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## Woodbridge is the 'Best Town Around' for the Summer

Summer in Woodbridge Township is packed with exciting events, concerts and family-friendly activities happening all over town! We have so many fun opportunities and great resources available. We hope you'll be part of it all!



**10 Towns, Endless Summer Fun** - Skip the long lines this summer as everything you need for an unforgettable summer is right here in

Woodbridge Township!!! From concerts to spray parks to children's entertainment to outdoor exploration and everything in between, our summer entertainment offers endless ways to soak up the season!!!



**Concerts, Culture & Community Events** - the Mayor's FREE Concert Series kicked off this summer with the largest line-up ever!!! Over 100 shows six nights a week starting with **Country Sunday, Doo Wop Golden Oldies Monday** and **Tribute Band Tuesday Rock n' Roll** with top performers all at the Joseph R. Lewis Concert Field behind Woodbridge High School. Catch **Woodbridge Wednesday** at Parker Press Park or **Local Band Thursday** features the best local musicians at Herbert Rankin Park in Sewaren. Kick off the weekend with **Fun Friday** at Anchors Tiki Bar (616 Cliff Road, Sewaren). All shows start at 7:30PM so bring your 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. Visit the concert lineup at: [www.woodbridgenjmusic.com](http://www.woodbridgenjmusic.com)

**Family Fun For Every Age**- from theater shows to library programs to Youth Center fun and pop-up recreation events, the Township Calendar is filled with free and low-cost activities for all ages! The highly anticipated

*"Ten Towns, One Community"*

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## Meet the Municipal Council



### 2025 Council Leadership

#### TOWN HALL

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#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

##### Mayor:

John E. McCormac

##### Municipal Council:

*Council President:*

Cory S. Spillar, Third Ward

*Council Vice-President:*

Sharon McAuliffe, First Ward

Howie Bauer, Second Ward

Virbhadra N. Patel, Fourth Ward

Debbie Meehan, Fifth Ward

Kyle M. Anderson, At-Large

Lizbeth DeJesus, At-Large

Brian F. Small, At-Large

Daniel R. Harris, At-Large

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

*All Numbers Area Code 732*

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



*Municipal Clerk John Mitch administers the Oath-of-Office to incoming Council President Cory Spillar with the assistance from his wife Erin and daughter Emily.*



*Municipal Clerk John Mitch administers the Oath-of-Office to incoming Council Vice-President Sharon McAuliffe with assistance from family members Tom & Kay McAuliffe and son Kyle Morgan.*

#### New Councilman on the Dais

Daniel Harris, took the Oath-of-Office as he fills a vacant Council At-Large seat. Harris served on the Board of Education since 2013 prior to taking a Council seat. He is pictured with his wife Taylor.



#### St. Patrick's Day Parade

The council members were a lively presence at the annual St. Patrick's Day parade where thousands of spectators lined the parade route and enjoyed the sounds of bagpipes and scenes of Irish stepdancers. *Pictured L to R Cory Spillar, Debbie Meehan, Sharon McAuliffe, Howie Bauer, and Brian Small.*

# COUNCIL NEWS

## COUNCIL ON THE MOVE

### Council President Cory Spillar Breaks Ground at Avenel Street School 4/5

The School District's oldest building embarked on a \$25 million significant expansion, bridging the gap between the existing school's aged façade and the fresh addition. **Council President Cory Spillar**, a graduate of Avenel Street School 4 & 5, proudly breaks ground on the school's expansion. This addition expands the learning space with 10 additional classrooms, a spacious gymnasium, an inviting cafeteria, a media center that is flexible, and an administrative hub. There is also a spacious interior courtyard that is set to become a go-to place for student engagement. The refresh of Avenel Street School offers a reliable, improved educational environment that includes HVAC Upgrades, Lighting Upgrades, Life safety infrastructure such as Fire Alarm, Sprinkler and PA systems.



### Council Vice President Sharon McAuliffe Pays Tribute to the Late Nancy Bader Drumm

**Council Vice President Sharon McAuliffe** welcomes the Our House Program to former Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in downtown Woodbridge. The newly renovated building is dedicated to the late Nancy Bader Drumm, a former Councilwoman who passed away after a battle with cancer in 2022. Our House, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides innovative day programming, employment and recreational services to adults with developmental disabilities. This will be the second Our House location in Woodbridge Township.



### Councilman Howie Bauer Celebrates Read Across America

**Councilman Howie Bauer**, who also serves as the Fire Chief of Fords Fire Company, visited Menlo Park Terrace School #19 for Read Across America Day, bringing excitement to the students. Dressed in his full fire gear, Councilman Bauer not only shared a story but also promoted fire safety and emergency preparedness. His visit left a lasting impression inspiring young readers while reinforcing crucial safety messages.



### Councilwoman Lizbeth DeJesus Heralds National Women's History Month

**Councilwoman Lizbeth DeJesus** spearheaded the Annual Women's History Month celebration with a Proclamation and Flag-Raising ceremony in recognition of the trailblazing women of Woodbridge Township. This year, Councilwoman DeJesus offered a special tribute to Kelly Ammiano, lifelong Woodbridge resident, who embodies the 2025 Women's History Month Theme "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."



### Councilman Daniel Harris Brings New Perspective

Woodbridge Township welcomes **Councilman Daniel Harris** to the dais! Councilman Harris is a lifelong resident of Woodbridge Township and a longtime community advocate with a strong track record of public service. With agenda items that include wellness initiatives, youth and senior programming, pedestrian safety, litter cleanup and education, Councilman Harris brings passion and experience to the Council. From 2013 to 2025, he served four terms on the Woodbridge Board of Education, three as President, and has proudly led Colonia's Annual cleanup for over two decades!



## COUNCIL ON THE MOVE (CONT.)



### Councilman Viru Patel Supports Fourth Ward Local Businesses

**Councilman Viru Patel** proudly cut the ribbon and celebrated many businesses opening their doors in the Fourth Ward. From Oak Tree Road to Ronson Road to Worth Street and in between, a total of thirteen new local shops have welcomed patrons including Shalimar Restaurant, A Smiley Face, Alfa Kitchen, Vacation Zone, Desi Galaxy and many others!!! Supporting our local business strengthens the Woodbridge economy and fosters a vibrant neighborhood – so buy local!!!

### Councilman Kyle Anderson Reflects on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 20, 2025, the Township celebrated the annual Interfaith Memorial to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Councilman Kyle Anderson**, the first African-American elected to office in Woodbridge, reflected on the life of Dr. King and makes it his mission to talk about Dr. King's vision and legacy. If you were not able to make the ceremony, you can watch it on TV-35's YouTube Channel!!!



### Councilman Brian Small Advocates for EMS

On May 20, 2025, **Councilman Brian Small** celebrated national EMS Week with a flag raising and proclamation ceremony. Councilman Small helped recognize the critical role EMS personnel play in our community. He constantly champions initiatives that strengthen and improve conditions for our first responders. His leadership continues to make positive impacts on the health and safety of Woodbridge residents!



### 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 \$26,386 and over 24,100 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!!!



## A Heartfelt Thank You to Councilman Ficarra for His Years of Leadership

The Woodbridge Township community congratulates Gregg Ficarra on 18 years of dedicated public service as an At-Large councilman. Since 2006, Gregg has been a passionate and selfless advocate for health, wellness, recreation and inclusion. He championed initiatives like The Mayor's Wellness Campaign, Senior and Youth programs, Senior Olympics, Pedestrian Safety, and so much more. Gregg has touched the lives of so many of our residents and outside community members. Woodbridge Township will miss Gregg and wishes him the best in his next chapter!

# THANK YOU



## 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 recent election(s), 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 General Election - Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

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 Voter Information page at: <https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/173/Voter-Information> or scan the QR code.



**Register to Vote Here:**



## 2025~ Election Guide ~ 2025

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

**October 14, 2025:** Voter Registration deadline for General Election

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

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

Early Voting Period

Acacia Youth Center, 95 Port Reading Ave., Woodbridge

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

Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm

**November 3, 2025:** Deadline to apply for Mail In Ballot in Person

**November 4, 2025:** General Election

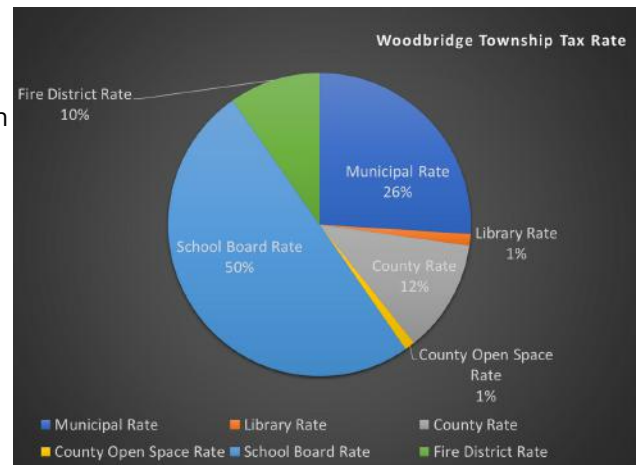
# MAYOR'S PAGES



**TAX ALLOCATIONS EXPLAINED** - At the State-of-the-Township, we reported that the highlight of the past year was the stabilization of Township property taxes. We have averaged only a \$20 annual increase in taxes over the last three years despite uncontrollable increases in insurance and pension costs. Keep in mind that the municipal taxes are just under 30% of the total tax bill with the County of Middlesex, Board of Education and local Fire Districts making up the balance. We were able to keep our Municipal tax rate stable due to the Township's economic development initiatives that have successfully brought in many new taxpayers that have eased the burden on existing residents and businesses. Our years-long effort to control spending and consolidate services have kept our appropriations within State mandated spending limits and our Municipal workforce continues to provide outstanding services day-in and day-out.

The appropriations portion of the municipal budget is only half of the equation though as revenues are just as important to keep property taxes stable. In Woodbridge, this means bringing in more businesses to share in the tax burden and lessen the impact on our residents. In many cases our new economic development projects replace eyesores or clean up contaminated properties and bring employment opportunities along with new dining and shopping options. We are very fortunate to work with the best developers who take pride in their work and who support our Township's various charitable and community efforts.

A large part of our financial success has been our aggressive economic development efforts and our utilization of New Jersey's Payment in Lieu of Taxes program or PILOTs for short. PILOTs have been almost singularly responsible for the financial success that the Township has had which has enabled us to reduce our debt burden while providing resources to improve our municipal and school infrastructure without relying on our existing everyday taxpayers.



The Township's continued use of PILOTs has provided nearly \$30 million in revenue in our current budget which will rise to \$35 million in three years. That equates to over \$800 per household in Woodbridge. PILOTs attract great developers and give us a competitive advantage over other towns seeking the same redevelopment projects without PILOTs. PILOTs have enabled us to allocate resources in ways that other towns can't – particularly when it comes to building new schools, expanding existing schools and providing for important and necessary security and technology upgrades for our students, teachers and staff.

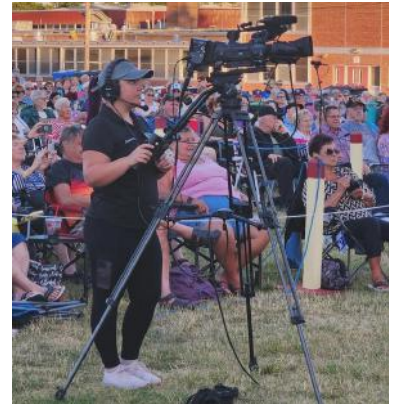
Over the ten year period from 2018 through 2027, Woodbridge Township will have provided nearly \$200 million to our school district from PILOT payments which is more than the rest of the State combined. This is money which comes from new businesses and not from our residents. Our investments allow the school district to allocate more moneys in their budgets directly into the classrooms. We have a new school at Ross Street #11 and will soon have new schools at Avenel Street #4 and Hopelawn #10 and practically new schools at Oak Tree #29, Woodbridge Middle and Avenel Street #5 with expanded schools at Matthew Jago #28 and Lafayette Estates #25. No town in New Jersey outside of Abbott districts is investing in school infrastructure like Woodbridge.

And, while everyone should be concerned about property taxes, perhaps even more attention should be paid to property values. Small annual increases in Municipal budgets pale in comparison to the increase in property values because of actions the Township and school district have taken for the last several years.

**We are very proud of what Woodbridge has accomplished and we are excited about what the future will bring as we work together to keep Woodbridge... THE BEST TOWN AROUND.**

## Behind the Scenes: TV-35 Crew Wins Big

You've seen them filming events capturing every moment around town and whether they're covering parades, concerts or community programs, the TV-35 crew is always on the scene. Their dedication has earned them well-deserved statewide recognition by taking home four 1<sup>st</sup> place awards, two 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place award at the annual Jersey Access Group (JAG) film conference. The talented crew demonstrated excellence in multiple categories, showcasing the vibrant culture, events, and programs that make Woodbridge so special.



The 1st place awards won by TV-35 include:

1. **Best Documentary:** The Veterans Project: John Eberhardt – The Veterans project shares the experiences and stories of Veterans of our armed forces. This segment follows John Eberhardt from his enlistment in the U.S. Navy.
2. **Community Development Event Category:** Woodbridge Feud - A State of the Township Skit spin-off of the classic Family Feud. Woodbridge Feud is a Youth vs. Senior competition.
3. **Talk Show Category:** Greenable Woodbridge: Pedestrian Safety - This episode shares insight on the efforts the Community Policing Unit are enforcing to create better conditions for Pedestrians.
4. **Sports Programming/Multi Camera:** High School Football Sectional Final: Woodbridge vs. Northern Highlands. One of the many live high school sport games our TV-35 crew cover throughout the year.

The TV-35 crew's hard work and dedication continue to shine, keeping Woodbridge residents informed, entertained and connected. Congratulations to the entire team, under the leadership of Director Gina Forbes, for representing Woodbridge Township so well and for bringing home these well-deserved honors!




# MAYOR'S PAGES

## Woodbridge Township Flag Raisings


This year we hosted a series of flag-raising events that honor diverse communities and their contributions. We proudly raised flags for Black History Month, Women's History Month, Irish American Heritage, Autism Awareness Month & Pride Month. These events are just part of our ongoing commitment to inclusivity, with more flag-raising planned in the future to ensure all voices are recognized and celebrated.



## Get Informed!

 Mayor John E. McCormac

 Mayorjohnemccormac

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## Dashing for Dough: Woodbridge's Tastiest Tradition



Lace up your sneakers and join us for the Woodbridge Pizza Run! Taking place rain or shine at Alvin Williams Park in Sewaren on July 16th. This race kicks off at 7:00 PM. Registration starts at 5:30 PM, and after you cross the finish line, stick around for the awards ceremony and post-race party at Captain Carlson Park across from Moby Dicks. Enjoy music by DJ Mr. Tunes, refreshing beverages, and plenty of delicious pizza courtesy of local Woodbridge establishments. **SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

## Woodbridge Community Center Helps Set Record for Global Entry



The Woodbridge Community Center was proud to host a special Global Entry Mobile Community Enrollment Event in partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) — and the results were record-breaking! Thanks to the support and space provided by the Community Center, CBP conducted an astounding 512 interviews in a single day, nearly doubling last year's numbers and setting a new nationwide record for the highest number of applicants processed at a one-day enrollment event. CBP officials attributed the event's success not only to the spacious and accessible facility but also to the hospitality shown by the Woodbridge staff. Applicants praised the convenience and ease of attending the event at the WCC, calling it a "fantastic facility" with a welcoming atmosphere. A special thank you goes to the WCC staff for their support throughout the day — and for the much-appreciated coffee station that kept CBP officers energized and focused. "Woodbridge is not only the first but the best when it comes to this type of collaboration," said a CBP representative. "We are already looking forward to working together again."



## Calling All Artists: Paint the Drain!

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS:** Paint the Drain is an **exciting competition** designed to raise awareness about the importance of stormwater systems and promote water quality. Anything entering these systems—water and pollutants alike—flows directly into our waterways. These pollutants diminish water quality for aquatic life, recreational activities and even compromise drinking water safety.

**The competition is open to all Woodbridge residents**, with three submission categories: Adult, Family, and Student. It's a wonderful opportunity to express your creativity, bond with loved ones over a meaningful project, and contribute to the Township's efforts to keep our community green and sustainable.

Special thanks to Siperstein's Paint Store for generously sponsoring paints and supplies for this initiative. **For more information on how to register, email [greenable@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:greenable@twp.woodbridge.nj.us).**



The first paint the drain artwork is complete! Incredible job by Sewaren resident Julie! An avid local arts enthusiast, she beautifully captured a vibrant beach scene of four sea turtles with the words "Clean Water" and "Safe Journey" thoughtfully inscribed across the design. Her piece serves as both a stunning visual and a meaningful reminder about the importance of protecting our waterways. You can view her inspiring work at Captain Carlson Park right before the Woodbridge Township Boat Launch! Join the Paint the Drain Competition today and show us your inspiring and thoughtful work!



## Greiner Tower Seniors Cue Up the Fun Thanks to Mayor, Councilwoman Meehan and Community Support!!!



The senior residents of Greiner Tower in Colonia are enjoying a great addition to their community room, a resurfaced pool table!!! Mayor McCormac, Councilwoman Debbie Meehan generously donated funds to the billiards club at Greiner Tower so they could resurface their most used amenity. Members of the Greiner Tower are enjoying the newest amenity that is enhancing recreational opportunities and promoting wellness for these local seniors. Leading the excitement is John Brown, President of the Greiner Tower Billiards Club, who says the resurfaced pool table has brought renewed energy to the group and encouraged more residents to get involved.



# MAYOR'S PAGES

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Mayor's Children's Summer Entertainment Series returns!!! Take your child to the Acacia Youth Center (95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge) to see the best in Children's Theater and entertainment! Sleeping Beauty (July 19), Wizard of Oz (July 26), Peter Pan (August 9) Reptile Show (August 16), Music Performance by Bobby Beetcut (August 23) and Bubblemania (August 30) All productions are slated for 10:00AM. We also have an entertainment performance, the Puppy Pals Comedic Stunt Dog Show (July 30) at 6PM & 7:30pm at Woodbridge High School.



Can't get enough of the fun??? The Acacia Youth Center will be open all summer long from Monday, June 30 to Friday, August 15 from 11:00AM to 3:00 PM for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. To find out about all the latest family fun activities, follow **@YouthServices** on or **@WoodbridgeLibrary** on Instagram.

### Explore the Great Outdoors -

Woodbridge is full of beautiful green spaces, walking trails, and picnic areas perfect for a summer afternoon. Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve, Watson-Crampton Trails, Merrill Park, Fords Park, Alvin P. Williams Park, Middlesex County Greenway, North and South Park Trail, Sewaren Waterfront, Woodbridge River Passage and William Warren Park all offer beautiful scenery, wildlife and walking trails. Reminder: if you are hiking for longer than 45 minutes, you'll want to pack hydration and food choices that will support your activity! Stay active all summer long

and enjoy leisurely games at any of the Township pickleball, basketball, softball, baseball and cricket fields.



Woodbridge Township's Boat Launch located in Sewaren is available Monday through Sunday from 6:00AM to 7:00PM and you can sign up for a seasonal pass on Community Pass or pay a daily fee. The Parks and Playgrounds FREE summer camp is happening now until August 8. Call the **Recreation Department for more information on any of these programs 732-596-4048.**

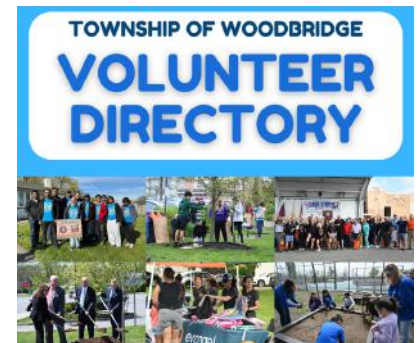
**Eat, Sip & Stroll Locally** - Enjoy the tastes of summer at Woodbridge's many restaurants, cafes, ice cream shops and bars. With new spots opening across the Township, like Angelina's Kitchen, and longtime favorites thriving, like Pino's Pizza, your staycation menu has never looked better! Unwind at Anchor's Tiki Bar for waterfront vibes, refreshing drinks and live entertainment.

This summer skip the chains, support local, eat local and stay deliciously close to home!

**Make this Summer Count, Work & Volunteer Opportunities** - Looking for a summer job or need to fulfill volunteer hours? The Best Town Around offers many opportunities to keep you busy this summer. Visit the Township's Employment webpage for seasonal listings including positions such as lifeguards, skate guards, recreational leader, zamboni driver,

childcare assistant, guest services, and more.

Explore more ways to give back through the Woodbridge Township Volunteer Directory, found on the Township website. This guide features a range of service opportunities throughout our community including the popular Generations Connected, a heartwarming intergenerational program that brings together senior citizens and middle/high school students for shared activities and experiences.



**Cool off Close to Home** - Beat the heat at any of the Township's pools or take the kids to one of the spray parks and playgrounds. Visit the Recreation Department's website **[www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/1054/Woodbridge-Township-Pools](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/1054/Woodbridge-Township-Pools)** for more information on Highland Grove Pool & Spray Park or Springwood Swim Club!!!

**No Need to Go Far, Everything's Here!!!** Woodbridge Township is proud to offer a summer full of recreation, entertainment and connection all without leaving The Best Town Around!!! Whether you're looking to relax, explore or make new memories with your family, your perfect summer escape is right here in Woodbridge.

So unpack those bags, grab your shades and get ready to stay, play and explore Woodbridge Township this summer. Your staycation starts now.

## Investing In Woodbridge



### Woodbridge Township Renaissance in Full Swing

From Main Street to Route 1, Woodbridge Township is experiencing a vibrant renaissance and a bold era of reinvestment, revitalization, and renewal that is transforming our downtowns, enhancing our neighborhoods, and expanding commercial, retail, hospitality, and residential opportunities across all ten communities.

Our successful embrace of the Transit Village model has laid the foundation for a thriving downtown resurgence, most notably in our Avenel, MetroPark and Woodbridge Proper business districts. These are walkable, transit-connected neighborhoods that are attracting new restaurants, boutique storefronts, mixed-use developments, and residents seeking the perfect balance of urban energy and suburban charm.

Whether it's upscale dining, metropolitan shopping, transit-connected housing, or strategic economic development, the Woodbridge Township Renaissance is more than just a vision — it's a movement. And it's happening now.

### Trader Joe's Announces 20<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Location

The highly anticipated Trader Joe's grocery store is opening in Woodbridge Township this Fall! Trader Joe's newest location will be in the strip mall across Route One from Woodbridge Center at the site of the former Bed Bath & Beyond store (675 US-1 South) behind Bonefish Grill. Here you'll be able to find the classic Trader Joe's signature brand items like Cold Brew Coffee, fresh flowers, bakery items and seasonal specialties. No longer will Woodbridge residents have to take the 30 minute trip to the Westfield or North Brunswick locations. Keep an eye on Township pages as well as the Trader Joe's store locator on their website for more specific announcements regarding grand opening dates!



### Business is BOOMING in Woodbridge Township!!!

Opening a business in Woodbridge?

Contact:

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

to schedule your Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



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



### Angelina's Kitchen

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



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## CLOVERLEAF SHOPPING CENTER: COMING SOON

A major new addition is on the horizon for Woodbridge Township's growing retail and lifestyle landscape. The Clover Leaf Shopping Center is officially underway and set to bring a dynamic mix of health, wellness, dining, and specialty retail to one of the Township's most visible and accessible locations (Route 1 & Route 35)



Anchored by a **Sprouts Farmers Market**, the center promises to be a one-stop destination for fresh, organic groceries and wholesome living. Joining Sprouts are a variety of exciting tenants that reflect today's modern lifestyle.



Announced tenants include:

- **Alpha Fit Club**
- **Hummus Republic**
- **LaserAway**
- **Paris Baguette**
- **Nasto's Ice Cream**

There are five leases pending and four still available for tenants! Stay tuned to find out who will join this shopping center.

## WEDCO RETURNS ~ THIS FALL November 2025

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 seventh largest municipality in New Jersey. As a result, dozens of significant development projects – projects that demonstrate that corporations and businesses view Woodbridge as a sound investment – are on the drawing board or are actively under construction. **Be on the lookout for details of this years WEDCO**



presentation coming this fall! Visit <https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/283/Woodbridge-Economic-Development-Corporat> for more information.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce

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

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

**Save the Date! The annual Mayor's Breakfast is slated for Friday, September 26 at the Colonia Country Club.**



## 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

August 4 Rain Date: August 18  
Cruise Night

September 14 Rain Date: Sept. 21  
Fords Flea Market & Vendor Fair

October 5 Rain Date: Oct. 12  
Fords Flea Market & Vendor Fair

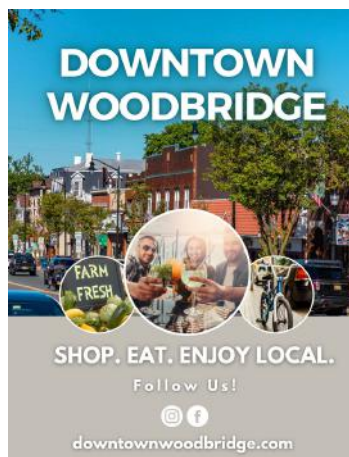
October 6  
Fords Fire Open House

October 20 Rain Date: Nov. 9  
Cruise Night & Trunk or Treat



## 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](http://www.downtownwoodbridge.com)



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Business Round-Up



### Goodwill

Participate in sustainable fashion at **Goodwill** now located at 455 Green Street in Woodbridge.



### Knot Just Bagels

A community staple for over 21 years, **Knot Just Bagels** has re-opened their doors in the heart of Downtown Main Street.



### Sansone Hyundai

**Sansone Hyundai** now selling new and pre-owned vehicles at 90-100 US-1, Avenel.



### Chipotle Mexican Grill

**Chipotle** opens its second store in Woodbridge Township serving fast food with Mexican Flare at 1560 St. Georges Ave, Avenel.



### Backsmart Wellness Center

**Backsmart Wellness Center** provides chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture and massage at 341 Crows Mill Road, Fords.



### Burger King

Have it Your Way at **Burger King's** freshly remodeled store at 1140 St. Georges Ave, Avenel.



### Nothing Bundt Cakes

**Nothing Bundt Cakes** bakery now open 869 St. Georges Avenue, grab bite sized bundts or a tiered cake for any occasion.



### Ellie Mental Health

**Ellie Mental Health** provides a range of services and support for mental disorders and mental health issues at 1000 US-9 #204, Woodbridge.



### Taco Nazo

**Taco Nazo** now serving genuine express Mexican food located at 1331 St. Georges Avenue.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Business Round-Up (Cont.)

Scan QR Code for  
all Ribbon Cuttings  
on YouTube!



### Halal Express

Delivering a delightful array of halal meals for those on the go, **Halal Express** celebrates its arrival at 33 Lafayette Road, Fords.



### That Honey Place

**That Honey Place** is the go-to store for local honey and beekeeping gear. Join the hive at 511 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords.



### Wonder

From Michelin-star spots to hidden gems, **Wonder** brings fantastic flavor and cuisine to our neighborhood at 10 Green Street.



### Shalimar

**Shalimar** is an exceptional culinary experience that blends Indian and Pakistani dishes. Take out or dine in at 1335 Oak Tree Road, Iselin.



### Speak Freazy

Start chillin' today and indulge at the charming **Speak Freazy** ice cream shop now scooping at 428 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords.



### Perla Coffee Co. & Eatery

**Perla Coffee Co. & Eatery** serves breakfast and brunch with a side of "Bright Mornings Begin Here" at 96 Main Street, Woodbridge.



### In N Out Pet Services

**In N Out Pet Services** a full-service grooming as well as self-wash stations now open at 427 Lake Avenue, Colonia.



### Vito Mazza

Serving the Woodbridge Community since 1967, **Vito Mazza** has relocated to 10 Green St. Unit 3, Woodbridge.



### Bratcher Beauty

At **Bratcher Beauty** you can find hair products for all to enhance your beauty and confidence at 3 Ronson Road, Iselin.

# GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

## Woodbridge Plants the Seeds of Sustainability with New Division



Woodbridge Township is proud to introduce its newly established Sustainability Division, dedicated to creating a greener, healthier community. Building on over 14 years as a recognized Sustainable Champion by Sustainable Jersey, this division leads efforts to protect the environment, support the local economy, and enhance quality of life. Through innovation, collaboration, and careful planning, the Sustainability Division drives long-term solutions for environmental and social challenges, ensuring a better future for generations to come.

### Green Business Challenge

The Greenable Business Challenge engages businesses in this mission by assessing how sustainable their current practices are and their proactiveness in introducing new green initiatives. The Greenable Business Challenge is not only a way to showcase your sustainability efforts, but an opportunity for the Township to recognize your dedication to being more environmentally and socially responsible. **To become a Greenable Business complete a sustainable checklist scan the QR Code below or contact the Green Team at [GREENABLE@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:GREENABLE@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)**



### Green Business & Restaurant Recipients

- AOI Japanese Restaurant, Iselin
- Bogarts Lounge & Metro Café, Iselin
- Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce
- Aquila Landscape Contractors, Avenel
- Craig's Plumbing & Heating, Fords
- Baker & Blackbird, Woodbridge
- Knot Just Bagels, Woodbridge
- APA Hotel Woodbridge, Iselin
- Calcutta Wok, Iselin
- Red Lobster, Iselin
- Cinnabon, Woodbridge
- Panda Express, Woodbridge
- Salad Bistro, Woodbridge
- Sweetberry Bowls, Woodbridge
- Pino's Pizza & Restaurant, Woodbridge
- Original Pancake House, Woodbridge
- Want A Smoothie, Woodbridge
- Noches de Colombia, Woodbridge
- Woodbridge Center Mall, Woodbridge
- ESW Occupational Services, Woodbridge
- Mint Spring Balloons & Décor, Online



## Sustainable Schools

### Colonia Middle School Opens Sustainability Courtyard



Colonia Middle School proudly announces the grand opening of their Sustainability Courtyard! Principal Joseph Short, along with the Gardening Club and Art Club, brought the vision for a sustainable courtyard to life. In the courtyard there is a greenhouse, rain garden, raised garden beds for vegetables, butterfly garden, zen garden and a sensory garden. A special congratulations to art club student Heidi, on helping design the beautiful "Together We Grow" mural. The Colonia Middle School Community is promoting sustainability while connecting with one another in a living classroom and nature based learning!



## School 26 Rain Garden

The Greenable Woodbridge Green Team has been tenaciously working to install a series of complex rain gardens at all Township libraries, our municipal building, and areas prone to shallow roadway flooding. The Township's newest rain garden is at Robert Mascenik School #26 in Iselin! Greenable Woodbridge, the Department of Public Works, and staff members from Rutgers University Water Resources Program helped teams of School 26 students construct a rain garden project to manage storm water runoff within the school's courtyard.



### DID YOU KNOW?!

Rain gardens contain beautiful native plants and minimize water runoff into storm drains and waterways – runoff that otherwise courses throughout a watershed can carry excess sediment and nutrients impacting water quality and flooding.



## 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.



## 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.

- 1. KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD**  
Woodbridge Township has several flood hazards located in the A.E.A., Coastal A, and VE zones. The one-hour Base Flood Hazard Areas in your neighborhood by looking at the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Map Service Center. Or for detailed FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information, based on a street address contact the Woodbridge Township Division of Engineering for general assistance. (732) 822-8000
- 2. INSURE YOUR FLOOD-PRONE PROPERTY**  
Most homeowner's policies do not cover water damage, so flood insurance is recommended, even in areas that do not require flood.
- 3. PROTECT PEOPLE FROM FLOODING HAZARDS**  
Always evacuate flood warnings, and never walk or drive through flood areas. Immediately turning water.
- 4. PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY**  
Install backwater valves in your sewerline, walls to protect them from storm damage and build your flood hazard preparedness.
- 5. BUILD RESPONSIBLY**  
When you build or re-occupy a property within or near flood hazard areas, you must comply with the NJ State Flood Hazard Control Act. Before starting, check with your local Flood Hazard Control Office. Contact the Division of Engineering (732) 822-8000 for questions regarding designing and approving projects in flood hazard areas.
- 6. PROTECT NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS**  
With your Township within the 100-year floodplain and subject to future flooding, you should work with the NJ State Flood Hazard Control Act. Before starting, check with your local Flood Hazard Control Office.

# GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE

## ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Woodbridge Township is participating in the State of New Jersey's Community Solar Program, which enables residents to share in clean energy savings when solar companies install solar panels on commercial rooftops in the community. Residents who own or rent their homes can get the benefit of solar panels without ever installing them, by subscribing to this program.



The benefit will come in the form of a 31% discount on solar credits produced by NJ-based company Solar Landscape. The discounts will start appearing throughout 2026 directly on your electricity bills, which will still come from PSE&G. There are no fees to participate in this program.

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

### ENERGY

- 1. Energy Audit:** Conduct a free audit (available from many electric utility companies) to identify opportunities for saving energy and making your workplace more efficient.
- 2. Energy-Efficient Equipment:** Purchase ENERGYSTAR-rated electronics to save money and reduce energy usage over time.
- 3. Programmable Thermostats:** Manage temperature during off-hours to avoid unnecessary heating or cooling costs. *Available free of cost from PSE&G for residential homes.*
- 4. Turn Off Lights:** Use sensor lights or make a habit of switching off lights in unused areas.
- 5. Energy-Efficient Bulbs:** Replace incandescent bulbs with CFL or LED options.
- 6. Natural Sunlight:** Utilize sunlight to illuminate office spaces and reduce electricity usage.
- 7. Fans:** Improve HVAC efficiency by running fans to keep air circulating.
- 8. Power Down Equipment:** Shut down computers and unplug appliances like coffee makers after hours.

### HVAC SYSTEMS

- 1. Eliminate Heating/Cooling Loss:** Inspect windows and doors for air leaks to prevent unnecessary heating or cooling costs.
- 2. Maintain HVAC Equipment:** Perform regular (annual) maintenance and consider upgrading older equipment to energy-efficient models for long-term savings.
- 3. Replace HVAC if Needed:** Opt for ENERGY STAR-certified systems when replacing old equipment for improved efficiency and reduced pollution.
- 4. Avoid Oversized Equipment:** Ensure replacements are appropriately sized to minimize extra costs over their lifetime.
- 5. Change Air Filters Regularly:** Dirty filters waste energy and reduce efficiency, so check and replace them as needed.
- 6. Seal Heating/Cooling Ducts:** Properly seal and insulate ducts to prevent drafts and improve system efficiency by up to 20%.



### Greenable Links:

Visit Greenable Woodbridge at:

[www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/595/Greenable-Woodbridge](https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/595/Greenable-Woodbridge)

Join the Green Team... Share your Green ideas...

E-mail: [GREENABLE@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:GREENABLE@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



## 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 16 Woodbridge Township food service businesses are participating and over 10,000 lbs. of food has

been collected since last April. 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](mailto:peter.barcellona@twp.woodbridge.nj.us).



## Turning Food Waste into Energy ⚡

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



### Woodbridge Twp Food Waste Recycling Program

Woodbridge Township residents can now recycle their Food Waste. **New**, voluntary drop off program at the Recycling Center in Keasbey!

✓ Sign up at the Recycling Center  
225 Smith St, Keasbey,  
Monday-Saturday from 8am till 2pm.

✓ Free Food Waste Recycling Buckets  
available while supplies last.

Recycling 732-738-1311 x3035 Our Website [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



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

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



## SPLASH INTO SUMMER FUN: WOODBIDGE POOLS & SPRAY PARKS

Soak up the summer sun 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!

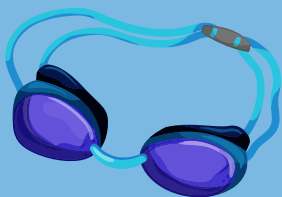


Register today at: <https://njwcc.frontline-connect.com>

Call 732-596-4170

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

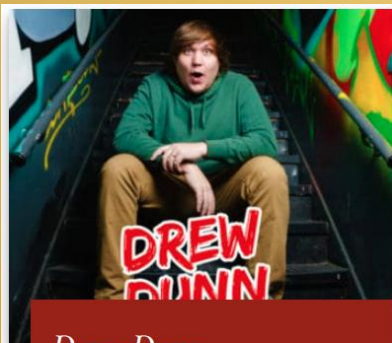
[Highlandgrove@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:Highlandgrove@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



## Woodbridge Township's Destination for the Performing Arts

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

## Upcoming Shows



*Drew Dunn*

July 18 2025

*Drew Dunn has become one of the top acts in the 2025 Comedy world, delighting fans with*



*Dauood Naimyar*

July 19 2025

*Once he embraced his eccentric point of view, he saw the humor all around him.*



*Mike Cannon*

July 26 2025

*A New York City-based comedian, podcaster, writer, and actor.*



*Royal Tea Party*

August 2 2025 - September 27 2025

*\* NEW DATES ADDED IN SEPTEMBER! \**

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

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



# RECREATION NEWS

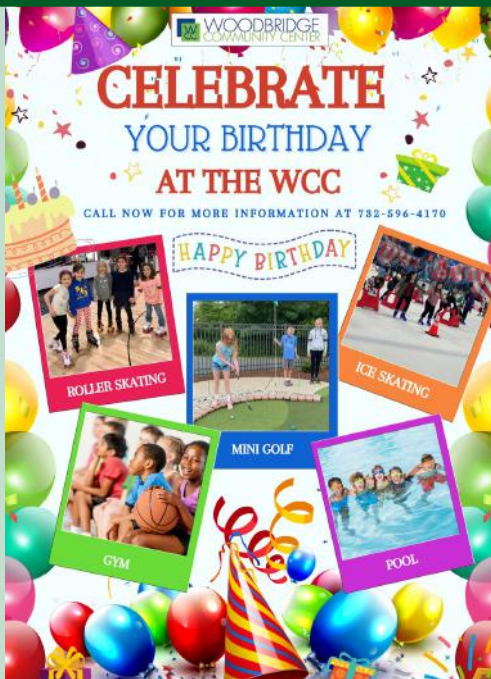
## Mini Golf & Batting Cages

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



## Open Skating

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



## Celebrate Summer with a WCC Health & Wellness Membership

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

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

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

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

Find us on Facebook

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



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

## Your Summer Fitness Starts at



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

CHECK OUT THE NEW & IMPROVED

**the Club**  
at  
**WOODBRIDGE**  
Sports & Fitness Center

**We Offer:**

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

WWW.THECLUB.ORG  
732-634-5000

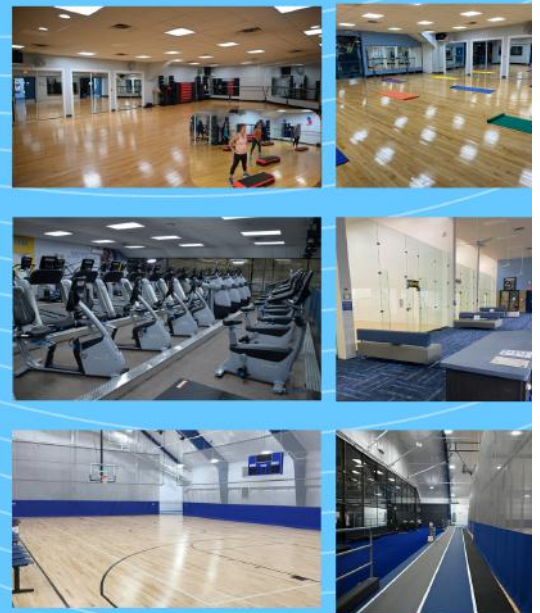
585 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

John E. McCormac, Mayor  
Brian Molnar, Recreation Director

### Weightlifting



### New & Improved Facilities!



### New Locker Rooms



## Barbells at The Club at Woodbridge

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



# 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](http://www.woodbridgeanimalgroup.com).

## FREE Rabies Clinic September 17

The shelter will offer a free rabies clinic for all Township dogs and cats on September 17 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](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) for more information on the upcoming rabies clinic and pet licensing. Pets must have human present.

**RABIES CLINIC** Public Health

**September 17th 2025**  
(4pm - 7pm)

Dogs & cats six months or older, must be licensed with the Township of Woodbridge. Licenses may be purchased at time of the clinic. All Animals must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs must be on a leash; Cats must be contained in a carrier (One cat per carrier)

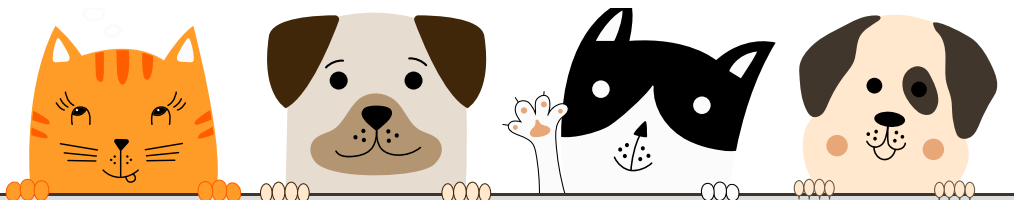
**HOES**  
 Dog Neutered - \$15.00  
 Dog Non-Neutered - \$30.00  
 After March 31st - \$2.00 late fee

**CATS**  
 Cat Spayed - \$33.00  
 Cat Non-Spayed - \$23.00  
 After November 1st - \$3.00 late fee

**MICRO-CHIPPING AVAILABLE** - \$25.00  
 Non-Residents charge - \$50.00

**Seniors 65+ reduced license fee, please inquire.**  
 For questions please call (732) 855-0600 ext 2034

Woodbridge Township Health Department  
 2 George Frederick Plaza,  
 Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
 732-855-0600 ext 2034



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

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



Cupcake, Bubba, Ryder, Mattie & Teddy









# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## ADULT HEALTH SERVICES & VACCINE:

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

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

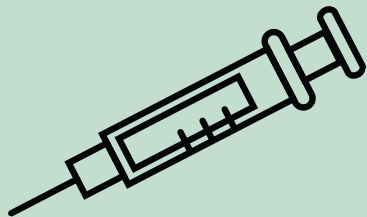
TB Skin Testing: Mon., Tues. & Wed. at Health Center. Clinic Fee: \$10.00. Call for Appointment: 732-855-0600 x5012.

## CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE:

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

## CHILD IMMUNIZATION:

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



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

## Health Report & Clinic Schedule



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

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



## SCHOOL AGE PHYSICALS

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



# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

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

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



The Mobile Health Services climate-controlled, 27-foot Ford E450 Mobile Health van equipped with two examination areas able to provide general medicine and nursing services, schedules routine visits to senior citizen centers, public housing complexes, shopping centers and will be on-site at our many community events, festivals and street fairs offering first-rate health services to vulnerable populations who are under-served and face healthcare barriers in traditional settings. Among the services offered are blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings, along with heart rate, blood oxygen, and height/weight exams.

### Mobile Health Unit Monthly Schedule

Scan Here



## Health Department Issues Mosquito Alert

The Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission and the Health Department is warning that the coming months may be heavy with mosquitoes. The key to reducing mosquito bites and mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the population before the larvae hatch. There are a number of ways to reduce the mosquito population: Check your property regularly for standing water or containers collecting water where mosquitoes can breed. Empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers (if still installed), buckets, barrels and cans at least once a week. Clogged rain gutters should be cleaned. Discarded tires and other items that collect water should be removed. The Health Department also advises pool owners to run the pool filter to keep water aerated and to treat pool water with appropriate chemicals. **Contact the Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission at 732-549-0665 or visit <http://middlesexmosquito.org> for information.**



## 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 2024 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 fifth year in a row and the sixth time since the Mayor's Wellness Campaign's inception that the Township has proudly received this delegation!!! Thank you to all the members of our Mayor's Wellness Committee who make Woodbridge, the Healthiest Town Around!!!



## Mental Health Day Woodbridge Township Fights The Stigma



Woodbridge Township is proud to participate in Mental Health Awareness Month each May by offering residents from youth to senior and everyone in between resources and programs that will aid their mental health. We hosted our annual flag raising and community resource fair at Town Hall and helped **paint the town green** to encourage support for mental health awareness. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Mental Health Day next May!

As mental health challenges continue to rise nationwide, Woodbridge Township remains proactive in creating a supportive environment where individuals and families can access care, build resilience, and find hope.

For more information, please visit the Woodbridge Township website or contact the Department of Health & Human Services.



## Woodbridge School of Dance Raises Money for Mental Health

The Woodbridge School of Dance (WSD), located at 1308 St. Georges Avenue, Avenel, hosted their annual **Fiesta of Feelings** mental health awareness fundraiser. The event was organized by WSD instructor Ms. Julia Chepel, with the support of School Director Barbara Vari, and featured crafts, music, games, and even a foam party. Hosted at the Woodbridge Elks, admission was just \$10, with all proceeds benefiting Road to Hope, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals impacted by mental health and substance use disorders. **Thanks to the generosity of attendees and supporters, \$700 was raised for the cause!!!**

The Township of Woodbridge extends its sincere thanks to the Woodbridge School of Dance, along with the many dedicated parents who generously donated snacks, drinks, and craft supplies to support the event. We also commend the teachers, volunteers, and especially those brave enough to take a pie in the face, all in the spirit of raising awareness and supporting a meaningful cause. The enthusiasm and community spirit at WSD is what makes Woodbridge the Best Town Around!



# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

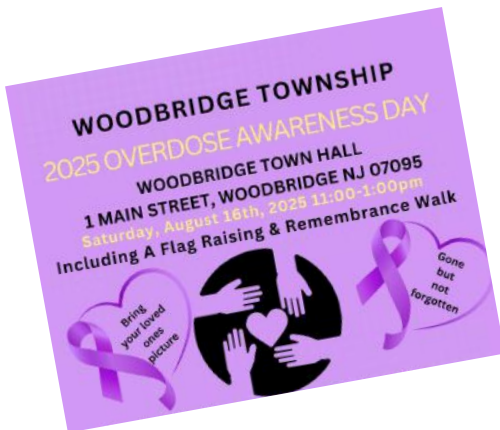
## Health Department Targets Opioid Addiction & Peer Recovery

The Department of Health & Human Services continues its successful mission to attack the Opioid Addiction crisis through aggressive “one-on-one” assistance program(s) 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 Behavioral Health Services at 732-596-4199.*

## Woodbridge Township Overdose Awareness Day ~ August 16, 2025



### Breaking the Stigma & Honoring Lives

Woodbridge Township Behavioral Health Services will host its annual **Overdose Awareness Day on Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Town Hall from 11AM to 1PM.** Friends, families and advocates will gather to honor their loved ones, raise awareness and share resources for prevention, recovery and hope. Join us for the flag raising and remembrance walk down Main Street. For more information on the program or how to become a vendor contact [Gabriela.Pasternak@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:Gabriela.Pasternak@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or call 732-855-0600 x5022

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



# SENIOR NEWS

## Cool Activities, Warm Community: Summer at our Senior Centers

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

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

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

### Evergreen Senior Center

732-726-6261

400 Inman Avenue, Colonia

### Maple Tree Senior Center

732-259-0910

109 Morrissey Avenue, Avenel

### Five Branches Senior Center

732-726-6276

1 Brown Avenue, Iselin

### Sycamore Senior Center

732-726-6272

290 Old Road, Port Reading

### Oak Tree Senior Center

732-259-2008

571 Lincoln Highway, Iselin

### Hickory Senior Center

732-726-6285

17 Corrielle Street, Fords



## Seniors on the Move!

This summer get moving with the Maple Tree Walking Club for seniors!!! It is a fantastic way to stay active and socialize. Held at the Maple Tree Senior Center, the club meets every Monday and Friday at 10 a.m. Walks take place rain or shine as there's the option to walk indoors around the perimeter of the building. Scan the QR Code for more information about this great program!



For any questions, you can reach out at 732-259-0910.



## Seniors Embrace the Police Academy Challenge

Congratulations to the graduates of the 2025 Senior Police Academy class! These dedicated individuals spent five weeks learning about the inner workings of the Woodbridge Police Department. They gained insight on crime prevention, trained as a civilian observer riding along with a WPD officer, conducted a firearms demonstration and toured the WPD and Municipal Court facilities. If you are interest in joining the Senior Police Academy it is open to those those live in Woodbridge Township and are 60 years and older. **To learn more or to register for the WPD Senior Citizen Police Academy, contact the WPD Community Affairs Office at 732-726-2318. You can also Follow @Woodbridge\_Pd on Instagram or Woodbridge Police Department on Facebook!!!**



# SENIOR NEWS

## Important Phone Numbers for Seniors



### Division on Aging

732-726-6262

### STOW

732-726-2394

### MCAT (County Transportation)

800-221-3520

### Access Link (Transportation)

800-955-2321

### N.J. Department of Health & Senior Services

800-792-8820

### Social Security, Iselin Office

800-772-1213

### Medicare

800-633-4227

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

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

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

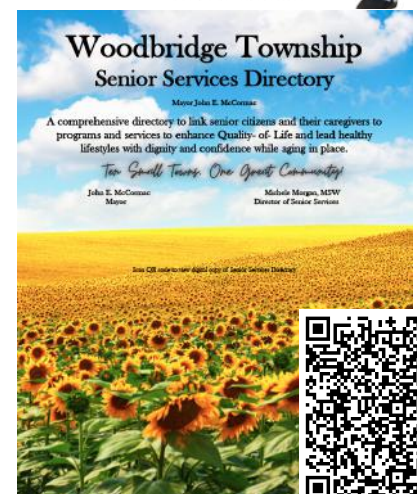
Senior Services hosts the ever popular and reliable Senior Transportation of Woodbridge (S.T.O.W.) – that provides FREE transportation services to Township Seniors so they can get to medical appointments, shopping, Summer Concerts and Senior Centers - which opens them up to opportunities that they otherwise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



## Senior Resource Guide at Your Finger Tips

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

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



## 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 NEWS

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



## Senior Olympics Set for September 5, 6 & 7

The 2025 New Jersey Senior Olympic games return to Woodbridge September 5-7 when senior athletes from across the state gather to participate in the Senior Olympic Games. This is the 19th 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 22 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](http://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 2025 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](mailto:megan.kushpa@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)

[Scan to View Promo Video](#)



*Join the New Jersey Senior Olympics Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, September 6 at 10:00AM at the Woodbridge Community Center.*

# ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

## The Barron Report

Enjoy a summer filled with art, culture and classical music right here in Woodbridge at Historic The Barron Arts Center!!!



The ever-popular Poets Wednesday presents monthly poetry readings and workshops. Explore Painting & Drawing classes for artist's young and not so young with instruction for all experience levels looking to learn or improve their art skills. Follow on Facebook. Follow on X @BarronArtsCtr and on Instagram @barronartscenter. Visit [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) for complete listings and registration details on all of The BAC's exhibits, concerts, classes, events and programs.

## NJ Art & Music Express A Symphony of Success!

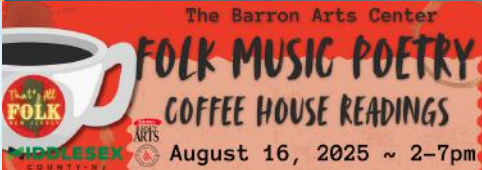
Art lovers from all over New Jersey visited Woodbridge, Avenel and Rahway for a Central Jersey Arts Festival! Each of the vibrant destinations are hosted an entire day filled with art and music. Follow any of our Township social media accounts for information on Next Year's program!!!



## NJ Art & Music Express



WOODBRIDGE → RAHWAY → AVENEL



## NOW ACCEPTING BARRONFEST VENDORS!!!



Save the date!!! BARRONFEST is Back!!! Saturday, October 11 from 12pm-4pm at Parker Press Park. Now accepting vendor applications. Alternate rain location at the Acacia Center (95 Port Reading Avenue)



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.



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

Scan the QR Code to learn more.



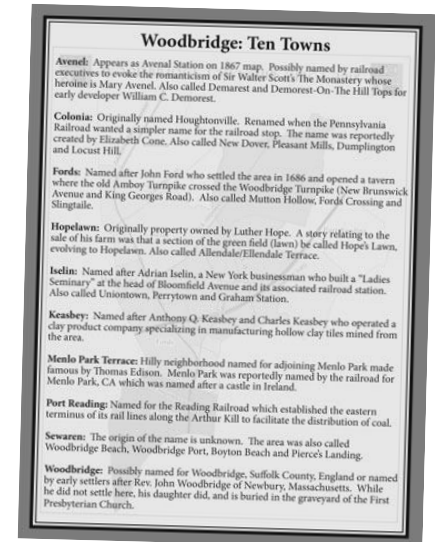
# ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

## Woodbridge: 350 Years of 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.



## Explore The Woodbridge History Museum

The Woodbridge History Museum, located at 86 Green Street in the heart of historic Woodbridge proper, stands as the repository chronicling the 350-Year history of Woodbridge Proper, Colonia, Iselin, Avenel, Menlo Park Terrace, Fords, Hopelawn, Keasbey, Port Reading and Sewaren. The Museum is open every Sunday 1pm-4pm.



The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township encourages residents, community organizations, businesses, congregations, cultural and educational institutions and visitors to tour the Woodbridge History Museum and explore the interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts and memorabilia dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The Office of the Mayor and the Municipal Council commend the vision and dedication of Frank and Audrey LePenta, the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township, and all those involved in the planning, restoration and completion of the Woodbridge History Museum and encourages everyone to take a step back in time to witness the evolution of our great Township by visiting the Museum.

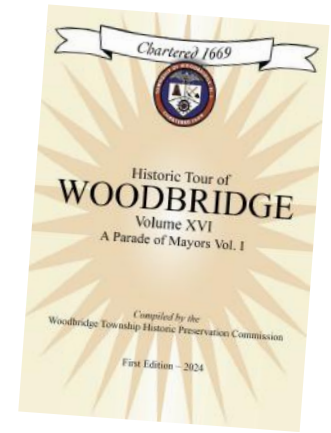
## History Today & Tomorrow

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



## Next Stop on the History Tour A Parade of Mayors – Volume 1

The Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission unveiled their most recent Historic Tour of Woodbridge: "A Parade of Mayors- Vol. 1" at a launch ceremony at the historic Barron Arts Center. Volume XVI explores the pivotal role of the first Magistrate, elected Committeemen and ultimately Mayors as they offered leadership and service to constituents.



## 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

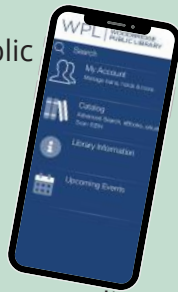


Submit your Woodbridge Township historical pictures to [hawt1669@gmail.com](mailto:hawt1669@gmail.com)

# ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

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

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



## Woodbridge Public Library Get Your Library Card & Explore the Universe

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



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



## Apply for Your Library Card Online!

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

## Computer Skills Classes at the WPL



Woodbridge Public Library offers a variety of opportunities to improve your computer skills.

Bring your device to learn some tips and tricks with a librarian who will offer library content as your learning tool, register for a class for beginners, or work on Microsoft skills in-person. You can also discover the rich, intermediate to advanced technology trainings available in Linked In Learning. Visit <https://bit.ly/WPLComputerClasses> for a description of classes and to register.



## Notary and Passport Services



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



# ARTS, LIBRARY & HISTORY NEWS

## WPL Announces Summer Reading Challenge

Calling all Readers!!! Residents of all ages are invited to sign-up for a summer of reading, activities and fun! The reading clubs are open to WPL members and Woodbridge readers. The theme of the Summer Reading Program for all ages is Color Our World which will feature activities, programs and reading clubs. Sign up for your chance to win prizes for reading books you love! Adult Summer Reading Grand Prize package include two vouchers for Grounds for Sculpture, a 175 Piece Deluxe Art Set and Gift Cards to Applebees!!!! **Register in person, via the WPL website at [woodbridgelibrary.org](http://woodbridgelibrary.org) or by calling us at 732-634-4450.**



## 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.



## Calling All Writers

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

**WRITERS' GROUP**

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
6:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Whether you're established or aspiring, join this brand new monthly program to talk about your writing challenges, share resources, seek advice and offer support to your peers! Come prepared to discuss your current project or a project you've been considering but haven't started. Open to fiction and nonfiction authors, poets, playwrights, graphic novelists, bloggers and freelancers! **Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM in the Main Library. No registration required!**



## 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



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

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

## Museum Pass Program

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

Museum passes to check out for free admission

 49 Washington St. Newark, NJ 07102 973-586-6350 <a href="http://newarkmuseum.org">newarkmuseum.org</a> 2 Adults and All - Age 17	 4 Vineland Road Fortram Park, NJ 07932 973-966-6000 <a href="http://imagineuseum.org">imagineuseum.org</a> Pass admits 4 people	 765 Neewman Springs Rd Park in Lot 1 Lincroft, NJ 07738 732-941-3296 <a href="http://monmouthmuseum.org">monmouthmuseum.org</a> Pass admits 4 people	 37 Christie Street Edison, NJ 08820 732-549-3299 <a href="http://www.monapattersonmuseum.org">www.monapattersonmuseum.org</a> Pass admits 4 people
 Pier 86 46 <sup>th</sup> St. & 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave New York, NY 10038 212-245-0172 <a href="http://intrepidmuseum.org">intrepidmuseum.org</a> 2 Adults and 2 Children	 62 Battleship Place Camden, NJ 08103 856-966-5652 <a href="http://www.battleship.org">www.battleship.org</a> 2 Adults and up to 3 Children	 1 Humane Way Forked River, NJ 08031 856-693-3800 <a href="http://ahscares.org">ahscares.org</a> 2 Adults and up to 4 Children	 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ 08540 609-964-6344 <a href="http://morven.org">morven.org</a> Pass admits 4 people
 Jersey City, NJ 10% discount with a library card <a href="http://lsc.org">lsc.org</a>	 Woodbridge History Museum 88 Green Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095 732-634-3169 <a href="https://www.woodbridgetownshipnj.org/">https://www.woodbridgetownshipnj.org/</a> Woodbridge History Museum is a Free Admission - Sundays 10am-5pm. Pick up a pass and ticket for a free gift from the Friends of the Library for your visit to the Woodbridge History Museum - filled with local history, treasures and stories.	 The 40th Summer Reading Program will offer as a raffle prize for submitting reviews for books read this summer some passes for the very popular Grounds for Sculpture Museum. Details are available at <a href="http://woodbridgelibrary.org">woodbridgelibrary.org</a> .	

# YOUTH NEWS

Woodbridge Township Youth Services

## Acacia Youth Center

95 Port Reading Ave, Woodbridge  
WILL BE OPEN THIS SUMMER

Once again, the Acacia Youth Center will be open for summer fun 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](mailto:youthservices@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



**Stay Connected!**

**TEXT YOUTHSERVICES TO 22828**

TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Follow Youth Services on Instagram  
**@WoodbridgeYouthServices**

## 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! **Sign up on Community Pass to join in on the fun!**



## FREE SUMMER CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

**MAYOR'S FREE SUMMER CHILDREN'S SERIES**

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Saturday, June 28th Magic of Amore 10am Acacia Youth Center	Saturday, July 12th Pinocchio Yates Family Theater 10am Acacia Youth Center	Saturday, August 9th Peter Pan Yates Family Theater 10am Acacia Youth Center
<b>JULY</b> Wednesday, July 2nd Flight Crew Judo Rope Performance 8pm Woodbridge High School	Saturday, July 19th Sleeping Beauty Yates Family Theater 10am Acacia Youth Center	Saturday, August 16th Reptile Show 10am Acacia Youth Center
<b>Locations</b> Acacia Youth Center 95 Port Reading Ave Woodbridge, NJ	Saturday, July 26th Wizard of Oz Yates Family Theater 10am Acacia Youth Center	Saturday, August 23rd Music performed by Bobby Beckett 10am Acacia Youth Center
Woodbridge High School 5 Samuel Lupo Place Woodbridge, NJ	Wednesday, July 30th Puppy Pals Comedic Stunt Dog Show 1pm & 7:30pm Woodbridge High School	Saturday, August 30th Bubblemania 10am & 11am Acacia Youth Center

Concert Hotline: 732-602-6045

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
JOHN E. MCCORMACK, MAYOR

BRIAN MOLNAR, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

For more information: [www.woodbridgeyouthservices.com](http://www.woodbridgeyouthservices.com)

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!



## 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!

<p><b>ACACIA YOUTH CENTER</b></p> <p>95 PORT READING AVE. WOODBRIDGE, NJ 07095 M-F 3:00-6PM 732-726-6290</p>	<p><b>HIGHLAND GROVE YOUTH CENTER</b></p> <p>70 HIGHLAND TERRACE FORDS, NJ 08863 M-F 3:00-6PM 732-596-4181</p>	<p><b>EVERGREEN YOUTH CENTER</b></p> <p>400 INMAN AVE. COLONIA, NJ 07067 M-F 3:00-6PM 732-634-4500 X2392</p>
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## Don't Get Vaped In: A Woodbridge Township Youth Services Campaign

Guest Youth Column By Mathew Velarde, Junior at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School

Teenagers, and even those younger, across the United States have begun vaping and for a variety of different reasons. It may be due to common stressors such as an overwhelming school workload or societal pressures such as wanting to vape because it seems to be the “cool” thing to do. The number of students who vape is steadily decreasing as prevention education about the harmful effects of vaping have come to light.

This is where Woodbridge Township Youth Services & Incorruptible.Us comes in. This year I joined the Incorruptible Us chapter at JFK High School to help get the word out to my peers about the danger that electronic cigarettes have on our health. I decided to join the organization after I felt that vaping had become an increasingly alarming issue in my school, and felt a personal obligation as a member of my community to use my voice to create change.

Incorruptible Us is a youth-led initiative that works in our schools and our communities promoting natural highs and being vape free. We table during lunch time and create social media content. It is my hope that through Incorruptible Us, we can truly improve the quality-of-life for those who may not have the support or knowledge to quit tobacco for good themselves.

## Don't Get Vaped in PSA Contest Submissions



## Sustainable Fashion Show



Greenable Woodbridge collaborated with the Youth Leadership Council and Goodwill located at Woodbridge Crossing to offer an insightful and engaging project focused on sustainable fashion and environmental awareness. Through a series of activities, including an educational presentation, a clothing swap, a mending workshop, and a thrift shopping spree, local middle and high school students explored the social and environmental impacts of the fashion industry.

The project culminated in a successful fashion show where students showcased their creativity with secondhand clothing and upcycled designs. The event not only raised awareness about reducing fashion waste but also inspired responsible consumption practices among the next generation. The fashion show was a beautiful demonstration of expressive creativity and community collaboration. Students impressed the audience with their talent, showcasing innovative looks made from secondhand clothing and upcycled designs. The FCCLA club from JFK High School, led by Ms. Dawn Santana, played a vital role in the event, teaching participants how to sew and redesign their outfits.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Cart Placement



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



## Backyard Compost

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

## Got Bulk?

### Waste Collection & Curbside Pick-Up Information

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

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

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



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

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



#### 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 right thing to do for our environment... but it's profitable. Last year our DPW. Recycling Team received **\$287,342** from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Tonnage Grant and **\$228,821** from the Clean Communities Grant program. Keep-up the great work... and **RECYCLE & RE-USE!!!**



# RECYCLE

**Cans**  
Aluminum & Steel Cans

**Glass**  
Bottles & Jars

**Paper & Cardboard**  
Newspaper, Mail, Magazines,  
Cartons, & Boxes

**Plastic**  
Bottles & Containers



## Recycling by the Numbers

One year of curbside recycling saves:

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

**Total: 13,820 tons of recycling collected annually**

## Pothole Hotline:

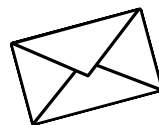
### 732-726-2325

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

## 2025 Recycling Calendar



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



## Questions?

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

# PUBLIC WORKS

## DPW Goes Green!!!



The Department of Public Works has finally unveiled the newest green additions to the fleet: three electric passer shuttle (primarily used for S.T.O.W.) and three electric garbage trucks.



The three garbage trucks include an roll-off heavy duty vehicle, which we are excited to announce is the FIRST all electric roll-off in the entire country!!! The other garbage trucks include a rear-loader and a side-loader. Now collecting your trash and recyclables!



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!

## 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 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 x3049**



## Paving the Way to Better Streets

The DPW and the Engineering Division oversee the annual Road Paving/Resurfacing Program which is more than \$5 million each year to improve neighborhood streets, roads, parking lots, walking paths and other public transportation avenues. In 2024, the Engineering Division oversaw the reconstruction and/or repaving of more than 25 streets with Department of Public Works crews and equipment doing much of the work. The Township-wide Road Paving/Resurfacing Program has resulted in many streets and roads repaired and paved in recent years – along with municipal parking areas, school walking paths and sidewalks being paved quicker and at a substantial savings to taxpayers.



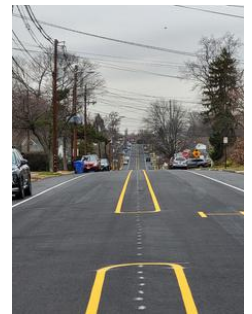
Semel Avenue  
Iselin



McFarlane Road  
Colonia



Tappen Street  
Avenel



Barron Avenue  
Woodbridge

## Pedestrian Safety Improvements



Middlesex County officials and Woodbridge Township leaders celebrated a “significant milestone” in their Vision Zero safety initiative with the completion of major improvements to a busy intersection in the Iselin section of Woodbridge Township. The \$1 million upgrade includes a state-of-the-art traffic signal with dedicated left-turn slots, video detection technology, and Accessible Pedestrian Signals to assist those with visual



impairments. The project also delivered ADA-compliant curb ramps and sidewalks, along with approximately 1,000 feet of roadway improvements!!!



## Save the Date ~ Veteran's Day Parade

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



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

- A Veteran's Day Salute & Thank You:
  - Woodbridge Township Veterans Alliance
  - American Legion T. Rutley Post #471
  - American Legion Post #248
  - American Legion Post #87
  - Cpl. Kevin J. Retford Marine Corps League Detachment #189
  - VFW Woodbridge Memorial Post #4443
  - VFW Angleton Memorial Post #1382
  - VFW Colonia Memorial Post #6881
  - VFW Avenel Memorial Post #7154
  - VFW Swain Memorial Post #2336
  - VFW South Memorial Post #4095
  - Disabled American Veterans Chapter #52

Mayor John E. McCormac

Park in the N.J. Transit lot on Eleanor Street  
 For more information or to register your organization to participate, call the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department at 732-506-4048



## Important Information for All Veterans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## NOW ACCEPTING: Hometown Hero Banner Applications



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



WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
**HOMETOWN HERO BANNER 2026 APPLICATION**  
 HONOR YOUR VETERAN WITH A BANNER!

**DEADLINE FOR 2026 BANNERS IS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**



## Honoring Heroes: Memorial Day Across Woodbridge Township



**2025 Services were held at the following locations:**

- Colonia VFW Post #6061**
- Keasbey Fire Company #1 & Hopelawn VFW Post 1352**
- Port Reading Fire, EMS and Ladies Auxiliary**
- Avenel VFW Memorial Post #7164**
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 04-04 Station Sewaren**
- Woodbridge VFW Post #4410**
- Woodbridge Disabled American Veterans Chapter 56**
- Iselin VFW Memorial Post #2636**
- Fords VFW Memorial Post #6090**
- American Legion T. Nulty Post #471**
- American Legion Post #87**

## Support Our Troops Rally

The Annual Support Our Troops Rally honors active-duty members of the United States military who are serving in duty locations across the globe and the past service and heroic contributions of Woodbridge Township Veterans.



# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY

## Mayor McCormac Announces New WPD Leadership

Mayor John E. McCormac announced the appointment of Joseph Nisky, a 40-Year veteran of the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) to the position of Police Director to oversee the 235-member department – the largest police department in Middlesex County.



"I congratulate Director Robert Hubner on his distinguished 44-Year career with the Woodbridge Police Department during which time he elevated the professionalism of the WPD having achieved national recognition via accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies – one of only a handful of New Jersey Police Departments to achieve national accreditation. And, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Deputy Director Joseph Nisky to the position of Director effective March 1, 2025," said Mayor McCormac.

Deputy Director Nisky took the Oath-of-Office in 1985 and served as a Police Officer in the Radio Patrol Division through 1987, when he was assigned as a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division and Juvenile Aid Bureau (1988-1994). Nisky was promoted to Sergeant in 1994, with assignment as Patrol Division Road Supervisor through 2003 until transfer to the Criminal Investigations Division as the Assignment Sergeant and promotion to Lieutenant (2003). In 2011, Nisky was appointed Deputy Police Director with expanded duties to include Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management, oversight of Township Emergency Medical Services and liaison to the Woodbridge Township Fire Districts. Director Nisky brings significant experience to addressing the public safety challenges of the future, to include hands-on supervision of WPD operations, Township-wide Emergency Management Services and liaison to the Woodbridge Township Fire Districts.



## WPD Offers Safe 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:



## 2025 National Night Out

Join the Woodbridge Police Department for National Night Out on **Monday, August 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM**, now taking place at **Alvin P. Williams Park in Sewaren**. Note this is a change from the previous location at the Woodbridge Community Center. This fun-filled evening will feature free BBQ, live music, bounce houses, ice cream, and more as the community comes together to promote neighborhood camaraderie. Bring the whole family for a night of food, fun, and connection!



## WPD In The Community



# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY

## WPD Officers Recognized for Life-Saving Action

On November 3, 2024, the WPD dispatched all available units to the Woodbridge Terrace Apartment Complex in response to a 9-1-1 report of a structure fire engulfing several occupied apartments. Upon arriving at the scene, Sgt. Scott Horvath, Officers Steven Doyle, Andrew Kotarsky, Alexander Rebelo, Aaron Jarrett and Traffic Investigator Adam Kazawic immediately established a fire scene perimeter and initiated evacuation procedures. Traffic Investigator Kazawic, a volunteer firefighter, located residents trapped on a second floor balcony and deployed a rescue ladder. Officers Kotarsky and Rebelo climbed the ladder and guided one resident to safety while Investigator Kazawic and Officers Doyle and Jarrett secured a second ladder and a Reeves Rescue Basket. Officers Doyle and Jarrett scaled the ladder and Officers Kotarsky and Rebelo transferred the elderly resident to the Reeves basket for a safe evacuation from the second floor balcony. Sgt. Scott Horvath, Officers Steven Doyle, Andrew Kotarsky, Alexander Rebelo, Aaron Jarrett and Traffic Investigator Adam Kazawic functioned as a team to secure the fire scene, locate the trapped residents on the second floor fire engulfed apartment balcony and initiated emergency rescue procedures to safely evacuate the residents for transport to St. Barnabus Hospital for treatment for burns and smoke inhalation.



(L/R) Sgt. Scott Horvath, Traffic Investigator Adam Kazawic, Officers Andrew Kotarsky, Steven Doyle, Alexander Rebelo and Aaron Jarrett.

## WPD Welcomes New Police Officers

Mayor John E. McCormac and Police Director Joseph Nisky announced the appointment of eight new police officers to the ranks of the Woodbridge Township Police Department (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.



The Woodbridge Police Department WPD Officers Justin Couto, Michael Barbato III, Charles Rivituso, Jeffrey Kiszka, Samuel Duffy, Victor Perosi III, Peter Simon, Philip Mulhearn, Christian Rovito.

## WPD Officers Justin Nerney and Drew Krupinski Named 2024 WPD Officer's-of-the-Year

Congratulations to WPD Officers Justin Nerney and Drew Krupinski, assigned to Radio Patrol Division - Squad 9, for their commitment to policing, law enforcement and public safety upon selection as the 2024 Woodbridge Police Department Officers-Of-The-Year.

On June 13, 2024, Officer Justin Nerney (Nine-Year Veteran) and Officer Drew Krupinski (Eight-Year Veteran) responded to a Be On The Lookout dispatch from the New York City Police Department regarding a wanted person being sought for attempted murder. Acting on the report, WPD Officers located the suspect vehicle at a motel in the Keasbey section of the Township and initiated surveillance and security protocols pending arrival of NYPD Detectives. In securing the location, WPD Officers and NYPD Detectives determined that the suspect had vacated his room and was enroute to the lobby. Upon entry to the motel lobby, the suspect, armed with a handgun, exited the elevator as Officer Nerney engaged the suspect in an attempt to gain control of the handgun. The suspect opened fire with Officer Nerney and Officer Krupinski returning fire. Officer Nerney and NYPD Det. Matthew Mauro were wounded in the exchange of gunfire. Immediately after the suspect was incapacitated, additional WPD Officers initiated first aid to the wounded officers.



## Fire & EMS Report Mary Wertz Sparks History as District 9 Trailblazing Fire Chief

Mary Wertz shattered barriers as the first woman to serve as Chief of Iselin Volunteer Fire Company #1 - District 9, marking a historic milestone in the department's long-standing tradition of service. This groundbreaking achievement makes Mary Wertz the first woman to serve as Chief across all fire squads in Woodbridge Township, setting a historic precedent for the entire community. With two decades of dedication under her belt, Mary previously served as 1st Deputy Chief, where she showcased exceptional leadership, courage and expertise. Her commitment to firefighting is deeply rooted in family values with Kevin Wertz, her father, a former Chief, and husband, Michael Greves, who is an active firefighter, making service to the community a shared legacy. Mary's groundbreaking appointment not only highlights her personal achievements but also inspires future generations of women to break new ground in serving and protecting the community.



## Trailblazers at Women's History Month Flag Raising



L-R: Renee Peña, Sarah Farghaly, Jasmine Anaya, Kimberly Seber, Sarina Rodriguez & Madison Kushpa

A group of dedicated female first responders proudly attended the Women's History Month Flag Raising Ceremony. These trailblazers came together to honor the achievements and contributions of women in their field, celebrating their vital roles in keeping communities safe.

## 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



JOIN THE  
WOODBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR  
**SUMMER**  
MOVIE NIGHT

**FREE ENTRY**

Disney  
**Zootopia**

**THURSDAY**  
JULY 17th  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian.  
(Popcorn . Snacks . Water . Juice Boxes . Rita's Ice)

Acacia Youth Center  
95 Port Reading Ave, Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
Pre-Registration Is Required

Register On Our Website: [www.woodbridgefirenj.com](http://www.woodbridgefirenj.com)

"CLICK ON EVENTS"

# WPD & PUBLIC SAFETY



## Municipal Court News

### Have a question about Municipal Court?

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

### Did you know?

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

Pay online:  
**NJMCDirect.com**

Pay by mail:

Municipal Court  
1 Main Street  
Woodbridge, NJ 07795

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



### See A Crime... Report A Crime

**732-855-8477**

#### Woodbridge Multi-Family Crime Prevention Program



If you have a Crime Tip, call this number:

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

Woodbridge Police Crimes TIPS Hotline

Multi-Family



Crime Prevention

**Your  
Crime  
Tips  
Work.**

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



## EMS WEEK

### FLAG RAISING

In a recent celebration of National EMS Week, Mayor McCormac, alongside the Municipal Council, led a Proclamation and Flag-Raising Ceremony to honor the contributions of emergency medical services in the Township.

Woodbridge Police Department - EMS Dennis Petrick, EMS Manager  
Port Reading First Aid Squad - Chief Danny Eagan  
Avenel-Colonia First Aid Squad - Chief Robert Snowfield  
Colonia First Aid Squad - Chief Erin Seneca  
Woodbridge Township Ambulance and Rescue Squad - Chief Nicole Fanning

Mayor's Award for Excellence in Public Safety, Emergency Response & Life-Saving Action

EMT Jonathan Ryan, Woodbridge Police Department EMS EMT William Reger,  
Woodbridge Police Department EMS

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Firefighter Kurt Delibero, Fords Fire Company



### Volunteer for DVRT

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



### CERT Wants You

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



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

Golden Oldies Mondays!

WOODBIDGE WEDNESDAY!

Tuesday Tributes!

2025

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 rocks Anchors Tiki Bar 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.



WoodbridgeNJMusic.com

