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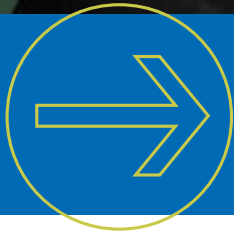


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First Selectman's Corner

My first year as your First Selectman has drawn to a close, and during this time I have been most impressed by the many individuals who make Woodbridge such a great place to live. Town Hall employees, as well as the employees of all our Town Departments, are a most remarkable group of dedicated, caring professionals. Town residents who volunteer on Boards, Commissions and other town organizations give generously of their time and considerable expertise to help the town function well for all of us. We are fortunate, indeed, to enjoy life in this beautiful town.

Together, we have accomplished a great deal this year, and we have much to look forward to in the year ahead.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

One concern I have heard from town residents is that because we don't have a Town Center, we need more activities that bring us together with our neighbors. This year, Woodbridge has hosted more community events than ever.

Congratulations to our Recreation Department for adding two terrific events to the July summer concert series: The Taste of Woodbridge and a Health Fair. What a huge success for residents and participating businesses!

We have also initiated a Woodbridge Farmers' Market. Kudos to the Woodbridge Library for making this goal a reality. This summer, the Market is being held on the fourth Wednesday of the month so there are still two ahead for

you to enjoy: August 27, and September 24.

Three of our Town Commissions — Conservation, Publicly Owned Properties and Recreation — together organized a hike to introduce residents to the beautiful, town-owned Racebrook Tract. I thank them for this great cooperative effort.

Massaro Farm, situated on town-owned property, will hold its fourth annual Farm Dinner on Aug. 31. This year, I joined the farm's Board of Directors as an ex-officio member, strengthening the ties between the farm and the town.

The Board of Selectmen voted to continue operation of the pool at the Country Club of Woodbridge under town management. The Recreation Commission ably took on this new responsibility, and under the direction of John Adamovich and Anthony Taddei (the Smiling Pool Director), town residents continue to enjoy this extraordinary town asset.

It looks like *Truck or Treat*, the event that provides safe and special Halloween fun for our kids, has become an annual event graciously provided by the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department.



Ellen Scalletar,
First Selectman

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The Rotary Club 43rd Installation Dinner



From left to right is Past Rotary District Governor Brian Amey, Co-Presidents Buddy DeGennaro and Carol Yingling, and Rotary President Dan Weintraub.

The Rotary Club of Woodbridge held their 43rd Installation Dinner at Carmine's Tuscan Grill in June. Past District Governor Brian Amey installed the following Board of Directors: President Dan Weintraub, Past Presidents Buddy DeGennaro and Carol Yingling; Chris Lovejoy, Secretary; Tom Shernow, Treasurer; David Joel, Sergeant at

Arms; and Directors Ed Maloney, Andy Sklonick, Matthew Cummings, Dr. Guy Stella, Kristen Scianna and Tony Anastasio. President Dan Weintraub is the Gift Planning Officer for the American Red Cross, serving Connecticut and Rhode Island. Dan resides in Woodbridge with his wife Beth and two daughters. Mr. Weintraub is a second generation Rotarian, as his father Paul was long active in the Rotary chapter in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Rotary is an organization of businesses and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. The Club is interested in recruiting new members. Club members meet the first and third Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Rd., Bethany and the second and fourth Friday of the month at 12:15 p.m. for a luncheon meeting at Carmine's Tuscan Grill, 1500 Whalley Ave., New Haven, CT.

For more information contact President Dan Weintraub at woodbridgerotarypresident@gmail.com or Membership Chair Tony Anastasio at 203-980-9373.



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The Woodbridge Road Race will be back this year on October 11 and we are exploring ways to expand this popular event.

THE 2015 TOWN BUDGET

The Town's budget was passed at the Annual Meeting in May. The budget process is managed by our dedicated Board of Finance, under the skilled leadership of Matt Giglietti and guidance of our Finance Director Tony Genovese.

This was my first time going through the budget process and I was impressed by the professionalism of our Finance Department and the cooperation and trust among Department staff, the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen and our town departments. Together, all these boards and staff work to control our mill rate and provide the top-notch services that residents expect. Additional affirmation of the great work of our finance team was Moody's recent Aaa bond rating for Woodbridge.

BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL

The Beecher Road School project is now underway. The goal is to complete as much work as possible during the summer months this year and next year in order to minimize classroom disruption. Community cooperation has been extraordinary: summer school and Recreation Department programs normally held at Beecher are graciously being hosted this summer by Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Ezra Academy, Amity Regional High School and Hopkins School. This important project — to upgrade the school and make the building as great as the learning that goes on inside — would not have happened without resident participation, including particularly the members of the Beecher Board of Education and the Beecher Road School Building Committee.

COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

Late last year, I renegotiated the contract with Billy Casper Golf to eliminate the town's risk of loss from daily golf operations. We do, however, have the right to share in golf revenues over a certain amount, and it is possible that we will see some return to the Town this summer. As for the longer range prospects, responses to the Country Club of Woodbridge Request for Proposals should provide us with a realistic sense of what the private sector can offer in terms of limited development of this beautiful parcel, coupled with preservation of much of its open space. The CCW Ad Hoc Committee will review the proposals and make a non-binding recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. If the Board chooses to move forward with one of the proposals, it will be put to a town vote.

CLEAN AND RELIABLE ENERGY

Microgrid - Woodbridge residents have felt the effects of increasingly severe and frequent storms, with prolonged power outages. Our plan to build one of the first in the nation town Microgrids will provide comfort and security by assuring uninterrupted power to Town Hall, the Library, the Fire Station, the Center Building (Senior Center, Police Department) and Amity High School. The project will be funded through a \$3M grant from the State to cover the costs of underground transmission lines. We are in talks with United Illuminating to provide the power generation through a fuel cell as part of its mandate to own and operate green power in the state.

Solar Opportunities and More

Recently, I created an ad hoc Energy Task Force to support Woodbridge's commitment to smarter energy usage. The Task Force will research, assess and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen concerning clean energy and energy savings programs for residents. The Task Force members are exploring residential solar programs, among other initiatives. For updates, be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter (see Communications, below).

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) is updated every 10 years by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, as mandated by state law. TP&Z has collected opinions, goals and ideas from residents and local businesses, including several meetings and an online survey. Early this fall, TP&Z plans to hold another public event to update residents about the direction the plan is taking. Late this fall a draft POCD will be published and a public hearing will be held about the draft. The final product is expected in 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS

In the changing media environment of the 21st century, we are working hard to find new ways to keep you informed. Assistant Town Administrator Betsy Yagla, in just a few short months, has created an informative e-newsletter as well as a Facebook page.

If you'd like timely updates about the many topics in this magazine and more, please join the Town's e-newsletter (tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeE-news), "like" us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT)) and visit our frequently updated website, woodbridgect.org.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming community events and hope you will share your ideas for making Woodbridge even better!

*Ellen Scalettar
First Selectman*

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Amity Regional High School Hosts CPR Training and Lock-down Drill



Students and staff at Amity Regional High School are safer thanks to two training exercises that took place last spring at the school.

On a Wednesday in late May, first responders including local AMR staff and the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department offered CPR training to roughly 600 students in the school gym. This CPR training was part of a national effort by AMR, called AMR CPR Challenge, in which AMR and local fire departments offered free compression-only CPR training.

The training takes two minutes and is an effective method of increasing the chance of survival for someone suffering a car-

diac event until first responders arrive. "I was impressed with both the trainers and the trainees during the CPR Challenge. The students took the exercise very seriously, and will be well prepared to help their family or neighbors in an emergency," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.




On Tuesday of the same week, the Woodbridge Police Department led a planned unannounced training exercise at the school. Students were not forewarned, but were told during the lock-down that it was a drill. "Students and staff at Amity Regional High are lucky to benefit from a great relationship with the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department and the Woodbridge Police Department," said Amity Regional School District Superintendent Chip Dumais. "These two, very different, training exercises reflect the District's and the Town's depth of commitment to safety in our schools."

Sgt. Frank Cappiello explained that Woodbridge Police coordinated the drill with the Orange Police Department and the Connecticut State Police.

Earlier in the school year Woodbridge Police ran a lock-down drill but police were escorted through the building during their search with administrative staff. This time, administrative staff "sheltered in place" while police searched the building. "During this drill, police were on their own as they would be in a real situation," said Cappiello. "The drill went smoothly and every time we do it we get more strategic. We make it more realistic each time and add different scenarios. The more you practice the better you get," he said.

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Paper Shredding

The Town of Woodbridge is offering paper shredding services for one day only. Pro Shred based out of Wallingford, will be at the Transfer Station on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9 a.m. to Noon. This is a great opportunity to dispose of old papers in a safe and secure environment. Shredding is done on-site. This offer is free of charge and for residential households only (no businesses, please). For questions, please call the Public Works Office 203-389-3420.

“Historic Woodbridge” Book to be Reprinted

Advisory group meets to discuss updates and additions for 20th Anniversary Edition

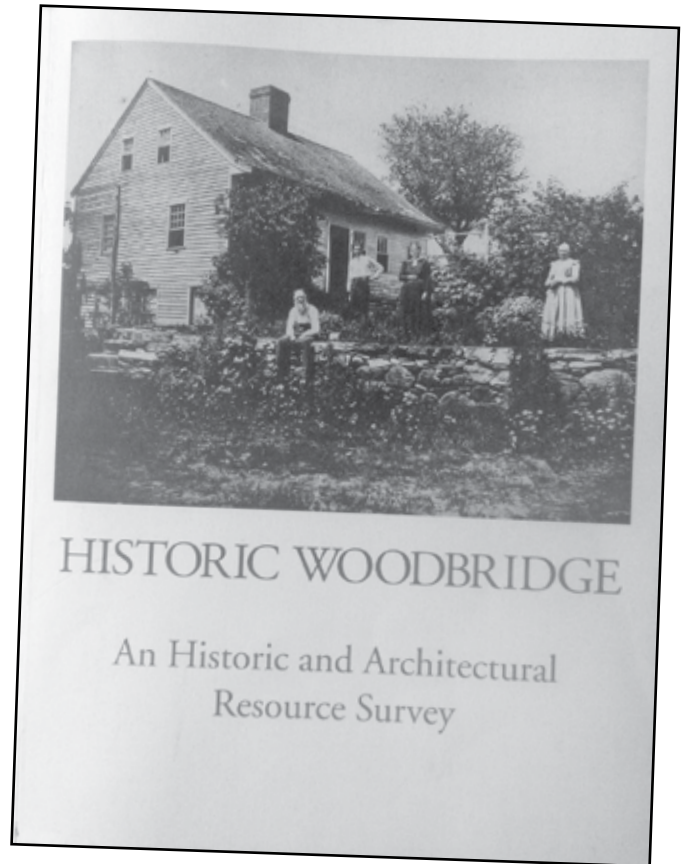
Almost twenty years ago, the book *Historic Woodbridge – An Historic and Architectural Resource Survey* was published, with a limited run of 750 books printed. It has remained a favorite source of historic information about Woodbridge, and stands as the definitive architectural timeline of representative buildings tracing the development of the character of the town from its earliest days. The dates of houses included in the book range from 1730 to 1947.

The 1995 publication was sponsored by the Woodbridge Historic District Study Committee and made possible with grants from the CT Historical Commission, the National Park Service, and local funding contributions from the Woodbridge Land Trust, Woodbridge Parks Association, Amity-Woodbridge Historical Society, the R. Stoddard Library Fund, and the Town of Woodbridge Conservation Commission. The book was designed by John O.C. McCrillis, researched and written by survey director Jan Cunningham, and edited by Kathryn Bishop Gartland, Diane H. Bogen, and Donald R. Menzies.

According to Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio, the book sold out several years ago. Her office will update and republish the book, hopefully for its 20th anniversary.

Because the printing company that did the work in 1995 no longer has the original materials used in the printing process, it will be necessary to recreate the files electronically. This will have the added benefit of making the material available for a website or other digital publication process in the future, as well as reprinting in book form. Local graphic designer Sheila McCreven will recreate the book in digital form. From there, corrections, updates, and any additional material will be added under the guidance of an advisory group, which includes several of the members of the original committee that initiated the project in 1994.

Members of the advisory group include; Donald Menzies (president, Amity-Woodbridge Historical Society), Martha German and Mary Dean (members of the AWHHS board of directors), Stephanie Ciarleglio (Town Clerk), Beth Heller (member of the Board of Selectmen), Kathryn Gartland (former chairwoman of the Conservation Commission), and Jan Cunningham (historic preservation consultant, Cunningham Associates, Ltd.).



Current owners of the houses included in the first edition will be contacted by postal mail to confirm listing details and given the opportunity to contribute any additional information or historic photos they may have. Anyone else wishing to share information or photos for the advisory group's consideration may also contact Stephanie Ciarleglio, c/o the Town Clerk's office at 203-389-3422, by mail to 11 Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, or by email to sciarleglio@woodbridgect.org.

Project updates will be forthcoming, and pre-order information will be available as the printing of the second edition is arranged in coming months.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Central opened for the season on Saturday, May 17. HazWaste Central is open on Saturdays from 9 am - noon until mid-October at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven at the Regional Water Authority building.

Anyone looking to drop off household hazardous waste must first fill out a questionnaire. It

can be found at www.rwater.com/community/hazwaste-central/ or filled out on site.

This service is free to Woodbridge residents.

The Town of Woodbridge Transfer Station is holding a satellite collection at the Woodbridge Transfer Station, 85 Acorn Hill Road Extension for hazardous waste on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 am – noon.

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Eagle Scout Projects



Two local Eagle Scouts will be completing projects this summer to beautify and ease access to some of Woodbridge's natural resources. Both projects were presented to the Board of Selectmen in the spring and received unanimous approvals.

Eagle Scout Ryan Oleynik has made a huge contribution to Woodbridge through his completed project this summer. Ryan cleared the brush, spread mulch and planted flowers and shrubs in an 80 foot by 7 foot entryway to the Stoddard Memorial Pavilion.

Eagle Scout Brendan Purcell plans to make substantial improvements to the Gregory Roberts Memorial Trail, which is owned by the town and managed by the Woodbridge Land Trust. Brendan has designed and plans to construct a bridge over a stream and a boardwalk of approximately 80 feet over a muddy section of the trail leading up to the stream. He also plans to clear and re-blaze the trail with tree markings.

Massaro Farm

Peak of the Season at Massaro Community Farm

If you haven't made it out yet, there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy Massaro Community Farm this season. Open Farm Days are drop in sessions taking place every other week in the Learning Garden, where you can water, plant and taste whatever is ready to harvest. Our Woods & Wetlands Trail, stretching nearly two miles on the Eastern side of the property, is the perfect respite from the heat on a hot day.

Tickets are on sale now for the Dinner on the Farm, our annual farm-to-table dinner in the field. The Dinner will be on Sunday, Aug. 31 from 5-9 p.m. and will include a farm tour and silent auction. Tickets are available online. Other upcoming events include a 'Music on the Farm' series, offered together with Common Ground, and a celebration of bees on August 16. That day, which will also feature the next in our seasonal beekeeping workshop series, happens to coincide with National Honey Bee Day. The farm will offer demonstrations on hive assembly & management, honey extraction, and will make some fresh honey ice cream for tasting.

If you didn't subscribe for a share of this season's farm produce, you can still get farm fresh veggies by visiting us at Westville's Edgewood Farmer's Market or the new



Woodbridge Farmer's Market. The farm welcomes all ages and skill levels to get involved! For details on all farm events, visit our website (www.MassaroFarm.org) and sign up to receive our bi-weekly newsletter.

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Woodbridge Town Library

ADULT PROGRAMS

INTRODUCTION TO AXIS 360 CLASS

Wednesday, August 20th @ 3 pm for Kindle Fire Users
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Please register by calling 203-389-3466 or emailing kward@woodbridged.org.

FARMERS' MARKET



Wednesdays, August 27, and September 24. From 3 - 6 pm in the Parking Lot of the Old Firehouse next to the library.

Stop in and buy fresh local produce from nearby farms including Darling Farm, Mapleview Farm, Massaro Community Farm, Ro-Jo Farms, and Amity Garden Center. There will also be items available for purchase from Firedog Food Truck, Four Flours Food Truck, New Haven Pizza Truck, Tasty Kale, and more.

SUMMER'S BOUNTY: ENJOYING THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES OF THE SEASON

Wednesday, August 27th @ 2:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room.

Don't you just love the summer and all the beautiful produce choices of fruits and vegetables grown here in CT? How do vegetables and fruits contribute to a healthier YOU? Are there easy vegetables for me to grow?

Join the conversation with Paula Kellogg Leibovitz, Registered Dietitian and Master Gardener Intern. She will give us the answers to these questions, provide us with healthy recipes to try at home, and answer any questions you may have about gardening or nutrition.

Please register by calling 203-389-3433, emailing kward@woodbridged.org or by visiting the event page on our website.

PALETTE ART STUDIO PASTELS CLASS

Wednesday, September 17 @ 6:30 pm.

Have you seen and admired the spring art exhibits by Palette Art Studio at the library? If so, here is your opportunity to learn how to make your own piece of art. Join owner Natasha Piskunova and Vasilisa Romanenko as they teach you how to create an autumn landscape. No experience necessary! All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, please register online or call 203-389-3466.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SCIENCE GENIE

Monday, August 19 @ 3 pm grades K-6.

Fizz Boom POP! Join the fun when the Science Genie brings some weird science to the library. Screaming sticks, electric pickles, flying French fries, flaming vortex, and erupting fog are all part of the fun! Limited space, please register online.

NEW ONLINE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Woodbridge Town Library and the Beecher Road School are pleased to announce a new online language program accessible to Woodbridge residents and families of Beecher Road School called Transparent Language Online. The program features over 60 world languages, including classical languages such as Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and more than 25 programs for English as a Second Language.

The Woodbridge Town Library and the Beecher Road School both feel that we should celebrate diversity and promote a language database that can help patrons and students interested in either starting to learn a foreign language, or to help improve English as a second language skill.

Library Director Todd Fabian said, "It's been a pleasure working with Dr. Stella and the Beecher Road School, we're so pleased to offer a new language program to our students and all those in the Woodbridge community. We also look forward to working with the Beecher Road School in many more joint ventures moving forward."

Users must have a valid Woodbridge Library card number to sign-up. If you don't have a Woodbridge Library card yet, make sure to stop in and get one and take advantage of another great resource! For questions on using the program or obtaining a library card please call the library at 203-389-3433.

Beecher Road School

EAT FOR HEAT RAISES MONEY FOR TOWN FUEL FUND

Check Presented to Town by BRS Student Council

The Beecher Road School Student Council held a food and drink sale to raise money for the Town of Woodbridge Fuel and Food Fund, that provides assistance to Woodbridge families in need. "Eat For Heat" ran for two afternoons this spring with students and adults buying baked treats and bottles of water. Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services, accepted a \$650 check on behalf of the Town of Woodbridge.

Student councils are not as common in elementary schools as they are at the secondary level. However, the BRS Student Council began this past school year. School Psychologist Kayla Widmeyer, and Physical Education Teacher Sandra Simowitz are advisors. Eat For Heat came about as part of the council's mission, service to others.



The Beecher Road School Student Council presented a check for \$650 to Mary Ellen LaRocca, Woodbridge Director of Human Services, (center in black jacket), to help the town's Fuel and Food Fund. First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, (center in white jacket), also attended the ceremony where she spoke about the importance of good citizenship.

KUDOS FOR BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL MATH STUDENTS

The International Math Olympiads Send "Gold" to BRS

Several students from Beecher Road Elementary School (BRS) were among nearly 150,000 students worldwide who participated, and in many cases won awards, in this year's Math Olympiad program. From November through March they competed in a series of five monthly contests of five problems each. The students met after school for weekly practice sessions. Andrea Fleischman, a parent volunteer and certified math teacher, supervised and coached them to prepare for the monthly math contests. Nancy White, Assistant Principal, served as advisor. As part of the coaching, Mrs. Fleischman taught the students to solve unusual and difficult problems and to think creatively.

The students responded well and all were recognized with certificates for their participation. Forty-six of the mathletes won national awards for excellence within Division E for grades 4-6. In addition, the gold pin was awarded to four BRS students who scored at the 98th percentile (top 2%) or better. The silver pin was awarded to seven BRS students in the 90th to 97th percentile.

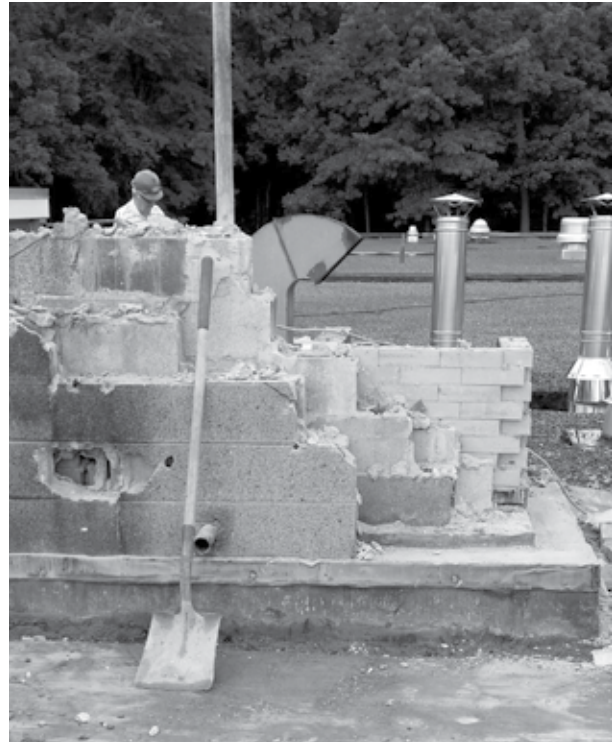
The Math Olympiad embroidered patch was awarded to 35 additional students who scored in the top 50% of all the participants.

One additional prestigious award was earned: the Beecher Road School team was named to the National Math Olympiad Honor Roll. A team must be in the 90th percentile or better to win this plaque. About the successes, Superintendent of Schools, Guy Stella commented, "We are extremely pleased with the achievements of our students. Mathematics will continue to be a major focus at BRS in the coming school year."

Each year the Math Olympiad program attracts over 100,000 students on nearly 5,000 teams nationally, and an additional 50,000 students on 2,000 teams in more than 30 other countries. Since 1979, it has provided thought-provoking problems that challenge the abilities of students in grades 4-8, strengthening their foundation for both formal assessments and more advanced studies.

BEECHER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

If you visit Beecher Road School this fall, you'll only see some of the work that was accomplished over the summer. You'll notice the newly painted A wing and hallways, new ceilings in the major hallways, and new cabinets and heating units in the A wing.



But many other aspects of the project such as new piping, structural steel for the new air conditioning unit on the roof, and electrical and duct work are hidden. The new duct work is the beginning of a long-term project that will resolve heating issues throughout the building.

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The Beecher Road School renovation project was approved on the first try — a first in Woodbridge! — at a referendum in February by a 3 to 1 margin. Voters appropriated \$13.4 million to renovate the school; the project is expected to be completed over the course of two years.



Late this spring, the Town signed a contract with Energy Systems Group and after the school year ended, demolition and construction crews began work. The school building remains closed to the public until the beginning of the school year in September. Beecher's summer programs and the Woodbridge Recreation summer programs were relocated.

The work being done this year is focusing on the oldest parts of the building. Beecher Road School was built in 1960 and has been added onto since then, including a major addition (Beecher South) in 1970, a small wing of classrooms in 1994 and a second addition of classroom space in 1997.

Construction progress has been steady and the construction team is working 10-hour days and also working on Saturdays. Some pieces of equipment will arrive later than anticipated but the overall project timeline has not been affected. The school district is preparing contingency plans, anticipating that some classroom work may extend into the beginning of the school year. According to the contractors, there will be no major disruptions to classroom activities.

Once completed the school will have a new HVAC system (currently only 37% of the building has air conditioning), new roofs in the oldest parts of the building, increased insulation, lighting upgrades, new windows and classroom window walls, improved heating and cooling in the pool area, security enhancements, energy efficient upgrades and more.

Woodbridge Human Services Department

The Town of Woodbridge Human Services Department has a Medical Loan Closet for Woodbridge residents in need of medical equipment. Currently there is a large selection of walkers of all sizes, commodes, shower chairs/seats, and tub grab bars.

If you are in need of any of these items, please call the Human Services Department at 203-389-3429 to arrange a time to pick them up. We are currently asking for donations of gently used items such as wheelchairs, rolling walkers with seats, crutches and canes of all sizes. Our office is located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge.

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Fax: 203-387-4281
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Service Schedule
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CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB
75 Rimmon Road
For more information: 203-389-2111

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Woodbridge Senior Center
4 Meetinghouse Lane
For information call:
(203) 387-1925 (203) 655-4668

NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH (Independent)
922 Greenway Road
Tele: 239-3492
Minister: David Eger
Service Schedule:
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 p.m.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
33 Center Road (Rte. 114)
Tele: 203-387-4711
Service Schedule:
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
During mid-Summer one service - Sunday 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
990 Racebrook Road
Tele: 203-387-7799

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..... 203-389-5991
- AQUATIC CLUB – WOODBRIDGE
Dave Reilly 203- 848-0307 or 203-446-1872
- BETH-WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE
Dwight Rowland 203-215-0266
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Matthew Fletcher, League President..... MF99@sbcglobal.net
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Senior Center

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

If you would like to have our monthly newsletter electronically sent to you, please call us at 203-389-3430 with your name and email address.

Sep 9 Tues Angelo Ruggiero - Entertainment
 Sep 16 Tues "L.G." Larry "Pepper"
 Giannattasio - Entertainment
 Sep 17 Tues The "Big E" Fair

SHOPPING AT AMITY SHOPPING CENTER EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

FREE FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES

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).

ZUMBA GOLD CLASS

The class runs weekly at 9:00 am on Fridays and will meet in the cafeteria. All are welcome! Cost for the 6 week class is \$30.00. Payment is due when you register. Zumba Gold was designed for the active older adult, the true beginner, and/or people who are not used to exercising, or people who may be limited physically. It is done at a low intensity. Zumba Gold classes strive to improve our balance, strength, flexibility and most importantly, the heart. The schedule for the next session is August 15, 22, 29, September 5 & 12. To register call 203-389-3430.

FUTURE TRIPS

August 19 - Tuesday - Block Island. \$119 includes ferry ride from Point Judith RI, narrated island tour, lunch at The National Hotel, and driver's gratuity.

September 17 - Wednesday - The Big E. \$49 includes transportation, admission to the "Big E" and driver's gratuity.

October 21 - Tuesday - Oktoberfest. \$85 includes transportation, festivities and family-style luncheon at Platzl Brauhaus, and driver's gratuity.

Call 203-389-3430 to register. Trips must be paid for at time of registration and checks are payable to Getaway Tours.

LUNCH BUNCH

Share lunch and friendly conversation on August 25. Every-one 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.

TRIP CANCELLATIONS FOR DAY TRIPS - Unfortunately NO REFUNDS can be issued for any cancellations made less than 30 days before a scheduled trip or event.

PROGRAMS AUGUST 2014

Aug 18 Mon Duplicate Bridge 9:30 - 12:30
 Aug 19 Tues Block Island Trip Departs
 Sal Anastasio - Entertainer
 Aug 25 Mon Duplicate Bridge 9:30 - 12:30

LUNCH IS SERVED!

Every Tuesday & Friday at the center at 12:15 p.m. Meals cost \$3 and include salad, bread, juice, coffee/tea, and dessert. Take Outs meals are \$4.

MENU

Friday 8/15 - Shrimp Stir Fry
 Tuesday 8/19 - Meat Loaf
 Friday 8/22 - Stuffed Squash
 Tuesday 8/26 - Pork Loin
 Friday 8/29 - Sandwich Day

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Sep 2 Tue Farm to Fresh
 Sep 8 Mon AARP Driving Safety 9:30 - 1:00

WOODBIDGE POLICE WARN OF SCAM

Woodbridge Police Chief Gene Marcucci and First Selectman Ellen Scalettar are warning residents of a scam growing in popularity. The scam targets the elderly.

In the scam, the victim receives a phone call from someone claiming to be a police officer.

The fake officer claims the victim's loved one has been in a motor vehicle accident or has been arrested. Then the scammer asks the victim for money to help their loved one.

"The police will never call you to ask for money," said Chief Marcucci. "If someone calls you and claims to be a police officer you should ask for a phone number.

Call the police and give them that number so they can investigate."

If someone has been arrested they are allowed to make a phone call. The police would not call on their behalf.

"I know of two Town Hall employees whose elderly relatives have received this type of call," said Scalettar. "It would be very upsetting to hear that your relative is in trouble, so it's important to educate the public about these scams."

"If you have any questions call your local police department," says Chief Marcucci.

Businesses May Qualify for Energy Efficient Upgrade Financing

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar signed an agreement that will allow Woodbridge businesses and commercial property owners to access low-cost financing for energy efficient upgrades.

The agreement, with Commercial & Industrial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE), allows property owners to finance efficiency upgrades with little or no upfront costs and re-pay the loan over time through an assessment on their property tax bill.

Woodbridge is one of more than 80 towns and cities in the state to sign on to C-PACE. The C-PACE agreement with the Town of Woodbridge allows the benefit assessment charge to be placed on the property's tax bill as a separate line item. The repayment obligation transfers automatically to the next owner if the property is sold, as a lien against the property.

"This program will help Woodbridge businesses save money on their energy bills and be more environmentally friendly," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I hope that the Woodbridge business community takes advantage of this great opportunity to protect the environment and protect their bottom line."

"C-PACE allows business owners to defer payment of investment in qualified energy savings infrastructure over time so that the annual payments for the investment should be less than or equal to the annual cost reductions in energy consumption," said Jody Ellant, Woodbridge Economic Development Commission Chair.

In order for property owners to qualify for C-PACE financing, the energy upgrades must lower the energy consumption of the building or enable the building to produce clean energy. Typical C-PACE measures include high efficiency lighting; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades; high efficiency chillers; boilers; furnaces; water heating systems and renewable energy systems such as solar and fuel cells.

The C-PACE application can be found online at www.c-pace.com/application.

C-PACE is administered by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) as part of the state's Energize Connecticut initiative, which helps ratepayers lower costs and use clean energy.

Woodbridge Youth Services

AMITY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Youth Services invites local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be, involved with substance abuse to share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. Interested parents may join the Amity Parent Support Group which meets every other Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge on the lower level at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. For more information, please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429, or e-mail npfund@woodbridgedct.org.

WOODBRIDGE JOB BANK BENEFITS RESIDENTS

The Woodbridge Job Bank is looking for young residents between the ages of 13 and 17 who are interested in earning some money. Teens willing to do yard work, office work, child care, pet care, housework, tutoring or party help should contact Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429 to join the Job Bank. It's a great way to gain work experience close to home.

NEED AN OCCASIONAL 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 or Mother's Helpers, call Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

SEVENTH GRADE PICNIC/ BETHWOOD BASH

On Thursday, August 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Youth Services invites incoming seventh graders to converge on the Woodbridge Green (Meetinghouse Lane, near the Gazebo. Rain location: Woodbridge Center Building Gym). You'll have a great time on the Giant Slide, dance to the latest hits, and challenge yourself to the games. Don't miss the pizza, music, interactive D.J. and fun! Great raffle prizes!

Participants must be entering seventh grade and be residents of Woodbridge and Bethany. If you are a seventh grade resident and attend private school, please join the fun!

Bethwood Bash Programs are sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Admission is \$5. Register by calling 203-389-3429.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Parents, grandparents, and college students are encouraged to help. It's a great way to support our young teens, and create a safe, fun way to meet friends.

Donations are appreciated from individuals and local businesses for program needs and raffle prizes.

Please call 203-389-3429 for more information.

Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department



The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department gave an impressive demonstration of the Lucas device at the May Board of Selectmen meeting! The Fire Association bought the \$14,000 machine and donated it to Medic 44, the town's emergency medical service vehicle run by AMR. The Lucas device automates CPR which frees an emergency responder to do other life-saving work. It also prevents human error and fatigue while performing CPR.

Yvonne Shia Klancko Retires - 44 Years in Education

Yvonne Shia Klancko of Woodbridge is retiring. Yvie began her teaching career in 1970 at Seymour High School as an English teacher and is now completing her career as a Reading Consultant for the Amity School System. During her tenure at Amity, she began as a high school English and drama teacher, after which she became a Reading Consultant at Amity Junior High, Bethany and Orange then returning to the High School. While at Bethany, Yvie was the yearbook advisor for nine years and served on the Youth Leadership Conference Board for three years. In 1991, she served as the Chairperson of the Amity Steering Committee. During her tenure at Amity High, she was appointed Director of Adult, Continuing and Summer Education, a position she held for 9.5 years. The program had been cancelled and she resuscitated and developed it to the point of generating over \$200,000 in tuition with yearly enrollments exceeding 1500 participants.

Her contributions to the Amity community are numerous; Faculty Advisor to the Academic Quiz Bowl and Computer Team and being a founding member of the Amity International Studies Program, often serving as a presenter and resource. Additionally, she was a BEST Cooperative Master Teacher, Mentor, Best Assessor and Portfolio Evaluator and Scorer. Yvie also served on the Amity Teacher Evaluation Committee, the Curriculum Assessment Committee, and the District Literacy Committee. She was a founding member of the Amity Hall of Honor Committee since its inception in 2006. Yvie was Vice President of Training and Education for the Junior League of Greater New Haven specializing in the training of Not-For-Profit and For-Profit Boards of Directors. She is an independent educational consultant and a partner in Klancko & Klancko, LLC since 1975. She chaired the Woodbridge Human Services Commission for many years

bringing new and novel support programs into the community such as the current Youth Evening Programs at the Bethany Middle School. She along with Phil Rogers is also a co-founder of Woodbridge's "Kid Song"; the name came from the radio program "Kids Song Time" on WHIS, a program that Yvie enjoyed.

She is now a special STEM and Educational Consultant to the New Haven Manufacturers Association Workforce Enhancement Committee, is part of the faculty and advisory committee of the NHMA/SCSU Materials Manufacturing Summer Teacher's Institute, and continues to work closely with the CT Agriscience and Technology Programs as a CT Dept. of Ed. Program Evaluator and a State and Regional FFA Academic Competition judge. She has been honored by the Connecticut FFA. She is a member of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, was a Connecticut Business and Industry Teaching Fellow, and served on the CBIA/ CT. Dept. of ED. School to Career - Environmental, Natural Resources, and Agriculture - Skills Cluster. Finally, she is a nationally recognized expert on Pysanky - Slavic Paschal Eggs and Easter Eggs in general, having lectured widely and had exhibitions of her collection and artistry at SCSU, Yale University, Connecticut College, the Knights of Columbus Museum, and most recently at the Bruce Museum in Stamford, CT. Her book that described her K of C exhibit, *Easter Eggs and Art*, has won a national award.

In all that she accomplished, Yvie was the consummate teacher, she had not only a passion but also a sensitivity as to how to best communicate with her students and motivate them to excel. She and her husband of 44 years have lived in Woodbridge since 1971. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Robert John Klancko, partner, Klancko & Klancko, LLC

Quinnipiack Valley Health District

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.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

As beautiful as the weather can be in late summer and early fall, it can also bring tropical storms and hurricanes to our state. QVHD reminds residents to:

BUILD AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT
CREATE A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN
STAY INFORMED

SUMMER HEAT

During the warm weather months, it is very important that you stay hydrated. Water is the best liquid for keeping up your fluid level. Alcohol contributes to fluid loss. Dehydration can be very serious and result in hospitalization, especially for the very young and older adults. Be aware of heat illness symptoms. Hyperthermia is a very dangerous condition and needs immediate medical attention. In very hot weather, take cool-down breaks, drink plenty of fluids and pay attention to signs of heat illness.

BUG WATCH

Protect yourself from mosquitoes: It is expected that there will be mosquitoes in Connecticut this summer that carry West Nile Virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne this summer. WNV is contracted from the bite of an infected mosquito, not from a dead bird. Reducing mosquitoes on your property is a very important action for protecting yourself from West Nile Virus. Using insect repellent throughout the whole warm weather season, including into the fall until 3 days of frost have occurred provides critical protection against West Nile. The State of CT will not be monitoring birds for West Nile Virus this year. This means there will be no collecting of birds, nor will QVHD be collecting data on dead bird sightings. If you find a dead bird on your property, you can bury it or double bag it and place it in the trash. When handling any dead animal carcass, you should wear gloves.

Protect yourself from ticks: Wear protective clothing (long sleeves, long pants) when in wooded areas. Use an insect repellent containing DEET. Perform daily body checks for ticks. (They like warm, dark places, like folds of skin or hairline.) Use tick-repellent products on your pets. (But watch out! They drop off your pet and may find their way onto you!) Yard attention such as keeping the grass cut and establishing a barrier between the yard and wooded areas may also help prevent exposure to ticks by reducing tick populations. Visit the CDC website for help in reducing ticks in the backyard: www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/in_the_yard.html.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM:

BE SEPTIC SMART

Many residents of the health district have septic systems. These systems need maintenance just like your car or furnace does. Periodic inspection and tank cleaning are essential for continued proper functioning.

Septic Smart Principles

Protect It and Inspect It: In general, homeowners should have their system inspected every three years by a licensed contractor and have their tank pumped when necessary, generally every three to five years although some systems may require more frequent pumping.

Think at the Sink

Avoid pouring fats, grease, and solids down the drain, which can clog a system's pipes and drainfield.

Don't Overload the Commode

Ask guests to only to put things in the drain or toilet that belong there. For example, coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts, and cat litter can all clog and potentially damage septic systems.

Don't Strain Your Drain

Be water efficient and spread out water use. Consider fixing plumbing leaks and installing faucet aerators and water-efficient products, and spread out laundry and dishwasher loads throughout the day. Too much water at once can overload a system if it hasn't been pumped recently.

Shield Your Field

Remind guests not to park or drive on a system's drainfield, (leaching field) where the vehicle's weight could damage buried pipes or disrupt underground flow.

(Reference: <http://www.ct.gov/dph>)

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THREE DISEASES WHILE PROTECTING THE INFANTS IN YOUR LIFE

QVHD offers Tdap vaccines (a combined booster immunization containing tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis protection) to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters and other caregivers or contacts of newborns and infants 12 months and under. Infants are not fully immunized against pertussis until a year old. By vaccinating yourself, you can protect the infant from exposure to the germs that cause the illness. If you are over age 18 and have never had a Tdap vaccine, you are eligible to receive this vaccine. A \$10.00 administration fee is requested but no District resident will be turned away for lack of ability to pay this fee. Immunization clinics are held every 4-6 weeks. Call (203 248-4528) or visit QVHD on line (www.qvhd.org) for dates and times. Vaccinations are given at the QVHD office.

For more information on these topics and other health-related issues, visit the QVHD website, www.qvhd.org or call 203 248-4528.

The Garden Club Celebrates 80th Anniversary

The Garden Club of Woodbridge presented its first President's Award to Elizabeth Fearon at its Annual Meeting on June 3. Co-Presidents Susan Antinozzi and Pat Bakke selected Betty Fearon to be the first recipient of the award because of her unflinching leadership and ongoing encouragement and support of the Club over forty-two years. Betty had served as the Club's president during its 70th anniversary and Susan and Pat felt it appropriate to initiate this award in the Club's 80th Anniversary year.



Susan Antinozzi, Edith Kufta and Susan Hildebrand.

The 80th Anniversary celebration was culminated with the Annual Meeting, luncheon and program at Seasons at Oak Lane where the President's Award was given. Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman of Woodbridge, lauded the Club for its design and maintenance of several gardens in the town. She noted that her favorite was the Butterfly Garden in the Circle at the Library.

GARDEN CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE AT YALE-NEW HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - The pouring rain did not deter the Woodbridge Garden Club from bringing some joy and love to the children at the Yale-New

Haven Children's Hospital in early June. The club members worked with members of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary and planted flowers on the 7th floor pediatric deck.

This annual project is just one of many community outreach programs conducted by the Garden Club of Woodbridge. The goal of beautifying Woodbridge and the surrounding communities is one of the core values of the club and the happiness their work generates is the best reward the members can receive. The Garden Club invites anyone who has an idea for a beautification or community project to contact them at their website, gardenclubofwoodbridge.org. For membership information contact Susan Hildebrand at (203) 387-3543 or contact her via info@gardenclubofwoodbridge.org.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - The Garden Club of Woodbridge has awarded a \$500 scholarship to Amity Regional High School graduate Kristin Zakoworotny. Each year the Garden Club offers a scholarship to a Woodbridge resident who plans to pursue an education in a field related to earth studies. Kristin, who was also senior class president, will be attending Cornell University in the fall to study environmental science.



Kristin Zakoworotny with her mother Cindy on her left, and Susan Antinozzi, co-president of the Garden Club

Country Club of Woodbridge

WOODBIDGE SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY

The Town of Woodbridge released a Request for Proposal for the town-owned Country Club of Woodbridge in early June, and proposals were due by August 4. The RFP sought two types of proposals: an open-ended option for use of the entire 155 acre parcel and the recommended option, which maintains the 18-hole golf course and pool and allows development of age-restricted housing on roughly 30 acres of land.

The RFP invited developers or others to submit proposals for either or both scenarios that met the following parameters:

- Be a net fiscal positive for the Town;
- Promote energy efficiency through context-sensitive site and building design;
- Include the implementation and utilization of low impact development (LID) best practices

- Embody Smart Growth principles such as walkability and sustainability;
- Maximize public open space;
- Minimize traffic generation and other potential impacts on the surrounding neighborhood;
- Provide a high-quality site plan and physical design that fits the context of the Town of Woodbridge;

"This RFP will open the door to creative development options that we may not even have considered," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "This will allow us to see what the private market thinks is feasible for this site."

An ad hoc committee, appointed by the First Selectman, of Andrew Esposito, Carolyn Wolff, Thomas Kenefick, Deborah Fried, Gary Desir, and Deke Hotchkiss, will review and interview the responders. The committee will make non-binding recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Woodbridge Youth Services & Amity Middle School - Bethany



Front row from left: Student Social Committee members: Romulus Sottile, Maddy Adzigian, Maya Sachs and Brynn Keevil. Top row from left are Woodbridge Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund, AMS-B Middle School Social Studies teacher Marissa Nall and Woodbridge Youth Services Program Coordinator Jeanette Glicksman.



2nd photo: Students from Amity Middle School Bethany pose for a photo following the Staff/Student Kickball Tournament held at the school. The event was hosted by the Student Social Committee and sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Woodbridge Youth Services collaborated with the Amity Middle School-Bethany (AMS-B) Student Social Committee coordinated by teacher Marissa Nall for two fundraising activities recently.

The 'Student/Staff Volleyball Tournament' and the 'Student/Staff Kickball Tournament' held at the Middle School were both well attended and great fun for all! A donation of \$325.00

raised from these events was presented to District Animal Control (DAC) in Woodbridge. The events are sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Additionally, during the school's "Awareness Week," students worked together to collect pet food and toys that were donated to DAC. This effort was led by Kathleen Habersang and the Student Council.

Jewish Community Center

First Friends Club – Calling all moms in the area! This playgroup is a wonderful way to connect with other parents to share advice and friendships while children play in a comfy, spacious, family-friendly atmosphere. Drop in weekly, Thursdays from 11-12. Everyone is welcome: members and nonmembers; all faiths and backgrounds. Special guests make appearances also to tell stories, read books, answer questions, bring snacks, and more. JCC, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge.

JCC Family Fun Day featuring Touch A Truck – On June 1, the JCC hosted a Family Fun Day featuring more than 20 trucks for kids to explore and play on. Kids climbed on, explored and discovered their favorite trucks and vehicles including fire engines, police cars and construction trucks. Families enjoyed a fun-filled day with music, bounce houses, spin art, kids' activities and games, free swim, food and drinks, face painting, Zumba, and other fun events.



JCC's 4th Annual Murray Lender 5k Bagel Run – The JCC's mission is to facilitate total wellness through programs that stimulate mind, body and spirit, and the JCC's 4th Annual Murray Lender 5k Bagel Run and Kids Run on Sept. 21 supports the organization's fitness department. The run features a terrific raffle and great prizes including two domestic round-trip plane tickets. Registration is open now at jccnh.org – cost is \$20/ \$5 for the kids run.



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For more information about the "No Bully Zone" program and how to bring it to your community, contact Cynthia Clegg at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, 860.347.0025 or Cynthia@MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

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2015 Teacher of the Year

Shannon Sanders has been named the Teacher of the Year by a committee of her peers. Sanders, with the school district for six years, teaches first grade at Beecher Road School.

In the nomination process, Miss Sanders was cited for her many positive personal and professional attributes. Among them are: caring and respect for all; instructional skills, especially in teaching reading; and her ability to keep six-year-olds focused on task and take pride in their earned accomplishments. With a strong interest in the teaching of reading, Miss Sanders has earned advanced degrees in remedial reading and language arts beyond her certification in elementary education. She plans on working toward certification as a reading and language arts consultant.

An active outdoorswoman, Miss Sanders loves her time hiking, kayaking, camping and enjoying activities on the Connecticut shoreline where she lives. She is also a member of a New Haven League kickball team and takes kickboxing classes.

When she learned she had been selected, she says she was "beyond excited." She acknowledged her co-workers by telling the assembled group at a recent luncheon, "Being Teacher of the Year at Beecher Road School is even more meaningful because the teachers are of such high caliber and are truly amazing educators, professionals and colleagues." She also thanked the families she has worked with for sharing their children whom she hopes to inspire to become lifelong learners.



Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Guy Stella;
Teacher Shannon Sanders; and Principal Gina Prisco.

Superintendent of Schools Guy Stella said of Miss Sanders, "She is a teacher who loves her work and her students. She is a dedicated professional who exudes a contagious enthusiasm for teaching and learning."

A formal nomination and selection process is used in Woodbridge that follows the guidelines set forth by The National Teacher of the Year (NTOY) Program. NTOY came to Connecticut in 1981 after being implemented in other states starting in 1952. NTOY is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers in partnership with the Voya Foundation and People to People Ambassador Programs. It continues as the oldest, most prestigious national honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching.

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Brookside Farm Market Now Open Year Round



Woodbridge residents will now be able to enjoy year-round produce and groceries at the recently re-opened Brookside Farm Market. The market, at 324 Amity Road, re-opened on June 1 and carries produce, prepared foods, locally baked items, dairy products and potted flowers.

The market was closed for one year and 10 months in order to re-stabilize the building. The market has existed in the same building since 1930. It is built over a stream and a wood frame supported a concrete cap to serve as the building's base. The wood frame

deteriorated over the years and couldn't support the building anymore.

The market is a Woodbridge landmark. Until the 1950s, the market was open year-round and also served as a branch post office. When the post office closed, the market closed for the winter. It will once again be open year-round. "I have a new-found respect for all the Town departments," said building owner Paul Longo. "We worked with the Building Department, Zoning and Inland Wetlands and they were all very helpful and very patient with us."

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar was among many customers who stopped by to offer congratulations and a warm welcome. She was particularly excited about the quality of the escarole. "I wasn't able to find such beautiful escarole anywhere while the market was closed," Scalettar said.

Owner and manager Mike Longo (no relation to Paul) explained that he buys the produce fresh every morning from a wholesale distributor. "I buy what looks good," he says. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tri Commission Hike



Three Woodbridge commissions, Woodbridge Conservation Commission (WCC), the Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Property (CUPOP), and the Recreation Commission, sponsored their first annual Summer Hike on June 28th at the Racebrook Tract.

About two-dozen residents participated in the 1.5 mile hike from the Woodbridge trailhead on Clearview Drive to the Orange entry point on Racebrook Road. At the end of

the hike a school bus driven by Chris Sorensen returned hikers to their starting point.

The Town bought the 180 acre property in three phases over the course of five years from 2006 to 2011. "We are fortunate that our town leaders acted quickly to protect this beautiful land by arranging for Town purchase and preventing all future development," Conservation Commission Chair Jason Morrill explained. "Now we want more townspeople to know about the opportunity to hike and simply enjoy nature here."

Morrill also thanked First Selectman Ellen Scalettar (who participated in the hike along with her husband Bob), for her support of the WCC's work, and member of the Board of Selectmen Anthony Anastasio, who is the liaison to all three commissions and attended the hike.

CUPOP Chairman Sheila McCreven explained that the Racebrook Tract is categorized by that commission as permanently protected open space.

Bob Hill and Andrea Weinstein of Recreation discussed outdoor recreation activities and other opportunities for residents to enjoy what the town offers. If residents are interested in regular walks at the FitzGerald Tract at the corner of Beecher and Center Roads, Recreation sponsors an informal group, coordinated by Weinstein, which meets every Saturday morning. More information is available on the Town's website Recreation page.



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