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## First Selectman's Corner

This is the second edition of the Woodbridge Events quarterly magazine. I hope you are enjoying it and finding it informative. As time passes we hope more town organizations will use this format to inform residents of their activities.

2012 was a year of progress in Woodbridge – here are a few highlights.

*Country Club of Woodbridge* - A three-year agreement was signed with Billy Casper Golf to manage the golf course, tennis courts, and the pool. The new management has worked diligently to improve the course, the tennis courts, and upgraded the services at the pool. The pool saw an overwhelming uptick in use. Residents and organizations took advantage of the new dining tent for many fun-filled events. The Country Club of Woodbridge Commission and Billy Casper Golf expect a banner year. For further information contact the Country Club of Woodbridge at 203-387-2278 or the website [countryclubofwoodbridge.com](http://countryclubofwoodbridge.com).

*Natural Gas Line* – The natural gas line was extended from the Jewish Community Center on Amity Road to Amity High School, Town Center Buildings, and Beecher Road School. The Church of Our Lady of Assumption, The First Church of Christ, and Congregation B'nai Jacob have also contracted

with the Gas Company. In addition citizens residing along the initial line installation are connecting to bring natural gas into their homes. This installation is part of the Town's commitment to a greener environment in Woodbridge. The Board of Selectmen continue to meet with representatives of the Southern Connecticut Gas Company to encourage extension of the lines in Woodbridge.



*Clean Energy* – In conjunction with the installation of the natural gas line, the Town continues to seek avenues to expand the community clean energy program. I signed the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge, one of 31 Connecticut towns, extending the Town's official commitment to improve its energy efficiency and promote the use of renewable energy sources. Under the original Clean Energy program we installed a 5kW solar photovoltaic system at the Massaro Community Farm and worked with the Regional School District to install a 4kW array at the Amity High School.

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**Public Works Facility** – Construction on the new public works facility is expected to begin in the Spring of 2013. The approved design will incorporate many energy savings and use of “green” material – from special low voltage lighting, to energy efficient Lucite walls, to innovative use of space. Facility offices now scattered across the Town campus will consolidate into the new building.

**Beecher Road School** – The Building Committee formed in 2011 has worked diligently to prepare plans for the phase-in renovations to the energy envelope and HVAC system at Beecher Road School. A presentation of the proposed plan was presented to the Boards of Finance and Selectman on January 23rd. We all look forward to making Beecher Road School energy efficient, greener, and environmentally safe for our children.

**Flooding Along West River** – The flooding along West River has long been a problem for residents on Litchfield Turnpike. Through the efforts of the West River Restoration and Mitigation Committee, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Connecticut Fund for the Environment and with the help of the Army Corp of Engineers, the Town has been working to alleviate the problem with the removal of the Pond Lily Dam. The Connecticut Fund for the Environment has received a \$60,000 grant for the design of the removal of the Dam and is applying for additional grants to fund the removal.

Also, the long-awaited construction of the new Merritt Avenue Bridge is scheduled to begin in 2013.

**Route 15 Interchange Entrance/exit 59** – Everyone traveling south along Route 69 and Route 63 during the morning and evening commute has experienced the frustration of the traffic congestion in that area. The Town, Connecticut DOT, and municipal advocacy organizations are working with a professional design and engineering firm to alleviate the problem. The ideas include new/redesigned entrance and exit ramps, widening of portions of route 69, and turning lanes. We will keep you updated on the progress for the solution.

**Events** – On September 23, 2012 the Town celebrated the 150 anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation with a commemoration of the Civil War. Several Town groups participated. On November 11, 2012 the Town paid homage to the veterans that have left home to serve in the military for the protection and defense of our Country. On December 23, 2012 we all came together in an interfaith vigil in grief and memory of the children and adults slain in Newtown in a senseless tragedy. My remarks given at each of these events are found elsewhere in this publication.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I wish you and your family a peaceful and happy 2013.

*Edward Maum Sheehy  
First Selectman*

## ***Memorial Service for Dr. Robert Gregg***

### **Memorial Service for Dr. Robert Gregg on December 15, 2012**

As we celebrate the life of Dr. Robert Gregg who lived a full and caring life for 94 years, let us pause to remember the 20 students ages 5 to 10 and 6 adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown who lost their lives in the tragic event of yesterday.

Most of my interaction with Dr. Robert (Bob) Gregg was as a member of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen. Bob was a champion for Woodbridge. As President of the Woodbridge Land Trust, he worked diligently and quietly behind the scenes to preserve tracts of open space not just for current but for future generations. His efforts have helped to make Woodbridge one of the jewels in New Haven County.

Bob was involved in the American Chestnut Foundation and through his efforts a portion of the Fitzgerald Tract has been set aside for the cultivation of chestnut trees.

Bob was an active member of the Woodbridge Recreation Fitness Center. At age 93, Bob met with the Selectmen to stress the importance of the facility to the citizens, the need for increased space, and presented to the Selectmen a design for equipment placement when the

Fitness Center will be moved to the renovated old firehouse a move that he supported.

Bob and his wife Jean invited Ellie and me to the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in your Parish House. Bob was proud of his Scottish heritage and looked resplendent in his kilt.

Bob continued his interest in Woodbridge to the very end. I last met with Bob at Town Hall just before Election Day. Bob wanted to check on the status of the relocation of the Fitness Center to the old fire house. Bob also supported the Town's purchase of the Woodbridge Country Club. During the fall, he attended several meetings of the Country Club of Woodbridge Commission.

Woodbridge is a wonderful community to live in - a community strengthened by the dedication of its volunteers of which Dr. Robert Gregg was a quiet and important member. He will be missed - but his legacy for open space and the environment will live on for generations of Woodbridge residents.

*Edward Maum Sheehy  
First Selectman*

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## Woodbridge Library: Upcoming Events

### The Kerry Boys in Concert

Tuesday, March 12 @ 7:00 pm

Registration is required for this free program.

### Film Discussion Series with Mark Schenker

#### "The Films of Alfred Hitchcock"

*Notorious* (1946)

screening: Thursday, March 7th @ 7:00 pm

discussion: Wednesday, March 13th @ 7:00 pm

*Strangers on a Train* (1951)

screening: Thursday, April 4th @ 7:00 pm

discussion: Wednesday, April 10th @ 7:00 pm

*Vertigo* (1958)

screening: Thursday, May 2nd @ 7:00 pm

discussion: Wednesday, May 8th @ 7:00 pm

*North by Northwest* (1959)

screening: Thursday, June 6th @ 7:00 pm

discussion: Wednesday, June 12th @ 7:00 pm

Registration is required. Copies of all films are available on DVD at the Woodbridge Library - please inquire at the Circulation Desk. To register or for more information:

please call 203.389.3433, stop by our Circulation Desk, or check out our website at: [www.woodbridge.lioninc.org](http://www.woodbridge.lioninc.org)

### Children's Programs

Feb. 3

Super Bowl Sunday Show

The Muttville Comix: Canine Comedy with Johnny Peers Sit! Stay! Laugh! Join the fun with 10 trained shelter dogs performing circus tricks.

All ages

Feb.22

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Juggling and Magic Show for ages 4+

March 2

Children's Concert with Laura Doherty, award winning performer

Ages 3+

April 16

Sciencetellers: Using Science Experiments to Tell Stories

Ages 5+

## Student of the Month

### Woodbridge Rotary Club Announces Student of the Month

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored Amity High School student Julia Marciano as Student of the Month. Ms. Marciano was presented with a certificate of recognition signed by Woodbridge Rotary President Anna Dickerson and presented by Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella.

Ms. Marciano was honored for her academic achievement. Julia is a member



*Pictured left to right: Alison Staak, Amity High School Counselor, Rotarian Bud Priest, Julia's father, Tony Maricano, honoree Julia Marciano, and her mother Patty Maricano.*

of the National Art Honor society, is the drum major for the Amity High School Marching band, is a member of the Amity High School Leo Club, a Link Crew leader, and is co-facilitator of PLAID. In addition, she has been an active member and volunteer at Amity Teen Center where she has worked on art shows and the Chili Chili Run fundraiser and is a member of Winterguard.

## Woodbridge Recipient of a Small Cities Grant

### Woodbridge is recipient of a Small Cities Grant for the third year in a row.

Woodbridge First Selectman, Edward Maum Sheehy is pleased to announce that the Town has received its third Small Cities Residential Rehabilitation Grant of \$300,000. These funds are made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are administered at the State level by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

Eligibility for the program is based on annual household income and loan to value ratio for the property to determine the availability of equity which is considered when determining maximum loan amounts. These funds are

offered as deferred loans with 0% interest and require no payment until a transfer of title, the Owner's demise, or the subject property is no longer the applicant's principal place of residence.

Some of the work that may be eligible for funding includes the correction of health and safety violations, code compliance, roofing, carpentry, electrical work, painting, plumbing, heating, and other non-luxury work subject to approval of the Town.

For further information you may contact Pat Crisco, the Grant Administrator, at the Tax Office at Town Hall, e-mail at [pcrisco@woodbridgect.org](mailto:pcrisco@woodbridgect.org), or phone 203-389-3425 for an appointment or to request an application and brochure.

## Save The Date



### Beth-Wood Baseball Opening Day Ceremonies

Opening Day Ceremonies for the Beth-Wood Baseball League {B-W} are planned for Saturday, April 27 starting about 10:00 AM. This year the B-W will be celebrating its 41st Anniversary of providing a quality Baseball program in the Woodbridge and Bethany communities (founded back in 1972) - this event draws hundreds of families/friends/residents of Bethany and Woodbridge to the Woodbridge Town Center Green for a wonderful Ceremony that kicks off the Baseball/Softball Seasons. The Beth-Wood Softball Little League will also be joining the B-W for this Ceremony, as they have done the past several years.

Beth-Wood Baseball, courtesy of the New Britain Rock Cats organization, will again be hosting a Hit, Run & Throw Competition at Center Field immediately following the Ceremony for all Players (Baseball & Softball) ages 10 & under - Jeremy Conn back in 2008 won the competition for the entire State of CT along with a \$ 1,000. donation to the League from the Rock Cats. So who is going to step up and be our next champion?

We expect many Local and State dignitaries to attend as in years past - Bethany First Selectman, Woodbridge First Selectman, hopefully Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, State Senator Joe Crisco, State Representative Themis Klarides, among many others.

Many Community Groups like the Woodbridge Garden Club, Boy Scouts, World Champion Taekwondo of Woodbridge (who continue to perform demonstrations at Opening Day), Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association with various apparatus for the kids to see/explore (and they also do the cooking for us), the Beecher Road School Band marching our Players in, among many others who will again be present to support this huge community event.

Below please find a few photos taken during our Ceremonies in last year - We hope to see you all there for this special occasion - come out to support not our League but more importantly the kids ... You don't want to miss it! If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Dwight Rowland, Beth-Wood President, at [drowland@tcco.com](mailto:drowland@tcco.com).

## Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society

The c. 1774 Thomas Darling House at 1907 Litchfield Turnpike is closed for the winter, but special tours may be arranged by calling the Society's President, Don Menzies at (203) 387-0789.

Upcoming events will include a Tavern Night Dinner and a series of informal, public meetings. First will be

a Question and Answer session with a panel of Board members answering your question about local history.

Next, the Society will schedule another installment of the popular group discussion of the Town's agricultural history. Dates and details for these events and more will be posted on the Society's website [woodbridgehistory.org](http://woodbridgehistory.org).



# Expansion - Natural Gas Lines

**Remarks by First Selectman Edward Maum Sheehy  
Amity Regional High School  
Expansion of Natural Gas Lines**

I welcome Governor Malloy and Commissioner Esty to Woodbridge

I want to publically thank Governor Malloy for the \$500,000 STEAP Grant Woodbridge recently received to renovate our police station and the \$300,000 Small Cities Grant for home rehabilitation.

Today, we focus on natural gas expansion to Woodbridge. This concept began as a suggestion by Dr. Bill Silberberg, a Woodbridge resident, retired pediatrician and former member of the Amity Board of Education to extend the natural gas service from the Jewish Community Center on Amity Road to the Center of Woodbridge to provide the Town with cheaper, cleaner, and more efficient source of energy.

Bill met with me and we then met with Val Ferro of the Southern Connecticut Gas Company and other town representatives and Southern Connecticut Gas agreed to extend the gas line. Construction began in June and was completed in August at no cost to any Town residents or entities. Service/s extended to the meter on the building. All work inside the building is the responsibility of the owner.

As a result, natural gas is now flowing here at Amity High School and will in the next few months be energizing our Town Center, the Town Hall, Library, Police Station, Firehouse, Center Building, Beecher Road School and our new Public Works facility which will begin construction in the spring. As a further result, the Town will realize substantial savings in energy costs.

In addition, 31 resident customers along the gas line have agreed to switch to natural gas. There are 50 others

who are eligible. Also our Lady of Assumption Church (Father Gianelli, Matt Giglietti and Andy Esposito are here) Congregation B'nai Jacob and the Congregational Church will be converting to natural gas.

I would like to thank Joe Hellauer, the Town's Administrative Officer for serving as the project coordinator for this gas line extension.

I would also like to mention to our friends from the Southern Connecticut Gas that I have received numerous requests from Woodbridge residents to further extend the gas line. I would request and encourage Southern Connecticut Gas to extend the gas line and hope that we can discuss this in the near future.

Finally, in response to the increased number of storms and weather events impacting power supply, Commissioner Esty has proposed among other strategies developing micro grids for critical facilities throughout the state. A micro grid is a self-contained underground power grid with an independent power source for a select group of properties.

Woodbridge was selected by UI as one of two towns in the UI coverage area because of its rural setting, compact town center and natural gas service for a possible location for a micro grid. Woodbridge is currently preparing a project feasibility application to the DEEP for a Micro Grid. Funding for the generation portion is yet to be determined.

We welcome Governor Malloy and Commissioner Esty and support their efforts to reduce energy costs and promote clean energy in our state.

*Edward Maum Sheehy  
First Selectman*

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada ("GFOA") is pleased to announce that the Town of Woodbridge, Connecticut has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award presents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget services as:

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of the Jewish Community Center

**100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Jewish Community Center held on October 20, 2012.**

On behalf of the Town of Woodbridge and Board of Selectmen, I congratulate the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven as it enters its centennial year.

As we salute the Jewish Community Center, we are mindful that Woodbridge has been an integral part of the Jewish experience in the Greater New Haven area. B'nai



Klarides helps commemorate Jewish Community Center's 100 year history. State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) visited the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater New Haven today to help commemorate the organization's 100th year of serving area children, families and seniors. Joined by State Sen. Joseph Crisco, Rep. Klarides presented a legislative citation to JCC leaders in honor of their efforts to improve the community. Since its establishment in 1912, the JCC has evolved from being simply a religious entity to become a regional resource for fitness and health, education, arts and culture, and recreational programs for the people of Woodbridge and beyond. Rep. Klarides congratulated Shelley Gans, Director of the JCC, and Scott Cohen, Chief Operation Officer, who shared with her their plans to continue the organization's legacy of public service.

Jacob Congregation relocated here in the 1960's and is an important center of Jewish culture and religious life. The Country Club of Woodbridge recently purchased by the Town of Woodbridge from the Woodbridge Country Club was founded by a group of Jewish families seeking a haven for relaxation and recreation.

Many Jewish residents of Woodbridge have contributed to the quality of life here by taking an active part in Town Government, Nan Birdwhistell and Roger Harrison have served as our First Selectmen and countless others have served on various Town boards and Commissions making Woodbridge a better place for all of us to live.

Tonight, we salute the Jewish Community Center which moved to Woodbridge in 1993 and immediately became an important thread in the fabric of our community opening its doors to all and providing a variety of programs for the entire family to enjoy. The Community Center has been a good neighbor and was quick to step forward to assist the Town and its residents as it did in 2011 when the Community Center opened its doors to provide for personal services during the unprecedented destruction of Hurricane Irene. In this regard, I would like to thank Scott Cohen, the Executive Director for his co-operation and assistance with the town during these recent storms.

Tonight, we congratulate the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, its Board of Directors and Staff on its 100th Birthday. We look forward to another hundred years of service to our community.

*Edward Maum Sheehy  
First Selectman*

## Klarides Reappointed as Deputy Republican Leader

HARTFORD - Starting her eighth term in the General Assembly, State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) was reappointed yesterday as Deputy House Republican Leader as the 2013 Legislative Session convened.

For the 2013-2015 legislative sessions, Rep. Klarides will hold the second highest position in the 52 member caucus, an appointment by Republican Leader Cafero that was ratified unanimously their colleagues.

She was also appointed to the legislature's Appropriations, Judiciary, Legislative Management, Public Health and Screening Committees.



"I'm honored to continue my role as a Deputy Republican Leader, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to address some of the serious issues Connecticut faces as the 2013 session gets underway," Rep. Klarides said.

Rep. Klarides, who was first elected to the General Assembly in 1999, has served along with Rep. Vincent Candelora as Deputy Republican Leader since 2007.

Rep. Klarides represents the 114th District communities of Woodbridge, Orange and Derby.

## Beth-Wood Baseball League 2013 On-Line Registration

Beth-Wood Baseball League, entering its 41st year, is proud to once again offer on – line Registration for 2013, for Tee Ballers through Majors (Baseball ages 4 - 12 as of April 30th). Simply go to our web site ([www.bethwood-baseball.com](http://www.bethwood-baseball.com)) to start the process. The Registration period for Beth-Wood Baseball (ages 4 - 12) begins on Monday, January 14th and ends on Sunday, February 10th (after which Registrations will still be taken but there will be an automatic late fee of \$25 assessed to each late Registrant accordingly).

For Amity Babe Ruth (ages 13 - 15), there will be a separate Registration process this year as we are launching a new program with professional Coaches from Amity High School - if you have any questions pertaining to this program, kindly use the Contact Us icon on the *Beth-Wood* Home Page to send us an email so we may promptly address them.

For your convenience, Parents will be able to register multiple children at a single time (and yes, there will be discounts for the 2nd and 3rd child as there has been in the past) and this year there will be maximum charged per Family of \$375. (Registration costs only - does NOT include Ad Patron or "Field of Dreams" donations). Kindly have all

the pertinent information available when registering your children (dates of birth, uniform sizes, doctor contact information, email addresses, cell phone numbers, etc.) that will help facilitate the process.

For your information, League Registration costs are as follows, for the Spring Season:

4's Tee Ball	\$ 100.00
Tee Ball	\$ 110.00
Rookies	\$ 145.00
Minors	\$ 185.00
Majors	\$ 200.00

Note these Fees are just for the Spring Season and do not include applicable Fees for All Stars, Travel Baseball and/or Fall Ball - these will be in addition to the Fees noted above should you wish to participate in same.

Note that Beth-Wood Baseball also offers scholarships to those who financially can not afford to register their children due to economic reasons. Beth-Wood has NEVER, EVER turned away any child who wants to learn and play this great game of baseball - for additional information and to learn more about this, please contact B-W President Dwight Rowland at [drowland@tcco.com](mailto:drowland@tcco.com)



The Next Deadline for  
Woodbridge Events is April 5

## Massaro Farm 2012 Food Donations Report

As we approach the end of 2012, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your past support of Massaro Community Farm. Your support makes it possible for us to satisfy our mission of feeding people - here are a few of the numbers:

- 22,750 - the number of servings of vegetables we provided to individuals through local hunger relief organizations in 2012
- 6,500 - the pounds of local, organic vegetables we donated to our community this year
- \$80 - what it costs to provide vegetables to a family of four during a normal growing season

While we deeply appreciate your monetary donations, there are other ways in which you can support our commitment to 'Keep Farming; Feed People; Build Community.'

- Serve - Many of our program offerings are made available through the service of committee and board members. These folks bring a host of skill and backgrounds to our farm - graphic design, finance, legal, environmental education, community engagement - just to name a few. We are always looking for those with skills they think can help maintain the farm operations.

- Volunteer - Our regularly occurring events on the farm are made possible through the many efforts of volunteers of all ages who show up to lend a hand. Consider becoming a Friend of the Farm. Volunteering a few hours each year is critical to bringing events to you, such as Celebrate Spring, Dinner on the Farm and Family Fund Day and help us build community, in Woodbridge and beyond.
- Tell a Friend - Simply tell your family, friends and neighbors about all the great things going on at Massaro Community Farm. If you are interested in serving or volunteering, please contact either Cathy Shufro at outreach@massarofarm.org, or Caty Poole at caty@massarofarm.org.

2013 CSA subscriptions are still available. In place of a summer and fall CSA offering, in 2013 we will offer a single 20 week CSA subscription at \$625. To secure your subscription with a deposit go to massarofarmcsa.org and click on subscriptions.

We look forward to your continued support and to bringing your more educational programming in 2013.



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## Veteran's Day Speech – 2012

Today, November 11 is Veteran's Day, a National and State holiday to honor and remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air and on foreign shores to preserve our freedom including our freedom to vote.

In that regard, I would like to congratulate State Senator Joe Crisco and State Representative Themis Klarides for their re-election on November 6 and thank them for their service to the Town of Woodbridge.

I would also like to thank Joseph Hellauer, Colonel United States Air Force Retired, Woodbridge Administrative Officer and Commander Dan Russbach, United States Navy Retired for making the arrangements for today's ceremony.

As we honor the Veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, we also pause to honor the men and women who are currently serving our Country in Iraq and Afghanistan. We hope and pray that they will return safely and that their efforts along with the efforts of our government

will result in a peaceful resolution of the conflicts in those countries.

2012 is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation given by President Lincoln on September 22, 1862. We also pause today to honor the 61 men and boys including two African Americans all from Woodbridge who served in the Union Army including 12 who gave their lives to preserve our union.

We also remember Kenneth G. Bronson Bedworth and Private First Class Eric Soufrine who made the supreme sacrifice in service to our Country whose memorials are on display before us today.

So on this beautiful November morning let us give thanks to all those men and women who have served our Country from the Revolutionary War to the present so as to make the United States of America the greatest country on earth.

*Edward Maum Sheehy  
First Selectman*

## News From the Country Club

### Golf Course:

The Country Club of Woodbridge Crew has been hard at work on the course this season. Conditions improved late into the fall months and the team is confident course conditions in the spring, summer, and fall will be dramatically improved in 2013. The fairways and tee complexes have been aerated three times, grass seed has been planted and is sure to take off in the spring, the irrigation system has been completely repaired, numerous drainage lines have been opened up, and much needed fertilizer has been put down, all functioning to strengthen the turf and improve playing conditions.

Please remember that a Resident Card is free to all Residents and saves you 20% on every greens fee! We will also host several Woodbridge Days and Open House days in which Residents can play the golf course at a discounted rate to experience the improvements first hand. Come out and play your golf course early and often this season.

### Junior Programs:

Our new and improved junior program is now on the website, so lock in your spot at one of our sport camps today! Our Junior Sport Camps feature one hour each of professional instruction for Golf, Tennis, and Swimming. For \$550, your child can attend any or all of our three

sport camps, all of our bi-weekly tennis, golf, and swim clinics, and one free private lesson in the sport of his or her choosing. All of our junior programs are taught by our certified professionals, providing professional instruction that is second to none.

We are proud to once again offer Tennis and Swim Teams, along with our weekly junior golf tournaments. This is a great way to introduce your son or daughter to a competitive environment. Woodbridge will host swim meets and tennis tournaments, as well as travel to area clubs. Our junior golf tournaments are flighted based on ability level, and a great opportunity for your son or daughter to meet other golfers, learn honesty and integrity, and learn how to play competitive golf. For more information please go to [www.countryclubofwoodbridge.com](http://www.countryclubofwoodbridge.com).

The pro shop is open daily from 8:00 to 4:00 throughout the winter and General Manager Jason Beffert is happy to answer any questions you might have. Please call him at 203.387.2278 to sign up for one of our junior programs, book a tee time, or sign up for one of our affordable membership programs!

Don't forget to send in your email address to Jason at [jbeffert@countryclubofwoodbridge.com](mailto:jbeffert@countryclubofwoodbridge.com) to sign up for all club updates throughout the year!



## *The Connecticut General Assembly*

In the historic Senate Chamber and Hall of the House on January 9th, members of the Connecticut General Assembly were sworn in for the new two-year term. I was grateful and proud to be among them. The ceremonies signal the start of a new legislative session and renewal of our biennial state budget cycle: to a great extent Opening Day pageantry belies the hard work and difficult choices ahead.

As a state we remain shaken by the horror visited upon Newtown's Sandy Hook Elementary School last month. As we slowly regain our composure we must seize the opportunity to revisit questions and issues prompted by the tragedy. In many ways, the eyes of the nation will be focused upon Hartford for our state's response.

Issues surrounding gun ownership, access, and safety will be paramount, as will a discussion of school security. Each of these alone has the potential for passionate debate: public safety vs. personal freedoms on the one hand - how and whether or not to fortify public schools on the other.

The tragedy also shines a bright light on mental health issues in Connecticut. As this session unfolds we will review and reassess screening and diagnostic procedures, accommodations, treatment, and insurance coverage for those with mental illness. My pledge is to continue working

toward parity between mental health and physiological health in all our policies regarding public health.

As mentioned, this session will also yield a new, two-year budget for our state, which may be more challenging than usual as a result of a continuing economic malaise. With job creation and support for Connecticut businesses our priority, and with pressing needs in policy areas across-the-board, there will be tough competition to determine how and where limited funds are appropriated.

A reassuring sense of bipartisanship was pervasive at the Capitol on Opening Day, I think in part because we were united recently in our reaction to unspeakable violence in our state and a realization we share that we cannot allow comparable events to become commonplace. Likewise, we also share a commitment to do all we can - and the best we can - to help Connecticut and its residents realize their full potential.

I have always enjoyed productive working relationships with lawmakers from each chamber and each political party. My hope is that all of us sworn in January 9th remain committed to that ideal going forward.

*Senator Joseph J. Crisco – 17th District*

## *Interfaith Vigil – December 23, 2012*

Just three months ago to the day, we came together as a community in this very place to commemorate the Civil War and the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and to honor 61 men and boys from Woodbridge who served in the Union Army 12 of whom gave their lives.

Today, we along with many other towns across the state, return to remember the victims of the senseless tragedy - 20 students ages 6 and 7 and 6 women educators who tried to protect them who lost their lives in the tragic events of December 14 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. We also gather in sympathy and support of the families of the victims and in support of the first responders and the entire Newtown community.

Woodbridge is a smaller community - but in spirit - similar to Newtown. We treasure our children, support our educators, and are thankful for the diligence of our first responders.

During this past week, I met with Woodbridge Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Guy Stella and Police Chief Gene Marcucci, to review the security procedures at the Beecher Road School. Woodbridge Police Officer Vincent Lynch who is also the DARE Officer will be assigned to the Beecher Road School for the duration of the school year. Dr. Stella has distributed to the parents of the Beecher Road School children information on school security, how the faculty and staff will address the tragic events at the

Sandy Hook Elementary School and how parents can listen and talk to their children, and help them express their feelings during this difficult time.

The thoughts and prayers of all the citizens of Woodbridge go out to the people of Newtown with heartfelt sympathy as we all move through this period of grief into a time of healing.

Ours is a country of hope which has a history of facing tragedy and becoming better for it. As we pray for the victims and their families, let us also pray each in our own way for our elected officials both state and federal and encourage them that they may come together to take action that this tragedy will not happen again.

With us this afternoon are Senior Pastor Miles Ahrens of Trinity Evangelical Free Church; Bishop Adam Brinkerhoff of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Rabbi Joel Levenson of Congregation B'nai Jacob; Father Gene Gianelli, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption; Tom Kenefick, Selectman and Woodbridge Fire Association Chaplain; and Reverend Sarah E. Penn-Strah of the First Church of Christ Woodbridge. They will lead us in prayer and offer words of spiritual guidance.

*Edward Maum Sheehy  
First Selectman*



## Events at the Senior Center - 2013

**For information or reservations on the following events call the Senior Center at 203-389-3430.**

The Senior Center offers exercise (combination of cardio, strength training, flexibility, & aerobic) on Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 am in the gym. All are reminded to bring their own weights.

### Lunch Program

Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:15 pm. Call in reservations at least one day in advance.

Shopping at Amity Shopping Center - if you need a ride to pick up groceries, do banking, go to the drug store, etc.; please call the office at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation. The cost is \$4.00

The Senior Center Craft Group meets every Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. Knitting, Crocheting, Sewing, and Socializing are some of the activities of the group.

Free Friday afternoon movies at the WSC (\$3 lunch and free popcorn will be served)  
Movies are shown at the Senior Center on Friday afternoons at 1 pm. Join us at 12:15 for a nutritious \$3 lunch, followed by a movie with free popcorn (or just attend the movie at 1 pm).

The Mah-jongg group meets every Monday and Friday in Room 15 from 10 am to 12 noon. Novices are welcome – they will teach you.

### Driver Safety Course

AARP will offer the four hour Driver Safety Course at the Woodbridge Senior Center, Monday, March 4. AARP developed the classroom refresher course to help drivers fifty and older improve their skills and prevent traffic accidents. The course is offered from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A \$12.00 fee (for AARP members), \$14.00 for non-members, is payable to AARP.

### Trips

Trips must be paid for at registration. Checks are payable to Getaway Tours.

February 2 - Saturday - UCONN Women's Basketball Game, Queens NY. \$54 transportation, tickets to UCONN game, and driver's gratuity.

February 16, - Saturday - UCONN Women's Basketball Game, Piscataway NJ. \$57 includes

transportation, tickets to UCONN game, and driver's gratuity.

### Save the Following Dates - More Info Later

March 21 - Thursday - Westchester Dinner Theatre "Guys & Dolls".

May 5 - Sunday - Warner Theatre "City of Angels".

June 2 - Friday - Suffolk Downs.

### New! Book Club

Our Book Club will have its kickoff meeting on Tuesday, January 29th at 11:15. Anyone interested can meet at the Human Services Department, Room 14 in the Center Building. We will kick off this new program by discussing "Beyond the Miracle Worker," a biography of Anne Sullivan Macy, written by Kim Nielsen.

Our next session will be held on February 26th at 11:15; and we will meet in Room 14 in Human Services. We will be discussing "Love in a Headscarf," written by Shelina Janmohaned. It is the journey of her life while trying to find a partner.

Refreshments will be provided. Please call Mary D'Ostilio at 203-389-3429 with any questions or comments.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The Woodbridge Senior Center will be offering tax help this year, Tuesdays 9:00 - 12:00 starting February 5th until April 9th. Call 203-389-3430 to make an appointment.

### New! Walking Group

To start in the spring -

Put your sneakers on and join us for a walk at the Fitzgerald Walking Trail (AKA the cornfield) on Beecher Road, Fridays at 10 am. We will meet every Friday at 10 in the parking lot, weather permitting. Call 203-389-3429 with any questions.

### New! Lunch Bunch

To start in the spring -

Share lunch and friendly conversation at a local restaurant. Everyone is welcome, and it is "Dutch treat". Van transportation can be arranged for a \$3 fee. Please call Lee at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation for the lunch and/or transportation.

Lee Canning

## Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD)

Many town residents do not know that they have a health department that serves their town. QVHD is the public health department for the town of Woodbridge. Its mission is to protect the residents of Woodbridge from disease, injury and environmental hazards through prevention, education, enforcement and collaboration with other town and state departments. The mission is accomplished through:

- Environmental health services that insure compliance with state and local laws, regulations and ordinances;
- Systematic identification of community health concerns and risks;
- Preventive services for early control and identification of disease;
- Provision of current, credible information to promote healthy behavior choices;
- Local and regional emergency preparedness for response to an unexpected environmental or biological event;
- Collaboration with local and state government leaders in setting health priorities.

### Opportunities and Requirements

*Free Radon Testing Kits:* Woodbridge residents may receive a free radon testing kit by calling or emailing the health district. Note: You will need to pick up at the QVHD office, 1151 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven CT, 06473. The kit can't be mailed. Call or email your request for a kit.

*Pertussis Vaccinations Offered:* You can protect the infant you care about by protecting yourself against pertussis. QVHD offers the pertussis vaccine (in the form of Tdap-tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters and other caregivers or contacts of newborns and infants 12 months and younger. If you are over age 18 and have never had a Tdap vaccine, (a combined booster immunization containing tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis protection) you are eligible to receive this vaccine. A \$10.00 administration fee is requested. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay this fee. Immunization clinics are held every 4-6 weeks. Call or visit QVHD on line for dates and times. Vaccinations are given at the QVHD office.

*Healthy Homes Assessment:* Woodbridge residents are eligible to receive a free Healthy Homes assessment. This assessment is an inspection done in your home by a sanitarian. He/she will walk with you through your house to

help you identify things that can be made healthier or safer, explain the findings to you and leave you with written information to help you make improvements. Many of these things are low cost, good practices. A 90-day follow up visit by the sanitarian will be planned to see how the improvement process is going and if you have made any of the suggested changes. If the sanitarian finds any violations of the CT Public Health Code or any other CT law during the inspection, the homeowner will receive a Notice of Violation to make the necessary corrections within a reasonable amount of time.

*Putting On Airs (POA):* If anyone in your household has been diagnosed with asthma, QVHD also participates in a program call "Putting on Airs." For this program, a sanitarian and an asthma educator will assess your home for asthma triggers and provide guidance for improvements. Some protective supplies may also be available. Violations of the CT Public Health Code or any other CT law will be handled as outlined above.

*Planning a food event that will serve food to the public?* If yes, you need to obtain a temporary food permit. This will help protect your group from the consequences of a foodborne outbreak among attendees. Groups such as community organizations, churches or other groups including schools that plan to hold an event that will sell or serve food to the general public must obtain a **TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE PERMIT** from QVHD. Examples include bazaars, community picnics, strawberry festivals, fairs or any fundraising event where food is served to the public. Two weeks time is required to process the permit, so be sure to plan ahead! Such permits are required under the Connecticut Public Health Code for food service to public groups. Failure to obtain a permit may result in the shutting down of your event. Proper food handling, cooking and storage are essential for preventing food-borne illness. For safe food handling information and/or an application for a temporary food service permit, call QVHD, 203-248-4528 or visit our web site, [www.qvhd.org](http://www.qvhd.org)

To contact QVHD for any of the above items or for information on other topics, call QVHD, 203-248-4528, visit our website, [www.qvhd.org](http://www.qvhd.org) or email QVHD at [info@qvhd.org](mailto:info@qvhd.org)

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## Youth Services



### Fun Fitness Cooking - with instructor Donald Stankus Jr.

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- make and eat healthy and nutritious food
- learn about foods from many cultures
- prepare party foods, healthy snacks
- learn to create garnishes and develop food decorating skills
- bring home what you make to share with your family
- A great after school activity!

A materials fee of \$100.00 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance is available for qualifying families. Class will begin in February. For more information or to sign up please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429. Visit our website for the flyer at [www.woodbridgect.org](http://www.woodbridgect.org) under Youth services. Register today and join in when you can.

### Divorce Panel

Woodbridge Youth Services and Beecher Road School are making plans to host a panel on Divorce and its Impact on Parents. Visit our website at [www.woodbridge.org](http://www.woodbridge.org) or call Youth Services at 203-389-3429 for more information.

### Youth Services Offers Babysitting and Home Alone Classes

Please contact Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429 or view our Town Website at [www.woodbridge.org](http://www.woodbridge.org) for updates.

### Woodbridge Job Bank

The Woodbridge Job Bank is looking for young residents between the ages of 12 and 17 who are interested in earning some money. If you want to do snow shoveling, yard work, office work, child care, pet care, housework, or party help, please call us at 203-389-3429 to join the Job Bank. We'll help you find work with Woodbridge residents who need a hand around the home or office. It's a great way to gain work experience close to home.

### Worried about Shoveling Snow?

Woodbridge Job Bank teens will work for Woodbridge residents who want to hire someone to assist with odd jobs like shoveling snow, party help, cleaning, and moving furniture or boxes. Please contact us at 203-389-3429 for more information.

### Need a Babysitter?

The Woodbridge Job Bank has numerous teenagers who are experienced in babysitting. Many have completed the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course. If you are a Woodbridge resident and would like more information about babysitters, call Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Nancy Pfund  
Jeanette Glicksman

## Recipe Corner

From the Tax Office:

### CHERRY CREAM PUFF RING 10 – 12 servings

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3/4 cup dairy sour cream
- 1 pkg. Vanilla instant pudding & pie filling
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Heat over to 400°F. Heat water and butter to boiling in a 1 qt. saucepan; stir in flour. Stir vigorously until mixture forms a ball, about 1 minute. Remove from heat. Add eggs; beat until smooth. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls

onto greased baking sheet to form an 8" ring. Smooth with spatula. Bake until puffed and golden, 50-60 minutes. Cool ring. Cut off top with sharp knife and pull out any soft dough. Beat milk, sour cream, dry pudding mix and extract in small bowl on low speed until blended, about 1 minute. Fill cream puff ring with pudding mixture and spoon 1 cup of the cherry pie filling onto pudding. Replace top of cream puff ring and spoon remaining cherry filling on top. Refrigerate until serving time. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar before serving.

*NOTE:* To form ring, place an 8" round pan on baking sheet and trace around it. Drop dough inside the circle

**Have a favorite recipe you want to share? Submit to Gerry Shaw in the Selectmen's Office for publication in future editions.**

## *AARF - Amity Animal Rescue Fund*

While volunteering at the municipal animal shelter in 2007 resident Cheryl Lipson noticed there was not a separate room designated for cats that found their way to animal control. They were instead housed in a few cages that were off a busy hallway leading to the dog kennels.

As a caretaker of a number of felines herself, Lipson felt the small space was too stressful for the cats, which would affect their adoption potential.

With the assistance of several building suppliers, an architect and Woodbridge town officials, she managed to create a cat room for the shelter from donations creating the space where unused outdoor storage once stood.

Lipson's next step was to work with the animal control officers to try and help as many animals as possible who came through the door of the shelter.

That was the creation of the Amity Animal Rescue Fund (AARF) in 2008.

Registered as a 501c3 nonprofit organization, the group is compiled of a small dedicated group of volunteers from Bethany, Orange, Prospect and Woodbridge who work with the shelter as well as area residents to provide spay/neuter services, (the very successful 'Spay/Neuter Now' program), at a discounted fee, assist with medical care when possible and work with the shelter in an attempt to find homes for animals.

The group works with other rescue groups to trap, spay/neuter and release feral cats. In addition to being sterilized, these cats receive a rabies inoculation before they are released. AARF has had the help of a local boy scout troop to create 'igloo' type shelters for cat colonies.

AARF has received assistance and support from an area veterinarian practice to sponsor rabies/micro chip clinics annually in the surrounding communities for anyone looking to immunize their companion animal at a reduced rate. (A few goats have even taken advantage of these clinics).

A 'Good Dog Rewards' program is another AARF creation. This service encourages people to adopt shelter dogs. Anyone adopting a canine from a shelter who takes and completes a basic obedience class is eligible to receive \$50 off the cost of the class.

Several area schools have helped AARF with food drives which are then distributed to the shelter and residents in the community needing assistance in caring for their companion animals.

Two major fund raising events have seen local and state dignitaries as well as celebrities attend and praise AARF's efforts within the community. AARF has been recognized by the American Red Cross for its work on behalf of animals. In 2010 AARF was named an American Red Cross Hero of the Year.

AARF received a grant from the Orange Lions Club which was used to promote Humane Education month at the Case Memorial Library.

The volunteers have also sponsored a speaker's series for the community with topics ranging from "Help! There's a Raccoon in my Chimney!"... and Other Unexpected Wildlife Problems to Dog Bites and Basic First Aid for Small Animals.

AARF's mission statement: "To prevent animal cruelty by providing medical care, spay-neuter services, food and placement assistance for stray and abandoned animals in Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge and surrounding communities."

There is much more that needs to be done before there are 'no more homeless pets'. AARF is making small strides in that direction. They are grateful for each life that is saved through their efforts. Interested in becoming an AARF volunteer? To learn more contact them at amityarf@yahoo.com or call 203-389-1996.

## *Report From the Woodbridge Land Trust*


### **Chestnut Orchard on the Fitzgerald Property**

The American Chestnut was once the dominate tree in eastern forests. Before succumbing to a devastating blight, the American Chestnut accounted for one quarter of eastern hardwood trees, ranging from Maine to Georgia and into the Ohio Valley.

In cooperation with the American Chestnut Foundation, the Trust is proud to host one of only seven Chestnut research orchards in Connecticut. In 2006, the Trust planted approximately 400 trees with the goal of producing blight


resistant trees that would be used to repopulate the species. Six years later, the trees have grown considerably and many show some signs of having been exposed to fungal spores that still remain in the environment from the original blight.

We expect to complete the process within two years. When the surviving trees begin to produce nuts, we hope to distribute them locally, with planting instructions, to reestablish the American Chestnut in Woodbridge. The orchard is located at the Fitzgerald Walking Trails. Please stop by the orchard and see the trees.



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