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## Welcome to the Club at Woodbridge

### New Ownership, New Look

By Mayor John E. McCormac

It's Official!

The Club at Woodbridge is now part of the Woodbridge Township Recreation Family. We're offering an incredible menu of health, wellness, fitness and entertainment programs, events and happenings to members and guests.

In the weeks leading up to October 1 – the first day of Township operation – management and staff were on-site nearly every day, taking stock of the physical layout and amenities and, more importantly, visiting with The Club members to learn their thoughts and ideas on improvements, programs, activities and amenities.

In our many stops at The Club, we found one common theme – members love it. They love the classes and the instructors; the equipment and the trainers; the front desk and the concession stand; the membership directors and the Kid Sports.

We are incredibly impressed with the camaraderie of the members in The Club and with everyone's suggestions as to how things could be improved. We listened and will continue to listen for the long run of our ownership.

On the first day of operation, the Public Works Department hit the ground running repaving the entrance



and driveway into the property and starting work rebuilding the front entrance to make it handicap-accessible. We also contracted a professional cleaning company (JanPro) to undertake a top to bottom cleaning of the entire building.

We also began installing an improved security system in the KidSports area that will involve visual identification of all visitors with fob-controlled access for parents and employees. The safety of our students and those who use the day care facilities is of utmost importance.

We awarded contracts to The Vaughn Collaborative and T&M architectural/engineering firms to design all of the improvements throughout the inside and outside of the building. Our first priority will be the locker rooms, as we look to replace lockers and showers and other amenities with brand new fixtures and equipment.

We also are going to replace the surface in the open space next to

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"Ten Towns...  
One Community"

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## TOWN HALL

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Mayor:

John E. McCormac

### Municipal Council:

*Council President:*

**Debbie Meehan, Fifth Ward**

*Council Vice-President:*

**Cory Spillar, Third Ward**

**Nancy Bader-Drumm, First Ward**

**Howie Bauer, Second Ward**

**Virbhadra N. Patel, Fourth Ward**

**Kyle Anderson, At-Large**

**Lizbeth DeJesus, At-Large**

**Gregg M. Ficarra, At-Large**

**Brian Small, At-Large**

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

All Numbers Area Code 732

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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
Main Library .....	634-4450
Barron Arts Center .....	634-0413
Health Department .....	855-0600
Public Works .....	738-1311
Parks & Recreation .....	596-4048
Woodbridge Community	
Center .....	596-4170
Multi-Services Program .....	726-6262
Evergreen Center .....	726-6261
Sycamore Senior Center .....	726-7087

## Meet the Municipal Council



(L-R) Councilman Virbhadra N. Patel (4th Ward); Councilman Howie Bauer (2nd Ward); Councilwoman Nancy Bader-Drumm (1st Ward); Council Vice President Cory Spillar (3rd Ward); Council President Debbie Meehan (5th Ward); Councilwoman Lizbeth DeJesus (At-Large); Councilman Kyle Anderson (At-Large); Councilman Brian Small (At-Large); and Councilman Gregg Ficarra (At-Large).

## Municipal Council Hosts New Citizens at Multi-Cultural Day

The Municipal Council welcomed 30 new U.S. citizens as they took the Oath-of-Allegiance during citizenship ceremonies hosted by the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service. Along with welcoming the new citizens, the Woodbridge Community Center hosted Multi-Cultural Day – a United Nations gathering of the many cultural and ethnic populations, groups, organizations and associations that call Woodbridge home.



The Municipal Council recognized the student winners of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 'I Have-A-Dream' essay contest.

Below: New U.S. citizens from 12 different nations take the Oath-of-Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony at the Woodbridge Community Center.



## Report from the Municipal Clerk's Office By John Mitch, Municipal Clerk

### Township Ordinance Cracks Down on Underage Drinking

Resident homeowners and parents are reminded that the Municipal Council enacted an Ordinance cracking-down on underage drinking on private property.

In passing the Ordinance, the Municipal Council addressed increasing complaints about instances of underage drinking and consumption of alcohol at house parties – conduct which impacts the residential Quality-of-Life in Township neighborhoods.

The Ordinance does not apply to underage person(s) consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in connection with a religious observance, ceremony or rite, or consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages in the

presence of, and with the permission of a parent, guardian or relative who has attained the legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

It also does not apply to any underage person while engaged in the performance of employment at an entity licensed by the State of New Jersey to sell and distribute alcoholic beverages. If convicted under the Municipal Ordinance, underage drinkers caught on private property are subject to a \$250 fine and suspension of their driver's license for up to six months. Violators who do not yet possess a driver's license can face a postponement of up to six months in the issuance of a driver's license.

## COUNCIL AWARDS



The Woodbridge Township Combined Varsity Ice Hockey Team was recognized by the Municipal Council for their Championship season. Overall winning record of 21-5-1 captured the Public Group A State Championship.



The Municipal Council recognized Paul "Mr. Paul" Ludwig, Township Custodian assigned to Ford Avenue School #14, for life-saving actions. Mr. Paul was on-duty in the cafeteria during the lunch period when a First Grade student began choking. Mr. Paul immediately responded to assist the student by performing the Heimlich maneuver which dislodged the food morsel from the child's throat.



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## Council President Debbie Meehan Targets Opioid Crisis

**Council President Debbie Meehan** advocates for the Addiction Services & Opioid Overdose Recovery Program, which provides assistance to Township residents suffering from opioid addiction. Addiction Services goes to work when the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) responds to a report of an opioid/drug overdose and administers a Narcan reversal.

An Addiction Service Recovery counselor responds to the hospital emergency room to provide bedside support to the addicted patient. Council President Meehan is also working with the Board of Education to further the implementation of an opioid addiction educational program for eighth grade students to teach them about the dangers of prescription opioids so that they never fall victim to the deadly web of drugs.

Call Addiction Services at **732-596-4199** if you would like help for yourself or a friend or family member who may have a substance use issue.



## Council Vice President Cory Spillar Talks Cable TV

As the Council representative to the Cable Commission, **Council Vice President Cory Spillar** reports that when the state Legislature approved franchise amendments to the cable law in 2006, it required Verizon to make FiOS available throughout the residential areas of 70 of the state's most populated municipalities by the end of 2015.

Even though Verizon has installed FiOS to more than 250 other communities, Verizon has yet to wire Woodbridge. In fact, Verizon has notified Woodbridge that it will focus on growing its business and gaining market share in the communities where FiOS is available before expanding to additional communities.

The Cable Commission has conducted the mandated review and evaluation related to the franchise operations of Comcast – Woodbridge Township's sole cable service provider – and will seek to secure the provision of better cable service as part of the franchise renewal. (View the Cable Commission: [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us)).

## Councilwoman Drumm Advances Buy Local

**Councilwoman Nancy Drumm** encourages Township residents and shoppers to Buy Local and support locally-owned independent businesses that provide unique services and commodities to the community. To learn more about Buy Local opportunities, download the Woodbridge NOW APP. Visit the Township web page at: [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce at [www.woodbridgechamber.com](http://www.woodbridgechamber.com).



## Councilman Anderson Promotes Education

In his role as Executive Superintendent of Schools for Middlesex County, **Councilman Kyle Anderson** joined state, county and Township officials to welcome students to the new Oak Tree Road School #29 at the start of the school year. Councilman Anderson also leads the effort to connect Woodbridge businesses that have job openings with Woodbridge residents who are in the job market.

Local businesses can post job openings on the Woodbridge Employment Opportunity Center ([www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us)), where Woodbridge residents looking for employment can obtain leads on potential job opportunities through the Woodbridge Township Job Bank.



## Councilman Ficarra & Mayor's Wellness Team Advocates Fitness

Wellness Woodbridge is front & center with **Councilman Greg Ficarra**. Hundreds of residents participate in the many Wellness Team events, including the Woodbridge Run for Pizza, the Labor Day Crossroads 5K race and fun run, the annual Tour d' Woodbridge bike Tour, fitness walk on the Middlesex County Greenway, the annual American Cancer Society's Relay-For-Life, and many other fitness & wellness events and programs.

Visit [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) for all upcoming wellness news and events.

## Councilwoman DeJesus Hosts Youth in Government Day

**Councilwoman Lizbeth DeJesus** introduced student leaders from Woodbridge-area high schools to the daily workings of Municipal government at the annual Youth in Government Day.

The program brings students to Town Hall for an inside look at municipal government – the student government leaders participate in an Administration staff meeting; conduct a Council meeting; attend Municipal Court proceedings and tour the operational departments of Municipal government.

Participating students are selected by their Social Science teachers on the basis of leadership abilities, interest in government, and ideas for community participation. This year's schools include: Colonia High School, John F. Kennedy High School, Woodbridge High School, Mother Seton High School, Bishop Ahr High School, St. Joseph's High School, and Union Catholic High School.



## Councilman Small Drives Senior Transportation & Bus Service

**Councilman Brian Small** reminds Senior residents to take full advantage of the Senior Transportation of Woodbridge (S.T.O.W.) bus service that provides curb-to-curb, reservation based transportation. It's all free to Woodbridge Township Senior residents (age 60 & older) who have no other means of transportation to the Evergreen Senior Center (Colonia), Sycamore Senior Center (Port Reading), Five Branches Senior Center (Iselin) and designated Township events and programs.

**How To Register:** Senior residents must register for the transportation service by calling: **732-726-2394** to obtain a Client Transportation ID Number. Upon the first visit to a Senior center, the resident must complete a Senior Transportation Client form to finalize registration.

## Councilman Viru Patel Celebrates Iselin Branch Library

**Councilman Viru Patel** participated in the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Iselin Branch Library. The Iselin Branch Library opened with much fanfare and celebration at the current Green Street location in Iselin in April 1968, offering residents and library-goers a collection of more than 20,000 volumes. Through Councilman Patel's support, the Iselin Branch Library serves the entire Iselin community.



## Councilman Howie Bauer Advances Fords Business Community

**Councilman Howie Bauer** announced that the Fords Business Community (FBC) continues to advance business interests and stimulate business along New Brunswick Avenue with the opening of the first Downtown Fords municipal parking lot. To learn more about the FBC, visit the FBC Facebook page under FordsBusinessCommunityNJ or contact Jane McLaughlin, FBC President, at: [infoesod@gmail.com](mailto:infoesod@gmail.com).



*From the Mayor's Desk...*



## Mayor's Summer Concerts Performed to Sell-Out Crowds

The Mayor's Summer Concert series collected more than 50,000 pounds of food for Township food pantries – a new record that provided a huge assist to the Township food pantries working to help families in need throughout the Summer.

The 2018 Mayor's Summer Concert Series took the stage every Monday with classic Oldies & Doo-Wop and Rock n' Roll Tribute Tuesday. The performance stage at Parker Press Park hosted the eclectic Woodbridge Wednesday concerts and Local Band Thursday performed on the Tanzman Park stage. Second Friday Jazz returned to the Mayor's Summer Concert stage at Avenel Park and the Country Band Sunday rodeo hit Parker Press Park.

Thousands of residents and neighbors brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed the FREE concerts with family and friends. Have a favorite band? Let us know who you want us to book for 2019. Visit the Mayor's Summer Concert survey at [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).



*The Mayor's Summer Concert audience*

*The Nerds kick-off the 2018 Mayor's Summer Concert with their energetic on-stage performance*



*The Infernos take center stage at the Mayor's Summer concert.*



*Zac Brown Tribute Band headlined the Country Sunday stage at Parker Press Park.*

## Tooling Around the Township Completes Home Repair Projects

Community volunteers, skilled trades workers, students, township employees, Buy Local business owners and corporate offices – they all came together on April 28 to fix-up homes for seniors and residents with disabilities as Tooling Around the Township completed work on 20 homes.

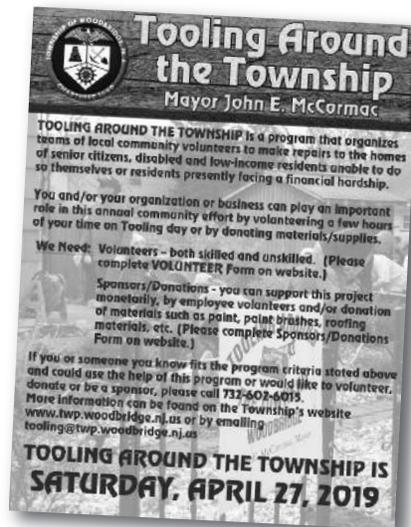
“It was an incredible day with hundreds of volunteers helping to fix-up houses for senior and handicapped residents,” Mayor John E. McCormac said.

“I can think of no other project that brings together the entire community more than Tooling Around the Township. Since the start of the program, more than 300 Seniors and people with disabilities have benefited from home repairs through the efforts of this community fix-up program.”

Tooling Around the Township could not be successful without the sponsorship of local businesses and corporations.

This year, Woodbridge is sending a very special Thank You to the more than 300 individual and group volunteers and local business sponsors.

That includes: the American Legion Post 471, Applebee's, Bellini's,



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Tooling Around The Township returns on April 27, 2019. To sign up, visit [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

## We want to hear from you...

*Send us your pictures or stories for our next issue!*

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## Mayor's Mail Bag:

Dear Mayor McCormac:

Thank you so much for the concerts in back of WHS. The bus to get us Seniors there and the reserved seating in front of the stage is wonderful. You and your group have made it possible for me and the other Seniors to get out and be more active. I had not been out of the house in the evening hours since 2003. No matter how I feel, I go out to the activities the Senior group provides because I now have transportation. God Bless you and your members that make this possible.

Eleanor M.  
Colonia

## Mayor's Mail Bag:

Dear Mayor McCormac:

We want to express our thanks and say what a beautiful job your Tooling Around the Town team did at our home on April 28. We were only hoping for help in raking leaves in the front and back yard – but WOW! Your team turned our front lawn and back yard into a gorgeous area.

The team of six adults and two or more young volunteers were so generous and hard working – and, more importantly, they were truly caring, kind people. Thank you and the wonderful Tooling Around the Town team for all their hard work.

Sincerely,  
Carol and Edwin C.  
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## Mayor Mac Sponsors 2018 Shopping Spree Raffle

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Minimum purchase: 100 Tickets.  
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Ceralaine Mazurek (ceralaine.mazurek@woodbridge.nj.us)  
Loretta Dwyer (loretta.dwyer@woodbridge.nj.us)  
Megan Kenney (megan.kenney@woodbridge.nj.us)

All Raffle Tickets are due back to the Mayor's Office on Wed., Nov. 14, 2018 (No Exceptions. Tickets will not be honored after the Return Deadline)

"Shopping Spree Raffle Winners" will be announced at a Public Drawing  
Wed., Nov. 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.  
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## A Township Remembers

September 11, 2018 represented the 17th Anniversary of the Attack on America. On that fateful day in 2001, nine Woodbridge Township residents fell victim – Cmdr. Patrick S. Dunn, USN, Edward Allegretto, Marlyn Bautista, John Adam Larson, James Lynch, Charles Mauro, Tonyell McDay, Narendra Nath, and Saukara Velamuri.

Woodbridge Township First Responders – Fire Departments, First Aid Squads, Woodbridge Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – as well as residents and visitors – attended the Interfaith Memorial Service.

Together, we honored and remembered those Woodbridge



Township residents who perished and to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of the Woodbridge First Responder Community who risked their lives and sacrificed on that tragic day.

Members of the Woodbridge Interfaith Community Council offered readings, remembrances and prayers, along with the Woodbridge High School Choir performing the National Anthem, *God Bless America* and *Amazing Grace*.



## Mayor Recognizes Community Volunteers

The Woodbridge community leaders of tomorrow were introduced at the Annual Mayor's Youth Volunteer Award Program at the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC), when Mayor John E. McCormac and the Municipal Council recognized Woodbridge Township young people for their community service.

The Mayor's Youth Volunteer Award honored 50 Woodbridge Township young adults, representing 35 volunteer and community associations, for distinguished community service. Volunteer service included church and community, peer tutors, athletic coaches, hospital aides, clothing and food drive coordinators, first aid and fire squad members, serving and assisting area homeless, and many more initiatives.

## The Club at Woodbridge *Continued from page 1*

KidSports with a turf field and implement specific youth sports training very soon.

Our professionals are working on improvements to the roof and the heating/ventilation/air conditioning and fire suppression systems. While we anticipate minor inconveniences over the next year or so, the end result will be something members and guests will long enjoy upon completion.

It goes without saying that The Club is the perfect complement to the very successful Woodbridge Community Center (WCC) right across Main Street. Both facilities have a pool, running track, cardio rooms, weight rooms, concession areas and child care functions. Both run summer camps for kids and personal training and other amenities. The Club has racquetball and badminton, while the WCC has

a hockey rink, roller rink, mini-golf course and batting cages.

The Club will be run the same way. All membership fees and charges for additional programs and services will be used to operate The Club and pay back any debt that is incurred to purchase and renovate it. Nobody will see a tax increase as a result of the purchase of The Club.

By purchasing The Club, we protected more than 200 jobs and have an iconic institution that more than 3,000 people call home.

It's a venue where kids go for summer camp and swimming lessons, where parents go to exercise and run the track, where people go to play racquetball, basketball and badminton, where people go to socialize and meet the lifelong friends they made over the years and, in some cases, where people



have met their future spouse.

We cannot be the Best Town Around unless we take care of the people who reside, work and visit in our Township. The purchase of The Club achieves all three.

**Link to The Club web Page:**  
<http://theclub.org>

## Mayor Mac's Photo Album



*Pre-K students at the Colonia YMCA enjoy a reading lesson from Mayor Mac on National Read Aloud Day.*

## Mayor Mac's Cyber Center



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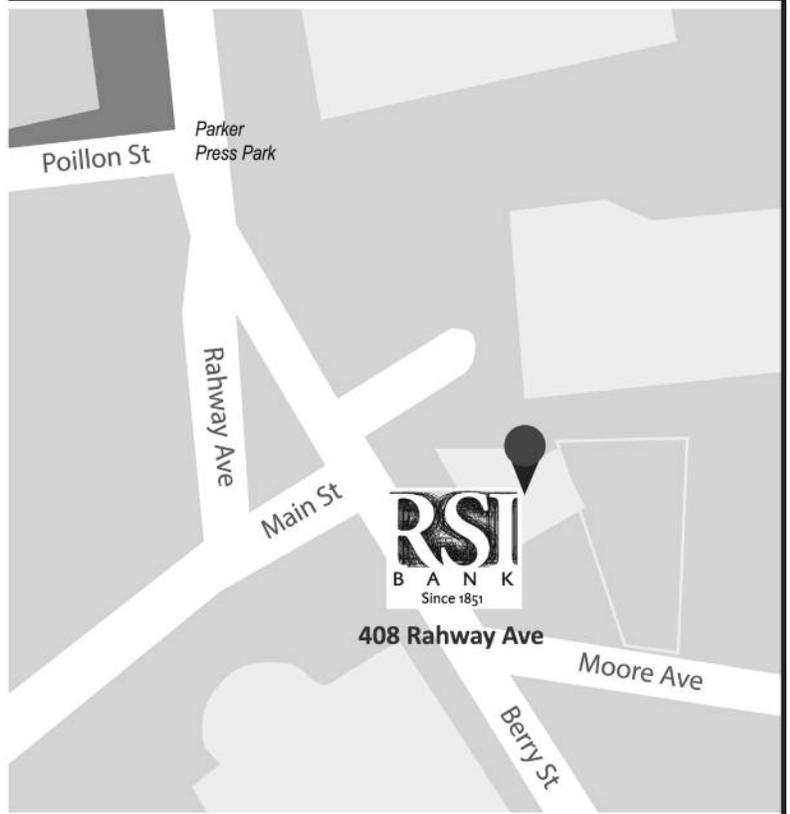
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## WEDCO Targets New Business & Economic Development

The Woodbridge Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) continues to connect with new international corporations and corporate headquarters, commercial enterprise, businesses and retail outlets looking to make Woodbridge Township their corporate or business home. WEDCO provides a detailed map of available development and redevelopment opportunities available to the corporate, industrial and business community looking to invest in Woodbridge Township.

Learn more:

[www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/283/Woodbridge-Economic-Development-Corporat](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/283/Woodbridge-Economic-Development-Corporat)

## Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce Supports Business

The Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce (WMCC) serves as the first stop for business in Woodbridge Township. Since 1964, the WMCC works to attract, locate and welcome new businesses to the Township - whether its a new business locating in Woodbridge, or an existing business seeking to increase visibility and opportunity, the WMCC is the first stop.

Contact the Chamber at 732-636-4040 or visit [www.woodbridgechamber.com](http://www.woodbridgechamber.com).



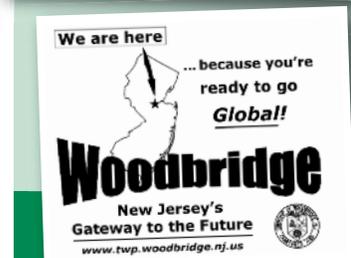
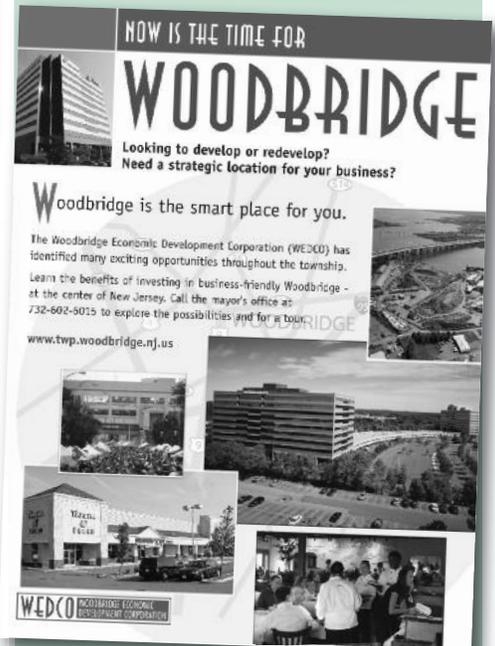
## Meet the Colonia Business Community

The Colonia Business Community (CBC) represents local businesses located in the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township and serves to provide exceptional retail shopping and professional services to the Colonia community and visitors. The commitment of the CBC is to pursue excellence, integrity, trust, ethical behavior, quality, communication, business growth,



customer commitment and community service.

To learn more about the CBC, visit [www.coloniabusinesscommunity.com](http://www.coloniabusinesscommunity.com)



## Buy Local: Support Our Economy & Our Environment

Buy Local supports locally-owned, independent businesses that provide unique services and commodities to the community. Buy Local contributes to the overall Township economy, maintains the character of the community and provides continuing opportunities for local entrepreneurs and businesses by building economic strength throughout Woodbridge Township. Just as importantly, Buy Local is great for residents, the economy and the environment.



### Buy Local Woodbridge

for all of your holiday shopping! Woodbridge Buy Local businesses and retail outlets are offering special holiday promotions and merchandise discounts to Buy Local shoppers. Check out the great Buy Local specialty shops in any of our Downtown Shopping areas – Main Street in Woodbridge, New Brunswick Avenue in Fords, Inman Avenue in Colonia, Oak Tree Road in Iselin and Avenel Street in Avenel.



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# Welcome the Fords Business Community

The Fords Business Community (FBC) - where excellent products, services and community support come together – is an alliance of businesses dedicated to working together to improve the Fords, Hopelawn and Keasbey business communities. The FBC announced the Grand Opening of a new municipal parking lot conveniently located in the heart of the FBC business district on New Brunswick Avenue. Learn more about the FBC by visiting its Facebook page under “FordsBusinessCommunityNJ.”



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

The Woodbridge economy stands on sound footing with the announcement by Standard & Poor's assigning Woodbridge its AA+/Stable Long-Term Financial Rating. In issuing the August report, S&P noted that the General Obligation rating reflects the Township's:

- Very strong economy, with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA);
- Very Strong management, with strong financial policies and practices;
- Strong budgetary performance, with operating results expected to improve in the near term;
- Very strong budgetary flexibility, with an available fund balance of 16% of operating expenses;
- Very strong liquidity, with total government available cash at 19.4% of general fund expenditures.

As a result of the excellent financial rating, many international, national, regional and local corporations and businesses are making inquiries regarding business opportunities in Woodbridge.



# 31st Annual NAIOP New Jersey Commercial Real Estate Award

Mayor McCormac was honored at the 31st Annual NAIOP New Jersey Commercial Real Estate Gala, receiving the NAIOP Caren S. Franzini Public Partner Award.



## Investing in Woodbridge

The Mayor's Office of Planning & Development, the Woodbridge Redevelopment Agency, Woodbridge Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO), Woodbridge Planning Board and Woodbridge Zoning Board have implemented long-term economic development strategies and business incentives to attract corporate economic development.

The Mayor's Office works with corporations, commercial industry, the retail sector, and local businesses to encourage growth and expansion throughout the Township. As a result, several significant development and construction projects – projects that demonstrate that corporations and businesses view Woodbridge as a sound investment – are operational or are actively under construction.



### Avenel Arts Center on Track to be Centerpiece of Regional Performing Arts

**OPENING SOON:** The Avenel Arts Center – envisioned as the region's newest performing arts facility designed for theatre, stage productions and special performances – is scheduled to open in early 2019.

The Avenel Arts Center's exterior and interior finishes will include a combination of brick veneer, metal cladding, wood and glass that embrace Avenel's industrial past.

The Main Performance Hall stands as a large flexible space with A/V systems for multiple performance settings, as well as seating arrangements for up to 200 patrons.

The Performance Hall will feature retractable seating, a sound/lighting booth and moveable modular stages, along with a separate performance room and pre-function/lobby area that can open to the exterior space for larger gatherings and events.

The space will include two dressing

rooms, an audio recording room, various storage rooms and lounges and a box office. Acoustical glazing will be used in the large windows on the west elevation of the performance space facing Avenel Street and in the clerestory roof windows above the performance hall.

The Avenel Arts Center will also include a restaurant with commercial kitchen and a cocktail lounge with approximately 1,200 square feet of indoor dining space. The restaurant/dining space will allow for catered pre-performance and special events and as a stand-alone dining destination. A main lobby and reception hall will connect the performance area and restaurant space. Large overhead glass doors will open to the exterior to provide an indoor/outdoor social experience before, during and after performances. Outdoor dining will be offered by the restaurant in an adjacent patio area. The entire operation will be operated by the Woodbridge Arts Alliance which has run the successful art gallery on Main Street in our downtown.

### Experience Station Village at Avenel

Mayor John E. McCormac and the Woodbridge Redevelopment Agency, Atlantic Realty Development Corporation and New Jersey Transit recently celebrated the grand opening of Station Village at Avenel and the newly renovated Avenel NJT Commuter Train Station.

Station Village at Avenel – along with the Avenel Arts Center – stand on the long-abandoned 27-acre General Dynamics industrial complex. Station Village at Avenel and the Avenel Arts Center, in concert with the New Jersey Transit North Jersey Coastline commuter train station serving Avenel, represents a \$50 million transit-related development project that will create 500 luxury apartments and townhomes, 12,000 square feet of arts-themed retail space and a 10,000 square-foot performing arts center with artist studios, galleries, rehearsal and performance space, and themed restaurants and hospitality facilities. The Avenel Arts Village and Station Loft at Avenel include streetscape improvements, lighting, sidewalks, parks and green space.



## Downtown Gets Better and Better

The Department of Planning & Development has prepared a Downtown Woodbridge Vision Plan geared to spur redevelopment projects in the Downtown Main Street business district and surrounding residential area. The Vision Plan creates separate redevelopment zones to encourage private developers to evaluate each of the zones and to present ideas as to how the downtown Main Street area can be enhanced.

Redevelopment projects are geared to target the New Jersey Transit/Woodbridge Train Station area as a Transit Village development project.



## Welcome to Jacob's Landing Residential Community

State, County and Township officials came together to announce the Grand Opening of Jacob's Landing – an affordable residential rental community on the site of the former Woodbridge Gardens public housing complex.

Jacob's Landing-Phase I represents a \$23 million investment in affordable housing that include 84 units in seven three-story buildings. The community offers residents ample parking, community space and community social services, including mental health counseling, substance abuse programs and medical and legal advocacy services.

Financing for the project was provided through a combination of equity from the syndication of the Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, transferred reserves from the Woodbridge Housing Authority, an Affordable Housing Trust Fund contribution from the Woodbridge Affordable Housing Corporation and a permanent mortgage from the NJHMFA.



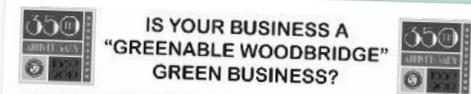
COMPLETE 10 GREEN CATEGORIES TO EARN THE MAYOR JOHN E. McCORMAC "GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE GREEN BUSINESS AWARD"

## Is Your Woodbridge 'Buy Local' Business a 'Greenable Woodbridge' Green Business?

Greenable Woodbridge is on a mission. We're searching for Buy Local Greenable Businesses.

Take the Green Business survey to find out if you are a Buy Local Greenable Business. If your business checks-off 10 categories, you earn the Mayor John E. McCormac Greenable Woodbridge Buy Local Green Business Award! Mayor John E. McCormac, the Greenable Woodbridge Green Team and TV-35 will come to your business to personally present the Green Business Award!

Visit Greenable Woodbridge at: <http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/744/Green-Business>



COMPLETE 10 GREEN CATEGORIES TO EARN THE MAYOR JOHN E. McCORMAC "GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE GREEN BUSINESS AWARD"

- Turn off unnecessary lights at night and on weekends
- Turn off computers and other office equipment at night and on weekends
- Turn up or turn back the thermostat during unoccupied times or use an Energy Star programmable thermostat
- Replace lighting with LED energy fixtures (2 Points)
- Use recycled paper
- Use Green cleaning supplies
- Recycle (business products as well as consumer waste)
- Promote walking, biking or carpooling to work
- Offer flex hours and/or telecommuting
- Offer Green initiatives specific to your business or industry
- Place lights on motion detectors or install timers
- Implement waste management practices such as: recycle waste, reduce product packaging, reduce paper waste, increase recycling, purchase recycled materials
- Offer programs to educate employees on sustainable practices at work and at home
- Commitment to local economy such as purchasing products from local suppliers, offering jobs or apprenticeships to Woodbridge residents
- Upgrade to Energy Star appliances
- Use solar panels or alternate forms of energy (2 Points)
- Implement Green service (2 Points)
- Green landscaping
- Implement building energy efficiency upgrades (2 Points)
- Green packaging
- Replace plastic consumer products with biodegradable products
- Compost food, waste, coffee grounds, etc.
- Sponsor Earth Day or general awareness events in our community
- Multi-task a paperless ordering system where transactions are done electronically
- Member of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce

Greenable Woodbridge  
Awarded at the end of the year  
Presented by Mayor John E. McCormac

John E. McCormac - Mayor

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Visit [www.greenablewoodbridge.com](http://www.greenablewoodbridge.com) to apply online.

## Business Round-Up



### Dave & Buster's

New Jersey's very first Dave & Buster's opened at Woodbridge Center Mall to a standing room only crowd. The opening of Dave & Buster's was made possible by passage of legislation that ended a 56-year New Jersey ban on games-based establishments and opened the door to hundreds of new hospitality industry jobs for Woodbridge residents.



### Altitude Trampoline Park

Altitude Trampoline Park – a trampoline park with locations on three different continents that presents a gravity-defying experience – celebrated its arrival at 465 Green Street, Woodbridge.



### Just Subs

Just Subs – the submarine sandwich specialist offering a huge selection of sandwiches for every appetite – announced the Grand Opening at 68 Main Street in downtown Woodbridge, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



### Exquisite Edge Salon

Exquisite Edge Salon – specializing in weave extensions, cuts, color custom units, silk press, natural haircare eyebrow threading and special occasion relaxers – opened at 1095 Saint Georges Avenue in Colonia.



### Sweet Berry Bowls

Sweet Berry Bowls – an innovative health food concept specializing in Acai, Pitaya, Coconut & Green Bowls, Smoothies, Coffee & Tea and Salads – opened at 761 St. George Avenue, Woodbridge.



### Float Into Wellness and the Salt Lounge & Sauna Spa

Float Into Wellness and the Salt Lounge & Sauna Spa – the region's first Floatation Therapy Spa and handcrafted Himalayan Salt Room – opened at 93 Main Street, Woodbridge.

## Do You Own or Run a Business?

### *You Have a Unique Opportunity to Help!*

Consider hiring someone in recovery from a substance use disorder. New treatments, medications and screening offer added protection against relapse – consider giving

someone a second chance! We can help you help someone in recovery.

“The Opposite of Addiction is not Sobriety. The Opposite of Addiction is Connection.” – Johann Hari

To be part of the Woodbridge Employment in Recovery Program (W.E.R.P), call Bonnie Nolan, Addiction Services Coordinator at **732-855-0600 ext. 5008**.



## Princess Sweets

Princess Sweets – family-owned and operated where every customer is treated like family – opened a corporate office at 298 Main St., Woodbridge.



## Wendy's

The newest Woodbridge Township Wendy's opened at 820 Route 1, Woodbridge in June.



## Take Care CPR, LLC

Take Care CPR, LLC – an instruction provider of American Heart Association accredited life-saving courses – opened at 671 King Georges Road, Fords.



## Sazon Con Fuego Restaurant

Sazon Con Fuego Restaurant – a Fords, Buy Local specialty restaurant featuring Caribbean and American Fusion Cuisine – opened at 558 New Brunswick Ave. in Woodbridge.



## Planet Fitness, Woodbridge

Planet Fitness, Woodbridge – a state-of-the-art fitness and personal training studio offering a Judgment-Free Zone – opened 465 Green Street, Woodbridge.



## Miguel Style Barber Shop

Miguel Style Barber Shop – a friendly neighborhood barber – opened the doors to their downtown Fords Barber Shop & Salon located at 577 New Brunswick Ave. in Fords.



## Pompolina & Cici's Events, LLC

Pompolina & Cici's Events, LLC – dedicated to providing affordable corporate and family events and party planning services – opened at 213 New Brunswick Ave. in Fords.



## Olger Motors, Inc.

Olger Motors – Woodbridge's newest automobile dealer offering a selection of quality used cars, trucks and SUV's – celebrated the Grand Opening of its new dealership located at 611 Amboy Avenue with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



## Want A Smoothie Café & Juice Bar

Want A Smoothie Café & Juice Bar – created with the focus of making healthy eating more affordable and less intimidating and offering salads, smoothies, smoothie bowls and quick bites – celebrated its arrival in downtown Woodbridge at 76 Main Street.

# Greenable Woodbridge

## Does Your Home Need Repairs?

The Woodbridge Home Improvement Program (WHIP) provides funds to assist low- and moderate-income households to make home repairs. The Township has contracted with Community Grants, Planning & Housing, LLC – a private consulting firm specializing in the implementation of publicly-funded housing rehabilitation programs – to manage the WHIP.

**DOES YOUR HOME NEED REPAIRS? HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
 Sponsored by Mayor John E. McCormac, The Municipal Council & The Department of Planning and Development

**You can receive up to \$22,000 in repairs!**

**ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS INCLUDE**  
 Roofs & Foundations  
 Heating & Electrical  
 Windows & Insulation  
 Plumbing and more!

**Maximum income:**

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum income	\$28,000	\$37,000	\$46,000	\$55,000	\$64,000	\$73,000	\$82,000	\$91,000

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED TAKE THE FIRST STEP!**  
[www.hip.cgph.net](http://www.hip.cgph.net)  
 Early submit your preliminary application online!

## Greenable Woodbridge Goes Gold

*The 2018 GOLD STAR Standard in Energy Goes To... Woodbridge Township*

Greenable Woodbridge captured the first-ever Sustainable Jersey Gold Star Standard in Energy. Accepting the award (l-r): Randall Solomon, Sustainable Jersey Chairman; First Lady Tammy Murphy; Caroline Ehrlich, Woodbridge Township Chief-of-Staff; and Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.



## TV-35 & Greenable Woodbridge On Air



Caroline Ehrlich, host the TV-35 production of Greenable Woodbridge, explores sustainable initiatives.

## Green Links

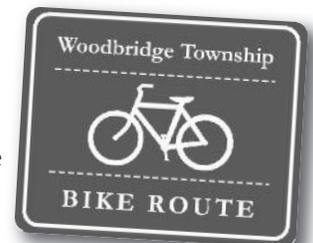
Greenable Woodbridge is now on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pages/GreenableWoodbridge/183102700923?ref=fn](http://www.facebook.com/pages/GreenableWoodbridge/183102700923?ref=fn).

Visit Greenable Woodbridge at [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

Join the Green Team or to share your green ideas. E-mail: [wbgreen@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:wbgreen@twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

## Greenable Woodbridge & Biking – Perfect Together

Bicycling is fast becoming the transportation of choice for urban centers throughout Central New Jersey – and Greenable Woodbridge is pedaling on the fast-track with initiatives that support bike mobility. Inter-connected bike travel lanes remove barriers to mobility and increase the safety and comfort of pedestrians and cyclists, broadens travel options for non-drivers, reduces automobile traffic and increases recreational activity. Biking is an affordable way of incorporating physical activity into daily routines and improves the overall wellness of the Woodbridge Township community.



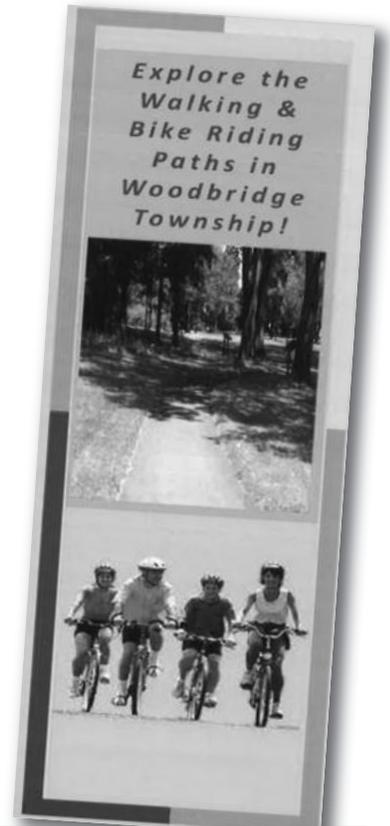
## Walking/Biking Path Improvements Encourage Community Use

Explore Woodbridge via new and expanded bike & walking paths – made possible through a ShapingNJ Community Improvement Grant. The Health Department and the Department of Public Works constructed new and/or expand



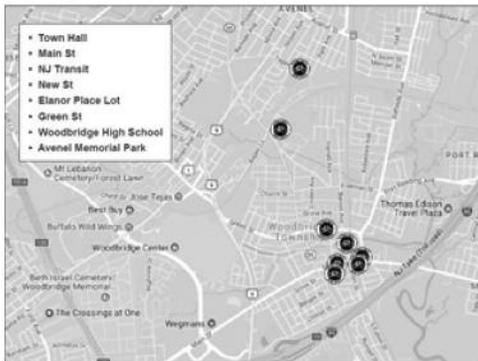
existing walking and biking paths, install bike racks, signage and mileage markings at 13 paths throughout Woodbridge.

The recent completion of the walking path in Pelzman Park in Avenel provides residents a safe and comfortable surface for walking or biking. Residents can now walk the connected path without entering the roadway and youngsters can use the path for bike riding and other activities. Find Walking/Biking Paths in the Health Department brochure or at: [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).



## Coming Soon: Woodbridge Bike Share

Woodbridge Bike Share Stations



Main St



New St



Woodbridge High School



### Woodbridge Township Bicycle Share Program

**COMING SOON!** In 2019 strategically located bicycle share stations will be situated within the Township! Bicycles will be equipped with secure bike locks and appropriate safety elements such as lights, reflective strips, bells, etc. Bicycles will have baskets or compartments for carrying typical items, such as laptop bags or groceries, and be equipped with kickstands and easily adjustable saddles to accommodate users with a range of heights. The bike share system will provide a smartphone app (iOS, Android) to guide users to nearby stations or nearby vacant docks and to notify users of their time limitations. Log on to [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) to learn more.

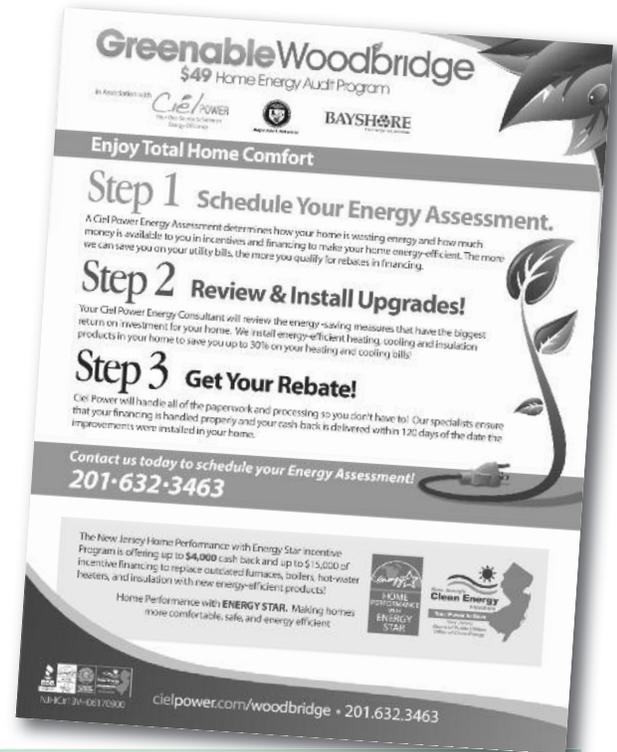


# Greenable Woodbridge

## Greenable Woodbridge & Ciel Power Offer Home Energy Assessment Program

Looking to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient? Get cash-back and financing incentives through the Greenable Woodbridge Home Energy Audit program. For a special rate of \$49, Woodbridge Township homeowners receive a comprehensive home energy assessment and may qualify for up to \$4,000 in cash-back incentives and up to \$15,000 worth of incentive financing available through the New Jersey Home Performance with Energy Star program.

This program can help homeowners achieve up to 30 percent savings on their energy bills while reducing their environmental impact. The program covers upgraded insulation, heating systems, air-conditioning systems, and hot water systems. Contact Ciel Power, the Township's energy assessment provider, at: [www.cielpower.com/woodbridge](http://www.cielpower.com/woodbridge) about the Home Energy Assessment program.



## Reduce Your Carbon Footprint at Home



- Set your thermostat at no more than 68 degrees in the winter and no less than 78 degrees in the summer to cut carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) by 10 to 30 percent.
- Keep cool with shades and blinds; cut CO<sub>2</sub> by another 10 to 30 percent.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs, cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by up to 80 percent.
- Wrap the hot water heater with a thermal blanket and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> by 10 to 30 percent.
- Install a programmable thermostat - cuts CO<sub>2</sub> by 10 to 30 percent.
- Weatherize your home by sealing doors and windows for another 10 to 30 percent reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>.

## News from the Ernie Oros Wildlife Sanctuary



Welcome to the Ernie Oros Wildlife Sanctuary at the Pin Oak Forest in Avenel – a conservation/recreation area dedicated to Ernest L. “Ernie” Oros, former Assemblyman, Woodbridge Township Municipal Councilman, Environmentalist, founder of the Woodbridge River Watch, and preservationist of the Pin Oak Forest.

The Ernie Oros Wildlife Sanctuary encompasses 99 acres of wetland habitat, wooded area and open space. The River Watch continues to oversee the efforts to preserve the forest and wetland area as an environmental resource and wildlife sanctuary.



*The Ernie Oros Wildlife Sanctuary is home to nine species of bats which can be seen flying around the preserve as the light fades to dusk.*

## Floodplain Restoration Continues along Woodbridge River

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Department of Public Works (with assistance from Greenable Woodbridge) continue restoration efforts along the Woodbridge River floodplain with the planting of more than 1,000 native trees and shrubs as part of Woodbridge Township’s commitment to restore the flood-damaged area back to a Green Acres preservation habitat.

In preparation for planting, ecologists removed roughly 25 species of invasive plants within the woodland restoration area - the

native trees and shrubs were donated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and were planted by the New Jersey Tree Foundation and the Department of Public Works.



## Woodbridge Named Tree City USA Community for 25th Consecutive Year

Woodbridge Township was named a 2018 Tree City USA Community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 25th consecutive year. The Tree City USA program recognizes communities that effectively manage their public tree resources and encourage sound forestry standards. The 2018 Arbor Day recognition acknowledged Woodbridge Township’s commitment to sustainable principals.



### Arbor Day Tree Planting

The Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission hosted the annual Earth-Arbor Day festival on April 22 with the planting of Redspire Pear trees along Community Center Drive.

## Beautify Your Environment with a Rain Garden

The Henry Inman and Fords Branch libraries are now treating rainwater runoff differently thanks to newly installed rain gardens and bioswales.

Rain gardens minimize water runoff into storm drains – runoff that courses throughout a watershed and causes sediment, flooding and damage to shorelines. With more than 44 inches of rainfall in New Jersey each year, 40 rain gardens in Woodbridge Township – each treating 1,000 square feet of driveway or rooftop runoff – would result in the recharge of more than one million gallons of water per year. The rain gardens are a part of a partnership with Greenable Woodbridge and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program.

## Know Your Flood Hazards

In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the Woodbridge Township Engineering Division, along with the Department of Public Works and the Office of Emergency Management, initiated various programs designed to assist resident property owners and local businesses recover from the devastating effects of the storm and to prevent continued recurring

property losses due to storm-related disasters.

The Township continues to explore any 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.

**Woodbridge Township**  
*Celebrating 100 Years of Independence*

### Six Ways for Township Property Owners to Become More Flood Resilient

- 1. KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD**  
Woodbridge Township has areas of special flood hazards located in the AE, A, Coastal A, and VE zones. You can locate Special Flood Hazard Areas in your neighborhood by looking at the Flood Insurance Maps online at FEMA's Map Service Center. Or for detailed FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) determinations based on a street address contact the Woodbridge Township Division of Engineering for personal assistance: 732.802.6057.
- 2. INSURE YOUR FLOOD-PRONE PROPERTY**  
Most homeowner's policies do not cover costly flood damages, so flood insurance is recommended, even in areas that do not normally flood.
- 3. PROTECT PEOPLE FROM FLOODING HAZARDS**  
Always heed official flood warnings, and never walk or drive through flooded areas - especially running water.
- 4. PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY**  
Install flood vents in your foundation walls to protect them from storm damage and lower your flood insurance premiums.
- 5. BUILD RESPONSIBLY**  
When you build on or repair a property within or near flood hazard areas, you must comply with the NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules and the Township's Floodplain Management ordinances. Be sure to obtain all necessary permits before construction. Contact the Division of Engineering (732-602-6057) for questions regarding designing and permitting projects in Special Flood Hazard Areas.
- 6. PROTECT NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS**  
Help your Township preserve its natural floodplains and wetland buffers to reduce flooding impacts and improve water quality.

## Work Continues on Woodbridge Waterfront Park at the Raritan River

Construction of the Woodbridge Waterfront Park (located on 100-plus acres bordering the Raritan River in the Keasbey Redevelopment Zone) is well underway with the installation of support pilings for the boardwalk trail that will traverse the wetland/waterfront.

enhanced upland areas. When completed, the Woodbridge Waterfront Park will allow direct public access to the Raritan River from Woodbridge – something that has not happened since before the turn-of-the-century.

The Woodbridge Waterfront Park wetlands remediation project includes restoration of the natural wetland habitat, the planting of more than two million native plants which will transform the site into a diverse, functioning ecosystem of tidal wetlands, freshwater wetlands and

### Woodbridge Waterfront Park

Two miles of hiking trails, boardwalks along the river and upland areas, bird blinds, boating areas, ecological signage and other passive recreation areas.



## Join the Woodbridge Community Center

### Total Health, Fitness & Wellness Begins at the WCC

Looking for that special – and fitness-healthy – holiday gift? Take advantage of the Holiday Family Membership at the newly-renovated Woodbridge Community Center (WCC) – Woodbridge Township’s community, recreation, entertainment, fitness/sport and cultural center. WCC membership packages are available in all shapes and sizes. Check out the Family Membership or an Individual Membership. Join today and receive a FREE WCC Gift with paid membership! We’re betting that you’ll discover that the WCC is the perfect place for family fun and fitness.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The WCC is at the leading edge of what’s hot in the health, wellness and fitness industry! WCC members are going strong and getting in shape with the popular LesMills Group Effect exercise classes and personal training program.

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. And, after taking batting practice, tee-off at SkyLine Mini-Golf – the best and most challenging mini-golf course in Central Jersey.

The WCC hosts Corporate/Office outings and Birthday, Anniversary, Project Graduation, or any party for that special occasion. Your special event party comes with the full-service, in-house WCC Café and catering. Contact our Membership Services Coordinator at 732-596-4196. Visit our webpage at: [www.njwcc.com](http://www.njwcc.com). See us on Facebook, or stop-by the WCC at 600 Main Street, Woodbridge.

**Memberships Available  
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The WCC is at the leading edge of the "hottest" new fitness workouts and group exercise classes!!!

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Visit the All-New WCC and Explore All That We Have To Offer - We're Betting That You'll Discover That The WCC Is The Perfect Place For Family Fitness, Recreation & Fun!!!

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732-596-4170 - Membership Hotline - 732-596-4170  
[www.njwcc.com](http://www.njwcc.com)  
VISIT WCC: 600 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 for a tour.

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# Woodbridge Community Center

## World Class Ice & Roller Skating

The **WCC Ice Skating Rink** is Middlesex County's favorite year-round indoor ice skating and hockey rink. The WCC Ice Rink operates seven days a week and welcomes skaters of all ages and ability levels for general skating sessions, ice hockey, league play, birthday parties, special events and more! The WCC offers open public skate on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, as well as special holiday and feature skates with skate rentals (figure and ice hockey) in all sizes.

Don't miss out on the Friday Night Cosmic skate session, the lights are turned down and we play the best skating music under our spectacular light show.

The **WCC Roller Skating Rink** is recognized as one of the premier roller rinks in the country! From a state-of-the art sound and lighting systems, to the latest in electronic video games, the WCC Roller Skating Rink is sure to please all ages.

Check us out – public skating, birthday parties, group outings, private events & fundraisers, skating lessons – the list goes on and on. So, for a great day (or night) of fun with friends and family, come join us at the WCC Roller Skating Rink.



## Experience the WCC SkyLine Pavilion & Corporate Center

*Book Your Corporate Seminar, Business Retreat or Outing Today!*

The WCC hosts Corporate/Office outings. Birthday, Anniversary & Project Graduation parties or a party for that special occasion! Your special event party comes with the full-service, in-house WCC Café and catering. Contact our Membership Services Coordinator at 732-596-4196. Visit [www.njwcc.com](http://www.njwcc.com), check us out on Facebook or stop-by the WCC at 600 Main Street, Woodbridge.

Looking for a unique place to hold a great corporate event?<br>
**Skyline PAVILION** & **WOODBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
 The SKYLINE PAVILION and The WCC offer a fantastic, full service, off-site location for your next corporate outing.  
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 Please contact Martina Wenger, Event Coordinator for details, pricing, and available dates.  
 732-596-4108  
 martina.wenger@twp.woodbridge.nj.us  
 600 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
 www.njwcc.com

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## Recreation Department Posts Winter Program Schedule

Whether its recreation programs and events for Men & Women or Boys & Girls, it's all at the Woodbridge Township Department of Recreation.

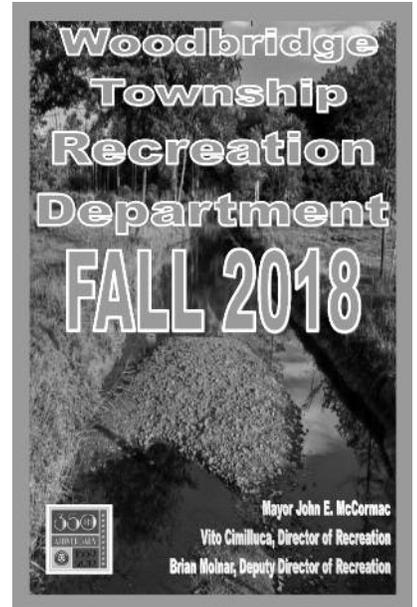
**Adult Rec. Activities:** Women's Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Karate.

**New for the Winter:** Adult Middle Eastern Dance Class, Youth Activities include: Games, Sports & Fun, Ballet

& Dance Classes, Little Actors Class, Tennis Classes, Buddy Ball Sports, Special Hockey and Challenge Bowling for our challenged athletes.

Sign up for any of the dozens of programs and sport events for one-and-all. Check out what's new at Recreation for the upcoming Winter season. Visit

[www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or call 732-596-4047 for a complete listing of what Rec has to offer.



# Recreation News

## Our House Comes to the Cypress Recreation Center

Mayor John E. McCormac and Township officials welcomed Our House & Hope Autism Solutions to the Newly-remodeled Cypress Recreation Center (former Hess Training Center) in Port Reading.

Our House, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501©3 organization that provides innovative day program, employment and recreational services to adult individuals with developmental disabilities. Our House programs and facilities offer an environment that supports career development through vocational exploration, community integration and interpersonal skill development.



## Recreation Photo Album



Recreation Summer Camp Kids celebrate Woodbridge Township's 350th Sesquicentennial anniversary.



Cheerleaders in training at the Cypress Rec Center.



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## HEALTH REPORT



### Keeping Woodbridge Healthy

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 all of Woodbridge Township – from the youngest child to our senior residents.

Throughout the year, the Health Department supplements programs with special initiatives that include the Mayor's Health Expo, Public Health Week, Women's Health & Fitness Day, annual Flu and Pneumonia inoculation clinics and various seminars and programs geared to the health and wellness of all Township residents.

A healthy community is a strong and vibrant one. Every resident is encouraged to take advantage of the many health-related events and programs provided by the dedicated and professional staff at the Department of Health & Human Services.



## Health Department Targets Opioid Addiction & Peer Recovery

The Department of Health & Human Services has embarked on a mission to attack the opioid addiction crisis through an aggressive one-on-one assistance program geared to save the lives of Township residents caught up in opioid addiction.

The Peer Recovery program collaborates with area hospitals (JFK Hospital in Edison, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway and Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy) and private sector group recovery specialists to assist Township residents suffering from opioid addiction.

The Woodbridge Township Opioid Overdose Recovery Program works to place coaches or recovery specialists – individuals who are either in recovery from addiction or have “lived the life” – at the hospital bedside of a patient who has experienced an opioid overdose.

When the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) (or EMS)



responds to a report of an opioid/drug overdose and administers a Narcan reversal, the Peer Recovery program will follow up by dispatching a recovery addiction professional to the hospital emergency department to provide bedside support to the addicted patient.

## Mayor's Wellness Campaign Promotes Healthy Lifestyle & Fitness

The Mayor's Wellness Campaign hosts events and programs that challenge Township residents to engage in a healthy and active lifestyle. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign, under the direction of Councilman Greg Ficarra and with



participation of the Departments of Health & Human Services and Recreation, the Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness, the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC), the Woodbridge Township School District, Raritan Bay Medical Center and Township businesses and corporations committed to wellness, have put together a series of health and wellness events that are sure to get everyone up and running.

## Winter Clinic Schedule

The Health Department's Nursing Division provides health clinics and medical services for residents. Health menu includes:

### Child Health Conference:

Physical examination, health counseling and immunizations for children.

**Clinic fee:** \$10. By appointment only. No insurance.

### STD Clinic & HIV Testing:

Sexually transmitted disease screening, examination, counseling and treatment. **Clinic fee:** \$10 resident (proof of residence required); \$20 non-resident. First three Mondays of the month: 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.; fourth Monday of the month: 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

FREE rapid HIV testing by appointment only.

Call 732-855-0600 x5012 to schedule.

### Adult Health Services:

Hypertension screening and blood pressure test:

- Fourth Tuesday of the month; 2-3 p.m., Health Center
- First Monday of the month; 10-11 a.m., Evergreen Senior Center
- Third Tuesday of odd numbered months; 9-10 a.m., Town Hall

### Adult Vaccine (over 18):

Shingles, Hep B and others.

**Clinic fee:** \$24. Call for appointment 732-855-0600 x5012. Uninsured only.

### School Age Physicals:

For children new to the school district without insurance.

**Clinic fee:** \$10. Call for appointment 732-855-0600 x5012.

### Child Immunization:

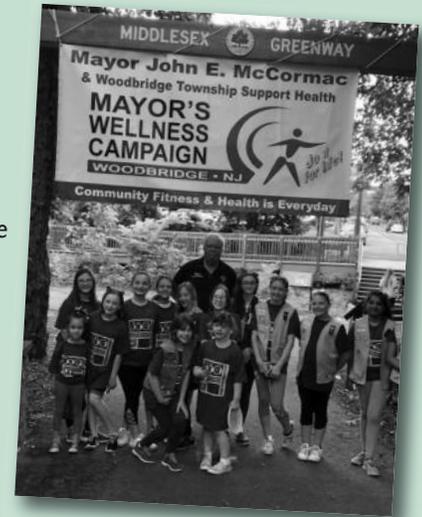
School-age children with no insurance.

**Clinic fee:** \$10. Call for appointment 732-855-0600 x5012.

The Nursing Division also offers other additional health services. Call 732-855-0600 x5012 for more information.

## Let's Get Moving...

*The Mayor's Wellness Campaign and Woodbridge Township Girl Scouts took a walk on the Middlesex County Greenway.*



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## The Barron Report



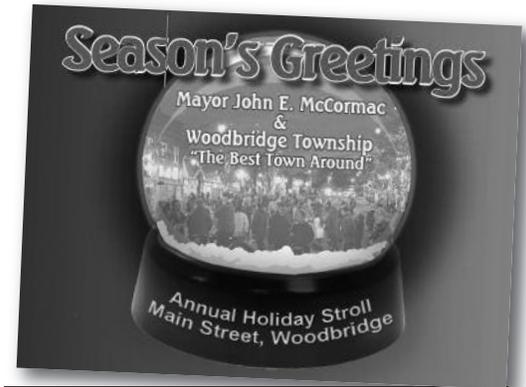
You don't need to go to New York City or Philadelphia to experience the sounds and sights of the holidays – the season comes alive in The Best Town Around.

See what's on tap for the coming entertainment season at The Barron. The ever-popular Poets Wednesday presents a Holiday Celebration with poetry readings and workshop. Explore new and returning painting & drawing classes for artists young and not so young.

Sign-up for Cartooning 101 – an introductory course that focuses on the basics of drawing your own cartoon characters. Visit [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) for complete listings and registration details on all of The Barron's exhibits, concerts, classes, events and programs. Call **732-634-0413** or check out The Barron on Facebook and Twitter.

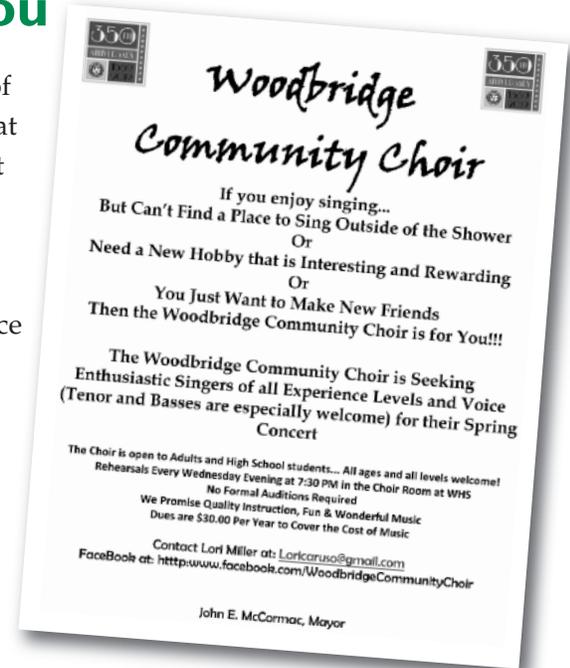
## Woodbridge is The Best Town Around for the Holidays

Experience the warmth of the holiday season with special holiday programs, events and seasonal concerts right here in Woodbridge. For more information on holiday events, visit our web site at [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or call the Mayor's Office at **732-634-4500**.



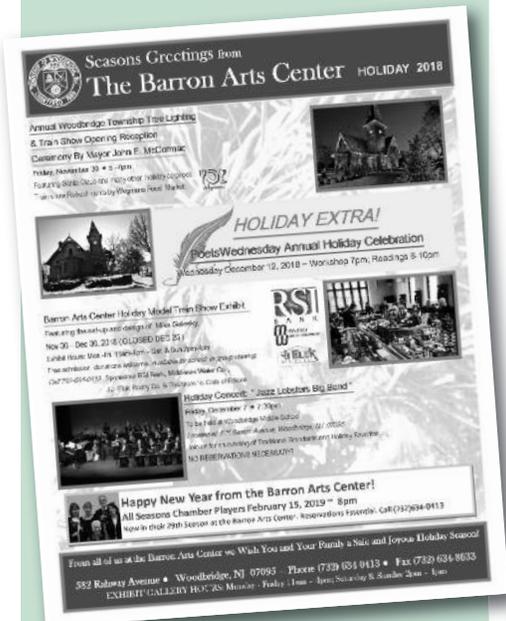
## Woodbridge Community Choir is Looking for You

Can't find a place to sing outside of the shower? Need a new hobby that is interesting and rewarding? Want to make new friends? Then the Woodbridge Community Choir is for you. The Choir is seeking enthusiastic singers of all experience levels and voice parts (tenors and basses especially welcome). Make friends. Make memories. Make music. Join today. Contact Lori Miller at: [loricaruso@gmail.com](mailto:loricaruso@gmail.com) or [Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCommunityChoir](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeCommunityChoir).



## Experience The Barron

There's FREE admission for all Barron events and concerts (\$5.00 suggested donation is always appreciated.) The Barron continues to give back to the community by collecting non-perishable food items and pet supplies for the "We Feed Woodbridge" food drive and the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center. When attending any Barron concert, exhibit or program, please participate in the voluntary program to keep our food pantries stocked and our pets safe and healthy. Get all the latest information on upcoming programs and events by calling **732-634-0413**.



## Holidays Begin at the Barron Arts Center

The Barron Arts Center Holiday Train Display has become the singular stop for the Season-of-Giving food drive. This year, the Barron Arts Center Holiday Train Display is on track from Nov. 30 - Dec. 31 (Closed Christmas Day.) When you stop by to see the incredible train exhibit, plan to drop-off a food donation at the Holiday Express. The Season-of-Giving food drive continues at the following Best Town Around holiday events and happenings!

### November 24

Don't miss the 11th annual **Light-Up Woodbridge & Holiday Stroll on Main Street**. Welcome the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. There's also horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers and other entertainment. Shop 'Buy-Local' Main Street merchants, as well as craft vendors, and so much more, from 4-6:30 p.m.



Before the Holiday Stroll, make sure to visit the Theatre at Woodbridge Middle School (525 Barron Ave.) for the annual Holiday Adventure – 'This Ain't No Oz.' It's an interactive holiday musical stage production for children and families, with FREE admission. Doors open at 2 p.m.; show begins at 2:30 p.m.

### November 25

It's the first-annual **Avenel Christmas Tree Lighting Festival**, 3-7 p.m. at the Avenel Firehouse, 346 Avenel St.

### November 30

Don't miss the **Woodbridge Township Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Train Show Reception** at The Barron Arts Center. There will be Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, the WHS Choir and some holiday surprises, 5-7 p.m.



**December 1**  
The Fords Business Community (FBC) is proud to present: **The Fords Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 3-6 p.m. on New Brunswick Avenue.

**December 2**  
Join in the 58th-annual **Woodbridge Township Holiday Parade**. It steps off at WHS to Town Hall in Downtown Woodbridge, beginning at 1:30 p.m.



### December 6

The holidays aren't the same without the **Colonia Business Community (CBC) Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting**. There will be a live Holiday Zoo with camels, sheep, deer and more. Watch Santa Claus arrive with the Colonia Fire Department. There will be holiday crafts & displays, and a Toys-for-Tots collection, 5-8 p.m. at the Evergreen Center, 600 Inman Avenue, Colonia.

### December 7

The Barron Arts Center Presents: **Sounds of the Season: The Jazz Lobsters Big Band Concert**, 7:30 p.m. at The Theater at Woodbridge Middle School.

### December 8

Mark your calendar for the Recreation Department **Holiday Gingerbread Cookie Decorating**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parker Press Park.

### December 10

The Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce (WMCC) holds its 54th-annual **Holiday Luncheon** at 11:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Hotel. Visit: [www.woodbridgechamber.com](http://www.woodbridgechamber.com)

### December 12

The Barron Arts Center Presents: **Poets Wednesday Holiday Celebration**, Holiday Poetry Workshop: 7 p.m.; Holiday Poetry Readings: 7:30 p.m.

### December 15

The Woodbridge Recreation Department will present **Pictures with Santa**, 10-11:30 a.m. at Parker Press Park.

### December 19

**The Woodbridge High School Christmas Concert** begins at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Church in Avenel, with free admission.

## Woodbridge Township

*Celebrating our  
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The 350th Sesquicentennial Anniversary is underway with a series of celebrations and events spanning the days leading up to the Grand Community Celebration on June 1, 2019. The 350th Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebrates the traditions of our Township with events and activities that create civic pride and foster community partnerships that honor the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future.

The Woodbridge 350th Sesquicentennial Committee will announce details of the upcoming festivities, events, gala and related activities which will include a variety of quality, family-friendly events designed to celebrate all that is great about Woodbridge Township and embrace all that the next 350 years have in store.

### Celebrating History

Woodbridge Township, the oldest Township in the state, was chartered on June 1, 1669. For 349 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.

During the 19th century, clay mining and brick manufacturing became the major industry of the Township. The municipal 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, 10 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 to be The Best Town Around.



## History Today & Tomorrow

Want to learn more about Woodbridge history?  
Become a member of the Woodbridge Historic  
Preservation Commission at [www.wthpc.org](http://www.wthpc.org).

## Woodbridge: Ten Towns

### Avenel

Appears as Avenel Station on 1867 map. Possibly named by railroad executives to evoke the romanticism of Sir Walter Scott's *The Monastery* whose heroine is Mary Avenel. Also called Demarest and Demorest-On-The Hill Tops for early developer William C. Demorest.

### Colonia

Originally named Houghtonville. Renamed when the Pennsylvania Railroad wanted a simpler name for the railroad stop. The name was reportedly created by Elizabeth Cone. Also called New Dover, Pleasant Mills, Dumplington and Locust Hill.

### Fords

Named after John Ford who settled the area in 1686 and opened a tavern where the old Amboy Turnpike crossed the Woodbridge Turnpike (New Brunswick Avenue and King Georges Road). Also called Mutton

Hollow, Fords Crossing and Slingtaile.

### Hopelawn

Originally property owned by Luther Hope. A story relating to the sale of his farm was that a section of the green field (lawn) be called Hope's Lawn, evolving to Hopelawn. Also called Allendale/Ellendale Terrace.

### Iselin

Named after Adrian Iselin, a New York businessman who built a "Ladies Seminary" at the head of Bloomfield Avenue and its associated railroad station. Also called Uniontown, Perrytown and Graham Station.

### Keasbey

Named after Anthony Q. Keasbey and Charles Keasbey who operated a clay product company specializing in manufacturing hollow clay tiles mined from the area.

### Menlo Park Terrace

Hilly neighborhood named for

adjoining Menlo Park made famous by Thomas Edison. Menlo Park was reportedly named by the railroad for Menlo Park, CA which was named after a castle in Ireland.

### Port Reading

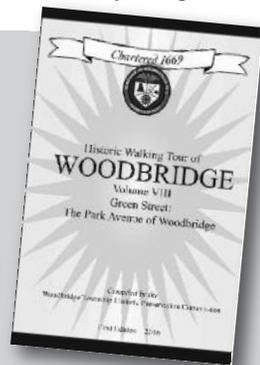
Named for the Reading Railroad which established the eastern terminus of its rail lines along the Arthur Kill to facilitate the distribution of coal.

### Sewaren

The origin of the name is unknown. The area was also called Woodbridge Beach, Woodbridge Port, Boyton Beach and Pierce's Landing.

### Woodbridge

Possibly named for Woodbridge, Suffolk County, England or named by early settlers after Rev. John Woodbridge of Newbury, Massachusetts. While he did not settle here, his daughter did, and is buried in the graveyard of the First Presbyterian Church.



## The Old Neighborhood: A Stroll Down Memory Lane

Hosted by Woodbridge Township Historian Brenda Velasco – presents recollections of Woodbridge history through the recollections of long-time Woodbridge residents. The Old Neighborhood series is possible through the support of the Mayor's Office, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Barron Arts Center and the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Read *The WB News* for the next edition of The Old Neighborhood.

## Walk the WB History Trail

The Woodbridge History Trail welcomes and informs history buffs and visitors. The History Trail – 46 historic marker signs – 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. Take a stroll and learn all about Woodbridge history.



## Woodbridge Public Library

### Get Your Library Card & Explore the Universe

The Woodbridge Public Library (WPL) has 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.

The Library houses thousands of movies, vintage television shows, music albums and audiobooks – all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with Hoopla Digital (hoopladigital.com). 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. Hoopla Digital is offered at no cost to patrons and requires only a Woodbridge Public Library card.

Be the first to know about great reads, services and library programs at [www.woodbridgelibrary.org/wpdl](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org/wpdl) or Text WPLNEWS to 22828

Sign-up for the WPL weekly eNews at [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org).

WPL on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/woodbridgelibrary>

## Register for ESL Classes

The WPL has partnered with LiteracyNJ to host ESL classes. Visit the WPL at: [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org) or call LiteracyNJ at: 732-906-5456.



## Download the WPL BookMyne APP

Woodbridge residents can now access the WPL via a FREE mobile APP for iOS and Android devices. BookMyne allows WPL patrons to renew materials on the go before they are due, access library information and messages, and view bestseller lists and content downloads. Patrons can use the APP to browse the library catalog, request or renew items, monitor individual



accounts including late fees and checked-out items, and so much more. Questions regarding the BookMyne APP should be directed to Monica Eppinger, WPL Director, at [meppinger@woodbridgelibrary.org](mailto:meppinger@woodbridgelibrary.org) or 732-634-4450 x7099.

## Become an Expert in Anything with WPL and Lynda.com



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The Woodbridge Public Library recently announced the addition of free access to the award-winning learning service Lynda.com. for all active Library patrons. Lynda.com offers over four thousand video courses to help learners and students become expert in any of hundreds of topics and popular software tools.

## WPL Joins Reciprocal Borrowing Group



Woodbridge residents are now welcome in Middlesex and Union County libraries to borrow materials through the Mutual Reciprocity Among Libraries (MURAL) agreement. A Woodbridge Library Card will be accepted for lending and select services in 50 area libraries. Visit [www.woodbridge.lib.nj.us](http://www.woodbridge.lib.nj.us) for a complete list of participating MURAL libraries.

## Iselin Branch Library Celebrates 50th Anniversary



## Calling All Artists

The Woodbridge Artisan Guild (WAG) Gallery is a non-profit arts group that supports local artists and provides art education and opportunity to artists young and old.

The WAG Gallery (101 Main Street) is an open house for artists housing, expanded art programming, gallery and exhibition space and studio/art class space.

The WAG 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. 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.

WAG Gallery: 101 Main Street in Downtown Woodbridge  
 Gallery Hours: Tues. - Sat.  
 Noon to 5:00 p.m.  
[www.woodbridgeartisan.com/index.php](http://www.woodbridgeartisan.com/index.php)

### WAG for Adults: Brushes & Beer Art Classes

WAG invites you to *Paint Like Rembrandt* at Brushes & Beer every Friday at 7 p.m. The classes fill-up quickly.

### WAG For Kids: Playful Painting

Looking for a creative Birthday Party for your little artist? Book a Playful Painting B-Day extravaganza at the WAG. Call the Recreation Department at **732-596-4048** to schedule the date.

## Meet the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township

The Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township promote the activities and goals of the library. From the Ongoing Book Sale (which you have probably noticed at the Main Library entrance), along with the Annual Book Sale in April, the Friends secure quality reading material for the community while raising funds to assist the Library and patrons. The Summer Reading Clubs, Monthly Book Clubs and Movie Nights are just a few of the programs courtesy of the Friends. Join "The Friends" with a Family Membership for \$10.00 or Individual Membership for \$5.00. Student/Senior Membership is \$4.00.

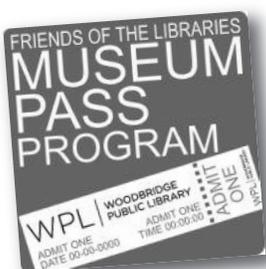
Email: [friends@woodbridgelibrary.org](mailto:friends@woodbridgelibrary.org).

## Friends of the Libraries Sponsor Museum Pass Program

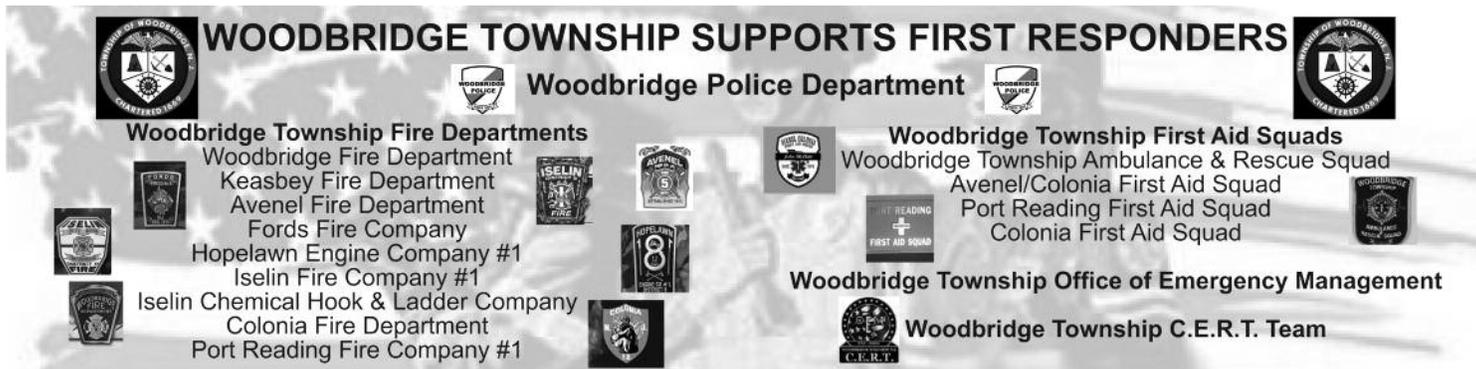
The Friends of the Library and the Woodbridge Public Library have partnered to offer WPL patrons a FREE Museum Pass. The Museum Pass includes admission to a selection of the finest museums and grounds in the New York/New Jersey area. The Friends Museum Pass includes: The American

Museum of Natural History, Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Grounds for Sculpture, Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum, Liberty Science Center, The Montclair Art Museum, The Newark Museum, and the Monmouth Museum in Lincroft.

Passes circulate for seven days and are available at the Main Library in Woodbridge. Contact the Library at 732-634-4450 or visit [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org), for more information.

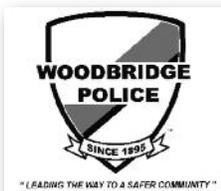


## Woodbridge Township Supports First Responders



### Drop-Off Unwanted and Expired Prescription Drugs at the WPD

Looking to get rid of expired and unwanted prescription medications? Stop by the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) and deposit unwanted prescription drugs in the Project Medicine Drop Box. Woodbridge residents can bring unused and expired prescription drugs (if possible in the original prescription container), powders, pills, and liquid medications, to the Woodbridge Police Department Reception Room located in the lower lobby, Town Hall, One Main Street. For more information contact the WPD at **732-634-7700**.



### Report from the Director's Desk:

By: Robert J. Hubner, Director

#### WPD Targets Holiday Safety

The Woodbridge Police Department offers crime prevention tips geared to keep residents and shoppers safe throughout the holiday season. Many residents will leave their homes unattended - some for a short period of time, others for an extended period of time - so it is important to make sure your home looks occupied:

- Do not leave garbage cans out after the rest of the neighborhood has had their trash collected;
- Do not leave newspapers or circulars lying around on your property or doorsteps;
- Stop newspaper and mail delivery if you are going to be away or have a neighbor collect these items until you return;
- Use light timers (set for staggered times) in and outside the residence;
- Trim back bushes and shrubs that block the view of basement windows and all windows and doors in general;
- Lock garage and shed doors;
- If you are away from home for a short period of time it is a good idea to leave a radio or

television on to make it sound like someone is in the home.

When shopping, park as close as possible to entrances or other occupied areas. If you are out at night, attempt to park in a well-lit area and most importantly, always lock your vehicle whether at home or in parking lots. Most vehicle break-ins occur to vehicles left unlocked. Do not leave items of value or gift purchases in plain view in the parked vehicle.

Please be aware of your surroundings when walking to your vehicle and attempt to walk with other people. Always have your keys in your hand before approaching your vehicle. Do not place cell phones, handbags or other items on the car when you are opening doors or trunks.

Following these basic tips can help you avoid becoming a victim. If anyone has questions about crime prevention tips, please contact the WPD Community Affairs Office at **732-726-2318**.

*Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!*

## Officer Matthew Dougherty Named WPD Officer-of-the-Year

Woodbridge Police Officer Matthew Dougherty was recognized as the 2017 WPD Police Officer-of-the-Year.

Officer Dougherty, assigned to the Radio Patrol Division, Squad 8, Traffic Enforcement Unit, demonstrated a commitment to public safety, policing and law enforcement through a proactive approach to patrol and traffic enforcement, criminal investigation and arrest procedures.

Officer Dougherty responded to 2,145 Calls-for-Service, which resulted in enforcement actions to include the issuance of traffic enforcement summonses, Driving

While Intoxicated (DWI) summonses, enforcement of outstanding arrest warrants, and the arrest of defendants on violations of New Jersey Criminal Statutes. Officer Dougherty conducted numerous criminal investigations which resulted in the arrest of criminal suspects to include: the arrest of a fugitive from justice which resulted in the discovery of an additional outstanding warrant and the confiscation of cocaine; the arrest of a fugitive while investigating a suspicious person complaint; the arrest of a suspect during a motor vehicle stop in possession of narcotics and the arrest of a suspect involved in the burglary of motor vehicles and the recovery of stolen property.

*The WB News congratulates WPD Officer Matthew Dougherty.*

*Mayor John E. McCormac and Police Director Robert Hubner present Officer Matthew Dougherty with the 2017 WPD Police Officer-of-the-Year Award.*



## WPD Community Affairs Unit is On Patrol

The WPD Community Affairs Unit is everywhere! Det. Joelle Slossberg and Det. Mark Zeno are on the front line of communication with Woodbridge Township residents and community groups.

The WPD Community Affairs Unit is committed to improving police services to the residents and businesses of Woodbridge Township. The Woodbridge Police Community Affairs Unit welcomes comments and suggestions – contact Det. Slossberg at **732-726-2318** or visit the Township website at [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).



*The WPD Community Affairs Unit received the 2017 Silver Award from the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Resource Center and Keep Middlesex Moving for administering the WPD Safe Route to School and Bicycle Safety programs.*

## WPD Announces Sergeant Promotions

Police Director Robert Hubner announced the promotion of Det. Richard Hilliard, Det. Anthony Penicaro, Det. Edward Sciahetano, Officer Carlos Villegas and Officer Joseph Wilder to the rank of Sergeant at a recent Town Hall ceremony.



*(L-R): Captain Scott Kuzma, Director Robert Hubner, Sgt. Edward Sciahetano, Sgt. Joseph Wilder, Sgt. Anthony Penicaro, Sgt. Carlos Villegas, Sgt. Richard Hilliard and Deputy Director Joseph Nisky.*

## Attention EMTs: Apply Today

Woodbridge Township First Aid Squads are looking for qualified EMT candidates with leadership skills and the ability to work under pressure. Candidates must be New Jersey Certified EMTs in good standing; 21 years of age; ICS 100 & CEVO certificates required. Part-time positions. 12-hour shift. Starting pay at \$15 per hour. Contact Laura Higgins, EMS Coordinator at: [laura.higgins@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:laura.higgins@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)

## WPD Graduates “Senior” Police Academy

The Woodbridge Police Department Senior Police Academy graduated 20 recruits during graduation ceremonies in May. The WPD Senior Police Academy – a month-long program that offers realistic insight into the operation of the Woodbridge Police Department, law enforcement activities and crime prevention programs and initiatives – was a central part of the Woodbridge Township Senior Month program. The Senior police academy program offered recruits instruction on crime prevention, civilian observer initiative and training on police operations.

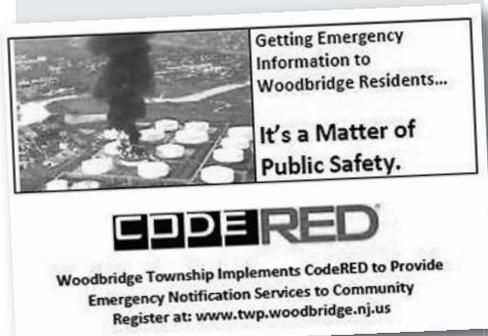


## Don't Wait For Disaster: Register for CodeRed

The Office of Emergency Management has implemented the CodeRed emergency notification system.

If you would like to be contacted on your home, business, cell, VoIP phone, or TTY/TDD system, you must register the phone number(s) with the Woodbridge Township Office of Emergency Management. Please note that the service being offered is for Woodbridge Township residences and businesses only.

Visit the website at [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) to register for CodeRed notification. NOTE: If you previously completed a CodeRed or Reverse 9-1-1 registration form, you DO NOT need to re-register.



## Woodbridge Fire Officers Association Names Firefighter-of-the-Year

The Woodbridge Township Fire Officers Association sponsors the Bruce A. Turcotte Firefighter of the Year Award – in memory of Fallen Firefighter Bruce A. Turcotte,

Hopelawn Engine Company #1.

The award recognizes a member of the Woodbridge Township Firefighting and Emergency Response Community for actions that go above and beyond the-call-of-duty. Chief Michael Hapstak, Woodbridge Fire Company #1, received the 2017 Bruce A. Turcotte Firefighter-of-the-Year Award in recognition of his long-standing contributions to the Woodbridge Fire Company.



## Colonia FAS EMT Casmir Kaminski Named EMT-of-the-Quarter

The Municipal Council, Mayor John E. McCormac, WPD Director Robert Hubner presents the EMT of the Quarter Award to EMT Casmir Kaminski of the Colonia First Aid Squad



## Post Street Addresses in Plain View

As part of the effort to improve emergency response services (Police, Fire and First Aid), Township residents and business owners are reminded to clearly post street addresses in an area visible from the street on which the property fronts.

Residential numbers should be no less than two inches high and one inch wide. Non-residential buildings are required to have numbers no less than six inches high and two inches wide. Clearly posting street

addresses assists first responders to quickly locate the emergency location and improves response time – seconds and minutes wasted looking for an address may lead to loss of property or life. Thanks for the assist.

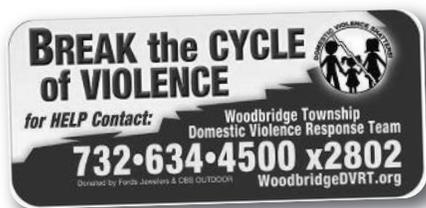


## DVRT Celebrates 25 Years Advocating for Victims of Domestic Abuse

The Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT), an all-volunteer community-based assistance program, would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mayor, Township Council, Woodbridge Police Department and its officers, as well as all the township businesses and organizations who have

generously supported the DVRT over the past 25 years.

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. Team members are required to be available for 12-hour shifts from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. or from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Call 732-634-4500 ext. 2802 or visit [www.woodbridgedvrt.org](http://www.woodbridgedvrt.org).



## CERT Wants You!

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for a few good Woodbridge Township volunteers. CERT volunteers receive extensive emergency response and preparedness training and assist police, firefighters, EMTs 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 drivers license. To obtain an application, or to learn more about the CERT program and how you can be part of a community preparedness team, visit [www.woodbridgecert.org](http://www.woodbridgecert.org).

## 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 [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/court](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/court).

### Did you know?

Paying a traffic ticket is more convenient now than ever before. Pay at Town Hall on weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pay online at **NJMCDirect.com**, use the convenient drop box outside Town Hall or pay by mail.



## Municipal Court Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.  
from 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.  
6:45 p.m. to end of  
Court session



Fri., 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Get Ready for Snow...Again

The Woodbridge Department of Public Works is prepared to respond with all available personnel and equipment to remove snow and ice from the roadways whenever a severe winter snowstorm is predicted.

An important first step is street brining – a process where a salt emulsion is sprayed on the road surface to aid in snow removal operations. Brining starts 24-48 hours prior to snow. Public Works crews will begin snow removal from streets and roads with the application of rock salt. Once snow has accumulated on roads, crews move from the salt/sand operation to plowing. As a rule, primary roads are plowed as a first priority. Once the primary roads are cleared, plowing begins on all other side roads, streets and cul-d-sacs.



## Keep Storm Drain Inlets and Fire Hydrants Clear Of Snow

Woodbridge Township has more than 400 miles of municipal roadways lined with storm water inlets. While the Department of Public Works maintains these inlets, it is extremely helpful for residents to assist the Township by keeping storm drain inlets free of blockages (leaves, debris, snow accumulation, etc.).

Similar to storm drain inlets, it is imperative to keep fire hydrants clear of accumulating snow. While each fire department makes every effort to keep fire hydrants accessible in case of an emergency, residents can assist by removing snow from the area around fire hydrants.

## The MyWaste APP is FREE and Easy to Download

The MyWaste APP puts trash and recycling collection schedules, special collection information and more right at your fingertips!

MyWaste is a Recycling & Solid Waste Internet ePortal and Smartphone APP featuring a detailed collection calendar customized to your address. Search the “What Goes Here” database for specific recycling instructions. Keep track of upcoming special collection events – household hazardous waste drop-off, confidential document shredding day, Christmas tree collection, bagged leaf collection and more. Report a waste problem or



send comments & suggestions through the APP.

The MyWaste APP is brought to you by Mayor John E. McCormac and the Woodbridge Township Department of Public Works. Visit [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) for more information.

## How You Can Help

Township residents, businesses and property owners are responsible to keep sidewalks and pedestrian areas free of snow and ice.

Township ordinance requires property owners to maintain clear pedestrian walkways and sidewalks by removing accumulated snow and ice from sidewalk areas within 24 hours after the end of the storm.

Reminder: It is a violation of municipal ordinance to shovel or dump snow in the street. If ice is too solid to be cleared by shoveling, it should be covered with ice melt, rock

salt, sand, sawdust or other appropriate melting or traction-giving agents.



Property owners have until 8 p.m. the day after the snowstorm to clear sidewalks. The pathway must be at least three feet wide or the size of the sidewalk if less than three feet wide. A first offense in a winter season is a \$100 fine. Subsequent offenses in the same season can reach up to a \$1,000 fine.

## Drop Off Bulk Waste for Free at the Township Recycling & Convenience Center

**Bulk Waste Accepted:** Appliances, mixed metal, bulk waste, concrete, asphalt, brick (homeowner repair only; no contractors), brush, leaves, old propane tanks and electronics (computers, monitors, scanners,

laptops, modems, printers, cables, keyboards and televisions)

### Drop-Off Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed on Sunday



Woodbridge Recycling & Convenience Center

## Public Works Mailbag

To Whomever is in Charge at the Sanitation Department:

I want to thank and commend the worker that plowed the snow bank at the end of my driveway for my wife in Colonia after the last snow storm. I am a homeowner resident of Colonia for more than 12 years and I am currently serving the US Army on my second deployment overseas in Kuwait and Iraq.

My wife described how wet and heavy the snow was and how it was going to be impossible to clear the snow bank at the end of the driveway. Her plan was to abandon driving until the snow melted. My wife said the sanitation worker was a lifesaver by helping her free the way after my neighbor talked with him.

My wife did not know the name of the worker. When I return home later this year, I want to thank him personally for going above and beyond his duties in helping a resident in need while her husband is away serving. God bless him and his family.

CH (CPT) Walter M.  
436th Movement Control Battalion  
Declassified: March 2018

## PUBLIC WORKS HOTLINE:

### 732-726-2325

Call the **PUBLIC WORKS HOTLINE** to report potholes, illegal housing, property maintenance violations or other township-related concerns.

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



## Coming Soon: Trash Can Cleaning Truck



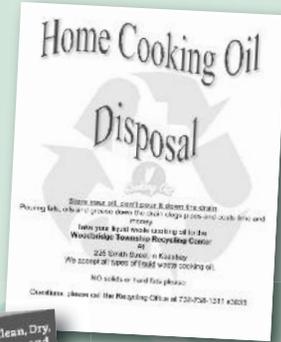
See your tax mailer for the recycling guidelines...

# Questions?

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

## Woodbridge Now Recycles:

Cooking Oil



Plastic Bags & Film Packaging

Monofilament Fishing Line



## Woodbridge Embraces Single Stream Recycling

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, 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 great deal for every Woodbridge Township resident, homeowner and business. And, recycling is not only profitable; it's the right thing to do for our environment. As a result of our increasingly successful recycling program, the Mayor's Office received a Recycling grant totaling \$208,520 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

### Items That Cannot Be Recycled: Do Not Put In Blue Container

Bagged material (even if it contains recyclables), microwave trays, mirrors, window or auto

glass, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, plastic bags, coat hangers, glass cookware/bake ware, pots and pans, flexible packaging and multi-laminated materials, hazardous waste, food products/organic waste, plastic wrap, cellophane or Styrofoam, batteries, grass, branches, electronics and appliances (recycled separately), furniture, vinyl blinds, garden hose, wood, tires, textiles (clothes and stuffed toys), stones, brick, concrete and dirt.



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## Eagle Scout Project Improves Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center

The Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center sends a heart-felt Thank You to Tyler Moore, a Junior at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School and Life Scout with Troop 330 in Clark for successfully completing his Eagle Scout Community Service Project. Eagle Scout Moore led fellow scouts in constructing 16 elevated dog beds – all of which were donated to the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center.



## Shelter is Looking For a Few Good Volunteers!

The Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center is looking for people who care about animals and want to help find them good homes. Volunteers at the shelter can help care for the animals, take dogs for walks, assist in adoptions and participate in special shelter events. There are opportunities available for just about everyone. Contact the shelter today at: **732-855-0600 x2034**. E-mail: [animalshelter@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:animalshelter@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or visit the Shelter Volunteer Hub: <http://was.volunteerhub.com/Events/Index>

## Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center Celebrates 11th Anniversary

The Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center celebrates its 11th Anniversary on Dec. 21, 2018.

Each year, the shelter offers a special anniversary adoption program; this year is no different.

If you are looking for that ‘purrfect’ holiday gift, consider a pet from the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center. The staff and volunteers 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 our pets, or obtain an adoption form, visit the Woodbridge Township Web Page [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) and click on Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center.



## New Shelter Winter Hours:

Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center  
195 Woodbridge Avenue in Sewaren  
**732-855-0600 ext. 2034**

Monday 1 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday 4 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday 1 - 4 p.m.

Thursday 4 - 8 p.m.

Friday 1 - 4 p.m.

Saturday Noon - 4 p.m.

## WAG Wants YOU!

Join the Woodbridge Animal Group (WAG) and support the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center

Be a WAG Volunteer:  
[woodbridgeanimalgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:woodbridgeanimalgroup@yahoo.com)

Visit WAG on FaceBook:  
[www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeAnimalGroup](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeAnimalGroup)



## Holiday Gift of Giving for our Shelter Guests

The Gift-of-Giving is all-year-long at the Shelter but even more crucial during the holiday season. Your generosity is a powerful factor in helping the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center continue to rescue and save so many animals. It's because of gifts from pet-loving residents and friends that we are able to help our homeless animals.

### Shelter's Wish List:

- Purina wet & dry dog food (puppy chow, dog chow)
- Purina wet & dry cat food (kitten chow, cat chow)
- Eye & ear care
- Saline solution
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips
- Baking soda for litter boxes
- Blankets, not quilts
- White towels
- Paper towels
- 30-gallon trash bags
- Antibacterial dish detergent
- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Pet brushes, combs
- Dog/cat shampoos
- Gauze
- Grooming supplies
- Nail clippers & Quik Stop



## Paw Prints:

*On Dec. 21, 2007, Mayor John E. McCormac, along with children and pet lovers from throughout the Township, came together to officially open the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center – Eleven years and hundreds of adoptions later, the Shelter remains the premier animal care center in Central New Jersey.*

## It's the Law. License Your Cat

The Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center is taking in more cats than ever – so, it's even more important that cat owners license their feline friends before they reach seven months of age.

All cats must have a current rabies vaccination to be licensed, which protects your cat, as well as other animals and even people, from acquiring this potentially fatal disease. If your cat is spayed or neutered, it will cost less to license (\$13 spayed/\$23 non-spayed). Cats that are spayed will generally be calmer and roam less and, of course, will not add to the current over population of cats. If your cat is not licensed, please call the Woodbridge Health Department at **732-855-0600 x2034** or visit [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

## REMINDER: Pick-Up After Your Pet

The Health Department and Animal Control remind pet owners to be considerate of others by cleaning up after your pet. Animal droppings are not only unsightly but they also pose a health risk and can transmit disease. Township ordinance requires that owners/animal handlers remove all pet droppings and properly dispose of the droppings in a sealed leak-proof container or bag.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner – it keeps Woodbridge beautiful & healthy.

## Micro-Chip Your Pet: Shelter Service Targets Pet Safety

The Department of Health & Human Services and the Woodbridge Animal Shelter & Pet Adoption Center now offers micro-chipping for pets. New pet owners can receive micro-chipping at the time of adoption from the shelter or plan to go to a Micro-Chip clinic at the Health Center. The \$25 fee includes the microchip, lifetime pet ID and registration with the national pet recovery database (Home Again). Stop by the Animal Shelter or call **732-855-0600 x2034** for information.

## SENIORWATCH

### Get Your Resident Senior Photo ID Card

The Multi Service Program on Aging provides Photo ID cards to senior and disabled residents who do not have any other form of photo identification. Photo IDs are now required when traveling, conducting banking and other financial business, and generally to navigate through the everyday aspects of today's security conscious world.



To obtain a Resident Senior and/or Disabled Photo ID Card (Woodbridge Township residents only), call the Multi Service Program on Aging at **732-726-6262**, Mon.-Fri. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Meals on Wheels Available for WB Seniors

Meals on Wheels provide a home-delivered hot noon meal and a cold supper every Mon. - Fri. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Woodbridge Township Senior residents 60 years of age (or older) are eligible. There is a \$5 contribution for the daily meal service (no Senior resident will be denied service if unable to make the contribution). To Apply: Call Barbara Lemchak in the Meals on Wheels office at the Woodbridge Health Center at: **732-634-4141**. Daily between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

## Report from the Mayor's Senior Summit

Mayor John E. McCormac welcomed Senior residents from throughout Woodbridge Township to the 12th Annual Mayor's Senior Summit where Township Senior's expressed opinions on a diversity of topics and offered ideas and suggestions on how to improve Senior-related programs and services throughout the community.

The Mayor's Senior Summit engaged Senior residents in an exchange of ideas on topics ranging from expanding and improving services and programs at the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC), Evergreen Senior Center in Colonia, Sycamore Senior Center in Port Reading and the Five Branches Senior Center in Iselin. There was discussion on 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.



*Mayor John E. McCormac, Municipal Council and Township Administration welcome Woodbridge Township Senior residents to the 12th Annual Mayor's Senior Summit at the Woodbridge Community Center.*

Participants included representatives from the Woodbridge Township Department of Health & Human Services, the Multi-Service Program on Aging, the 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.

## Evergreen Senior Center & Multi-Service Program on Aging... Where It's All Happening

The Evergreen Senior Center is the Township's flagship for Senior events and activities.

The Multi-Service Program on Aging offers community service programs that include individual and family counseling for issues of concern to the elderly such as health, finances, family and social relationships.

Volunteers do friendly visiting to homebound elderly and assist in Senior operations at the Evergreen Center. Want to learn more about the Multi-Service Program on Aging and the Evergreen Senior Center? Contact: Michelle Morgan at **732-726-6262**.



## Five Branches Senior Center Welcomes Senior Residents

Mayor John E. McCormac and the Woodbridge Township Department of Health & Human Services celebrated the Grand Opening of the all-new Five Branches Senior Center in Iselin with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. With more than 200 Woodbridge Township Senior residents in attendance, the Five Branches Senior Center – named in honor of the Five Branches of the United States Armed Services – is located in the newly renovated T. Nulty American Legion Post #471 building.

Five Branches stands as a gateway connecting Senior residents 60 years of age and older with vital community services that help Seniors remain healthy, active and independent.

“The new multi-purpose Five Branches Senior Center serves as important anchor in the Iselin community, offering quality services and programs that our Senior’s need and deserve,” said Mayor McCormac. “The Five Branches Senior Center, along with the



Evergreen Senior Center in Colonia and the Sycamore Senior Center in Port Reading, offer Senior residents a convenient neighborhood multi-purpose center designed to engage every visitor in social, recreational, educational, health and wellness programs and activities that enhance their Quality-of-Life and serve to cultivate new friendships.”

The Five Branches Senior Center includes a large community room, activity rooms, game room, computer learning center with free Wi-Fi, and a café’ area with kitchen. Senior residents are encouraged to register as a member of the Five Branches Senior Center – Registration is free. The Five Branches Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## Important Phone Numbers for Seniors

### Multi-Service Program on Aging

732-726-6262

### Senior Transportation of Woodbridge

732-726-2394

### Evergreen Senior Center

732-726-6261

### Sycamore Senior Center

732-726-7087

### Five Branches Senior Center

732-726-6277

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

800-792-8820

### Social Security, Iselin Office

800-772-1213

### Medicare

800-633-4227

### Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

800-510-3102

### Better Business Bureau

609-588-0808

### Woodbridge Police Department

732-634-7700



## All Aboard! STOW Bus Service Hits the Road

STOW (Senior Transportation of Woodbridge) bus service is running on a daily schedule providing free curb-to-curb, reservation-based transportation service to Woodbridge Township Senior residents (age 60 & older) who have no other means of transportation to the Evergreen Senior Center (Colonia), Sycamore Senior Center (Port Reading), Five Branches Senior Center (Iselin), the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC) and designated Township events and programs.

Reservations are based on availability and are made by calling 732-726-2394 between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Information required for a

reservation includes: first/last name, Client Transportation ID number, address, phone number, date and time for requested pick-up.

The Senior resident MUST call at least one day before the desired pick-up date in order to be added to the schedule. If the Senior resident leaves a voice message, he or she 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

**Hours: Morning Pick-Up:** 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (Earliest appointment being 8:30 a.m. and last appointment at 11:15 a.m.)

**Afternoon Bus Home:** 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Last drop-off time at 2:45 p.m.)

## Sycamore Senior Center: A Happening Place!

The Sycamore Senior Center, located in the former Port Reading Knights of Columbus building at 290 Old Road, serves Senior residents (60 years of age and older) from Port Reading, Woodbridge, Sewaren, Fords, Hopelawn and Keasbey. The Sycamore Senior Center offers social, recreational, educational, health and wellness programs and activities designed to entertain and cultivate new friendships. The center includes large and small activity rooms, a game room, computer learning center with free Wi-Fi, and a Café area with kitchen. The Sycamore Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by and check it out. The coffee is on us!



## Senior Mail Bag

Mayor,

I am a member of the Evergreen Seniors for a very long time. My main reason for this letter is to let you know how much I appreciate everything that's happening at the Evergreen and Sycamore senior centers. The staff at the 2 centers is like family to me. Thank you for STOW bus transportation, it feels like we are climbing Jacob's ladder. One moment we had no bus service and now we have the pleasure of 6 busses in service. The drivers are awesome, well-rounded, respectful, and they treat us like we are members of their family. I am so proud and grateful for all the great services that you have provided to the Woodbridge Seniors.

Yours Truly,  
Ms. Ethleen C.  
Avenel

## Senior Olympians Compete in 2018 Games

The New Jersey Senior Olympics competed in Woodbridge Township on Sept. 7, 8 & 9 when more than 1,300 Senior Olympians gathered at the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC) to participate in the 2018 New Jersey Senior Olympic games.



It's the 12th consecutive year that Woodbridge Township has welcomed the statewide New Jersey Senior Olympic competition. The New Jersey Senior Olympic Committee, Senior Olympians, and competing Senior athletes opened the Senior games during ceremonies at the WCC.

The New Jersey Senior Olympic games feature 21 sporting events and competitions where senior athletes 50 years of age and older – male and

female – compete for the Gold, Silver and Bronze in various age categories ranging from: 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85-89; and 90+.

Senior athletes compete in Archery, Basketball (foul shooting/accuracy and '3 on 3'), Billiards, Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Darts, Fencing, Golf, Horseshoes, Racquetball, Team Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track & Field events, pickleball and miniature golf.

**Tooling Around the Township**  
Mayor John E. McCormack

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Complete the form online and submit or print the form, complete and mail to:

Township of Woodbridge  
c/o Tommy Toolbox  
Woodbridge Municipal Building  
1 Main Street  
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095  
Attention: Donna Barcellona  
[Donna.barcellona@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:Donna.barcellona@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)

## Senior Album



*The 2018 Gladiator Games pitted the Seniors vs the Juniors – the Seniors won again!*



*Silversneakers® Cardio™ Seniors class at the WCC.*



*Ruth McCormick (no relation to the Mayor), former President of the Woodbridge Senior Club, receives the Senior Citizen of the Year Award from the Woodbridge Knights of Columbus Middlesex Council #857.*

## 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

**New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**  
(800) 624-0508

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



## Veterans Day Parade Steps Off Nov. 11

The Woodbridge Township Veteran's Day Parade marches down Main Street to Town Hall on Sunday, Nov. 11.

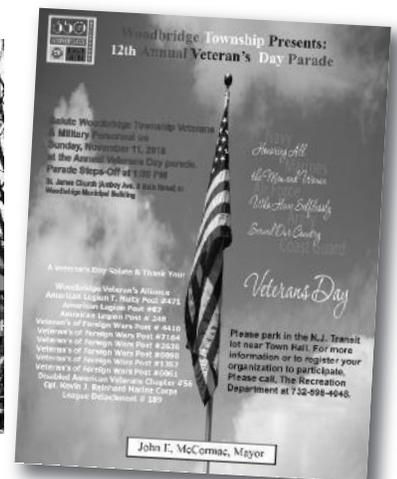
Welcome and salute Township veterans and active-duty military personnel from all branches of service as they proudly march with representatives from Township veterans organizations.

That includes American Legion Post #87, American Legion Post #471, American Legion Post #248, the Cpl. Kevin J. Reinhard Marine Corps League Detachment #189, VFW Woodbridge Memorial Post #4410, VFW Hopelawn Memorial Post #1352, VFW Colonia Memorial Post #6061, VFW Avenel Memorial Post #7164, VFW Iselin Memorial Post #2636, VFW



Fords Memorial Post #6090, DAV Chapter #56, Woodbridge public service and emergency response units, scouting, youth, civic and historic organizations, Woodbridge, Colonia and JFK High School marching bands, and parade dignitaries.

*Honor and support our hometown heroes.*

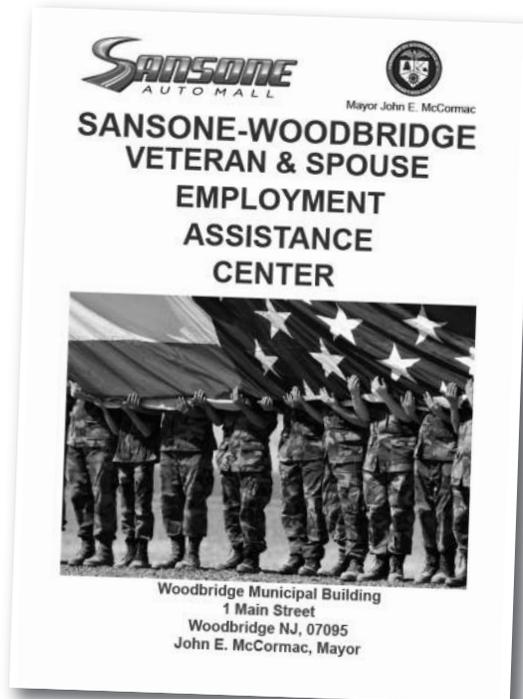


## Sansone-Woodbridge Veteran and Spouse Military Assistance Center Open for Business

The Sansone-Woodbridge Military Assistance Center partners with Woodbridge-area businesses and education institutions to assist returning Veterans, National Guard members, Reservists and spouses with securing employment and advancing educational opportunities.

Located in the Mayor's Office, the Sansone-Woodbridge Military Assistance Center and Director Ron Davie assist Veterans and spouses with vocational and career training grants; employment and job-search coaching; post-service Veteran education assistance; Veterans employer subsidies; social media networking; and guidance on available federal, state, county and local programs available to Veterans.

For more information: [ron.davie@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:ron.davie@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or [www.woodbridgeveterans.org](http://www.woodbridgeveterans.org). Call 732-634-4500 x2037.



## “Support Our Troops Rally” Honors Military & Veterans

The Support Our Troops Rally offers an annual Flag Raising and Memorial Service to honor our active-duty military personnel currently serving in military stations across the globe and to remember the Veterans from Woodbridge who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation and community.

A special Hometown Hero banner was presented to Jo Anne Cisco in honor of her late husband – William Cisco – a decorated US Army Veteran who served in Vietnam and Past Commander of VFW Post #6061 in Colonia.



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## Wreaths Across America

The T. Nulty American Legion Post #471 of Iselin and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233 are co-sponsoring a Wreaths Across America project at the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge - registered as a National Wreaths Across America location (ID: NJFPCW).

Sponsored wreaths will be placed on the graves of 250+ Veterans interred in the historic church cemetery on Dec. 15, 2018. Wreaths are \$15. Contact Robin Goodrich at **732-261-1787** to learn how to purchase a Wreath Across America.

SPONSORSHIP	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Individual - 1 wreath		\$15.00 EACH	
Family - 4 wreaths		\$150.00	
Small Business - 25 wreaths		\$1,500.00	
Corporate - 100 wreaths			
TOTAL			

## Veteran Photo Album

Governor Phil Murphy and Mayor John E. McCormac recognize life-long Woodbridge Township Veteran Mike Serak for his service in WWII and Korea.



Eagle Scout John Smolenski, Troop 44, along with American Legion T. Nulty Post #471, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233, US Navy Sea Cadet Corp from the Naval Weapons Station Earl Division, and Troop 44 and company, identified almost 300 Veterans' graves in the cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.

All of the graves were marked with a Veteran's plaque and an American Flag for Memorial Day. Graves are dated from The Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War.

## Honor Your Hometown Hero with a Banner

The Hometown Hero Project places 'Hero' banners on lamp posts throughout streets in Woodbridge, Colonia, Fords, Port Reading, Iselin and other high traffic areas. Sponsored by the T. Nulty American Legion Post 471, the Hometown Hero Project honors active-duty military personnel, honorably discharged veterans (living or deceased), KIA or POW/MIA, and those who have established roots to Woodbridge Township.

Contact Robin Goodrich at **732-261-1787** or email [ragoodrich@verizon.net](mailto:ragoodrich@verizon.net) to obtain a Hometown Hero Banner application.



## Welcome to Oak Tree Road School #29

Mayor John E. McCormac and the Woodbridge Township School District Facilities Improvement Project welcomed teachers and professional staff, students and parents to Oak Tree Road School #29 on the first day of school (Sept. 5). The \$8 million renovation project got underway in 2017 after voters overwhelmingly approved a Referendum that established district-wide, full-day Kindergarten, new school construction and upgrades to existing school facilities and buildings. The 85,000 square foot Oak Tree Road School #29 is centered around an open community space on the ground floor with flexible learning environments and features 19 Elementary education classrooms designed to support collaborative teaching and learning. Four new ADA-designed Kindergarten classrooms, three small Group Instruction classrooms and instructional space(s), art room and vocal music room, a multi-purpose



gymnasium with new bleachers and a fully-renovated cafeteria with warming kitchen compliment the educational experience. Additionally, the new design includes administrative offices, teacher workrooms and parent/teacher conference rooms, along with state-of-the-art Information Technology throughout the building to include high-level security system(s), digital learning systems for students and teachers, wifi, fiber-optic(s) and voice systems, flat panel screens, oversized whiteboards and instructional technology transform the classrooms to captivate and enhance the students' learning experience.

## Topping-Off Ceremony Marks Major Milestone in Construction of New Ross Street School #11

Mayor John E. McCormac, the Board of Education and Municipal Council, community leaders, educators and students gathered for a Topping-Off ceremony to mark the completion of the steel construction phase of the new \$30 million Ross Street School #11 in downtown Woodbridge. Attendees, including the Fifth Grade Class at Ross Street School #11, signed the structural steel beam before being hoisted into place and secured atop the buildings frame. The new three-story, 87,000 square foot Ross Street School #11 is centered around a large atrium courtyard providing natural light and a connection to nature. The courtyard houses a small amphitheater for outdoor lessons, several 'living learning' gardens and seating areas for reading and eating. Construction of Ross Street School #11 is anticipated to be finished for the start of the 2020 school year.

## MAC-E at Work



The Woodbridge High School Barrons kicked-off the 2018 Football and Soccer season with play on a new State-of-the-Art synthetic turf athletic field at WHS Stadium. The new multi-purpose field replaced the 11-year-old synthetic turf field constructed in 2007 with a new State-of-the-Art playing surface for Township athletes participating in football, soccer, field hockey and other field sports.



The 2018 Class of Hero's and Cool Kids gather at the WCC for a pre-graduation get-together.



# Around the Town

## Paving the Way to Better Streets

The Division of Engineering oversees the annual Road Paving/Resurfacing Program and is allocating more than \$5 million each year to improve neighborhood streets, roads, parking lots, walking paths and other public transportation avenues.

In 2018, the Engineering Division coordinated the paving of more than 40 Township streets, with Department of Public Works crews and equipment doing much of the work. The Township-wide Road Paving/Resurfacing Program has resulted in over 150 miles of streets and roads repaired and paved since 2007 – along with municipal parking areas, school walking paths and sidewalks being paved quicker and at a substantial savings to taxpayers.

### How does the repaving program work?

The milling and resurfacing of a street is undertaken in three phases.

Phase One consists of making any repairs to the foundation of the existing road and installing handicapped access ramps where required.

Phase Two involves removing the upper layer of asphalt (milling) from the road. Phase Three comprises installing a new asphalt surface that gives the street a brand-new appearance.

Once the street has been resurfaced, the Township imposes a seven-year moratorium on opening or disturbing the new pavement. It is important to know that the street resurfacing program does not include replacement of curbing, sidewalks or

driveway aprons. (Under Township ordinance, maintenance responsibility for such improvements is the responsibility of the property owner.)

If you are considering sidewalk, curbing or driveway apron improvements, the Engineering Division suggests that home and business owners take advantage of the time prior to the start of the actual street repaving to contact a

private contractor to complete sidewalk improvements.



## Scenes from Woodbridge:

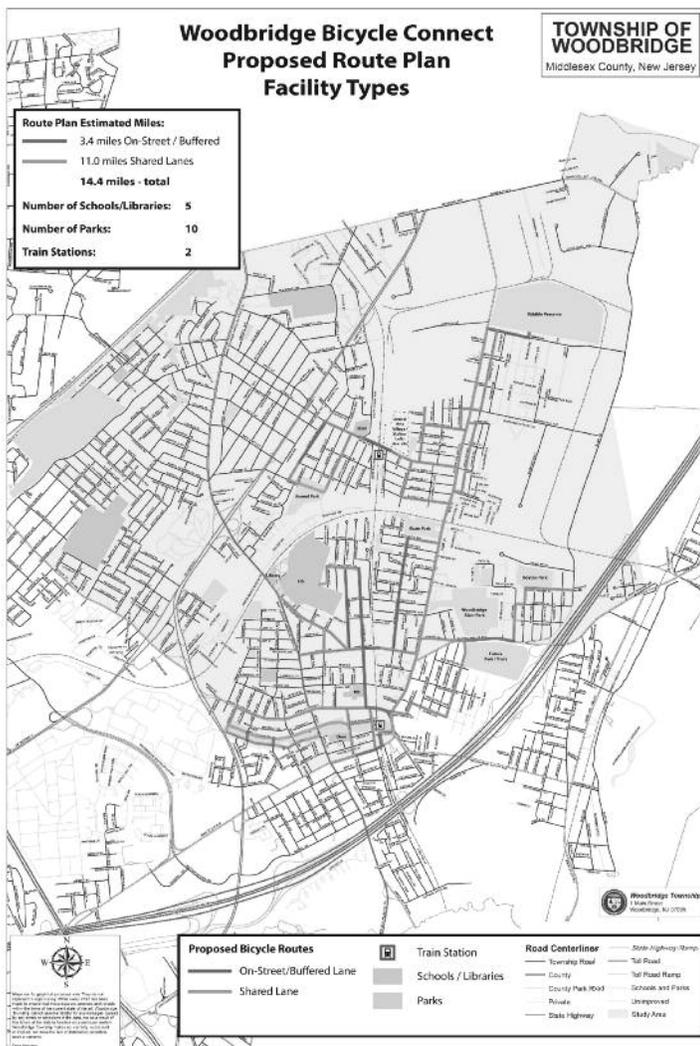


The Municipal Council and the Woodbridge Fire Department came together this past summer to support the annual “Relay for Life” of Woodbridge Township and the Relay Survivors.

## New Streets. New Bike Lanes.

You may have already seen the new bike lane markings popping-up on many streets throughout Woodbridge as the Division of Engineering has begun the installation of more than 10 miles of bike lanes. There's another 15 miles of bike lanes being installed over the coming year.

The goal is to better connect the Ten Towns – Avenel, Colonia, Fords, Hopelawn, Iselin, Keasbey, Menlo Park Terrace, Sewaren and Woodbridge – and to attract more people to use bicycles for their main mode of transportation. The project focuses on a system that is accessible and affordable and helps the Township become more sustainable.



## Tax Questions?

### Tax Payment Options

The Woodbridge Township Department of Tax Collections is responsible for processing billing and payments for property tax.

Property tax bills are mailed in January with a due date of February 1st and May 1st and in July with a due date of August 1st and November 1st.

We offer a 10-Day grace period for tax payments.

#### ACH DIRECT WITHDRAWAL:

You are able to pay your property tax bill using ACH Direct Withdrawal. The ACH service is FREE of charge. Complete and mail the form on the other side of this page by the 15th day of the month before payment is due. You only need to submit this application once and the payments will be deducted on every subsequent due date.

#### MAKE A PAYMENT ONLINE:

- 1) Go to <http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us> and scroll down to "Quick Links" which is located on the left side and click on "Taxpayer Information".
- 2) Find your property through one of the searches, then click on "Make Payment".
- 3) Follow payment instructions:
  - If paying by electronic check the convenience fee is \$1.05.
  - If paying by VISA debit card the convenience fee is \$3.95.
  - If paying by all other debit/credit cards the fee will be approximately 2.95%.

#### MAKE A PAYMENT IN PERSON:

We accept cash, check, or money order at the Tax Collection Office located on the first floor of Town Hall at 1 Main Street.

**Hours:** Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
 Open every Tuesday until 6:30 P.M.

#### MAKE A PAYMENT AT THE DROP BOX:

Deposit property tax payments in the drop-off box located in front of Town Hall. It's convenient and easy!

#### MAKE A PAYMENT BY US MAIL:

**Make Check Payable to:** Township of Woodbridge  
**Mail to:** Tax Office  
 P.O. Box 5004  
 Woodbridge, NJ 07095

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collection Office in Town Hall at (732) 602-6010. We are here to help.

## Tax Payments Made Easier

Pay Your Tax & Sewer Bill at the Convenient Drop-off Box Outside Town Hall. Just drive up, drop off and go.



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