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First Selectman's Corner

You are reading the Premier Edition of *Woodbridge Events* Magazine published quarterly by Essex Printing, in Centerbrook, Connecticut.

Woodbridge Events will incorporate articles from various Town boards, commissions, departments and organizations and will be mailed to all residential locations in Woodbridge at no cost to the Town. The Premier issue cover features a photo of the Country Club of Woodbridge, and an article with Country Club plans for membership and events for 2013. If a Woodbridge organization wishes to submit an article, they should email Gerry Shaw, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman at gshaw@woodbridgect.org. We welcome your comments.

We hope this magazine will prove to be a valuable source for information on events, activities, and programs available to Woodbridge residents. Some additional items that may be of interest include:

- Woodbridge Clean Energy Task Force, which seeks to assist the Town in promoting municipal and household energy from renewable sources, is looking for members. If interested, contact its Chair, Sandy Stein at Sandra.stein@yale.edu.

- Home Energy Solutions Income Eligible Program, which is administered by the United Illuminating Company is available for Woodbridge residents. The program provides valuable energy saving products and services at no cost to income eligible residents. Call toll free 1-877-WISEUSE (947-3873) for more information.



The Town of Woodbridge has recently been awarded \$300,000 for our third Small Cities Residential Housing Rehabilitation grant. The grant is an interest free revolving loan program for income eligible residents to fund home improvements and is made possible by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. Patricia Crisco, Tax Collector and program administrator, has written an article in this magazine outlining further details. She can be reached at pcrisco@woodbridgect.org or at 203-389-3425.

Edward Maum Sheehy
First Selectman

VETERANS' DAY **Sunday, November 11** **10:45 a.m.**

The Woodbridge Annual Veterans' Day Memorial will be held at the VFW Monument on Sunday, November 11th at 10:45 a.m.

The VFW Monument is located on the Town Green across from the Woodbridge Town Hall on Meetinghouse Lane.

This event is a solemn tribute to America's sons and daughters serving and who have served in the defense of our great Country.

The program is approximately 45 minutes, involving Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies, and brief remarks by the First Selectman and State Legislators.

Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr.
Administrative Officer

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From the Publisher

Essex Printing and *Events Magazines* are excited to welcome the Town of Woodbridge as its newest "partner." *Woodbridge Events Magazine* is a quarterly publication that will provide each Woodbridge resident with a host of important community information.

You will hear from your First Selectman, Edward Sheehy, through the "First Selectman's Corner."

You will learn about upcoming community events and activities.

You will have access to valuable articles affecting you, your family and community.

You will be able to connect with businesses in Woodbridge and the surrounding area.

You will hear about all that is happening in your town.

We are confident that Woodbridge Events Magazine will quickly become a trusted source of information for you and your community just as Events Magazines have become in ten other Connecticut towns over the past 16 years. We look forward to serving the town of Woodbridge.

Sincerely,
William McMinn
Essex Printing & Events Magazines

Child Safety Seats - Use and Installation



photo by
Nathan and Jenny via flickr

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department reminds parents and caregivers to make sure that they are properly using and installing their child safety seats. A new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) survey shows that parents are making significant mistakes when using car seats and booster seats. It also found that one in five parents do not read any instructions when installing seats.

"The key to keeping kids safe is to make sure your child is in the right seat for their age and size - and to make sure that the seat is correctly installed in your vehicle," said US

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of the many resources available to ensure you've done everything to properly protect your child."

One such resource is the team of Safe Kids Certified Car Seat Technicians at the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department. If you would like your car seat checked or installed for you, call 203-389-3441 to make an appointment. Appointments are made regularly on Monday and Wednesday evenings and from time to time special "Car Seat Events" are held. For more information, check us out of the web at www.woodbridgect.org/fire and facebook [.com/WoodbridgeFire](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire). "Child safety seats save hundreds of young lives every year, but proper use is vital," said NHTSA Administrator David Strickland. "That's why we're urging everyone to make sure their kids are properly protected on every trip, every time."

Small Cities Grant

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

Eligibility for the program is based on annual household income and loan to value ratios for the property to determine the availability of equity which is considered when determining maximum loan amounts. These funds are offered as deferred loans with 0% interest and require no payment until a transfer of title, the owner's demise, or the

subject property is no longer the applicant's principal place of residence. Some of the work that may be eligible for funding includes the correction of health and safety violations, code compliance, roofing, carpentry, electrical work, painting, plumbing, heating, and other non-luxury work subject to approval of the Town.

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

Pat Crisco, Grant Administrator

Gerry Shaw is Honored

On September 1, the Massaro Community Farm, a non-profit organization in Town, chose to honor Gerry Shaw at their 2nd Annual Dinner for her contribution to the Town of Woodbridge.

I have known Gerry Shaw for thirty-three years. Gerry is the same in private as she is in public, she always has a friendly and hopeful attitude.

She has been of invaluable assistance to me and I know to my predecessors as well. Always willing to make that extra effort and take the extra time to get it right.

Gerry moved to Bethany with her husband Dick in 1965 where they raised their two daughters, Debbie and Julie. Gerry became very involved in the Bethany community, a founding member of the Bethany Garden Club in 1967, and a very active member of the Christ Episcopal Church of Bethany parish service as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, member of the Vestry for three years, serving

on the Building and Grounds Maintenance Committees and volunteering countless hours whenever called upon.

She began working in the Woodbridge Town Hall thirty-seven years ago, and for the past thirty-three years she has served as the invaluable Executive Assistant to five Woodbridge First Selectmen. She has brought that same energy and dedication to her "other community" of Woodbridge. Her knowledge of and devotion to the Town of Woodbridge and its citizens is demonstrated every day. It is a rare Woodbridge resident that has not been greeted by that friendly voice when calling the First Selectman's office.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and residents of Woodbridge, we join with the Massaro Farm Community in honoring Gerry Shaw for her exemplary service to Woodbridge over these past thirty-seven years and for her future service to Woodbridge.

Edward Maum Sheehy, First Selectman

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New Public Works Facility



In July 2012 the funding for the new Public Facility was approved. The committee met on September 20th to review the updated plans presented by Roth Moore & Kagan. As of this writing, we should have 50 percent of the construction drawings and construction documents for the committee's review. We still anticipate the construction documents to be

completed and ready to go out to the public in the second week of December. This of course depends on Board of Selectmen approval.

The truck wash is still under further review as a separate add-on to this project and we are acquiring information on various types of wash systems available for the needs of the Town.

The current set of plans will be digitally sent to the CTDEEP for prior review for waste water management, etc. We plan to have the civil engineer and architects as well as the building official meet with CTDEEP personnel in October to discuss their findings.

*Chris Sorensen, Chair
Public Works Facility Building Committee*

Woodbridge Rotary Club

The Woodbridge Rotary Club has kicked off their annual membership drive. The Woodbridge Rotary Club serves Bethany, Woodbridge and Westville.

The Rotary Club is an organization of business and professional people united world-wide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Some of the local projects this year included participating in the Town of Woodbridge Concert on the Green series, distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets, volunteering at the Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Fantasy of Lights, providing dictionaries to 3rd graders in Bethany, Woodbridge, and Westville, providing poinsettia plants for the homebound, sponsoring a holiday party for residents of Southbury

Training School, a holiday party for members of the Woodbridge Senior Center, an Annual Coat and Clothing Drive, and a luncheon at the DARE graduation at Beecher Road School.

The Woodridge Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at the Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Road, Bethany and the 2nd and the 4th Friday of the month at 12:15 p.m. for a luncheon meeting at Carmine Tuscan Grill, 1500 Whalley Ave., New Haven. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson at 203-710-0223 or email annadickerson@yahoo.com.

*Anna Dickerson, President
Woodbridge Rotary Club*

Town Clerk

Absentee Ballots are available to Electors for the November 6 election. The Absentee Ballot Applications for the ballots are available to be completed in person or mailed to: Town Clerk 11 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge, Ct. 06525, faxed 203-389-3473 or emailed to: townclerk@woodbridgect.org. The applications are also available online by going to the Secretary of the State's website: sots@ct.gov and the original application MUST be sent to the Town Clerk by the date of the Election - November 6, 2012 in order for

your ballot to be counted.

The polls will be open on Election Day November 6th from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Center Building, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge.

Should you have any questions please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office at 203-389-3424.

*Stephanie Ciarleglio
Woodbridge Town Clerk*

New Public Works Facility

Woodbridge Boy Scout Troop 63 is holding its annual Christmas Tree Sale. For over 35 years Troop 63 has been selling trees, wreaths, kissing balls and baskets. Located behind the old firehouse in Woodbridge on Center Road, the troop will sell fresh balsam pine trees beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving. The sale runs weekdays from 3 - 7 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am - 7 pm until Christmas. Various sizes and prices are available to meet every need and budget. Free local delivery is available.

Boy Scout Troop 63, founded in 1963, is one of the oldest Troops in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Our objective is to bring scouting to boys in the Woodbridge, Bethany and surrounding communities. Known as the "outdoor troop" we are active all year. Our outings include all types of camping, hiking, backpacking, skiing, canoe trips, white water rafting as well as cultural events such as visits to historical parks and monuments and much more. We also plan and participate in community service projects each year. Join the adventure! Join the fun and see what scouting is all about.



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**SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
WEEKDAY AFTERNOONS
FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING**

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Meetings are held at Our Lady of the Assumption "Mother" Church located at 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69) in Woodbridge on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm and all boys ages 11 and up or who have completed the fifth grade along with their parents, are encouraged to visit.

[For more information visit our web site at www.troop963.org or email Troop63CT@gmail.com.]

Woodbridge Town Library

The Woodbridge Library continues to embark on a technological transition. Library patrons have gotten used to the wireless internet throughout the building, our bright board to advertise Library and Community programming, and are increasingly more familiar with our E-book lending platform.

The next project that we are unveiling is for patrons to demo iPads, Kindles and Nooks in the library's redesigned audio room behind the Information Services Department. Many patrons are shopping for the device that efficiently fits their respective criteria and we want to be able to walk patrons through some of the more popular E-book devices. We also want to be sure patrons know how to access eBooks through our lending platform, Overdrive.

The library is also going to begin lending Blu-Ray

movies on November 1st. Many Blu Ray players can utilize both Blu Ray and DVDs, but not all DVD players are symbiotic with Blu Ray movies. Blu Rays are slowly but steadily taking the place of the DVD format and the advantages to unveiling Blu-Ray movies at the Library are that Blu Ray movies have a much higher picture quality than DVDs and Blu Rays can store five times the information as DVDs.

The Library is also featuring Ancestry.com on our public computers for use in the Library only, World Book Online is available through our website, and we've set aside a computer for the new online version of Morningstar which has taken place of the print version.

Todd Fabian, Library Director

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NEW PLAYGROUND



Woodbridge First Selectman Ed Sheehy, center, snipped a ceremonial ribbon held by Superintendent of Schools Gaeton Stella, left, and state Rep. Themis Klarides, right. They were among residents, local officials and Beecher Road School students and staff who gathered for a Sept. 14 event celebrating the completion of a new playground there.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

The Woodbridge Human Services Department needs sponsors to participate in the Adopt-A-Family Program. This program provides holiday food baskets for the December holidays to Woodbridge families in need.

Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services stated "Due to the economy, we are getting more referrals for families and seniors who need holiday baskets"

Distribution of holiday baskets will take place on Wednesday, December 19th. Anyone interested in sponsoring a family should contact Woodbridge Human Services at 203-389-3429. Monetary donations can also be made payable to Woodbridge Human Services, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525.

*Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director
Human Services*

Country Club of Woodbridge

The Country Club of Woodbridge is on the precipice of a revival.

New course manager Billy Casper Golf has been on-site since March and has implemented an aggressive agronomy program to recover course conditions back to their previously pristine playing surfaces.

Since beginning management, BCG has facilitated the purchase of brand new electric carts and maintenance equipment.

"Golfers can expect a major improvement in course conditions mid-season next year," says General Manager Jason Beffert. "We recognize the challenges and have been working incredibly hard to ensure our loyal golfers will have a course they can be proud of for many years to come."

The club has also added an event tent adjacent to the pool and No. 9 green, which is perfect for corporate

outings, pool parties and all manner of social or family gatherings.

Beffert says the course will host three Woodbridge Days next year in late-spring, summer and fall with discounted greens fees and pool passes for residents and specials on food and beverage.

"We are ingrained in the fabric of the town and the club offers a wonderful sense of community," says Beffert.

Back for 2013 will be the wildly popular pool-only membership; 2012 saw a major increase in purchases and there will be a cap on the number of pool members for next year.

A unique membership option is the Twilight Membership - \$1,550 for resident families - providing unlimited twilight greens fees plus pool passes for the entire season.

*For more information about the club, contact
Jason Beffert: 203.387.2278*

Excerpt from the Civil War Commemoration

Today, we have come together as a community to commemorate the Civil War and the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation given by President Lincoln on September 22, 1862.

The Town of Woodbridge for its size (1860 population 872 people) played a significant role in the Civil War as you can see from the program. Eighteen per cent of Woodbridge households or 61 men and boys including two African Americans served in the Union army, 12 of whom gave their lives. Some of their descendants are in our audience today.

In an event such as this, we celebrate and re-live the history of our country and our town and provide a history lesson for us all - old and young alike as evidenced by the presence of the students from Amity High School, Beecher Road School and Ezra Academy.

I have learned several history lessons myself. Today, I appear as Ward Hill Lamon who was a Marshal for the City of Washington and Chief of Protocol at the White House and a former law partner of President Lincoln. Lamon was described as a burly and jovial man with a strong appreciation for liquor. He acted as a self-appointed bodyguard to President Lincoln. Lamon, however, was famously absent the night Lincoln was assassinated having been sent by Lincoln to Richmond, Virginia.

The minutes of a Special Town Meeting held in Woodbridge on August 2, 1862 show that the towns-people offered to pay each Woodbridge volunteer who shall enlist and be sworn into the United States Army for the duration of the war the sum of \$100 provided the volunteers be sworn in to the service on or before the 16th day of August, 1862. The Town

meeting further voted that the Town treasurer be authorized to borrow a sufficient sum to pay all the volunteers.

For over the past month, Todd Fabian, our librarian, has arranged for a series of well-attended book discussions with authors concerning the Civil War, children's crafts, films and an art exhibit featuring Civil War lithographs, wood carvings and prints displayed by John Stewart of Woodbridge, former Chair of the Library Commission. This display will be open for two hours following the ceremony.

In reading the speeches, playing of the music and songs of the time and the marching of the soldiers, we have attempted to re-create an atmosphere as it appeared in Woodbridge 150 years ago.

I would like to thank all who planned, prepared and participated in this commemoration, most of whom are listed in the program, and includes Amity High School string-ensemble.

I would also like to recognize Dr. Marvin Arons, our Town Historian, who is the moving force behind this Commemoration, the Amity Woodbridge Historical Society and Don Menzies its President and Martha (Muffy) German who did research concerning the Veterans from Woodbridge, and Joseph Hellauer, our Town Administrative Officer who made the arrangements for today's Commemoration.

Thank you all for coming. I hope you will take with you a greater understanding of the Civil War and the contribution and sacrifices of residents of Woodbridge to the Civil War so that all men could be free.

Speech by Edward Maum Sheehy, First Selectman

Woodbridge Rotary Honors Student of the Month

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored Woodbridge resident Emma Platoff as Amity High School Student of the Month. Ms. Platoff was presented with a certificate of recognition signed by Woodbridge Rotary President Anna Dickerson and presented by Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella. Ms. Platoff was honored for her outstanding academic career at Amity High School. She is a member of both the Spanish and Latin honor societies. Emma has been heavily involved in music, both in and out of school. She has played the flute as a member of both the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Marching Band. She has served in the award winning pit



Pictured left to right: Anna Dickerson, Rotarian President, Brian LaRochelle, Amity High School Counselor, Dr. Guy Stella, Superintendent of Schools, Emma Platoff, September Student of the Month, and John Platoff, Emma's Dad.

orchestra for the past three school spring theatrical productions. She is involved with music regionally as well, playing with the Greater New Haven Symphonic Wind Ensemble, in addition to the CT Music Educators' Association Southern Regional Festival ensemble. She has been consistently involved with the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven and has sought out musical - as well as academic - opportunities during her summer vacations. Emma has played four years of field hockey and serves as an editor for the school newspaper. She has committed time to Link Crew, the Amity High School freshman orientation program and has served as a peer tutor.

Massaro Community Farm



On September 1, Massaro Community Farm held its 2nd Annual Dinner on the Farm. This year's farm-to-table meal hosted 160 for dinner in our field and included special recognition of long-time Woodbridge Executive Assistant and farm supporter Geraldine Shaw. (see page 3) Set among Woodbridge's suburban landscape, the farm offers a quiet respite from our otherwise busy lives. A 57-acre parcel of land on Ford Road, the farm was home to the Massaro family and their cows and chickens for a majority of the 20th

century. When the last family member passed and the property was deeded to the town, interest in maintaining it as open space led to the formation of Massaro Community Farm. But the farm offers more than just the 150-member community supported agriculture (CSA) operation. The farm includes a renovated dairy barn - a space for meetings and workshops - that hosted 12 campers during the farm's first summer camp this past August. The farm also hosts regular seminars on beekeeping by members of the Connecticut Beekeeper's Association, who maintain the eight apiaries on site. For those with wildlife interests, you might catch a glimpse of coyote scat on the 1.5-mile walking trail, added earlier this year, which tours the woods and wetlands at the rear of the property. The farm welcomes volunteers of all ages to participate in various aspects of farm maintenance. For more information or a list of upcoming events, visit www.massaro-farm.org.

*Caty Poole
Outreach Coordinator*

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Registrar of Voters

To all Woodbridge voters: This letter is to inform you of recent changes made to state Senate district boundaries that impact Woodbridge residents. Previously, Woodbridge had been wholly contained in the 17th Senatorial District. However, for the 2012 General Assembly election cycle and for the next ten years, new districts are in place and Woodbridge is split between the 17th and the 14th districts.

The southernmost portion of Woodbridge is now part of the 14th Senatorial District, which also includes Orange, Milford, and a portion of West Haven. A detailed map of Woodbridge streets affected by the redistricting plan is attached and will be posted at the Town Website: www.Woodbridgect.org. The Website also has a searchable street index.

Connecticut law requires all General Assembly districts to be reviewed and if necessary, reapportioned following each

federal census. The 2010 U.S. Census showed that Connecticut's population grew by nearly 5 percent to about 3.6 million people; the new distribution of that larger population prompted these new district boundaries.

Maps and reports of the Reapportionment Commission's statewide redistricting plans are currently available on the www.cga.ct.gov/red2011/maps.

Woodbridge voters will be directed to vote according to their street address and new district assignment on Election Day, November 6th. The Center Gymnasium will continue as the polling location for all Woodbridge voters.

Residents with questions may call the Registrar of Voters office at 203-389-3408/3409.

*Jeanette Glicksman
Loredana Falcigno*

Take the Road Less Traveled

Sometimes we don't realize what's in our own backyard! The Woodbridge Park Association offers great opportunities for exploring nature, seemingly far from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives. In reality, the largest park area can be accessed easily from the center of town, on Meetinghouse Lane, where there is ample parking. There, on any of the trails, visitors are immediately enclosed by a canopy of varied tree species while exploring all that nature has to offer: the beauty of the flora and fauna in every season; the sounds of nature; isolation from the outside world; and the opportunity for exercise. The park property



*The Blue Trail at the
Alice Newton Street Memorial Park*

abuts the picturesque Wepawaug Falls, part of a tract of the Woodbridge Land Trust, which offers more sights and sounds for visitors.

The Woodbridge Park Association, celebrating its 85th anniversary in 2013, is one of the oldest non-profit land trusts in the state and proudly serves as steward for various park lands in town, including the 93 acre Alice Newton Street Memorial Park. Please visit our website at woodbridgeparks.org for more information

and the association, including events and trail maps.

*Leslie Martino, President
Woodbridge Park Association*

Woodbridge Recreation Department

The Woodbridge Recreation Department provides a variety of recreational and leisure opportunities for Woodbridge residents. Programs are also available to residents of Orange, Bethany, and New Haven at non-resident fees. The Woodbridge Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs in diverse areas of interest for children and adults. Check out our website at www.woodbridgect.org

for more information, visit our office in the Beecher South School at 40 Beecher Rd, or call us at 203-389-3446. Most programs have ongoing registration. There is still time to register for some fall programs. We also offer memberships for our Fitness Center and a Pool.

John Adamovich, Director

Woodbridge Youth Services

Woodbridge Job Bank for Woodbridge Residents

Woodbridge Youth Services provides Job Bank services for teens, ages 13-17 who want to earn some money and gain job experience. Jobs include yard work, childcare, pet care, snow shoveling, housework, party help, and other odd jobs.

Please call 203-389-3429 to join the Job Bank or to hire a teen. Many of our babysitters have completed the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course.

Bethwood Bash

The Bethwood Bash (formerly known as the Youth Evening Program), sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany, provides a fun, drug and alcohol free event for 7th and 8th grade residents of Woodbridge and Bethany.

Big Daddy's Auto Racing!

Donations to District Animal Control, December 7. Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany will sponsor the Bethwood Bash program at the Bethany Town Hall Gymnasium, 40 Peck Road in Bethany, on December 7, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The event, for 7th and 8th grade Woodbridge and Bethany residents only, will be a driving success! Private school students welcome.

Step up to the steering wheel of Big Daddy's giant racetrack, and your remote control car is off! Fabulous music and games will be provided by an interactive Boppers D.J. Enter in the fun for cool raffle prizes, and munch on great pizza. Admission is just \$5.00. Bring a donation for Woodbridge Animal Control and receive an extra raffle ticket. No early drop-offs and prompt pick-up, please. Amity Dress code applies.

Cancellations: Watch Channel 8 or listen to KC101 for cancellations due to inclement weather.

[Note to Parents/Grandparents/High School Juniors and Seniors, and Business Owners: Adult volunteers are necessary to provide these programs. High School juniors and seniors looking for volunteer hours may contact Youth Services. Donations of raffle prizes, monetary gifts, and event supplies are gratefully accepted. Please call 203-389-3429 or E-mail youthone@ci.woodbridge.ct.us for more information.]

After School Programs at Amity Middle School-Bethany Digital Photography for Teens

This is an introductory class for students who want to get the most out of their digital cameras and improve their photographic skills as well as for those more experienced students who want to enhance their skills. The class will be offered on Thursday afternoons, October 25th through January 11th in the computer lab at the Middle School

from 2:25 pm - 3:55 pm. The course will cover camera basics while working through creative assignments on composition, natural and artificial light and color. Students will work in Adobe Photoshop in the computer lab learning professional techniques to maximize their photography. Participants will print their best photos each week to build their portfolios. Weekly projects will allow plenty of time for experimentation. If a student does not have access to a camera, arrangements may be made. Learn about the many careers in photography. Learn to get the most out of your digital camera and be ready to shoot when the decisive moment occurs!

A materials fee of \$60 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance available for qualifying families may be arranged. For more information or to sign up please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Fun Fitness Cooking

Create a Cook ~ A recipe for healthy living ~ Hands on Cooking! Learn how to cook in a hands-on, fun environment. This 10-week class will be offered in the Middle School's kitchen after school on Tuesdays from 2:25-3:55 pm. Class will begin Tuesday, October 30th and run through January 22nd. Class is limited to 12 participants. Students will receive a notebook with recipes, nutrition and food safety information, a glossary of techniques and terms and an apron. We'll start with basic skills and techniques and enhance the fundamentals to help develop a lifetime of great cooking and creativity. Make and eat healthy and nutritious food, learn about foods from many cultures, prepare party foods and healthy snacks. Learn to create garnishes and develop food-decorating skills. Bring home what you make to share with your family.

A materials fee of \$80 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance is available for qualifying families. For more information or to sign up please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Youth and Parent Education

Youth Services provides other courses for students and parents throughout the year. Examples of other programs include the Red Cross Babysitters Course, Home Alone Course, Impact of Divorce, and Internet Safety. Please contact Nancy Pfund, Youth Services Director, at 203-389-3429 or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org. Check local newspapers and the Town of Woodbridge Website www.woodbridgect.org for future events.

Nancy Pfund
Youth Services Director

The Senior Center

Exercise - 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 On Wednesdays - 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.

The Senior Center Craft Group - meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Knitting, Crocheting, Sewing, and Socializing are some of our activities.

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.

The Mah-jongg Group meets every Monday and Friday in Room 15 from 10 am to 12 noon. Novices are welcome - you will be taught.

New! Book Club - The Senior Center is interested in starting a monthly book club. If you are interested, please call Mary D'Ostilio at 203-389-3429.

Twentieth Annual Holiday Fair - We will hold our Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 3rd in the Center Cafeteria from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will have a variety of booths consisting of baked goods, books, crafts, tag sale items, Chinese Auction, raffle, refreshments, and many other attractions.

Some of the items we need to stock booths are: homemade jellies, jams, pickles, sauces, baked goods, used books, and usable tag sale items. Also needed are bottles of wine or alcohol for our Basket of Cheer Raffle. New items are also needed for our Chinese Auction table. Last, but not least, we need volunteers to bring all of this together.

Trips - Thursday November 15, - Radio City Christmas Spectacular. \$151 includes transportation, Radio City Christmas Spectacular, lunch at Carmine's, and driver's gratuity. Departs: TBA.

Computer Classes - Call Lee @ 203-389-3430 to register. Jacalyn Diesenhouse, Instructor.

Nov 7 & 21 - Wed - Internet - 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Nov 14 - Wed - Email - 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Nov 28 - Wed - I Pad & I Phone Apps - 9:30 to 11:30 am.

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 to make a reservation for the lunch and/or transportation. November 28: The Bear and Grill, 385 Boston Post Road, Orange

For information or reservations for the above events, call the Senior Center at 203-389-3430.

Emergency Preparedness

None of us wants Woodbridge to be hit by a hurricane, flood, or other emergency. Unfortunately, disasters do strike, so it is best to be prepared.

Please review the information below. Please plan ahead, as this information suggests. Town officials will do their best should a disaster strike our town. Please help by being prepared.

Sincerely,

Edward Maum Sheehy, First Selectman

FOR STORM INFORMATION

go to the town website: www.woodbridgect.org

PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency (Ambulance, Fire, and Police)	911
Police (non-emergency)	203-387-2511
Town Hall	203-389-3400
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222

Emergency Management Director	203-387-2511 ext 14
Human Services	203-389-3415
Senior Center	203-389-3430
Municipal Animal Control	203-389-5991
Quinnipiack Valley HD	203-248-4528

ABOUT CT ALERT

The State of Connecticut CT ALERT system uses the 9-1-1 data base to alert residents of life-threatening emergency conditions. Your home telephone number is already registered. To register cell phones, business phones, e-mail, text messages, and hearing impaired receiving devices go to the Town web-site at www.woodbridgect.org and click on the CT ALERT logo or go to www.ctalert.gov If you don't have a computer please use one of the computers at the Library or at the Senior Center.

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All contact information will only be used for emergency purposes, and will be kept strictly confidential and will not be provided to any vendor or third party organization.

POWER OUTAGES

To report a power outage call United Illuminating at 1-800-722-5584.

DOWNED WIRES & TREES ON WIRES - DANGER!

Treat every downed wire as if it were live. Remember downed trees and limbs can hide live wires, and conduct electricity to the surrounding area. To report downed wires call the Police Department - 203-387-2511. The Police will then coordinate with United Illuminating and others to make the area safe.

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Do you have medication that needs refrigeration? Do you have medical equipment that requires electricity to operate? If stranded at home by bad weather, would you like a call?

If so, please register now by calling:

Human Services 203-389-3429

Senior Center 203-389-3430

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Should emergency officials decide to open a shelter, the Town's Designated Emergency Shelter is The Center Gym/Senior Center Café at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Bring all medications with you. Advise shelter prior to arrival, of any special needs, i.e. wheel chair. Bring cell phone and charger.

EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY

Should you need drinking water during a power outage or other emergency, there are water spigots available at Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, pump house to right of building, and the Center Gym/Senior Center Café, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, both sides of Building. Note: Spigots are shut off during winter. Contact: 203-389-3400 for water availability.

YOUR FAMILY'S UNIQUE NEEDS

Keep an Emergency Health Information card for each member of the family listing; primary language you speak, disabilities, medical needs, allergies, doctor information, and who to contact in case of an emergency. Prepare an Emergency kit with water, flashlights, batteries,

medication, cash, non-perishable food for 3 days, and a transistor or crank radio.

HELPING OTHERS

Please be aware of neighbors who may need assistance. Those who live alone, or are disabled, might especially welcome your help.

HELPING PETS

Please remember to plan for your pet's needs, as well as your own. Pets will need emergency food and water, too. Do not leave pets behind to fend for themselves. If you evacuate, please take them with you, bring with you to the shelter, or make other arrangements for them. It is prudent to own a pet carrier or crate for emergencies.

FIRE SAFETY

Every home should have: Smoke Alarms/CO Detectors (replace batteries yearly), fire extinguishers, and should know how to use them. Keep charged (check gauge).

DEVELOP A HOUSEHOLD FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

Execute periodic exit drills. Make sure babysitters and other guests know how to make a quick and safe escape in the event of fire.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Town of Woodbridge at www.woodbridgect.org

Woodbridge Fire Department at
www.woodbridgefire.com

Woodbridge Police Department at
www.woodbridgepd.com

American Red Cross at www.redcross.org

Quinnipiack Valley Health District at www.qvhd.org

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TV - Ch8 and Ch9, and radio stations WELI and WTNH will make announcements between 6:00 and 7:00 am if a local school is to open late or remain closed for the day. If it becomes necessary to close school early, local TV and radio stations will be notified as soon as possible. You can also check local stations for program and meeting cancellations, or emergency announcements.

Amity Regional School District will post emergency announcements on its web site: www.amityregion5.org.

Beecher Road School families will be notified through the "Instant Alert System" www.woodbridgesd.org.

The Next Deadline for Woodbridge Events is January 11



Aldon Hynes is the
Democratic Candidate for
State Representative in the 114th District
(Woodbridge, Orange & Derby)

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U.S. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro says, "I am pleased to endorse Aldon Hynes for State Representative in the 114th Assembly District in Woodbridge, Orange and Derby. Aldon has a strong desire to serve his community which he demonstrates in both his professional and personal life. A member of the team at Community Health Center, Inc., a Federally Qualified Health Center, he works with the underserved and underprivileged every day. Blending public service with family time, Aldon and his wife spend much time volunteering on numerous projects together and, as a father, he works with his daughter on her Internet Based Radio show. Aldon understands the importance of a quality education which is why he is involved in our local schools.

*Aldon's commitment to serving his community has led him to seek this seat in the General Assembly.
Join me in supporting Aldon Hynes for State Representative on November 6th!"*

*Aldon Hynes is **Your** Candidate for the Connecticut General Assembly!*

Paid for by Hynes2012, Sheila McCreven, Treasurer. Approved by Aldon Hynes.

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