

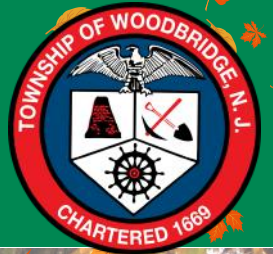
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# TEN TOWNS,



# ONE COMMUNITY

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# Mayor's Mail Box

Dear Woodbridge Public Works Department,  
Just wanted to say what a fantastic job the Public Works guys did on July 5th with branch and tree limb removal following the July 3rd storm. I greatly appreciate the Township's prompt response in the aftermath of this storm and the great crews in the Public Works department.

Dear Woodbridge Public Library,  
Thank you for reinstating the Library Museum Pass Program. I was able to visit the Intrepid Saturday which was amazing! The pass offered significant savings, \$36 each, especially as seniors. I look forward to more escapades.

Dear Woodbridge Public Works Department,  
I'm currently sitting in a small park here in Woodbridge and felt compelled to send a simple thank you. I am a single mother of two, both of whom are on the autism spectrum. Every Saturday we've made it our little tradition to explore a new park in town. To my delight, many of the parks we've discovered are fenced in! This may seem like a small detail, but for families like mine, it makes a world of a difference. I truly appreciate the thought and effort that goes into making Woodbridge's parks both accessible and safe.

Dear Mayor McCormac,  
I wanted to let you know that I, once again, thoroughly enjoyed the John Mellencamp tribute concert tonight. Thanks for keeping the music alive in Woodbridge!

Dear Mayor McCormac,  
This Super Trans Am show was spectacular. All the songs were recognizable and included different artists. Their costume changes added to the show's excitement.

We want to hear from you!

Send us your pictures & stories for our next issue!

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## Council Column



### Celebrating Diversity at the Annual India Day Parade

Every year the Indian Business Association organizes the India Day Parade to celebrate the vibrant Indian Culture. Council members Cory Spillar, Kyle Anderson, Sharon McAuliffe, Howie Bauer, Debbie Meehan, Lizbeth DeJesus and Viru Patel marched down Oak Tree Road.

### Highlighting the Fight Against Breast Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Council is proud to shine a light on this important cause. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women; but advances in awareness, early detection and treatment continue to bring hope and save lives every day.



### Raising Awareness for Hydrocephalus

September is National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month and each year the Council aims to bring attention to this brain condition. Approximately 1.5 of every 1,000 births in America are living with Hydrocephalus.



### Working with Community Partners to Support Students

Municipal Council Members Sharon McAuliffe, Lizbeth DeJesus and Howie Bauer work with Stricklands Steakhouse and the Board of Education to supply backpacks to students in need so that all children have the necessary tools to succeed this school year!



## TOWN HALL

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Mayor:

John E. McCormac

### Municipal Council:

#### Council President:

Cory S. Spillar, Third Ward

#### Council Vice-President:

Sharon McAuliffe, First Ward

#### Council Members:

Howie Bauer, Second Ward

Virbhadra N. Patel, Fourth Ward

Debbie Meehan, Fifth Ward

Kyle M. Anderson, At-Large

Lizbeth DeJesus, At-Large

Brian F. Small, At-Large

Daniel R. Harris, At-Large

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

All Numbers Area Code 732

Town Hall. . . . .	634-4500
Mayor's Office. . . . .	602-6015
Woodbridge Police Department. . . . .	634-7700
Municipal Clerk. . . . .	602-6007
Municipal Prosecutor. . . . .	634-4500
Municipal Court. . . . .	636-6430
Office of Emergency Management. . . . .	602-7361
Tax Collector. . . . .	602-6010
Tax Assessor. . . . .	602-6002
Engineering. . . . .	602-6047
Building Department. . . . .	602-6003
Housing Department. . . . .	602-6009
Woodbridge Public Library. . . . .	634-4450
Barron Arts Center. . . . .	634-0413
Health Department. . . . .	855-0600
Public Works. . . . .	738-1311
Parks & Recreation. . . . .	596-4048
TV-35. . . . .	602-6079
Woodbridge Community Center. . . . .	596-4170
The Club at Woodbridge. . . . .	634-5000
Avenel Performing Arts Center. . . . .	314-0500
Anchors Tiki Bar . . . . .	568-5757
Cypress Recreation Center. . . . .	596-4116
Senior Transportation (STOW). . . . .	726-2394

# COUNCIL NEWS

## Tree Lightings

### Sewaren

Thursday, December 4 at 6PM  
Veterans Memorial Park at  
Woodbridge Ave. & West Ave.  
Councilwoman Sharon McAuliffe

### Woodbridge

Saturday, November 29 at 4PM  
Woodbridge Main Street  
Woodbridge Municipal Council

### Fords

Saturday, November 29 at 4PM  
Downtown Fords  
Councilman Howie Bauer

### Avenel

Sunday, November 23 at 4PM  
Avenel Fire House  
Councilman Cory S. Spillar

### Port Reading

Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30pm  
Port Reading Fire House  
Councilman Brian F. Small

### Colonia

Saturday, November 29 at 4PM  
Evergreen Senior Center  
Councilwoman Debbie Meehan



## Council President Cory Spillar Hosts Ribbon-Cutting at Avenel School #4

**Council President Cory Spillar**, a graduate of Avenel Street School #4 & 5, proudly cuts the ribbon and unveils the new educational environment at Avenel School #4!!! Students are now in brand new learning spaces, a spacious gymnasium, an inviting cafeteria, and a state-of-the-art media center. School #5 is currently under construction and, when completed, will offer students 10 new classrooms, an interior courtyard that is set to become a go-to place for student engagement, HVAC upgrades, lighting upgrades, life safety infrastructure such as fire alarms, sprinklers and PA systems.



## Council Vice President Sharon McAuliffe Touts Speed Limit Changes in School Zone

**Vice President Sharon McAuliffe** worked closely with the New Jersey State Department of Transportation to successfully reduce the speed limit on Route 35 in the area of Ross Street School 11. This important change will enhance safety for residents, parents and especially students walking to and from school. During school hours, Route 35 will now be a 25 mile per hour speed limit. Council Vice President wishes everyone a happy, safe and successful school year!



## Councilman Howie Bauer Focuses on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Priorities

**Councilman Howie Bauer** is dedicated to addressing the needs of the residents of Fords, Hopelawn and Keasbey responding directly to the priorities of the Second Ward community. His work includes supporting the Fords Business Community and downtown parking improvements along New Brunswick Avenue, strengthening partnerships with the Fords, Keasbey and Hopelawn Fire Companies and enhancing Quality-of-Life for seniors at the Hickory Senior Center. Councilman Bauer has also championed recreation and family friendly spaces, including the Highland Grove Swim Club and pickleball courts at Fords Park.



## Councilman Viru Patel Champions Pedestrian Safety on Oak Tree Road

**Councilman Viru Patel** activated a new traffic and pedestrian crosswalk signal at the intersection of Oak Tree Road, Magnolia Road and Plymouth Drive in the Iselin section of Woodbridge Township. This exciting improvement, made possible in partnership with Middlesex County, supports the Vision Zero Campaign to End Distracted Driving in a big step forward in keeping our community safer. The new signal will help reduce preventable crashes, protect pedestrians and ensure residents can cross more safely in this busy area.



# COUNCIL NEWS

## Councilwoman Debbie Meehan Commemorates the Lives Lost on 9/11

On the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11, **Councilwoman Debbie Meehan** paid tribute to the victims at the Township's annual Interfaith Remembrance Ceremony. She honored the Woodbridge residents who lost their lives, including James F. Lynch, Cmdr. Patrick S. Dunn, USN, Edward Allegretto, Marilyn Bautista, John Adam Larson, Charles Mauro, Tonyell McDay, Narender Nath and Sankara Velamuri. As the names were read, members of the Young Marines sounded the bell in solemn remembrance.



## Councilman Dan Harris Promotes Senior Health and Wellness

The New Jersey Senior Olympics (NJSO) was a great success thanks to the leadership of **Councilman At-Large Dan Harris** and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. The 19<sup>th</sup> annual NJSO saw over 1,400 seniors aged 50 and over participate in 21 different events for the chance to win Gold, Silver or Bronze medals. Councilman Harris supports programs that increase mental, physical and social health and wellness for those of all ages.



## Councilman Kyle Anderson Sends Save-the-Date for the Annual MLK Ceremony

**Councilman At-Large Kyle Anderson** announces the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Township Remembrance Program scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2026 at 6:00PM at the Acacia Center (95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge). We encourage all residents to come and celebrate the life of Dr. King with the Woodbridge Township Interfaith Clergy, Human Rights Commission, Independent Club of Colonia and the Woodbridge High School Choir.



## Councilwoman Lizbeth DeJesus Heralds Hispanic Heritage Month

**Councilwoman At-Large Lizbeth DeJesus** champions Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations and honored community members who exemplify service, leadership and culture. This year's honorees included Edgard Barona of Fords Fire Company No. 1, named Hispanic Firefighter of the Year; Noches De Colombia, celebrated as the Hispanic Heritage Restaurant of the Year; and Vald Staffing, Hispanic Business of the Year. Councilwoman DeJesus, the first Latina woman elected to Office in Woodbridge, continues to champion representation and the voices of the Hispanic Community.



## Councilman Brian Small Dedicates Cypress II Park to the Late Vincent R. Martino

The State-of-the-Art recreational facility formerly known as Cypress II in Port Reading is officially dedicated to the late Vincent R. Martino by **Councilman At-Large Brian Small**. Vinnie Martino was a lifelong resident of Port Reading and worked tirelessly as a Woodbridge Councilman, Middlesex County Freeholder, Port Reading Volunteer Firefighter and Fire Commissioner. Councilman Small, who was mentored by Vinnie in his early years, expressed gratitude for the guidance and inspiration he provided. The park stands as a lasting tribute where families and neighbors can enjoy the facility in Vinnie's



# COUNCIL NEWS

## Report from the Municipal Clerk's Office

### Want to enter your vehicle into the Light Parade?



By John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk

Are you a tad bit creative? Have you given thought to what you would do if you were to enter your vehicle into the annual Light Parade? Perhaps this is the challenge you were waiting for. On Saturday, November 29, 2025 (Small Business Saturday), Woodbridge Township will host its 6th Annual Light Parade; a display of holiday lighted and themed vehicles that motorcade throughout the Township kicking off the holiday season. Join dozens of vehicles as they traverse the township where you will see spectators gathering outside along curb lines, at street corners, or watching from their front steps; in groups from a few individuals to dozens and hundreds along the route. Emergency vehicles (fire engines, ambulances, tow trucks), Public Works vehicles, motorcycles, busses, boats and more have participated in past years. We encourage you to consider entering your vehicle, whether decorated with lights, blow ups, other decorations or a combination of some or all and show us your support for our First Responders.

For an application, contact the Municipal Clerk John Mitch at 732-602-6007 or email [john.mitch@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:john.mitch@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or Councilman Brian Small at [brian.small@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:brian.small@twp.woodbridge.nj.us). We look forward to past participants returning and new participants joining us.



## 2025~ Election Guide ~ 2025

**Woodbridge has Five Election Wards, 75 Voting Districts and 31 Polling Locations.**

### Voter Information Page:

<https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/173/Voter-Information>

**October 28, 2025:** Deadline to apply for a Mail-in ballot for General Election

### October 25, 2025 - November 2, 2025:

Early Voting Period

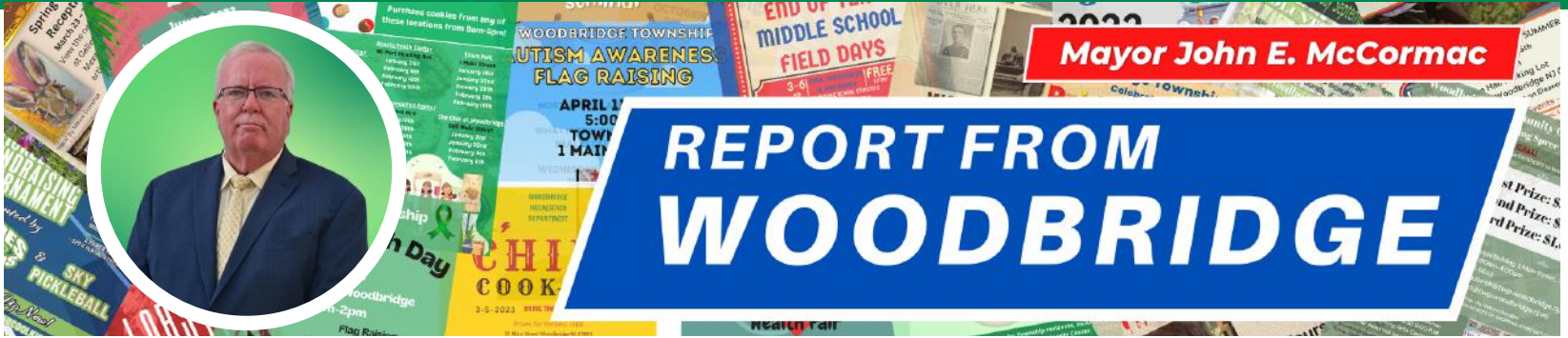
Acacia Youth Center, 95 Port Reading Ave., Woodbridge

Monday-Saturday: 8:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm

## General Election November 4, 2025

**CAST-A-CAN  
CAST-A-VOTE**  
**ELECTION DAY FOOD DRIVE**  
**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**  
All Election Day Polling Locations



## THE BEST TOWN AROUND CONTINUES AN AMAZING RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Over the past three years, Woodbridge Township has kept property taxes steady averaging just a \$20 annual increase even as insurance and pension costs continue to rise. It's important to remember that municipal taxes make up less than 30% of your total tax bill, with the rest going to the County, Board of Education, and local Fire Districts.

Thanks to smart economic development and years of controlling spending, Woodbridge continues to deliver top-quality services while staying within State spending limits. By attracting new businesses, we've brought in new taxpayers to share the cost and ease the burden on residents.

A big part of our success comes from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program, which helps redevelop old or vacant properties into vibrant spaces that create jobs, new shopping, and dining options. **This year alone, PILOT revenues brought in nearly \$30 million, projected to grow to \$35 million within three years. That's about \$800 per household in value.**

Even more impressive, from 2018 to 2027, nearly \$200 million in PILOT funds will go directly to support our schools, which is more than any other town in New Jersey. These investments have helped build a new Ross Street School #11 and Avenel Street School #4 and rebuild Woodbridge Middle School and Oak Tree Road School #29.

PILOT funds have also helped build nine turf fields, new tracks, gyms, auditoriums, and playgrounds across town, all open for community use. They've improved public safety, funded fire and first aid equipment, and helped provide full-day kindergarten, technology upgrades, and enhanced school security.

**Last year, we also launched a Township Ambulance Service, hiring 10 full-time EMTs to ensure 24/7 emergency coverage at the Fords Firehouse and this year we hired 10 more.**



Because of these efforts, Woodbridge continues to thrive. Home values are strong, neighborhoods are clean and well-kept, and new residents are eager to move in. Our parks, schools, and downtown areas are places people are proud to call home.

We're proud of how far Woodbridge has come and we're even more excited for what's ahead as we continue working together to keep Woodbridge... **The Best Town Around!!!**

# MAYOR'S NEWS

## Port Reading Mural Honors the Life of Longtime Resident

A new mural now brightens the corner of 7th and Turner in Port Reading, celebrating the life and legacy of longtime resident Robert Fischer. The mural pays tribute to the creativity and community spirit Bob and his wife Carol spent many years spreading through their “Christmas on Sesame Street” holiday display.



“Christmas on Sesame Street” began as a fun, competitive date-night project between Carol and Bob and eventually turned into a beloved Port Reading holiday tradition. Together, they transformed their front yard and garage into a whimsical scene featuring the Sesame Street characters, an idea that came to Carol while watching her sons play with their Sesame Street toys. “We had Turkey on the table and Santa on the roof,” Carol joked meaning they’d begun to spread cheer well before the official start of the holiday season. The final “Christmas on Sesame Street” display ran from November 2019 through January 2020, marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sesame Street, just one year before Bob’s passing in 2021.

The artwork, created by local muralist Julia Win (**@JWcreates on Instagram**) features iconic Sesame Street joyfully waving to the residents and neighbors of Port Reading. Across the top of the mural reads the heartfelt dedication “In Loving Memory of Robert C. Fischer Sr.”

In August 2025, Carol reached out to the Mayor’s Office with a simple request: could the Township paint the storm drain in front of School #9 in Bob’s Honor? This concept was part of the Township’s “Paint the Drain” sustainability initiative (**read more on page 18**) a program designed to raise awareness about keeping storm drains litter-free, Mayor McCormac immediately supported the tribute.

**The vibrant artwork now serves not only as a memorial to Bob but as a reminder of how one family’s creativity and love of community can brighten an entire neighborhood.**



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAX BILL

Woodbridge Township sends out property tax bills twice per year in January and July. To compare your bills in order to determine any increase in your taxes, please do not compare your July bill to your January bill. A more proper comparison would be to combine your July 2025 and January 2025 bills and compare that amount to the total of your July 2024 and January 2024 bills.



The Township and the Board of Education are on fiscal years ending on June 30 while the fire districts and the County of Middlesex are on fiscal years ending on December 31. The Township bills a property tax estimate in July before the annual budget is adopted and adjusts for the final budgeted tax levy with the January bill. The fire districts and County bill an estimated property tax amount in January and adjust for their final budget tax levies in July. The Board of Education knows their annual budget for the following year before their current year ends so they bill their actual property tax levy half in July and half in January.

Your property tax bill is broken down generally as 50% for the Board of Education, 12% for the County of Middlesex, 27% for the Township of Woodbridge, 1% for the Library system, 1% for the County Open Space Tax and an average of 9% for your local fire district.

Each fire district's local percentage of your tax bill and average tax is as follows:

**District 1 Woodbridge Proper and Sewaren 16.39% \$1,687.50**

**District 2 Port Reading 16.30% \$1,676.25**

**District 4 Keasbey 19.08% \$2,029.50**

**District 5 Avenel 5.13% \$465.75**

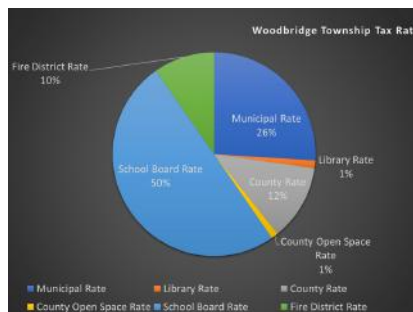
**District 7 Fords 8.28% \$777.00**

**District 8 Hopelawn 8.72% \$822.75**

**District 9 Iselin south of Route 27 3.55% \$317.25**

**District 11 Iselin north of Route 27 3.78% \$338.25**

**District 12 Colonia 3.91% \$350.25**



## Woodbridge Boasts Solid Credit & Bond Rating with S&P AA+/Stable Rating



The Woodbridge economy stands on sound footing with Woodbridge garnering Standard & Poor's prestigious AA+/Stable Long-Term Financial Rating. In issuing their most recent report, S&P noted that the General Obligation rating reflects the Township's... "Very strong economy, with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area. Very Strong management, with strong financial policies and practices. Strong budgetary performance with operating results expected to improve in the near term. Very strong budgetary flexibility with an available fund balance of 16% of operating expenses and very strong liquidity with total government available cash at 19.4% of general fund expenditures. As a result of our excellent financial rating, many international, national, regional and local corporations and businesses are making inquiry regarding business opportunities in Woodbridge.

### S&P CREDIT RATING

# AA+

# MAYOR'S NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**  
FLAG RAISING

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
FLAG RAISING**


**SAINT PATRICK'S  
DAY  
PARADE**


Woodbridge Township  
**Mental Health Day**


WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
**SUMMERFEST**

Woodbridge Township Annual Independence Day  
**FIREWORKS**  
ALVIN P. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PARK, SEWAREN, NJ

## FOLLOW US FOR EVENT DATES!

 Mayor John E. McCormac

 Mayorjohnemccormac

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## Mayor John E. McCormac & Superintendent Joseph Massimino Unveil New Avenel Street School #4



Avenel Street School #4 embarks on a new era with a significant expansion, bridging the gap between the existing school's aged façade and the fresh addition. The addition expands the learning space with 10 additional classrooms, a spacious gymnasium, an inviting cafeteria, a multi-use media center, and an administrative hub serving the school community.

Being mindful of the original building's character, the new design introduces a modern canopy system and a reimagined gym façade that adds vibrancy. There is also a spacious interior courtyard that is set to become a go-to place for student engagement. The refresh of Avenel Street School offers a reliable, improved educational environment that includes HVAC upgrades, LED efficient lighting, and life safety infrastructure to include advanced security, fire alarms, PA and high-tech communications.

Students, Teachers, Faculty and Staff joined Mayor McCormac, Joseph Massimino, Woodbridge Township Municipal Council members and Woodbridge Township Board of Education Members to cut the ribbon and unveil the new school. Both Administrations are wishing the students and teachers a happy and successful 2025-2026 school year!



## Volunteers Honored at Annual Mayor's Community Day Appreciation Awards



Volunteers are the heart and soul of our community groups, civic organizations, youth sports leagues, food pantries, and other Woodbridge organizations. Mayor McCormac and the Municipal Council recognized 79 deserving awardees across 63 Township based organizations and were recognized and celebrated by the 420 people in attendance.

The Volunteer Appreciation Awards occur every October and if you would like to nominate a dedicated community volunteer email: [kellie.walsh@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:kellie.walsh@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



## Community Playground Gets New Life

The Community Playground in Merrill Park located on Fairview Avenue in Colonia is getting all new equipment. First built in the 1990s by then Chief Financial Officer John McCormac and Councilwoman Caroline Ehrlich, the playground was constructed by a dedicated group of volunteers and stood until last month. The old wooden playground will be replaced with a state-of-the-art park with enhanced safety features. The playground is anticipated to open later this year.



## Woodbridge Township Awarded Over \$9 Million in Grants for Major Community Improvements

Woodbridge Township continues to invest in the future with more than \$9 million in grant funding recently awarded to support major projects across the community. Funding was secured from federal, state, and county partners to advance initiatives in recreation, infrastructure, energy efficiency, and public wellness. Key awards include \$4 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to extend the Sewaren Waterfront Walkway and Riverwalk, enhancing walkability and access to the Township's scenic waterfront. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) awarded \$4 million toward the Woodbridge Marina redevelopment project, while an additional \$1,500,000 was granted to support the Cypress Recreation Center Phase II expansion. These grants play a vital role in offsetting project costs and reducing the financial burden on local taxpayers.



# MAYOR'S NEWS

## Congratulations to Deputy Communications Director Megan Kushpa



It was a long journey, but Megan Kushpa recently graduated from the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration's Certified Public Managers Program (CPM). CPM Graduates serve as the very best government service ambassadors and as our future leaders in government administration. We congratulate Megan as she continues to fulfill the mission and vision put forth by Mayor McCormac and the Woodbridge Township Administration.



## A Word from our Commissions...

### Environmental Commission

Attention all home gardeners! The Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission needs your help in restocking their two seed libraries located at the Iselin and Fords branches. Just place seeds that you collect from your flowers, veggies, and/or herbs in a labeled envelope and drop them into the collection boxes at one of the two seed libraries. Any questions can be directed to [Tammy.darocho3796@gmail.com](mailto:Tammy.darocho3796@gmail.com)



### Human Rights Commission



Human Rights Commission at Mental Health Day. Questions about the HRC? Email [HRC@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:HRC@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)

### Rent Leveling Board & Planning Board

Congratulations to Laura Supp (27 years) Karen Neary (17 years) and Derek Supp (5 years) on concluding your services volunteering on the Rent Leveling Board and to Raymond Miller (31 years) Cynthia Lewis (6 years) Kimberly Carvalho-Illions (3 years) for service on the Planning Board.



## Woodbridge Township Resident Boards & Commission Volunteer Form





## CLOVERLEAF CENTER

ROUTE 1 & 9/ ST. GEORGES AVE., WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, NJ

Mayor John E. McCormac and Robert G. Paulus, President, Wick Companies, LLC, recently announced the arrival of Cloverleaf Shopping Center - Woodbridge Township's newest upscale Retail Center located at the former historic Cloverleaf traffic circle at the crossroads of Route 35 and Route 1 in Woodbridge.

According to Mayor McCormac, Wick Companies stand as a great corporate partner with Woodbridge Township having developed numerous projects to include construction of the Red Oak Senior Living Apartments which replaced Stern Towers and the Green Oak Senior Living Complex which replaced Olsen Towers – both projects offer senior residents much better living conditions at no increase in rent.



The Wick Companies Cloverleaf Shopping Center is named after the first Cloverleaf intersection in the State of New Jersey where for many years the traffic circle directed vehicles through Routes 1 and 35 prior to the construction of the underpass. Cloverleaf Center will include over 60,000 square feet of retail space and has secured the anchor tenant – **Sprouts Farmers Market, which is a national organic food supermarket chain and has engaged numerous national retailers, including Nasto's Ice Cream Co., Paris Baguette, Habit Burger Grill, Hummus Republic, Club Pilates, Alpha Fit Club, Honeygrow and Hallmark.**



## Cloverleaf Tenants



## Trader Joe's On The Horizon!



Trader Joe's is putting the final touches on opening their newest neighborhood grocery store at The Plaza at Woodbridge shopping mall, across Route One from Woodbridge Center at the site of the former Bed, Bath & Beyond store behind Bonefish Grill. At Trader Joe's in Iselin, shoppers will step inside and find unconventional and interesting products in the Trader Joe's label like Mandarin Orange Chicken and Cold Brew Coffee Concentrate, as well as everyday basics like milk, eggs, meat, bakery items, and fresh produce. Most importantly, Trader Joe's will offer all of their quality products at the very best prices and at an exceptional shopping experience, every day.



# BUSINESS NEWS

## NOW SERVING: RESTAURANT RENAISSANCE

“The Best Town Around” is experiencing an incredible “Restaurant Renaissance” with the recent opening of several well-planned and well-designed establishments that take advantage of the reinvestment and transformation of downtown Main Street and the Avenel Performing Arts Center entertainment complex. The “Restaurant Renaissance” has injected a new vibrancy into the Main Street and Avenel business districts with new retail opportunities, upscale dining and metropolitan shopping.



### ANGELINA'S KITCHEN

ANGELINA'S KITCHEN - originally from the Staten Island Mall is joining the Main Street Renaissance by opening its second restaurant at 415 Main Street in downtown Woodbridge. It is within walking distance of the new Vermella luxury apartment complex.

### CAROLINE'S TAVERN

CAROLINE'S TAVERN - located at the Avenel Performing Arts Center (APAC) – celebrated their opening with a rousing neighborhood welcome featuring a warm, stylish space that is welcoming, inviting and unique. Whether you're stopping by for Happy Hour, weekend brunch, a night out, or a bite before the show, CAROLINE'S has a seat for everyone!!!



### STRICKLANDS STEAKHOUSE

STRICKLANDS STEAKHOUSE, the centerpiece of the Main Street Renaissance, transformed the iconic Woodbridge Bank building heralding a new vibrancy and excitement as a “Dining Destination.”

## WEDCO Returns!

The Woodbridge Economic Development Corporation (**WEDCO**) in conjunction with the Woodbridge Redevelopment Agency and the Department of Planning & Development to advance long-term economic development strategies geared to



"Celebration of Success"

**SAVE THE DATE**  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025  
**5:00-7:00 PM**

connect corporate headquarters, commercial enterprises, businesses and retail to invest in the Township – the seventh largest municipality in New Jersey. As a result, dozens of significant development projects – projects that demonstrate that corporations and businesses view Woodbridge as a sound investment – are on the drawing board or



are actively under construction. **Be on the lookout for details of this years WEDCO presentation coming this fall! Visit <https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/283/Woodbridge-Economic-Development-Corporat> for more information.**

## Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce

Since 1964, the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce (WMCC) has served as the first stop for Buy Local businesses looking to open in Woodbridge Township. Whether you are a new business opening in Woodbridge or an existing business seeking to increase visibility and opportunity, the WMCC is your first stop. Contact the Chamber at 732-636-4040 or visit: [www.woodbridgechamber.com](http://www.woodbridgechamber.com).



**Visit the Chamber at their new office located at 178 Main Street, Woodbridge!**

**Follow the Chamber on TikTok @woodbridgechamber**



## Woodbridge Leaders Gather to Power Green Growth

The 25th Annual Mayor's Breakfast, hosted by Mayor John E. McCormac and organized by the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, brought together local leaders, businesses, and community members for a morning of networking and insights. This year's theme, "Powering Green Growth," focused on sustainability and clean energy initiatives. Guest speakers highlighted topics such as C-PACE financing and other funding opportunities available for green energy projects. The event emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility in economic development. Overall, it served as a platform to encourage investment in cleaner, more sustainable practices.



## Downtown Woodbridge

Where Unique Shops Meet Culinary Delights

### All Things Main

Explore all that downtown has to offer!

Downtown Woodbridge is a charming haven for those who appreciate the unique touch of mom-and-pop shops along Main Street.

Here, you'll discover an eclectic array of boutique stores, cozy cafes, and family-owned restaurants, each offering a personal touch and a warm smile. Stroll past vibrant storefronts filled with handmade art, fresh produce, and artisanal treats, and immerse yourself in a community atmosphere that celebrates local artisans and small business owners. Meet some of them below!

Stay up to date on all things Main Street by following Downtown Woodbridge on Facebook and Instagram or by viewing their website at: [www.downtownwoodbridge.com](http://www.downtownwoodbridge.com)



# BUSINESS NEWS

## Business Round-Up



### Agapi

Agapi, a Greek restaurant whose name means love, builds a cozy atmosphere of homemade food and flavors at 124 NJ-27.



### Avenel Snacks and Coffee

Avenel Snacks and Coffee brings a melting pot of internationally diverse and cultural foods allowing for a taste from every corner of the world at 1156 Saint Georges Avenue, Avenel.



### The Bussin' Terminal

The Bussin' Terminal serves up bold new flavors as the latest addition to the beloved food truck, Bussin' Empanadas. From crispy classics to creative twists, this spot is bringing serious heat to 1020 Rahway Avenue, Avenel.



### Desi Galaxy

Step up to Desi Galaxy for authentic South Asian flavors served in a food-court-style restaurant with street-food vendors at 1396 Oak Tree Road, Iselin.



### Kids Care Pediatrics

Kids Care Pediatrics brings a team of determined doctors and nurses to create a child-friendly environment while promoting health and wellness at 430 Lake Avenue, Colonia.



### KPOT: Korean BBQ & Hot Pot

KPOT Korean BBQ and Hot Pot blends a modern environment into traditional Korean flavors. For a unique dining experience, visit 855 St Georges Avenue, Woodbridge.



### Lead with Love Yoga

Promote your mental, physical, and spiritual wellness at Lead with Love Yoga Studio. Practice in a nurturing and accepting environment at 849 Green Street Unit 1, Iselin.



### Nirvana Adult Day Care

Nirvana Adult Day Care is a location where seniors can enjoy their time in a safe and mentally-engaging environment. The center offers many services to enrich the lives of their patients at 835 US-1, Iselin.



### Hichki

Hichki brings a modern take on Indian fine-dining filled with culinary experience and expertise. Enjoy nostalgic South Asian flavors with a contemporary twist at 825 US-1, Woodbridge.

## Business Round-Up

Scan QR Code for all Ribbon Cuttings on YouTube!



### Liv Nails

Liv nails is the place to enhance your natural beauty through top-notch manicures, pedicures, and nail enhancements at 42 Main Street, Woodbridge.



### Above and Beyond Care

A private career training school offering essential education for nurse aides, home health aides and medication aides now open at 1152 St. Georges Avenue, Suite 12!



### Best Brains

Best Brains learning center offers enrichment programs in Math, English, Coding, and Abacus for children for ages 3-14 years old at 800 Inman Avenue, Colonia.



### Caroline's Tavern

Want a mouthwatering burger, appetizer, dessert, milkshake, or craft cocktail? Caroline's Tavern is the place to go for fresh new American-style Tavern bites.



### Utsav Grand

Woodbridge Township's newest authentic Indian restaurant now serving up delicious dishes at 1250 NJ-27, Colonia.



### Spaw & Stay

Now accepting new clients at 396 Avenel Street! Spaw and Stay will treat your fur baby like they're royalty. Book an appointment today.



### Superfresh

Hopelawn's neighborhood grocery store celebrated their grand re-opening! Visit the new management for all your fresh grocery needs!



### OneZo Bubble Tea

The world's leading bubble tea brand now serving hand-made boba at 3 Ronson Road, Iselin.

## Business is BOOMING in Woodbridge Township!!!

Opening a business in Woodbridge?

Contact:

[wbmajor@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:wbmajor@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)

to schedule your Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



# GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

## Growing a Greener Woodbridge: Sustainability Division at Work



**Woodbridge Township is proud to introduce its Sustainability Division,**

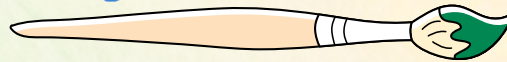
committed to creating a greener, healthier community. Building on more than 14 years as a recognized Sustainable Champion by Sustainable Jersey, the division leads initiatives to protect the environment, support the local economy, and enhance quality of life. Through research, innovation, collaboration, and careful planning, the Sustainability Division develops long-term solutions to local environmental and social challenges, working to improve the community for the people, the planet, and future generations.



**Learn More about the Sustainability Division's Community Action Plan**



## Woodbridge Artists Make a Splash: Paint the Drain Competition Concludes



Woodbridge Township's Paint the Drain competition, which encouraged residents to creatively raise awareness about stormwater systems and the importance of water quality, has officially concluded. Entries were submitted in three categories: Adult and Family (Student category coming next Spring) and showcased the community's artistic talent while highlighting how pollutants in storm drains directly affect our waterways, aquatic life, and even drinking water safety.

Artists and locations include: Julie Nemetz, Boat launch in Sewaren; Christina Clapcich, Corner of Clayton Ct. and N. Park Dr.; Marisa & Mady Brenner, Corner of High St. and Linden Ave.; Julia V Win, Main Street; Leona Werner, Corner Willy St. and Lyman Ave.; Amy Mentzel, Corner of Van Buren and S Lincoln Ave.; Gabriella Horre, 134 Jeffery Rd.; Avanti Rajan, Corner of E. Julius St. and W. Woodbridge Ave.; Anirudh Deepak, 36 Teakwood Way; Miruna Deepak, 36 Teakwood Way; Justyna Jucha, Beekman Ave; Sarah Nguyen, Corner of Elizabeth Ave. and Berkley St.; Joane Nguyen, Elizabeth Ave and Berkley St.; Woodbridge Youth Leadership Council, Acacia Parking Lot.; Sandra Perez, Evergreen Parking Lot; Recine Family, Caroline and Augusta Street; Kelsey Burke, Eli Road; Kenneth Bell Corner of Ferry St. and Cliff Rd.



Winners will be selected by the Woodbridge Environmental Commission and announced this December. Special thanks go to Siperstein's Paint Store for generously providing paints and supplies, helping to make this initiative possible.

For more information on Paint the Drain and future green initiatives, residents can email [greenable@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:greenable@twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

# GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

## A Green Halloween: Costume Swap Promotes Fun and Sustainability



**Did you know that fashion waste is one of the fastest-growing environmental issues today?** The Division of Sustainability aimed to reduce this waste by hosting a Halloween Costume Swap!! Halloween is a fun time to dress up, but costumes are typically one-time use, contributing to the fashion waste issue!

At the Costume Swap over 400 costumes were collected and distributed at the Health Fair on Oct. 4. The remaining costumes will be donated to children in need to help them celebrate the spooky season in style!



## Woodbridge Comes Together for NPL

Woodbridge Township and the Division of Sustainability proudly celebrated National Public Lands Day (NPL) on Saturday, September 27. Volunteers and residents joined forces across several Township locations to help beautify and restore public spaces.



Community efforts took place at Charles Shaughnessy Park in Colonia, led by Councilman Dan Harris and the American Irish Association; at the Kennedy Park Rain Garden in Iselin spearheaded by the

Woodbridge Rotary Club; and at the Iselin Branch Library's Rain Garden and Garden for the Blind tackled by the Iselin Middle School Garden Club and Woodbridge Garden Club Members.

Thank you to all our volunteers and we hope to see even more next year!



## NPL Tree Giveaway Grows Greener Neighborhoods Across Woodbridge

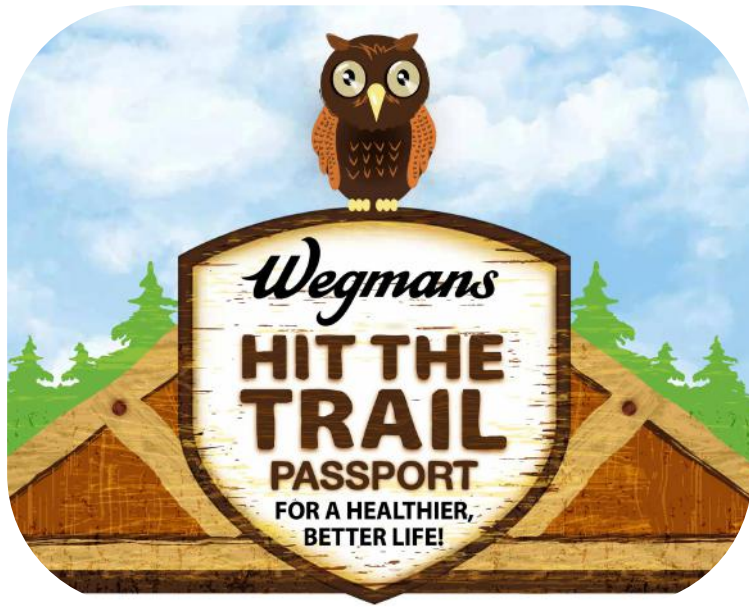
The Division of Sustainability also hosted a tree giveaway alongside Councilman Cory Spillar at NPL Day, providing 100 free trees to third ward residents on a first-come, first-served basis, helping to make Woodbridge Township greener, cooler, and more vibrant.

Launched in 2024 on NPL Day, this free program runs twice a year, each spring and fall, offering one tree per household while supplies last. Each season, a different ward is selected to participate so that every area of the Township has a chance to grow greener. **So far, the Township has helped plant 581 trees, which means the tree program has covered roughly 117,400sqft or the size of two football fields!!!**

All towns have received their trees except Ward 4 (Iselin and Menlo Park Terrace) but their opportunity is coming this Earth Day, April 2026!



# GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE



Greenable Woodbridge in collaboration with Wegmans and the Mayor's Wellness Committee, is proud to present the "Hit the Trail Passport." Since 2005, Wegmans has partnered with local recreation programs and park conservancy groups to encourage community members to explore local trails, promoting healthier, more fulfilling lives. The Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport adds fun by detailing nearby trail locations, terrain, and duration, catered to various interests and activity levels. Complete 6 trail marker rubbings to receive prizes such as a Wegmans Shopping Bag and even be entered into the drawing for Wegmans gift cards!!!

## FAQs

### Where can I pick up and drop off a "Hit the Trail" Passport?

You can pick up and drop off passports at:

The drop off box in Town Hall located at 1 Main Street, Woodbridge NJ, 07095

The store desk at the Wegmans of Woodbridge located at 15 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge NJ, 07095.

### Where can I find the rubber markers on the trail?

Rubber markers are small gold plaques that are nailed to a post near the trail entrance.

**Is there a deadline to submit a passport?** There is no deadline! We accept passports and give awards on a rolling basis.

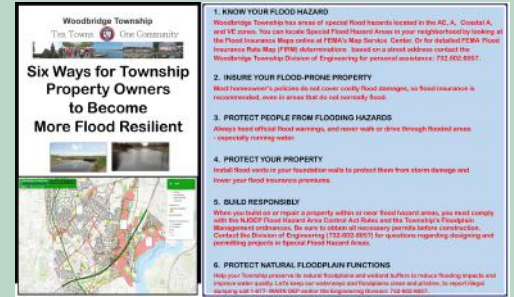


Remember please keep our trails clean, leave only footprints, and always be safe as you experience the natural environment that is Woodbridge Township.  
See you on the trail!

# GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

## Know Your Flood Hazards

The Woodbridge Township Engineering Division and Flood Plain Manager, along with the Department of Public Works and the Office of Emergency Management, have initiated various programs designed to assist resident property owners and local businesses to prevent continued recurring property losses due to storm-related disasters. The Township continues to explore any/all initiatives that will aid the community during a potential flood event and have undertaken a variety of measures to help build a more resilient community through floodplain management and restoration, preparing and implementing monitoring activities that address local flooding issues and addressing drainage maintenance and storm-water management.



## ENERGY SAVING OPPORTUNITY



Woodbridge Township is participating in the State of New Jersey's **Community Solar Program**, which enables residents to share in clean energy savings when solar companies install solar panels on commercial rooftops in the community.

Residents who own or rent their homes should have received a letter in the mail explaining the benefits of this solar program.

The benefit will come in the form of a discount on solar credits produced by NJ-based company Solar Landscape without ever installing solar panels to your roof. The discounts are expected to start appearing throughout 2026 directly on your electricity bills which will still come from PSE&G. There are no fees to participate in this program.



USE INVITE CODE  
**WBRIDGE**

To learn more or enroll please scan the QR code, visit [solarlandscape.com/nj/woodbridge](https://solarlandscape.com/nj/woodbridge) or call Solar Landscape at **732-589-7529** and use the invite code **WBRIDGE**. Allocations in the program are made on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority for qualified low-to-moderate income households and there is currently a waitlist.



## Greenable Links:

Visit Greenable Woodbridge at:  
[www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/595/Greenable-Woodbridge](https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/595/Greenable-Woodbridge)  
Join the Green Team... Share your Green ideas...  
E-mail: [GREENABLE@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:GREENABLE@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



# GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

## Pumpkin Compost Fest!

Each year, millions of pumpkins end up in landfills at the end of the holiday season, releasing methane - a potent toxic greenhouse gas! Woodbridge Township is expanding its food recycling program to accept Jack-O-Lanterns and pumpkin decor. We take all food waste to the Waste Management CORE® Food Waste Facility in Elizabeth, NJ. There, your pumpkin will be broken down by microorganisms and turned into biogas, an alternative fuel resource!

**How to participate: Simply bring your pumpkins to the Acacia Center located at 95 Port Reading Ave, Woodbridge NJ 07095, and dump them in the large carts! The carts will be available from Saturday, November 1, 2025 to Sunday, November 9, 2025.**

Interested in recycling your other food waste? Woodbridge Township residents can now participate in our FREE residential food waste program. Sign up to receive a bin and compostable plastic bag for collecting food waste. Simply fill the bag with food waste, ensuring the lid is secure after each use, and bring it down to the Recycling Center or Acacia Center when filled. For more information contact the Recycling Office at 732-738-1311 x3035.



## Turning Food Waste into Energy ⚡

Greenable Woodbridge in conjunction with the Department of Public Works proudly launches the residential Food Waste Recycling Program!!! This program showed great success in our schools and restaurants where we have collected 128 TONS of food waste!!! Now, we have expanded this awesome program for residents to participate in this voluntary drop off program. Sign up with the Guard at the Recycling Center in Keasbey (225 Smith Street). You will be given a blue bucket to keep the food waste in. Once it's full, you can either drop it off at the Recycling Center or you can bring your bucket to the new drop off location at the Acacia Center (95 Port Reading Avenue).

**What goes in?** Everything from meat, dairy, eggs, nuts, fruits, vegetables, bread, bakery items, any leftovers and more.

**More Questions?** Call 732-738-1311 x3035



A flyer for the Woodbridge Twp Food Waste Recycling Program. It features a green recycling bin with a 'FOOD WASTE Recycling' logo. The text includes: 'Woodbridge Twp Food Waste Recycling Program', 'Woodbridge Township residents can now recycle their Food Waste.', 'New, voluntary drop off program at the Recycling Center in Keasbey!', 'Sign up at the Recycling Center 225 Smith St. Keasbey, Monday-Saturday from 8am till 2pm.', 'Free Food Waste Recycling Buckets available while supplies last.', and contact information: 'Recycling 732-738-1311 x3035' and 'Our Website www.exp.woodbridge.nj.us'. A 'NEW' banner is in the top right corner.

## A Season of Celebration in Woodbridge Township

The Woodbridge Township Department of Recreation is kicking off the holiday season with a full lineup of festive fun for residents of all ages!

The celebration begins bright and early with the **Annual Turkey Trot Run** at Alvin P. Williams Park in Sewaren on Saturday, November 29. Runners and walkers are invited to lace up their sneakers and join this community tradition along the scenic waterfront. Registration is \$25 per entry, and all participants are encouraged to show their holiday spirit with festive attire before they gobble up the miles!



**Annual Turkey Trot  
5K Run & Walk**



**Alvin P. Williams Park, Sewaren  
November 29, 2025  
\$25 per entry  
Scan QR Code to  
Register**



That evening, the fun continues with the **Annual Winterfest & Light Parade**, where we light the Holiday Tree, stroll down Main Street for hot chocolate and ice skating, watch glowing floats, dazzling displays, and spread plenty of holiday cheer that will illuminate the night. Residents are encouraged to line the streets and enjoy this magical evening celebration of lights, music, and community pride. **(See back cover for parade route.)**



**WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP  
WINTERFEST**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025**  
**LIGHT PARADE | TREE LIGHTING | HOLIDAY STROLL**

Can't make it to Main Street? Look outside your window for the Woodbridge Township Annual Light Parade!  
Visit our website for parade route!



Don't miss the **Annual Holiday Parade** on Sunday, December 7, at 1:30 PM! This daytime favorite begins at Woodbridge High School and marches down to Town Hall, featuring marching bands, community groups, dance troupes, local organizations, and an appearance by Santa Claus himself.



These beloved traditions bring families, friends, and neighbors together to celebrate what makes Woodbridge shine brightest, our community spirit!!!



Be sure to save the date for the **Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade** on Sunday, March 8, at 1:30 PM, proudly hosted by the American Irish Association of Woodbridge. With bagpipers, Irish dancers, and plenty of green, it's one of the Township's most anticipated celebrations of culture and pride.



# RECREATION NEWS

## Woodbridge Prepares for United States Semiquincentennial

The United States will celebrate its 250th birthday, also known as the America250 Semiquincentennial, on July 4, 2026, marking 250 years of American Independence. The nation is planning a year-long celebration, beginning in May 2025 and concluding on July 4, 2026. Woodbridge Township will partake in the patriotic festivities with events and programs such as:

- Veteran's Day Parade ~ November 8 at 1:30PM
- Planting a Liberty Tree on Arbor Day 2026
- Summerfest ~ June 6 at Merrill Park
- Flag Day ~ June 14 at the Woodbridge Elks
- Explosive Fireworks Show ~ July 2 (rain date July 3)
- Special Displays at the History Museum and Barron Arts Center



These events will have military bands, revolutionary groups, patriotic themes, American Flag giveaways and so much more! Special thanks to the Woodbridge Elks Pictures to the right!



## Mayor's Summer Concert Series Wants Your Feedback

The sounds of summer came to a close as the Mayor's Summer Concert Series wrapped up another unforgettable season filled with over 100 shows of live music. From rock and pop to oldies and country favorites, thousands of residents and visitors filled the lawn week after week to enjoy performances by incredible local and national acts.

As we look ahead to next year, we want your feedback! The Township is asking concertgoers to share their thoughts by completing a short survey to help make next summer's lineup even better. Tell us what you loved and what you'd like to see next year by scanning the QR code and take the survey!



## Woodbridge Township's Destination for the Performing Arts

The Avenel Performing Arts Center (APAC) is a multi-disciplinary performing arts center located in Avenel, New Jersey. Funded by the Woodbridge Arts Alliance, The APAC promises to energize Avenel and surrounding communities by programming exceptional, professional theatre, music, comedy, dance and more.

BOX OFFICE PHONE NUMBER  
— (732)314-0500 —

150 AVENEL STREET, AVENEL, NJ 07001  
**WWW.AVENELARTS.COM**



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# RECREATION NEWS

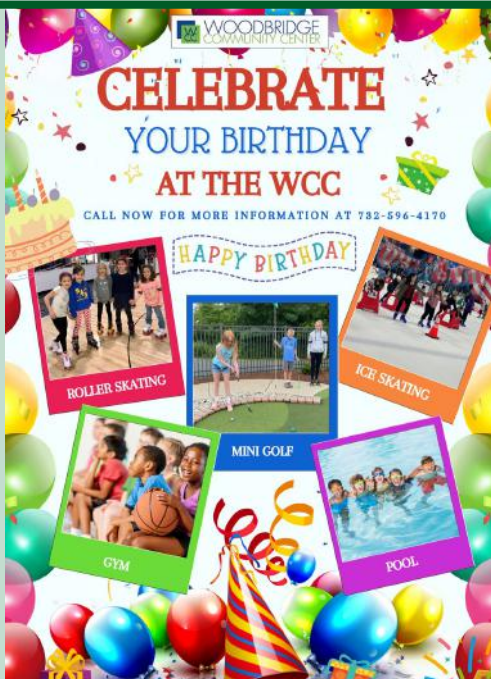
## Mini Golf & Batting Cages

Looking for a fun and exciting way to spend time with your family? Come to the WCC for a fantastic day of mini golf. Our engaging mini golf course promises to challenge players of all ages. Don't forget to check our social media for the latest updates on hours and special events!



## Open Skating

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, open skating is a chance to have fun and improve your skills in a relaxed environment. For the latest updates on skating hours and special events, be sure to check our Facebook page regularly. Don't miss out on the fun... grab your skates or rent them and join us!



## Enjoy Fall with a WCC Health & Wellness Membership

### Total Health, Fitness & Wellness Begin at the WCC!!!

A Woodbridge Community Center (WCC) membership offers a wide assortment of fitness and exercise programs, as well as a variety of recreation options for members and families. We're betting that you'll discover that the WCC is the perfect place for family fun, fitness and connection.

The WCC is at the leading edge of what's hot in the health, wellness and fitness industry with exercise classes and personal training programs. The WCC also offers a full aquatics program with swim lessons for all ages, a competitive swim team, roller and ice-skating lessons, ice hockey & open skate sessions, weight and aerobic center, personal training & fitness programs, a full-court gymnasium, basketball court, indoor track, and so much more. Perfect your swing – baseball or softball – at the 3-cage batting center. After taking batting practice, tee-off at Skyline Mini-Golf - the area's best and most challenging mini-golf course.

Visit our webpage at: [www.njwcc.com](http://www.njwcc.com).

Find us on Facebook

Stop by the WCC at **600 Main Street, Woodbridge.**



600 Main Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095 | [www.njwcc.com](http://www.njwcc.com) | 732.596.4170

## Fall into Fitness at

# the Club at WOODBIDGE Sports & Fitness Center



The Club at Woodbridge offers an incredible menu of health, wellness, fitness and entertainment programs, events and happenings to members and guests!!! Explore the all-new amenities that make The Club the premier Fitness & Wellness center in Central New Jersey. Looking for something for the kids? Kidsports at The Club has you covered! Becoming a member never looked better! There's so much to see and do at The Club! Stop by for a tour today with one of our friendly membership coordinators or explore all The Club has to offer at: [www.theclub.org](http://www.theclub.org) or call **732-634-5000**. Stop by The Club at **585 Main Street**.

CHECK OUT THE NEW & IMPROVED

the Club at  
WOODBIDGE  
Sports & Fitness Center

**We Offer:**

- ✓ Weightlifting
- ✓ Group Exercise
- ✓ Aquatics
- ✓ Personal Training
- ✓ Golf Den  
Choose From 350 Virtual Golf Courses From Around The World
- ✓ Hockey Den
- ✓ Barbells Restaurant
- ✓ Kidsports Childcare & Classes

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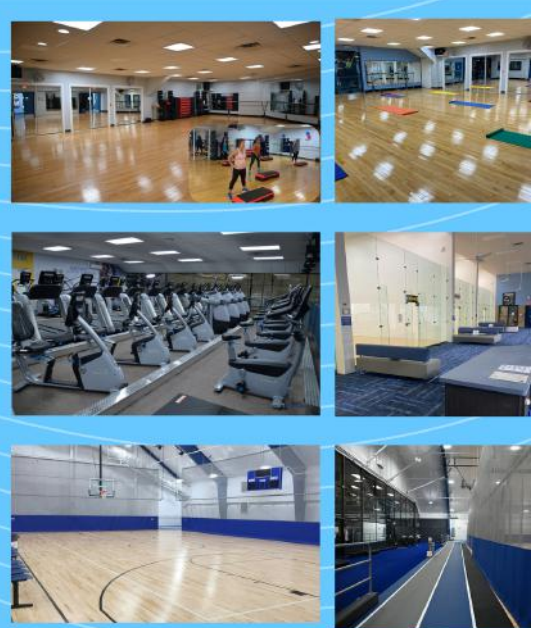
585 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

John E. McCormac, Mayor  
Brian Molnar, Recreation Director

### Weightlifting



### New & Improved Facilities!



### New Locker Rooms



## Barbells at The Club at Woodbridge

Barbells Bar & Restaurant, conveniently situated in the center of The Club at Woodbridge, provides a welcoming and cozy environment where members can enjoy delicious meals and unwind. We are delighted to present a complete menu & fully stocked bar, featuring an array of beverages to enhance your dining experience. If you're fortunate enough to visit during one of our rink's many games, you can even enjoy watching ice hockey from the comfort of your seat at Barbells.



# MAYOR MAC'S





# PET CORNER

Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center



## Woodbridge Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center

195 Woodbridge Avenue, Sewaren  
732-855-0600 ext. 2034

### Hours:

Monday	1-4 PM
Tuesday	4-8 PM
Wednesday	1-4 PM
Thursday	4-8 PM
Friday	1-4 PM
Saturday	12-4 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

*\*Excludes holidays*

## FOSTERS NEEDED!

The Woodbridge Animal Group is calling on compassionate individuals who will lend their hearts and homes to shelter animals in need. Foster homes save lives by making space in the shelter for incoming animals as well as provide a safe and loving home while our four-legged friends await their forever homes.

Contact the Woodbridge Animal Shelter: 732-855-0600 x2034



Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeAnimalGroup](http://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeAnimalGroup)

## Make a House a Home with a New Pet from the Shelter



Woodbridge Animal Group

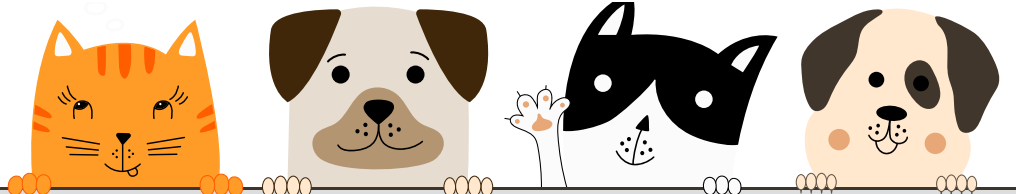
**A shelter animal makes the best pet and is so easy to adopt.**

The staff and volunteers at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center encourage adopting families to meet and greet their new pet in the comfortable and toy-filled Family Pet & Play Center.

When it's time to take your new pet home, just fill out the adoption form and the staff will complete the arrangements. If you can't get to the shelter and want to see the pets, or to obtain an adoption form, visit [www.woodbridgeanimalgroup.com](http://www.woodbridgeanimalgroup.com).

## Consider Donating Crocheted Blankets

The heavy chewers of the Woodbridge Animal Shelter are in need of your old crocheted blankets!!! Dogs find yarn less appealing to chomp on and the bigger the blanket the better! Donations can be dropped off directly at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter anytime during operating hours!



## Lend a Paw, Our Shelter Guests Need Your Help!

The shelter is always in need of items to keep shelter animals healthy and happy while they wait for their fur-ever home. WAG has teamed up with Chewy.com for one-stop shopping which makes it easier than ever to donate to our animals in need. Scan the QR code to shop WAG's Wishlist. You can help make tails wag and hearts purr.



Cupcake, Bubba, Ryder, Mattie & Teddy

## Matt Murdoch, Meet Matt and Murdoch

In July, a concerned resident called Woodbridge Animal Control after spotting two cats that appeared to have been dumped. The cats, later named Matt and Murdoch, turned out to be the sweetest bonded brothers you could ever meet.

At first glance, nothing seemed out of the ordinary until shelter staff realized both cats were blind, due to a condition called optic nerve agenesis. But that didn't stop them. They climbed, played, and explored just like any other cats following voices and snuggling with volunteers like pros.

Then came the twist that had everyone at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter laughing.

The cats were originally named after Daredevil, the blind superhero whose real name happens to be...you guessed it...Matt Murdoch!!!

So, the real-life Matt Murdoch, also a member of the Woodbridge Police Department, brought home his furry namesakes, a superhero-level coincidence, that no one could have scripted better. Now the trio is settling in together, proving that sometimes fate really does have a sense of humor and a big heart.

Wishing Matt, Murdoch, and Matt Murdoch many happy, love-filled years together!



 Matt Murdoch  
You guys are messing with me  
1d [Haha](#) [Reply](#) [Message](#) [Hide](#)

 Diana Sá  
[Matt Murdoch](#) meant to be!!

## Fur-Ever Home!



# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## ADULT HEALTH SERVICES & VACCINE:

Annual Flu Clinic during Flu season only. Call for information 732-855-0600 x5012 for information.

Shingles, Hep B, and others. (Must be over 18 years of age). Clinic fee \$60.00 per vaccine. \$25.00 for Medicaid and Medicare. Call for appointment. 732-855-0600 x5012.

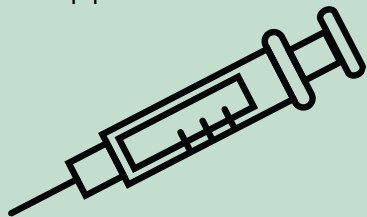
TB Skin Testing: Mon., Tues. & Wed. at Health Center. Clinic Fee: \$10.00. Call for Appointment: 732-855-0600 x5012.

## CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE:

Physical Examination, Health Counseling (Two Months to School Age), and Immunizations and Lead Screening for Children. Clinic fee: \$10.00. By appointment only.

## CHILD IMMUNIZATION:

School age children with no insurance. Clinic fee: \$10.00. Call for appointment.



**Appointments Call:  
732-855-0600 x5012**

## Health Report & Clinic Schedule



The Woodbridge Township Department of Health & Human Services provides comprehensive health care programs designed to meet the diverse needs of our community. The Health Department offers a wide-range of preventative health care services, ongoing medical screening programs and tests and special health and wellness events designed to promote and ensure the continued wellness of the entire community – from the youngest child to our senior residents.

The Health Department's Nursing Division provides health clinics and medical services for residents. Call 732-855-0600 x5012 for more information.



## SCHOOL AGE PHYSICALS

For children new to the school district without insurance. Ages 6 Years through High School. Must come with parent. Clinic fee: \$10.00. Call for appointment: 732-855-0600 x5012.



# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Fall Fun and Community Wellness at the Annual Mayor's Health Fair

This year the annual Mayor's Health Fair had over 30 vendors including local staples like Greenway Family Success Center as well as new businesses Alpha Fit Club, University Orthopedic Associates, Ellie Mental Health, and Healthy Body Healthy Mind. There was a Pumpkin Patch with 50 pumpkins, donated by ShopRite, to help residents get in the Fall spirit along with soup starter kits to make tasty autumn meals. One lucky winner received a \$100 gift card to Wegmans and kindly donated it back to We Feed, Woodbridge to help someone in need!!! Keep your eye out for next year's Health Fair.



## On-The-Road with the Mobile Health Services Team



The Department of Health's mobile services team of professionals and nurses equipped with the latest healthcare technologies is on-the-road delivering preventative health screenings, medical tests and vaccinations **free of charge** to residents at designated locations throughout the Township. Visit the Mobile Health Unit schedule to find out when and where they will be in a location convenient to you!!!!

The Mobile Health Services van is equipped with two examination areas able to provide the following services: blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings, along with heart rate, blood oxygen, and height/weight exams. This does not require insurance. In 2024 the Mobile Health Unit served 3,025 and so far in 2025, they've helped 2,243 constituents.

**Mobile Health Unit Monthly Schedule**

Scan Here



## Mayor's Wellness Campaign Targets Physical Activity Under New Chairman



The Mayor's Wellness Campaign continues to lead the way in promoting health and wellness initiatives across Woodbridge Township. Focused on helping residents stay active and engaged year-round, the campaign encourages healthy habits through fitness events, educational programs, and community partnerships. Most recently, residents pedaled through town during the Tour de Woodbridge, a scenic community bike ride that brought together cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Following the recent resignation of longtime Chairman Gregg Ficarra, the Township thanks him for his years of leadership and dedication to community wellness. **The campaign now welcomes Councilman Dan Harris as its new Chairman**, who looks forward to continuing the mission of making Woodbridge one of the healthiest communities in New Jersey.



# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Woodbridge Township Behavioral Health Services Division Celebrating 10 Years of Service in 2026

The Woodbridge Township Behavioral Health Services Division is dedicated to supporting individuals and families impacted by behavioral health challenges by offering recovery coach services, peer support, and court assistance through community partnerships to foster healing, stability, and hope.

The Behavioral Health Services division was established in 2016, evolving from the Township Municipal Alliance in response to the growing need for services to support individuals and families affected by substance abuse. Over the past decade, the division has significantly expanded its reach and impact across Middlesex County. Today, we provide a wide range of services, including substance abuse support for residents, municipal recovery court support for individuals with qualifying charges in Middlesex County, scholarship opportunities for residents transitioning into sober living, and mental health peer support services for Woodbridge Township residents.

What began with just three Recovery Coaches has expanded into a dedicated team of more than 20 trained coaches who have helped thousands of individuals on their recovery journey. The division also established Road to Hope, a nonprofit founded by mothers and families who lost loved ones to addiction. Through continued growth, outreach, and strong community partnerships, Behavioral Health Services has become a vital resource for Middlesex County, offering pathways to recovery and renewed hope.

**SAVE-THE-DATE Behavioral Health Services 10th Anniversary Gala**  
**September 25, 2026 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Acacia Center (95 Port Reading Avenue)**



## Woodbridge Township Overdose Awareness Day Breaking the Stigma & Honoring Lives



***If you would like help for yourself or a friend or family member who may have a substance use disorder, please call Behavioral Health Services at 732-596-4199.***

Woodbridge Township Behavioral Health Services hosted its annual Overdose Awareness Day at Town Hall on August 16th. The event brought together friends, families, and advocates to honor the lives lost to overdose, raise awareness, and share vital resources focused on prevention, recovery, and hope. For more information about the program or vendor opportunities for future events, contact Gabriela Pasternak at [Gabriela.Pasternak@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:Gabriela.Pasternak@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or call 732-855-0600 x5022.



## Autumn Adventures Await at Woodbridge Township Senior Centers

Each center has a mission to empower older adults by providing social, recreational, educational, physical activities and happy luncheons. Registration is **FREE**. Senior Centers are open from Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM

To become a member of any of the Township's Senior Center's senior residents must:

- Complete a Membership Registration Form
- Select a home center to receive priority to events at selected Senior Center locations
- Must be a resident of any of the ten towns in Woodbridge Township
- Proof of residency required
- 60 years of age or older

### Evergreen Senior Center

732-726-6261

400 Inman Avenue, Colonia

### Maple Tree Senior Center

732-259-0910

109 Morrissey Avenue, Avenel

### Five Branches Senior Center

732-726-6276

1 Brown Avenue, Iselin

### Sycamore Senior Center

732-726-6272

290 Old Road, Port Reading

### Oak Tree Senior Center

732-259-2008

571 Lincoln Highway, Iselin

### Hickory Senior Center

732-726-6285

17 Corrielle Street, Fords



# SENIOR NEWS

## Senior Scrapbook



## Champions at Every Age: 2025 NJ Senior Olympics Shine in Woodbridge

The 2025 New Jersey Senior Olympics held on September 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup> marks the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the games have been held in Woodbridge Township. This year, over 1,400 senior Olympics came out to compete for the chance to win a bronze, silver or gold medal in over 21 sporting events.

Longtime tennis Senior Olympian Irma DeMarzo gave the advice to “play a sport, any sport. It will keep you healthy”

Among the highlights on “TV-35’s Top Ten” include: Women’s softball event, the Anchor’s Tiki Bar sponsored team lead by Heather LaMotta of Woodbridge Township, captured the gold medal and successfully completing a 4-peat; Mayor McCormac grabbed the Gold medal in billiards defeating Senator Joe Vitale (Silver) and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (Bronze); Local legend Jackie Franciose, Woodbridge Proper, won 2 gold medals in Track & Field -- one in the 50M Dash and one in the 1500M Run-- and a Bronze medal in the 50M freestyle swim event.

Thank you to the 150+ volunteers ranging from Middle School Students to Adult volunteers!

Anyone interested in competing in the 2026 games can find more information at [www.njseniorolympics.com](http://www.njseniorolympics.com).



## Important Phone Numbers for Seniors



### Division on Aging

732-726-6262

### STOW

732-726-2394

### MCAT (County Transportation)

800-221-3520

### Access Link (Transportation)

800-955-2321

### NJ Department of Health & Senior Services

800-792-8820

### Social Security, Iselin Office

800-772-1213

### Medicare

800-633-4227

## Department of Senior Services... Where It's All Happening

The Department of Senior Services works tirelessly under the expert leadership and direction of Director Michele Morgan, MSW and her professional and attentive staff.

The Department oversees the Division on Aging that takes care of the frail, elderly and homebound Senior population. These Seniors don't see many Township employees except their Social Worker, but that does not stop them from telling us how happy they are through calls and emails.

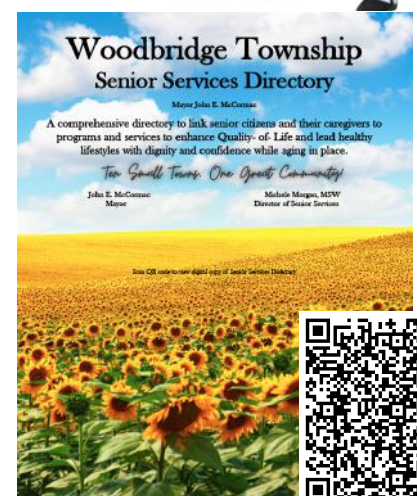
Senior Services hosts the ever popular and reliable Senior Transportation of Woodbridge (S.T.O.W.) – that provides FREE transportation services to Township Seniors so they can get to medical appointments, shopping, Summer Concerts and Senior Centers - which opens them up to opportunities that they otherwise would not experience. Call 732-726-2394 to schedule your ride.



## Senior Resource Guide at Your Finger Tips

With the publication of the new Senior Services booklet - which is a 127-page magazine that highlights every single program and service available to Seniors from Township, County, State and Federal agencies – our Senior residents will know exactly where to turn to get help or assistance from our many available services and programs.

For more information about all of the Department of Senior Services programs, services and opportunities call **732-726-2368**, or to obtain a copy of the Senior Services Directory, simply call the Division on Aging at **732-726-6262** or visit the Township Web Page at [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).



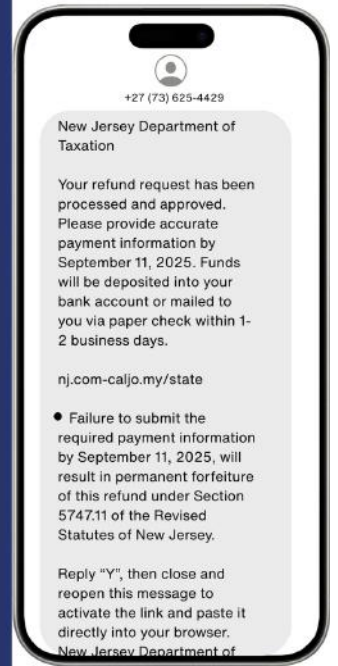
# SENIOR NEWS

## Be Aware & Be Alert of Potential Scams!

Phishing text messages that falsely appear to be from the New Jersey Department of Taxation. These messages may reference tax matters and often include links or urgent prompts to respond.

Please be advised that these messages are not from the Division of Taxation. They do not contact taxpayers via text message regarding their tax accounts, refunds, or any other official matter, nor does the Township of Woodbridge regarding Municipal taxes.

- Do not respond**
- Do not click any links**
- Delete the message immediately**



Call the Woodbridge Township Non-Emergency Police number if you are ever unsure if you have received a scam or legitimate text message or phone call 732-634-7700.

## All Aboard!!! STOW Bus Service Hits the Road



STOW - Senior Transportation of Woodbridge -bus service is running on a daily schedule providing FREE-of-Charge, Curb-to-Curb, reservation-based transportation service to Woodbridge Township Senior residents (age 60 & older) who have no other means of transportation to all six Woodbridge Township Senior Centers, the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC), Main Library, shopping, local doctor appointments and designated Township events and programs. Reservations are based on availability and are made by calling 732-726-2394 between 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM.

Information required for a reservation includes First/Last Name. Client Transportation ID number. Address. Phone Number. Date/Time for requested pick-up. The senior resident MUST call at least one day before the desired pickup date in order to be added to the schedule. If the senior resident leaves a voice message, they will receive a call from the Senior Transportation Coordinator confirming the request. Reservations are complete only after receiving a confirmation phone call from the Senior Transportation Coordinator.

### Transportation Services:

**Days:**  
Monday - Friday (except recognized holidays)  
**Call For Reservations:**  
732-726-2394

STOW employees will provide more information regarding your appointment once it's confirmed!

# ARTS, HISTORY & LIBRARY NEWS

## The Holiday's Start at the Barron Arts Center

### All Aboard the BAC Holiday Train

The Annual Barron Arts Center Holiday Train Display has become the singular stop for the Season-of-Giving food drive. This year, the BAC Holiday Train is on-track from Dec. 1-30. (Closed Dec. 24 & 25). When you stop-by to see the incredible train exhibit, plan to drop-off a non-perishable food donation for the Holiday Express Season-of-Giving food drive.



Celebrate the holiday season with "Rock This Town Orchestra Christmas Spectacular." It's a holiday show that is highly energetic and visually stunning like no other, playing hits from the 50's & 60's as well as your favorite Christmas classics. On stage at the Avenel Performing Arts Center (APAC) on Fri., Dec. 12, 2025 at 7:30 pm. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413.

## The Persistence of Light: The Art of Arturo Morales

*Photographs Courtesy of Ron Wyatt*

Puerto-Rican born, watercolor artist Arturo Morales is the Barron Arts Center's 2025 Artist of the Year. "Watercolor has a magical quality, when at first you put brush to the paper it seems to talk back to the artist. . .The water says this is where I want to flow and blend. It is this silent dialog that the artist must constantly engage in. . .The simple blending of two values can create a window of three dimensions where once there was a stark white paper. Water, the unpredictable medium itself, begs the artist to explore, to do something unusual, to see if you can control it; there are no rules. I'm still trying to control it."



## The Barron Report



The BAC's Winter Arts Series offers a selection of concerts & art events that celebrate the beauty and simplicity of piano music. Rediscover the All Seasons Chamber Players with their Flemish Harpsichord in combination with flutes and strings for an incredible performance of 18<sup>th</sup> Century music on Feb. 20, 2026 at 8:00pm. Always a full house! Make your reservations now!!!

Plan to attend the BAC Afternoon Lecture: The Music of Mardi Gras on Feb. 17, 2026 at 1:00 pm. The ever-popular Poets Wednesday presents monthly poetry readings and workshops. Explore new and returning painting & drawing classes for artists young and not so young. Become a Friend & Fan of the "Barron Arts Center" on Facebook and Follow on Twitter @BarronArtsCtr and now on Instagram "barronartscenter." Visit [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) for complete listings and registration details on all of The BAC's exhibits, concerts, classes, events and programs.

Searching for Special Holiday Art? Gallery on Main has it all!!!



Visit the Gallery on Main (101 Main Street) for their Artisan Ornament Giveaway as a must stop on the Main Street Holiday Stroll on Sat., Nov. 29 for that very special artisan holiday gift that will become a treasured ornament for years to come. The Gallery on Main – the showcase for local artists - provides art education and opportunity to artists young and old. The Gallery is a great location to host a lecture, business luncheon, awards ceremony, holiday party or other event. The art and exhibits provide opportunities for conversation and interest and the downtown Woodbridge location offers plenty of off-street parking with a large studio space for catering. Make your next event a unique and memorable experience.

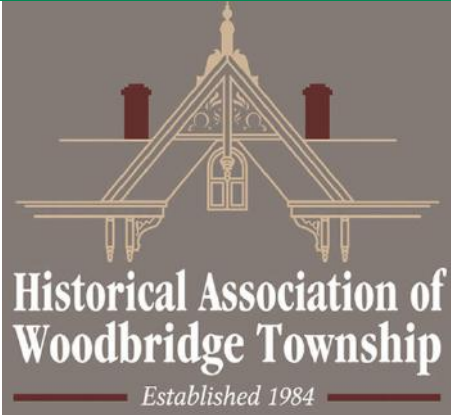


THU: 12PM-7PM FRI: 12PM-7PM SAT 12PM-4PM  
101 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE NJ 07095

Scan the QR Code to learn more.



# ARTS, HISTORY & LIBRARY NEWS



## Historical Association of Woodbridge Township

The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township encourages the preservation of the rich and diverse history that has made us the proud community we are today. Our goal is to share our past with current and future generations. We are especially excited to have opened the Woodbridge History Museum at 86 Green Street in Woodbridge proper. Please stop by and enjoy our debut exhibits!

### The Woodbridge History Museum 1 Year Anniversary! 86 Green Street, Woodbridge

The Woodbridge History Museum, located at 86 Green Street in the heart of historic Woodbridge proper, stands as the repository chronicling the 350+ year history of Woodbridge Township. The Museum is open every Sunday from 1pm–4pm. The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township encourages residents, community organizations, businesses, congregations, cultural, educational institutions and visitors to tour the Woodbridge History Museum and explore the interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts, and memorabilia dating back to the 17th century. This year, the Museum proudly celebrated its one-year anniversary, marking a milestone in preserving and sharing the Township's rich heritage. The Office of the Mayor and the Municipal Council commend the vision and dedication of Frank and Audrey LaPenta, the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township, and all those involved in the planning, restoration, and completion of the Woodbridge History Museum, and encourage everyone to take a step back in time to witness the evolution of our great Township by visiting the Museum.



Scan QR Code  
to Watch 1 Year  
Anniversary



### History of the Association

Organized in 1984, we have sponsored programs that are dedicated to advancing public knowledge and encouraging further interest in local history. Past events have included guest speakers, talks given by authors about noteworthy township events and presentations about the contributions of Woodbridge Township to New Jersey and the nation. We are affiliated with the League of New Jersey Historical Societies and the New Jersey Issue Conference. At present, we enjoy a membership of over 200 people who meet a minimum of 9 times per year.



Website: [www.woodbridgetownshiphistory.org](http://www.woodbridgetownshiphistory.org)

Email: [hawt1669@gmail.com](mailto:hawt1669@gmail.com)

Facebook: Historical Association of Woodbridge Township

Facebook: Woodbridge History Museum

Instagram: Woodbridge History Museum

501(c)(3); funded through donations, membership fees and grants

# ARTS, HISTORY & LIBRARY NEWS



## WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

BARRON ARTS CENTER  
582 RAHWAY AVENUE  
WOODBIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07095

The mission of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission shall be to carry out advisory, educational, and informational functions to promote historic preservation in the Township; prepare a survey of historic sites of the Township; make recommendations to the Planning Board on the historic preservation plan and the implications for preservation of historic sites; advise the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment on applications for development; and advise the Planning Board of the inclusion of historic sites in the recommended improvement program.



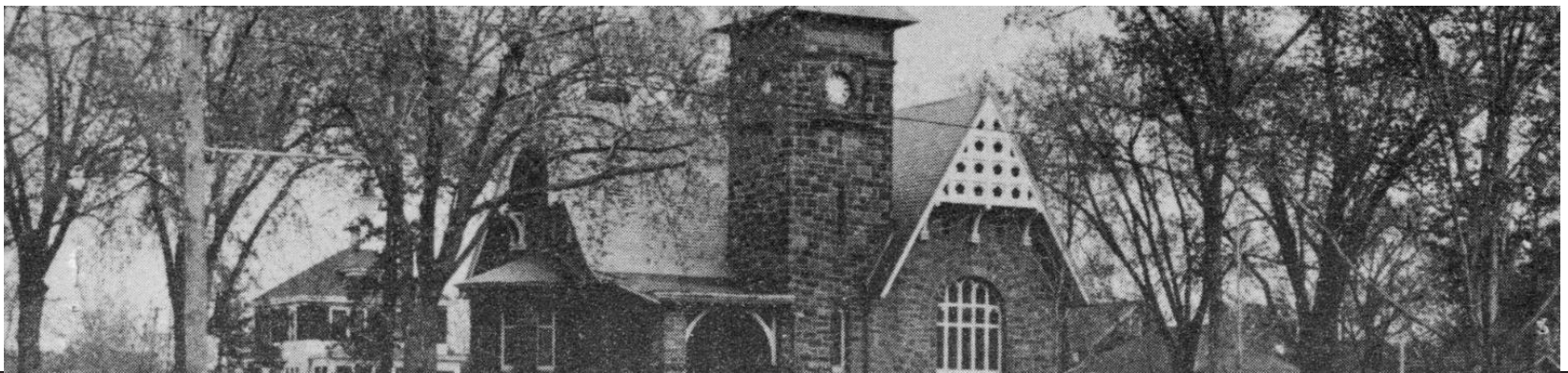
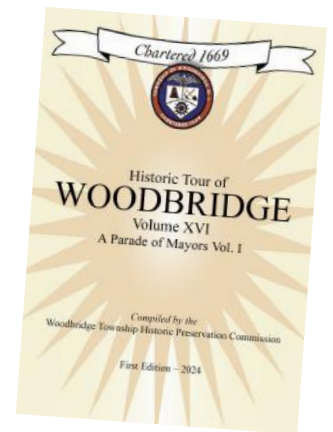
## Walk the WB History Trail

The Woodbridge History Trail welcomes and informs history buffs and visitors. The 46 historic trail markers traverse a 1.5 mile loop along North and South Park Drive from Pearl Street to Mobile Avenue on both sides of Heard's Brook in Tanzman Park in downtown Woodbridge. The history signs offer historical accounts of Woodbridge from pre-Revolutionary War to the present. Start your tour at historic Parker Press and walk the historic loop.

## Next Stop on the History Tour A Parade of Mayors – Volume 2 COMING SOON

The Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission is currently working on Historic Tour of Woodbridge: "A Parade of Mayors- Vol. 2"

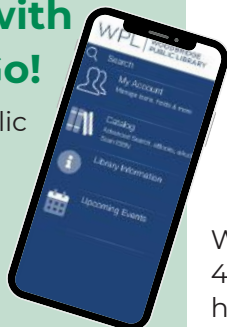
Volume XVI explores the pivotal role of the first Magistrate, elected Committeemen and ultimately Mayors as they offered leadership and service to constituents. Keep your eyes open for Mayor McCormac's biography in the next edition!



# ARTS, HISTORY & LIBRARY NEWS

## Keep the WPL in your pocket with WPL on the Go!

The Woodbridge Public Library offers a next generation mobile library app...WPL on the Go...that makes 24/7 access to the library easier than ever - from discovery to reading, listening or viewing, all in one app. Visit [Google Play](#) or the [Apple Store](#) and download WPL on the Go! to search, select and borrow eBooks and audiobooks, comics, TV, video, including online courses and current information e-resources. WPL on the Go! also connects you to library events - register on your smart phone or tablet with ease and connect with library eNews and social media for up to the minute library posts. For more information about the new library app contact the library at [director@woodbridgelibrary.org](mailto:director@woodbridgelibrary.org).



## Get Your Library Card & Explore the Universe!

Woodbridge Public Library has it all with more than 460,000 volumes. Looking for a good mystery? A how-to on home renovation? A travel guide to anywhere in the world? A biography? You'll find all these and more in the Library's book collection. Access nearly 100 years of Woodbridge history through the special collection of local history materials, photographs and genealogical information or through the online newspaper archive collection.

**Did You Know?** The Library houses thousands of movies, vintage television shows, music albums and audiobooks - all available for mobile and online access. Patrons can enjoy thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow for instant streaming or temporary downloading to smartphones, tablets and computers.



## Notary and Passport Services



WPL offers Notary Services and is also a designated Passport Acceptance Facility. Visit <https://woodbridgelibrary.org/1219/PassportServices> to make an appointment, and for a checklist of what to bring with you.



## Museum Pass Program

Woodbridge Public Library is pleased to provide the Museum Pass Program to our residents and library cardholders. Patrons in good standing may borrow passes to select museums and aquariums. Instructions are provided on museum passes for return to the library or ticket/pass submission to the venue.



Scan to see Museum Pass Info!



# ARTS, HISTORY & LIBRARY NEWS

## Woodbridge Public Library begins FY2026 with a new roadmap

Community surveys, interviews with local leaders, staff, board members and program partners have come together in the Woodbridge Public Library Roadmap as a strategic plan for years going forward. The Roadmap will communicate priorities with residents, employees and stakeholders who will have an overview of step-by-step activities designed to arrive at WPL's destinations. "We are grateful to our residents, Township officials, fellow board members, library employees and volunteers for the time they have taken to provide us with the recommendations we needed to produce The Roadmap," said Library Board President Isha Vyas. "We can't wait to get started."



## A NEW calendar for Children's Programs

Children's Services at Woodbridge Public Library offers a new bi-monthly brochure with links to register for children's programs. The brochure is available online to print, with QR codes and quick links to register for programs. All locations offer programs that include Tots & Twos, Preschool StoryTime & Playgroup, Grab & Go Craft Kits, School Age Crafts, Finger Paint Fridays, Reading Passport (Geography & Travel!) Programs, Sidewalk Astronomy, Builders Club, Read to a Dog, Minecraft Madness and Parties for all of our Favorite Series...just to name a few.

## WPL now offers ESL Conversation Groups, Citizenship Classes and a High School Equivalency (GED) classes

Woodbridge Public Library has received a two-year commitment of funds from a Community Library Adult Literacy & Career Pathway (CLALC) Grant Program sponsored by the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development to increase the number of English as a Second Language classes in Woodbridge Township and add job and technology skills sessions, GED/High School Equivalence Certificate Classes and Citizenship Classes.



## The Sewaren Free Public Library

The Sewaren Free Public Library partners with the WPL and relies on community support through donations and fundraisers.

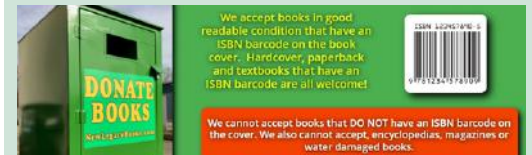
Their mission is to inspire a love for lifelong learning, to advance knowledge, and to strengthen the community by providing an inviting, dynamic learning environment, and services that support and enhance teaching, literacy, learning, and community service.

Visit their website at <https://www.sewarenlibrarynj.org/home>



## Sign-Up To Be A Friend of the Library

The Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township is a non-profit organization committed to support and promote the Woodbridge Public Library. From the ongoing book sale at the entrance at the Main Library, along with proceeds from the annual Book Sale, the Friends work to get quality-reading material into the community while raising funds that go back to the WPL and directly benefit library patrons. Volunteers are always needed to further the efforts and programs of this energetic group...for as little as a few hours a month you can make a difference! Email [friends@woodbridgelibrary.org](mailto:friends@woodbridgelibrary.org) for information.



## Friends of the Library & New Legacy book bins are located at:

- Evergreen Senior Center, 400 Inman Ave., Colonia
- Cypress Recreational Center, 881 West Avenue, Port Reading
- Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge

## Apply for Your Library Card Online!

Anyone who lives, works, goes to school, or owns property in Woodbridge Township is eligible for a Woodbridge Public Library (WPL) card. Complete the Get a Library Card Online form at <https://bit.ly/WPLGetaCard> or apply through the app for your library card to have instant access to digital resources, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, and learning and research resources.

# YOUTH NEWS

## CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS... Youth Leadership Council wants YOU!

The Woodbridge Youth Leadership Council is your way to be heard! Any high school student living in Woodbridge is welcome to participate, gain resources and discuss topics in sustainability, arts, wellness, LGBTQIA+, mentorship programs, and more. Make a difference in our community and join today! Any High School Students interested in learning more about the Youth Leadership Council should contact: [youthservices@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:youthservices@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



Follow Youth Services on Instagram @WoodbridgeYouthServices

## Thank You

to our youth centers and the incredible support from our community, Youth Services collected enough items to create 24 full birthday bags for our Birthday Bag Service project!

Each bag will be donated to the local food pantries and are packed with love, filled with party supplies and treats, and everything needed to help make a birthday extra special.



## Township Youth Centers Offer Safe Haven & Activities

The Youth Centers Serve Woodbridge Township students in Grades 6-8. Our facilities feature expansive video game stations, pool and air hockey tables, crafts, board games, homework rooms, and so much more!



## Generations Connected: Creativity and Conversation

### Guest Youth Column By Madelyn Mullen, Middle School Student, Woodbridge Township

Participating in the Generations Connected program, run by the Woodbridge Township Youth Services Division under the leadership of Jen Stoeckel since 2022, is really fun. We enjoy all kinds of activities such as crocheting and bracelet making with elderly people. It is great to

participate with them because we can be creative together. Personally, I liked that we got to sit and talk while doing our crafts, you can learn a lot listening to their perspectives. The participants at the crocheting program showed me how to do new stitches and I am now able to create different crafts because of it. Also, while we made bracelets at another Generations Connected event, the older adults told us stories about their lives as kids. Generations Connected is a great opportunity to be creative and make memories at the same time. I look forward to doing the programs again.



## Participants Enjoying the Generations Connected: Candy Bar Bingo



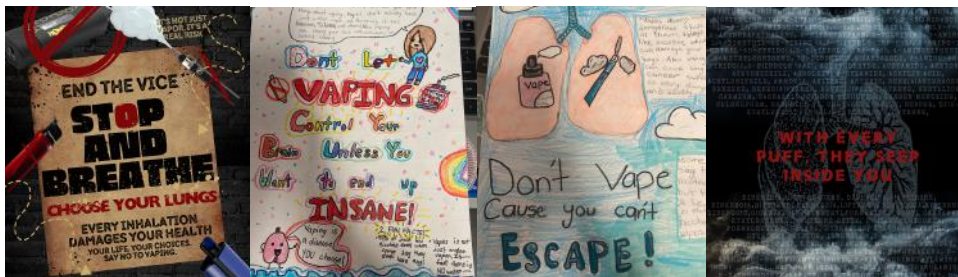
## Youth Services Announce “Don’t Get Vaped In” Contest Winners

Mayor McCormac, the Municipal Council, the Woodbridge Township School District along with the leadership of the Division of Youth Services, recognized and celebrated the student winners of the “Don’t Get Vaped In” poster and public service announcement contest at a recent Municipal Council meeting. There were over 90 submissions and nine were voted on by the Youth of Woodbridge Township.



Winning posters are on display in public areas in all of the School District and Municipal buildings and the poster images are printed on school folders, canvas totes and memo pads and have been distributed to every 6th grade student in the District.

- **PSA Winners**
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Graders from Robert Mascenik School #26 Samantha Magaletta & Estela Balliu**
- **Poster Winners**
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Graders Sai Karthikeyan (Lagayette Estates School #25) and Kanisha Patel (Mawbey Street School #1)**
  - **7<sup>th</sup> Graders Aisha Noman, Dharshitha Raja Sakthi and Mikaela Fernandez all from Fords Middle School**
  - **John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Seniors Amna Manzoor and Jerlinn Acevedo**
- **Teachers/Staff Recognized**
  - **Allison White, Mawbey Street School Counselor**
  - **Marie Lucille Strano, Art Teacher Lafayette Estates School #25**
  - **Patricia Delloiacono, Art Teacher Fords Middle School**



## A Summer of Smiles: See You Next Year at the Mayor’s Summer Children’s Series!

Another exciting season of the Mayor’s Summer Children’s Series has come to a close and what a summer it was! From the Magic of Amore to Bubblemania, with favorite performances like Pinocchio, Sleeping Beauty, Peter Pan, and the Reptile Show in between, families enjoyed endless fun and laughter at the Acacia Youth Center. Special evening shows like the Flight Crew Jump Rope Performance and Puppy Pals Stunt Dog Show brought even more



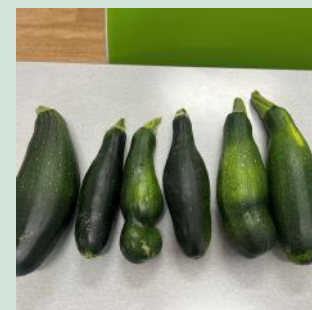
excitement to The Best Town Around. Thank you to all who joined us and we can’t wait to see you next year for another season of magic, music, and memories!

## Youth Leadership Council Harvests for a Cause in Woodbridge

The Woodbridge Youth Leadership Council made a meaningful contribution to the community by donating freshly grown zucchinis to the Woodbridge Food Pantry harvested from the Acacia Youth Center Community Garden.

This donation is part of an ongoing effort by local youth to support families in need while promoting sustainability, healthy eating, and community service. The Acacia Youth Center Community Garden, overseen by the Division of Youth Services and tended to by young residents and volunteers, continues to serve as both a hands-on learning space and a source of fresh produce for those facing food insecurity. The Food Pantry, which serves 1,400 Woodbridge families each year, welcomed the donation with gratitude, noting that every contribution helps provide nutritious options to local households.

Reflecting on the importance of giving, the group shared the quote: “Sharing is a way of life that brings joy to everyone involved.” – Unknown. The Township commends these young leaders for their generosity and commitment to making a positive impact in Woodbridge!



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Cart Placement



- Handle & wheels toward house, arrows pointed toward the street
- Adequate spacing 3 feet around cart
- No overhead obstructions
- ALL materials inside cart with lids closes



## Backyard Compost

Recycling your organic kitchen and yard waste by creating a compost pile in your yard is a practical and convenient way to handle your organic waste. It improves the soil quality, puts nutrients back into the soil, and reduces landfill waste! Learn more at: <https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/878/Compost>

## Got Bulk?

### Waste Collection & Curbside Pick-Up Information

Every residential household can call sanitation for the **ONE-TIME PER YEAR FREE BULK WASTE PICK-UP**. The updated bulk waste collection system is more convenient for resident homeowners and allows the Department of Public Works to better manage bulk waste collection. Bulk waste items collected at the scheduled curbside pick-up include Furniture, Mattresses, Carpeting, Appliances, Electronics (computers, TV's, etc.) and Mixed Metals. **NO Concrete, Asphalt, Brick, Block or Stone, Hazardous Waste, Tires, Paint or Chemicals will be accepted.**

#### HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR FREE BULK WASTE PICK-UP:

Call the Department of Public Works Sanitation Office at **732-738-1311 x3600** to schedule Bulk Waste pick-up. The staff will explain the program and get you on the schedule!!!



#### Or... Drop-Off Bulk Waste for FREE at the Public Works Recycling & Convenience Center

**BULK WASTE ACCEPTED:** Appliances, Mixed Metal, Bulk Waste, Brush, Leaves, Propane Tanks and Electronics (computers, monitors, scanners, laptops, modems, printers, cables, keyboards and televisions) and Concrete, Asphalt, Brick from homeowner repair only; **no contractors.** **LIMIT OF FIVE 5lbs. BUCKETS PER MONTH.**



#### Drop-Off Hours:

**Mon. – Sat. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Closed on Sunday & Holidays**

## ReUse-It Right: Where One's Trash is Another's Treasure

Woodbridge ReUse-It Center is a fantastic place to "Freecycle"! Before discarding something, think about whether it could be useful to someone else. Looking for something? Stop by to see if we have what you're looking for. It's a simple yet impactful way to reduce waste and help the planet! We offer a variety of items including small appliances, games, tools, books, toys, furniture, dinnerware, cookware, storage solutions, home goods, craft supplies, pet items, movies, bikes, baby gear, sporting goods, and much more!



The ReUse It Center located at 225 Smith St., Keasbey, open from 10AM – 2PM Monday-Friday. For more information or to confirm hours please call 732-738-1311 x3049

## Recycling by the Numbers

One year of curbside recycling saves:

- 1,182 tons of plastic containers
- 5,792 tons of newspaper, cardboard and food packaging boxes
- 946 tons of glass jars and beverage containers
- 4,835 tons of junk mail, magazines and waste paper
- 1,065 tons of aluminum and steel beverage and food containers

Total: 13,820 tons of recycling collected annually

## Pothole Hotline:

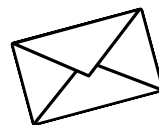
**732-726-2325**

Report potholes, property maintenance violations or other Township- related concerns.

## 2025 Recycling Calendar



Woodbridge Township offers Recycling & Solid Waste Internet ePortal and SmartPhone Apps featuring a detailed Collection Calendar customized to your address. Search the 'What Goes here?' database for specific item type instructions. Keep track of upcoming Special Collection Events such as Hazardous Household Items, Prescription Disposal and even Confidential Document Shredding! Report a Waste Problem or Send Comments and Suggestions through the App.



## Questions?

Call the Recycling Division at (732) 738-1311 ext. 3035

# PUBLIC WORKS

## DPW Hard at Work for Woodbridge Township

“Good morning, and THANK YOU! To Woodbridge Township, Department of Public Works, Division of Sanitation... For cleaning our trash cans again, you do such a great job!!!! They look brand new, and smell great too!!! They even spray a sanitizer/air freshener inside the can when they're done cleaning.” - **Joseph M.**



“The NJ Senior Olympics was a resounding success despite the rain on Saturday afternoon. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Woodbridge Township DPW for their tireless efforts in blow drying the pickleball courts for hours. Without their unwavering dedication and hard work, the tournament would not have been possible on Sunday afternoon. We also want to thank all the volunteers for their incredible support and contributions.” - **Sadie R.**



“I’m writing to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding support I’ve received from Kevin Teehan, James Mulrooney, and their teams at the Department of Public Works. I reached out regarding a large tree that had fallen behind my property near the creek. Mr. Mulrooney responded with kindness and urgency, sending a foreman to assess the situation and removal was done within 24 hours.” - **Lisajoy M.**

## Woodbridge Township Public Works



### Department of Public Works

The Woodbridge Township Department of Public Works is responsible for trash & recycling collection, sewers, storm drains, snow removal, parks, the maintenance of township roadways, and properties!

### Division of Engineering

It is the mission of every member of the Township Engineering Division to improve the quality of life for our residents by improving the civil infrastructure of the Township.

### Equipment Repair

The Woodbridge Township Division of Equipment Repair is responsible for maintaining the township's fleet of vehicles. These vehicles range from trash and recycling trucks to police cars! The Division of Equipment Repair is the creator and proud sponsor of Woodbridge Township's annual "Big Wheels Day".

### Parks

The Woodbridge Township Division of Parks is responsible for maintaining over 40 parks, along with the Township Marina and Boat Launch.

### Recycling

The Woodbridge Township Department of Recycling is responsible for the education and enforcement of township wide recycling in all homes, schools, and businesses. The department also manages the ReUse It Center, the Convenience & Recycling Center and administers the Clean Communities Program.

### Sanitation

The Woodbridge Township Division of Sanitation is responsible for the curbside collection of trash and recycling. They handle the scheduling of all curbside collections except for large tree wood, stone, brick, block, asphalt & concrete which is handled by the Road (Streets & Sewers) Department.

### Roads & Sewers

The Woodbridge Township Division of Roads and Sewers is responsible for maintaining all township roads, sewers, storm drains, and trees!

### Waste Water

The Woodbridge Township Division of Waste Water is responsible for managing our waste water treatment plant and pumping stations.

## Save the Date ~ Veteran's Day Parade

The annual Woodbridge Township Veteran's Day Parade returns on **Sunday, November 9, 2025** as Woodbridge Township Veterans, military personnel, marching bands, community organizations and Township residents parade down Main Street in honor of the men and women who have served our nation in time of war and peace. Woodbridge Township veterans and military personnel will march to Town Hall where they will be honored for their service to our Township, State and Nation. The parade steps-off from Ross Street Elementary School at 1:30 PM.



Woodbridge Township Presents:  
**VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Salute Woodbridge Township Veterans & Military Personnel  
**Sunday, November 9**  
Parade begins at 1:30PM. from Ross St. School #11

A Veteran's Day Salute to Thank You:

- Woodbridge Township Veterans Alliance
- American Legion T. Husley Post #471
- American Legion Post #248
- American Legion Post #407
- Sgt. Steve J. Brinkman Marine Corps League Detachment #189
- VFW Woodbridge Memorial Post #4410
- VFW Hopetown Memorial Post #1322
- VFW Colonia Memorial Post #6083
- VFW Avenel Memorial Post #7104
- VFW Socia Memorial Post #3238
- VFW Fords Memorial Post #6090
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter #55

Park in the N.J. Transit lot on Eleanor Street  
For more information or to register your organization to participate, call the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department at 732-936-4048

Mayor John E. McCormac



## Important Information for All Veterans

Visit the official website of the New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs at [www.state.nj.us/military](http://www.state.nj.us/military).

**New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park**  
(732) 452-4272

**State Veterans Service Officers – Middlesex/ Somerset**  
(732) 937-6347/48

**VA Hotline for General Benefits**  
(800) 827-1000

**Veterans Employment Office**  
(732) 937-6205

**Middlesex County Veterans Services**  
(732) 745-4051

**VA Clinic – New Brunswick**  
(732) 729-9555

**Lyons Veterans Facility**  
(908) 647-0180

**East Orange Veterans Facility**  
(973) 676-1000

**Veterans Cemetery (Arneytown)** (609) 758-7250

## NOW ACCEPTING: Hometown Hero Banner Applications



Looking to honor a veteran? Woodbridge Township proudly presents Hometown Hero Banners! Banners are displayed for two years starting Memorial Day through Veterans Day and will be displayed in the section of Woodbridge of your choice. Veteran's MUST have ties to Woodbridge Township (live, work, attended school, Etc.) and MUST have been honorably discharged or currently Active Duty. For application and more details scan the QR Code below!



## RSVP to the Annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, November 7, 2025 join us as we honor and celebrate Woodbridge's Senior Citizen Veterans at Maple Tree Senior Center. **RSVP deadline is October 20. Must be 60 years or older and a Township resident to attend.**

Please RSVP to any of the Senior Centers listed below

Sycamore Senior Center 732-726-6272	Oak Tree Senior Center 732-259-2008	Maple Tree Senior Center 732-259-0910
Five Branches Senior Center 732-726-6276	Evergreen Senior Center 732-726-6261	Hickory Senior Center 732-726-6285

John E. McCormac Mayor

Public Health Director of Health  
David Kologinsky

# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY

## WPD Officers Recognized for Life-Saving Action

On March 19, 2025, Det. Patrick Harris encountered an 85 year-old male in the Shoprite parking lot on St. Georges Avenue undergoing a medical emergency. Det. Harris was advised by the patient that he had an LVAD Heart Pump that pumps blood throughout the body which operated on batteries that were rapidly losing power and which would cause the computer monitor to shut down disconnecting power to the heart pump. Det. Harris engaged the male in a calming manner while contacting communications to dispatch a patrol car to the patient's home to retrieve new batteries. Officers William G. Schneider and Philip Mulhearn received the emergency dispatch, located the patient's home, retrieved two fully charged batteries and raced to the Shoprite parking lot where they engaged the patient to replace the LVAD Heart Pump batteries – accomplishing this emergency response within four to five minutes, thus saving the patient's life. Det. Patrick Harris, Officer William G. Schneider and Officer Philip Mulhearn, utilizing training and experience, assessed the medical situation and initiated extraordinary response that saved the life of the male patient and were recognized for their life-saving action(s) before the Woodbridge Township Police Department, fellow officers and community,



## Report from the Director's Desk:

### WPD Receives 9<sup>th</sup> National CALEA Accreditation



"LEADING THE WAY TO A SAFER COMMUNITY"

WPD Director Joseph Nisky announced that the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) has been awarded its Ninth National Accreditation from the National Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) – an honor and distinction held by the WPD and only five other police agencies in New Jersey.

CALEA accreditation mandates that the WPD comply with more than 460 standards in order to achieve re-accreditation status. Accreditation is for four years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with the standards under which it was initially accredited. The Woodbridge Police Department was initially accredited in 1999 and re-accredited in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2023 and is currently undergoing 2025 re-accreditation.



WPD Director Joseph Nisky, and Andrew Tuttle, WPD/CALEA Coordinator, display the prestigious CALEA National Accreditation Award.

## WPD Officers Lead State in DWI Enforcement

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognize New Jersey Police Officers that go "Above & Beyond the Call-of-Duty" in the fight to prevent drunk and drugged driving. MADD awarded the New Jersey Law Enforcement Award to:

- WPD Officer Edward Parfitt recognized as a Statewide Leader for making 23 DWI arrests in 2024 – a statistic which placed him as the WPD leader in DWI enforcement;
- WPD Investigator Adam Romatowski recognized as a Statewide Leader for making 22 DWI arrests in 2024; WPD Sgt. Richard Yanak recognized as a Statewide Leader for making 15 DWI arrests in 2024.



# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY

## Woodbridge PD Supports Breast Cancer Awareness



Each October, the Woodbridge Township Police Department proudly joins the fight against breast cancer, showing its continued commitment to raising awareness and supporting those affected by the disease. Through its Community Affairs Unit, the department organizes fundraisers and

community outreach efforts throughout the month, selling shirts and pins to raise money for breast cancer organizations and local residents currently battling the illness. These efforts not only raise vital funds but also remind the community of the importance of early detection, education, and compassion. Keep an eye out for the department's pink wrapped Community Affairs vehicle, proudly featuring the Breast Cancer Awareness Ribbon alongside the Woodbridge Police badge which is a driving symbol of hope, solidarity, and the Township's dedication to making a difference.



## WPD Community Affairs Host National Night Out



## WPD Targets Holiday Safety

The WPD Community Affairs Unit is delivering a holiday message geared to keep residents and shoppers safe throughout the holiday season. Throughout the holidays, many residents will leave their homes unattended - some for a short period of time, others for an extended period of time - so it is important to make sure the home looks occupied:

- Do not leave garbage cans at the curb after the rest of the neighborhood has had their trash collected;
- Do not leave newspapers or circulars lying on driveways or doorsteps;
- Stop newspaper and mail delivery if you are going to be away or arrange to have mail and packages collected;
- Use light timers (set for staggered times) in and outside the residence;
- Trim bushes and shrubs that block the view of windows and lock garage and car doors at all times;
- Leave a radio or television on to make it sound like someone is home if you are away for a short period of time;

If you are out at night, park in a well-lit area and always lock your vehicle whether at home or in parking lots and when shopping, park as close as possible to store entrances or other occupied areas. Do not leave items of value or gift purchases in plain view in the parked vehicle. Be aware of your surroundings when walking to your vehicle and attempt to walk with other people. Always have your keys in your hand before approaching your vehicle. Do not place cell phones, handbags or other items on the car when you are opening doors or trunks. Following these basic tips can help you avoid becoming a victim. The WPD Community Affairs Unit welcomes comments and suggestions - contact Det. Michael Harris at 732-634-7700 or visit the Township web page at: [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).



# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY

## Heroic Duo Saves Toddler's Life in Sewaren

On August 25, 2025, while patrolling Woodbridge Avenue in Sewaren, **Sgt. Carlos Villegas** of the Woodbridge Township Police Department noticed an SUV pulled over with a woman frantically holding a toddler. Realizing something was seriously wrong, Sgt. Villegas jumped into action, he discovered the 19-month-old girl was choking.

Without hesitation, Sgt. Villegas called for an ambulance and began life-saving back blows to help the little one breathe. Within moments, Acting **Fire Chief Robert Minkler, Jr.** of the Woodbridge Fire Department arrived on scene after hearing the call for assistance. Together, the two worked in perfect sync, continuing emergency maneuvers until the toddler expelled the culprit, a small plastic hair clip.

Thanks to their quick thinking and training, the child was stabilized, evaluated by EMS, and later released from the hospital, safe and sound. Chief Minkler and Sgt. Villegas are being recognized for their outstanding teamwork, professionalism, and dedication to protecting our community. Their heroic actions turned what could have been a tragedy into a story of hope and heart right here in Woodbridge.



(L-R) Woodbridge Police Officer Sgt. Carlos Villegas and Woodbridge Fire Department Firefighter Rober Minkler

## WPD Welcomes New Police Officers

Mayor John E. McCormac and Police Director Joseph Nisky announced the appointment of four new police officers to the ranks of the Woodbridge Township Police Department (WPD) effective June 26, 2025. The appointments were ratified after the recruits completed an extensive testing and eligibility process overseen by the New Jersey Department of Personnel, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Woodbridge Police Department, along with the successful completion of the state-mandated six-month New Jersey Police Training Commission program. The officers have been assigned to the Radio Patrol Division.



(L-R) Joseph Della Sala, Ryan Rivera, Joseph Caroscio and James Pardee.

## WPD Announces Promotions

Mayor John E. McCormac, Police Director Joseph Nisky and Captain Brian Murphy (CLEO) announced the promotion of four Officers to ranking positions:

- Promoted to Lieutenant on June 24th was Sgt. Brian McMillian (Right)
- Promoted to Sergeant on June 24th was Officer Jorge Quesada (Left)
- Promoted to Sergeant on Sept. 9th was Detective Matthew Dougherty and Officer Drew Krupinski



## WPD Signs-On 14 Auxiliary Officers

WPD Auxiliary Police Officers serve in a volunteer capacity in support of WPD operations for traffic control, crowd control and event security. Requirements to become an Auxiliary Police Officer include; U.S. Citizen; 18 years-of-age or older; High School diploma or G.E.D.; valid New Jersey Driver's License; approved background check; resident of Woodbridge Township and must be in good physical condition and able to attend and graduate from the Middlesex County Auxiliary Police Academy.



Auxiliary Officers (L-R): Alexa Broadwell, Tyla Fears, Ricardo Bazan, Adryan Rodriquez, Jeffrey Burton, Gonzalo Silva, Timothy Kenney, Sukjinder Singh, Balkiranjit Singh, Abbigail Vendrell, Dominic Saldanha, Adrian Najar, Samantha Kutcher, & Jonathan Kavral

# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY

## Fire & EMS Report

The WPD recently announced an expanded role in providing emergency medical service with the purchase of two fully-equipped ambulances and the hiring of ten qualified emergency medical technicians (EMT's) to staff the rigs. The new WPD-EMS ambulances went into service on Nov. 4th to supplement paid and volunteer personnel from first aid squads in Avenel, Colonia, Port Reading and Woodbridge.



WPD-EMT's (L-R): Carlos Colon, Jasmine Anaya, Jonathan Ryan, Kayla Goncalves, William Reger, Kimberly Saber, Steve Weber, Karina Suarez Bosques, Dennis Petrick, Casey Friedman, Jose Miralda, Madison Kushpa, Anthony Mazza

## Volunteer Firefighters Wanted

**Woodbridge Township Fire Departments are spearheading a campaign to boost volunteer staffing at all Fire Departments. Volunteer opportunities include all the tools, training and equipment needed to become a Firefighter. Contact your local Fire Department today. Get Involved. Save a Life.**



- Woodbridge Fire Department, 418 School Street, Woodbridge.732-602-6030
- Port Reading Fire Company #1, 916 West Ave., Port Reading.732-636-0894
- Keasbey Fire Department, 420 Smith Street, Keasbey. 732-738-4343
- Avenel Fire Department, 346 Avenel Street, Avenel. 732-634-2358
- Fords Fire Company #1, 667 King George Post Road, Fords. 732-738-7000
- Hopelawn Engine Company #1, 127 Loretta Street, Hopelawn. 732-442-0171
- Iselin Fire Company #1, 122 Green Street, Iselin. 732-283-0308
- Iselin Chemical Hook & Ladder Company, 20 Auth Ave., Iselin.732-218-8205
- Colonia Fire Department, 250 Inman Ave., Colonia. 732-388-6666



## EMTs & First Aid Honored at 9/11 Ceremony



On the 24th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, the Township of Woodbridge honored the brave men and women of the Woodbridge Township Police Department First Aid Squad and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) for their service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to public safety. Woodbridge



Township's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is comprised of First Responders, EMTs, Paramedics, Emergency Medical Dispatchers, and trained members of the public who selflessly serve on the front lines during emergencies. Their courage and dedication make them the community's first and best defense in times of crisis.



# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY



## Municipal Court News

### Have a question about Municipal Court?

Call **732-636-6430** or **732-634-4500** or go to the Municipal Court webpage at <https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/267/Municipal-Court>

### Did you know?

Paying a traffic ticket is more convenient now than ever before.

Pay online:  
**NJMCDirect.com**

Pay by mail:

Municipal Court  
1 Main Street  
Woodbridge, NJ 07795

Pay at Town Hall:  
Monday through Friday  
from 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM



## DPW Supervisor & Woodbridge Fire Department Honored for Life-Saving Action

On July 16, 2025, DPW Sanitation Supervisor Joseph Buonavolonta was driving on Route 9 South when he observed a motor vehicle attempt a left turn across three lanes of traffic in an effort to turn onto Green Street. Supervisor Buonavolonta was able to avoid the actions of the vehicle while a fully-loaded dump truck was unable to stop to avoid the car resulting in the truck flipping over onto the car. The contents of the dump truck (stone and gravel) dislodged covering the vehicle. Supervisor Buonavolonta notified 9-1-1 Dispatch of the MVA, exited his vehicle, checked the condition of the truck driver and began to remove debris from the buried vehicle. Supervisor Buonavolonta was able to communicate with the female driver who indicated that there were no passengers and while in pain, was conscious and alert. Woodbridge Fire Department (WFD) arrived on-scene and initiated extrication and rescue operations that successfully removed the injured driver from the vehicle for transport to the Medical Center.



## See A Crime... Report A Crime

**732-855-8477**

**Woodbridge Multi-Family Crime Prevention Program**



If you have a Crime Tip, call this number:

**732-855-TIPS + 732-855-8477**

Woodbridge Police Crimes TIPS Hotline

**Multi-Family**



Crime Prevention

**Your Crime Tips Work.**

John E. McCormac, Mayor + Robert Hubner, Director, Woodbridge Police Department

## Volunteer for DVRT

The Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team - an all-volunteer community-based assistance program - is seeking new members. Township residents who want to make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be required to complete an application and undergo an interview and criminal background check and complete a 40-hour training course. Call 732-634-4500 x2802 or visit [www.woodbridgedvrt.org](http://www.woodbridgedvrt.org) for more information.



## CERT Wants You

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for Woodbridge Township volunteers. CERT volunteers receive extensive emergency response and preparedness training and assist police, firefighters, EMT's and emergency responders during time of disaster. To become a member of the Woodbridge Township CERT you must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid NJ driver's license. Visit [www.woodbridgecert.org](http://www.woodbridgecert.org) to learn more about the CERT program and how you can be part of a community preparedness team.





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WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

# LIGHT PARADE

NOVEMBER 29, 2025 @ 6PM



Check Back on Facebook & Township  
Website for Updated Route

<https://www.facebook.com/MayorJohnMcCormac/>

<https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/1257/Seasonal-Festivities>



**Mayor John E. McCormac**

\*Times posted are estimated arrival times