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WOODBIDGE CHARTS A COURSE FOR A THRIVING SEWAREN WATERFRONT

By: Mayor John E. McCormac

The Woodbridge Township-Sewaren waterfront, best known as Pierce’s Landing and Boynton Beach from the late 1800s through the 1940s, was a thriving beach resort and boating and recreational destination located along the western shore of the Arthur Kill waterway. The Sewaren Land and Water Club, Boynton Beach Resort and Waterfront District fronted Smith’s Creek and served as a catalyst for economic growth and vitality for Woodbridge Township and the entire region for more than 60 years. Today, several significant projects are underway that will serve to revitalize the Sewaren waterfront district spanning the length of Cliff Road – redevelopment that represents the catalyst for the future vitality of not only the Sewaren community, but Woodbridge Township and the regional economy.



OVERVIEW: Smith’s Creek is a half-mile long deep stream off the Arthur Kill with a Township boat launch facility at one end and a 28 slip marina at the other that was purchased in the 1950s as part of a municipal project. In between are several privately owned marinas including one with a gas station and bait shop. The Captain Hook marina, which is located midway along Smith Creek, was put up for sale in 2018 and the Township purchased it using grant funding from the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund.



In between the two marinas was the Pirate’s Cove marina, which had fallen into a severe state of disrepair due to owner neglect for decades with bulkheads and pilings literally falling into the water. In addition, there was contamination of the site that required a massive cleanup of that property - the Township then purchased the land as part of the redevelopment plan again using grant funding.

Woodbridge Township engaged T&M Associates, a leading national consulting, engineering, environmental and technical services firm, to design and manage the sweeping Sewaren Marina & Recreation Area project – a multi-feature, multi-phase project which entailed extensive efforts in both in-water and waterfront design and permitting. Work got underway last year with the dredging of the marina basin, the removal of rotting and dilapidated pilings, installation of new steel bulkheads, removal of underground storage tanks, excavation of petroleum impacted soils and asbestos abatement of an old building on the site along with capping the land for long-term ecological protection. Funding for this work, which has been successfully completed, again came mainly from Federal and State government grants.

Next up, the Township began evaluating alternatives for development on the site, which was severely challenged by the land’s location within a flood hazard area.

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*“Ten Towns,
One Community”*

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Mayor's Mail Box

Dear Woodbridge Township,
Today, public works trimmed my trees. They did an excellent job and they are an extremely professional crew. I must say I have always had an exceptional experience with the Woodbridge Township Department of Public Works.
- Ed Z.

Dear Woodbridge Township Senior Centers,
Just a short note to express my gratitude for being treated so beautifully by Brianne and JoAnn at the Evergreen Senior Center. They care so deeply for each of the seniors at the center and provide wonderful opportunities for each of us to get positive experiences we need and enjoy.
- Joan B.

Dear Senior Transportation of Woodbridge,
I just wanted to take a moment and let you know how appreciative my partner and I are of the STOW system. My partner suffered a stroke that left him wheelchair bound. Additionally, I care for my almost 92 year old father so I am unable to take my partner to his appointments myself. S.T.O.W has been a lifesaver. The drivers are polite, courteous, and efficient. We are truly grateful and immensely impressed.
- Wilma H.

Dear Woodbridge Township,
I am a member of Five Branches Senior Center and I want to mention that those girls are exceptional people, they care for all of the Seniors with much respect and sincerity like family. Thank you.
- Rita L.

Dear Mayor McCormac,
It was nice to meet you and the Tooling Around The Township team that came to my home to repair paneling on the sides of my garage. I am very happy with the results, it is nice to know that there are still people in this world that are willing to help other people when they need it.
- Michael P.

We want to hear from you!
Send us your pictures & stories for our next issue!

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Meet the Municipal Council



2024 Council Leadership



Municipal Clerk John Mitch administers the Oath-of-Office to Councilman Kyle Anderson as the Municipal Council President for 2024. Standing with Council President Anderson is his wife Denise and twin sons Bryan and Derek.



Councilman Cory Spillar stands for the Oath-of-Office as Council Vice President for the 2024 Municipal Council. Standing with Councilman Spillar is his wife Erin.



Councilman Gregg Ficarra stands for Oath-of-Office accompanied by his wife Maritza.



Councilwoman Lizbeth DeJesus stands for Oath-of-Office accompanied by her children Angel, Matthew, Brianna, Madison and nephew Justin.



Councilman Brian Small stands for Oath-of-Office accompanied by his daughters Brielle and Amanda, Grandchildren Jordan and Joseph and, sons Kyle, Brian Jr., and son in law Joe.



TOWN HALL

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor:

John E. McCormac

Municipal Council:

Council President:

Kyle Anderson, At-Large

Council Vice-President:

Cory Spillar, Third Ward

Sharon McAuliffe, First Ward

Howie Bauer, Second Ward

Virbhadra N. Patel, Fourth Ward

Debbie Meehan, Fifth Ward

Lizbeth DeJesus, At-Large

Gregg Ficarra, At-Large

Brian F. Small, 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
Curtains Restaurant at APAC.....	554-1960
Cypress Recreation Center.....	596-4116
Senior Transportation (STOW).....	726-2394

COUNCIL NEWS

COUNCIL ON THE MOVE

Council President Kyle Anderson Advocates for the Black Community

February is National Black History Month and **Council President Kyle Anderson** was tireless in his coordination of annual events such as the Flag Raising and Proclamation Ceremony as well as seminars at the Barron Arts Center and Woodbridge Public Library. Councilman Anderson was a keynote speaker at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony in January and shows steadfast commitment to bring people of all backgrounds together to honor the contributions that Black people have made to our Country and Township. Mark your calendars for the annual Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 15 from 1-6PM at Woodbridge High School.



Council Vice President Cory Spillar Encourages Fire Safety and Education

Council Vice President Cory Spillar demonstrates his commitment to the safety and well-being of the community members by taking the time to give informative talks on fire education and prevention. As a member of the Avenel Fire Department, Councilman Spillar shares his knowledge on fire prevention and safety measures allowing a sense of awareness and preparedness among students by providing essential life skills.

Councilman Howie Bauer Protects the Fords, Keasbey and Hopelawn Neighborhoods

Councilman Howie Bauer serves double duty for our community as the Chief of Fords Fire Company. Councilman Bauer broke the Fords Fire Co. record by serving his fourth term in 2023 and is continuing to extend the record by protecting our community serving as Chief in 2024. The Fire Companies are always looking for volunteers, see their websites for additional information!



Councilwoman Lizbeth Dejesus Heralds National Women's History Month

Councilwoman Lizbeth Dejesus champions Women's History Month events and was honored by Berkeley College for her inspiring work as a "Trailblazer in Government" as she is the first Latina woman elected to office in Woodbridge. "I believe that it is important to represent our communities, to be the voice for those who don't have a voice, and for us not to be afraid as women." – Lizbeth Dejesus.

Councilman Gregg Ficarra Promotes Youth Month Activities

April is Youth Month and **Councilman Gregg Ficarra** kicked off the fun-filled month honking horns and sounding sirens at the annual Big Wheels Day!!! Councilman Ficarra supports programs that increase mental, physical and social health and wellness for those of all ages. Seniors, your month is coming this May!!!



COUNCIL ON THE MOVE (CONT.)



Councilman Viru Patel Advocates for Pedestrian Safety

As a tireless advocate for pedestrian safety in the fourth ward, **Councilman Viru Patel** proudly announced that the Township received \$410,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to increase pedestrian access to Metro Park Station. The project will install new curbs, sidewalks and crosswalks on Magnolia Road in Iselin to improve safety and accessibility.

Councilwoman Sharon McAuliffe Announces Annual Farmer's Market

Enjoy Jersey Fresh produce at Parker Press Park with **Councilwoman Sharon McAuliffe!!!** The Buy Fresh and Buy Local campaign encourages residents to shop at the weekly farmer's markets and Councilwoman McAuliffe is excited to announce the lively market featuring fresh fruits and vegetables from Alstede's Farm alongside live music, local craft and specialty vendors will begin Saturday, June 22 from 9AM-1PM.



Councilman Brian Small Spreads Cheer at the Light Parade

One of the most anticipated events of the Holiday season was a huge success thanks to **Councilman Brian Small**, co-organizer of the annual Light Parade. The cadre of 70 vehicles decorated with bright lights and winter scenes traveled two and a half hours throughout the entire Township spreading holiday joy. The Light Parade happens every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Debbie Meehan Reports on Have-a-Heart

The annual Have-a-Heart food drive had great success this year thanks to the leadership of **Councilwoman Debbie Meehan**. Councilwoman Meehan advocated for the network of 11 food pantries to be restocked during the Have-a-Heart collection that yielded \$76,607 and over 23,600 pounds of food for We Feed Woodbridge. The Have-A-Heart food drive challenges Woodbridge Township corporations, businesses, food service outlets, hospitality industry, schools and residents to donate 214 pounds of food or contribute \$214.00 to assist the Township food pantries continue their work providing food and meals to neighbors. Thank you to all who contributed to one of the most successful Have-A-Heart food drives ever!!!



Report from the Municipal Clerk's Office

Need to Update or Change Your Election Records? Here's How!

By John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk

Voting is the most significant public responsibility that we as citizens possess. Prior to Election Day, the Municipal Clerk's Office receives countless calls concerning election matters. In attempting to vote during the last election, many registered voters learned that there were some issues with their election records on file at the Board of Elections or the Middlesex County Clerk's Office. Specific issues voters encountered involved name change(s), change of address, change of signature, etc. If any of these scenarios apply to you, now is the time to make the necessary changes so that they are corrected before the upcoming Primary Election.

If you are not registered, but wish to do so, or are looking to change your name, change your address, update your signature, change your party affiliation, or want to switch to vote by mail, you should file a Voter Registration Application with the Board of Elections as soon as possible.

You may also request to opt-out from receiving a mail-in ballot if you were previously registered to take advantage of this option by contacting the Municipal Clerk's Office. If you need to make any changes to your voting registration, you can begin the process by contacting the Woodbridge Township Municipal Clerk's Office at **732-602-6007** or you can visit the Woodbridge Township website at www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us.

Woodbridge Poll Locations & Voter Information:



2024~ Election Guide ~ 2024

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

May 14, 2024: Voter registration deadline for Primary Election

May 22, 2024: Mailing of sample ballots begin

May 28, 2024: Deadline to apply for a mail in ballot for Primary Election

May 29, 2024 - June 2, 2024: Early Voting Period

Acacia Youth Center, 95 Port Reading Ave., Woodbridge

June 3, 2024: Deadline for in-person mail in ballot applications for Primary Election

June 4, 2024: Primary Election

November 5, 2024: General Election



Report from the Municipal Clerk's Office (Cont.)

Deputy Municipal Clerk Represents Woodbridge as President of the Municipal Clerk's Association of Middlesex County



Woodbridge Township Deputy Municipal Clerk Cheryl Sharkey has been named President of the Municipal Clerks' Association of Middlesex County for a two year term. In her role as President, she will promote uniform methods of procedure in the municipalities of Middlesex County and, acquaint the public with the true nature and importance of the services provided by Municipal Clerks, just to name a few tasks. After a long career as a paralegal, Sharkey joined the Municipal Clerk's Office in April 2020. She since earned the designation of Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC) after successfully completing a number of courses offered by Rutgers'

University in Elections Law, Finance, Licensing, Records Management, Ethics, Professional Development and Information Technology, along with passing a state exam. Members of this association comprise Municipal Clerks along with Deputy and Assistant Municipal Clerks from the county's twenty-five municipalities as well as from the County Board of Commissioners and County Clerk's Offices.

The Clerk's Office is the Hub of Operations!!!

The Municipal Clerk's Office is considered the "hub" of municipal government operations; serving as liaison between governing officials and taxpayers and between the Executive and Legislative bodies.

The Municipal Clerk serves as:

- Administrative Officer for Various Licenses and Permits
- Chief Administration Official of All Elections
- Chief Registrar of Voters
- Coordinator and Records Manager for Local Archives and Records Retention Programs
- Secretary to the Governing Body
- Secretary to the Municipal Corporation

Additional Services

Additionally, he serves as the Registrar of Vital Statistics issuing certified copies of:

- Birth Records
- Civil Unions
- Death Records
- Marriage Records



The Municipal Clerk and his staff are the custodians of record, providing access to public documents in accordance with OPRA (Open Public Records Act). The office also receives all applications for bingo and raffle licenses, garage sales, peddlers, canvassers, transient merchants, and Christmas tree sales, etc.

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A restaurant was the first consideration but structures below the base flood elevation needed to be 10 feet off the ground with a flow-through design employing flood resistant materials, which made that option financially unfeasible. The partnership with our engineering and environmental consultants, combined with the Township's vision, developed an alternative design that focused on a giant open-air, pet-friendly Tiki Bar with capacity for 215 patrons. The engineering features a flow-through design utilizing flood resistant materials and an elevated crow's nest under the roof to house all electrical and mechanical equipment above the base flood elevation. Hospitality and food service will be offered to patrons from specialty food trucks serving popular cuisine and a giant open grove will feature a picnic area with games and a stage for musical performances.



The overall project features and includes continuation of the Sewaren River walk spanning the length of Cliff Road from the Municipal Boat Launch to the new Marina, along with new, upgraded roadway and parking improvements, lighting enhancements, beautiful landscaping, utility upgrades and storm water management systems. Final dredging of the marina site is expected to start this fall along with dock reconstruction and the construction of "dock and dine" boat slips to increase business from boat owners. When fully completed, the Township marina will house 77 boat slips bringing in tens of thousands of dollars in slip rental fees to help maintain the property in the future.

Another State grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program totaling \$1.2 million will fund the Township's plans to replace the existing dog park next door with a new and larger one with more amenities and construct a parking area for winter boat storage. Future projects - funded via State and County grants - will include a pedestrian footbridge across Smith's Creek to connect Township land with Alvin P. Williams Park owned by Middlesex County and the construction of a "living shore line" along the creek.

The overall project, officially dubbed Anchor's Tiki Bar at Smith's Creek & Sewaren Marina Recreation Area, will add to a long list of recreational opportunities for Woodbridge Township's 103,000 residents including 24 schools that have nine turf fields, three tracks, 15 tennis courts and brand new gymnasiums. The Township also has multiple playgrounds in addition to over 50 Township sport fields and facilities that serve thousands of children in baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, football, cheerleading and wrestling leagues.



The revitalization of the Sewaren waterfront district and much-needed improvements to the infrastructure and amenities serving the residential community are nothing short of monumental from the first days of contemplating realistic and doable options to the last days of putting on the finishing touches of design and construction. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming summer season and beyond, we are excited for the residents and visitors to experience the new Sewaren waterfront facilities and amenities that are only available from "The Best Town Around."



MAYOR'S PAGES

Mayor John E. McCormac

REPORT FROM WOODBRIDGE

Mayor John E. McCormac Now Serving Fifth Term

Mayor John E. McCormac was officially sworn-in to his Fifth term as Mayor of Woodbridge Township at the annual Municipal Council Reorganization Meeting on Monday January 1, 2024 at Inaugural ceremonies at Woodbridge High School.

"As we embark on the New Year, the Administration and Municipal Council will continue the business of Woodbridge. It is the community spirit of our Ten Towns that stand as the Heart-and-Soul of our Township with outstanding and dependable public services, neighbor helping neighbor and volunteers who work behind the scenes to keep the Woodbridge Quality-of-Life the best in the state."

-Mayor John E. McCormac



Former Woodbridge High School Ace Harry Rutkowski Signs with the Staten Island FerryHawks

On March 14, 2024 Harry Rutkowski signed with the Staten Island FerryHawks, a minor-league professional baseball team in the MLB sponsored Atlantic League. Prior to signing with the FerryHawks, Harry played four years of varsity baseball at Woodbridge High School and finished his high school career tied as winningest pitcher in Greater Middlesex Conference history, compiling a 27-6 record with 348 strikeouts over 244 innings. He was selected First Team All-White Division and picked up a Greater Middlesex Conference Cy Young Award. He was drafted in the 28th round (pick 827) by the Cincinnati Reds, but deferred to go to college and play at Rutgers University where he ranks tied for third in program history with 44 career starts, third with 221 strikeouts and 10th with 249.2 innings pitched. He signed with the Toronto Blue Jays before being picked up by the Gastonia Honey Hunters and then was traded to the Staten Island FerryHawks. We wish the best of luck to Harry and hope for a very successful season!





Mayor John E. McCormac

16th Annual STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

Friday, February 23, 2024 *Address*

THE STATE OF WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ~ THE BEST TOWN AROUND ~ IS ONCE AGAIN...OUTSTANDING

The keynote of the 2023 State of the Township was the successful passage of a municipal budget that had NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE - for the second consecutive year. The tax levy of \$101 million dollars is unchanged from 2022 despite annual increases in uncontrollable costs like health insurance and pension payments. It is important to note that municipal taxes are under 30% of the overall property tax bill with the school district, County of Middlesex and local fire district(s) making up over 70% of the tax bill. This tax stabilization has been accomplished by doing more with less and with a culture of fiscal responsibility up and down every Department and Division of our local government.



We have maintained our commitment to infrastructure improvements with annual appropriations for road paving, sanitary and storm sewer improvements, and the vehicles, equipment and building repairs necessary to manage the long term along with the short term. The 2024 budget includes \$10 million toward these capital improvements, which negates the need to borrow funds and pay current steep interest rates.

It is important to note that no discussion of Township finances can be had without talking about the many economic development successes that have resulted in dozens of new businesses coming to town, which add millions of dollars annually to the Township budget. These projects also clean up contaminated brownfield sites and bring thousands of new jobs to residents. Most of these large projects pay Payments in Lieu of Taxes, which are at a slight discount from regular taxation as an incentive for companies to invest in Woodbridge. These PILOTs are the single largest reason for our strong surplus balances and AA+ bond rating. In this year's budget, we have over \$26 million in PILOT payments from warehouses, two power plants and downtown luxury apartment complexes. That \$26 million, which equates to \$600 per household, does not come out of the pocket of everyday residential taxpayers - that's \$600 per year that taxpayers keep and decide what to do with instead of giving it to the Township.

As importantly, we are in the process of developing a project with the school district that will provide PILOT funding for a brand new School #10 in the Hopelawn section of town to serve those students plus students from Keasbey. The former School #10 closed over 30 years ago and many students from those areas are bussed for over 30 minutes each way to get to schools in Port Reading, Fords and Menlo Park Terrace. That is simply unacceptable. The future of that school is dependent on the State of New Jersey Department of Education and Department of Environmental Protection since the land we are using is currently protected by Green Acres. Many smaller projects will be included which will benefit all 24 schools and over 13,000 students in our district.

We are very proud of what Woodbridge accomplished in 2023 and we are excited about what the future will bring in 2024 - and hope you all are too. The only thing left is to say thank you ALL for being part of Woodbridge Township - **THE BEST TOWN AROUND.**



SAT., MAY 4

NJ Art & Music Express
WoodbridgeNJMusic.com



SAT., JUNE 1

Summerfest
Merrill Park



WED., JUNE 5

Pride Flag Raising
Town Hall



SAT., JUNE 22

Opening Day... Farmers Market
Parker Press Park



WED., JULY 4

Fireworks
Alvin P. Williams Park



Get Informed!



Mayor John E. McCormac



Mayorjohnemccormac



Woodbridge Television



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Mayor Mac's Cafe at Cypress

Mayor Mac's Café at the Cypress Recreation Center is open for business!!! The welcoming Café staff- outfitted in blue Mayor Mac aprons - are students from the RISE Program (Reaching Individual Student Excellence). The special needs students proudly service the Café as hosts, cooks, servers and clean-up staff - all while receiving job training and workplace preparation in the restaurant and food service industry.



Grab a bite to eat at the Café located at **881 West Avenue, Port Reading** or call **732-596-4211**.

Follow Mayor Mac's Cafe on Facebook for the latest menu updates and Cafe hours!!!

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



White Pines Recreation Center & Our House 2nd Location Coming Soon

In 2021, the Township purchased the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church with a \$1,500,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The new recreation center will be referred to as the White Pines Community Center and will be a second location for Our House - Hope Autism Solutions, New Jersey's leading community featuring innovative programs for adults with disabilities.



Mayor Mac's Tool Belt

Another Successful Tooling Around the Township!

Tooling Around the Township is an annual Township-wide fix-up day targeting home repair projects for eligible senior and handicapped residents. The 2024 program saw great success on Saturday, April 27, 2024, with over 20 homes for seniors and disabled residents improved by over 300 volunteers. Special thank you to all the food establishment's in Woodbridge who provided lunch to our volunteers!



For information on next year's Tooling event call 732-602-6015. Or Email: tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us to nominate a house for repair, volunteer, donate supplies or become a business sponsor.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business is **BOOMING** in Woodbridge Township!!!

Opening a business in Woodbridge?

Contact:

wbmajor@twp.woodridge.nj.us

to schedule your Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



**Shop Local. Eat Local.
Support Local. Enjoy Local!**



Investing In Woodbridge



Celebrate the Downtown Renaissance

The Main Street Renaissance is underway with well-planned, well-designed and economically viable commercial and retail establishments that take advantage of the Transit Village model that has successfully transformed aging downtown communities throughout central New Jersey. Reinvestment in Main Street and adjoining neighborhoods has injected a new vibrancy into the business district with new retail opportunities, upscale dining and metropolitan shopping, along with an incredible selection of premier and affordable housing.



Hackensack Meridian Health Breaks Ground on Health & Wellness Center

At NJ Transit MetroPark Station in Iselin

Governor Phil Murphy and Hackensack Meridian Health (HMH) Executives, along with State, County and Municipal officials, announced the Ground Breaking and start of construction of the first in the nation Health & Wellness Center at the NJ Transit MetroPark Station.



The \$200 million project will create at least 1,000 new jobs and will provide convenient access to comprehensive health care to thousands of New Jersey, New York and Northeast residents. The HMH facility is part of the larger development of Metropark Station designed to modernize transportation hubs throughout the state, making them multi-use locations for residential, office space, retail and restaurants, allowing people to live, work and play in one location.

When it opens next year, the Hackensack Meridian Health and Wellness Center will offer more than 60,000 square feet of healthcare services just steps from the mass transit hub. Services will include primary care, medical specialties, surgical specialties, a sports and spine center of excellence, advanced imaging, phlebotomy, rehabilitation services, a retail pharmacy, occupational health services and an urgent care.

Mayor's Office Targets Economic Development

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 connect corporate headquarters, commercial enterprises, businesses and retail to

invest in the Township – the sixth 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.



Business Round-Up



IHOP

The International House of Pancakes opened their doors for Woodbridge Residents to “Come Hungry, Leave Happy” at 1009 St. Georges Avenue, Colonia.



Buy Buy Baby

Buy Buy Baby has everything and anything a toddler or infant may need to grow up big and strong located at 675 US 1 South, Iselin.



The Original Pancake House

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day at The Original Pancake House. Enjoy fresh ingredients and meals made from scratch at 61 US Highway 1 South, Menlo Park Terrace.



Aspen Dental

Take the first step towards a smile you'll love at Aspen Dental. All patients welcome at their new office 799 US-1, Iselin.



Floor & Decor

Floor & Decor brings high quality flooring and tile at an affordable price so that residents can save money on home renovation projects at 1550 St. Georges Avenue, Avenel.



Glam Parlour

The Glam Parlour, located at 1152 St. Georges Avenue, Avenel, will fulfill all your haircare and beauty needs.



Lavish Tails Pet Spa

Lavish Pet Tails Spa welcomes dogs, cats and guinea pigs to indulge in services such as full grooming, animal massage and an overnight stay. Visit at 396 Avenel St., Avenel.



NJ Dance Academy

NJ Dance Academy provides comprehensive instruction for a range of dance programs for those of all ages and abilities at 507 King Georges Road, Woodbridge.



Fast Bagel

Fresh from the oven and hot-off-the-grill, get your bagels available for pickup at the Plaza K Shopping Center 171 US-1, Menlo Park Terrace.

Business Round-Up (Cont.)



UFC Gym

UFC Gym is the ultimate MMA-inspired fitness experience that will help unlock potential and elevate performance in a highly energized environment at 675 Route 1, Iselin.



Alfa Kitchen & Bath

At 216 Worth Street, Iselin, Alfa Kitchen and Bath is the premier destination for high-quality kitchen cabinets and countertops that takes pride in excellent quality, service and value.



Vacation Zone

Vacation Zone is ready for take-off! Visit 218 Worth Street, Iselin for all things travel related with services that will assist in booking flights, hotels, cars and much more.



Healthy Body Healthy Mind

Right in Downtown Main Street, Healthy Body Healthy Mind is focused on providing character development within the context of health and wellness.



Glamour Threading

Glamour Threading welcomes new customers to 94 Main Street for facials, waxing, lashes and soft glam.



R.A.S Logistics

R.A.S. Logistics looks to transform the final mile of every delivery by providing efficient, reliable and customer focused solutions seamlessly connecting businesses to their costumers.



DeVry University

The tech-centered programs at DeVry University, 517 Route 1 Ste. 1000, Iselin, empower postsecondary students to flourish in their future careers.



CityMD

Walk in to the new CityMD Urgent Care Clinic that will prioritize your well-being in a prompt and compassionate manor located at 915 St. Georges Avenue, Woodbridge.



A Smiley Face

A Smiley Face New Jersey is committed to providing support for children on the Autistic Spectrum located at 200 Middlesex Turnpike, Ste. 307, Iselin.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Welcome the Fords Business Community



The Fords Business Community (FBC) - where Community Means Family! #FordsStrong and where excellent products, services and community support come together, the FBC is an alliance of businesses dedicated to working together to improve the Fords, Hopelawn and Keasbey business communities. Learn more about the FBC by visiting their Facebook page at: [FordsBusinessCommunityNJ](https://www.facebook.com/FordsBusinessCommunityNJ).

Save-The-Date

June 9
FBC Spring Festival

June 17 & August 19
FBC Cruise Night's

Oct. 21
FBC Cruise Night & Truck or Treat



Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce Celebrates 60 Years!!!



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 the web at www.woodbridgechamber.com.



2024 marks the special year in which the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce has served Township businesses for 60 years!!! Visit the Chamber at their brand new office located at 178 Main Street!



Downtown Woodbridge Business Community & Happenings

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



GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

Sharing the Sun with Constituents Through Community Solar

Last November we teamed up with Solar Landscape to announce “Community Solar” - a clean energy program that offers New Jersey’s mayors and municipalities a cost-free way to provide energy savings to their constituents.

Congressman Frank Pallone joined the “plugging-in” ceremony on site at the warehouse in Avenel. The 1.1-megawatt (DC) rooftop community solar project is now generating solar energy at a discount for 180 nearby residents. The Avenel installation, consisting of more than 2,300 panels, creates equitable access to clean, lower cost energy for low- and moderate-income households.



Greenable Woodbridge & Solar Landscape’s Solar Job Training



Solar energy will play a critical role in New Jersey and the solar energy industry needs well-trained workforce to meet the growing employment need. That’s where the Solar Landscape and Greenable Woodbridge partnership come in!



Solar Landscape provided a two day training program at the Acacia Center, which taught attendees and introduction to basic commercial solar racking system and a hands on commercial installation training.

Community Solar Enables Access to Solar Power

What is Community Solar? Community solar projects enable greater access to solar energy without installing panels or owning your home. Electric utility customers who have previously been unable to go solar, due to a variety of factors including cost, unsuitable roof, or lack of roof control, can now access this renewable energy. Expanding access to solar enhances clean energy equity, reduces energy costs, and helps promote green job growth. By enrolling, you save costs and lower your carbon footprint! **Learn more at:**

www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/595/Greenable-Woodbridge

For additional information:

E-mail: CommunitySolar@NJCleanEnergy.com

Call: 866-NJSMART (866-657- 6278)

Woodbridge Township & Solar Panel Installations

Woodbridge Township has an efficient and streamlined process for scheduling solar panel installations, which make installations easy for installers and homeowners! Building Permits Are Available Online! Visit the Township’s Construction Forms webpage at:

<https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/395/Construction-Forms>



GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

Charge up @ any of Greenable Woodbridge's EV Stations!

Electric Vehicles Reduce pollution and cut greenhouse gases. EV Chargers can be found in numerous locations throughout Woodbridge Township. Check the list below to charge up!

Woodbridge

ChargePoint Station (364 Eleanor Place)
New Street Parking lot (87 New Street)
Vermella Apts. (6000 Vermella Way)

Keasbey

Bayshore (75 Crows Mill Road)

Iselin

MetroPark (33 Wood Avenue South)

Hopelawn

Wawa (440 King Georges Road)

Avenel

Wawa (930 US-1)



EV Charge-Up Station in Downtown Woodbridge

Need to Charge Your EV!!! Look for our three new charging stations in Downtown Woodbridge! All you have to do is download the ChargePoint APP on a smart device and you're ready to charge up! Two Dual Port Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations



are located in the New Street parking lot and the third station is located on the Eleanor Place parking area adjacent to the New Jersey Transit Parking lot.



Welcome to Woodbridge Bike Share

Spring has arrived!!! And, one sure way to enjoy the good weather is on a Woodbridge Bike Share **FREE** bike. The DPW Parks Team will open the bike share stations around Earth Day this April. Download the FREE On Bike Share APP to register and off you go!!!



Last Summer, six new locations and 42 bikes were installed expanding the total locations of bikes to nine throughout the town. These locations can be found at Tanzman Park, Downtown Woodbridge - Herbert Rankin Park, Sewaren - E. William Street Park, Fords - Evergreen Senior Center, Colonia - Kennedy Park, Iselin - Fords Library, Fords - W. Kelly Street, Menlo Park Terrace - Eric LeGrand Park, Avenel - E. Tappan Street Park, Port Reading.

The Woodbridge Bike Share program is **FREE**... Return the bike to the station rack damage-free within 12 hours. The bikes at E. William Street must be returned to the rack at that park, but the bikes at any of the other locations are interchangeable and can be returned at any station. Use the bikes for recreation, commute to work or take them to go shopping downtown!



Interested in Joining the Woodbridge Green Team?

Passionate about sustainable initiatives and helping your community? Contact:

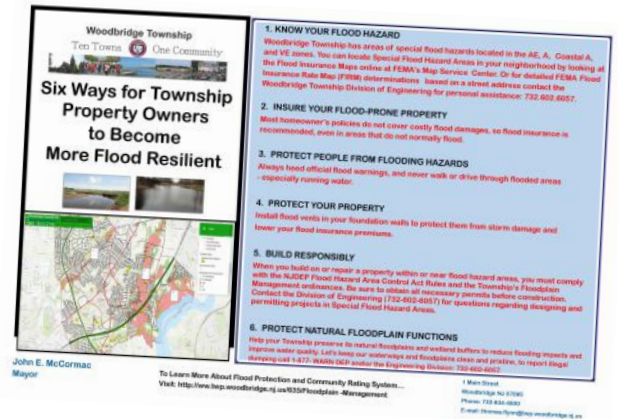
GREENABLE@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Get involved & help continue to make Woodbridge the most sustainable town in New Jersey!

News from the Flood Plain Restoration Area

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 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.



Donate Your Reusable Bags



Have a plethora of reusable bags you are looking to get rid of? Look no further because the St. James Food Pantry (**393 Pearl Street, Woodbridge**) and the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel Food Pantry (**621 E. Woodbridge Avenue, Avenel**) are seeking donations of new or gently used bags. The food pantries distribute nutritious food supplied by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey and We Feed Woodbridge to those in need in these reusable bags. By donating new or gently used reusable shopping bags, you are not only helping the environment but keeping operational costs down for our food pantries. Learn more by visiting www.cfbnj.org/.



Greenable Links:

Visit Greenable Woodbridge at:
www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/595/Greenable-Woodbridge
Join the Green Team... Share your Green ideas...
E-mail: wbgreen@twp.woodbridge.nj.us





Sustainable Schools

Avenel Energy Avengers

The Behavior-Based Energy Conservation Program at Avenel Middle School, led by the Student Council and supported by Science classes, has successfully promoted energy-saving habits within the school community. Key to its success is the establishment of the Avenel Energy Avengers, student ambassadors who advocate for energy efficiency. Through strategies like informative posters and friendly reminders, the program has effectively reduced energy waste. The Energy Avengers also monitor usage and provide feedback, resulting in tangible progress over time. Positive reinforcement and a sense of responsibility have fostered a culture of sustainability, leaving a lasting impact beyond the school environment.



HAVE YOU SWITCHED OFF...

- THE LIGHTS?**
- THE COMPUTER?**
- THE SMART BOARD/TV?**
- ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS?**

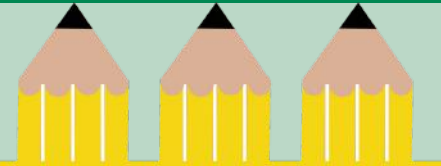
PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO CONSERVE ENERGY

Mawbey Street Dolphins Don't Accept Litter

The Mawbey Street School Green Team recently organized its first-ever Book Swap to promote materials reuse. The event was a huge success, with students and teachers donating their gently used books, which were then exchanged for new titles for exploration. Instead of gathering dust on a shelf or ending up in the trash, these books found their way into the hands of other students who could enjoy reading them. Regardless of whether they donated or not, every student got to choose at least one book. Mawbey Street School plans to make the Book Swap a bi-annual event to encourage the reuse of materials, sharing resources, and fostering a love of reading among students.



In April, Mawbey's 4th and 5th graders participated in the "Keep Woodbridge Litter Free" program. This is a statewide program that focuses on cleaning up litter and changing the attitudes of those who litter through education. This event took place after school hours and focused on our school grounds and nearby Lyman Park.



Robert Mascenik School #26 Green Team Action Plan



Used Material Collection
Robert Mascenik School 26 is practicing the three R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - teaming up with Staples to collect mechanical pencils, pens, markers, highlighters, etc. until the end of the school year.

ROBERT MASCENIK'S GREEN TEAM ACTION PLAN

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Our Green Team is collecting used mechanical pencils, pens, markers, and highlighters for our school's Green Team Project. For the remainder of the school year, we will have designated receptacles at school to collect all used materials. Once these items are no longer of use for you at home, please bring them in and we will take care of your recycling!

Green Stormwater Management

A rain garden is set to be constructed before the end of the school year and will include diversity rocks that the students will paint to represent their cultures!



School 26 rendering

GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

Restaurants to the Rescue

Greenable Woodbridge launched Restaurants to the Rescue – a volunteer outreach geared to the food industry to reduce wasted food through rescue efforts that will ensure that unused fresh and healthy food reaches those in need. Through the coordinated efforts of the Department of Health & Human Services, We Feed Woodbridge and the Food Task Force, the Township established a program to intercept safe and edible food from restaurants before being discarded – foods that will go directly to the Township food pantries. This amazing partnership ensures that donations reach those who might be enduring food insecurity and avoid waste sent to the landfill. The WB News reports that more than 250 Woodbridge Township food service businesses have received correspondence from the Health Department inviting their participation. If you are interested in learning more about Restaurants to the Rescue, contact Peter Barcellona, We Feed Woodbridge at: 732-855-0600, ext. 5034 or peter.barcellona@twp.woodbridge.nj.us.



Sustainable Restaurant Checklist

The sustainable restaurant checklist provides guidance on how restaurants can reduce their carbon footprint while making a positive impact on the community. The list shares activities, programs, and resources within food, recycling, energy and water, and community development impact areas for restaurants to follow. Upon completion of the checklist, participants will receive recognition as a Woodbridge Green Restaurant. The responses will also help us to understand how we can improve our Township programs, and continue to grow our innovative sustainability initiatives.



We look forward to hearing about how your actions are making Woodbridge even more sustainable!

Terracycle Cigarette Recycling

Terracycle is an innovative company that specializes in recycling hard-to-recycle materials often through free programs. Greenable Woodbridge is promoting Terracycle's free Cigarette Recycling Program to help combat the waste issue in our community. Cigarette filters, or butts, are made up of 95% plastic and contains remanence of heavy metals, nicotine and microplastics. When these butts are thrown on the ground, they leak these contaminants into the environment, causing pollution and damaging our ecosystems. Every component of the cigarette can be recycled and sent to Terracycle using a free shipping label. Businesses that allow smoking or frequent smokers are encouraged to participate in the program as it promotes positive brand reputation.

Terracycle's Free Cigarette Waste Recycling Program

DID YOU KNOW?
Six billion cigarettes are produced annually and go on for 100 million cigarettes of waste. Each year, 100 billion plastic and cigarette filters are thrown away. These cigarette filters are made from plastic and contain remnants of heavy metals, nicotine and carcinogens. When these butts are thrown on the ground, they leak these contaminants into the environment, causing pollution and damaging our ecosystems.

WHY JOIN THE PROGRAM?

- On average 85% of buyers from socially and environmentally responsible businesses.
- Businesses experience 7% more customer loyalty than non-sustainable businesses.
- The Terracycle Recycling Program is an easy and free step to being a more sustainable business while helping to combat the increasing issue of microplastics.
- If you are participating in our Terracycle Recycling Program, the large volume step closer to being carbon.

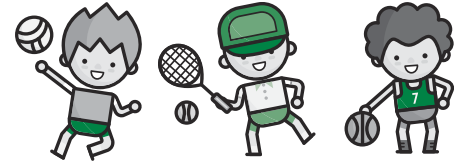


Joining the Terracycle Free Cigarette Waste Recycling Program is simple:

1. Collect your fully extinguished cigarettes in a sturdy bag
2. Create a Terracycle account and download the free shipping label
3. Ship your cigarette waste to Terracycle and they will recycle it!

RECREATION NEWS

Take Advantage of the Best Recreational Facilities Around!



Splash Into Summer Fun: Woodbridge Pools & Spray Parks

Soak up the summer sun from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend at the beautiful Township Pools! **Highland Grove Pool & Spray Park** located at 70 Highland Terrace in Fords offers a 25-yard pool, kiddie pool, changing rooms, playground picnic area, and spray park!



Located at 150 McKinley Avenue in Colonia, **Springwood Swim Club** offers members a salt water pool with slide and diving board, kiddie pool, spray park, mini golf, and pavilion!



Register today at:
<https://njwcc.frontline-connect.com>
or call 732-596-4170

Cypress Park Phase II: Coming this Spring!!!

The final phase of Cypress Park Recreation Complex, Cypress Phase II, is set to open this spring. Phase II includes two state-of-the-art roller rinks set to host youth recreational roller hockey, a soccer field, a rubberized playground, and a walking/running track outfitted with adult exercise equipment that affords park-goers and residents the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of outdoor recreation. The pathway connects to Cypress Phase I joining the entire project together for the beautiful Cypress Recreation Complex.



Fords Park Pickleball Complex & Skate Park

The brand new pickleball courts at Fords Park are officially open and ready for you to serve up some fun! Grab your paddles and visit one of the 12 state-of-the-art courts for leisurely exercise. Courts 1-10 are reserved for members of the WCC while courts 11 and 12 are designated for Open Play and can be used by anyone! Book your court time on Community Pass or visit www.NJWCC.com.

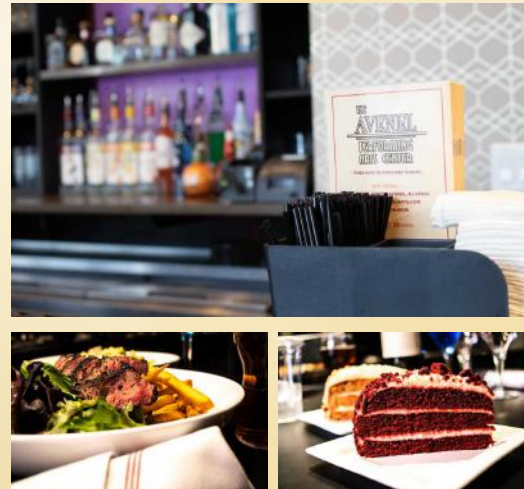
Pickleball has a number of health benefits for people of all ages as it is a low-impact aerobic sport that improves hand-eye coordination, flexibility and balance.

Don't get in a pickle, just go play!



Woodbridge Township's Destination for the Performing Arts

The Avenel Performing Arts Center (APAC) and Curtains Bar and Restaurant are located in the heart of downtown Avenel at 150 Avenel Street. APAC energizes the arts in our community by offering exceptional professional theatre, music, comedy, dance and more. Stop in for a bite to eat before a show at Curtains Bar and Restaurant. Curtains serves an expansive menu featuring bar apps, salads, burgers, pasta and seafood alongside a full-service bar with a seasonal cocktail menu and weekly specials. On select nights, the restaurant offers live entertainment in the dining area with a wide variety of talented singers and musicians who will enhance your dining experience. As a partner of the theatre, we frequently offer specialty cocktails and prix fixe menus that fit the theme of the show that is currently happening on the stage. Keep an eye out!



Eric D'Alessandro
May 31, 2024 - June 1, 2024



Tyler Fischer
June 22, 2024



Big Irish Jay
July 13, 2024



Hooray for HollyWeird!
July 18, 2024 - July 20, 2024



Confessions of a Showgirl
Aug. 1, 2024 - Aug. 3, 2024



The Soapranos
Aug. 16, 2024 - Aug. 18, 2024



Americana Women
Sept. 6, 2024 - Sept. 7, 2024



Duelling Impersonators
Sept. 27, 2024 - Sept. 29, 2024

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

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



Woodbridge Community Center

Celebrate Spring with a WCC Health & Wellness Membership
Total Health, Fitness & Wellness Begin at the WCC!!!



FAMILY FITNESS & FUN

Serving the Tri State Area for Over 20 years

VARIOUS MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Strength/Cardio Room
- Indoor Pool
- Group Fitness Classes
- Indoor Walking/Running Track
- Discounts on Open Roller Skating/ Ice Skating & Miniature Golf
- Discounts on Swim Lessons, Roller Skating/Ice Skating Lessons & Hockey Programs
- Personal Training Available for an Additional Fee
- Plus So Much More

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

600 Main Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095 | www.njwcc.com | 732.596.4170



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 the popular LesMills Group Effect 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.
Find us on Facebook
Stop by the WCC at **600 Main Street, Woodbridge.**



Spring into Fitness at

the Club at WOODBRIDGE 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! And our in-house preschool Kidsports Academy is accepting preschool applications for the upcoming school year. 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 or call **732-634-5000**. Stop by The Club at **585 Main Street**.

the Club at WOODBRIDGE Sports & Fitness Center

More Than Just a GYM!

- Month to Month memberships
- Les Mills Classes
- Badminton, Racquetball, Basketball
- Precor Equipment
- Sauna, Steam & Whirlpool
- Salt Water Pool
- Personal Training
- Children's Classes
- Preschool
- Golf Den with Trackman Technology
- Hockey Den
- And much, much more!

the Club at WOODBRIDGE Sports & Fitness Center
585 Main Street 732-634-5000

Call to Schedule a Tour!

- Experienced and Caring Staff
- Comprehensive Curriculum
- Indoor/Outdoor Play Area
- Clean and Controlled Environment
- Enriching Minds While Staying Safe

WDS SPORTS CLUBS

- Sports
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Arts and Crafts
- Drama
- Golf
- Science
- Parent/Child Classes
- Swim

WDS SPORTS CLUBS

Summer Day Camp

10 Weeks to Choose From!

- Swim
- Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Special Events
- Small Groups
- Trips

Ages 3yrs. - 12 yrs. **PreK thru 5th Grade**

Group Exercise Class At The Club at Woodbridge

Senior Classes

Dance Fitness Classes

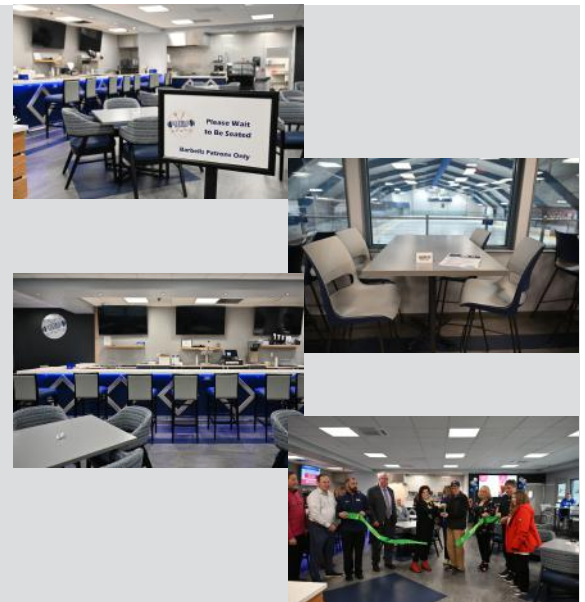
Spinning Classes

Sweat & Interval Training

Mind & Body Classes

Fuel Your Fitness at Barbells

The Woodbridge Arts Alliance (WAA) announced the Grand opening of **BARBELLS BAR & RESTAURANT** – a cafe that offers a cozy and inviting atmosphere for both members and non-members to enjoy a delicious meal or tasty beverage. We designed the space to include a section for patrons to sit inside and watch the action on the new hockey rink and we are excited to offer a menu of casual and healthy foods with a full bar operation. Now serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from the Slapshot Salad to the Shake It Up Berry Blast Smoothie, fuel your fitness at Barbells!!! That's not all... go to socialize at the full wet bar and enjoy a libation or cocktail named after famous hockey players like the Golden Gretzky or the Trottier's Tea!!!



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	1-4 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

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



Woodbridge Animal Group

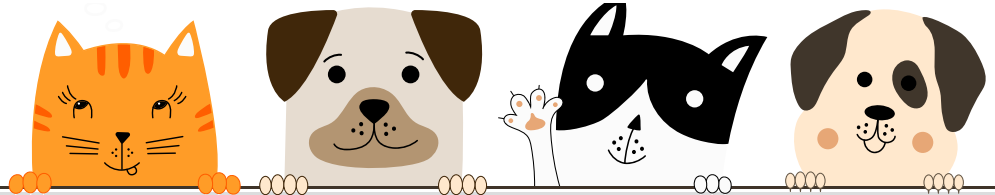
A shelter animal makes the best pet and is so easy to adopt.

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.

Sponsor Spotlight

Thank you once again to Rita's in Woodbridge for being a generous supporter of the Animal Shelter! Every opening day, Rita's of Woodbridge asks customers to bring donations in exchange for a 10% off VIP card valid all season long! This year, over \$1,100 in cash and gift cards were collected along with many toys, cleaning supplies, food and more! The shelter pets are so lucky and are looking forward to visiting for some pup cups!



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.



Adoptable **Dahlia, Georgia, Simon & Pickles**

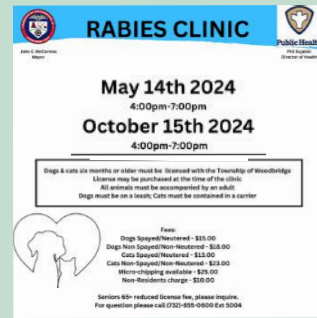


Fur-Ever Home!



FREE Rabies Clinic May 14

The shelter will offer a free rabies clinic for all Township dogs and cats on May, 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. All dogs and cats over six months of age must be licensed. Licensing can be purchased at time of clinic. Licensing and vaccinating your pet protects your family and helps in the return of your pet should it get lost. Visit www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us for more information on the upcoming rabies clinic and pet licensing.



Give a Dog a Bone

ATTENTION TOWNSHIP DOGS!!!

If you are found walking your human responsibly on a leash, you get to nose through our basket of rewards and pick your own treat!

Give a Dog a Bone

Sponsored by:
THE WOODBRIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER



ATTENTION ALL TOWNSHIP DOGS!
If you're found walking your human responsibly on a leash, you get to nose through our basket of rewards and pick your own treat!
TO GET OUR ATTENTION: "BARK" WHEN YOU SEE ANIMAL CONTROL VAN AC-4!



"Bark" to get our attention when you see Animal Control Van AC-4!!!

HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

NJ Health Care Quality Institute Mayor's Wellness Campaign

The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute announced that Woodbridge Township has again achieved the Mayors Wellness Campaign 2023 Gold Level Healthy Town Award. Under the leadership of Councilman Greg Ficarra, Chairman of the Mayor's Wellness Committee, Woodbridge has participated in Mayors Wellness initiatives designed to improve the health, wellness and nutrition of the community through programs and events such as 10k, 5K and fun run races, bike tours, bike share programs, Have-a-Heart Food Drive, so much more. This is the fourth year in a row and the fifth time since the Mayor's Wellness Campaign's inception that the Township has proudly received this delegation.



Health Department Awarded Infrastructure Grant Funding

The Woodbridge Health Department was awarded a \$1,300,000 grant from the Federal Infrastructure Bill to repair and improve the Health Center building. These improvements include new windows for better airation along with an upgraded security system. The upgrade and modernization have made the Health Center viable for decades to come and more comfortable for all visitors!

Mobile Health Unit is Here for You!

Preventative health screenings, medical tests and vaccinations can now be easily brought, free-of-charge, to people in their neighborhoods thanks to Mayor John E. McCormac and the Woodbridge Township Department of Health & Human Services new Mobile Health Services Unit. The Department of Health rolled out the state-of-the-art Mobile Health Services Unit staffed by Health Department medical professionals and nurses and equipped with the latest healthcare technologies. It will enable convenient delivery of vital services to residents in their neighborhoods and local communities.



The \$300,000 Mobile Health Services Unit comes without cost to Woodbridge taxpayers, donated by philanthropic benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Mobile Health Services Unit will make routine visits to senior citizen centers, public housing complexes and community events and programs to ensure that vulnerable populations who are under-served and face healthcare barriers in traditional settings receive first-rate services. Among those services will be adult and child health exams and screenings; blood tests; vaccinations for pneumonia, influenza, shingles and Covid-19; testing for cholesterol, glucose, bone density, skin cancer, vision and hearing loss and fall risk-assessments.

The Mobile Health Services Unit "hit-the-road" last summer with more than 2,230 visits from residents. This past March, the Mobile Health Services unit assisted over 300 people, their second highest month since September which saw 360 patients.

The Mobile Health team plans to be just as visible this summer with visits planned to the Mayor's Summer concerts, the Farmers' Market at Parker Press Park and other community events, festivals and street fairs.

The climate-controlled, 27-foot Ford E450 Mobile Health Services Unit is equipped with two examination areas able to provide general medicine and nursing services and it is equipped with handicap access and an outdoor awning for complete service.



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 a parent. Clinic fee: \$10.00. Call for an appointment: 732-855-0600 x5012.



ADULT HEALTH SERVICES:

Hypertension Screening & Blood Pressure Test

4th Tuesday of the month:
2:00 - 3:00 PM at Woodbridge Health Center

2nd Monday of the month:
10:00 - 11:00 AM at Evergreen Senior Center

3rd Tuesday of the month:
9:00 – 10:00 AM. Alternate between Fords Library and Town Hall.

ADULT VACCINE:

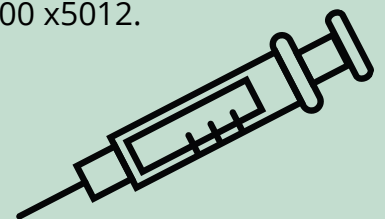
Shingles, Hep B, and others. (Must be over 18 years of age).
Clinic fee \$60 per vaccine
\$25 for Medicaid and Medicare
Call for appointment.
732-855-0600 x5012.

CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE:

Physical Examination, Health Counseling and Immunizations for Children. Clinic fee: \$10.00. By appointment only.

CHILD IMMUNIZATION:

School age children with no insurance. Clinic fee: \$10.00. Call for appointment 732-855-0600 x5012.



Mental Health Day

May 4, 2024 Town Hall
11am-1pm

Woodbridge Township Fights The Stigma

The Mayor's Office, in response to growing societal concerns surrounding mental health issues, implemented a multi-agency approach to address mental health issues confronting the Township population through programs and initiatives offered by the Department of Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health Division, Department of Senior Services - Division on Aging, the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) and through partnerships with the Middlesex County Office of Human Services, Division of Addiction & Mental Health Planning, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Mental Health Services and Rutgers University Mental Health Specialized Case Management and Outreach Services.

While Mental Health does not discriminate and affects people of all ages, genders, races, and ethnicities, Woodbridge Township is facing the challenge to respond and provide programs designed to assist residents in need of mental health services.



Health Round-Up



Health Department's Mobile Health Unit attended Big Wheels Day!



Health Department at Walk with a Doc: Diabetes Awareness

Health Department Targets Opioid Addiction & Peer Recovery

The Department of Health & Human Services has embarked on a mission to attack the Opioid Addiction crisis through an aggressive one-on-one assistance program geared to save the lives of residents caught-up in Opioid addiction. The Addiction Services Division and Peer Recovery Coach Program stand as the addiction services model for the State of New Jersey. The Woodbridge program collaborates with JFK Hospital in Edison, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway and Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, along with private sector group recovery specialists, to assist Township residents suffering from Opioid addiction. Additionally, the program provides addiction response, intervention and social service programs to Middlesex County and seven other municipalities - Edison, Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Sayreville, Old Bridge, Carteret and New Brunswick.



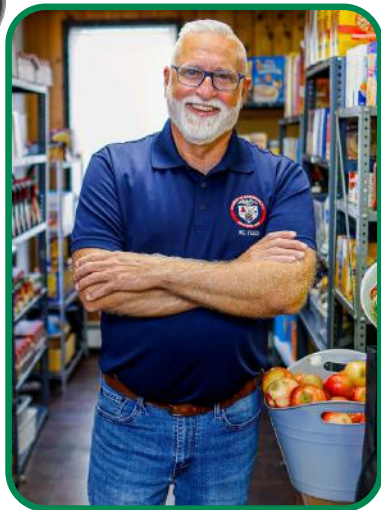
If you would like help for yourself or a friend or family member who may have a substance use disorder, please call Addiction Services at 732-596-4199.

HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Health Care Spotlight

Fighting Food Insecurity & Ensuring No Resident Goes Hungry

Peter Barcellona, We Feed Woodbridge Coordinator



You might recognize him as a Health Inspector visiting local restaurants and other establishments ensuring they are clean and safe to patronize, but **Peter Barcellona** is much more than that. Since 1992, Peter has served as the coordinator for **We Feed Woodbridge**, a network of 11 food pantries that help over 1500 families a month. Peter is the champion for many food drives throughout the year to keep the pantries stocked, including the most notable **Have-a-Heart** food drive centered around Valentines Day. This year with Peter's leadership, the **Have-a-Heart** food drive collected \$76,607 and 23,600lbs. of food!

THANK YOU TO OUR HAVE-A-HEART SPONSORS!!!!



Sansone Foundation Inc., Lorraine & Giovanni Belfiore- LoConto, Arlene Donaldson, Paula & Patricia Brush, Louis Walsheck, Mark Willenbrock, Frank Buczynski, Craigs Plumbing and Heating, Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce, Woodbridge Wegmans, Gimson & Lily Yee, Lenora Giunta, Michael & Virginia Shane, Owen S. Dunigan & Co, Rose Lund, Peter Malloy, Elizabeth Deak, Craig & Tish Coughlin, Angela Sinnis, Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Evangel Church, Richard & Patricia Duda, Geraldine & Richard Lorenzen, Linda Maklary, Thomas Grogan & Marina Kaenel, Woodbridge AARP No. 3869, St. James School, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Frank Buczynski, Diane & Robert Candelora, Dillon Music, Woodbridge/Perth Amboy Rotary Club, Mark Willenbrock, Lucille Haley, Anne Wallwork, Northfield Bank, T. Nulty Post 471 American Legion, Karn Hoyberg, Lafayette Estate School #25, Port Reading School #9, Matthew Jago School #28, Kindle Energy/Sewaren Generation Plant, St. John Vianney Church, Robert Mascenik School #26, Lynn Crest School #22, Ross Street School #11, Avenel Street School 4 & 5, Woodbine Ave School #23, Avenel Middle School, Menlo Park Terrace School #19, Indiana Avenue School #18, Claremont Ave School #20, KAD Associates, Structure Tone, Kennedy Park School #24, Colonia Middle School, Pennsylvania Avenue School #27, Oak Ridge Heights School #21, Lightbridge Academy, The Club at Woodbridge/Kidsports, Linda Cooper, Mary Susan & Iacovos Iacovou, Hillview Associates, Inc, George Dapper, Inc., NAPA Auto Parts of Colonia, Woodbridge Garden Club, Middlesex Water Co, Vantage Apparel, WTEA, Patricia Giordano, Central Jersey Federal Credit Union, Mayor's Advisory Committee, Woodbridge Municipal Council, JFK High School, Women's Club of Fords, Marine Corp League Detachment #189, Fords Middle School, Independent Club of Colonia, Woodbridge Township Education Assoc, K Offices LLC, Recreation Zumbathon, Jemms Foundation, Shell Oil Co., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Young Marines of North Jersey, Citizens Bank, Woodbridge Sr. Billiards Club, PACE Parents Organization.

ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

All Aboard the NJ Art Express!

On **May 4, 2024** art lovers from all over New Jersey can get FREE New Jersey Transit Passes to ride back and forth to Woodbridge, Avenel and Rahway for a Central Jersey Arts Festival! Each of the vibrant destinations are hosting an entire day filled with art and music. Visit woodbridgenjmusic.com for the full Woodbridge and Avenel Lineup and visit www.rahwayishappening.com/NJAMX for Rahway's portion of the event!

NJ Art & Music Express

art & music FESTIVAL

AVENEL • RAHWAY • WOODBRIDGE

Hop on NJ TRANSIT in Avenel, Rahway and Woodbridge, NJ for free rides between these station stops! Each of the vibrant destinations is hosting an entire day filled with arts and music! For more information on the events, please use the QR codes below!

MAY 4

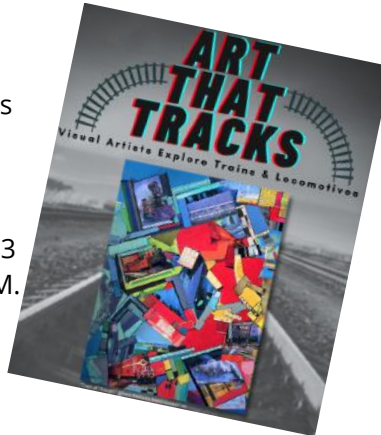
AVENEL EVENTS www.woodbridgepasses.com

RAHWAY EVENTS www.rahwayishappening.com/NJAMX

WOODBRIDGE EVENTS www.woodbridgepasses.com

Spring Art Exhibit: Art That Tracks

The Barron Arts Center (BAC) sent out a call to artists to create their best visual representation exploring trains and locomotives to celebrate the spirit of the Central Jersey Arts Festival. Over 70 artists from Woodbridge will be on display at the BAC from May 3 through the closing reception on May 31 from 7-9PM. Gallery Hours are Monday through Friday from 11AM-4PM and weekends from 2-4PM. Closed on holidays.



Gallery on Main

The Gallery on Main and the Woodbridge Artisan Guild (WAG) are a non-profit arts group that supports local artists and provides art education and opportunity to artists young and old. The Gallery on Main (101 Main Street) is an open house for artists housing expanded art programming, gallery and exhibition space and studio/art class space. And, 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.



The Barron Report



Greetings from the Barron Arts Center. Why travel to New York City, Philadelphia, Newark, or Red Bank to experience art, culture, music and first-rate entertainment – its right here in Woodbridge at The Barron Arts Center.

In addition to the Barron Art Center's Spring Art That Tracks Exhibit The 44rd Annual Woodbridge Township Senior Art Show returned to the BAC April 18-25 displaying the multiple media artistry of Woodbridge Township Senior artists. 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. Sign-up for Saturday Morning Cartooning – an introductory course that focuses on the basics of drawing your own cartoon character!

Save the date for the Summer Exhibit: People and Paintings featuring a NY based virtual gallery with various artistic styles. On display at the BAC from June 8 - July 20.

Become a Friend & Fan of the Barron Arts Center on Facebook and Follow on Twitter [@BarronArtsCtr](https://twitter.com/BarronArtsCtr) and now on Instagram [@barronartscenter](https://www.instagram.com/barronartscenter).

Visit www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us for complete listings and registration details on all of The Barron's exhibits, concerts, classes, events and programs.

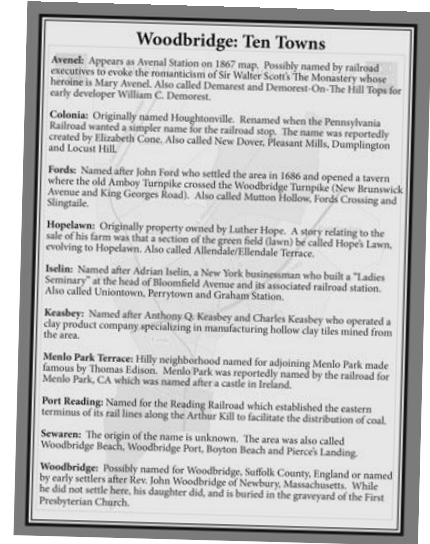


ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

Woodbridge: Explore Our Rich Heritage

Woodbridge Township - chartered on June 1, 1669 - is the oldest Township in the State of New Jersey. For more than 350 years, Woodbridge Township has had many historic New Jersey firsts - from the first drinking of British tea in the Colonies to the site of the first permanent printing press operated by James Parker in 1751 to the many historical landmarks scattered throughout the Township.

During the Nineteenth century, clay mining and brick manufacturing became the major industry of the Township - the Township Seal, adopted on November 11, 1885 by the Town Committee, depicts the prominence of the clay and brick industry. Standing at the Crossroads of New Jersey, Woodbridge prospered over the years achieving the designation as an All American City home to international corporations, commercial manufacturing and development and a thriving Buy Local economy.



Today, ten separate and distinctive communities make up the fabric and fiber of our Township - Avenel, Colonia, Fords, Hopelawn, Iselin, Keasbey, Menlo Park Terrace, Port Reading, Sewaren, and Woodbridge Proper - where we're proud of our Quality-of-Life which is why we are The Best Town Around.

The History Museum Now Reminiscing on the Past

The highly anticipated History Museum, a historic former residential building, at 86 Green Street is getting ready to display the history of Woodbridge Township. Originally called Woodbridge Avenue, Green Street was a popular thoroughfare from the early 1800s and served as the address of many prosperous Woodbridge citizens. The scenery on Green Street has not changed much in over a century, with today's elegant Victorian-era homes occupied by a mix of families and business offices, a perfect



location for the new Woodbridge Township History Museum. The Museum is home of the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township led by Dr. Dolores Capraro Gioffre, Chairwoman of both the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission and the Historical Preservation Commission. We are proud to announce Dr. Gioffre was awarded a Key to the City at the Grand Opening Ceremony for her diligent work on historical and arts related causes for over dozens of years.

History Today & Tomorrow

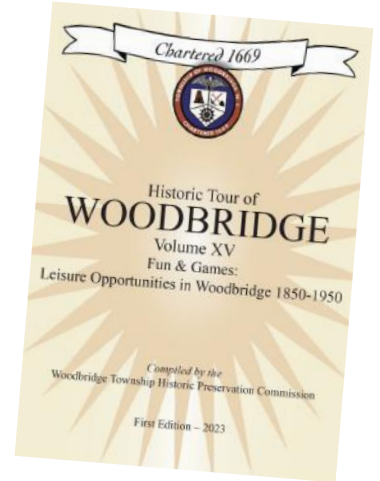
Want to learn more about Woodbridge History?
Become a member of the Woodbridge Historic Preservation:
www.woodbridgehistory.com/



Next Stop on the History Tour

Fun & Games: Leisure Opportunities in Woodbridge 1850-1950

The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township unveiled their most recent Historic Tour of Woodbridge... "Fun & Games: Leisure Opportunities in Woodbridge 1850-1950" during a launch ceremony at the Barron Arts Center. Volume XV explores the ways residents maintained a healthy active lifestyle in the rural community Woodbridge once was. Among these activities was Boynton Beach, athletic clubs and recreational clubs. Visit www.wthpc.org to download Volume XV.



Walk the WB History Trail

The Woodbridge History Trail welcomes and informs history buffs and visitors. The 46 historic trail markers traverses 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.



Woodbridge History

Main Street & Pearl Street



Woodbridge Center/Wegmans Area



Keasbey Waterfront



Near Woodbridge High School



Capt. Kurt Carlsen Welcome Home Parade

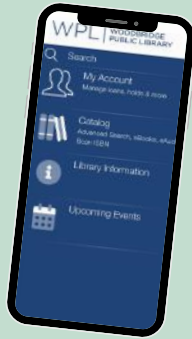


Submit your Woodbridge Township historical pictures to hawt1669@gmail.com

ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

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

The Woodbridge Public Library has launched a next generation mobile library app... WPL on the Go... that makes 24/7 access to the library easier than ever - sign up for a library card, search, discover, read, listen and view- 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.



Woodbridge Public Library:

Get Your Library Card & Explore the Universe

The 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. Now you can explore more than 350 years of Woodbridge in the special collection of local history materials, photographs and genealogical information or through the online newspaper archive collection. Visit the Main, Iselin, Fords and Colonia Libraries to apply for a card in person or apply online for a library card instantly.



Did You Know? The Library provides access to thousands of movies, vintage television shows, music albums, audio and e-books - all available for mobile and online access through Hoopla (hoopladigital.com) and eLibraryNJ.com (Libby app). 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. Online borrowing is offered at no cost to patrons and requires only a Woodbridge Public Library card and PIN.



WPL Announces Summer Reading Club

Calling all Readers!!! The theme for the WPL Summer Reading Program for all ages is All Together Now -- which will feature virtual and in-person programs. Summer Reading program participants are invited to sign-up for a summer of reading, activities and fun! The reading clubs are open to WPL members and Woodbridge readers of all ages. Registration is available via the WPL website or call the WPL at 732-634-4450.

Carol's Next Chapter

For the last 19 years, Carol Eberhardt served as a Trustee on the Woodbridge Public Library Board. When she was first sworn in on June 16, 2005, she served as the Superintendent's Representative to the board acting as a liaison between the School District and Library ensuring students had equal access to all the Libraries have to offer. She frequently represented the Library Board at many celebrations, events and committee meetings where she always provided invaluable insight. Carol often guided the library with recommendations for National Library Week, staff appreciation efforts and special displays such as Dyslexia Awareness Month in October. Now, Carol will step down from her role as the Board's Treasurer to start her next chapter! We want to thank Carol again for her 19 years of dedicated service to our Township and wish her the very best in all future endeavors!



ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

Be the first to know about great reads, services and library programs

Sign-up for the WPL weekly eNews at www.woodbridgelibrary.org.

WPL on Facebook:

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



Device Guides: Find the compatibility of devices with digital services of the WPL.

eBooks & Audiobooks: Discover information about ebooks and audiobooks that are available to check out online.

Information & Articles: Access digital information and articles.

Online Learning: Want help learning or doing something? Access a variety of on-line learning resources.

Streaming Music & Video: Want to watch something or listen to something? Check out sources for audio and video streaming.

Henry Inman Branch Library NOW OPEN!!!

Hurricane Ida slammed into New Jersey on September 1, 2021, leaving a trail of destruction and flood damage in the hard-hit Colonia section of the Township. In particular, the Henry Inman Branch Library, located at 607 Inman Avenue, suffered severe flood damage from the rising waters of the Pumpkin Patch Brook.

In the aftermath of the storm, the Township surveyed the building and reported that the library incurred significant damage to all of the building floors, including water damage to four-feet of wallboard around the entire building, most of the furnishings and shelves. More than 3,000 books were heavily damaged and lost. As a result of the damage, the Inman Branch was closed to the public.



The WPL is happy to report that the Henry Inman Library is NOW OPEN!!! The Henry Inman Branch has been fully renovated to include a new roof and support structures, interior wall reconstruction, window replacements, a new entrance door, flooring and finishes, a new ceiling with new LED lighting, a new electrical system and repairs to the HVAC system. The 60 year old building will now be fully accessible according to the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as flood resilient. For specific hours visit: <https://woodbridgelibrary.org/1184/Henry-Inman-Branch-Library>



Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township

The Friends of Library have partnered with New Legacy Books – a New Jersey-based company that gives used and unwanted books a new legacy through reuse and redistribution. Through the partnership, the Friends earn dollars for reinvestment in WPL and save valuable books from destruction.



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



Take the Woodbridge Public Library Survey! Scan QR Code

www.woodbridgelibrary.org

WPL | WOODBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Main | Fords | Henry Inman | Iselin

WPL WANTS TO BE A BETTER LIBRARY FOR YOU

- HELP US OUT.
- SCAN THE QR CODE.
- TAKE OUR SURVEY.
- WE APPRECIATE IT!

<https://bit.ly/HelpWPL2024>

YOUTH NEWS

Connecting Youth & Senior Residents



Together the Youth Centers and Senior Centers have teamed up to engage in intergenerational programs. The Woodbridge Township Generations Connected helps break barriers against ageism replacing it with respect, reciprocity, responsibility and resiliency. This joint venture aims to promote solidarity across generations as it helps us to understand how people of different ages relate and depend on one another. Intergenerational interventions help to change negative narratives around age and ageing. One of the most recent Generations Connected programs was an Intergenerational Ping Pong tournament. In the end, the Seniors came out on top but all participants had great fun and many laughs!



FREE SUMMER CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

MAYOR'S FREE SUMMER CHILDREN'S SERIES

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p>Saturday, June 22 Alice in Wonderland - Yates Family Theater 10am-11am Acacia Youth Center</p> <p>Saturday, June 29th Michael Roseman Variety Performance 10am-11am Woodbridge High School</p>	<p>Saturday, July 6th Jack and the Beanstalk - Yates Family Theater 10am-11am Acacia Youth Center</p> <p>Wednesday, July 19th Puppy Pals Comedic Stunt Dog Show 6pm-7pm Woodbridge High School</p> <p>Saturday, July 20th Peter Rabbit - Yates Family Theater 10am-11am Acacia Youth Center</p> <p>Saturday, July 27th Music performed by Bobby Beolcut 10am-11am Parker Press Park</p>	<p>Saturday, August 3rd Cinderella - Yates Family Theater 10am-11am Acacia Youth Center</p> <p>Saturday, August 10th Music performed by Outside Rock 10am-11am Parker Press Park</p> <p>Saturday, August 17th Doc Rocko Shrock's Madcap Science Show 10am-11am Acacia Youth Center</p> <p>Saturday, August 24th Stone Soup and Other Stories - Ruffcut Players 10am-11am Acacia Youth Center</p>

Locations
 * Parker Press Park
 400 Railway Ave
 Woodbridge, NJ

Acacia Youth Center
 95 Port Reading Ave
 Woodbridge, NJ

Woodbridge High School
 1 Samuel Lupe Place
 Woodbridge, NJ

JOHN E. McCORMAC
MAYOR

BRIAN MOLNAR
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION
Township Council

*Rain Location Acacia Youth Center
 Concert Hallline 732-692-0645
 ** Parker Press Park Parking is located both in front of the park at Berkeley College and at all Woodbridge Train Stations.

Back by popular demand is the Mayor's FREE Summer Children's Series. Throughout June, July and August between three locations - Parker Press Park, Acacia Youth Center and Woodbridge High School - entertainment for children of all ages from all genres is coming to town! Don't miss the Puppy Pals Comedic Stunt Dog Show or the Alice in Wonderland Theatrical play or the Outside Rock Music Performances. Scan the QR code to view the schedule of events!



Woodbridge Township Youth Services
Acacia Youth Center
 95 Port Reading Ave, Woodbridge
WILL BE OPEN THIS SUMMER

For the second time ever, the Acacia Youth Center will be open for summer fun on June 24 through August 16 from 11AM-3PM!! If you love visiting any of the youth centers - Evergreen, Highland Grove and Acacia - during the school year, you'll love going to Acacia in the summer!!! Call **732-726-6290** for more information.

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



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!

ACACIA YOUTH CENTER
 95 PORT READING AVE.
 WOODBRIDGE, NJ 07095
 M-F 3:00-6PM
 732-726-6290

HIGHLAND GROVE YOUTH CENTER
 70 HIGHLAND TERRACE
 FORDS, NJ 08863
 M-F 3:00-6PM
 732-596-4181

EVERGREEN YOUTH CENTER
 400 INMAN AVE.
 COLONIA, NJ 07067
 M-F 3:00-6PM
 732-634-4500 X2392

Stay Connected!

TEXT YOUTHSERVICES TO 22828

TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Follow Youth Services on Instagram
@WoodbridgeYouthServices

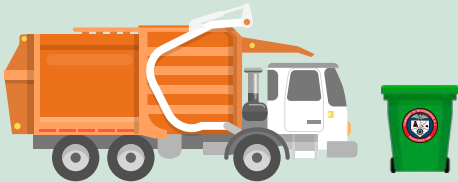
PUBLIC WORKS



Keep Our DPW Workers Safe!!! Stay Back!!!



Help Us... Help You... Leave a 3' Buffer Zone for Trash Pick-up!!!



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>

Zero Waste

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!!!

Woodbridge Recycling & Convenience Center



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.**



Drop-Off Hours:

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

Single Stream Recycling is Successful!!!

We're sending a special Shout-Out to all Township residents!!! Thanks to you, our Single Stream Recycling Program is working!!! Single Stream recycling - putting all recyclables (plastic, glass, bottles and cans, cardboard and paper) in the same container - eliminates the need to separate and/or bundle and substantially increases the amount of household waste that we recycle. Recycling is a great deal for every Woodbridge Township resident, homeowner and business. Recycling is not only



The DOs and DON'Ts of Curbside Recycling in Woodbridge

<p>DO RECYCLE</p> <p>These items in your BLUE CART</p> <p>Always place recyclables loose in your BLUE CART, never bagged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and empty aluminum cans (no aluminum foil) Clean and empty metal cans and containers (no detergent) Clean and empty jars (no detergent, sugar or salad dressings) Clean, dry and flattened cardboard and paperboard Clean and empty plastic bottles, jugs and containers (no paint cans, aerosols or automotive) Clean and empty milk, juice and fresh cartons Clean and empty glass bottles and jars 	<p>DON'T RECYCLE</p> <p>These items are NOT recyclable in your BLUE CART, items can be recycled at our Convenience Center.</p> <p>For more information call 732-738-1311 x3035</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing, shoes and linens Electronics Light bulbs Refrigerators Hazardous/hazardous waste Flammable packaging Auto and tires Styrofoam Yard waste Propane tanks Construction site demolition debris Cooking and broiling pans Drinking glasses, ceramic or stoneware Medical waste Construction Paint cans Flammable liquids Flammable solids Flammable gases Flammable aerosols Flammable solids Flammable liquids Flammable gases Flammable aerosols
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the right thing to do for our environment... but it's profitable. Last year our DPW Recycling Team received **\$261,930** from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Tonnage Grant and **\$203,120** from the Clean Communities Grant program. Keep-up the great work... and **RECYCLE & RE-USE!!!**

Recycling by the Numbers

One year of curbside recycling saves:

- 1,211 tons of plastic containers
- 4,331 tons of newspaper, cardboard and food packaging boxes
- 969 tons of glass jars and beverage containers
- 2,454 tons of junk mail, magazines and waste paper
- 1,090 tons of aluminum and steel beverage and food containers

Total: 10,055 tons of recycling collected annually

Pothole HOTLINE:

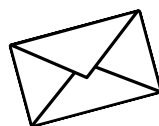
732-726-2325

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



The Recycle Coach APP - customized to your address - puts trash and recycling collection schedules, special collection information and more right at your fingertips!!! Keep track of upcoming special collection events, household hazardous waste drop-off, confidential document shredding day, Christmas tree collection, bagged leaf collection and more. Report a waste problem or send comments & suggestions through the APP. 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.

See your tax mailer for the recycling guidelines...



Questions?

Call the Recycling Division at **(732) 738-1311 ext. 3049**

PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Goes Green!!!



The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection awarded the Department of Public Works \$2.5 million in grant funding to replace three diesel-fueled garbage trucks with three electric vehicles! The new vehicles are much quieter and cleaner for the environment!

Horns Honk & Sirens Sound at Big Wheels Day!



DPW's annual event Big Wheels Day was a honking success!!! Every year on the Wednesday of Spring Break, dozens of work trucks gather to Woodbridge Center Mall so participants can honk horns and sound sirens!!! This event captures the imaginations of children and adults alike as this unique gathering brings the community together, offering an up-close look at the machinery that keeps our town running smoothly. From street sweepers and dump trucks to fire engines and snowplows, Big Wheels Day is a celebration of the vehicles and the people who operate them, providing an educational and entertaining experience for kids of all ages. DPW continues to reinforce its commitment to public education and community involvement, making Big Wheels Day a cherished tradition in Woodbridge.



Welcome to the ReUse It Center

Many common household items often end up in the trash adding to landfills and greenhouse gas emissions. But in Woodbridge we do so much more to give back to our environment and community! Items such as books, craft supplies, sporting equipment, household items, garden and yard hardware, and old toys and games can all be brought to or found at our 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 x3035**



Paving the Way to Better Streets

The Engineering Division oversees the annual Road Paving/Resurfacing Program that allocates more than \$7 million each year to improve neighborhood streets, roads, parking lots, walking paths and other public transportation avenues. In 2024, the Engineering Division is on track to pave more than 50 Township streets with DPW crews and equipment doing much of the work.



Traffic Report: Main Street & Route 9 project nears completion

The \$14 million funding commitment from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to reconfigure the congested Route 9 and Main Street intersection stands as the most significant transportation infrastructure improvement undertaken in Woodbridge Township in more than a decade. With construction nearly complete, the Main Street & Route 9 project has already improved traffic flow, easing the journey from the Community Center to the Main Street/Downtown shopping district.



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 "Heart & Soul" of Senior Services are the Six Senior Centers where Senior residents can experience a camaraderie of togetherness whether it be health and wellness programs, recreation and entertainment events and exciting and fun themed-luncheons:



The Department also 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.

With the publication of the 2024 Senior Services booklet - which is a 110-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.

Important Phone Numbers for Seniors

Multi-Service Program on Aging

732-726-6262

STOW

732-726-2394

Evergreen Senior Center

732-726-6261

Sycamore Senior Center

732-726-7087

Five Branches Senior Center

732-726-6277

Hickory Senior Center

732-726-6285

Maple Tree Senior Center

732-259-0910

Oak Tree Senior Center

732-259-2008

MCAT (County Transportation)

800-221-3520

Access Link (Transportation)

800-955-2321

N.J. Department of Health & Senior Services

800-792-8820

Social Security, Iselin Office

800-772-1213

Medicare

800-633-4227

Senior Resource Guide at Your Finger Tips



SENIOR NEWS

Department of Senior Services Senior Centers: Where It's All Happening

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

Evergreen is the Township's flagship Senior Center offering vital community services that can help older adult residents stay safe, active, healthy and independent. Older adults and caregivers have access to multiple services in one place including senior transportation and social work. Evergreen offers educational programs, Senior Choir, Atlantic City bus trips, monthly themed luncheons, art, health, fitness and wellness programs, billiards, ballroom dancing and more. Call 732-726-6261.



Sycamore Senior Center: A Happening Place!



The Sycamore Senior Center, located in the former Port Reading Knights of Columbus building at 290 Old Road, serves Sewaren and Port Reading senior residents. The Sycamore Senior Center offers social, wellness and recreational activities designed to entertain and cultivate new friendships. The center includes large and small activity rooms for bingo, movies, puzzles, crochet, ping pong, computer stations with FREE WI-FI, and a Café area with kitchen. Stop by and check it out!!! Call 732-726-6272.

Five Branches Senior Center Welcomes Senior Residents

Five Branches Senior Center - named in honor of the Five Branches of the United States Armed Services: US Army, US Navy, USMC, US Air Force and the US Coast Guard - is located in the renovated T. Nulty American Legion Post #471 building. The Five Branches Senior Center includes a large community room, activity room and game room with billiard table, ping pong table, card table, dart board, shuffle board, air hockey, cornhole, computer stations with FREE Wi-Fi and a kitchenette. Senior residents are encouraged to register as a member of Five Branches Senior Center. Call 732-726-6276.



Department of Senior Services Senior Centers: Where It's All Happening (Cont.)

Hickory Senior Center Welcomes Fords Seniors

The Hickory Senior Center welcomes senior residents and provides vital community services that help seniors remain healthy, active and independent. The Hickory Senior Center is not only host to Fords-area Seniors, but is also home to Hopelawn & Keasbey Seniors. The Hickory Senior Center offers Senior residents a convenient neighborhood multi-purpose center designed to engage older adults in social interaction, wellness programs and crafty opportunities. Hickory Senior Center includes assembly and activity rooms for Tai Chi, movies, card making, yarn arts, color by pencil, crochet, jewelry beading, trivia, corn hole, bingo and a kitchenette for a hot cup of coffee or tea and computer stations with FREE Wi-Fi. Call 732-726-6285.



Maple Tree Senior Center... Home to Avenel Seniors



Maple Tree Senior Center located at the Knights of Columbus on 109 Morrissey Avenue in Avenel welcomes all Avenel Senior residents 60 years of age and older. With a large community room, the Avenel Senior Center is the perfect place for older adults to come together and enjoy monthly themed luncheons, educational seminars, billiards, Movie Day, Chess, crochet, scrabble and so many more activities. Whether you are a senior or a caregiver who depends on a senior center for a loved one's social, emotionally healthy, and active wellbeing, this can be the place for you. Call 732-259-0910.

Oak Tree Senior Center Hosts the Iselin Community

Oak Tree Senior Center is located in the Knights of Columbus building at 571 Lincoln Highway in Iselin providing an array of programming to Senior residents 60 years of age and older. The Oak Tree Senior Center is where older adults can find friendships and stay connected with friends and the community. The large activity room offers members a community focal point to participate in social, recreational and wellness programs and services, including Carrom Board, crochet, yoga, movies, Music Mixer, Community Circle, rummikub, monthly themed luncheons, and Atlantic City trips just to name a few. Call 732-259-2008.



SENIOR NEWS

Get Ready...
Get Set...
Go...



Senior Olympics Set for September 6, 7 & 8

The 2024 New Jersey Senior Olympic games return to Woodbridge September 6-8 when senior athletes from across the state gather to participate in the Senior Olympic Games. This is the 18th year that Woodbridge Township has welcomed the statewide New Jersey Senior Olympic competition.

This year, the Mayor's Office is again offering Woodbridge Township Senior athletes a special incentive to participate. **Register by August 23 and the Woodbridge Senior Olympic Committee will pay \$30 toward the \$40 General Registration fee. That means our athletes just pay \$10 to participate and compete in up to three Olympic events.**

To take advantage, go to the Senior Olympic web page at www.njseniorolympics.com to register. Just fill out and submit the General Registration Form (you must be a Woodbridge Township resident with a Woodbridge Township mailing address) along with a \$10 check or money order payable to the NJSO/GSG.



For more information on the 2024 New Jersey Senior Olympic games – sponsored by Braven Health – visit the webpage, call the Senior Olympic Headquarters at 973-618-1111 or contact Woodbridge Senior Olympic Chairperson Pat Trombetta at 732-636-3910.

Don't want to compete but want to volunteer at the games? Contact Volunteer Coordinator Megan Kushpa at: megan.kushpa@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Stay tuned for the 2024 New Jersey Senior Olympic Booklet Guide which will be printed late spring!



Join the New Jersey Senior Olympics Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, September 7 at 10:00AM at the Woodbridge Community Center.

Report from the Mayor's Senior Summit

Mayor John E. McCormac welcomed Senior residents from throughout Woodbridge Township to the Mayor's Senior Summit – the kick-off event for the month-long celebration of Older Americans Month. The Senior Summit is an open forum where Township Senior's express opinions on a diversity of topics, offer ideas and suggestions on how to improve senior-related programs and services and participate in an exchange of ideas on topics ranging from expanding and improving services and programs hosted by the various Township Departments and Division's; to improving communications with senior residents on emergency preparedness, weather-related alerts and consumer safety; to public safety concerns such as cracking down on speeding in residential areas; to Quality-of-Life issues such as home maintenance and repair. Representatives from the Department of Senior Services, Department of Health & Human Services, Department of Recreation & Resident Services, the Woodbridge Police Department, Department of Public Works, Woodbridge Township Public Library, The Barron Arts Center and many Woodbridge businesses and medical care facilities offering services to Senior residents participated in the Mayor's Senior Summit.



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!

Senior Scrapbook



Salute to Service Photo Album

Veteran Day Parade



Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon



NJ Young Marines





Important Information for All Veterans

Visit the official website of the New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs at 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

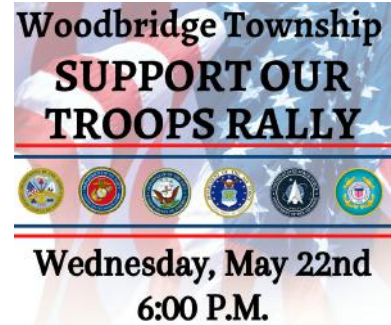
Lyons Veterans Facility
(908) 647-0180

East Orange Veterans Facility
(973) 676-1000

Veterans Cemetery
(Arneytown) (609) 758-7250

Support Our Troops Rally Set for May 22

From the American Revolution through the turmoil of the Civil War, to World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, to the Persian Gulf War, the war in Iraq, to ongoing operations in the War on Terror in the Middle East and to battlefields around the world, Woodbridge Township residents bravely serve in the defense and honor of our nation. Each year, the Support Our Troops rally offers a Flag Raising and Memorial Service to honor our active duty military personnel currently serving in stations across the globe and to remember the Veterans from Woodbridge who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation and community. Plan to join the families of military personnel and Township Veterans on May 22 at George Frederick Plaza (next to the Woodbridge Public Library).



Anchors Away for John Eberhardt

John Eberhardt, a life-long resident of the Iselin section of Woodbridge Township, served as the long-time Director of the Woodbridge Township Department of Recreation and Resident Services. Upon his "retirement," John directed his energy in support of Township Veterans as Founder and Coordinator of the Woodbridge Township Veterans Alliance and continued his mentorship of the Woodbridge Township Buddy Ball Sports program and the Woodbridge Wolfpack Special Hockey team.

John valiantly served his nation during the Vietnam War-era in the U.S. Navy as Petty Officer, Third Class, aboard the USS Sierra AD-18 Destroyer Tender and the USS Canisteo AO-99. After his service, John became active with the T. Nulty American Legion Post and dedicated to developing youth-oriented programs - the Sea Cadets and Young Marines - geared to guide young men and women to a career in the military.

Congratulations on a well-deserved "retirement" – your easy-going, but always get-it-done commitment to Township youth and Veterans will be missed. Thank you for your service.



Report from the Director's Desk: By: Robert J. Hubner, Director



The Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) has received inquiries asking if the Township has seen an increase in crime. While the demographics and population of the Township has increased to more than 103,000 residents (2020 United States Census), the Township remains a safe community. In fact, a detailed examination of the Uniform Crime Report statistics show that serious or violent crime have remained static over the past three years. However, that analysis determined that there has been an increase in motor vehicle thefts and thefts from motor vehicles (it is important to note that motor vehicle-related crime has dramatically increased in nearly every community statewide.

The WPD Criminal Investigation Bureau evaluated motor vehicle-related crime and determined that the vast majority of vehicles that were broken into were unlocked with the key fob in the vehicle and valuables such as wallets, laptops and electronic devices in plain view – a crime that can be avoided by locking your vehicle. The WPD dramatically stepped-up enforcement activities through aggressive multijurisdictional investigations and the ability of the police to pursue stolen vehicles. Additionally, the WPD assigned an officer to the New Jersey State Police Auto Theft Task Force which has resulted in better recovery of stolen vehicles and arrests.

Overall, Woodbridge Township remains a safe community. However, it's important to note that the WPD relies on residents to effectively combat criminal activity. The WPD needs your assistance... if you see something... say something. Dial 9-1-1 for Emergency Response. Call 732-634-7700 to report non-emergency events.



(L/R) Captain Michael Ng, Captain Phil Ortega, Captain Matthew Ventre, Director Robert Hubner, Deputy Director Joseph Nisky, Chief Law Enforcement Officer Captain Brian Murphy, Captain Edward J. Barrett, Captain Damian Neste

Safer Woodbridge Initiatives:

- Boosting police presence at night;
- Informing residents on common burglary targets and tendencies;
- Providing solutions such as security gates for businesses and alarms to protect your home.
- Providing solutions like CatStrap impenetrable strip to prevent Catalytic Converter theft!

Scan below to view PowerPoint with more information:



Celebrating Women's History Month with the Courageous Women in the Woodbridge Police Department and 9-11 Dispatch!



(L/R) Sgt. Stephanie Andersen, Ptl. Jessenia Minsal, PST Amber Larocque, PST Lisa Reach, PST Rachel Sarno, PST Melissa Hernandez, PST Heather Endrihs, PST Joanne Bedenek, Ptl. Sarah Contessa

WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY

WPD Officers Recognized for Life-Saving Action

On December 28, 2023, WPD Officers Jack Croft, Patrick McGeehan and Jeffrey Schott were dispatched to the Garden State Parkway, Exit 131 South in the Iselin Section of the Township, to assist Cranford Police Officers involved in a high-speed pursuit that ended in a motor vehicle crash and exchange of gunfire between the driver of the suspect vehicle and a Cranford Police Officer. Officers Croft, McGeehan and Schott undertook emergency medical treatment of the wounded Cranford Police Officer, applied a tourniquet to the upper right arm which effectively controlled the bleeding and performed a detailed assessment for additional injuries and placed the wounded officer in a WPD vehicle for expedited emergency transport to the University Trauma Center in Newark.



(L/R) WPD Officer Jack Croft, Officer David McDevitt, 2023 WPD Officer of the Year, Officer Joseph Scarano, 2023 Officer of the Third Quarter, Officer Patrick McGeehan, and Officer Jeffrey Schott.

WPD Appoints Seven New Police Officers

Mayor John E. McCormac and Police Director Robert Hubner announced the appointment of seven new police officers to the ranks of the WPD. 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 at the Cape May County Police Academy. The officers have been assigned to the Radio Patrol Division.



WPD Officer Matthew Haggerty, Officer William Klein, Officer Brayan Rincon, Officer Anthony Mercedes, Officer Shivindra Singh Gour, Officer Christopher Meyer, and Officer Angel Rafael Martinez

WPD Officer David McDevitt Named 2023 WPD Officer-of-the-Year

Congratulations to WPD Officer David McDevitt, assigned to the Radio Patrol Division - Squad 12, for his commitment to policing, law enforcement and public safety. In 2023, Officer McDevitt responded to 1,984 Calls-for-Service, 731 Special Checks and 156 Motor Vehicle Stops, which resulted in the issuance of Motor Vehicle summonses, enforcement of outstanding arrest warrants, arrest of defendants on violations of New Jersey Criminal Statutes and self-initiated law enforcement-related investigations.



Fire & EMS Report Township Firefighters Recognized for Life-Saving Action

On September 22, 2023, Port Reading Fire Department District #2 – Fire Rescue Marine 238, was dispatched and responded to a report of marine vessel in distress in the Arthur Kill waterway. The Crew of Fire Rescue Marine 238 - Firefighter Daniel Korenski, Firefighter William Stamato, Firefighter Vincent Pereira - located the vessel North of the Outerbridge Crossing at the Buckeye Marine Terminal and immediately determined that the vessel was adrift and taking on water with four passengers aboard – one passenger had suffered a head injury. Fire Rescue Marine 238 secured the vessel, transferred the passengers onto Marine 238 and safely transported the passengers and the distressed vessel to the Ferry Street Boat Ramp at the Sewaren Marina.



(L/R) Captain Paul DeLeo, Firefighter Daniel Korenski, Firefighter William Stamato, Firefighter Vincent Pereira and Captain Anthony Terebetsky

Port Reading Fire Dept. Makes History With First Ever Female Career Firefighters



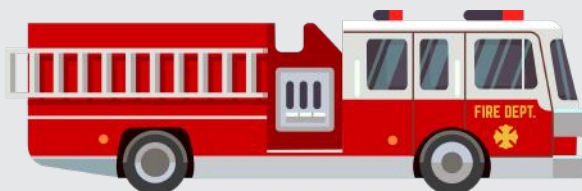
On February 29, 2024, Amanda Felicies and Emily Kolarick were sworn in and appointed to the Port Reading Fire Department making these two women the first female career firefighters in the Department's History! Congratulations to Firefighter Felicies and Firefighter Kolarick!!! We hope for a safe and healthy career to them both!

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



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

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Work.

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



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



OEM Chief Pat Kenny Announces Retirement

Service Spanned 39 Years with Emergency Management

Chief Pat Kenny announced his retirement as Director of the Office of Emergency Management having served more than 39 years coordinating response to public safety disaster's that included Super Storm Sandy in October 2012, the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020/2021, community response following Hurricane Ida in August 2021, along with response to man-made disasters that included a fatal airplane crash, structure fires and motor vehicle accidents.

Chief Kenny, a life-long Woodbridge Township resident, began his storied 39-Year career with the Township of Woodbridge and County of Middlesex in 1985 as a Special Law Enforcement Officer and received appointment as Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management and Supervisor of the WPD Traffic Maintenance and Tow Yard Division in 2008. Chief Kenny stands as a Life Member and Ranking Officer of the Woodbridge Township Fire Department having served in every capacity of Fire Company operations to include: Chief (1993); First Assistant Chief (1992); Second Assistant Chief (1991); Captain, Engine Division (1990); Lieutenant, Engine Division (1989); and has further served as President of the Volunteer Fire Company (1997, 1998).



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 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 to learn more about the CERT program and how you can be part of a community preparedness team.



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If you have a Crime Tip, call this number:

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Woodbridge Police Crimes TIPS Hotline



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

The Mayor's Summer Concert Series Returns!!! More Concerts!!! More Bands!!! More Entertainment!!!

Golden Oldies Mondays!

WOODBRIIDGE WEDNESDAY!

Tuesday Tributes!

2024

MAYOR'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Local Band Thursdays!

Fun Friday!

COUNTRY SUNDAYS!

This Summer, you can go to a FREE concert just about every night!!! The always incredible line-up of Monday classic Golden Oldies followed by Tuesday Tribute bands take the concert stage at Woodbridge High School. Enjoy the eclectic sounds of Woodbridge Wednesday as the bands perform from the new & improved Parker Press Park. Local Band Thursday kicks-off their concert season with Woodbridge-area musicians taking the stage at Herbert Rankin Park in Sewaren (across from Moby Dick's). Fun Friday makes its Summer Concert Series debut at Parker Press Park and Country Sunday returns to the Woodbridge High School stage every Sunday night with the biggest Country-Western bands in the area. All shows start at 7:30PM.

So, bring a lawn chair and enjoy the FREE concerts with family and friends! The cost of admission to the Mayor's Summer Concert series is a can, or two or three of non-perishable food for the We Feed Woodbridge food bank.



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Mayor John E. McCormac



**FREE LIVE MUSIC
ALL SUMMER LONG
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