

## Community Connections in Woodbury, Minnesota (as of June 2019)

Woodbury Thrives connects our community to inspire health and wellbeing for all. The City of Woodbury's web site is a hub for finding recreation options, parks & trails and learning opportunities for children and adults (see their Spring & Fall publications). Washington County also produces many educational classes and recreational opportunities, promoted in their catalogs that are sent to residents. Here are some additional ideas for how adults can meet and engage with others in Woodbury. Most are free.

# RH Stafford Library (Washington County) www.washcolib.org/librarynewsletter

- Book Clubs for Adults & Seniors
- Crafting Get-Togethers
- Meditation Sessions
- Tech Classes
- Memory Café

# YMCA Woodbury's ForeverWell (supported by most Medicare plans for people 65+)

- Fitness Classes (wide variety)
- Lunch & Learn speakers' series
- Book Club
- Volunteer activities (such as Feed My Starving Children)
- Card Groups
- "Stitch & Chat" Crafting Circles
- Activities Around the Twin Cities (transportation from the Y is provided)

**Faith-Based Organizations** – All have ongoing small groups for various ages and stages of people's lives – If you don't belong to a faith community, consider visiting several to find a fit.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Woodbury Thrives <u>www.woodburythrives.org</u>
- Woodbury Community Foundation https://www.woodburyfoundation.org
- City of Woodbury (a wide variety of interesting opportunities)
  <a href="https://www.woodburymn.gov/departments/administration/volunteer">https://www.woodburymn.gov/departments/administration/volunteer</a> opportunities.php
- Community Thread (St. Croix Valley) <a href="https://communitythreadmn.org">https://communitythreadmn.org</a>
- Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf <a href="https://ccefs.org">https://ccefs.org</a>
- SoWashCoCares (helping students in need) <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SoWashCoCARES/">https://www.facebook.com/SoWashCoCARES/</a>
- Woodbury Athletic Association <a href="https://www.waawoodbury.org">https://www.waawoodbury.org</a>

## **Other Groups**

- Wellness 50+/Vital Aging Network <a href="https://vital-aging-network.org/wellness-50/">https://vital-aging-network.org/wellness-50/</a>
- League of Women Voters <a href="https://www.lwvmn.org/local-leagues/woodbury-cottage-grove">https://www.lwvmn.org/local-leagues/woodbury-cottage-grove</a>
- Fraternal Organizations such as the Shriners <u>www.osmanshrine.org</u> and Lions Club <u>https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/woodburymn/</u>
- Woodbury Rotary Club <a href="https://www.woodburymnrotary.org/home.html">https://www.woodburymnrotary.org/home.html</a>
- Widows Friendship Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/736109893402714/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/736109893402714/</a>
- Knitting From the Heart Drop-In Knitting Groups http://www.heartknits.com
- Woodbury Heartfelt Quilters https://www.woodburyheartfeltquilters.com
- Woodbury Citizen's Academy <a href="https://www.woodburyfoundation.org/programs-initiatives/woodbury-citizens-academy-2018/">https://www.woodburyfoundation.org/programs-initiatives/woodbury-citizens-academy-2018/</a>
- South Washington County Senior Center (Cottage Grove)
  https://ce.sowashco.org/seniors/about the senior center
- The Gaming Goat hosts board game events in Woodbury <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TGGWoodburyMN/">https://www.facebook.com/TGGWoodburyMN/</a>
- Singles' Groups such as <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/o/twin-cities-speed-dates-18692567403">https://www.eventbrite.com/o/twin-cities-speed-dates-18692567403</a>
- Wood turners group, contact Jim Jacobs woodmanmn@aol.com
- Wood carving group, contact Glenn Anderson <u>ande3283@umn.edu</u>. Meets at Newport Lutheran Church Wednesdays 8-11am
- Join your local political party
- Go to a local dog park, such as
  https://www.woodburymn.gov/departments/parks and trails/andys bark park.php
- Look up or form a Meet-Up Group of your own https://www.meetup.com

# **Lifelong Learning Opportunities**

- Community Education South Washington County <a href="https://ce.sowashco.org">https://ce.sowashco.org</a>
- University of Minnesota Extension <a href="https://extension.umn.edu">https://extension.umn.edu</a>
- Minnesota Master Naturalist Program <a href="https://www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org">https://www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org</a>
- Washington County Master Gardener Program <a href="http://www.mastergardenersinwashingtonco.org">http://www.mastergardenersinwashingtonco.org</a>
- Minnesota Master Water Stewards Program <a href="https://masterwaterstewards.org">https://masterwaterstewards.org</a>
- Toastmaster's Club in Woodbury https://5612080.toastmastersclubs.org

#### **Fitness**

- HealthEast Sports Center including the year-round Indoor Walking Track
  https://woodburymn.gov/healtheast sports center/index.php
- Woodbury YMCA (see web site above)
- City of Woodbury Parks & Rec https://www.woodburymn.gov/departments/recreation/
- Woodbury Thrives (including Wellness Challenge & Ride, Stride or Glide events):
  www.woodburythrives.org
- Walking Groups in Woodbury
- Moms on the Run https://www.momsontherun.com/woodbury.html
- St. Paul Hiking Club (may include hikes in our area) https://www.stpaulhike.com

#### Cultural

- International Group of Woodbury MN https://www.facebook.com/groups/717800988323386/
- Ramadan Interfaith Iftar in Woodbury each Spring all are welcome
  <a href="http://www.mnchurches.org/respectfulcommunities/interfaithprogramming/takingheart.html">http://www.mnchurches.org/respectfulcommunities/interfaithprogramming/takingheart.html</a>

#### **Support on Aging & Caregiving**

- AARP https://aarp.org
- Your Juniper (improving health & wellness) <a href="https://yourjuniper.org">https://yourjuniper.org</a>
- Community Thread <a href="https://communitythreadmn.org">https://communitythreadmn.org</a>
- Family Means <u>www.familymeans.org</u>
  - Counseling & Therapy
  - Caregiving & Aging
  - Employee Assistance Program

- o Youth Development
- o Financial Solutions
- o Center for Grief & Loss
- Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group <a href="www.alz.org/mnnd">www.alz.org/mnnd</a>

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