstrate Tai Chi.

The symposium showcases services available to older adults. In addition to health exhibits with information, various agencies will be providing services and screenings such as glaucoma testing, blood pressure checks, and body fat testing. Gift bags with snacks, free giveaways and raffles will be available.

The Senior Care Professional Council is a consortium of agencies serving our elders in Bethany, Hamden and Woodbridge area and represents the continuum of care to these individuals. All are welcome to attend. Contact Betty Wetmore at 203-376-9677 for more information.

Woodbridge Senior Center & My Sisters Place

Beginning May 1ST until May 29TH Woodbridge Senior Center will begin accepting donations of gently used or new items including clothing, books, house wares, collectibles, jewelry, and more. All items collected will be donated to “My Sisters Place” and will be used to benefit the “Center For Domestic Violence” of Birmingham Health Care. All items donated are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. On average the store annually contributes over \$150,000 to the program, which provides life-saving services to victims and their children

Spanish Language Classes At The Woodbridge Senior Center

Starting on Friday May 8th at 10:00 a Spanish language class will be begin at the Senior Center. The cost of the class is \$40.00 for 8 weeks. The classes are being taught by A3P, a division of Aux 3 Pommies, LLC in New Haven & Guilford. The classes will be taught by a highly qualified and native speaking teacher. Please call 203-389-3430 for more information and to register.

Exercise Class with Laurie Luce

You do not have to be a senior to attend. All ages are welcome. The 1 hour class is held in the gymnasium on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. You may start at any time, prior registration is not required. The cost is only \$2.00 per class. We look forward to seeing you and helping you to stay healthy for many years to come!

Tennis Workshop

A Senior Tennis Workshop for residents 55 and older is being offered by the senior center in conjunction with the recreation department. Classes will be held at the Center Road Tennis Courts. Mondays, May 18th thru June 29 (No Class May 25th) 10:00am - 11:00am Cost for the classes is \$60. Instructor Glenn Englander. Limited registration. Bring your own racket. Rackets available to borrow. No Refunds. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up. Registration thru the Woodbridge Senior Center. Please call 203-389-3430.

May Programs

Mon. May 4 - Municipal Elections - The senior center will be closed.

Mon. May 11 - A.A.R.P. Driver Safety

Tue. May 12 - John Paolillo will entertain after lunch.

Wed. May 13 “Put A Spring In Your Step”; Symposium & Health Fair at Thornton Wilder Auditorium in Hamden.

Tue. May 19 - Pierce Campbell will entertain after lunch.

Mon. May 25 - Memorial Day - The senior center will be closed.

Tue. May 26 - Transportation options in the community discussion after lunch.

Future Programs

Tue. June 2 - Lisa Searles will host a discussion about Arden Courts

Tue. June 9 - Sal Anastasio will provide background music during lunch

Mon. June 15 - 10:30 a.m. - Woodbridge Library Meeting Room; The Executive Director of “Japan External Trade Organization” (JETRO) will give a talk explaining the economic policies of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. These policies are known worldwide as “Abenomics”. Some of the strategies associated with “Abenomics” will be discussed.

Tue. June 16 - “BEAT THE HEAT” Presented by V.N.A. Community Healthcare

Tue. June 23 - Roger Hart will show a slide presentation on “NATURE”

Tue. June 30 - Larry Batter, vocalist and pianist will perform after lunch.

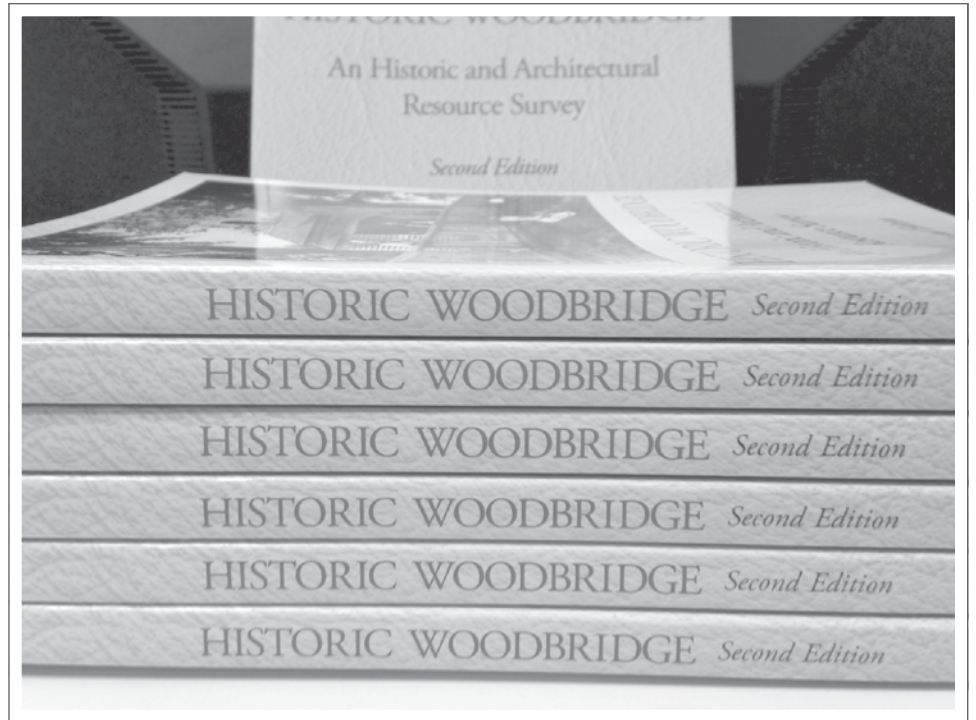
Future Trips

Tue. June 23 - \$111.00 - 9/11 Memorial & Museum with late afternoon lunch at Carmines.

Sun. July 5 - \$136.00 - Boston Pops at Tanglewood featuring Bernadette Peters; Lunch at Cork N’Hearth or The Red Lion.

Renters Relief Program

Applications for the Renters Relief Program may be filed at the Assessor’s Office, Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. between April 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015. If you have any questions concerning this program, please call the Assessor’s office at 203-389-3416.



BOOK: “HISTORIC WOODBRIDGE” AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE

Woodbridge Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio led a dedicated committee in updating and expanding a book that traces the development of Woodbridge from its earliest days, through architectural profiles of representative buildings from 1730 to 1947. The newly revised “Historic Woodbridge – An Historic and Architectural Resource Survey, Second Edition” is now available. The book costs \$45 and is available for purchase at the Town Clerk’s office at Town Hall (11 Meetinghouse Lane) and at the Woodbridge Town Library (10 Newton Road). This is the twentieth anniversary of the first edition of the book, originally published in 1995.

The new edition features recent color photographs of each home along with photos of some of the notable people associated with individual houses. The committee put out the word that it was seeking old photos and many people responded, including several from outside the town, including as far away as Madison and Guilford. As a result, a remarkable trove of new information

was gathered.

Side by side, these images of homes and their residents provide insight into the individuals who made up our small town in long ago days and helped build Woodbridge into the community it has become. The earliest-born person depicted in the book, Mary Atlanta Sperry, was born in 1795. She hails from a long line of family members who had been living in the area now known as Woodbridge since the 1660s.

“I commend Stephanie and the committee that spent so many hours putting this book together,” said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. “The book’s first edition was so lovely and the second edition builds on the first edition’s success. Historic Woodbridge will be an invaluable resource for our residents.”

The committee, led by project director and Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio includes Editor Sheila McCreven, Jean Webber, Todd Sasso, Kathy Gartland, Don Menzies, Beth Heller, Richard Jeynes, Edee Lockyer, Martha German, Todd Ryker and Barbara Baldwin.

CENTENARIANS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT LUNCHEON

The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut will sponsor a luncheon in celebration of centenarians in the greater New Haven area. Writers, gardeners, music-lovers, knitters, loyal friends and beloved great-grandparents are just a few descriptions of the over twenty centenarians that we expect to attend.

Around one hundred friends, family members and community representatives will also attend. We are especially delighted that the Commissioner for the State Department on Aging, Elizabeth Ritter, will attend and bring a welcome.

The Board of Directors of the Agency

on Aging of South Central Connecticut is proud to be hosting this luncheon for the 29th year. This event is held as part of Older Americans Month. Older adults have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations. Since 1963 communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each May. This year, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act, the theme “Get into the Act” focuses on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



SCALETAR VISITS SECURITY SOFTWARE START-UP

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar recently visited AuthAir, a Woodbridge start-up that makes security software for the medical industry. This visit by the First Selectman was one of many designed to create a stronger bond between Town Hall and the Town's business community and to strengthen economic development in Woodbridge. Additionally, the Town's Economic Development Commission has been inviting new and expanding businesses to its monthly meetings in order to learn about those businesses and why they chose Woodbridge.

AuthAir develops specialized computer software for medical offices that allows staff to log in and log out of computers without manually entering a password. Employees wear or carry a "token" that automatically logs in the token's owner when near their computer and logs them out when they walk away from the computer. Soon AuthAir plans to release a phone app that could replace the tokens.

The company's program makes it easier for doctors and dentists to comply with HIPAA (the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), which prohibits the exposure of medical records. Remembering passwords and logging in and out of computers can be a hassle for medical staff. For example, if a staff member is wearing gloves and touches a non-sterile item, like a computer, he or she needs to replace the gloves. If a staff member is reading a record on a computer screen and is called away to a patient, they must first close the record

and log out of the computer to protect the medical record.

"We've done studies showing that practitioners spend 17 to 21 minutes per day logging in and out of computers," cofounder and CEO Yaron Baitch explained to Scalettar. The program also aggregates data and can be used to help businesses become more efficient.

Baitch is a Woodbridge resident and Amity Regional High School graduate. When he started a business he knew he wanted it to be based in Woodbridge.

"I love it when I hear that another smart and growing business has chosen to make Woodbridge its home," Scalettar said.

The venture capital firm backing AuthAir suggested that the company be based in Boston. "We said no," recounts co-founder and Chief Technical Officer Mo Etesam. Etesam says he can easily find talent from recent graduates of the area's many universities. "We love it here," says Baitch. "This is a good environment, we have room to grow and it's centrally located for everybody."

Baitch and Etesam started AuthAir two and a half years ago. The company has been so successful that already they've moved into larger office space to accommodate their growing staff. In the last year the company has grown from four to 15 employees.

In addition, AuthAir has the benefit of three student interns from Amity High School. "They're so smart we aren't even using college interns this year," said Baitch. The students are designing a product that will soon be launched by the company.



SENATOR & FIRST SELECTMAN TOUR LOCAL MANUFACTURERS

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy and Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar toured three local manufacturing businesses on April 1. Murphy has been visiting Connecticut-based manufacturers and Scalettar has been visiting businesses in Woodbridge. Together, the two visited Modern Trousseau, Air Handling Systems and New England Brewing Company.

"Every time I visit a Woodbridge business I am impressed and inspired by the creativity and passion of our business community," Scalettar said. "I was very proud to show this diverse array of Woodbridge businesses to Sen. Murphy, and I am glad that he shares my interest in supporting local businesses."

Modern Trousseau, owned by Woodbridge residents Callie and David Tein, designs and creates high-end wedding dresses at their Bradley Road location. The business has 23 staff members including 10 seamstresses and sells dresses around the country in 43 boutiques and at three flagship stores. Brides choose a dress in a store and Modern Trousseau then creates that dress specifically for the customer's body. Many brides will visit the Bradley Road location—from across the country—to try on the dress and have alterations done.

"We came to Woodbridge," Callie explained to Scalettar, "because we didn't want to be in New York, but we needed to be close to it. We bought a house in Woodbridge in part because of the large basement. That's where I designed and sewed the first collection by myself in 2004." She added that she loves Woodbridge and the local schools.

The next stop on the tour, Air Handling Systems, was just down the street on Lunar Drive. Air Handling Systems manufactures duct work to collect dust and fumes in a variety of industries,

including woodworking, fire houses and more, to make it easier for employees to breathe clean air. It also makes duct work for residences and often sell directly to the consumer. The company is family owned. Woodbridge resident Jamison Scott, the third generation at the company and Executive Vice President, gave Murphy and Scalettar a tour. The facility serves as both manufacturing plant and warehouse.

Scott explained that he uses American-made steel and often buys from Connecticut-based steel producers. "The 'shop local' concept we are promoting in Woodbridge is something I try to do in my business, too," he told Scalettar.

At all three stops Sen. Murphy asked about the business' history and their competitors. Scalettar asked how the company came to be located in Woodbridge and offered Town support, if needed.

At the third and last stop – New England Brewing Company – Woodbridge resident and co-owner Rob Leonard walked Murphy and Scalettar through the retail area, where customers were taste-testing beer and purchasing growlers to go, and through the brewing area. Leonard explained that New England Brewing used to sell beer in eight states but as their popularity grew they could not meet demand. Despite expanding their operation four-fold they only sell in Connecticut. They brew six days a week and are open to the public Wednesday through Saturday.

Scalettar asked about the beers and Leonard said that four are always on offer (Sea Hag IPA, Elm City Lager, Ghandi Bot and 668 the Neighbor of the Beast) and others rotate throughout the season. Plus, there is a smaller brewing tank used for experimental small-batch beer that is only sold at the brewery.

DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE

“MY MOTHER TOLD ME...”

By Roberta L Nestor

Mother's always know best, but yet we still question some of the advice given to us by our mom's. Especially when it sounds crazy and old-fashioned. Here are some interesting topics involving mom's financial advice.

“My mother told me that I need a pre-nuptial agreement before I get married, I think she's crazy! She went on to say, “I am 29 years old and getting married in a few months, my fiancé and I both own the house and we each have our own 401k plans. I don't have anything to hide from my future husband!”

“How much money is in your 401k?” the advisor asks. “Only about \$100,000” says the bride to be.

Aside from the \$100,000 being considered substantial savings for a young woman, think about its potential value 36 years from now. If she never contributed another penny to her 401k plan, and it earned a hypothetical 5% a year, it could be worth over \$600,000 when she turns 65. Remember, CT is one of the 41 states where assets are divided equally in a divorce.

However, pre-nuptials are often viewed in a very negative light, especially if it is for a young couple who will be celebrating their first marriage. Perhaps Mom is insistent because she has a sizable nest egg she only wants you to inherit. When there is money involved, a pre-nuptial should be discussed...together...alone as a couple... not with Mom or Dad, and certainly not individually with an attorney. Many marriages fail or thrive because of financial issues. Telling your future husband you already went to see an attorney for a pre-nup will not go over well with your fiancé or his family.

“My mother told me I should be contributing to my retirement plan at work. I just got my first job after college and she insists I contribute to the company's 401k plan. I have college loans to pay off and can't afford to save anything right now!”

Mom is right on this one, especially if your employer matches your 401k contribution. For example, if you contribute 3% of your pay, they will contribute 3% as well. That is a gift! If you

are single, and not a home-owner and perhaps living at home – now is the time to save! Also consider that the individual tax rate for incomes between \$37,450 and \$90,750 is 25%. Contributing to the 401k will give you immediate tax benefits and help you save for your future.

“My mother told me I need to buy more life insurance. My husband and I are both 32 and just bought our dream home. My mom keeps bugging me about it. She knows we both have life insurance at work, but she says it's not enough.”

The life insurance coverage you have at work is generally based on 1 or 2 times your salary, and only valid if you continue to stay with your current employer. If you lose or change jobs, your new employer may not even offer life insurance options. Also consider the amount of insurance, would 2 times a spouse's salary pay off the mortgage? Even if it did, what about income replacement? Being young and in good health is another reason. Insurability is a key factor these days and underwriting with life insurance companies is more stringent than ever. One's health can change quickly and if providing a home, having children and ultimately putting them through college is in the picture, additional life insurance can't hurt.

As always, Moms know best!

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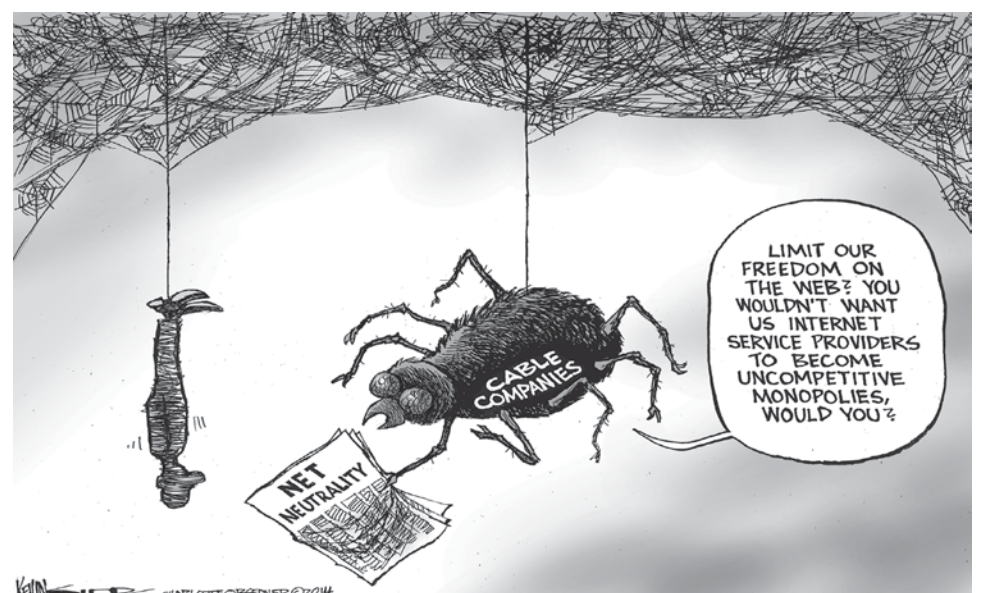
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Boy Scout Troop 63, meetings Monday nights from 7:00 pm – 8:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption “Mother” Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69), Woodbridge; September- April and May-June outdoors at Camp Whiting, all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade are welcome to stop by and see what we’re all about. For more information, visit <http://www.troop963.org> or email Troop63CT@gmail.com.

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

God On Tap, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, Wheeler’s Restaurant and Taproom, 180 Amity Road, Woodbridge, refreshments with friends & nourishing conversations facilitated by Elsa Worth, priest at Christ Church, Bethany, www.christchurchbethany.org.

Spring Entrepreneur Series, Thursdays, 5:30-8:00pm (PDT), New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, View Map, sponsored by SCORE New Haven (<http://newhaven.score.org/>) and the New Haven Free Public Library to help participants establish a business plan, understand basic financial statements, learn how to build a recognizable brand, and manage technology effectively. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the series.

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

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

Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months) and Family Manners Classes/

Obedience & Canine Good Citizen; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Pawz for Wellness in Shelton, CT. For registration and/or information, call 203-450-9485 or email tfkctraining@gmail.com. Trap Falls Kennel Club is a non-profit member club of the American Kennel Club (AKC).

Amity Parent Support Group, meets every other Friday morning, 7:45am, Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, sponsored by Amity High School, Woodbridge Youth Services and the Orange Drug and Alcohol Action Committee, local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be involved with, substance abuse share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. For more information, please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429, or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org.

A Taste of Greece, Saturday, May 2, 2015, 11:00am-8:00pm, St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Social Hall, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange featuring authentic Greek cuisine (gyro, souvlaki, spanakopita, Greek salad, pastries and more), Eat-in or take-out, free parking, free admission, www.saintbarbara.org or 203-795-1347.

64th Annual Observance of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, 2015, 6:00pm, The Center Building, Room 16, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, believers from many faiths are preparing to exercise their freedom to gather and pray. Further information about the National Day of Prayer can be found on the website www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

Bethany Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary 8th Annual Car, Truck, Bike Show & Garden Tractor Pulls, Saturday June 20, 2015, 11:00am-5:00pm, Bethany Airport Field, adjacent to fire headquarters, 765 Amity Road, Bethany, \$10/parking per carload/show vehicle, \$5 entry fee/garden tractor pulls, 50/50 raffle, face painting and DJ, featuring our famous food tent with fire fighters and auxiliary members hard at work cooking delicious pulled pork sandwiches, sausage & peppers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. Questions, contact Amy Cogill at 203-410-2602 or Rich Cogill at 203-954-8597 or visit <http://www.bvfdct.com/>. This event is sponsored by Laticrete International Inc.

Musical Theater Summer Camp, July 6-July 31, 2015, 9:00am- 4:00pm, 5 to 15, 131 Bradley Road, Woodbridge, Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr., includes four classes for the campers - both indoor and outdoor and varies in level and age group. Sign up now, space is limited, Price/\$500, After School Care: Available.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CALLED TO TAKE ‘PROM PROMISE’

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Amity High School students are being challenged to take a “Prom Promise” and enjoy the upcoming prom without drugs or alcohol. “If one kid thinks twice (before engaging in unsafe behavior) the initiative is worth the energy and time and resources we put into it,” said Joe Ferraiolo, Amity parent and area general manager for Frontier Communications, one of the corporate sponsors.

Ferraiolo and KC 101’s Adam Rivers came out to the Amity High School cafeteria April 7, where they entertained the crowd with popular hit music during lunch, while encouraging students to sign up for the prom promise on KC101.com. Several local students’ comments were blended into that afternoon’s programs, with comments such as “I don’t need to do drugs or to have alcohol to have fun”.

Principal Dr. Charles Britton reminded students that every student has to take a breathalyzer test before they enter the party, standard procedure for several years now. “Amity proms are awfully fun without alcohol,” Britton said. The district’s Junior Prom this year is coming up May 8 at Grassy Hill Country Club, the Senior Prom May 22 at the Omni in New Haven.

“The kids have learned to have fun” without ingesting substances, said

Coach Gary Lindgren, who is also an advisor for the SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Both he and co-facilitator Joy Shane welcomed the initiative as a way to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, particularly when students are driving to the event. “We want to remind all students to be taking measures to be safe when driving,” Lindgren said.

The pledge reads as follows:

I want to have an absolutely great time at my Prom and remember it forever.

I pledge not to use alcohol or other drugs on prom night because I care about my friends, my family and myself.

I pledge to remain free from alcohol and other drugs, never drive under the influence or ride with an impaired driver;

And I agree that I will always wear a seat belt.

For Ferraiolo it’s an issue that is close to his heart. His son is a senior this year, and his daughter a sophomore. “It’s a commitment they make with themselves,” Ferraiolo said. “That has more power than anything we can do as parents. They are choosing to be safe.”

Frontier and KC 101 are cooperating in this initiative to get the word out and remind students of the challenge. The school with the highest percentage of participants will win a \$2,000 prize.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COMMUNITY TAG SALE

The Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Groups of the Orange Congregational Church will sponsor its Annual Community Tag Sale on Saturday, May 9, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the Orange Town Green on Orange Center Road.

A space can be rented for \$25.00 (with table provided - \$30.00) by calling the Orange Congregational Church Office at 203-795-9749. Coffee and donuts will be on sale by the Youth



Orange Congregational Church

Group as well as hot dogs and soda. If it rains, the Tag Sale will be held on May 16th.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Orange Congregational Church - 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Also, our Pilgrim Fellowship will be holding a Tag Sale on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the Town

Green. If you wish to rent a space with a table, the cost is \$30. A space without a table is \$25. Please call Esther Wilson at the church office (203-795-9749) to sign-up. Donations for the Pilgrim Fellowship's Tag Sale table can be dropped off at the church after April 29. Sell your own priceless treasures or come and find new ones!

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

With the long winter days over, members of the Orange Congregational Church are thinking summer and are in full swing preparing for their 7th annual Strawberry Festival. The Festival is June 13 from 9AM to 5PM at the Orange Fairgrounds. The rain date is June 14. Admission and parking are free.

The volunteers are planning for all the strawberry treats that take center stage at the Festival when the strawberry is "king for the day". Shortcakes, jams, pies, chocolate dipped strawberries and sundaes will be ready for the hungry fair crowd to purchase and enjoy. These strawberry treats sell out quickly. Delicious Festival food will be available throughout the day.

Many of the popular family

attractions will return this June. The Red Car Show will be on the Fairgrounds from 10AM to 3PM. Red cars and trucks of all vintages are welcomed. The cost is \$10 per car and there is no cut-off date to enter. For details of the car show, contact gecat99@aol.com or call (203)799-6748. Musical entertainment, children's games, face painting and rides are scheduled throughout the day.

Vendor applications are still being accepted. Last year the Festival had more than 70 vendor booths with displays by artists, handcrafters, local business owners, and antique dealers. Applications are available on the church website at www.orangecongregational-church.org or call (203)795-9749.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST 60TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The First Church of Christ, Woodbridge will hold its 60th Annual Strawberry Festival on June 5th, 2015 and all are welcome to join them on the Green at the First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Reelin' Away will entertain with old-time fiddle and banjo music. Burgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, salads, chips and drinks will

be served. Strawberry shortcakes are made from scratch. The cost of the complete meal is \$12 or just shortcake is \$6. All proceeds go to the benefit of the Church and its programs.

The festival will be held indoors if there is inclement weather. Please call the Woodbridge First Church Office at (203) 389-2119 with questions or for directions.

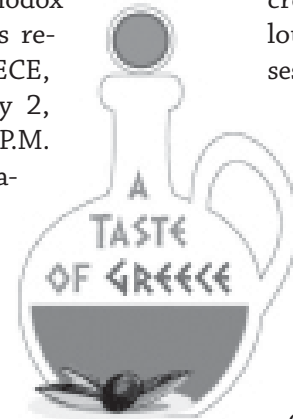
SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church announced details regarding A TASTE OF GREECE, to be held Saturday, May 2, 2015, 11:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

This one-day food festival features our mouthwatering Greek cuisine. Held in the Social Hall of the beautiful Byzantine-style Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, A TASTE OF GREECE offers a sampling of our well known dishes and desserts.

A TASTE OF GREECE includes:

- Classic Greek cuisine – Avgolemeno Soup (egg lemon), Greek Salad, Spanakopita (spinach pie), Tiropita (cheese pie), Gyro, Pork Souvlaki, Lamb dinner, Pastitsio (Greek style lasagna), Greek style roasted Chicken
- Greek Pastries (glyka) – Baklava (layers of nuts and filo, drenched in syrup), Kourabiedes (shortbread dusted with powdered sugar), Ekmek Kataifi (shredded filo topped with custard, sweet



cream, and almonds), Koulorakia (braided cookie with sesame seeds) and Revani (moist almond and honey cake).

- Wine and Beer will be available.
- Eat-In or Take-Out – Dine in our elegant social hall, and/or take food and pastries to go for another Greek meal.

For 33 years Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church has delighted the senses at ODYSSEY, A GREEK FESTIVAL with a feast of Greek cuisine. Now you don't have to wait for Labor Day weekend! Due to popular demand, on Saturday, May 2, 2015, A TASTE OF GREECE will treat your taste buds to some of your favorites. Meet friends and family in Saint Barbara Social Hall to dine Greek style. Take home some of your favorites for another meal.

Hours are 11 AM to 8 PM on Saturday, 5/2/2015. FREE ADMISSION and FREE PARKING (on-site). For more information, call 203-795-1347 or visit www.saintbarbara.org

64TH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

"LORD, hear OUR CRY." This is the theme for the 64th National Day of Prayer, which falls on Thursday, May 7th this year. As our nation and its citizens continue to struggle with economic insecurity, hunger, violence, major healthcare issues, and perceived challenges to our constitutional rights, believers from many faiths are preparing to exercise their freedom to gather and pray. Millions around the country answer this call to prayer each year in observance of the National Day of Prayer. Organized events will be held in thousands of public venues, where prayers and intercession to God will be made for America and its leadership.

In Connecticut, the Governor traditionally signs a National Day of Prayer Proclamation, and here in Woodbridge, several members of our Board of Selectmen usually attend our town's annual prayer service. This year, our public ecumenical gathering will take place at 6 PM, in Room 16 of The Center Building, 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Everyone is welcome to attend!

To give a bit of history, the National Day of Prayer is a Judeo-Christian observance to pray for our country, its leaders, and concerns, that goes way back. It is an important part of our national heritage and has its origin in the strong faith of many of our founding fathers. Historically, the tradition goes

back to 1775 when a Continental Congress proclamation set aside a day to ask God for wisdom in forming our new nation. During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln designated April 30, 1863 as a day of "national humiliation, fasting and prayer", asking God's help to restore the divided nation. Then in April, 1952, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill proclaiming a National Day of Prayer to be declared by each succeeding president at an appropriate date. In 1988, President Reagan amended this law, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

Our freedom to assemble to pray is a freedom not enjoyed by others in many parts of the world and, therefore, should be treasured and exercised. As long as our country continues to face challenges that do not have simple solutions, our hope rests in seeking the Almighty's protection, blessing, and guidance, not only on the National Day of Prayer, but throughout the year.

So please, mark your calendars and take time to come pray with your Woodbridge neighbors on May 7th. Everyone is welcome! Please bring your family and invite your friends to participate in this very worthwhile event! Further information about the National Day of Prayer can be found on the website www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

LANDWIRTH LECTURE

Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange will hold its annual Landwirth Lecture, "Hollywood's Portrayal of the Jew," on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 2 P.M. Did you know that the first "talkie" was a Jewish film? Did you know that most of Hollywood's founders were Jews? Did you know that Hollywood's portrayal of the Jew has evolved dramatically over the past 100 years?

Please join us as our featured speaker, Dr. Eric A. Goldman uses thought-provoking film clips to retell the American Jewish story through cinema. Dr. Goldman received a Ph.D. in Cinema Studies from New York University. He is Adjunct Professor of Cinema at Yeshiva University. Dr. Goldman is founder and president of Ergo Media, a video publishing company specializing in Jewish and Israeli video. Widely



Congregation Or Shalom

known as a captivating educator, he has served as a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Eric Goldman has written extensively on the Jewish experience in film. His most recent book, "The American Jewish Story Through Cinema," published in 2013 by University of Texas Press, has garnered critical acclaim. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Landwirth Family Fund.

MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATING "THE BEATLES"

On August 15, 1965, The Beatles performed their historic first concert at Shea Stadium which paved the way for stadium concerts for the next fifty years. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of this famous event, Liverpool Productions has announced that this year's Fab 4 Music Festival will be on that exact date - August 15.

The event has announced its first two headliners, THE HOFNERS and THE BLUE MEANIES.

The Hofners are one of America's foremost Beatles Tribute Shows, complete with costumes, instruments, harmonies and, of course, the musical sound of The Beatles. The Hofners feature Connecticut's Mike "Ringo" Streeto on drums, who is one of the finest drummers playing live. The Hofners played last year's festival, recreating The Beatles Ed Sullivan Show song-list from 1964, and this year they are recreating the entire Shea Stadium concert with some other surprises from the year 1965.

The Blue Meanies are one of the most popular and versatile tribute bands on the East Coast, having performed high-profile tributes to The Beatles, The Monkees and Beach Boys. The New York/New Jersey-based Meanies, who have been performing together since 1984, are renowned for their energetic and fun tribute shows. They have played venues, festivals and concerts from NY to Liverpool, including Abbey Road On The River. This is their first-ever appearance at this festival for Beatles fans and lovers of British Rock music.

The popular New York/New England regional Beatles-themed festival, also known as "Danbury Fields Forever" is a family-friendly Music, Foods & Arts Festival now in its fourth year,

and will feature 10 bands playing the music of The Beatles, their solo material and songs from the sixties. It will all "come together" from noon until 8pm that Saturday at Ives Concert Park in Danbury, Connecticut.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The Beatles' Shea Concert, advance "Ticket to Ride" admissions to the Fab 4 Music Festival are only \$19.65. There are also V.I.P. tickets available and hotel packages. Discounted early-bird advance tickets are now on sale; admission will be higher at the door. Advance ticket available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beatles-music-festival-2015>.

Ives Concert Park is located at 43 Lake Avenue Extension on the campus of Western CT State University in Danbury, CT. Along with the great entertainment (line-up to be announced), there will be more Beatle and memorabilia dealers & vendors, exhibitors, attractions, kid-friendly activities, along with a large variety of food options available. Featured artist is "Shannon" of The Shannon Gallery, is one of the world's most famous rock & roll artists.

For guests staying overnight, there are reduced-rate special hotel packages which include accommodations and breakfast. There is also a festival after-party on Saturday night at the hotel.

"Danbury Fields Forever IV" on Saturday, August 15, 2015, is presented by Liverpool Productions, the same company that presented "NYC FAB 50: The Beatles' 50th Anniversary Celebration" in New York City last February, and have produced the Connecticut Beatles Conventions since 1978. They

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Adult Events

Cinco de Mayo cooking demonstration with Robin Glowa

Tuesday, May 5 @ 7pm

Come and celebrate the vibrant and colorful flavors of Mexico! Here in the U.S., Cinco de Mayo has evolved into an exciting, annual, culinary celebration. During this presentation you will discover exciting new recipes and sample a menu featuring delicious fruits, vegetables, and grains that make perfect party fare! Registration required.

An Evening with Dr. Siegfried Kra

Tuesday, May 12 @ 7pm

Come and hear local author Dr. Siegfried Kra talk about his book *The Collected Stories from a Doctors' Notebook*. Having been a cardiologist for over 50 years, Dr. Kra uses storytelling to connect medicine with the human condition. Hear stories from post-war France and Switzerland to modern private cardiology practice and the teaching hospitals at Yale, as Kra diagnoses rare diseases, falls in love, and even survives a plane crash on a frozen lake.

Film Screenings

No registration is required for film screenings. Seating is first come, first serve.

Selma

Thursday, May 7 @ 7pm

Rated PG-13 - 128 minutes A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

Still Alice

Thursday, May 14 @ 7pm

Rated PG-13 - 101 minutes A linguistics professor and her family find their bonds tested when she is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

American Sniper

Thursday, May 21 @ 7pm

Rated R - 132 minutes Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle's pinpoint accuracy saves countless lives on the battlefield and turns him into a legend. Back home to his wife and kids after four tours of duty, however, Chris finds that it is the

war he can't leave behind.

Dear Mr. Watterson

Thursday, May 28 @ 7pm

Documentary - 89 minutes A documentary about the impact of the newspaper comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes" created by Bill Watterson.

Children and Teen Programs

Please register for all Children's and Teen programs online at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org.

Teen Book Chat: Nutmeg Launch! Meet the 2016 Teen Nutmeg Nominees

Tuesday, May 5 @ 3:30pm

Teens please join us for an after school snack and a viewing of the Teen and High School 2016 Nutmeg Book Award Nominees. All twenty titles from the Teen and High School categories will be on hand and ready for you to check out. This program is for high school students.

Brick by Brick: Lego Building

Saturday, May 9 @ 3pm

Mix fun and learning when you use your imagination to create creatures, cars, superheroes, structures and more! Ages 5 and up. Please register online.

Eager Readers Book Group for grades K-2.

Monday, May 11 @ 6:30pm

Are you hungry for a good book? Read the *Secret Pizza Party* by Adam Rubin and make your own pizza that LOOKS good enough to eat. Please register at the Children's Desk when you check out your copy of the book.

Brick by Brick: Lego Building

Monday, May 18 @ 3pm

Mix fun and learning when you use your imagination to create creatures, cars, superheroes, structures and more! Ages 5 and up. Please register online.

10's to Teens: The Marble Maze

Wednesday, May 20 @ 6:30pm grades 4 and up

We will use recycled products to design and construct a marble maze. Find out which design allows for a speedier run!

show and Gary Theroux of RewoundRadio.com as Special Guest MCs.

With a full day of fab 4 fun, 10 bands and music in the air, as The Beatles sang, "It's Guaranteed to Raise a Smile". For further info, visit website www.Fab4MusicFestival.com or call (203) 795-4737.

WOODBIDGE READS: ONE BOOK, ONE TOWN PROGRAM

Beginning on June 1, the Woodbridge Town Library is kicking off a new community program called Woodbridge Reads: One Book, One Town. This program is designed to bring the community together through reading a common book and sharing in the discussion and programs surrounding it.

Members of the community will have an opportunity to unite by reading *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver. The library will offer programming and discussions around this book throughout the months of June and July. *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* chronicles the journey of the author and her family as they move to a farm in southern Appalachia and vow to become "locavores" for a year, eating only food that they grow themselves or that was grown locally.

The book alternates in sections

written by Kingsolver, her husband Steven, and teenage daughter Camille, making it appealing to both adults and teens. A separate bibliography will be available of children's books and activities with similar themes.

Events will be held at and around the Woodbridge Town Library and Woodbridge Town Library Farmers' Market. The Farmers' Market will begin its second year on June 24 and run bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 4-7pm on library grounds. Other activities include a cheese-making workshop, natural living workshop, beekeeping presentation, and special Woodbridge night at Wheelers Restaurant with a special menu. For an event schedule and more information, please visit the library website at: www.woodbridge.lioninc.org. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Circulation Desk.



PEEPS AT THE LIBRARY

Almost 30 entries were submitted in the Peeps at the Library contest this year and patrons had a ball voting for their favorite entries. Winner received trophies and of course, Peeps!

The winners are: Peeps of the

Caribbean by Lisa and Kira Yarosh, What do Peeps do all day? by Mackenzie Rowland, The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Peeps by Coachman Square, and Divergent Peeps by Abigail Barford.

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also organize the annual fan vacations to Liverpool and London known as the "Magical History Tour".

The Fab 4 Music Festival is hosted by Charles F. Rosenay!!!, with Ken Michaels of the "Every Little Thing" radio

ROCK BRINGS “MANNERS CLUB” TO BEECHER SCHOOL

By Laura Fantarella - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Looking people in the eye when she was introduced, holding open doors, saying ‘please,’ ‘thank-you,’ and a respectful ‘sir’ and ‘ma’am to address her elders are just a few of the social graces Denise Rock learned as a child growing up in South Carolina.

This week she hopes to make old-fashioned etiquette fashionable as she shares her Southern upbringing with Beecher Road School students in her new, eight-week “Manners Club” that will take place once a week at 7 a.m. at the school. Rock emphasizes she is not implying students aren’t learning manners at home, she wants to reinforce what they already know and fine-tune things a bit. In this digital age when kids have less face to face interaction and everyone retires to “their own corners,” Rock wants to show kids how good manners may make for a kinder society. Students will learn the importance of greetings and first impressions – how to shake hands and make proper introductions; how to give and receive compliments; and the way to correctly set a dining table. She’ll even touch on the near-obsolete practice of handwritten thank you notes to show appreciation for a gift or dinner party. “We’ll talk about why it’s important to say hello and goodbye and those magic words, ‘please and thank you,’” Rock said. “We all live by a code of conduct, and self-respect promotes the art of respecting each other.” That focus is expected to promote even more benefits – like building kids’ self-confidence and even helping to eliminate bullying. “Hopefully kids will bring it back to classroom,” Rock said.

Rock explains that the word ‘etiquette’ was actually derived from the French word that once represented the “ticket” that members of society needed to attend social events. The ticket indicated that the bearer had the knowledge to function properly in society. “It ensured everyone who attended the event was walking the same line. Right now there is no ‘ticket’ and everyone is doing their own thing,” she said. Even something as basic as holding a fork is no longer second nature because one of the skills that actually helped train children – practicing penmanship with a pen or pencil – is obsolete as kids now type on keyboards.

There are few situations that can’t be made more enjoyable when people practice good manners and Rock has offered her services in the past in a variety of different venues. She has hosted lunch time workshops for staff at Yale University in business etiquette; run basic manners classes at summer camps for children; and even dining etiquette at local senior centers before



Denise Rock

the holidays. Classes are tailored to the students. “In a business situation, there’s ‘cubicle’ etiquette; keeping your voice down, respecting the person next to you; forgoing that lunch at your desk that may smell offensive,” Rock explained. “You may think you’re outfit is really hot but is it appropriate business attire? It’s not the environment to have a butt cheek or your tattoos hanging out!”

In the dining etiquette class for seniors Rock has participants eat in front of a mirror placed on the table in front of them. “I point out that that’s what the person across the table from you sees when you’re eating so be mindful of that,” Rock said. “There’s time to eat and to have a conversation with others. No one wants to perform the Heimlich maneuver on a frail senior.” Rock also encourages grandparents to take the lead once again in their families by teaching good table manners and how to set a dining table to their grandchildren. “Everyone is busy today and families don’t sit down and dine together as often as they once did,” she pointed out.

The inspiration to hold a manners club at the elementary school came, in part, from the “cotillion training program” Rock’s son took part in when he was a student at an all-boys private school. “They were taught manners and even social dancing like how to waltz and foxtrot. I realized there was nothing like that in the community,” Rock said. So far the registration has been steady and Rock is confident she will be running two full classes – one for children in kindergarten through third grade and one for those in grades four through six.

Perhaps after completing her course parents will receive the compliments about their children that Rock often heard when her own son and daughter were growing up. “Good manners are always recognized, and I was always proud when other parents would call and say my children had good manners,” she said.



BRS HOSTS WIZARD OF OZ THEMED BOOK FAIR

The Beecher Road School PTO hosted the year’s second book fair in early April. The book fair’s theme was Wizard of Oz, which coincided with the school’s student performance of the Wizard of Oz play.

“One of our main goals at Beecher Road School is to foster a life-long love of learning,” said Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella. “The PTO does a great job of supporting our goal through wonderful events like the biannual book fair.”

The book fair lasts four days and includes one family night, explained fair co-chair Andrea Fleischman. During family night the Student Council hosted a bake sale and also sold chicken

wings and macaroni and cheese. All profits from the sale are going to support Victor, a child in Bolivia via Save the Children. Students in Spanish class each wrote a letter to Victor in Spanish.

Student Council members took turn working the bake sale table. Alessandro Rivera, a sixth grade student, said he joined the Student Council because he likes to help the community.

“I am always so impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm that goes into events at Beecher Road School and the book fair is no exception,” said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar who visited the Fair’s Family Night.

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THE WOODBRIDGE ENERGY CHALLENGE

Helping Residents Go Solar & Save Energy

The Woodbridge Energy Challenge hosted the second of three solar workshops in mid April. At the workshop residents had a chance to ask questions and speak directly with Chris Lenda, the Chief Executive Officer of Aegis Solar, the Town's chosen vendor through the CT Solar Challenge.

"The Woodbridge Energy Challenge is about giving Woodbridge residents the tools to go solar and save energy," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I urge you to look into these options to see how you can help Woodbridge be a greener and more energy efficient town."

CT Solar challenge helps communities by leveraging group purchasing power to lower the cost of residential solar installations. Additionally, Woodbridge will earn a free solar energy system to be installed on a Town property. The size of the solar energy system will be determined by the number of residents that participate in the CT Solar Challenge.

Currently 12 Woodbridge residents have signed contracts with Aegis Solar for a total of 103.54 kW of solar power. In addition to all the clean energy that will be generated on these residents' homes, the Town will receive a free 2kW solar array. The discounted pricing avail-

able through the CT Solar Challenge will be available to Woodbridge residents through July 31, and there will be a "last chance" solar workshop at the Woodbridge Town Library on June 9.

The Woodbridge Energy Challenge is also focused on helping residents make their homes more energy efficient. The Ad Hoc Energy Advisory Task Force hosted three workshops on energy efficiency over the winter covering topics such as Home Energy Solutions assessments, insulation and home heating and cooling. The Task Force has set a goal of doubling the amount of solar energy in Woodbridge and completing 150 home energy audits by December 2015.

The Town's two selected Home Energy Solutions vendors—New England Conservation Services and New England Smart Energy—have already completed 43 home energy audits. The audits result in an estimated \$200 in yearly energy savings per home. They are donating \$25 to the Woodbridge Food and Fuel Fund for each energy audit, and offering discounts on insulation as well.

A progress sign in front of Town Hall will track the number of Home Energy Audits completed in Woodbridge homes.



RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT HOME HEATING & COOLING

Residents learned about the variety of ways to save money and energy at a workshop about residential heating and cooling held at the library on March 31. The workshop was part of the Woodbridge Energy Challenge, a program to provide one-stop shopping for residents who want to learn more about saving energy and going solar. The next Energy Challenge event is a lighting fair on May 4 (Election Day) during the afternoon.

"I'd like to thank the Ad Hoc Energy Advisory Task Force for bringing this program to Woodbridge and organizing these educational workshops," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "The Woodbridge Energy Challenge is helping Woodbridge residents make important decisions about how to save energy at home."

The heating and cooling workshop was presented by Jennifer Parsons, United Illuminating's program administrator for HVAC efficiency programs. Parsons explained the variety of heating and cooling systems, which are most efficient and which are best for residents with oil or propane heat, electric heat or gas heat.

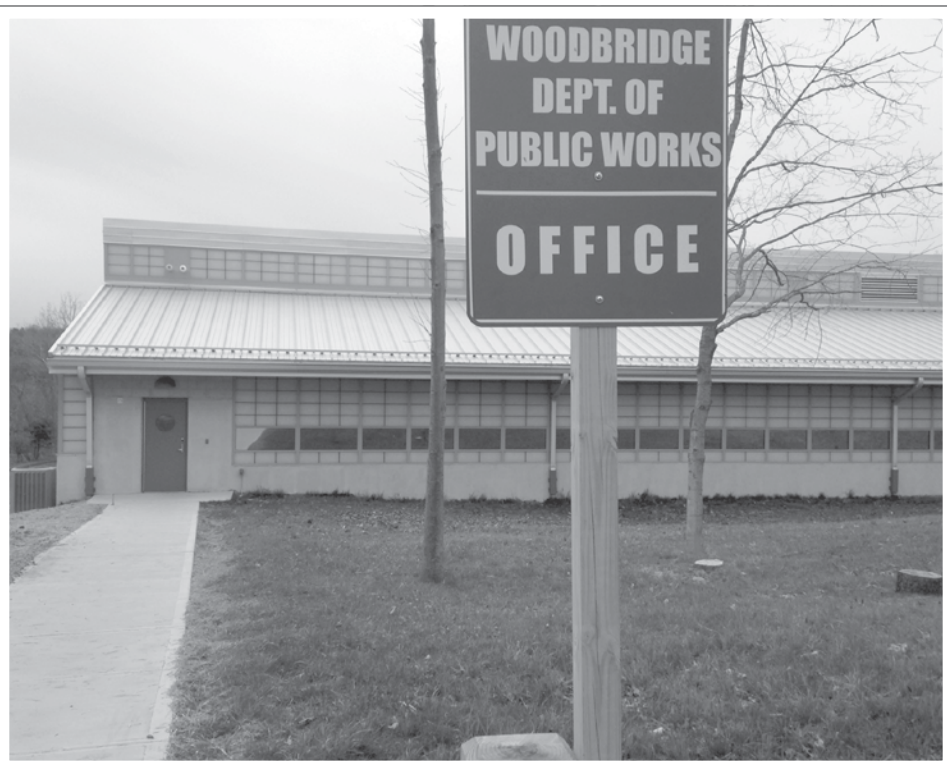
Parsons also discussed the state rebate program (visit energizect.com/HighEfficiencyHeating for up-to-date rebates and details) and tips for what

to ask a contractor, such as be sure to ask about rebates and incentives; ask for references; ask for an annual maintenance plan. Also, be sure to get multiple quotes.

To take advantage of the state rebates, residents must first have completed a Home Energy Solutions assessment. Home Energy Solutions assessments cost \$99 and the two companies participating in the Woodbridge Energy Challenge -- New England Smart Energy and New England Conservation Services -- have agreed to donate \$25 of the \$99 assessment fee to the Woodbridge Food and Fuel Fund.

Additionally, the state is offering up to a 50% rebate for residential new insulation. On top of the rebate New England Conservation Services and New England Smart Energy are offering discounted pricing and a participation rebate. The discounted pricing is \$1.33 per square foot of insulation and the participation rebate is tiered so that as more Woodbridge residents install insulation the rebate increases, up to 12% for a potential total rebate of 62%. To schedule an HES assessment or get an insulation quote, contact New England Smart Energy at (203) 292-8088 or New England Conservation Services at (203) 389-3342.

Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws. —Barbara Kingsolver



GRAND OPENING & DEDICATION OF NEW PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

The Town of Woodbridge dedicated the Town's new Public Works garage to the late First Selectman Ed Sheehy in a dedication and grand opening ceremony on Thursday, April 30 at 2:15 p.m. Governor Dannel Malloy, State Sen. Joe Crisco, Building Committee Chair Chris Sorensen, First Selectman Ellen Scalett and Ellie Sheehy spoke at the event. The new garage is behind Town Hall and is accessible through a shared parking lot with Town Hall.

The ceremony took place two years to the day after the building's ground breaking ceremony was held, shortly after then-First Selectman Sheehy passed away. Ed Sheehy provided more than 30 years of service to the Town of Woodbridge, including four terms as First Selectman. He was a major proponent of the new public works garage.

"Ed was a strong advocate for the Town of Woodbridge and for this building, which will aid the residents of his community that he loved so much," Governor Malloy said. "Dedicating this building in his honor will allow his legacy to carry on for many more generations."

"Ed loved this community and he really believed in this project," said First Selectman Ellen Scalett. "I am honored to follow in his footsteps

and proud that, with his wife Ellie's support, we will name this building after him to preserve his memory for generations to come."

"Ed was the consummate public servant," said State Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. (D-Woodbridge). "He enriched our community with his dedication and integrity, and never ceased giving back to our town. It's essential that we preserve his legacy for posterity."

The new garage was built with the oversight of a building committee comprised of chair Chris Sorensen, Joe Adelizzi, Becky Daymon, Roger Harrison, Dr. Golbert Hogan, Anthony Schaffer, Melvin Stoltz and Leland Torrence.

The building was designed by architect firm Roth, Moore & Kagan and built by PDS Engineering and Construction. The building takes advantage of many energy efficiencies and provides a sheltered space to store, clean and repair the Town's trucks and snow plows.

At the grand opening and dedication ceremony, which was open to the public, a sign to name the building in honor of Edward Maum Sheehy was unveiled. Following the ceremony the building was opened for a tour.

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Sunday April 19th was a time for the Open House Open Hearth celebration at the Thomas Darling house in Woodbridge. Cathy Wick, Barbara Smith and Muffy German took some time to enjoy treats like chocolate bread pudding, cookies and root vegetable soup made by volunteers in the 18th century fireplace. Visitors also had an opportunity to purchase the latest edition of "Historic Woodbridge, An Historic and Architectural Resource Survey". Attendees agreed it was a lovely way to spend an early spring day.



Rotarian and Chairperson Buddy DeGennaro of the Woodbridge Rotary Club Silent Auction and Homemade Winetasting Contest Fundraiser reviews the results of the homemade wine contest with the judges. Pictured from left to right is Dr. Gabor Huszar, Buddy DeGennaro, John Salling and John Raccula.



Bethany resident and Amity High School 12th grade student, Noah Gallant was recently honored as Woodbridge Rotary Club Student of the Month for April. Pictured from left to right are Noah's parents Eric and Suzanne Gallant, honoree Noah Gallant, Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella, Amity High School Guidance Counselor, Ashley Mozealous, and Rotarian Chris Lovejoy. The Rotary Student of the Month Program is co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Social Restaurant.



Christine Ohlman "The Beehive Queen" from Saturday Night Live served as Master of Ceremonies and Celebrity Wine Judge while Musician Richard Barnes of Bethany entertained guests at the event

SENIOR HEALTH FAIR & SYMPOSIUM

The Senior Care Professional Council will be holding a symposium and health fair titled "Put A Spring in Your Step" on Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Thornton Wilder Hall Auditorium, 2901 Dixwell Ave., Hamden. At 11:00 a.m., Margaret Palmieri of the VNA Community Healthcare Physical Therapy team will provide a Sitercise demonstration and a demonstration on how to exercise with assistive devices. Bill Banick will demonstrate Tai Chi. The symposium showcases services available to older adults. In addition to health exhibits

with information, various agencies will be providing services and screenings such as glaucoma testing, blood pressure checks, body fat testing and balance testing. Gift bags with snacks, free giveaways and raffles will be available.

The Senior Care Professional Council is a consortium of agencies serving our elders in Bethany, Hamden and Woodbridge area and represents the continuum of care to these individuals. All are welcome to attend. Contact Betty Wetmore at 203-376-9677 for more information.

ROTARY HOLDS SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

The Woodbridge Rotary Club held a Silent Auction and Homemade Winetasting Fundraiser on April 16th. Proceeds from the event will benefit Rotary projects including the

Woodbridge and Bethany Fuel Assistance Programs, Water Filtration Systems for Third World Countries, and the Dictionary Project for local elementary schools.

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Ginny Calistro visits a second grade at Mead School in Ansonia.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

When Virginia Calistro celebrated her 90th birthday a few months ago, a group of her friends made a donation to the "Adopt A Classroom" program in her honor. Miss Ginny, as she is known to many, was the former head and soul of Cabbage Hill Nursery School, which she ran in a barn in the back of her Woodbridge home.

The idea was to find a cause that would be close to her heart, namely in early childhood education, said Karen Testone, who organized the donation. The hope was that Miss Ginny would receive a whole box full of cards for her birthday.

The way Adopt A Classroom works is that teachers can register either with an open-ended request for materials or for something very specific. Donors can go online and find classroom needs for either the community they live in or one that is close by.

For Miss Ginny's gift it turned out to be Jessica Rogers' second-grade class at Mead School in Ansonia, just down the

road from Cabbage Hill. Miss Ginny did receive beautifully decorated birthday cards, but on top of that she received an invitation to the classroom, a visit that took place after the snow finally had melted.

She was greeted at the entrance by two student ambassadors with flowers and was escorted to the classroom, where she read several books. She found an easy connection to the children, who clearly were enamored by her charm.

"I wish I could do this more often," she said, when it came time to say goodbye. On her way out, she was greeted by the school's assistant principal, John Coppola. He had been a summer camper at Cabbage Hill, and made it a point to meet up with Miss Ginny and shake her hand.

The gift turned out to provide more than birthday cards. "This excursion was more than a visit," said Debbie Culligan, Calistro's daughter. "It gave life and energy to her."



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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



MOTHER'S DAY 2015

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th this year. There over 83 million mothers living today in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau and over 2 billion mothers living worldwide. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States. The following restaurants are all family owned and operated. This group offers a wide range of cuisine along with prices to suit everyone's budget. Please note that Mother's Day reservations are highly recommended for all these well established and popular restaurants except where noted below.

ANDINI'S RESTAURANT/PIZZA-555 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-0200-Regular menu & specials-serving from 12p-9p. Top notch Italian cuisine & full bar.

CHINA PAVILION-185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-3555-Outstanding & award winning Asian cuisine since 1982-serving their regular menu from 11:30am-10:00pm.

CONSIGLIO'S - 165 Wooster Street, New Haven-203-865-4489-This iconic Italian restaurant is celebrating 77 years- offering their regular dinner menu beginning at 12:00pm with complimentary flowers for all moms.

COROMANDEL CUISINE OF INDIA-185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-9055-Award winning Indian cuisine-Grand Buffet Brunch 11:45a-3:15p-offering 30 dishes-\$23.00 per person-they now have a great outdoor patio for dining & cocktails.

COUNTRY CORNER FAMILY RESTAURANT-756 Amity Road (Route 63) Bethany-203-393-1489-featuring homemade comfort food for breakfast, lunch & dinner serving from 6am-9pm with a flower for all moms. No reservations.

GABRIELE RISTORANTE ITALIAN-326 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-2633-serving authentic Italian cuisine for 32 years-offering their regular dinner menu from 12p-9p on mom's special day.

JEFFEREY'S RESTAURANT BY CLAUDIO-501 New Haven Avenue, Milford-203-878-1910-Fine dining at its best-offering their regular menu from 12p-8p & all mothers will receive a complimentary glass of champagne with dinner. Stay tuned for owner Claudio's new venture in addition to Jeffrey's-Oscar's Bistro opening soon in the Woodmont section of Milford.

LISIANO'S RESTAURANT-514 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-1339-Family owned for 23 years offering homemade Italian dishes. Serving dinner from 12p-9p-All moms will receive a complimentary glass of wine with dinner.

OLA-350 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-891-0522-Award winning new world Latino cuisine & Mojito bar-offering all mothers a complimentary glass of red or white sangria. Serving their regular dinner menu & specials from 3p-10p.

POP'S FAMILY RESTAURANT-134 Old Gate Lane, Milford-203-876-1210-Popular family friendly restaurant serving breakfast, lunch & dinner from 5:00am-9:00pm with a flower for all moms. No reservations.

SCRIBNER'S RESTAURANT-31 Village Road, Miford-203-878-7019-serving Mother's Day specials along with their regular dinner menu from 12p-6p. Celebrating 42 years of top notch seafood with outstanding service & ambiance.

SHANGHAI GOURMET-533 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-891-8788-Exotic Asian cuisine at its best with great New York Times review. Mother's Day specials & regular menu served from 11a-10p. All moms will receive a lovely quartz bracelet or Murano glass heart compliments of owners Winnie & Steven.

SOLUN TAPAS BAR & RESTAURANT-245 Amity Road, Woodbridge-203-298-9741-Outstanding Spanish cuisine-offering a special Mother's Day \$24.95-2 course brunch served from 10:30a-4:00p-Bottomless Mimosas, Bellinis, or Bloody Mary's \$14.00-Regular menu served from 4pm-9pm. Live music featuring Guitarist & Vocalist Bruce Gregori.

VILLAGE BISTRO-1501 Boston Post Road, Milford - 203-882-0022-offering Brunch from 11a-2p & regular dinner menu (with many Tapas choices) from 2p-10p-Outdoor patio for dining & cocktails. All moms will receive a complimentary dessert.

WHEELER'S RESTAURANT & TAPROOM-180 Amity Road, Woodbridge -203-553-9055-Brunch served from 10:30a-3:00p-Regular menu from 4:45p-9p.

WOODBIDGE SOCIAL-12 Selden Street, Woodbridge-203-553-9135-Brunch from 10:30a-3:00p-Regular menu available after 3:00p. All moms will receive a complimentary glass of Prosecco sparkling wine.

FINAL NOTES: If you are fortunate enough to still have your Mother with you on this day, remember to do something special for her. A restaurant dinner, flowers, card, visit, or phone call with a kind word. Trust me, it will make her day! Happy Mother's Day to all our cherished moms. Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant please e-mail: susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.

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2015 NEW ENGLAND MATH LEAGUE CONTEST

Amity Middle School Bethany Students in grades 7 and 8 recently took the New England Math League Contest. The

New England Contest consists of participating schools from CT, ME, MA, VT, RI and NH. Contest questions are de-

signed to cover a range of mathematical knowledge for each grade level. Questions on the contests never require any mathematics beyond the grade level tested. The goal is to encourage student interest and confidence in mathematics through solving worthwhile problems. The top 5 school scorers in each grade are inset.

Individual students as well as grade level teams were entered into the New England Contest. The results from

the overall contest are as follows:

- The 7th grade team placed 19th out of 88 schools and 3rd in New

Grade 7	Grade 8
1. Sienna Wang	1. Julie Fleischman
2. Mingxin Cui Tracy Lu	2. Aman Thombre Ian Pittenger
3. Daniel Mao	3. Sam Mahler
4. Claire Hosey	4. Sam Zhang

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- The 8th grade team placed 10th out of 93 schools and 2nd in New Haven/Fairfield County.
- Sienna Wang placed 31st in the overall contest.
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Q: I recently rewatched “**Napoleon Dynamite**,” and it made me wonder what **Haylie Duff** has been up to lately. Can you fill me in? -- Valerie D., via email

A: The soon-to-be new mom’s Cooking Channel show, “**Real Girl’s Kitchen**,” starts its second season on Saturday, April 25, at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT. I spoke with the multitasking actress/singer/hostess/cook recently, and she can’t wait for viewers to join in the fun of her series’ new season. For those unfamiliar with the show, here’s how Haylie describes it:

“It really just is about a real girl in the kitchen -- it’s me, learning how to cook, and sharing recipes that I love, and cooking for my family and my friends. The format is very loose, and every episode is different. We get out of the kitchen a lot. A fun way to share your love of food with someone is to get out there in the field, so to speak, and going to farms and farmers’ markets. We describe our style of food as ‘healthy decadence.’ It’s a balance of healthy food and indulgent things as well.”

What can we expect for season two? “I had a surprise birthday for my mom,” Haylie reveals. “I love to mess with my mom. And she hates to be on the show, but she’s so funny, I force her. She’s a riot. Everybody loves Mama Duff. There are a lot of my friends on the show and my family. We do a great Italian episode. My fiance is Italian, and he’s always giving me a hard time, saying Texas girls can’t make Italian food. So I set out to prove him wrong. It’s just real loose and fun.”



Haylie Duff

Q: I am so upset that “**Parenthood**” is over. Can you tell me what series star **Craig T. Nelson** will do next? -- Paul Y., Indianapolis

A: Craig is all set to reprise his role of Coach Hayden Fox on the NBC revival of “**Coach**.” NBC gave the show a 13-episode straight-to-series order, with Craig returning as Coach Fox, where the now-retired football coach is called back to become the assistant coach to his own grown son, who is now the new head coach at an Ivy League school in Pennsylvania that is starting up a new team. There is no word yet on its premiere date or other casting info, but **Barry Kemp** -- who created the original ABC series -- is on board to write and executive-produce the reboot.

Q: When will “**Ray Donovan**” be back for a new season? -- Howard T., via email

A: The **Liev Schreiber**-starring drama returns to Showtime for its 12-episode third season July 12 at 9 p.m. ET/PT. This season’s guest stars include **Ian McShane**, **Katie Holmes** and **Elliott Gould**. “**Masters of Sex**” returns for its third season as well, which also happens to be 12 episodes, immediately following “**Ray Donovan**.”

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Representatives from the Registrar's offices of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge guided students through the on line voter registration application process at Amity High School recently. High School seniors were informed about the upcoming May Municipal Election in Woodbridge and Bethany on Monday, May 4th as well as the Amity Referendum on Wednesday, May 6th in all three Amity Towns. For students who will be going out of town for college next year, instructions for completing the absentee ballot process were given. This was a very successful voter registration drive with over 230 registrations completed in the three towns. Many thanks to Ms. Chevan, Dr. Britton, the Amity H.S. English faculty, the Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Voters for their cooperation and assistance. Special thanks to Mary Lee Barker for organizing this event.

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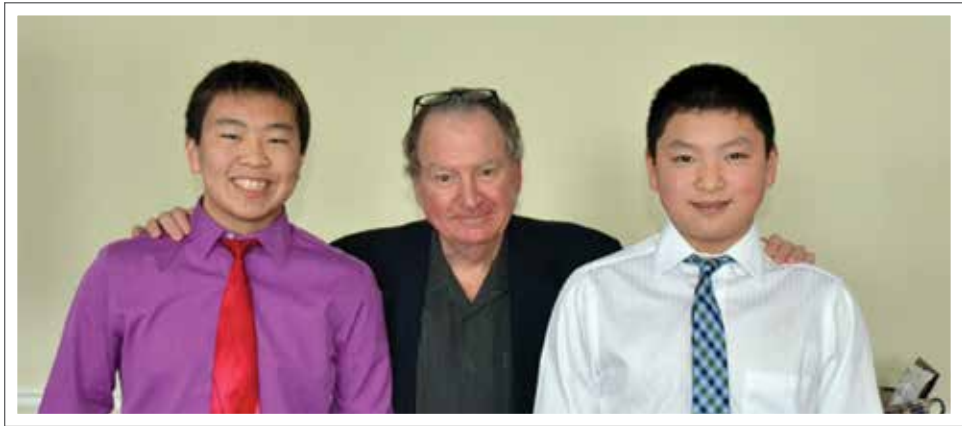
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The Woodbridge Aquatic Club (WAC) celebrated a successful Short Course swimming season at its annual team banquet at Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge on March 28, 2015. Twenty four swimmers qualified to compete in 120 events at the Age Group Championships held at Wesleyan University from March 13-15, 2015. At Age Group Championships, Kevin Yanagisawa (left) won first place in the 13-14 year old boys 1650 yard freestyle event, while teammate William Zhu (right) captured first place in the 11-12 year old boys 500 yard freestyle. WAC Head Coach Dave Reilly (center) now enthusiastically leads the team into the Long Course swimming season. The team practices daily at Beecher Road School in Woodbridge, CT.

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ACADEMY OF DANCE COMPETITION TEAM RECEIVES HIGH SCORES

The Academy of Dance Competition team recently participated in the "On Stage America" Regional Competition. The team received High Platinum adjudication awards for their four group routines and placed in the overall top ten for all four routines. In addition, the team received the following special awards: "Cool Ending" for its tap number "Journey through Space", "Precision Plus" for its tap number

"Give it Up", and "Perfect Patterns and Pictures" for its musical production number "All Shook Up". The Academy Of Dance Competition team also participated in Sophisticated Productions Regional Competition with great success and competed in Starquest Regional Competition in April. The studio will perform in its annual Spring Showcase on May 31, 2015 at Hamden Middle School in Hamden.

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WOODBIDGE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES 2015

Ellen Scalettar

Incumbent Candidate, First Selectman

Ellen Scalettar is running for re-election as First Selectman of Woodbridge to continue the progress of her first term and honor her longstanding commitment to Woodbridge. Ellen brings extensive professional and public service experience to the varied and complex work of being First Selectman, including administering a \$45 million budget and leading the Town's 100 employees.

Prior to her election as First Selectman in 2013, Ellen was the Policy Director for the Connecticut Senate President Pro Tem, where she worked on the passage of such notable legislation as the strongest gun control laws in the country, creating the Small Business Express program (which benefits businesses here in Woodbridge) and expanding access to pre-K for children state-wide.

From 2000 to 2006, Ellen was a Senior Policy Fellow with Connecticut Voices for Children, where she focused on the state budget and its impact on the well-being of our children, including access to health care and to early childhood education.

From 1993 to 1998, Ellen was Woodbridge's three-term State Representative to the Connecticut General Assembly, where she received accolades for taking on the tobacco lobby and passing the first ban on smoking in public buildings in our state; was recognized for leadership on open space issues (protecting West Rock Ridge State Park; preserving Regional Water Authority lands); and drove progress on women's and children's issues, including stronger protective orders for victims of domestic violence. Ellen also received the prestigious Bice Clemow award for strengthening our Freedom of Information laws.

Currently, in addition to her work as First Selectman, Ellen is a Visiting Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. Ellen serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of Massaro Farm.

Ellen's additional professional experience includes U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Regional Counsel; Assistant CT State Treasurer for Governmental, Corporate and Community Relations; and private law practice, focusing on First Amendment and privacy litigation.

Ellen has previously served Woodbridge as a member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and Friends of the Library. She has served on the Boards of Directors of Griffin Hospital and the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League.

As First Selectman, Ellen has dedicated herself to preserving Woodbridge's heritage and beauty, while creating a vibrant and innovative town for the future. She credits the hard work and dedication of the Town's employees and resident volunteers with making possible her first-term



accomplishments:

Maintaining the highest standards of fiscal stewardship. Ellen has worked cooperatively with the Town's outstanding Finance Director and dedicated Board of Finance to maintain the Town's Aaa bond rating and achieve clean audits and national awards for both audit and budget. Ellen and her team

renegotiated the CCW contract to insulate the Town from golf operation losses in the near term, held nearly a dozen meetings to elicit residents' views, and issued an RFP to gauge private sector interest in the property.

Maximizing state grant opportunities. Woodbridge has benefitted from \$4.2M in State grants under Ellen's watch (Microgrid \$3M; Beecher Road School \$500,000 for paving/sidewalks; former firehouse restoration \$500,000; playground \$200,000); more than \$1M is in the works.

Supporting clean and reliable energy initiatives. Ellen has brought forward the Woodbridge Energy Challenge (solar and energy savings programs); managed the Microgrid project; aided Beecher Road School energy efficiency measures (bringing \$315,000 in clean energy incentives); and has the Town exploring a solar farm on the Town's capped landfill.

Providing for our children. In addition to supporting the Beecher Road School and Amity School District budgets (approximately 2/3 of the Town's total budget), Ellen has brought to fruition the Beecher renovation project and the Pease Place Playground.

Promoting economic development. Ellen has worked with the Town's Economic Development Commission to highlight new and expanding businesses and to support existing ones, including launching the Economic Development website, organizing business networking breakfasts, supporting the Scarecrow Festival and launching (in June) "Business After Hours".

Building community. Ellen has worked to bring our community together and make our town center more vibrant; a first-time Facebook page and weekly e-newsletter; a record number of Town communications/informational meetings; Taste of Woodbridge at the summer concert series; the Long Wharf Theater/Woodbridge partnership; Woodbridge Farmers' Market; and (coming this summer) One Town One Book.

Ellen, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the City College of New York, received her J.D., with Honor, from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Ellen and her husband, Bob, have lived in Woodbridge since 1990. They have two grown children and a granddaughter, Georgia.

Susan L. Jacobs

Incumbent Candidate, Board of Selectmen

Susan Jacobs has been a member of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen since 2011. She serves on the Ordinance Committee and is or has been liaison to the Library, CCW and Police Commissions.

Previously, Susan served as an elected member of the Amity Board of Education from 2007 to 2011, where she served as Chair of the Finance Committee, and of the Woodbridge Board of Education from 1993 to 1996, where she served as Chair of the Facilities Committee and Ad Hoc Regional Education Committee and as a member of the Building Committee for the Kindergarten Wing addition.

Susan was a co-founder of the Woodbridge Child Center and served as its General Counsel from 1990 to 1992. She served as an appointed member of the Inland Wetlands Commission from 1992 to 1993.

From 1998 to 2000, she served as Chair of the Town Library Building Committee, and she was the Democratic candidate for First Selectman in 2001.

She and her husband Stephen Skowronek have lived in Woodbridge since



1986 and have raised two sons who graduated from the Amity school system.

Susan maintains a solo law practice specializing in non-adversarial mediation and collaborative divorce. She is co-president of Divorce Solutions of Connecticut and a member of the Connecticut Council for Non-Adversarial Divorce. Her past practice

areas included residential and commercial land use, including zoning, administrative law, and environmental law. She is a Certified Mediator and a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, as well as the Association's Family Law Section.

Susan earned her B.A. from UCLA, attended the College of William & Mary's Marshall Wyeth School of Law summer program at the University of Exeter in England, and graduated with her J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles.

Since 1992, Susan has also been a performer with B'nai Jacob Players Community Theater, where she has played leading and supporting roles in numerous musical and non-musical productions. She also enjoys tennis, gardening and cooking.

Beth Heller

Incumbent Candidate, Board of Selectmen

Beth Heller has been a member of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen since 2008, and Deputy First Selectman since 2009. In April 2013, following the untimely death of First Selectman Ed Sheehy, Beth was elected by the Board of Selectmen to finish his term as First Selectman.

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

Beth is also an active member of the Amity Animal Rescue Fund (AARF), and she is serving a second term as a Corporator of Griffin Hospital.

Beth is a graduate of the Roger Williams School of Nursing and a registered nurse licensed in Connecticut. During her nursing career, she worked



as a charge nurse at Roger Williams General Hospital in Providence and at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston.

While raising her family in Woodbridge, Beth was active in the Beecher Road School PTO (Past Treasurer), the Amity Junior High-Bethany PTO (Past Treasurer), and the Amity Regional High School

PTO.

Beth and her husband Allen have been married since 1976, and have lived in Woodbridge for 23 years. Allen, a physician-scientist formerly on the academic faculty at Harvard Medical School, recently retired from his position as vice president, medical science at Bayer Pharmaceuticals. He is currently pursuing a graduate degree in public health. They have three sons, all graduates of the Woodbridge and Amity school systems: David is a physician and internist now working in Uganda on a Global Health Fellowship. Richard is a practicing CPA and an avid distance runner living in Boulder, Colorado. Stephen is a graduate of the University of New Haven with a BS in Criminal Justice.

WOODBIDGE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES 2015

Laurence C. Grotheer

Incumbent Candidate, Board of Selectmen

Residents since 1996, Laurence Grotheer, 40 at the time, and his (much younger!) wife, Jeanette Glicksman, came to live in Woodbridge because of its reputation for first-rate public education. Their children are now active, engaged, contributing upperclassmen at Amity Regional High School.

Grotheer is a communications professional, who was first attracted to a career in journalism because of the critical role a free press plays in a democratic system of government. He has been a successful print and broadcast reporter, and for many years produced and anchored his own daily, business-oriented newscast.

Since 2000 Grotheer has been a press secretary for elected officials of both state and local governments. As a result, he has a hands-on, working knowledge of how all three levels of government interact. That experience also provides an appreciation for the complex manner in which essential programs and services are paid for and delivered at the local level.

In his current position as Director of Communications for the City of New Haven, Grotheer is part of the mayor's staff and works closely with



all city department heads. This involvement provides exposure to a range of financial, practical, and legal information regarding every aspect of municipal government—experience he brings to bear after work as a Selectman in Woodbridge.

Grotheer has held a number of volunteer positions in Town government since 2004, most notably as a Board of Finance member for four years, and now as Selectman for the past five. His liaison assignments to eight other boards and commissions over nine years give depth to his understanding of how Woodbridge works both day-to-day and over time.

Grotheer knows and respects how the good-natured, selfless donation of time and effort by countless volunteers provides the foundation and framework for a quality of life in Woodbridge that makes so many residents proud to call it home. He also knows the Town's stable finances, prudent long-term planning, first-rate public schools, and recent infrastructure upgrades compare favorably with the best towns in Connecticut.

He is grateful for the chance he has to be part of it.

Margaret Hamilton

Incumbent Candidate, Woodbridge Board of Education

Incumbent candidate Margaret Hamilton is running to retain her seat on the Woodbridge Board of Education. She has served on the Board since 2010. Margaret is currently the Chair, and has held that position since July of 2011.

Margaret has been an active member of the Beecher Road community since her daughter Marion started school there in 2007. In fact, her friend convinced her to run the Bake Sale at the Beecher Halloween HOOT while Marion was still in preschool! Margaret was a member of the Beecher PTO from 2007 until her daughter's graduation from Beecher in 2013. She served as PTO president from 2009 through 2012. The Halloween HOOT continues to be a part of the Hamilton Family commitment to Beecher. Margaret's husband Pennell is "Professor Proton" and her daughter Marion thinks up all kinds of scary (and not so scary) ideas for a mad scientist laboratory.

Margaret and her husband have lived in Woodbridge since 1998, and their daughter attended Beecher Road School for seven years, before moving to the Amity Middle School, where she



is in 8th grade. Margaret is employed as a receptionist at a local obstetrics practice, and previously worked as a pre-school teacher at Gan Hayed in Woodbridge.

Margaret is enthusiastic about the quality of education the Woodbridge School District is able to offer the children of our Town. She believes

Beecher Road School cares for all children who attend the school, addresses all aspects of their development, and differentiates learning for all ability levels. As a member of the Board of Education, she supports the administration in continuing the proven programs at our school.

A native of Wisconsin, Margaret earned her B.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She worked as a Business Analyst for 20 years at various insurance companies before her daughter was born. Listening and understanding the needs of all constituents, identifying needed changes, determining solutions, and successfully implementing changes were key components of her job, which serves to enhance her work as Board of Education Chair.

Emily Melnick

Incumbent Candidate, Woodbridge Board of Education

Incumbent candidate Emily Melnick has been a member of the Woodbridge Board of Education since 2013, when she was appointed to fill a vacancy. She and her husband, Matt McDermott, and daughters Sophia and Lucy moved to Woodbridge in 2012 from Chicago. Her daughters are both students in the Beecher Road School Multi Age Group program.

Emily is an Evaluation Consultant at The Consultation Center at Yale. Her work focuses on improving Connecticut and Rhode Island's child welfare systems. Her prior work included



ten years as a program evaluator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General.

As a member of the Woodbridge BOE, Emily supports a more play-based Kindergarten, increased Spanish opportunities, a healthier cafeteria and a minimized emphasis on standardized

testing.

Emily received her B.A. from the University of Michigan and her M.A. from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. She is a volunteer team coordinator for the Woodbridge Soccer Association.

Sheila McCreven

Incumbent Candidate, Amity Regional Board of Education

Incumbent candidate Sheila McCreven is running for a four-year term on the Amity Board of Education, after her appointment in September 2014 to fill a vacancy. She was an elected member of the Board of Assessment Appeals from 2013 to 2015, after completing her second term on the Woodbridge Board of Education (WBOE), where she served from 2005 to 2013.

While a member of the WBOE, Sheila served two terms as Chairman, from 2007 to 2011, and as board Secretary from 2005 to 2007. She led the negotiating team for several union contracts, was instrumental in the hiring of the current Superintendent, Special Education Director, Business Director, and Principal, and has been a member of three separate Building Committees to upgrade the Beecher facilities, including the current committee which expects the building project to be completed this summer.

On the Amity BOE, Sheila is presently a member of the Policy, Facilities, and Personnel committees, and participated in the teacher's contract negotiations concluded in December 2014. She is a past Area Co-Director for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), and a member of its Board of Directors.

In addition to her involvement on



the Beecher and Amity school boards, Sheila has more than 15 years of involvement in the community, including as an appointed member of the Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Property (CUPOP) where she served as Chairman, and previously as a founding member and past-Chairman of the Government

Access Television Commission that oversees Channel 79. She is also a past-President of the Beecher PTO.

Sheila and her husband have lived in Woodbridge since 1997 and have three children who graduated from Beecher; the two youngest currently attend Amity Regional High School and the eldest is a junior at Syracuse University. In her spare time, she enjoys genealogy research and has traced her maternal lines back to several of the families who settled the Town of Woodbridge in the 1660s.

She brings a professional background in communications and public relations, as well as wide-ranging experience serving on Boards of Directors for several local non-profits, including the Amity Teen Center and the East Side Burying Ground Association, as well as the Amity League of Women Voters. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Media Arts and Advertising from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

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WOODBIDGE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES 2015

Thomas J. Handler

Candidate, Amity Regional Board of Education

Tom Handler, M.D., is running for the Amity Board of Education to further his service to the Town of Woodbridge. He has served a four-year term on the Woodbridge Board of Education, to which he was elected in 2007. While on the Woodbridge Board, he served as Vice Chair of the Board, as Chair of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Policy Committee and the Ad Hoc Technology Committee. Tom is strongly committed to working with the Amity Board



and Administration to maintain and improve on Amity's already exemplary teaching environment.

Tom was born and raised in Woodbridge and attended our local schools. He and his wife, Joann Knudsen, M.D., have two daughters, one a sophomore student at Amity Regional High School and

the other a freshman at Yale University. Tom works as a Physician Consultant after earning his B.A. from Yale College and his M.D. from Yale School of Medicine.

David Speranzini

Incumbent Candidate, Zoning Board of Appeals

David Speranzini is running for re-election to the Zoning Board of Appeals, where he has been a member since 2011. David was a member and Secretary of the Woodbridge Conservation Commission from 2008 to 2011.

David is an attorney and partner at Jacobi, Case & Speranzini, P.C., located in Milford, where he practices environmental law and patent law. Previously, he was an engineer at United Technologies Corporation.

David received a B.S. and M.S. in Chemical Engineering from the



University of Connecticut and his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He and his wife, Laura, have lived in Woodbridge since 1998. Their twin boys, Jonathan and Dylan, are 5th graders at Beecher Road School.

David is an active member of the Woodbridge community. He was a founding Director of the Massaro Community Farm, Inc. and served on its Board of Directors from 2008 to 2011. David is also an active volunteer in Cub Scout Pack 902 and Boy Scout Troop 907.

Claire Coleman

Candidate, Board of Assessment Appeals

Claire Coleman is an attorney in the New Haven office of Wiggin and Dana LLP, where she represents clients in civil and criminal proceedings, conducts internal investigations, and counsels clients on regulatory compliance issues.

Before joining Wiggin and Dana, Claire served as Counsel for the Democratic staff of the U.S. House of Representatives, Oversight and Government Reform Committee, where she conducted Congressional investigations and worked on a wide range of national policy issues. Claire also served as a Deputy Voter Protection



Coordinator for the 2008 Obama Campaign for Change in Indiana, and was a litigation associate at Brune & Richard LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York.

Claire earned her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law, cum laude and Order of the Coif, and her B.A. in Government with distinction from Cornell University. Between college and law school, she served as a Team Leader with the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps.

Claire is a 1995 graduate of Amity Regional High School.

Arlene Levine

Incumbent Candidate, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

Arlene Levine is running for re-election as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, where she has served since 2009. She has lived in Woodbridge with her husband Sandy for over 43 years. Arlene hopes her service will help in maintaining the character of our special Town and aid in its continued improvement.

Arlene is a Realtor with Woodbridge Coldwell Banker. Previously she worked as a vocational counselor with young adults who have learning disabilities.



She is also a member of the Professional Standards Committee of the Greater New Haven Board of Realtors and a member of Congregation Mishkan Israel.

Arlene is a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. She and her husband Sandy have two dogs and two grown children, Matthew Levine and Heidi Wildstein, and are now enjoying five amazing grandsons, Evan, Ben, Noah, Josh and Simon.



WOODBIDGE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES 2015

Cathy Wick First Selectman



and its future. I believe Woodbridge should be run in a transparent fashion, in keeping with our New England Town Meeting tradition. The message I have heard from the many townspeople with whom I've spoken recently is loud and clear: Woodbridge is on an unsustainable path. Longtime residents from all walks of life fear they cannot afford to stay here in retirement.

"I am not a professional politician, therefore I won't hide behind political doublespeak. I will be truthful and tackle problems head on. My team and I have a plan to control costs, manage the Town more efficiently, and get Woodbridge back on track without sacrificing our Open Space or our quality of life."

Cathy grew up next door to a working dairy farm in nearby Watertown, Connecticut. Her family had horses, chickens, and a 10,000 square foot organic vegetable garden. She and her husband Robert lived in the Westville section of New Haven for a decade before making Woodbridge their home in 1997. They chose Woodbridge for its excellent schools and for its unique combination of being adjacent to New Haven but feeling like it's "out in the country." Cathy has been continuously and deeply involved in Woodbridge community affairs for the last fifteen years, serving on several town committees and conservation related boards.

"I care passionately about our Town

- Executive Experience as Editor at major publisher W. W. Norton & Co., Inc
Results driven project and staff management with budgetary responsibility and outcome accountability
- Graduate Certificate in Public Administration, U of New Haven, 2014
Municipal Budgeting, Personnel Administration, Collective Bargaining, Public Policy Formulation and Implementation
- Treasurer, Massaro Community Farm
A 501(c)3 corporation
- An Involved Citizen of Woodbridge
Woodbridge Board of Education Facilities Committee, 2002-present
Woodbridge Soccer Club, Coach/Manager/Division Coordinator, 2000-2009
Woodbridge Superintendent's Cafeteria Committee, 2005
Woodbridge Watershed Protection Advisory Committee, 2006
Woodbridge Garden Club Board of Directors, 2000-present
Massaro Community Farm Board of Directors, 2011-present
Woodbridge Park Association Board of Directors, 2011-present
Woodbridge Land Trust Board of Directors, 2011-present
- B.A., Williams College, English and History
- UCONN Master Gardener, 2001
- Owner, Second Nature Garden Design, 2001-present
- Married to Robert McLean, M.D.
Northeast Medical Group, Internal Medicine and Rheumatology
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine
- Two sons, Beecher graduates
- Woodbridge resident since 1997

Joseph Dey Board of Selectmen



Joe was elected to the Amity Board of Education in 2003, in the wake of 17 defeated Amity budgets. He worked with that bipartisan board to rebuild the Amity budget from the ground up, following the zero-base budgeting principles that the Amity Board of Education still employs today. Joe also chaired the building committee that oversaw the \$90M renovation of all three Amity school buildings. In his first term on the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen, Joe has persistently introduced a businesslike approach to town affairs.

Joe's family came to Woodbridge when he was still in elementary school; he attended Beecher and Amity and was recently inducted in the Amity Athletic Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Deirdre "Gremmy" Dey, have three daughters, all also Beecher and Amity graduates.

"Annual budget increases, high taxes and debt burden, reduced property values, complete disregard for historical zoning framework and planned ruination of neighborhoods... No long term strategic plan... Woodbridge needs competent, focused and responsible leadership."

- Woodbridge Board of Selectmen *2013-present*
- Amity Board of Education *2003-2007, Chairman, Building Committee for \$90M renovation*
- Milford Hospital *Board of Corporators*
- United Way of Milford *Board of Directors*
- Principal, Dey Smith Steele, LLC *1985-present*
- George J. Smith & Son Insurance *Vice President*
- B.S., University of Connecticut *Business Administration*
- J.D., University of Bridgeport School of Law

Maria Kanye Board of Selectmen



Maria served twenty years on the Woodbridge Conservation Commission. Perhaps her proudest accomplishment as Chairman of the commission was the creation of Massaro Community Farm. The initial proposal for this Woodbridge treasure was written by her commission under her leadership. She then coordinated a community effort to make it happen, and the rest is history. In keeping with her passion for conservation, Maria now serves on a state level Association of Conservation and Inland-Wetlands board. She is also deeply involved in promoting public art through Site Projects, a New Haven non-profit.

Maria and her husband Richard Kayne, M.D., have called Woodbridge home since 1977. They have three children who attended Beecher and Amity schools.

"The most gratifying times for me on the Conservation Commission were when we listened to the needs and wants of individual neighborhoods and preserved open space. We need to change Town leadership NOW to restore these historic Woodbridge values. The unique character of our town is a direct result of our longstanding, far-sighted zoning regulations. I believe that maintaining zoning is essential to maintaining our quality of life in Woodbridge."

- Woodbridge Conservation Commission *1993-2013; Chair 2007-2013*
- CT Assoc. of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions *Board member 2014-present*
- Massaro Community Farm *Founder and Board Member 2008-Present*
- Hole in the Wall Gang Camp *Volunteer Counselor, 1997-present*
- Site Projects, Inc., New Haven *Board Member, 2004-present*
- MCK & Co Imports *Owner, 1981-2000*
- Cheshire Endocrinology & Internal Medicine PC *Office Manager, 2000-present*
- B.A., Mount Holyoke College *Art History & Economics*



WOODBIDGE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES 2015

Tony Anastasio Board of Selectmen



Tony is currently serving on the Board of Selectmen. In the past two years on the board, he has immersed himself in town affairs, serving as BOS liaison to the Recreation, Conservation, CUPOP, and Inland Wetlands Commissions. Tony is particularly active in the Woodbridge Rotary. This past summer, he worked with the Recreation Commission and Recreation Department to create the first "Woodbridge Health Fair" as well as the "Taste of Woodbridge" events at the July summer concerts. These events were both highly attended and successful at bringing our community together.

A lifelong Bethany and Woodbridge resident and Amity graduate, Tony has been involved in the community for many years. He and his wife, Lisa, have two sons, Robert and Raymond, who are graduates of Beecher Road School and current students at Amity High

School. "My great grandparents came to Woodbridge well over 100 years ago to farm the land and raise their family. My mother Anne Perrotti Anastasio and her siblings worked on those farms their entire childhoods. As a child I grew up helping my grandfather Frank Perrotti Sr. at his Garden Center and

with his properties. Now as a father of two sons who my wife and I have brought up and sent to the wonderful schools here in Woodbridge, I look forward to continuing to try and help make Woodbridge a place that someday my two sons will be as proud to raise their families as my grandparents were over 100 years go. It is my intention to help maintain Woodbridge's carefully planned zoning, and beautiful open space, while returning the town to its excellence and its promise for future generations to come."

- Woodbridge Board of Selectmen
- Woodbridge Rotary
- Bethwood/Amity Baseball
- Woodbridge Volunteer of the Year
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Woodbridge Justice of the Peace
- John Hancock
- B.S., Niagara University

2013 – present
Board of Directors, 2013-present
Coach and Board member for 12 years
2011
Board of Directors

Investment Broker
Business Administration

Garett Luciani Woodbridge Board of Education



Garett Luciani is a lifelong 4th generation Woodbridge resident seeking a seat on the Woodbridge Board of Education. Garett is a Vice President of People's United Bank, specializing in Financial Services. He also attended Beecher Road School and has two daughters that currently attend Beecher. Garett's financial background and experience are vital tools necessary insure that the school budget is vital, accurate, and responsive to budgetary requirements.

Garett is a graduate of Amity Regional High School and Quinnipiac University. He was the recipient of the

Business Times '40 under 40' Award, and winner of the People's United Bank CEO Leadership Award.

"My family heritage in Woodbridge is well known. My grandfather always stressed the importance of education and I appreciate the opportunity to support and encourage good education practices and needs of Beecher Road

School. The key to success in life is a strong educational foundation which Beecher Road School has provided in the past. I want to maintain and add to that foundation so Woodbridge residents can continue to be proud of such a wonderful school system."

Lynn Piascyk Woodbridge Board of Education



Lynn Piascyk is seeking election to the Woodbridge Board of Education. She is a current member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Elected first in 2003 as an alternate member, Lynn has served as a regular member of the ZBA since 2005.

A resident of Woodbridge since 1964, Lynn previously served on the Human Services Commission where she held the office of Secretary. She is a member of the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee and the First Church of Christ. Lynn also serves as a Justice of the Peace. Lynn holds a B.S., M.S., and Sixth Year Professional Degree of Advanced Study as a Classroom Teacher Specialist. She recently retired from Beecher Road School. During her 36 year

tenure she was presented the Award of Excellence for Distinguished Service and was the district's 1993 Teacher of the Year. In 2011, Lynn was named Educator of the Year by the Turkish Cultural Center of Connecticut.

Piascyk said, "Woodbridge has always been well known for its excellent education system. I am a graduate of Beecher Road School and Amity High School as well as an educator with 36 years as a classroom teacher. My life and career experiences will allow me to bring a unique perspective to the Woodbridge Board of Education. It will be my priority to assure that the school remains in the forefront of educational excellence. We must never forget that the future lies with today's children."

Harold E. Smullen Amity Board of Education



Hal Smullen was born and raised in Bethany and is a graduate of Amity Regional High School. He is a candidate for the Amity Board of Education and brings a strong background in technical network and computer systems in the banking industry and, more recently, in the political and legislative area of state banking. As Clerk of the Banks Committee for the Connecticut General Assembly, he was responsible for maintaining the accuracy of legislative proposals to assure adherence to the joint rules governing committee activities. He was also Legislative Assistant to the committee's House Chairman.

He majored in Political Science at Southern Connecticut State University with concentrations in International Relations and Modern Political Thought. A longtime resident of Woodbridge,

Hal was a strong leader as Chair of the Woodbridge Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Properties (CUPOP) and fought hard for the wetlands buffer for the new firehouse. He has also served on the Massaro Farm Use Committee.

His strength in computer systems and disaster-recovery planning will help the Board of Education determine the current and future efficiencies of technologies in use not only in the three campuses but also in the support of technical curriculum to keep Amity students in the forefront of technology.

"Amity has always been a source of great pride for our town. If elected I would work to preserve the highest standards leading to exceptional opportunities for Amity's graduates while maintaining the quality of the facilities with dedication and perseverance."



WOODBIDGE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES 2015

Diane Urbano

Amity Board of Education

Diane Urbano offers a diverse set of skills that make her a perfect candidate for the Amity Board of Education. Diane's 3 daughters all graduated from Amity, so she has a good overall understanding of the Amity philosophy and the mechanics of how the school operates.



makes Woodbridge citizens so proud. My background in education and finance will allow me to make important contributions to the Board of Education, whether in curriculum or budgeting. My business background provides a skillset with specific expertise that I will use to make sure the Board operates as efficiently as possible. Finally, my experience in both construction and

Diane is a former Professor of Political Science and American Politics at Albertus Magnus College. She has worked for the City of New Haven and the Connecticut State Department of Higher Education as a budget analyst. Diane is also a Commercial Real Estate agent and owns a Woodbridge-based construction and property maintenance company. Diane's varied background allows her the unique position of being on all sides of the education field – parent, teacher and taxpayer.

real estate will be invaluable in dealing with building maintenance, mechanical issues, and preventive problem planning."

Diane received a M.A./PhD in American Politics at Columbia University, NY. She has served on the following Boards and Commissions: Woodbridge Economic and Development Commission, Non-Affiliated Member Institutional Animal Care and Use for Carestream Laboratory, Our Lady of the Assumption Ladies Guild, and Board of Directors of the Greater New Haven Catholic Charity League.

"I am seeking a seat on the Amity Board of Education to support a school that served my daughters so well and

Cynthia Gibbons

Zoning Board of Appeals

Cynthia Gibbons is a Woodbridge native who attended Woodbridge public schools and Amity Regional High School. Cindy is a graduate of Quinnipiac University with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Administration.



from 2007-2011. Other past municipal experience includes serving as Chairman of the Prospect Town Council, Prospect Town Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals in Prospect.

Cynthia wants to remain on the Zoning Board of Appeals to maintain consistency and fair-

ness as it relates to the zoning appeal process. She would like to continue to serve the Woodbridge residents and the town that she was born and raised in.

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Jeffrey Wasikowski

Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate

Jeff Wasikowski is a practicing real estate attorney seeking an alternate position on the Woodbridge Zoning Board of Appeals.



to overburden the municipality delivering services. The Zoning Board of Appeals is an essential part of a town government in that it provides safeguards while doing its best to accommodate special circumstances for unique property situations. I understand the critical service our ZBA provides and am confident

"I am running simply because I am concerned with the direction that the town is heading with respect to future property development. As a real estate attorney who has closed thousands of local transactions over my 18 years of practice, I know the value that good zoning laws bring to the residents of a town such as protecting property values, preserving neighborhoods and controlling growth so as not

I will be a diligent, fair and community-minded member if elected." Jeff is also involved in the BethWood Little League as Vice President and Coach as well as Head Coach of the Seymour Tradition U10 Travel Softball Team.

Edward Weinberg

Board of Assessment Appeals

Ed Weinberg moved from New Haven to Woodbridge with his wife, Jackie, and son, Jeremy, in July of 2013. They chose Woodbridge because it reminded Ed of the small town, Hastings-on-Hudson, where he grew up. Woodbridge is a little more rural, but has about the same population.



Commerce, and Business Network International (BNI).

As a business owner and resident, Ed understand the needs of local businesses, and believes they are important to Woodbridge while understanding the value in blending business and residential areas for the benefit of all. As a member of the Assessment Board

Ed has a BS in Electrical Engineering, and currently owns Edergy LLC, a sales and marketing company. Ed has been involved with the founding and management of several other businesses, and is a past member of the Rotary Club, the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of

of Appeals, he will work diligently to keep the best value on all properties in Woodbridge so home and business owners can have faith in their investment in Woodbridge.

Edee Lockyer

Zoning Board of Appeals

Edith Louise Dahlin Lockyer – known to all as "Edee", is a lifelong Woodbridge resident and long-time town volunteer. Edee is running for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA requires one to have an excellent working knowledge of Woodbridge Zoning Regulations. Equally important, however, is a thorough understanding of our town – its roads, topography,



Historical Society, Milfordside Burying Ground and Woodbridge Senior Center, among many other volunteer activities. Edee was named Woodbridge Senior Center Volunteer of the Year in 2013. When asked why she is interested in running for the Zoning Board of Appeals, Edee stated "I believe I can provide a fair-minded, non-partisan voice of experience

neighborhoods, etc. Edee's extensive and varied volunteer background gives her a unique and valuable perspective of Woodbridge. Edee's 50+ years of volunteer service to our town include being involved in Cub Scouts, Woodbridge Recreation Department, Amity and Woodbridge

to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I have worked for decades on countless private and government boards with people of varied backgrounds and political affiliations. I feel strongly that politics must be put aside and the good of the Town must always come first."

Spencer Rubin

Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate

Spencer Rubin is a long-time Woodbridge resident running for the Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate position. Spencer graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a degree in Political Science. He has an extensive background in golf operations as well as state and local politics. Spencer has worked at three local golf courses, including Laurel View Country Club and The Country Club of Woodbridge. He was Captain of the Amity Golf team in 2009 as well. Spencer has also worked on a statewide political campaign and interned for the Mayor of Ansonia. If elected to the ZBA, Spencer would hit the ground running.



He is already well-versed in Woodbridge Zoning Regulations and he understands the importance of working as a team on ZBA. Spencer will provide a fresh perspective to the Board. "I am honored to be chosen as a candidate for the Woodbridge Zoning Board of Appeals. I am running for the ZBA because I am worried

about the future of Woodbridge. Woodbridge residents will be faced with tough decisions that will impact our community for years to come. We need leaders that will work with the entire community, regardless of political affiliation. With your support I will bring a much needed jolt of energy to Woodbridge."

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WCC Ad Hoc Committee Chair Sets the Record Straight

My name is Carolyn Wolff and I was the Chairman of the Country Club of Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee. The public recently received a letter from Cathy Wick about the issues surrounding the CCW and I am writing you to set the record straight on several of those issues. When the CCW was originally purchased it was purchased for the sole purpose of controlling its development. IT WAS NOT PURCHASED FOR OPEN SPACE! Somehow this fact has been forgotten. It is true that the CCW has been a drain on town finances which is why it is such an important issue for our town to resolve. Wick has made the CCW a political issue and is manipulating facts, numbers and statements about the CCW to support her campaign. Last year, First Selectman Ellen Scalattar renegotiated the contract with Billy Casper which lessened the town's liability and in 2014 the town received a small amount of money back from the golf operations. This is excluding the debt service on the property, infrastructure costs and other expenses. Hopefully, this positive trend will continue as the town decides what to do with the country club.

Ellen solicited town input at the community conversations about the future of the CCW and took the ideas from these meetings to help craft a request for proposal and sent it out to the private sector. A volunteer ad hoc committee was put together to review possible proposals and eventually present a report to the Board of Selectmen. We received two proposals, Toll Brothers and Rose/Watermark. Rose/Watermark subsequently backed out. Wick has repeatedly criticized this process which had more community involvement than is standard practice. Wick's most recent idea to put a hotel and convention center at the CCW makes no sense. We did not receive a proposal from a developer interested in building a hotel. How does Wick know more than the private sector? I really believe Wick will say and do anything to get elected. For example, a FOI (Freedom of Information) complaint was filed against me along with the other ad hoc committee members and the town as a whole. In the complaint, I was accused of violating Freedom of Information laws and the complaint asked for monetary damages. At every Board of Selectmen meeting I attended to report on the ad hoc committee's progress, Wick was there taking notes and looking for mistakes. A few months later, the complaint was dropped because they knew it was frivolous and there had been no wrong doing.

Based on her false and misleading statements and criticism of everything related to the CCW, the public should be questioning everything Wick has put in print. Her statements about zoning issues were scare tactics and

political spin. This is dirty politics and Wick needs to be exposed. Other communities across the state have over 55 housing and have not experienced the zoning issues that Wick describes. Wick's previous dogmatic stance on preserving open space at the CCW does not bode well with her hotel idea which also would involve zoning changes. Wick realized doing nothing with the CCW would cost her votes so now she has moved onto the hotel talk. Check out the facts for yourself and go on the town website and read the Toll Brothers Proposal and the ad hoc committee's report. Their proposal is fiscally strong, could pay down the town's debt, creates revenue for the long term, preserves open space and addresses the town's interest in housing for active adults (55+). Wick doesn't want the public to read the proposal because you might start questioning why she's been so negative about it. Unlike Wick, Ellen Scalattar brings integrity, honesty, experience and a background that has prepared her for the complicated job as First Selectman. Ellen Scalattar is the right person for Woodbridge.

Carolyn Wolff

Celebrate, Don't Denigrate, Our Town's Volunteers

I am shocked at Republican candidate Cathy Wick's recent comments criticizing yet another volunteer member of our Town's boards and commissions. Her recent comments regarding the Chairman of the Human Services Commission betray either a wholesale lack of understanding about the role of this commission – the chairman neither hires nor supervises part-time Town employees – or they indicate that despite that understanding she's willing to mislead.

Beyond false accusations of nepotism, Wick is wrong about simple facts like names and titles – things that could easily have been checked for accuracy. This makes me wonder how many other Wick campaign assertions are similarly sloppy in their sourcing.

Mary Lee Barker, Chairman of the Human Services Commission, has volunteered countless hours for many years to the work of that department, the PTO at Beecher Road School, the middle school, and the high school, as well as to the Friends of the Woodbridge Library. That Wick seems consistently and repeatedly willing to vilify the community service of volunteers is beyond me, yet consistent with her months-long, desperate effort to condemn every aspect of the Town's current administration.

I am confident that voters will respond to these divisive campaign statements accordingly on Election Day, Monday, May 4th, by re-electing the Democratic team of First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

Mary Leigh Sabshin, Member Human Services Commission

Wick has a Clear Vision of Protecting Open Space

On Monday, May 4th, Woodbridge voters will have the responsibility of making a choice for the future of our Town. Local elections don't always get the most attention. However, the leadership provided by our elected local officials has a great impact on our lives, our community, and the quality of life we enjoy in Woodbridge. This is one reason I am honored to be seeking election to the Woodbridge Board of Education. I am also proud of my fellow running mates who also want to make Woodbridge a better place for all its residents. All of these individuals are exemplary candidates for the positions they seek.

Cathy Wick heads the Republican ticket. She has a clear vision that includes protecting open space and safeguarding zoning regulations. She supports the implementation of fiscal discipline on Town spending. She has pledged to create a Town government that is both inclusionary and transparent. She welcomes open, honest discussion about the matters that face Woodbridge and is willing to research and explore a wide variety of solutions to pending issues.

Maria Kayne has joined incumbents Tony Anastasio and Joe Dey on the Board of Selectmen slate. Tony and Joe have worked tirelessly for Woodbridge residents over the past two years. They do the work that needs to be done to make the most informed decisions that impact all of us. Maria continues to actively work to protect open space while preserving the quality and character of our Town.

The Republican slate of candidates includes individuals who are devoted to the Town of Woodbridge. Eight of the thirteen candidates are "homegrown". The remaining five have chosen Woodbridge as their hometown, the place to raise their families. We are dedicated and enthusiastic about making our Town a wonderful place to live.

Woodbridge is a unique and special community. Woodbridge needs unique and special community leaders. Please join me on Monday, May 4th, in voting for a team that is committed to working "For Woodbridge...for a change!"

Lynn A. Piascyk, Candidate for the Woodbridge Board of Education

Ellen has the Skill & Experience Woodbridge Needs

As a former Financial Professional and Actuary with 34 years of experience, I wish to express my wholehearted support for First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and her team. Ellen has the skills and experience in government that Woodbridge needs.

With all due respect to Republican candidate Cathy Wick's positions on financial issues, I believe they are

wrong for Woodbridge. The town's fund balance remains quite adequate and her approach to needlessly increase it would result in unnecessary tax hikes for Woodbridge voters. Her approach to early retirement for town employees would not produce significant savings, since salary ranges are much smaller in the town than in the school system, raising concern about what town services she would cut to meet her campaign pledges. Her position opposing over 55 housing at the Country Club of Woodbridge while being open to a university - likely not-for-profit and exempt from property tax - would not provide the revenues we need and would be worse in terms of traffic and drain on town resources.

I believe Ellen's opponent lacks the experience and judgment that are so important in leading our Town.

This election is important for Woodbridge. The choice is clear. We need to re-elect Ellen Scalettar and her Team.

Pennell Hamilton

Parents are Fortunate to Have a Leader like Ellen

I'm writing in support Ellen Scalettar's re-election as First Selectman of Woodbridge. As a parent of 2 elementary school children and as a school board member, I appreciate her strong leadership in getting the Beecher Road School's renovation project underway after years of delay. Ellen's overall commitment to education comes through loud and clear with the approval of a responsible, fiscally-sound school budget. Woodbridge parents and taxpayers alike are fortunate to have a leader like Ellen!

Emily Melnick

Massaro Farm Presidents Clarify Grotheer Letter

As the Presidents of Massaro Community Farm, Inc. (MCF) and Massaro Farm CSA, Inc. (CSA), we are responding to a letter from Laurence Grotheer (author), as published in the April 3, 2015 edition of the Woodbridge Town News. While we appreciate the kind comments that were made regarding Massaro Farm, the letter had several factual inaccuracies that we wish to rectify.

It should be understood that the two corporations, MCF and CSA, are separate and distinct entities, each with independent boards of directors, and each involved with different aspects of Massaro Farm. MCF is the not-for-profit, tax-exempt entity that is engaged in food donations, education and farm preservation. CSA, also not-for-profit but not tax-exempt, manages the farming operations and the subscriber-based community supported agriculture program.

The author states that MCF runs a subscriber based operation that is tax

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exempt. As noted above, it is the CSA that is the subscriber based operation and is, in fact, subject to corporate income tax.

The author goes on to say that the MCF annual newsletter is distributed and mailed at subscriber and taxpayer expense. In fact, all mailings are funded solely by private donations to MCF.

The author claims that MCF Annual Meeting attendees were not given a chance to ask questions. Quite to the contrary, there was a great deal of open dialogue throughout the meeting, and many questions were raised and responded to. In addition, MCF and CSA staff and board members were available after the meeting for informal conversation.

The author asserts that a variance between the MCF budget for 2014 and actual financial results for the year were "glossed over" at the Annual Meeting. In fact, it was clearly explained that the variance was a result of the fact that MCF is unable to budget for government grants at the beginning of the year, as it is not assured that it will receive them. Thus, when MCF does obtain funding, which we were fortunate to do last year, it has actual income from the grants and actual expenses for the use of the grants that vary from the budget. Not only was this made clear during the meeting, our Executive Director specifically offered to provide additional information should it be of interest to anyone. The MCF Treasurer was also in attendance and available for questions.

Massaro Community Farm would like to emphasize that MCF and CSA are, and always have been, non-partisan with regard to Town politics. We do not support or oppose any political party or candidates.

Massaro Community Farm, Inc. and Massaro Farm CSA, Inc. greatly appreciate the support of our community and we are proud of all we have accomplished together. We welcome any questions about our organizations. Those with interest may contact our Farm Manager, Steve Munno, our MCF Executive Director, Caty Poole, or any one of our board members. Please visit us at MassaroFarm.org or call us at (203) 736-8618.

*David W. Schneider, President,
Massaro Community Farm, Inc.*

*Suzanne K. Werth, President,
Massaro Farm, CSA, Inc.*

Former First Selectman Marrella - Dismayed at Grotheer's Letter

I was dismayed to read Laurence Grotheer's letter concerning Massaro Community Farm ("MCF") in the April 3 edition of the Woodbridge Town News. I wasn't worried about the misleading insinuations – as a member of MCF's Board of Directors, I know them to be untrue. Rather, I was dismayed to see that Mr. Grotheer has once again

brought nasty, negative campaigning into our town.

While negative campaigning may work at the state level, where Mr. Grotheer practiced political communications for years, it is my sincere hope that Woodbridge voters will reject such tactics. As a town of fewer than 10,000 people, we can still hope to share a sense of community. We all make Woodbridge our home, and we should treat each other with courtesy and respect as neighbors.

On May 4th, I hope Woodbridge voters will decline to support Selectman Grotheer's bid for re-election and instead vote for Maria Kayne to join the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen. Maria is unaffiliated and will be a dedicated representative of every resident in town. Instead of focusing on the interests of a political party, she will do her homework on every issue, listen to constituents, and vote for what is best for the town as a whole.

*Ameiy Marrella (First Selectman of
Woodbridge, 2001-2006)*

Scalettar – Proud to Run as a Democrat

With the astonishing emergence of Nan Birdwhistell (first Democrat and first woman elected to the First Selectman's office in Woodbridge) there's been a long string of successful Democratic administrations, with the exception of one shortened Republican term -- all of that having followed Republican Russ Stoddard's reign for a generation.

What confounds me (as an unaffiliated voter in Woodbridge for 45 years who votes Democratic) is why the current challenger for First Select(woman) does not tell the public that she's Republican. Only in fine print in media advertising, do the words "Republican Committee" reveal her party.

Ellen Scalettar, incumbent, tells it like it is in bold type, she's running as a Democrat. Is the Wick political camp's strategy to pull in the unaffiliated vote because it appears she's not a Republican? (Evidently, she was once a Democrat, then unaffiliated, and now -- what? Weird.) Cathy, tell us who you are, and if you're running "For a Change"? (can't you get more creative than that old hat phrase?) -- and what change? Tackling the Rainy Day Fund issue and the Toll Brothers Country Club prospect are both negative attacks on Scalettar. Again: negative campaigns get you nowhere except to appear cranky, in spite of the positive talents you apparently have as a person.

Ellen's long track record both as a legislator and First Selectwoman has been outstanding. She's smart, interactive with the community, and accessible. She's also done one hell of a job filling the late Ed Sheehy's shoes, a term's worth of work by itself.

In closing, "Balancing a Budget" today, whether it's Woodbridge, Washington or a household budget, takes some magic. If anyone can pull a rabbit

out of a hat, it's Ellen Scalettar.

Russ Madison

Accusations of Nepotism Unfounded

I am dismayed by Cathy Wick's recent campaign statement accusing Mary Lee Barker, a long-time volunteer on our town's Human Services Commission, and Jeanette Glicksman, Youth Services Program Coordinator, of nepotism and being "each other's bosses". Nepotism, the practice of favoring relatives or friends, especially through employment, does not apply here. Ms. Barker and Ms. Glicksman are not related in any way. Ms. Barker is not Ms. Glicksman's boss. Our volunteer Town Commission members do not supervise town employees. Ms. Glicksman is an employee of the town agency to which Ms. Barker donates her time. Ms. Wick's careless jumble of facts shows a lack of understanding of the role of our town commissions.

This is a small town. Of course volunteer members of our commissions and the employees in our town departments know each other and, one would hope, do form friendships.

This much is true: Ms. Barker has volunteered for the Human Services commission for fifteen years and been Chair for six years. Think of attending senior crafts fairs, of chaperoning youth events, of late night meetings about transportation for our elderly and fuel assistance for our needy, all unpaid work. This is true as well: Mary Lee Barker has a small, part time position in the registrar's office where Ms. Glicksman is also employed.

True again: Mary Lee Barker has cheerfully donated thousands of hours to our town. In addition to Human Services, Ms. Barker held leadership positions in the PTO at Beecher Road School and Amity Middle and Senior High Schools. Further, Ms. Barker, a member of the Friends of the Library for more than ten years, served as its President for many years and managed the Friends Bookstore, an enterprise that turns its proceeds over to our town library.

For Ms. Wick to publicly challenge Ms. Barker's ethics, when neither a family nor an employer-employee relationship exists between Ms. Barker and Ms. Glicksman, is wrong. Volunteers should be celebrated, not used as fodder in a political campaign.

Ms. Wick has violated the privacy of a dedicated volunteer to our town, but Mary Lee Barker's reputation is sterling.

Donna Lehman

Town of Woodbridge is at a Cross-Road

As elections approach, Woodbridge is at a cross-road. We can either continue with minimal oversight of Town departments which has repeatedly led to financial burdens and reversals of official positions (think Fire Department,

Woodbridge Country Club) or we can make substantive changes in how our town government is run.

Cathy Wick, a non-partisan unaffiliated candidate, offers Woodbridge voters a clear choice:

Cathy will ensure that Town proceedings are open and transparent and respect the will of all residents.

She will be truthful about and address the Town's budget problems; she will ensure that the Town budget is realistic and within our means.

She will seek consensus on all major issues and will respect voters' clear objection to development of the Country Club, as evidenced by our having twice rejected the proposal to sell the property to developers. We voted to buy the property because we were against developing the property, and sentiments don't seem to have changed.

The reserve fund balance decreased both years that Ellen Scalettar has been in office and is now below the level of savings that towns like Woodbridge should have. The Town hired a consulting firm that also has Toll Brothers as a client—a blatant conflict of interest when the firm was also making recommendations about the Town's planning and conservation of property. Is it any wonder that the only recommendation is to sell a portion of the Country Club for housing development?

Woodbridge needs leaders who will actively pursue the responsibilities of their office rather than seeking to keep tough decisions at arm's length through postponement or forming ad hoc committees when none are needed. I am not running for office nor pursuing an appointment to a Town commission. I just care about our town's future. I'm voting for Cathy on May 4th. I urge you to do the same.

Lauretta E. Grau

Longtime Finance Chairman Urges Voters to Support Scalettar

As Chair of the Woodbridge Board of Finance under both Republican and Democratic administrations, and as a Woodbridge resident and unaffiliated voter, I am frankly appalled by Cathy Wick's self-proclaimed budget expertise and cavalier attacks on our budget, our budgeting practices and our First Selectman, Ellen Scalettar.

With all due respect to Ms. Wick's recent "Certificate in Public Administration," she has neither the knowledge, expertise, experience nor temperament to run our Town.

First, I want to assure all Woodbridge voters that our fund balance is strong and that we use it exactly as it was intended—to help taxpayers by providing a cushion for unexpected or temporary/one-time expenses to avoid unnecessary tax hikes. For example, a few years ago the Board of Selectmen determined that there were sufficient funds in the Fund Balance to use it for

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the purchase of open space and thereby avoid the costs of borrowing and corresponding tax increases. This year, we may use fund balance to cover some of our extraordinary winter storm costs.

Ms. Wick claims that we have too much debt. By what standard, I wonder. I would agree that we are unnecessarily carrying debt at the CCW, but Ms. Wick has been among the most vehement opponents of any development there. She has been especially vocal in opposing housing for those over 55, despite the desire for such housing among Woodbridge residents and the financial benefits it would bring to the Town. In an odd change of position, Ms. Wick recently indicated her openness to a university (likely a non-profit providing no tax benefits to the Town) or a hotel and convention center on the site, which would require a zoning change from residential to commercial.

In contrast, Ellen Scalettar has been steadfast since the day she was sworn in as First Selectman in her commitment to finding a fiscally sound plan for the CCW for town residents to consider. She has followed through on that by renegotiating the contract to shift the risk of loss from the Town to the golf operator, by the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the property, and by her plan to have Town residents fully vet the resulting proposal for over-55 housing that would more than pay off the entire outstanding debt on the property.

Our Town finances are in fine shape and in the best of hands. We have one of—if not the best—Finance Director in the state. We are one of just 16 out of 169 Connecticut towns to receive both the Audit and Budget Awards from the national Government Finance Officers Association. We maintain a Aaa bond rating. Our Board of Finance members bring real expertise in business, accounting and law to their task. And our First Selectman, Ellen Scalettar, brings extensive policy and budget experience.

Despite the worst recession in recent memory, we have kept up our investments in our award-winning schools, maintained our buildings and roads, and tightly controlled taxes.

Ellen Scalettar's leadership has kept us on this path. I urge all Woodbridge voters to vote for Ellen Scalettar and her Team on Monday, May 4th.

Matthew T. Giglietti

Change in Leadership & Direction Needed

Because I believe Woodbridge needs a change in leadership and direction, I write in support of Cathy Wick for First Selectman.

Under Ellen Scalettar, we continue to over spend, grow our budget and deplete our savings; our debt burden is dangerously high; real property taxes continue to increase and are the highest per capita in New Haven County; our home values are not rebounding at the pace of other area towns; the Toll

Brothers proposal for the Country Club of Woodbridge includes a zoning change to allow for condos and cluster homes, threatening the character of Woodbridge; and we have come to be governed by a select few insiders in a partisan fashion. Is this what we want for Woodbridge? I don't know why we would.

Rather, Cathy Wick stands for: Budget and spending control as a predicate for tax reduction; preservation of our natural open space and the unique character of Woodbridge; no zoning changes that would adversely affect residential neighborhoods; bi-partisan representation on boards and commissions and an anti-nepotism policy to broaden the scope of those who have decision making power; and an open government that respects the will of town residents. Wouldn't Woodbridge be served better by this approach?

Election Day is May 4. I will be voting for Cathy Wick and I urge you to do the same.

Kathryn Bishop Gartland, Former Chair Conservation Commission

Impending Problem Must Be Solved Soon

I write to you regarding an impending problem that must be solved soon and, if it is not, could have devastating influences on the quality of life that we enjoy in Woodbridge.

The problem consists of the potential sale of half of the Woodbridge Country Club land to developers who intend to build 170 homes there. There has been a rancorous fight among our townsmen and local politicians regarding this affair over the past year, but I would like to give you my own outlook on this matter. (Full disclosure - I live near the golf course and am not a politician- I am a registered independent.)

To get straight to the point - if this plan goes through, it will add not just 170 homes to Woodbridge - it will be more like 800 or 1,000! How? If our zoning regulations are changed and the golf course is divided up with homes and a nine hole golf course, the 9-hole course will almost assuredly fail or become a money pit, thus assuring a further sale to the Toll brothers. Oak Lane (privately owned and financially challenged) could sell out next as could other large parcels in our town such as farms and other town land. Theoretically, this would be over 55 housing, but demand for that has stalled and it's easy to imagine a lawsuit overturning this kind of regulation (imagine a homeowner/taxpayer being told their daughter and her kids could not live with them).

The only reason put forward for this monstrosity of a plan is that the town needs the \$6 million or so to cover our budget woes and generate more tax revenue. First of all, I would like to know of any community where taxes have gone down as population increases - look around at our neighbors or the

state in general - and why haven't the present politicians in charge been able to do a better job financially? When was the last time our taxes went down? In the 18 years I have lived in Woodbridge they never have and 2% to 3% per year is huge over 10-15 years.

The most reasonable solution to solve this problem is to vacate the political party which has led us to this precipice. Their idea of selling off town land to cover bad financial planning and performance is not just bad, it could be fatal to the kind of advantages we in Woodbridge enjoy over our neighbors. This land is an incredibly valuable asset in terms of recreational use, open space, environmentally secure wildlife habitat, or future expansion for schools or athletics. Our present leaders have proven themselves to be devoid of honesty or creativity regarding this important resource - before they go ahead and change our zoning laws and allow the beauty of our town to be plundered, I urge you to act decisively on election day and give Cathy Wick a chance to reform our finances and keep Woodbridge the green gem it has always been.

Jeffrey T. Gee

Scalettar Administration - Intelligent, Honest & Hard Working

A short time ago, I read an email complaining about current matters in the Town of Woodbridge. Concerns were raised that made so little sense to me, a 23 year resident of the town and an engaged citizen, that I am prompted to write this note. I know firsthand that Ellen Scalettar and her administration are a hard working, honest and intelligent group that have demonstrated utmost integrity in leading our town.

In one salient case, the future of the Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW) issue, Ellen has been most creative and deeply fair. She created an ad hoc CCW Committee, of which I was a member, and scheduled community conversations to ask the townspeople to express their views on the property. Every person was afforded ample opportunity to air their ideas, preferences, concerns and even daydreams about what they wish to do with the country club space. Hundreds turned out on separate evenings and voiced preferences for things like:

- Solving the financial burden to the town;
- Preserving open space with walking trails;
- Having a 9 or 18 hole golf course; and
- Offering housing that is tasteful, low-rise and affordable for those over-55 years of age.

Other thoughts emerged, including lovely ideas about parks, gathering places with ice cream and coffee, ice rinks etc.

Based on the public input, the Town

issued a Request for Proposals from the private sector. Our ad hoc committee heard and reviewed those proposals-at first in private, to avoid the two bidders knowing what the other was offering and thus keep the town in the strongest possible position. As soon as one of the bidders withdrew its proposal, the remaining proposal was made public. Now both proposals, along with the report of our Committee recommending that the Board of Selectmen seriously consider the Toll Brothers offer, are on the Town website. The Board of Selectmen will continue to consult with townsmen before taking any action.

I am frankly confounded by the allegations that something unfair has transpired. I cannot understand that line of thinking, and I know Ellen Scalettar welcomes everyone's questions about these -- and any -- matters of concern.

Please do avail yourself of her openness, and that of our other elected officials when you have a concern or even hear of someone else having one. There need not be any spread of misinformation; we are far too small a community to manage with confusion, and we are lucky in having open leadership who can readily dispel one's concerns.

Deborah Fried

42 Year Town Resident Delighted with Housing Proposal

I have lived in Woodbridge for 42 years, have always loved the town, and want to continue to live here as long as possible. I am delighted that there is a proposal to build age-restricted housing in a bucolic area of the town, and I am alarmed that Cathy Wick, the Republican candidate for first selectman, opposes this project and has even suggested that those who seek housing designed for older people should move to another town to find it. I am deeply offended by this; moreover, I don't understand it.

Building housing in a portion of the Country Club of Woodbridge is not only a responsive move by the town to the needs of its almost-elderly...it is also eminently practical. Estimates show that taxes on such housing would generate two million dollars per year for the town, a clear benefit for our finances. If the Republicans are truly concerned about the town budget and eager to embrace "hard choices" to balance it, why oppose such a positive fiscal opportunity?

I realize that the proposal for housing for 55 and older must be voted on by the town, and the shape and size of the development will be debated and undoubtedly altered. But one candidate for first selectman of Woodbridge offers it as a possibility and the other rejects it entirely. Please vote on May 4 for Ellen Scalettar, who empathizes with and supports our long-time residents.

Ruth Sachs

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We Need a Change at Town Hall

I am a lifelong resident of Merritt Avenue – in the Woodbridge “Flats”. We need change at Town Hall. Ed Sheehy was an Ace and a humble man. He listened to our simple concerns and had our backs. I cannot say the same about Ellen Scalett and the way she conducts business. Within the last year or so, I had a simple problem with a neighbor landlord. I went to Town Hall along with some neighbors who had similar problems. We had a meeting with Ms. Scalett. While my neighbors and I shared our concerns, we all noticed that she was looking at her watch - not interested it seemed to us.

Folks, we can no longer tolerate Town Hall's total disregard of the Flats; control of Woodbridge in the hands of a few families and friends; never ending Merritt Avenue bridge project; pools of runoff water in our yards; parking chaos resulting in no mail delivery; Landin Street traffic...and on and on. We need someone we can talk to who cares and wants to listen.

The first time I met Cathy Wick she came into my yard and we talked. I had never met her before but she took the time to come to my house and ask for my vote. We had a long conversation. I believe in Cathy and her team and their concern for the Flats. They will get my vote on May 4.

Help me fight for change on May 4 with a vote for Cathy Wick and her team.

Martin Esparo

Campaigns Provide Insight to What Residents Can Expect

On Monday voters will affix a ‘brand’ to Woodbridge and make a decision about how the town’s leadership will be perceived and received for the next two years. The two campaigns provide keen insight into what residents can expect in this regard.

Team Scalett continues to promote a town in a preferred position with rock-solid finances, first-rate public schools, efficient operations, prudent infrastructure upgrades, and innovative energy initiatives. First Selectman Ellen Scalett, an attorney by profession, has been a dedicated public servant in elected office and high-level staff positions for over 20 years. Her campaign consistently reflects the success of her first term and a truthful, upbeat outlook for our town.

In stark contrast, the loud, harsh tenor of Wick’s campaign has only been consistent in its incessant, doomsday portrayal of Woodbridge. Ads and mailings repeatedly denigrate employees and volunteers alike, its deceit and refusal to rescind deception is disrespectful of voters, and its many policy reversals betray inexperience, indecision, and/or a deliberate willingness to mislead.

Here’s just one example: Wick

condescendingly condemns prudent use of the town’s fund balance to provide tax relief, yet two-thirds of Wick’s running mates support this longstanding practice. Wick provides no remedy for her \$400,000 opinion. Meanwhile the town continues to earn the highest possible (AAA) bond rating from both Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s, underscoring the judgment of these prestigious firms about blue-ribbon fund balance reserves, cash flow practices, and debt management.

On Monday voters will decide whose ‘brand’ will represent them dealing with residents, neighboring towns, business and financial leaders, and high-level state officials. They’ll choose between the manner of a quiet, capable, respectful candidate who is exceptionally qualified for the job with decades of related experience and a legacy of success, and Wick.

We know which Wick wants. Voters are advised to choose otherwise.

Laurence Grotheer

Town Needs to be a “No Spin Zone”

Does the practice of “politics” excuse dishonesty? Toeing the party line should never justify shading the truth, but it does in Woodbridge:

The Democratic head of Town Plan and Zoning writes that Republican candidate Spencer Rubin “did not read the draft Plan of Conservation and Development” when Rubin complained that it promotes dense housing at the Woodbridge Country Club (and in other neighborhoods with open land). Yet the Plan calls for the town to “Pursue development proposals...which may include higher density housing”.

Of the Country Club, Ellen Scalett says, “it was the intention of the Board of Selectmen at that time in recommending the purchase that the property be developed...” Not true. Ed Sheehy wrote to voters, “I would like to set the record straight. The Board of Selectmen recognized the importance of maintaining the property as open space. It would be irresponsible for the board to allow the property to fall into the hands” of a developer.

Scalett also says that only development will cure the Country Club’s financial mess. But she didn’t disclose that experts advised her and Town Counsel Gerry Weiner that it could be sold, protected with easements, and restored to the tax rolls (at \$175,000 per year) — and even enhanced with privately developed recreational facilities. Why hide options?

Selectman Laurence Grotheer writes that the parking lot planned for Massaro Farm “is inconsistent” with the farm’s purpose. I agree. But since the town’s conservation gatekeeper — Conservation chairman Jason Morrill, appointed by Grotheer and Scalett — endorsed the plan, who is to blame?

Spinning the truth only grows more abuse. When over one-hundred residents lawfully petitioned for a Board

of Selectmen hearing on the draft Plan of Development, Gerry Weiner denied it. Denial of our right to petition — the most fundamental of Constitutional rights — is the sign of autocratic government. We should never accept smiling deceit as the status quo. Elect Cathy Wick, Joe Dey, Tony Anastasio and Maria Kayne for honest government.

Jim Urbano

Candidate Responds to King Letter

It’s election season in Woodbridge, and the unmistakable increase in Letters to the Editor is a consequence. Some letters have bothered me because they are full of half-truths, facts twisted to promote a political campaign. One especially hit me the wrong way.

David S. King writes that “residents of Woodbridge can be confident that our town administration manages our income and expenses carefully.” Really? Is that why, in February, Finance Director Anthony Genovese, who garners great respect town-wide, said that the town has maxed out its bonding debt? In effect, if our town borrows more, our AAA Bond rating, of which Mr. King speaks so highly, will be downgraded, resulting in higher interest rates for years to come. Our reserve fund has been drawn down in six of the last nine years. Doesn’t that indicate the town is spending beyond its means? Why, I ask, does Mr. King think that a 1.96% tax increase is “modest” when Woodbridge taxes per capita are already the highest in all of New Haven County? At our tax levels, any increase is significant.

The most deceptive aspect of David King’s letter is that he identified himself as a Woodbridge resident and not as a member of the Woodbridge Board of Finance. He is an appointed decision-maker in the Scalett Administration. Is his letter self-serving? I say yes. Perhaps even worse, is he so surrounded with like-minded “yes” men that collectively, they are unable to recognize the town’s fiscal problems?

For years I was a registered Democrat. For the past few, I am registered unaffiliated. I am running for the Amity Board of Education with the Republicans. I believe fundamentally that we need change and I support Cathy Wick for First Selectman and the entire slate of Republican candidates.

Diane C. Urbano, Candidate for the Amity Board of Education

Lifelong Democrat Supports Wick

Despite being a lifelong Democrat, I will vote for Cathy Wick for Woodbridge first selectman.

Here’s why: For 20 years, I’ve watched the local Democrats from a front row seat; I’ve served for years as a Democrat on the Woodbridge Wetlands Agency and then on the Conservation Commission. From the start, I’ve seen how local Democratic leaders

make clear that allegiance to the Party is more important than the welfare of our town.

For instance, when Conservation Commission members had the temerity to diverge from the party line, the Democrats ejected them as soon as their terms expired. (I chose not to seek re-appointment.) Every highly experienced member of the commission is now gone.

Cathy Wick has used the past few years as a master’s student in public administration to assess how our town is run. She has good ideas for systematically evaluating how we spend our money. She understands that people in Woodbridge highly value open space, and she will protect it.

By the way, did you know that town finances are so precarious that the current administration plans to sell the town-owned open space on Round Hill? It’s one of the most beautiful views-capes in all of Woodbridge.

Cathy Wick listens. For instance, she knows that most town residents don’t want a Toll Brothers condo complex on the golf course. If she were first selectman, you wouldn’t hear the bell Toll a second time; she respects the voters who roundly rejected the original—more modest—proposal by the Pennsylvania-based corporation.

Cathy understands that a zoning exception for the Toll Brothers will jeopardize our entire system of zoning. Cathy would find a more creative way to use the Country Club land, a plan in keeping with what we in Woodbridge value.

Finally, I admire Cathy for her ability to express her views boldly but without animus. She conveys respect for all who, in good faith, contribute to our town.

I hope you will seriously consider joining me in voting for Cathy Wick.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Shufro

Former First Selectman Harrison Comments on Open Space

As the former First Selectman of Woodbridge, my administration bought more open space than any other Woodbridge administration. I was honored to advocate for those purchases, including the magnificent Elderslie property on Peck Hill Road.

After reading a recent letter from Chris Dickerson, I found his comments misleading and polarizing. Woodbridge is not Washington. Respectful and straightforward discourse should be our standard. The right to object is welcomed. The right to overstate is not constructive.

The essence of Chris’ letter was to criticize our First Selectman – Ellen Scalett – for proposing to sell land that is part of the Country Club of Woodbridge. Ellen is evaluating options to sell only a portion of the land used

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for golf, only a portion. Part of the proposal includes preserving town ownership of major sections of that property and building walking trails for the public. Part of the proposal also includes using land for age restricted senior homes and maintaining a nine-hole golf course.

No decision has been made. In fact, Ellen has clearly stated that any proposal for the use of that property will face a town wide referendum. The May 4th election will not prevent such a referendum because a significant number of residents think using that land for senior housing is wise and fiscally responsible. It will eliminate the debt the town incurred to buy that property. It will provide a place to live for seniors

after they become empty nesters. Given the isolated location of that land, it will not destroy the "long-standing character of Woodbridge."

We owe our seniors, who have lived in Woodbridge for years, a good option to stay in Woodbridge. We owe our taxpayers, tax relief. We ought not fear change when change is proportional and prudent.

In past years, open space gained broad support that crossed party lines. All too recently, open space has become very partisan with grossly exaggerated claims that approach scare tactics. Woodbridge residents deserve better.

Roger M. Harrison, Former First Selectman, Town of Woodbridge

Correction

In the April 1, 2015 issue of the Woodbridge Town News, a candidate profile on First Selectman Ellen Scalettar made reference to the stand-off between the Inland-Wetland Commission and the Fire Association regarding the lack of permits for improvements near the

firehouse. The article mistakenly stated the Conservation Commission was involved in the issue.

In a parallel profile on Cathy Wick the name of Human Services Commission Chairman Mary Lee Barker was misspelled.

We regret the errors.

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STATE DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE SCALETTAR'S RE-ELECTION BID

US Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy were among the celebrants at a Democratic get-together in support of First Selectman Ellen Scalettar's campaign for re-election. They were joined by state Comptroller Kevin Lembo, and state Sen. Joe Crisco, who mingled with local Democrats at a private home in Woodbridge in early April. "She is in it for the right reasons" Blumenthal

said as he addressed the gathering, referring in particular to Scalettar's work on behalf of environment and open space. "And despite tremendous threats, she stood up for her integrity," he added. United States Senators Chris Murphy and Dick Blumenthal, Town Attorney Gerry Weiner, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and State Comptroller Kevin Lembo were among the celebrants.



WOODBIDGE RESIDENTS TURN OUT FOR WICK TEAM

Cathy Wick and her Team were overwhelmed by the turnout at An Evening "For Woodbridge". The dinner and auction event was held by the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee. Nearly 100 guests came to The Woodbridge Club on Milhaven Road to support Cathy Wick and her team. Featured speaker was Woodbridge Town historian Dr. Marvin Arons, who entertained the group with stories from our Town's colorful history. Town Committee chairman Donald Celotto said: "It was a wonderful evening,

bringing together old friends and new, in support of our shared vision. Woodbridge needs the fresh energy and fresh ideas that Cathy Wick and her team can provide to our Town."

The Woodbridge town election is Monday, May 4th 2015. For more information, go to www.woodbridgeGOP.org or find us on Facebook - Woodbridge RTC and Cathy Wick for Woodbridge. Pictured are: Cindy Gibbons, Lynn Piasyck, Maria Kayne, Tony Anastasio, Cathy Wick, Joe Dey, Edee Lockyer, Spencer Rubin, and Diane Urbano.



SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICE PARTY	1 First Selectman Vote for One	2 3 Selectmen Vote for Any Three	4	5 6 Board of Education Vote for Any Two	7 Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for One	8 9 Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for Any Two	10 11 Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Vote for Any Two	12 13 Regional Board of Education Vote for Any Two					
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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Furious 7 (PG-13)**
Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
- 2. Home (PG)**
animated
- 3. Get Hard (R)**
Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart
- 4. Cinderella (PG)**
Lily James, Cate Blanchett
- 5. Insurgent (PG-13)**
Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort
- 6. It Follows (R)**
Maika Monroe, Keir Gilchrist
- 7. Woman in Gold (PG-13)**
Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds
- 8. Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)**
Colin Firth, Taron Egerton
- 9. Do You Believe? (PG-13)**
Mira Sorvino, Sean Astin
- 10. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)**
Judi Dench, Maggie Smith

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Unbroken (PG-13)**
Jack O'Connell
- 2. The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13)**
Ian McKellen
- 3. Into the Woods (PG)**
Anna Kendrick
- 4. Annie (PG)**
Quvenzhané Wallis
- 5. Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence
- 6. Big Hero 6 (PG)**
animated
- 7. Top Five (R)**
Chris Rock
- 8. Horrible Bosses 2 (R)**
Jason Bateman
- 9. Foxcatcher (R)**
Steve Carell
- 10. St. Vincent (PG-13)**
Bill Murray

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars**
"Uptown Funk!"
- 2. Maroon 5**
"Sugar"
- 3. Ed Sheeran**
"Thinking Out Loud"
- 4. Ellie Goulding**
"Love Me Like You Do"
- 5. The Weeknd**
"Earned It (Fifty Shades of Grey)"
- 6. Fetty Wap**
"Trap Queen"
- 7. Taylor Swift**
"Style"
- 8. Rihanna & Kanye West & Paul McCartney**
"FourFiveSeconds"
- 9. Flo Rida feat. Sage The Gemini & Lookas**
"G.D.F.R."
- 10. Natalie La Rose feat. Jeremih**
"Somebody"



Action Bronson

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Sam Hunt**
"Take Your Time"
- 2. Zac Brown Band**
"Homegrown"
- 3. Little Big Town**
"Girl Crush"
- 4. Cole Swindell**
"Ain't Worth the Whiskey"
- 5. Chris Young**
"Lonely Eyes"
- 6. Lee Brice**
"Drinking Class"
- 7. Darius Rucker**
"Homegrown Honey"
- 8. Dierks Bentley**
"Say You Do"
- 9. Tyler Farr**
"Guy Walks Into a Bar"
- 10. A Thousand Horses**
"Smoke"



Paddington

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 27, 2015.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Paddington" (PG) -- Alone in London, wandering about with a big floppy hat and raincoat over his fuzzy fur, a talking bear fails to grab much attention, even though he's the incarnation of everything adorable. The bear is taken in by the Brown family, who name him Paddington after the station where they found him. Stern-but-loving dad (Hugh Bonneville) and

open-hearted mom (Sally Hawkins) give Paddington a temporary home while finding him permanent residence and avoiding a conniving taxidermist (Nicole Kidman). Those who have read the books -- or had the books read to them -- will be relieved to find that this actually is a decent, charming movie. It's not stupid, it has great visual style, tons of puns and a love for the character.

"The Wedding Ringer" (R) -- An awkward, sweaty, fidgety guy, Doug (Josh Gad), is about to marry way out of his league (Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting), but he's got no best man, and no groomsmen at all to match his bride's side. In comes Jimmy (Kevin Hart), who sells best-man services. For the right price, he'll be your best man, the life of the party, and make you look good. Hart and Gad are both real comedic talents, feeding into characters, each within their comfort zones -- but the chemistry isn't happening. You'll laugh, certainly, but this isn't the new must-see wedding-related guy comedy.

"The Gambler" (R) -- An English professor and hardcore gambler, Jim Bennett (Mark Wahlberg), is an expert at putting it all on the line. Jim is in trouble with Bank of Mom (Jessica Lange) after he runs up huge debts with the boss (Alvin Ing) of the local gambling den. Not getting the message, Jim takes a huge loan from the kind of guy you don't borrow money from (Michael K. Williams), and then wades deeper into the gambling underworld. As a remake of the James Caan original from the '70s, Wahlberg's turn just doesn't match up in style. He commits to his macho man on a mission, but what's the mission? There's not much substance in his self-destruction.

1. What were the last names of the British duo that had a hit with "A World Without Love"?
2. What year did "Love Is Here and Now You're Gone" hit No. 1 on the charts, and who released it?
3. Name the rock group whose fifth album was titled "Selling England by the Pound."
4. Who released "New York Groove" in 1975?
5. What is the American name of the song whose lyrics mostly consist of: "Wee-ooh wim-o-weh, wee-ooh wim-o-weh."



1. Asher and Waller ... aka Peter & Gordon. Asher's sister once dated Paul McCartney, who wrote a few of P&G's hits, such as "Nobody I Know."
2. The Supremes in 1967. They performed the song on the Andy Williams show, which launched the song up the charts in the next two weeks.
3. Genesis, in 1973.
4. British group Hello.
5. "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," released in 1961 by The Tokens. Alternately known as "Wimba Way," "Awimabaw," "Wimoweh" and "Mubbe," the song was originally written in Zulu. Numerous folk artists put their own spin on it over the years, including The Weavers and The Kingston Trio.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

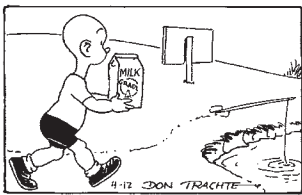
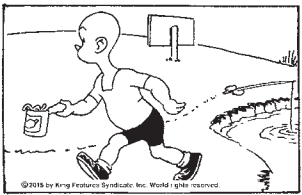
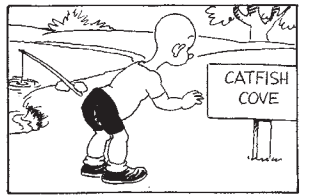
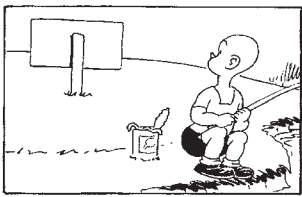
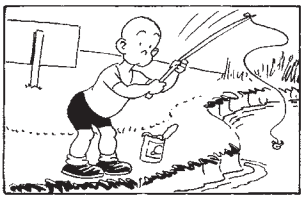
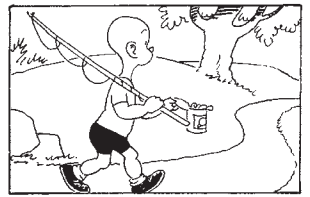
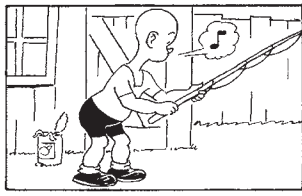
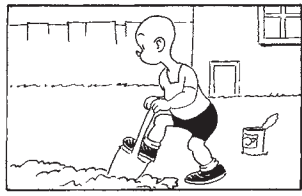
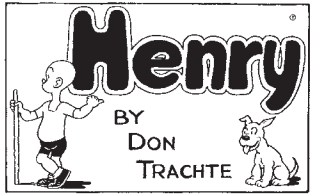
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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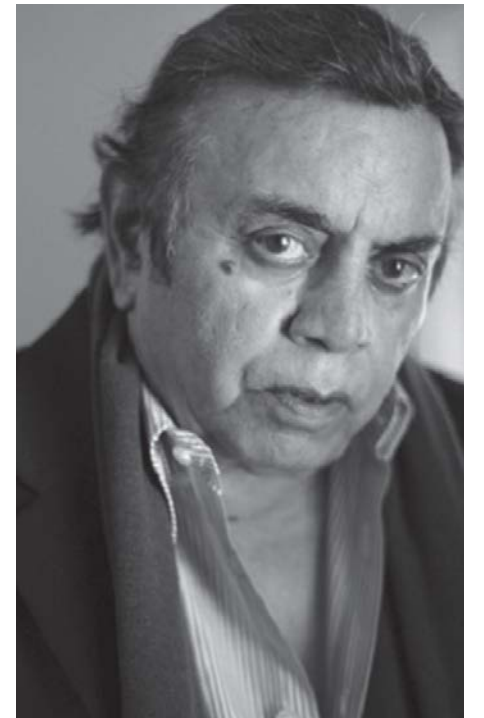
By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron will "Ease on Down the Road" on Dec. 3 with "The Wiz," their third NBC live holiday production following "The Sound of Music" and "Peter Pan." These guys like taking risks: They were criticized for using novice actress Carrie Underwood in "The Sound of Music Live," and Allison Williams, instead of a young boy, to play Peter Pan. Carrie Underwood's ratings were a lot higher than Williams'.

The 1975 stage production of "The Wiz" ran for four years on Broadway, winning seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The 1978 film boasted Diana Ross as Dorothy, Michael Jackson as the Scarecrow and Lena Horne as Glinda the Good Witch, and was directed by four-time Oscar nominee Sidney Lumet. Still, it cost \$24 million to produce and earned a disappointing \$21 million at the box office.

Ran into veteran Peabody Award-winning actor Shelly Desai as he was preparing to fly to New York for the premiere of his new film, "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2." The sequel to the 2009 movie was produced by Kevin James with Adam Sandler and Todd Garner, written with Nick Bakay, and stars "SNL" alum Molly Shannon, Neal McDonough and "Wizards of Waverly Place's" David Henrie.

You may remember the Bombay native from "Thelma and Louise," "Toys" with Robin Williams and "Here Comes the Boom" with Kevin James, Salma Hayek and Henry Winkler. After watching the rushes of "Boom," James called Shelly to say how funny he was. He must have thought of him when



Shelly Desai

he wrote the "Blart" sequel, because Shelly plays a mall cop alongside James. Desai also gets stopped on the street by people who recognize him from "Curb your Enthusiasm" and "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

What does it mean for a film if its stars or the picture win an Academy Award? Here's your Oscar report card: Eddie Redmayne's win for Best Actor drove his \$15 million "Theory of Everything" to \$119 million at the box office. Julianne Moore's nod as Best Actress in the \$5 million low-budget film "Still Alice" took in \$23.8 million. Patricia Arquette's Oscar for Supporting Actress drove "Boyhood" from \$4 million to \$44.5 million, while J.K. Simmons Best Supporting Actor win in the \$3.3 million "Whiplash" scored \$33 million. "Birdman's" win for Best Picture drove it from its \$16.5 million budget all the way up to \$99.5 million. Which only goes to prove that winning an Oscar turns more things into gold than James Bond's "Goldfinger"!

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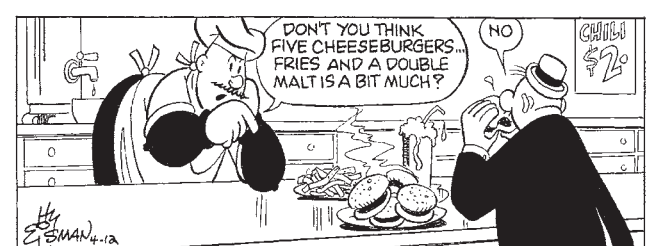
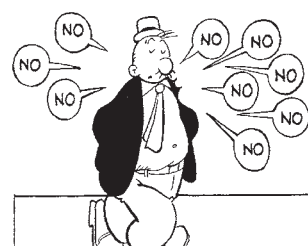
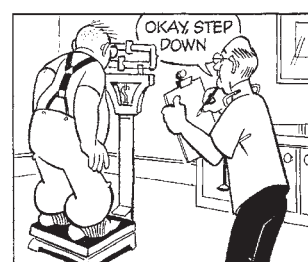
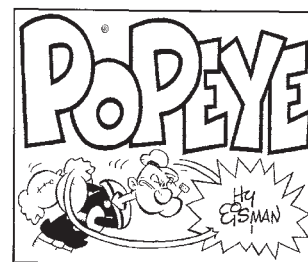
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- 44 Magnificence
- 45 Leading man?
- 46 Snitch
- 48 Young fellow
- 49 Playwright Levin
- 50 "Kidding!"
- 51 Ostrich's cousin

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When you think about healthy people, what comes to mind? Most people might respond a person who is not sick or does not have a disease and has healthy lifestyle habits, such as exercising, eating correctly, not overweight or not smoking or drinking. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. That's a good definition, but does it bring oral health to your mind?

Once mentioned, people would agree that oral health should be added to the description above. But generally, when we think about health, oral health is often forgotten as an integral link. Oral health does not get the recognition it deserves as a critical part of overall health. Extensive research has shown that oral health is very important to well-being. It can affect long-term physical health (such as heart disease) as well as the lifetime achievement of an individual. The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) (<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/>) research shows that in addition to physical health problems, a poor facial appearance and embarrassment about teeth can affect all aspects of a person's life, including being bullied,

dating, marriage, jobs, and social and community interactions.

CT views oral health as important! CT has many professional groups that have focused on oral health issues, ranging from access to funding for care and legislative action that has brought improvements to oral health policy, particularly in the area of children's oral health. CT provides dental coverage to all children who receive HUSKY. CT is one of 16 states that offer extensive oral health benefits to adults on Medicaid. CT has a strong, safe water fluoridation program which has been demonstrated to reduce tooth decay. (These statements are true as of 03/01/2015.)

But from time to time, legislative proposals or actions may threaten the gains to oral health that have been made in CT. This is currently happening in CT. When this happens, voices are needed to let legislators know that CT residents want to keep the gains that promote oral health for its residents. Your voice can help maintain access to care and services!

CT residents are also needed to help promote new legislation as it is developed. The many professional groups involved with oral health care issues will continue to work to put forth legislation that will impact access to care and

other issues related to oral health. For example, Medicare recipients receive no dental benefits and must pay out of pocket. That can mean many seniors on fixed incomes have to choose between oral health care and basic necessities. Your voice can help pass new legislation by reaching out on a national level.

Quinnipiac Valley Health District (QVHD) is building a coalition of citizens (Coalition of Oral Health Advocates-COHA) who recognize the importance of oral health as an integral part of overall health. Current access and services are often maintained or new legislation is brought to the table for consideration as a result of just a few interested and concerned residents speaking up and contacting their legislators. Your voice as a CT citizen has great power and can go a long way! It can greatly impact saving a service, creating a new service or whether a bill will even make it to be heard! Will you consider signing on as a QVHD oral health advocate? You will be helping to promote oral health for all CT residents that could lead to helping many achieve their full potential.

If you view oral health as an integral part of overall health, please consider becoming part of the QVHD COHA. All it requires from you is that you provide QVHD with your contact information.

Once QVHD has your contact information, we will then keep you updated about legislation and other oral health issues as they arise. QVHD will provide you with the facts about the issue/legislation or action that will impact oral health as well as the list of legislators for your district and/or state, depending on if it is local or national. Please note: You will be the one to choose what you want to support based on the information QVHD will provide to you. Your decision to take action will be known only to you. You will not have to report to us what you chose to support, although we would like to know when you do chose to support a specific issue/legislation. There are many methods that can be used to support oral health initiatives. You can call, write, or email your legislators. You might also be invited to sign on to a letter/testimony that QVHD develops.

To become part of the QVHD COHA or to receive information on oral health, please contact Debbie Culligan, Quinnipiac Valley Health District by phone (203) 248-4528 or by email, dculligan@qvhd.org. Once you are part of the QVHD COHA, you will receive information on how to advocate for change.

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TWO WOODBRIDGE STUDENTS WIN MUSICAL AWARDS

Piano students from across the state recently participated in the 38th annual Renée B. Fisher Competition for Young Pianists at Neighborhood Music School. The 2015 Fisher Competition marks a 38-year tradition of nurturing young pianists who live or study in Connecticut. The competition aims to nurture the growth and development of young pianists and reward them for outstanding achievement in the fields of classical and contemporary music. Neighborhood Music School proudly accepted management of the competition in 2003. Milton B. Fisher of Westport founded The Fisher Competition and Composer Awards as a fitting way to honor the memory of his wife Renée, a talented pianist, author, and teacher who passed away in 1976.

Two winners are from Woodbridge: William Wang, a junior attending Amity Regional High School who received 1st prize in the High School division, and Harris Andersen, a freshman also from Amity Regional High School who received 2nd prize in the High School division. The winners' concert will take place at 7:00 pm on May 16th at Neighborhood Music School.



William Wang (17) began studying the piano at the age of five and has studied with Svitlana Fiorito, Yoshie Akimoto, and Julian Martin. He has performed in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Steinway Gallery, Whitney Center, and Enlow Hall at Kean University. He was selected to participate in the 2013 Foulgers International Music Festival and has performed chamber music with internationally acclaimed cellist, Allison Eldredge. He performed as a soloist with the MostArts Orchestra in the MostArts Festival. William was the 1st place winner of the Golden Era of Romantic Music International Competition by the American Fine Arts Festival, the NTD TV Youth Pianist Competition, and the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) competition in the Connecticut Division, the French Impressionist competition and the Bach competition hosted by the Schubert Club. He is also the winner of

the Chopin International Piano Competition, the MostArts Festival, Hartford Youth Musician Competition, and a finalist of the MTNA Competition in the Eastern Division. William will begin to study in Juilliard Pre-College in the coming fall.

He is a junior at Amity High School and a first honors student and qualified for American Invitation Mathematic Competition and National Merit Scholarship Award. He composes music in his free time and has performed as first saxophone at the CMEA Southern Region Middle and High School Bands. He is a varsity member of the Amity High School swimming team. He has been accepted to Yale's Discovery to Cure internship program in the summer.



Harris Andersen (14) began his piano studies at the age of five at Neighborhood Music School and currently studies with Rebecca Raffaelli. He has been a student at NMS for 8 years. In addition to studying violin with Marshall Barron and performing solo at many recitals, he has played violin in the Greater New Haven Concert Orchestra for two years and is currently in the Greater New Haven Youth Orchestra. An active member of NMS, he is a member of a trio ensemble, studies AP Theory, and participates in the Certificate Program which includes juries and workshops. In the past three summers, Harris has auditioned and performed at the Chamber Music Central which has allowed him to study chamber music on both piano and violin. He has auditioned for the CMEA Southern Regional's for the past four years and placed in the top chairs on trumpet and violin in orchestra and band. Harris goes to Amity High School in Woodbridge and is the freshman class president. As a member of the orchestra pit for "Tarzan," the school musical, he enjoyed meeting other musicians and playing lead keyboard. In his spare time, he is an avid composer and photographer. Harris would like to thank his outstanding teachers and family for their tremendous support.

LOCAL SPORTS



GOLFING KEYS TO SWINGING FIT AND EFFICIENTLY

As the golf industry continues to evolve in advancements in 3D swing analysis and training aides, as well as club and golf balls technology, amateur and professional players alike are looking to achieve the most effective, efficient and safely repeatable swing they can. Players all want more distance and to play well, without hurting themselves and sacrificing form.

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As impressive as that number sounds, it also means that golfers worldwide are also using and losing 42 million Titleist golf balls per month. How many of those lost balls were caused by faulty swing mechanics or painful swings?

Titleist recognized this and tried to develop an answer to the question in the title. The answer is all of the above, which became the focal point for the Titleist Performance Institute based in California. Featured on the Golf Channel weekly, this center combines multidisciplinary approaches from golf professionals, medical professionals, fitness trainers and equipment gurus to help tour and amateur players find the best performance possible. For the purpose of this article, I will focus on the role of the medical screening examination that TPI utilizes for its athletes and tour players.

During a golf swing, there are several parts that the body must move together during the backswing through impact. In addition to having mobility requirements to allow these movements, there needs to be stable areas throughout to produce a strong base to rotate around. Much like an engine in a car, each individual part needs to do its job, but also sequentially communicate with each other in order to perform the task. When one part, or several parts, does not do their timely job effectively, then there is bound to be trouble firing the engine efficiently. The job of the medical professional is to know the requirements of what the body should do, then effectively screen and evaluate what your body is doing. TPI has developed a comprehensive medical screening process that looks for the golf related requirements of the swing and determine which area or areas that need focus. This can be accomplished

indoors or outdoors and the player is put through a series of repeatable movement patterns that helps the medical professional determine areas of concern.

It is important to correctly identify which part or parts need to be addressed as they relate to the biomechanics of the swing versus just randomly selecting areas to stretch or strengthen. The golf swing happens quickly. Tweaking the wrong areas is just as harmful to performance than not addressing the

correct areas. Stretching the lower spine and hamstrings are generally good things to do, but if the underlying swing fault is caused by a lack of dissociating the lower trunk from the upper back, then stability training for the lower spine may be needed and the stretching will not help. Likewise, if a player's swing faults are caused by hypomobile tight hip joint on the lead leg, then strengthening the abdominals will not help that player.

It is also important to note that the medical professional screening and intervention plan needs to coordinate with the swing faults that the golf professional instructor is working on. These team members need to communicate to ensure that the teaching lessons and screening findings make sense for the swing faults the player is exhibiting. There is always a reason why players have mechanical swing faults, but not every fault needs to be corrected for a variety of reasons. If these team members do not communicate common goals, then the player may get conflicting treatments – which will not yield optimal performance and prevention of injury.

Michael Dow MSPT received his degree from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. In addition to being the founder of Amity Physical Therapy 10 years ago, he has been recognized by the US Dept of Health and Human Services for his work with the National MS society. Michael also received his certification through the Titleist Performance Institute and works with golfers of all ages and skill levels to achieve optimal performance and prevent injury. Now with three offices in Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford, Dow's practice is one of the most comprehensive of its kind in Southern Connecticut. He can be reached at 203-389-4593.



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TROOP 63 CELEBRATES FOUR EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

Boy Scout Troop 63 honored four scouts in a specially convened Court of Honor. The Boy Scouts of America presented the Eagle rank to Ryan Metzger, Matt Whitehill, Brendan Purcell and George Tucker.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. To earn this very distinguished award an Eagle Scout must have completed at least 21 merit badges, advanced through five lower ranks and demonstrated ideals of achievement, initiative and leadership including designing, organizing and conducting an extensive service project that benefits his church, synagogue, community or school. Fewer than five percent of Boy Scouts nationwide attain this illustrious rank.

Ryan's Eagle project, which he named "Scouting For Refugees," was a charity drive for refugees who are resettled in the New Haven area by the Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). The project consisted of three coordinated charity drives. First, scouts from Troop 63 distributed flyers to almost every home in Woodbridge with a list of items needed. They collected the donations a week later. Second, he designed and constructed special donation boxes which were placed in the Woodbridge Town Library, Woodbridge Town Hall, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, B'nai Jacob Synagogue, and Milford Pediatric Group. The final component was direct solicitation of retailers, where he went to over twenty retail stores and requested donations for the project. Over 3,200 toiletry and household cleaning items were collected for refugees in total which was the most successful drive in IRIS history.

Matt's Eagle project consisted of refurbishing the Fitness Stations on the Fitzgerald Property in Woodbridge. The Fitzgerald Property is in the center



of Woodbridge (also known as the cornfields). It is a very popular place for people to walk and garden (at the public gardens). Along the perimeter of the walking path are 10 fitness stations part of the Fit Trail. Since the stations were installed over 20 years ago, nothing has been done to clean or refurbish the stations. Before the project, the stations were falling apart, dirty, and one was even missing. As a team, he successfully washed each station, installed the missing station, and replaced an entire station. The end product is cleaner, more attractive, and safer fitness stations.

For Brendan's Eagle project, he made substantial improvements to the Gregory Roberts Memorial Trail, which is owned by the Town of Woodbridge and managed by the Woodbridge Land Trust. The project included the design and construction of a bridge over a stream and a boardwalk of 80 feet over a muddy section of the trail. The project also included clearing and

re-blazing of this half-mile trail to its intersection with the Blue Trail, making it passable and enjoyable for Woodbridge residents.

For George's Eagle project he created cold frames to go on three raised planting beds at Massaro Community Farm. The cold frames will be used to keep the plants in the raised beds warm and therefore extend the growing season. Organized in 2008, Massaro Community Farm, Inc. is a nonprofit, certified-organic farm in Woodbridge, CT. It is committed to supporting the legacy of farming, feeding its neighbors in need, and building community through events and hands-on education for all ages. Committed to sustainable farming methods, the Farm is a place of inclusion where everyone is welcome to be a part of building a legacy for future generations.

Scoutmaster John Zeek presided over the Court of Honor. Presentations were also made to the parents of the Scouts recognizing their dedication,

involvement and perseverance in motivating their sons on this extraordinary multi-year effort. Honored guests included Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and State Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. who presented each scout with Town and State citations.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is the largest youth organization in the U.S. with nearly 3 million youth members and 1.1 million registered adult leaders. For over 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Troop 63 is one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Our Troop was founded in 1963 to bring scouting to boys in the Woodbridge, Bethany and surrounding communities. Chartered by Our Lady of Assumption Church, but open to all scouts, Troop 63 quickly became known as the "outdoor troop". Active all year, our outings include all types of camping, hiking, backpacking, skiing, canoe trips, white water rafting as well as cultural events such as visits to historical parks and battlegrounds and much more. We also plan and participate in Community service projects each year.

Troop 63 meets Monday nights from 7:00 pm – 8:30pm. Meetings are held at Our Lady of the Assumption "Mother" Church located at 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69) in Woodbridge September through April and at the same time outdoors at our own Camp Whiting May through June. Troop 63 welcomes all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade. Stop by and see what we're all about. For more information visit our web site at <http://www.troop963.org> or email Troop63CT@gmail.com.



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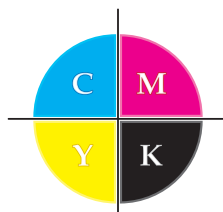
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Emergency Preparation

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

May 9 is National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day. Sometimes people get caught up in the chaos of a storm or emergency and forget to make preparations for their pets. To ensure the safety and well-being of you and your pet here are some storm/emergency preparation tips.

1. Before the Emergency

Planning ahead is the most important thing you can do for your pets if you must evacuate your home, but NEVER refuse to evacuate because of your pets. Below are tips to help you be prepared in the event of evacuation:

Research a safe place to take your pets because some public shelters, such as those operated by the American Red Cross, do not allow family pets. (Service dogs are an exception.)

- Ask friends, relatives or veterinarians that live inland if they are willing to shelter you and your pets.
- Look for pet-friendly facilities in your state. For a list of pet-friendly lodgings and their restrictions, check out www.petswelcome.com or www.pets-allowed-hotels.com.
- Make sure your pets are current on all their vaccinations.
- Have a recent photograph of you and your pets together to show proof of ownership in case you become separated.
- Whether you stay home or evacuate, put together a pet emergency kit. Items to consider keeping in or near your kit include:
 - Collar with tags and sturdy leash;
 - Any necessary medications (at least a two-week supply);
 - Photocopies of health records;
 - Secure, unbreakable, covered carrier (large enough that your pet can completely turn around);
 - Food and water bowls;
 - Recent photograph of you and your pets together;
 - Favorite toy (toys can help

reduce the stress of unfamiliar surroundings);

- Disposable trash bags or newspaper for clean-up; and
- Zipper storage bags for important papers, treats, toys, etc.

2. During the Emergency

Keep your pets calm during the emergency:

- If your pets show signs of anxiety, do NOT try to "comfort them." This will sound like praise to your pets and may increase their anxiety.
- Instead, the best thing you can do for your dog when he is feeling unsettled is to act as you normally would. By over-reassuring your dog or giving him an unusual amount of attention, you inadvertently can communicate to him that because you are acting differently, there must be something to worry about.
- Use that special "den" where your pets feel safe. A properly introduced crate or kennel (done ahead of time) can be a great den for them.
- Keep windows and curtains closed to reduce noises and bright flashes. The more we can reduce the noise and flashes the better your pets will cope.

3. After the Emergency

- Walk your pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to the area and your home.
- If you have lost your pet, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring along a recent picture of your pet, if possible.

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

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new commitment might demand more time than you'd expected to have to give it. But rely on that special Bovine gift for patience, and stick with it. You'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're earning the admiration of a lot of people who like the way you handle yourself when your views are on the line. Even one or two of your detractors are being won over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking your responsibilities seriously is what you do. But ease up on the pressure gauge, and make time for much needed R & R. Start by making this weekend a "just for fun" time zone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some recently uncovered information might make a change of plans inevitable. If so, deal with it as quickly as possible, and then find out what went wrong and why. What you learn might surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Aspects favor moving carefully and deliberately when making any significant changes. Could be there are

more facts you need to know, which you might overlook if you rush things.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem neighbor might be looking to goad you into an action you don't want to take. Ask someone you both respect if he or she would act as an impartial arbitrator for both of you.

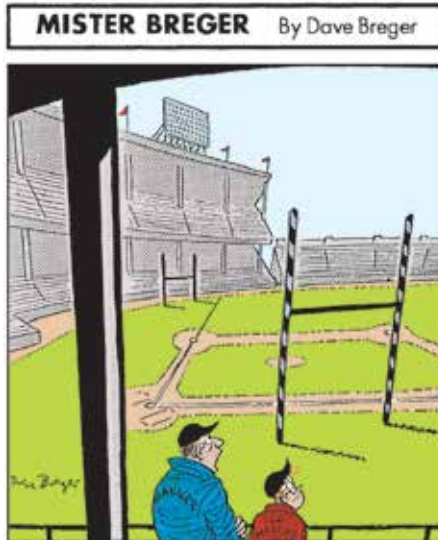
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent workplace accomplishment hasn't been overlooked by those who watch these things. Meanwhile, start making travel plans for that much-too-long-deferred trip with someone special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Those money matters continue to move in your favor. Now would be a good time to start putting some money back into the house, both for esthetic as well as economic reasons.

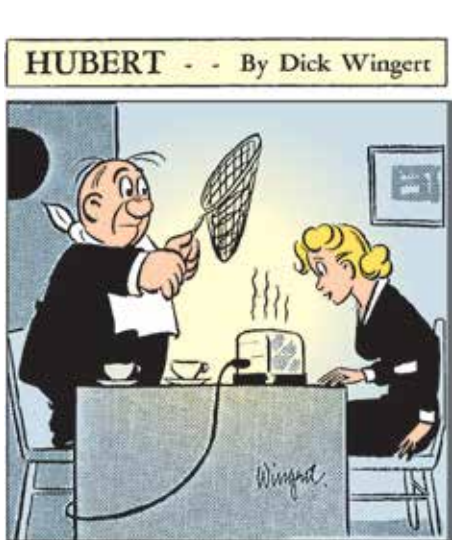
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A changing workplace environment can create job pressures. But, once again, follow the example of your birth sign and take things a step at a time, like the sure-footed Goat you are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. You could soon have the funds you need for your worthy project. Your generous gifts of time and effort are well known, and someone might decide it's time to join with you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your inner scam-catcher is right on target, and you're absolutely right to reject that "too good to be true" offer. Meanwhile, something positive should be making its way to you.



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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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DOG MIGHT NOT NEED SURGERY

DEAR PAW'S CORNER:
My 13-year-old miniature poodle, "Dany," has the beginnings of cataracts. I don't want to put her through surgery. Are there drops or vitamins I can use instead? -- Mick, via email

DEAR MICK:
You'll need to consult Dany's veterinarian. However, if the vet will only consider surgery, you can get a second opinion.
Find out if a veterinary ophthalmologist is available in your area. This specialist can evaluate Dany's condition, confirm whether it is cataracts (there is at least one other condition that might be mistaken for cataracts) and recommend the next course of treatment.
According to Animal Eye Care, small cataracts can be somewhat common in older dogs. They may not

interfere with vision at all, and no medical treatment may be needed. While cataracts can't be reversed, you can make it more difficult for them to grow. The most important thing is to make sure Dany stays healthy. Senior-dog illnesses, especially diabetes, can affect her eyes and increase the risk of cataracts. So keep up with scheduled checkups, and make sure she eats a proper diet. If she's on medication, make sure she takes it.
Nutritional supplements that contain antioxidants reputedly help slow cataract development, and in fact, at least one eye-specific supplement, Ocu-Glo, is available by prescription from the vet. Avoid using supplements developed for humans, as other ingredients in them may not be good for dogs. Also, be wary of products that claim to reverse cataracts: Only surgery can get rid of them.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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BY BRENDA WEAVER

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