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First Selectman's Corner

On May 20 the town will have the opportunity to vote on the fiscal year 2014 budget. In advance of that meeting, a preliminary budget is recommended to the town by the Board of Finance.

The Board of Finance's 2014 preliminary recommended budget would require a mill rate of 34.22. This represents a 1.45% increase over the prior year's mill rate. Including the 2014 budget, the town mill rate has increased an average of 1.12% per year for the past three years.

The budget includes a 0.48% increase in the grand list. There are several components of the grand list including assessments on real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles. This includes a 0.33% increase in real estate, the largest portion of our grand list. Other adjustments include a 1.38% decrease in personal property, a 0.13% increase in motor vehicle and the motor vehicle supplement, and no change to the Water Company P.I.L.O.T.

The Town's proposed operating expenses divide into three parts: (1) our Town's share of the operating costs, capital improvements, and debt burden of the Amity Regional School District; (2) the operating costs of the Woodbridge Board of Education for Beecher Road School; and (3) all remaining Town functions, including public safety, public works, the library, recreation, Town Hall offices, capital

improvements, and town debt service. Town debt service for fiscal 2014 covers all bonded projects, such as bonded improvements to Beecher Road School, construction of a new fire station, and open space purchases.

The preliminary budget includes a 4.67% increase in payments to the Amity School System. This is, in part, due to an overall increase in the Amity budget of 2.49% combined with an increased enrollment of Woodbridge students to the district. In addition, in consultation with the Superintendent and the Board of Education, the operating budget of Beecher Road School contains a zero percent increase. Finally, the budget contains a 1.12% increase for all other town services, including capital improvements and town debt.

The Board of Finance also recommends continuing the recent commitment to preserve our existing infrastructure in fiscal year 2014. For example, the capital budget would commit \$238,000 toward replacing aging Town vehicles, \$720,000 to improve Town roads, and \$69,000 to maintain Town buildings.



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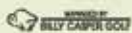
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Section 6.1 (of the Charter) requires the Board of Finance to set forth the amount, purpose, and proposed method of financing for all capital projects over the next six years including those that require long term borrowing. Included is a proposed plan to renovate Beecher Road School. This includes the replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system components, window replacements, replacement of the roof at Beecher North, and security upgrades. In addition, other projects under

consideration include renovations to the police department and open space acquisition.

The details of the town's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2014 are published in the town preliminary budget book. Copies of the budget book are available both at Town Hall and at the Library. You may review the entire budget book online at www.woodbridgect.org. The Town's six-year capital budget plan is included in the budget book.

Edward Maum Sheehy, First Selectman

Concerts in July

The place to be on Tuesday evenings in July between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. is the Woodbridge Town Gazebo. Bring your picnic basket and chairs and enjoy an evening with your family, friends and neighbors. The Recreation Department plans games to keep the younger occupied.

Tuesday, JULY 2 - Enjoy toe tapping music with "Annie and the Mixers". The top 40 Country Hits - from Shania Twain, Toby Keith, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Vince Gill, & Reba McEntire.

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Tuesday, JULY 16 - Remember "Ole Blue Eyes"? Come and swoon to the "Sounds of Frank" provided by a six member musical and vocal group with over 25 years of professional experience.

Tuesday, JULY 23 - To be announced

Tuesday, JULY 30 - It's all about the 60's baby - You don't want to miss "The British Invasion Tribute" - Music of the "Beatles" and other 60's bands are featured.

Woodbridge Recreation Department

It's Time to Register for Summer Camp

The 2013 Woodbridge Recreation Department Summer camp program is July 1st thru August 9th. It is six weeks, with no program on Thursday, July 4th. It is located in the Beecher South School. The camp is 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. The camp day is divided into four 45 minute periods. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, drama, athletics, water slide, and game room. The ages include 6 years thru 13 years old. A child is eligible to attend the program if entering first grade in the fall. We also have a pre-school camp for those that turned 3 years of age by

December 31, 2012. Each camp group will have a Head Counselor and several Assistant Counselors, who will also be joined by members of our CIT and Volunteer program. For more information, contact the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. at 203-389-3446. Registrations will be accepted in the Recreation Office in the Beecher South School between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00pm. Or, to mail in a registration, mail completed forms with a check to: 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525. Registration forms available at www.woodbridgect.org click on Recreation, then Programs and Activities, then Summer Camp Program.

On the Cover...

The New England Farm House on the cover is a photo of The Thomas Darling House, 1907 Litchfield Turnpike, taken by Aimee Cotton Bogush. This beautiful home, built for Thomas Darling in 1772, passed through generations of the family until 1973 when the home was acquired by the Town of Woodbridge. The home, preserved as a house

museum by the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society is a showcase for the original portraits, furniture, and other memorabilia saved by generations of this remarkable family. Visit www.woodbridgehistory.org for more information or contact Don Menzies, Society President via e-mail at dmenzies3@gmail.com

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Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief

Elderly and totally disabled tax relief programs may be filed with the Town's Assessor between February 1 and May 15, 2013.

Those residents of Woodbridge who:

1. Have attained the age of 65 on or before 12/31/12.
2. Hold full time residence in Woodbridge.
3. Income does not exceed \$33,500 for a single person or \$40,900 for a married couple.

Those on social security disability are exempt from the age requirement.

Applications can be filed at the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Proof of 2012 income and social security earnings is required.

Those persons on the program required to renew will be mailed an application. Applications are also available for the Town Tax Relief program. You must be 65 by December 31, 2012 and resided at and paid property tax to the Town for one year. The income requirement for this program is maximum household income of \$40,900 for Group 1 and maximum household income of \$69,530 for Group 2. Those on social security disability are exempt from the age requirement.

Applications are also available for the Town Additional Veterans program. You must be a veteran and had your DD-214 (honorable discharge papers) on file in the Town Clerks office by September 30, 2012. The income requirement for this program is maximum income of \$58,200 for a single person or \$65,900 for a married couple. There is no age requirement for this program.

If you have any questions concerning these programs, please call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416.



Thank you to Aimee Cotton Bogush who took the three photos for the cover of Woodbridge Events Magazine, Quarter One. Aimee is an amateur photographer living in Bethany, CT. www.mymidlifecreativities.org.

Her work is also featured at www.woodbridgect.org and www.cthistory.org.

Country Club of Woodbridge

From the Course - The golf course continues to make improvements throughout the early spring. We have completed our Spring Aeration on the greens and the tee boxes. The greens have already healed up and are in great shape! The cover on the first hole has allowed that green to make huge strides throughout the winter. The green has a more improved root structure that will allow for improved playability all season. The golf course is healing up quickly from the cold winter months and is already much improved over last year.

We remind you that all Residents receive a 20% discount on all greens fee and cart fees and ask that you to get out and play early and often this summer.

From the Pool - Summer really is just around the corner! After a wonderful 2012 at the Country Club of Woodbridge pool, we are ready to welcome 2013. Long-time Pool Director Anthony Taddei and his skilled team of lifeguards are looking forward to making this summer memorable for our members and residents. It was truly wonderful to see so many families enjoy the sense of community that that Mr. Taddei promotes at the Country Club.

There are several exciting events coming in 2013. We will continue the showing of our Friday Night Movie Nights. Our

members and residents get to vote on the movie they wish to see so be on the lookout for the first one!

Friday night date night will continue. Any couple looking for a fun night can come for an evening of music, golfing, tennis, and great food. Please see our website for dates and details.

Swim and Tennis teams will be back at it again this summer. Many meets are already scheduled so make sure you lock in your spot today.

From the Grill Room - Our Food and Beverage Team is eager to please. A brand new and improved menu is just one of the changes you will see. Remember that our Grill Room is open daily to anyone; you don't have to be a member to enjoy a great meal with a view.

We will continue our regular cookouts by the pool, ice cream treats for the kids, and our friendly, welcoming staff. Our service team will greet you poolside to offer drinks or food and make your experience more enjoyable all season long.

Also this season, our chef Ron Howard Jr. will be providing a dinner service oriented towards family style, modern American cuisine. Please inquire about our hours and menu at the Country Club. A contemporary ambiance and friendly atmosphere await you.

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Woodbridge Has A New Fire Marshal

First Selectman Edward Maum Sheehy and Fire Commission Chair Elias Alexiades welcome Woodbridge's new Fire Marshal Joseph Cappucci following his being sworn into office by Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio.

Mr. Cappucci served as New Haven Fire Marshal for 10 years. His office is located in the Woodbridge Town Hall (lower level).

His hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. He can be contacted at: 203-389-3445 or via e-mail at jcappucci@woodbridgefire.com



Left to Right: Fire Marshal Joseph Cappucci; First Selectman Edward Maum Sheehy; Fire Commission Chair Elias Alexiades

Renter's Program

Applications for the Renters Program may be filed with the Town's Assessor between April 1 and October 1, 2013.

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3. Total income does not exceed \$33,500 for a single person or \$40,900 for a married couple.

Those on social security disability are exempt from the age requirement. Applications can be filed at the Assessor's

Office, Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Proof of 2012 income and social security earnings is REQUIRED along with receipts of ALL 2012 RENT AND 2012 UTILITIES (exclusive of phone & cable).

Those persons who had applied for this program last year will be mailed an application in April 2013.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416.



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The Garden Club of Woodbridge

The Garden Club of Woodbridge gives residents of Woodbridge and its surrounding areas a great opportunity to come together to learn and share their interests in all things relating to gardening. We welcome the novice as well as the accomplished gardener and our programs appeal to individuals with a wide array of interests from birds and conservation to trees and shrubs, as well as those who want to learn more about flowers and flower arranging. This year we have a wonderful array of programs that will cover topics such as the habits of butterflies, floral design and how to plan your garden for success. We hold monthly meetings from September through June and encourage everyone to join us. Look for our meeting announcements in the Woodbridge Town News and online at the Bethwood Patch. For more information about the club you can contact our Membership Chair, Chris Lovejoy at 203-671-5684.

Founded in 1933, the Garden Club of Woodbridge is a volunteer, nonprofit organization comprised of over 60 members. In 2013 we will be celebrating 80 years of passionately devoting our energies and expertise to a wide array of projects in the community of Woodbridge. The Club's members are dedicated to promoting individual and civic gardening activities including horticulture, floral design, bird life, and conservation that serve to educate and generate interest in gardening among members of the Woodbridge community.

In its' early years, The Garden Club of Woodbridge concentrated its efforts on civic improvement focusing on landscaping and beautifying the center of town. In recent years the club has continued their civic beautification efforts with plantings around the Town Hall, the firehouse, Center School, Beecher Road School, a Colonial Herb garden and other



*Members of the Garden Club of Woodbridge accept the award of excellence in civic development and beautification from the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut for the design and planting of the 9/11 memorial garden at the Woodbridge Fire House.
top row: Linda Reilly, Cindy Marien, Leslie Martino
bottom row: Marie Dube, Susan Hildebrand, Barbara Bosco*

plantings at the Thomas Darling House, a bird and butterfly Garden at the Library, annual summer flowers at the Yale Children's Hospital, and the house gardens at the Massaro Community Farm.

Most recently, the club partnered with the Woodbridge firemen to design and plant a 9/11 memorial at the Woodbridge Firehouse. Because of their outstanding work on this project, the Garden Club of Woodbridge was honored in 2012 with awards for excellence in civic development and beautification from both the Federated and New England Regional Garden Clubs of America.

Every year, The Garden Club sponsors a college scholarship for a graduating Amity High School senior who is pursuing a major in horticulture or environmental studies and we have ongoing programs such as the Junior Gardeners Club at Beecher Road School and a Horticultural Therapy group at Coachman Square, a senior living facility.

Ten meetings are held per year from September through June. The club meets at the Town Library and at The First Church of Christ

at 5 Meetinghouse Lane. Day meetings are at 11:30 a.m. with an educational program at 12:30 p.m. The evening meetings are at 7:00 p.m. with the program at 7:30 p.m. Our final two meetings for this year will be on Tuesday, May 7th and Tuesday, June 4th. The topic for our May 7th meeting is "Underutilized and Exceptional Native Trees and Shrub" and will be presented by Adam Wheeler of Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden. The subject of our last meeting Tuesday, June 4th is "Creative Floral Design with Ease" and will be presented by Barbara Bruce who is an award winning floral designer and Flower Show Judge. Both meetings will be held at the First Church of Christ at 5 Meetinghouse Lane in Woodbridge. They will begin at 11:45 a.m. with some light refreshments and the lecture to follow at about 12:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and admission is \$5.00.

Please join us on May 11th at The Garden Club of Woodbridge Spring Plant Sale. Come to our "Celebrate Spring" event on Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Massaro Farm, 41 Ford Road in Woodbridge. We will have a huge selection of plants from our members' gardens as well as a variety of annuals in flats, containers, and hanging baskets that you can purchase to spruce up your gardens or give for Mother's Day gifts.

Our club always welcomes new members. If you have any questions or would like some more information about The Garden Club of Woodbridge, please contact Chris Lovejoy at 203-671-5684.



Members of The Garden Club of Woodbridge clean up the entrance to the Alice Newton Street Park

Massaro Community Farm

Organic Land Care Series with Beekeeping and Duck Truck Composting

On March 23, Massaro Community Farm kicked off its 2013 season at with its first beekeeping workshop of the year. This workshop focused on the parts of the backyard hive, hive tools and techniques for assembly to get your backyard beekeeping off on the right track. The farm also launched its organic land care series by hosting the Duck Truck Composting Workshop at noon at the Ansonia Nature Center.

For the last two years, the Connecticut Beekeeper's Association has conducted home beekeeping workshops at the farm on a variety of topics from late winter through fall that are intended to guide new and existing beekeepers on the essentials of assembling and maintaining a healthy hive. "Building upon the interest we've had in beekeeping, we wanted to expand our workshops to provide topics that would appeal to and educate our surrounding community on how best to maintain a yard that is both appealing and beneficial to supporting our natural environment," said Jason

Morrill, Massaro Community Farm board president. Morrill is also a member of the CT Beekeeper's Association.

The Duck Truck Composting is the brainchild of Alexis Wilcox, a teacher, master gardener and composter who offers a host of landscaping services, including light chain-sawing, chicken coop building and garden layout and installation. The Duck Truck, a traveling compost workspace based in Hamden, was born when Alexis affixed a number of rescued plastic ducks to the outside of the truck. Now, Alexis makes numerous appearances throughout the year educating both kids and adults on the ease and benefits of diverting our green scraps to the compost pile for repurposing. Alexis is also a big proponent of using worms to eat your compostable materials.

Massaro Community Farm is a non-profit farm on a 57-acre parcel of land in Woodbridge, Connecticut, 15 minutes northwest of New Haven. Our mission is to keep farming, feed people, and build community. Our vision is to enhance the quality of life for generations to come. Our full programming calendar and details can be found at www.massarofarm.org.

Events at Massaro Community Farm

SUMMER CAMP AT THE FARM – Registration is now open. Massaro Community Farm is pleased to once again partner with the Town of Woodbridge Recreation Department to bring you Summer Camp at the Farm. This year's camp will return during the weeks of August 5th and 12th. We will offer a special \$10 discount to campers who register by May 11, 2013. Space is limited for this program and we encourage early enrollment! The half-day camp is geared towards 6-9-year-olds and is led by an experienced environmental educator. Activities will include stories, natural crafts and a healthy snack. To obtain a registration form, visit our website, www.massarofarm.org, or call us at (203) 736-8618.

CELEBRATE SPRING - Saturday, May 11, 10 am until 3 pm - We will "ring in spring" with our Celebrate Spring festival featuring a traditional Maypole dance, led by legendary dance caller Bill Fischer and the Wry Bred band. The day's events, which will run from 10 am until 3 pm, rain or shine, will include the sale of flowers and hanging baskets sponsored by the Woodbridge Garden Club. Organic herb and vegetable seedlings will also be on sale. A few CSA subscriptions are still available for the 2013 season. Those interested should call the farm at (203) 736-8618 or visit the CSA website at www.massarofarmcsa.org for subscription

details. At Celebrate Spring, the farm will be unveiling a newly completed section of its nature trail. A guided walk of the trail will help with bird identification; visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars. A workshop on the history of herbs, selection and their uses is also planned. Celebrate Spring marks the beginning of our fourth season.

TRAIL DAY - Sunday, June 2nd, 1:30pm to 3:00pm - This year, Massaro Community Farm is pleased to participate with the CT Forest & Park Association in celebration of Trail Day. Join us on Sunday, June 2nd from 1:30-3:00pm for a guided walk on our recently expanded nature trail leading through the woods and wetlands of the farm. No RSVP necessary. Meet in the farm parking lot 15 minutes ahead of time and wear weatherproof shoes. Steady rain cancels. For further information visit <http://www.ctwoodlands.org/>.

MORE TO COME - In 2013, the farm plans to offer more educational programming in partnership with other area organizations, including CT NOFA, CT Beekeeper's Association and the CT Agricultural Station in New Haven. It will also welcome elementary students from nearby Mead and Prendergast schools this year. For a complete listing of events and more details about upcoming workshops, please visit the website, www.massarofarm.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 20 - 7:30 P.M.

THE CENTER GYM - 4 MEETINGHOUSE LANE - WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR BUDGET INFORMATION

Woodbridge Town Library

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS - May 27th (Memorial Day), July 4th (Independence Day).

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN - To register for children's programs, or for more information, call 203.389.3439, or email childrensprogram@lioninc.org.

STORYTIME SCHEDULE - We have something for everyone. From babies to preschool, we have a storytime for your child. These programs are open to all, and no registration is required.

BABIES (ages 6-18 months) Wednesdays @ 11:30 am - Songs, sounds, and movement activities for babies.

TODDLERS (ages 18-30 months) Wednesdays @ 10:30 am. Nursery rhymes, finger plays and actions songs.

READ & GROW (for toddlers & preschoolers), Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm. Picture book favorites with music to send you home singing!

STORYCRAFT PROGRAMS - Please plan to arrive early as space and supplies are limited to the first 15 participants.

Storycraft for ages 3-5 - Saturdays @ 11:00 am - Age appropriate stories & crafts.

Storycraft for ages 5-10 - Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm - More sophisticated stories and art projects for older children.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - The theme of this year's program is "Dig In To Summer Reading", and it will



take place from June 24th to August 16th for children ages 5 to 12. We have a full slate of crafts, activities and programs scheduled - you will definitely want to "save the date" for these fantastic programs:

July 10th - Dinosaurs Rock

July 17th - Animal Embassy

July 22nd - Pumpernickel Puppets

July 29th - Bubble Trouble

August 14th - Cactus Head Puppets

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS - To register for adult programs or for more information, please call 203.389.3433, or email pvalsecchi@woodbridgedirect.org.

FILM DISCUSSION SERIES with Mark Schenker: "The Films of Alfred Hitchcock"

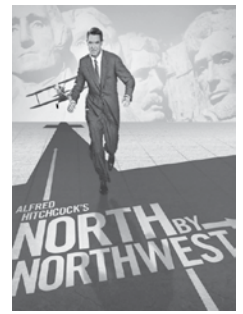
Wednesday, May 8th @ 7:00 pm: *Vertigo*

Wednesday, June 12th @ 7:00 pm:

North by Northwest

In a continuation of his 2012 series "How to Read a Film", Mark Schenker will present four lectures on The Films of Alfred Hitchcock. *Notorious* (1946), with Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman in what is perhaps the director's most fully realized love story; *Strangers on a Train* (1951), with Robert Walker as one of Hitchcock's

most impressive villains; *Vertigo* (1958), with James Stewart and Kim Novak in what many people consider the director's greatest film; and *North by Northwest* (1959), with Cary Grant as another of Hitchcock's innocent men on the run in a movie that is a sophisticated blend of thriller, romance, and comedy. This is a free program, and all are welcome to join. 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.



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS - To register for teen programs, or for more information, please call 203.389.3439, or email wbrjustaff@lioninc.org.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (for high school

students, ages 12 and older) - Saturday, May 4th @ 3:00 pm. Have you read anything worth talking about lately?



Come to our new Woodbridge Town Library Teen Book Discussion Group to chat with others about what you've been reading. This discussion will be tailored specifically for high school readers. It will be Reading Rainbow all grown up! Call to reserve your spot @ 203.389.3439.

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resident or live in a community that participates in the LION consortium. (Contact the library to see if your community participates.) We are currently scheduling appointments - please call the Reference Department @ 203.389.3434 to reserve your time slot.

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Saturdays - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Senior Center

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 and will be taught.

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

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 Janmohamed. 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.

NEW! Walking Group - 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 - 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 for reservation for lunch and/or transportation.

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Klarides Pushes to Screen Newborns for Nerve Disorder



Rep. Klarides stands with the Kelley family and a bipartisan group of legislators to call for support for ALD screening of newborns.

State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) stood with a bipartisan group of legislators in favor of screening newborn babies for a genetic disorder called adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD). The lawmakers have proposed a bill to require screenings for all newborns, making it easier for physicians to identify and treat the disorder before it worsens. Also present was Dr. Jack Kelley and his son Bryan (24) who has been quietly but doggedly fighting the rare genetic disorder which, if recognized and treated early, can stay asymptomatic.

ALD affects the tissue lining around the adrenal glands and nerve cells. The disorder comes with different levels of severity, with the most severe form causing very rapid degeneration of the nervous system in young boys. "It isn't often lawmakers can agree on a proposal that will clearly help constituents at a relatively low cost," said Rep. Klarides, a member of the Public Health Committee. "It's a rare occasion that we find something that is so black and white. Test these kids when they are born and they will live wonderful lives." Brian's mother, Jean Kelley, had this to say about the bill, "It's a way to save lives. We're talking about lives, lives that won't happen without the test." In the worst cases like Brian's, the disorder leads to loss of muscle function that permanently confines patients to wheelchairs. Screening of newborns has saved or improved the lives of more than 12,000 children to date and only costs about \$1.50 - \$2.00 per test.

Yesterday the Public Health Committee held a public hearing on SB 465 "An Act Concerning Newborn Screening for ALD." The Committee must determine whether or not the bill reaches the state Senate for a vote prior to the committee's April 5th deadline.

Olympic Medal Athlete Visits Her Elementary School



Recently, 2012 Olympic Bronze Medal Winner Margaux Farrell, 23, gave an inspirational speech to our sixth graders. She focused on setting near-term and long-term goals in life, having a positive attitude in

approaching life, and dealing with diversity. She talked about her early years at BRS and how even then she had a goal to be a competitive swimmer. Focusing on that goal meant sacrificing other parts of her young life to make that happen. The children were mesmerized by Margaux's presentation and had lots of follow-up questions. Ms. Farrell's talk will help sixth graders work on their student success plan, which involves goal setting and follows them to middle school. The new success plan is required by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The presentation was arranged by Ms. Sandy Simowitz, one of Margaux's many former teachers at BRS, who are still teaching at the school.

Ms. Farrell is an alumna of BRS and graduate of Amity High School. She has dual citizenship, France and USA, swam for France in the London Olympics and won a bronze medal as part of the women's 4x200 women's swimming relay.

Legislative Update

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, Jr.
17th District - The Connecticut General Assembly*

Donation for Improvements



Dwight Rowland, President of the Beth-Wood Baseball League presents a check in the amount of \$3,000 to First Selectman Edward Maum Sheehy. The League's generous donation is used for safety improvements to the Town's baseball fields and to defray costs attributed to Baseball Tournaments.



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Beecher's Extended Day Program

Many programs make Beecher Road School unique. The Extended Day program is one. Research shows that children who attend quality before or after school programs benefit in many ways, including: personal attention from caring adults, opportunities to explore new interests, academic support, development of a sense of belonging to a group, new friendships with peers, opportunities for leadership roles, and a sense of self-esteem independent of their academic talent.

BRS Extended Day is like no other - with hundreds of families participating, the Extended Day program operates before school from 7:30 - 8:20, and after school until 6:00. During vacations, from 8:00 - 5:30. The program goal is to ensure that your child is safe and happy while you're at work or otherwise occupied. The staff provides a relaxing environment where children from kindergarten through sixth grade may play with friends or work in both structured and unstructured activities.

Though after school programs are common across the country, BRS's program is unique. For one, the program is run by the same certified teachers and staff members who work at BRS during the regular school day. In addition, students from Amity High School and college students, many of whom are BRS graduates, are members of the staff and serve as positive role models for the younger children. There is a low student to adult ratio as well as a consistent nucleus of professional, friendly and caring staff.

The program is a blend of academic support, personal growth, and supervised play for children in a nurturing environment. Whether through playing sports, swimming, creating computer games, participating in different forms of the arts, doing homework, or just having fun with friends, the program brings students together. Family pot luck dinners provide children and their families the opportunity to celebrate friendship and diversity. Students make the decorations, serve the food, and provide the entertainment at these well-attended multi-cultural, multi-generational events.

Frequently asked questions: Is there a cost to me for Eday?

Yes. Various options are available.

How can I register my child for this program? *Registration is done online through the BRS website.*

If I need to, can I sign my child up for just mornings? *Yes, we begin at 7:30 a.m. in the library and end at the start of school.*

If children go to a Woodbridge Recreation program, can they come to Eday afterwards and stay until 6:00 p.m.? *Yes, we have staff that picks up the "rec" children and walks them to the Eday basement.*

What is the best way to know what courses are available on the day my child attends Eday? *Visit our website.*

What if my child signs up for a course and does not enjoy it, can he/she switch out? *Yes. Absolutely.*

Can my child have an opportunity to work on homework at Eday? *Yes, Monday - Thursday children may attend homework sessions in the library. Two teachers are assigned to assist children.*

Is there an opportunity for playtime? *Yes, from 3:30 - 4:30 or in organized sport activities.*

It is a very long day, is there a snack for my child? *Yes. We provide a snack for the children.*

Are there daily physical activities? *Yes. Examples include indoor/outdoor games, court games, floor hockey, archery, and Capture the Flag.*

Is there an appropriate program for my kindergarten child? *Yes. There is a program designed to meet the needs of our youngest children. They are in the kindergarten wing and have use of the kindergarten playground. This program includes story time, art activities, and play.*

If a situation occurs and I need my child to attend, when I haven't preregistered, can you accommodate us? *Yes. Drop-ins are always welcome in the morning and in the afternoon.*

Send a note to the homeroom teacher providing dismissal instructions and email Director Cathy Salinardi at csalinardi@woodbridgeps.org or Assistant Director Tim Rourke at trourke@woodbridgeps.org.

Beecher School Kindergarten is Special

What makes kindergarten at Beecher Road School so special? Noted journalist Henry Adams once said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the influence of a kindergarten teacher can be seen in a student throughout life: "What children learn and experience during their early years can shape their views of themselves and the world, and can affect their later success or failure in school, work and their personal lives."

More than anything else, the teachers make the kindergarten program at BRS special. They are a highly educated, well informed, passionate group of child-centered educators

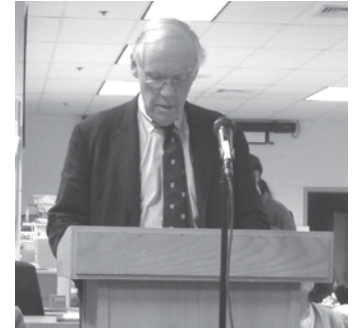
who work well as a team. In addition, there is a qualified, dedicated teaching assistant in every classroom, who works directly with children on an individual or small group basis. The usual class size is 19 or below. Classrooms are physically large with lots of instructional and play materials. The classrooms open to a beautiful kindergarten playground where the children have recess on a daily basis. The kindergarten curriculum is comprehensive, combining academics, socialization, play, music, art, physical wellness and character development. The social and emotional development of children is equally as important as the academic growth of each child.

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School Board Member Day

School Board Member Day was officially proclaimed on March 18 by First Selectman Ed Sheehy and Superintendent of Schools Guy Stella. Among kudos for the Board members, the official proclamation highlights the role of an excellent public school system for a quality community. The fact that Woodbridge has such a system is the result of the efforts of many, not the least of whom are Board members. They must make difficult decisions while responding to demands for higher standards.

These men and women, exemplary public servants elected to their positions, deserve recognition and thanks for their countless hours of volunteer service to public education and the children of our community. Woodbridge Board of Education Members are: Margaret Hamilton - Chair, Steven Fleischman - Vice-Chair, Matthew Gilbride - Secretary, David Barkin, David Bernard, Clotilde Dudley-Smith, Carl Lindskog; Sheila McCreven, and Yan Yun Wu.



First Selectman Ed Sheehy makes School Board Members Recognition Day official.

Notification of Upcoming Election Dates

The Bethany and Woodbridge Registrars of Voters announce important voting dates. Municipal Elections will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013.

Cut-off Dates: Mail in registration deadline for voting in the May 6th election (postmark) is April 22nd. Deadline for registering in person with Registrars is 8:00 p.m., Monday April 29th.

Registrars Session: A special registration session will be held at the Registrars office on Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Registrars Session: Monday, April 29th is the in-person cut-off for voter registrations. Applicants must appear in person to the Registrar of Voters office between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Limited Session: There will be a limited enrollment session on Friday, May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for persons who attained age, citizenship or residency after the April 29th deadline.

Absentee Ballots: Applications for absentee ballots should be made through the Town Clerk's office and will become available April 5th. You may also download an application from the Secretary of the State's website: click on "Elections and Voting" then "Absentee Ballot Application".

Bethany Registrars: 203-393-2100, ext. 121

Woodbridge Registrars: 203-389-3408, 3409

The Town Clerk's Office is available to register voters, for absentee ballots and to accept party changes Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Woodbridge. Bethany's hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Monday evenings 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Amity Referendum will be held in Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge on Wednesday, May 8th. Polls will be open in all three towns from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Beecher School Kindergarten ... continued from previous page

There is a team approach to the process of helping every child develop along their individual learning pathway. That team includes literacy, mathematics and science specialists, library media specialists, a psychologist, speech/language pathologist, physical education and health specialists, art and music teachers. Health services are provided by three highly qualified school nurses. In addition, there are after school and summer programs designed specifically for kindergarten children. BRS's affiliation with the Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University provides on-site consultancy support for an early childhood workshop model in each kindergarten classroom. This approach

allows for choice and growth at the individual child's own pace.

Continual support for the social and emotional development of children permeates daily life in every kindergarten classroom. This occurs primarily through implementation of a Responsive Classroom philosophy and includes socialization, play and recess activities. Equally important, our kindergartners and their families have access to BRS's large well-resourced library and library media center. They have access to a large and well-equipped gym as well as a swimming pool. Last but not least, the 43 acre school campus, which also serves as a wild life preserve and includes a mile walking and exercise Loop, is at their disposal 7-days a week. These some of the reasons why Beecher Road School's kindergarten program is so special.

Essex Printing Winner in New England Regional Awards of Excellence

The announcement was made April 4 during PINE'S Industry Awards Gala with hundreds of industry professionals in attendance. PINE'S Awards of Excellence Competition attracts over 200 entries from 41 printing and imaging companies across New England competing in a variety of printing and graphic communications categories. Essex Printing won Awards of Recognition for the printing of Essex Savings Bank's 2013 calendar. A panel of judges with extensive experience in printing and print



production examined a wide range of work submitted. Each entry was judged anonymously on its own merit in a category with similar printed pieces. "We are very proud to have won this competition because it confirms our commitment to our clients that we provide an outstanding level of quality printing," said William McMinn, President of Essex Printing and Events Magazines.

For more information please contact Essex Printing at 860-767-9087.

Fondue Season is Still Upon Us



It really doesn't need to be winter to enjoy fondue, but that's usually the time when people think about it the most. A picture is conjured up of a warm fireplace, a bubbling pot of fondue, a great glass of wine or your favorite beer, and friends and family to enjoy it all. It's fun, fresh, and elegant to serve. Fondue is the party, at least in my home. When's the last time you had real Swiss fondue?

The name fondue actually comes from the French verb "fonder" which means to melt. Like so many great meals today it began as a simple, peasant food. It was a great way to use up day old bread, opened wine, and leftover, dry cheese. Once heated and mixed together, a great feast was created.

Although there are many variations of fondues available today, I still like the classic Swiss recipe which you can find on our website. It's tried and true and I've been using it for over 40 years. Many will disagree as to the best combinations of Swiss cheeses that should be used but most agree to start with a good, aged Gruyere. Emmentaler, Appenzeller, Challerhocker, and Vacherin Fribourgeois are readily available and should be considered as additions to the mix. These are all very flavorful cheeses from Switzerland which are also great eating cheeses. If you can, try them before you buy and see which ones suit your palate.

The fact that most of the meal is prepared in advance allows you to actually enjoy your own party; you can sit and relax with your guests. The only reason to get up from the table would be to retrieve another bottle of wine. I hear many ask, "Oh, fondue is back?" My answer, "it never left."

Paul Partica, The Cheese Shop Of Centerbrook

The Next Deadline for Woodbridge Events is July 5

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Sunday Service: 8:00 a.m.
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81 Center Road (Rte. 114)
Tele: 203-387-7119
Fax: 203-387-4281
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Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Confession:
Saturday 9:00 a.m. or by appointment

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United Church of Christ - 5 Meetinghouse Lane
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e-mail: office@uccw.org
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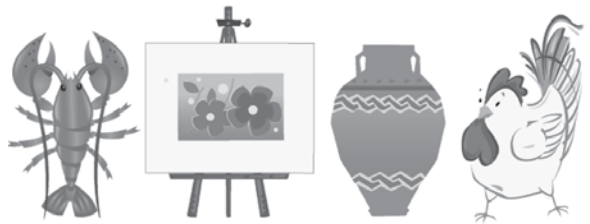
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Dedication of the Old South School

Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society announces the opening of Old South School one-room schoolhouse, at 1181 Johnson Road, Sunday, June 2 at noon.

Slow and Steady Wins the Race

The story begins about seventeen years ago, when two town organizations got together to restore an old schoolhouse. It was in 1995 when the late Nancy Scully, then Chairperson of the Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Property (CUPOP) contacted Woodbridge Historical Society President Don Menzies and asked if “we should try and save the last remaining one-room school still in Town ownership, so it can become an asset to the townspeople again?” Scully was referring to the former Knights of Columbus Hall, on Johnson Rd., built originally in 1877 as one of the Town’s District Schools. Menzies and Scully joined forces, but had no idea how long it might take.

“We were given the blessing of the Board of Selectmen”, Menzies recalls, “But it came with a caveat. No public funds would be available for the restoration. All funding had to come through donations.” So the ad hoc South School Restoration Committee was formed with Scully, Menzies, Chris Dickerson, Duncan Milne and Rich Ridinger. Together they began the process of fund raising and removing much of the non-original architectural features. Menzies recalls that they all worked on the building as time and money would allow, but that it wasn’t until State Senator Joe Crisco came forward with some funding from the State that they could start the project in earnest. “The money Senator Joe provided was the shot in the arm we needed. It validated the project. We were off and running”, Menzies said.

Many individuals and businesses contributed time and money along the way, but it was clear that the group needed someone with construction/restoration experience to start guiding the process along.

Menzies remembers getting a phone call from one of the Historical Society Directors saying she had just given a tour of the Darling House to a Woodbridge resident who expressed great interest in the schoolhouse project. That resident was contractor Jim Urbano, and since then, Jim has been the experienced, guiding hand in the restoration. Through the years Chris Dickerson and the Amity High School Women’s Cross Country Team have painted the exterior twice. The Dillaway family down the street has provided refreshments at the on-site work days. There was a second infusion of funds from the State, thanks to Senator Joe and Rep. Themis Klarides. The Scully family made a generous contribution in memory of their Mom, Nancy (Susannah



Keith Scully). Public Works has assisted in many clean ups after work days. It has been a real grassroots effort.

Thanks to the Historical Society having in their archives the original ink drawings from 1877 of the front façade and interior of the schoolhouse, accurate reproductions of missing details have been fabricated. Urbano had a paint history analysis performed so that original interior colors could be reproduced. There have been dozens of old school desks donated, as well as other items

appropriate for a school of the period. The original South School bell was found in one of the barns at the Darling House, donated years ago by George Knowlton, who was Fire Chief back in the day when the South School served as the first fire house in Town. George had saved the bell, and entrusted it to the Historical Society.

Admittedly, there was a period of several years where not much happened. “We all had other things going on that turned our attentions away from the project for a few years,” Menzies said. “Then along came lifelong resident Rich Jaynes who expressed great interest in seeing the project completed. Rich installed the beautiful split rail fence. He maintains the grounds, keeping it looking nice for the neighbors and passers-by.” Jaynes also installed a stone marker in the schoolyard, and a plaque on the wall inside, commemorating all who were involved with early education in town, especially the teachers.

So yes, it has taken a long time. But staying the course as prescribed by the Selectmen all those years ago, the project has been completed without the direct use of any taxpayer dollars. Now, the South School Restoration Committee, The Town, and the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society invite the public to view the finished product on Sunday, June 2 for the official opening and open house. Opening ceremonies will commence at 12:00, and the open house will run until 2:00 pm. The Historical Society will serve light refreshments. Park carefully, either on Johnson Rd. or along Manville Rd. The rain date will be the following Sunday, June 9. As a fully restored one-room schoolhouse, it will be utilized by Beecher Road School as an educational tool to teach local history, much the same way the teachers in Bethany use the old Center School. A teacher can take their class there to reenact a lesson or a whole day’s activities. So mark your calendar and save the date. Stop in and see how Woodbridge did the three R’s over one hundred years ago. (That would be: Readin’, Ritin’, and ‘Rithmetic, of course!) See you there.

Lisa Flaherty of the Amity-Woodbridge Historical Society

Education in Woodbridge

Woodbridge traditionally has had a history of providing outstanding education. In 1905 Woodbridge began to send children to New Haven (a few to Derby) for high school education. The problem of transporting increasing numbers of students to New Haven caused the towns of Woodbridge, Orange and Bethany to propose a regional high school and land was purchased on Newtown Road, a central location. The school (Amity) was opened in 1954 and to this day has a fine reputation.

But let's go back to when the region was called Amity Parish, before it became Woodbridge. In 1740 Ebenezer Peck and Barnabas Baldwin went to New Haven to ask the "First Society" for Amity's "share" of the funds allotted to schools from the sale of "western lands" on the upper Housatonic River. Mr. Bunnell went to Milford to collect money from the sale of the lands. The Southwest School was built. The Darling House archives of the Amity Woodbridge Historical Society have account records of private schools in Woodbridge in the 1790's and early 1800's.

In 1837 school funds obtained by the sale of "western lands" (the Western Reserve in Ohio) provided Connecticut's share, \$763,661.83. The sum of money was applied to schools for each town. Thus the Connecticut Common School Journal in 1838 shows Woodbridge had five school districts. The schools were at first in session for seventeen weeks. They were taught by six male teachers for an average wage of \$14.33 a month. Henry Barnard became Commissioner of Education in Connecticut in 1840. Thus Woodbridge had public schools before Barnard assumed leadership in the state. The Barnard Funds are still important today for helping aging Connecticut teachers. He became the first Commissioner of Education in the U. S. in 1867 and also served as president of the University of Wisconsin from 1858 to 1860.

According to the 1868 map of Woodbridge a one-room school was located near the corner of Amity Road and Seymour Road (North District School). At the corner of Peck Hill Road and Seymour Road was the Northwest School (now a residence). Not far from the corner of Center Road and Amity Road was a third one-room school called the "Red School." On Racebrook Road, not far from the Milfordside Cemetery and squeezed between Old Racebrook Road and Racebrook Road there is a residence today but it was, in the 18th and early 19th century, the Racebrook School.

Finally, on Johnson Road, halfway between Ansonia Road and Rimmon Road, was located the South School (See Photo). The South School burned in 1875 and was rebuilt and reopened in 1877. It was in use until 1928 when Center School was built to educate all elementary students in town. All five one-room schools were closed in 1928.

From 1870 until 1915 all teachers in town received \$9.00 or \$10.00 per week for 37 weeks. (\$370.00 per year with no pay in the summer). Two prominent graduates of South School were Dorothy "Dot" Sperry Sutfin (a longtime teacher in Woodbridge) and Clifford "Cliff" Miller a prominent citizen and leader in helping establish 1.5 acre zoning in Woodbridge (for public health reasons) in 1932.

The Amity Woodbridge Historical Society invites residents to attend the dedication of South School on Sunday, June 2nd at 12:00 noon. The school has been restored to the 1877 era. It is hoped that the children of Beecher Road School can visit and learn what school was like one hundred and thirty-eight years ago. With the help of many citizens of Woodbridge including gifts from State Senator Joseph Crisco, State Representative Themis Klarides, and the Scully Family, work has proceeded slow but steadily since 1995. It is hoped all residents will take pride in the South School restoration and preservation and contribute to its funding.

Richard Jaynes, B.A., M.A.

Recipe Corner

NO BAKE STRAWBERRY ICEBOX CAKE

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs. fresh strawberries, sliced
- 2 8 oz. tubs regular, light, or fat-free whipped topping
- 1 14.4 oz. box graham crackers
- 1/4 cup milk chocolate chip morsels

Spread a small amount of whipped topping on the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking pan.

Place five (5) graham cracker sheets down the middle and break up two (2) more sheets into crackers to fit down the sides. Lightly cover the top of the graham crackers with more

whipped topping and then a layer of sliced strawberries. Repeat three (3) times until you have four layers of graham crackers. (You may be a few crackers short on the top layer, but that's okay). You'll end with a layer of strawberries on top.

Place the milk chocolate chip morsels in a plastic bag. Microwave in ten (10) second intervals until melted. Snip the end of the plastic bag and drizzle chocolate over top of cake.

Refrigerate covered for at least four hours, or until the crackers have softened completely. Cake will last well for two (2) days. It will still be good on the third (3rd) day but the strawberries will leak into the whipped topping.

From The Senior Center

Student Awards Program

Sixth grade students receive special distinction

The annual SCASA (The South Central Area Superintendents' Association) Student Awards Program was held on March 15. At the ceremony, two BRS sixth grade students, Heather Brynn Keevil and Eli Lee, received the Superintendent's Award. They earned the distinction for demonstrating a set of core values that makes them good role models for other students.



Their behaviors are seen on a daily basis, both in class and out of class.

Celebrating the student awards are: (L-R) Yun Jeong Kim [Eli's father], Mr. Ngov [Heather's teacher], Dr. Stella, Mr. Holowienko [Eli's teacher], Eli Lee, Christopher Keevil [Heather's father], Sharon deKadt [Heather's mother], Heather Brynn Keevil, Mrs. Prisco, Sang Cheon Lee [Eli's mother].

Public Health Safety Tips

Department of Public Health Issues Tips to Stay Safe during the Warm Weather

With nice weather upon us, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is asking the public to keep safety in mind.

"The spring and summer in Connecticut bring longer sunny days, warm weather and opportunities for outdoor fun and exercise," stated DPH Commissioner Dr. Jewel Mullen. "Unfortunately, outdoor activities can also increase the risk of injury, so it is important to take some simple steps to stay safe and make this great time of year enjoyable for everyone."

DPH recommends the following safety tips:

SAFETY IN AND AROUND WATER - An adult should always supervise children in or near water. Drowning can occur in minutes and in just a few inches of water. Whenever an infant or toddler is in or near water an adult should always be within an arm's length providing "touch" supervision. When boating, everyone should wear US Coast Guard approved life jackets. Consider taking a boating safety course, and remember, just as with drinking and driving, alcohol and swimming or boating don't mix. Be ready for emergencies by learning CPR and first aid and keep a phone with you.

BIKE SAFETY - Wear a bicycle helmet every time you get on a bike. Helmets can reduce your risk of head injury by up to 85% in a bicycle crash. Wear appropriate multi-sport helmets and safety gear to prevent injuries while skate boarding, inline skating or riding a scooter. Supervise younger children and assure that they ride with supervision in safe areas away from traffic.

SAFE WALKING - Teach your children to look left, right and left again when crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks whenever possible, and cross safely using traffic signals and

crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Watch for cars that are turning or are backing up, especially in driveways and parking lots. Wear clothing with reflective materials and carry a turned on flashlight at dusk and dark.

SAFE AT PLAY - Check playground equipment, whether it's in the backyard or at the park, to make sure it is in good repair. Playgrounds should have protective surfacing under and around the equipment to protect against falls. This can include sand, mulch, wood chips, shredded tires, or rubber mats. If you or your family plays team sports, be sure to use all the appropriate safety gear. Learn to recognize the signs of a concussion and seek medical treatment immediately.

SAFETY AROUND THE HOME - Falls from windows increase during the summer months and screens will not protect children from falling out. Safeguard children by installing window guards or stops, opening windows from the top whenever possible and moving furniture away from windows to discourage climbing.

SAFETY ON THE ROAD - Buckle up on every trip in the car, even if it's just a short ride around town. Younger children should ride in size and age-appropriate car safety seats. Do not leave children or pets in a parked car; interior temperatures can reach deadly levels in minutes even during moderate temperatures. For more information, please visit www.ct.gov/dph/injury.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is the state's leader in public health policy and advocacy with a mission to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of our state.

To contact the department, please visit its website at www.ct.gov/dph.

Woodbridge Youth Services



Lili Vassileff discusses the Impact of Divorce on Families



Teena Arbo, Social Worker



Maryellen Bolcer lists the dangerous chemicals in cigarettes

IMPACT OF DIVORCE ON FAMILIES

Youth Services and Beecher Road School sponsored an informative evening for people seeking information about divorce on Monday, March 11th. Lili Vassileff, a certified financial planner and author presented the "Top Ten Tips You Need To Know For Divorce," followed by Teena Arbo, a licensed clinical social worker, who discussed the emotional effects of divorce and offered advice for parents.

SMOKESTOPPERS

Amity Middle School, Bethany - Maryellen Bolcer from St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation empowered the middle school students with information on tobacco prevention as she presented "Smokestoppers" on March 13th. Students were surprised by the amount of chemicals in cigarettes, and by the amount of marketing used to glorify smoking. Eyes were wide as the audience saw the effects of smoking or chewing tobacco.

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Grilling Safety Tips - Fire Marshal's Office

It's time to dust off that grill, but before you fire it up, please check out these tips:

- Propane and charcoal grills should be used outdoors only
- All grills should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and any overhanging branches
- Keep children and pets away from grill area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease from grill and the tray below
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Never store gas cylinders in buildings

- Inspect propane hoses for leaks before using the grill for the first time each year
- On charcoal grills use the proper charcoal starter fluid and store it in a safe location
- Never add charcoal starter fluid to coals that have already been ignited
- Always let the ashes cool after use and place them in a metal container away from the house

For further information or any questions please contact Woodbridge Fire Marshal, Joseph Cappucci. 203-389-3445

Quinnipiack Valley Health District

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

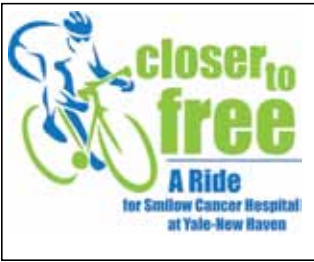
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The 3rd Annual Closer to Free Bike Ride for Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven will take place on Saturday, September 7th, 2013. Riders have the option of cycling 25, 62.5 or 100 miles. Our ride travels through multiple shore-line towns including Branford, Madison, Guilford, Essex, and Old Saybrook. We've been called the "best organized ride in Connecticut." And for good reason... our experienced staff and volunteers will take care of you from mile one until the finish line. Clear route cues and signage, lots of food and drink and efficient SAG when you need it will help you leave the worrying behind so you can focus on the miles ahead.

Plus our finish line festival at the Yale Bowl has fun for everyone, with live music, a beer garden, food trucks and so much more. Our volunteers and Road Crew are the backbone of the Ride. We've got fun and rewarding volunteer opportunities for anyone who wants to lend a hand. The Closer to Free Ride simply can't happen without the generous support of our family of sponsors. The Ride is the perfect platform to give your brand exposure while joining in the fight against cancer. We've got sponsorship packages to fit every budget and every goal, with lots of innovative ways to connect with our desirable demographic.

For more information on the riding, volunteering, or sponsorships please visit www.ridecloser tofree.org or email rideclosetofree@ynhh.org. You can also reach us at (203) 200-CTFR (2837).

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First Selectman Ed Sheehy

The Experienced Leader with a Proven Record

- Achieved and maintains a AAA Moody's credit rating – the highest rating a town our size can receive;
- Balanced funding priorities to achieve an average tax increase of less than one percent over the past two years while fully funding education and other important services. Last year the mil rate went down, lowering the tax rate for all residents;
- Earned approval for more than \$2.3 million in State grants to improve our town, plus a \$300,000 Federal grant for start-up costs for community-sponsored agriculture on the town-owned Massaro farmland;
- Initiated important infrastructure improvements including the Public Works Garage, future renovations at Beecher Road School, and restoration of the old firehouse;
- Secured 150 acres of open space and created the professionally managed municipal resource known as the Country Club of Woodbridge to complement acquisition of an additional 120 acres of open space;



Laurence Grotheer Susan Jacobs Ed Sheehy Beth Heller

VOTE

MONDAY

May 6th

Re-elect Ed and vote for his entire team of Democrats (Row B):

Edward M. Sheehy..... First Selectman (incumbent)
 Laurence Grotheer Selectman (incumbent)
 Beth Heller..... Selectman (incumbent)
 Susan Jacobs Selectman (incumbent)
 Lisa Connor..... Woodbridge Board of Education
 Chris Jaffe Woodbridge Board of Education
 Karen Baldwin Kravetz..... Woodbridge Board of Education

Rita G. Gedansky..... Amity Board of Education (incumbent)
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 John P. Santucci Zoning Board of Appeals (incumbent)
 Aldon Hynes..... Zoning Board Alternate