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The Koco Family of Hickory Lane participate every night at 8:00PM making noise outside their home. Since the Mayor's efforts began to unify our Town during the pandemic, two year old Penelope and four year old Lennon, have been ringing their bells every night. Thanks Penelope and Lennon for your participation and support.

Happy 1st Birthday Gianna Nicole
Love Mom, Dad, Sophia & Ella

Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Petta were married May 7th, 1960 at St. Thomas Church in Thomaston. They will be going to Mt. Airy Lodge in the Pocono Mts. in Pennsylvanie. This is where they spent their honeymoon 60 years ago! They have 2 daughters & son in-laws. Joyce & David of Georgia, and Susanne & Jeff of Avon and 2 grandaughters. Mrs. Petta is the former Patricia Fosco.

During this trying time, the Wolcott Eagles are watching over all townspeople from the Mill Pond Way trail!
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Five generations celebrated the 90th birthday of Gert Brown recently. Great granddaughter Jamie, granddaughter Tracy, great great grandson Kayden and daughter Pam.

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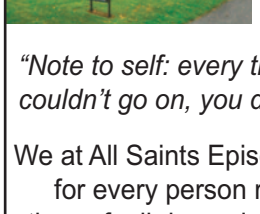

All Saints' Church

Rev. Karen Maleri

"The Episcopal Church Welcomes You"

"Note to self: every time you were convinced you couldn't go on, you did."— Unknown

We at All Saints Episcopal Church continue to pray for every person regardless of faith, the lack thereof, all denominations, and our Nation in this time of isolation. We pray to be free of fear and restored to community, regardless that we must remain apart—one from another. We praise and thank all those on the front lines, providing relief and ongoing support to those struggling with any kind of illness. AMEN and May It Be So.

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Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department is Cancelling or Postponing All Annual Fundraisers

Wolcott, CT - For the health and safety of our long-time supporters and our own members, the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department has decided to postpone and/or cancel its upcoming fundraisers held by each of the three companies. We truly appreciate the long history of support our community has given us and look forward to gathering together in the near future. Each company will provide further details either on our website or through social media regarding their decision to postpone or cancel their event. You can visit our website at www.wolcottvfd.com.

Wolcott Volunteer
Fire Department
225 Nichols Road
Wolcott, CT 06716

Status of Our School Goldberg Karate Studio

Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic.

Our school is temporarily closed to ensure the health and safety of our students & instructors. As you know this is a temporary closure however, If you have any questions you can still contact us at 203-879-2866. Our website is up and running. Please check any items in regards to the school. We look forward to serving you in the near future. Please check our website, Facebook page or any local chat sites such as Wolcott Chats, Bristol Chats on when we will be opening again. From our family to yours please stay safe during these times.

Thank you
KJN Jeff Goldberg & Staff

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Unprecendented Times

I would like to thank all Health Care Workers and 1st Responders for your continued dedication and for going above and beyond to keep us safe. I would also like to thank our personnel, volunteers, and our community for working together through these difficult times.

I have been working with the State of Connecticut Health Department as well as Chesprocott Health District who has been providing guidance during this pandemic. Please check our website for updates at www.wolcottct.org

My thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost loved ones and with those who are still struggling. We will all get through this difficult time together as a community. I look forward to hearing our town come together every evening at 8pm. Please stay safe and healthy.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Taurus, April 20th - May 20th

"The Wandering Bull"

Practical and well-grounded, Taurus is the sign that harvests the fruits of labor. They feel the need to always be surrounded by love and beauty, turned to the material world, hedonism, and physical pleasures. People born with their Sun in Taurus are sensual and tactile, considering touch and taste the most important of all senses. Stable and conservative, this is one of the most reliable signs of the zodiac, ready to endure and stick to their choices until they reach the point of personal satisfaction.

Gemini, May 21st - June 20th

"The Twins"

Smart, passionate, and dynamic, Gemini is characterized by the Twins, Castor and Pollux, and is known for having two different sides they can display to the world. Expert communicators, Gemini is the chameleon of the Zodiac, adept at blending into different groups based on the vibe and energy they perceive. While they're also amazing at showcasing surface traits, the Gemini well runs deep, which is why the Twins are one of the Zodiac's most emotionally intelligent signs.

CHESPROCOTT HEALTH DISTRICT

Corona Virus Information

Chesprocott Health District is closely monitoring the Coronavirus and working with our partners at the Connecticut Department of Public Health to monitor the situation and assure appropriate preventive measures are in place in our communities. For the most up to date information about the Coronavirus, we turn to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick

- **Stay home as much as possible.**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people**.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily

This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

Stay home except to get medical care

Please contact Chesprocott Health District with any questions or concerns at 203-272-2761.

Healthy Lifestyle Challenge

Try one of these healthy changes this week and keep adding more on! Try it with your friends and family.

Lifestyle Change Challenge!

- Drink 32 oz of water a day every day this week
- Stop eating when you feel full
- Disinfect all contact surfaces – Don't forget your car
- Take a 2-min fitness break every hour
- Dance or march in place while watching TV
- Share a personal success on social media
- Change the recipe of a favorite meal to make it healthier
- Follow a fitness video on YouTube
- Replace high-calorie drinks with low or no calorie drinks
- Make tracking your food part of your daily routine. Try one day a week and then add on
- Do not eat after an evening meal
- Add a serving of veggies to every meal
- Say "no" to things you don't want or need to do
- Eat a healthy breakfast every day this week
- Avoid eating out of large containers and bags
- Ask for help when feeling stressed
- Replace salad dressing with lemon/lime juice
- Walk briskly for 15 minutes each day
- Substitute whole wheat / grain in place of white flour / grain
- Try sweet potatoes instead of white potatoes
- Replace a negative thought with a positive one
- Go to bed at the same time every night this week
- Eat only when you feel hungry
- Read food labels on all food for a week
- Eat brown rice or barley instead of white rice
- Avoid fried foods for the whole week
- Stand or walk around while talking on the phone
- Pre-plan your meals and snacks for one week
- Facetime a friend or family member & workout together
- Replace high-calorie snack or dessert with a piece of fresh fruit
- Read a book

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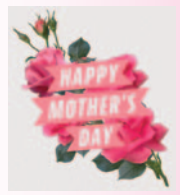

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Wolcott Food Pantry

The Wolcott Food Pantry would like to thank our community for their continuous donations since this terrible virus.

We will continue into May with an every other week drive by distribution of prepackaged food on May 13th and 27th morning distribution only (no afternoons).

Stay safe!! Donations of no perishables can be left in the large bin on our front porch. Any questions, please contact us at 203-704-7402.

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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

It was a mere 30 days ago that I sat down to write the April article for our wonderful community newspaper. The "novel coronavirus" was of concern, but not yet affecting us here in Wolcott. That now seems like a lifetime ago. As Emergency Medical Service providers, we operate under protocols given to us by our physician Medical Director and the State of Connecticut. These treatment guidelines that are normally updated a couple of times per year have been changed several times just in the last couple of weeks in an effort to keep up with the science of battling COVID-19 and protect our residents and visitors. Internally, our team has also been constantly updating our policies and procedures from the way we clean to the protective equipment we use. All of these things done in an effort to keep our EMTs, paramedics and community members safe as we respond to your calls for help.

Through it all, our community has been there for us! There are no words to express how much we appreciate all of you contacting us with well wishes, words of encouragement, lifted up prayers, deliveries of food, homemade face masks and other things. Your efforts inspire us to keep going when we are tired and overwhelmed. Thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do to support Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance!

Membership

Would you like to join our tight knit group of volunteers and employees? When we emerge from COVID-19 and settle back in to somewhat normal lives, contact us for an application. If you are currently an EMT or Paramedic, we will guide you through the process. If you are not yet certified as an EMT, we will help you find a class!

Emergency Medical Technician Classes

Our spring EMT class transitioned to an online format and the students are preparing to graduate and move on to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for their final examinations. Once they complete that, they will apply to the State of Connecticut for EMT certification!

We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to start our summer program in late June. This accelerated program is projected to wrap up in August. Please check our website for updates on this class.

American Heart Association and Stop the Bleed classes

We have cancelled all of our monthly community classes until further notice. We look forward to resuming our CPR and Stop the Bleed courses once it is again safe to do so. Please check our website for updates.

Stay Safe!

As we fight COVID-19 as a community, remember to "Stay home & Stay safe". If you go out, maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet, thoroughly wash your hands and don't touch your face!

Above all else, be kind, stay calm and stay safe!

Wolcott Police COVID 19 Update

Chief Stephens, Wolcott P.D.

As we all know, the world is experiencing something that it has never experienced before. Covid-19, or Corona Virus. Covid-19 is a very contagious virus, that affects people differently. Some people will never even know they have it or are considered asymptomatic. By not knowing if they have it or not, they can easily pass it along to a vulnerable person, such as the elderly, or others who have prior medical issues, which risks the lives of those vulnerable people. As of this writing we have had thirty positive test results. Four of those positive test residents did pass away due to Covid-19.

Here at the Police Department it is not business as normal. We have taken numerous precautions to try to keep our officers and their families safe and healthy. Some of the changes are that we no longer are doing fingerprints for pistol permits or employment applications. Also, if you come into the Police Dept. you will not be allowed past the lobby. We have started a telephone response unit (T.R.U.). The T.R.U. are located behind the glass when you enter the Department. They handle all calls that do not need a police officer on the scene, such as reports for insurance purposes, civil disputes, past criminal mischiefs, etc. Any accidents, in progress crimes, or persons in need, an officer will be dispatched to the scene. Another change is that we do not hold roll calls. Officers go directly to their vehicles, sanitize them with wipes, then go right on the road. Supervisors contact them via radio or phone to give assignments. Each cruiser and officer is equipped with sanitized wipes, gloves, both surgical and N95 masks. Also, nobody at all is allowed into the dispatch center other than the dispatcher on duty. Our record Division hours have been altered to keep workers separated. The hours now are 7AM-3PM. We encourage people to call the Records division if you need a copy of a report and we will email or fax it to you. As always, accident reports are available online. Being First Responders, we still have to enforce the laws which sometimes lead to arrests. We will now give a misdemeanor summons for minor offenses, but still make custodial arrests when required. Officers will be wearing masks and gloves to give summons, or to arrest and process a prisoner. We also have been working very closely with our health district Chesprocott, Emergency Manager, Mayor Dunn and his office, The Fire Dept., Ambulance, School Supt. And all Department heads.

By working directly with Chesprocott we are able to receive and post on our Facebook Page, all positive tests for the Town, as well as age range and unfortunately, deaths related to Covic-19. The only way to keep these numbers down is by following the precautions from the CDC, The State of Ct. DPH, and Chesprocott. Chesprocott is also providing CDC guidance to the Town and we have been worked together to ensure the safety of the public.

Some of the closures in Town due to this virus are, the removal of the basketball hoops at Scoville, Peterson Park, and Frisbee School. All town owned playgrounds are closed down as well. The dog park has been closed as is the parking area on Scoville Rd to enter the trail. Also, today, April 8th, Monroe Field will be closed down. As of right now the Mill Plain Trail and Peterson Park are open. We have received complaints to both close, and to not close the trail or the park. These will remain open at this time as long as people social distance when they are walking at either location. There are valid arguments on both sides (close or not close), but according to Johns Hopkins Medical, and the CDC, "coronavirus is spread through droplets released into the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The droplets generally do not travel more than a few feet, and they fall to the ground (or onto surfaces) in a few seconds — this is why social and physical distancing is effective in preventing the spread". If everyone follows the precautions while on the trail, there is a very low risk. This risk is even lower if people wear a face cover and gloves. Of course, the best way to prevent any risk at all is to Stay Home. Social distancing isn't only to be done on the trail, but everywhere you go. When out for groceries, to pick up food, and other necessities, you still must social distance. Remember, by not socially distancing you are creating a huge risk of transmitting this disease to friends and family members. We are all in this together and have to do our part to end the spread of this very contagious horrible disease called Covid-19. Be Safe and Stay Healthy.

Junior Women's Club of Wolcott Happenings

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott are extremely proud of our 16 members during this difficult time of COVID 19. We have 2 doctors, 3 nurses and a hospital chaplain serving on the front lines of this pandemic. 1 member is busy sewing protective masks and another member made 19 wooden hearts of appreciation for the medical healthcare and first responders and placed them on lawns around town. We light our houses to support the medical workers and of course we are out there making our noise at 8PM nightly to celebrate in our community motto: we continue to grow, share, give and care. Although this pandemic has separated us physically, we continue to serve our community as that has always been our priority. We were fortunate to hold our bloodmobile on March 21st. We are thankful that St Basil's leadership permitted the blood drive to go on as scheduled, particularly in this time of great need for blood donations. Our preliminary report from the Red Cross stated that we collected 51 usable units of blood. Which was an increase of last year. We pray that everyone is safe through this difficult time.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will be rewarding our three $750 scholarships for Wolcott residents who will be graduating this year. The scholarships will be rewarded through the mail, unfortunately most of our planned activities have been cancelled or postponed. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott elected new officers for the 2020-2021 year: President – Ellen Talbot, Vice President – Lee Jensen, Recording Secretary – Jeanne Thomas, Treasurer – Joanne Pajak & Corresponding Secretary – Teri Baltera. The new officers will be installed via a web conference call. The club will host its 18th Annual Golf Tournament, hopefully in the Fall. Please check out our Facebook page or our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on the Golf Tournament and for information and entry forms for our Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott Contest to be held at the Lions Club Fair in August.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June, St Pius X Church Hall, Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club (16 members strong!), all our welcome! Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.

Stay home if you can, these are challenging times, Stay Safe!

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Have Your A/C Maintenance Done Now! It's that Time of the year again!!! SPRING!

What does this mean for your Central Air Conditioning or Mini Split (Ductless) System? It's time for a maintenance! This will ensure your system is running at its peak performance for the hot & humid days ahead.

Just like we maintain our vehicles to keep them running efficiently without breakdown, we do the same for our Air Conditioning system in the spring.

A system that is not properly maintained may have longer run times thus, using more electricity. The house will not cool properly on the hotter humid days, and you are more likely to have a major break down at the worst possible time (in the dog days of summer). Regular system maintenance should be done on a system that you have had for more than one year.

System maintenance should be done by an HVAC professional as it usually includes more than cleaning. During a typical maintenance the HVAC technician will be able to take measurements and steps to prolong the life of your system, or identify a potential failure by performing some, or all, of these steps depending on the type of equipment:

- Checking for loose wires. Loose connections can cause the wire to overheat and melt the coating possibly causing the system too short to ground, and even cause premature failure of components
- Testing the system capacitor, a weak capacitor can cause the compressor not to start, draw high amperage while trying to start, or burn out the motor. (A compressor replacement is a very expensive repair).
- Test and inspect compressor operation
- Check system pressures and temperatures. They will be looking to see if you have proper levels of refrigerant (the system should never be low unless there is a leak). If the tech finds evidence of leak, your options could be to repair the leak or replace the equipment. Either way, now is the time to deal with that.
- Inspect and clean the outdoor coil – HVAC Pros have special equipment and chemicals to safely clean your outdoor unit.
- Change the air filter
- Blow out the drain line to ensure the condensation will drain properly
- Inspect blower wheel for a tight fit and possible residue build up
- Inspect condenser and the evaporator coil.
- Measure amp draw on all motors to ensure proper performance to prevent a component or system failure.

While the Service Company is there you should ask about IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) products. There are some great ways to maintain good air quality in your home. Some products are specifically designed to deal with bacteria and air particulates. (The air we breathe in our homes is 40% more polluted than the air we breathe outside).

They can also propose remedies for adding humidity in the winter and dehumidifying in the summer.

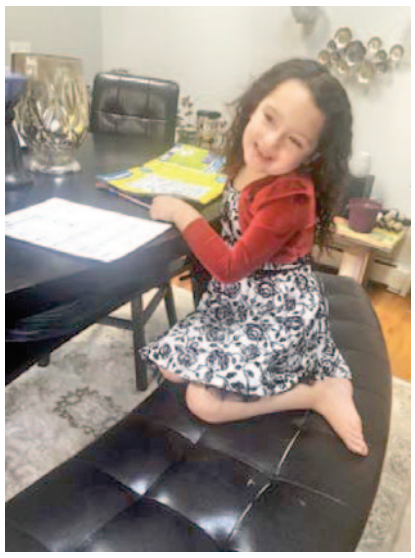
Now is the time for maintenance so you can stay cool all summer long!

By Michael A Janis,
Industry Professional Technician
and Technical Trainer

Alcott All-Stars are Working Hard and Staying Connected Through Online Learning!

Students in fourth grade made musical instruments from materials at home, and band students have been hard at work practicing their instruments.

This is a first grader working hard at home!



Students in grades K-5 have been hard at work creating art projects at home. Pictured above is a pasta flower, a tin foil person, homemade playdough, a collograph robot, a color wheel made out of found objects at home, and pointillism. ***Great work!***

Second graders have been working hard at home, staying connected through online learning (above).

Fifth graders shared photos of their reading point of view.

Alcott All-Stars

Our favorite study pals are enjoying online learning at Alcott.

girl scouts of connecticut

The times have definitely changed.... but the more they change it seems the more they have stayed the same. Girl Scouts of Connecticut continues to work to bring a normalcy to not only our registered Girl Scouts, but their families as well. A suspension of in person activities has not slowed us down! We were granted an extension of cookie sales in Connecticut, and wrapped up our campaign on April 12th. Thank you to all of our continued customers and supporters. The girls had already learned many ways to approach potential customers, but our current state of the world has allowed them to practice electronic and phone skills. Our in person cookie deliveries will take place when it is safe to do so and once Girl Scout activities resume.

Some of our Troops have also worked to keep in touch with each other during the current pandemic. Brownie Troop 64233 and Junior Troop 64541 have begun virtual meetings on a weekly basis! The girls "get together" and recite the Girl Scout Promise, and end our meetings with a virtual friendship squeeze. Each troop is working on badges: My Family Story, Animal Habitats, Pets, Playing the Past, and many more! In addition, Girl Scouts of Connecticut has started a new program called "GS of CT at Home". This program is accessible for all our Girl Scouts and their families on our website at gsofct.org and has a Facebook Group as well! It is open for all Girl Scouts and their families! Community service also continues even with being at home. Several of our girls have made hearts to be displayed at the Yale New Haven Ronald McDonald house, across from the hospital. This initiative is #heartsforhealthcareworkers.

Girl Scouts Early Bird Registration is open for renewals!

Currently registered Girl Scouts can renew for the 2020-2021 year now! Any girl that renews from April 1st - June 15 will receive a spring renewal patch. Just login to your account via gsofct.org, ask your Troop Co-Leader for assistance, or contact Customer Care at 800-922-2770.

Girl Scouts Extended Year Membership has begun!

Are you interested in having your daughter join Girl Scouts? She can join now by registering for an extended membership - 18 months of membership for only $56! This opportunity is open to any new girl of any age, including current Pre-K 4 year olds. We will also help you form a new Troop! For more information, check out gsofct.org/join or contact Customer Care at 800-922-2770, or contact Regina Lynch at regina.m.lynch@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to all being together again for Troop meetings, events, and to give back to our community. Stay safe everyone!"

Boy Scout Troop 230

On March 13, the Scouts in Boy Scout Troop 230 headed to camp and hike at Mohawk Mountain State Forest in Goshen, CT. The boys hiked 15 miles as part of their Hiking Merit Badge. Although the terrain was a challenge, the boys enjoyed great weather and camaraderie. The Troop has hiked a total of 66 miles so far while preparing to earn this badge. The final requirement is a 20-mile hike.

Due to the circumstances facing our nation and world, Troop 230 is doing its part to act responsibly. The Troop is no longer holding weekly meetings at Wakelee and all activities and fundraising has been put on hold until Govenor Lamont deems it safe. However, the boys are now meeting virally each week. They discuss future troop plans as well as what they are doing individually to keep current with their scouting. The Troop is working with the BSA to develop new plans for the boys to continue to work on, complete, and earn Merit Badges and Rank Requirements.

We appreciate all the support from the Community and hope to be back to serving the great Town of Wolcott soon.

For more information, email boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com.

Wolcott Grange

by Karen Mowad

Due to current conditions, there will be no Grange meetings until further notice. Please visit our Facebook page at Wolcott Grange 173 to see when meetings will resume.

Many people are home right now cleaning house! Thank you very much for all the clothing donations.

Our Little Free Library has been temporary converted to a Little Free Pantry. Over the last few weeks, we have given away lots of soap, detergent, gloves, food, snacks, and of course toilet paper! Any left-over items will be donated to the food pantry.

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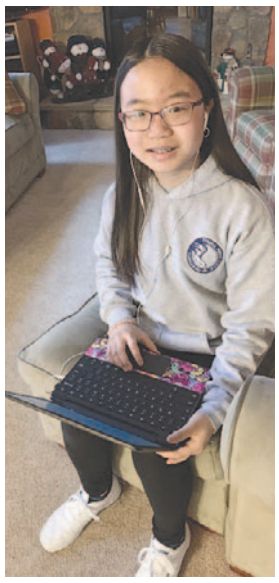

TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL TORNADOES

Tyrrell Middle School students and teachers are keeping school spirit alive during this time of distance learning. Once a week, students and teachers dress according to a specific theme. Here are some pictures from "Favorite Baseball Team Day," "Kindness Day," and "Tyrrell-Wear Day."

Who will be the Heroes and Patriots of the Current American Crisis?

State Senator Rob Sampson
Representing Wolcott and Southington

These last couple weeks of the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak have impacted us all in a big way and will no doubt leave indelible marks on the future of our great country. My sense is that the word "crisis" has been used more often in recent days than in my whole life before now.

As an American patriot and a lover of history, what comes to mind immediately when I hear "crisis" or even more specifically – "an American crisis," is the work of one of America's less appreciated founding fathers, Thomas Paine. Paine was an imperfect character (as we all are) and many would argue he miscalculated many of his life decisions. Nonetheless, he should still be regarded as one of the key heroes - and instigators of the American revolution. John Adams said of him "Without the pen of the author of Common Sense, the sword of Washington would have been raised in vain".

I read something recently that suggested that every 80 years, America faces a crisis that requires a new hero generation.

This immediately made me wonder who the heroes and patriots of this American crisis might be. It is a different type of crisis but with some striking similarities. The American revolution was not about a virus but rather an awakening of the human spirit as a result of oppressive rule. The British colonists were a special breed, pioneers and their descendants – people with a passion for freedom, individual strength of resolve, and a potentially enhanced predisposition for rebellion.

King George provoked their independent nature with his repeated disregard for the individual British colonists, failing to respond to their desire to pass laws to govern the colonies, cutting off trade, imposing punitive taxes, and ultimately committing acts "which may define a tyrant." In response to that tyranny, the spirit of freedom, as a fire, swelled from mere sparks to a blaze! The rest of course, is our history.

Our nation was founded on beautiful and amazing principles. Freedom is the defining element of moral character for mankind - and the engine of success that gave us the greatest prosperity and quality of life in all history. And, in order to ensure our future greatness as individuals and a nation, our government must remain limited, and responsible to the people.

Throughout our history, there has been a constant tug of war between keeping these principles and the growth of the government power. We all can see that the government has indeed grown in size, cost, and power. This is a natural result of time and human nature, and even our own success. As our affluence and comfort have increased, our demands for accountability and autonomy have declined - and the knowledge and memory of history and its lessons forgotten.

Worse, and even more sinister, those seeking power from within our government have used their positions to influence policy for their own benefit, redistributing wealth, catering to special interests, and essentially determining winners and losers.

Today's "crisis" is not the virus itself but the place we find ourselves in as American citizens, once again struggling to understand the proper role of our government.

How much power should our government have? Must we sacrifice freedom for health and safety—and for how long?

We are told that we must choose between one-size-fits-all draconian solutions- mandated business closures, contact tracing, and even fines for walking in the park — or face unthinkable death and destruction.

I believe this is a false choice.

Is it possible that we are smarter than that? Do people need the government to tell them to practice social distancing? Could businesses still operate and take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus? Are solutions only as far away as the opportunity to create them?

What would a modern Thomas Paine have to say?

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PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

The Patriot Youth Ambassadors (PYA) hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during the Covid-19 pandemic. We want to say thank you to our frontline workers and we are praying for your safety. As American citizens, it is our duty to unite as a community to encourage and support each other during this difficult time.

For the safety of all, we were unable to gather for our 2020 Patriots' Day Ceremony. Our organization placed a patriotic wreath on the Wolcott Town Green to honor Patriots and to remember the Battles of Lexington and Concord commencing the American Revolution. The Patriots' Day Initiative honors local veterans each year and would like to recognize the following recipients.

Our first honoree is Julio (Jay) Crocco. Mr. Crocco was a part of the United States Marine Corp. and received the rank of sergeant. He served from 1969 to 1971 in the Vietnam war. While on his tour in Vietnam, Mr. Crocco served as a machine gunner with the 1st Marine Division. Mr. Crocco died on June 25th, 2017 to Agent Orange related cancer, but remains in our minds and hearts as we honor him today.

Our second honoree is Michael Pearson. Mr. Pearson was a part of the United States Air Force and received the rank of Senior Airman. He served from 1972 to 1976 during the Vietnam war era. During this time, Mr. Pearson was stationed in Italy where his oldest son, Jason, was born. In Italy, Mr. Pearson served his country as a radio encryption specialist. Today, Mr. Pearson lives in Wolcott and continues to serve his country and community by serving on the Town Council.

These men truly exemplify an American Patriot. We are so grateful for all their hard work and commitment to our country. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to honor them this year. Local and state citations will later be presented.

During this time we have been given a unique opportunity to connect with family and friends through social distancing and creative expression. Many families have experienced unemployment, sickness, and loss. This time of uncertainty is our opportunity to offer hope and show the world and ourselves that we can prevail over this invisible enemy. Once again, please stay safe and well as we venture through these challenging times together.

Mission: Our mission is to celebrate Patriots' Day across Connecticut, the 3rd Monday of every April, in a continuous effort to spark patriotism in the hearts of citizens while honoring and educating about American History.

Thank you for your support! *Hannah Wright*

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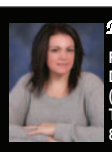
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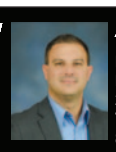
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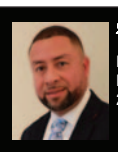
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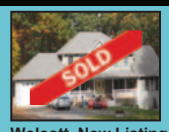

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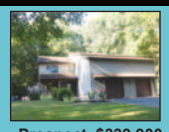
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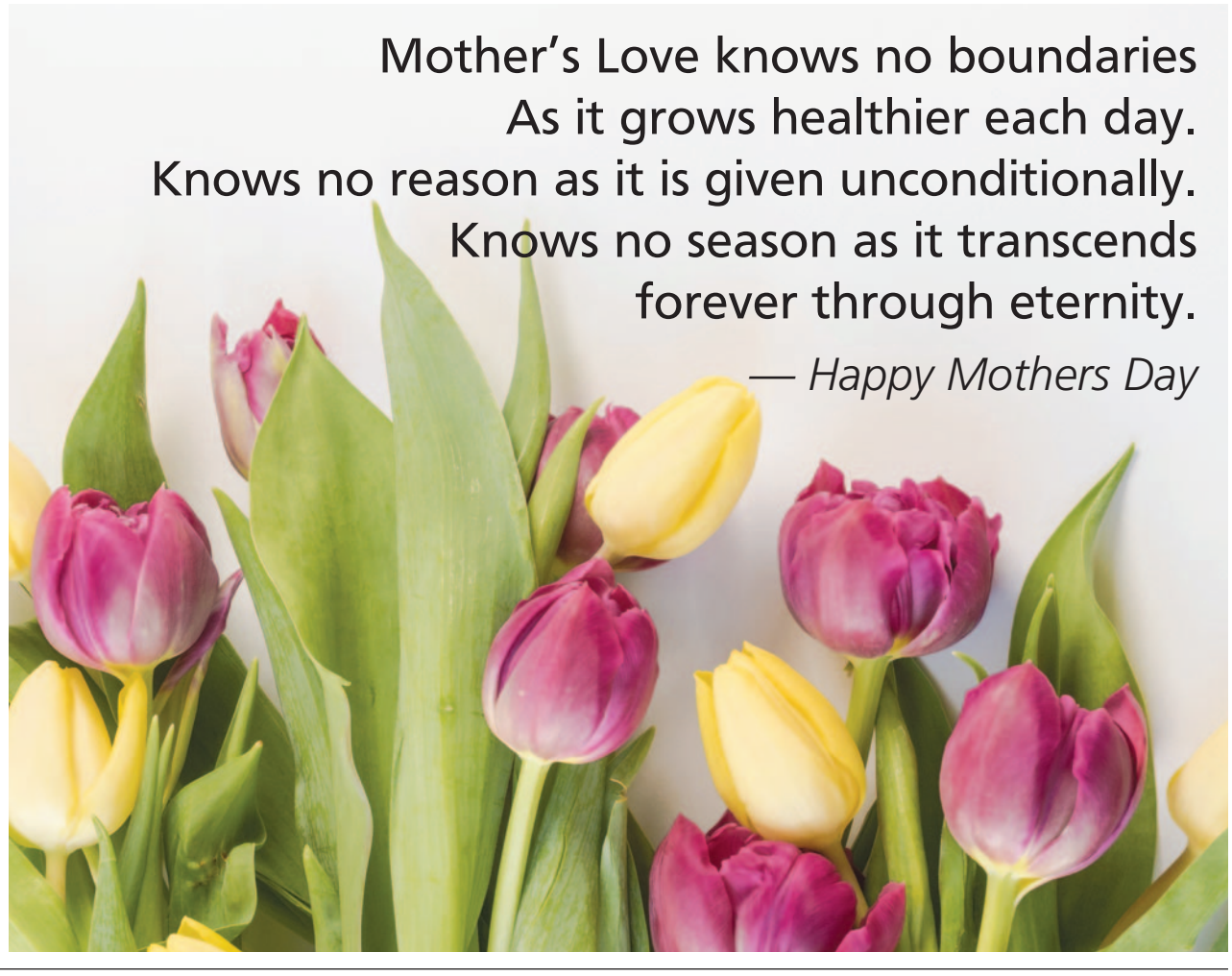

Around Town Photography by Roger Picard

Bare paper good shelves were common at Pat's IGA and other grocery stores in the area during the height of the pandemic. People began stock piling and hording toilet paper and paper towels when the suggestion to stay in place was announced.

The Exchange Club of Wolcott installed a white tree with blue lights inside the Town Green Gazebo to recognize the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention month. A Prevent Child Abuse flag was also raised in front of Town Hall to bring awareness also, and will fly till the end of April.

A **few golfers** took advantage of the warm weather that existed on March 18th and got in a round of golf at Farmingbury Hills. Outdoor activity with social distancing was approved by the Governor's guidelines at the time this image was taken.

The **new plaza under construction** on Meriden Road near Barker Terrace is nearing completion and is expected to be open in the spring. Several businesses have expressed interest in renting space in the new plaza.

The funeral of Thomas Buchanan took place with full military honors at Edgewood Cemetery on April 7th. The private service was attended by members of Mr. Buchanan's immediate family with social distancing in place. Mr. Buchanan served his country as a US Army JAG Corps. criminal attorney for five years, and then joined the FBI and served as a Special Agent for 23 years. Thank you for your service Mr. Buchanan.

The Wolcott Post Office employees got a little creative with measures to protect themselves from the virus by erecting a sneeze shield across their sales counter by using a commercial grade Saran Wrap. It was soon replaced by a permanent sneeze shield that was installed and attached to the counter.

Wolcott Chamber of Commerce News

Greetings, businesses and citizens of Wolcott. It is my sincere hope that all of you have been staying safe and healthy during the Corona Virus pandemic. At the time of this article being written, the Town of Wolcott had 40 people testing positive with Covid-19 and 4 have passed away from it. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these individuals and their families during this tragic occurrence. The Wolcott Chamber and the Central CT Chambers have all been participating in the Corona Task Force's recommendations and guidelines of social distancing and using all necessary precautions to protect one's self from exposure. The CT Small Business Development Centers and U.S. Small Business Administration have vital information on how to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Grants for businesses affected by this Corona Pandemic.

As I venture out occasionally, I have noticed the number of businesses affected by the pandemic and can't help trying to imagine what these business owners are going through. The fear of uncertainty and how long they can survive under these current conditions is got to be on their minds constantly. I encourage all business owners to contact their local town officials, State Representatives and even the Office of the Governor and make your feelings and concerns known so that your voices can be heard and help guide those with decision making authority, as to how long business shut downs should continue. The decision to reopen CT for business will not be an easy one to make, unless we are able to convince those in authority it can be done with the health and safety of others in mind. Sharing ideas and plans on how we should reopen can be vital in the timeline of this happening, along with the course and number of cases this pandemic creates. The social distancing and staying home policies seem to be helping in the number of fewer cases being reported. By maintaining these guidelines it is possible our reopening date can come sooner than the target date of May 20th set by Governor Lamont. Let us hope and pray we can.

On another note, the annual Wolcott Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, that was to be held on April 2, 2020, had to be postponed to a future date, yet to be determined. We will keep all businesses and award recipients posted when that date has been selected. In all probability, it will be late August or early September. All tickets and paid sponsorships will be honored for the new date. In closing, I would ask that everyone do their part in utilizing the guidelines set forth by the CDC and Corona Virus task force. If you venture out, use the necessary items to prevent spreading or catching the virus. Support local businesses that are allowed to remain open as best as you can and follow their guidelines to help keep you and their employees safe. We can all do this together and hopefully come out stronger when this all behind us.

Sincerely,
Roger Picard
President, Wolcott Chamber of Commerce

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With the declaration of a national and state emergency due to the Coronavirus, the State Legislature has been recessed since March 12th with all pending legislation put on hold and maybe never taken up in 2020. According to the Connecticut state constitution the General Assembly will adjourn for the session on May 6th. The governor signed the Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies on March 10th and that declaration gives Gov. Lamont broad sweeping powers to make the decisions normally left to the General Assembly. The decisions being made regarding the public health and public safety of state residents and businesses are being made through executive orders.

On March 20th the governor issued an executive order to close all "non-essential" businesses and to have all "non-essential" employees stay home. An essential business, by definition, is one that society cannot operate without and, those essential businesses were outlined by the Department of Economic and Community Development. However, the decision to deem what businesses are essential and non-essential is ultimately left up to the governor. This type of policy only picks winners and losers and gives preferential treatment to a select few. Every small business is essential and the people who work and depend on their paychecks for food, clothing, shelter and means to provide for their family are also essential. In these uncertain times, we must continue to follow the advice of health experts and do all we can to protect lives and offer guidance, but we must also protect people's livelihood because if businesses can't survive people can't survive.

The economic cost of this pandemic on the state is unknown but will be great. Many businesses may face years of struggle, many more may never open their doors again and, many citizens will be left without a job. How will state government react, will some taxpayers be forced to pay higher taxes, will the state finally prioritize its spending? On April 13, the governor launched a business and health advisory group to assist in re-opening the state post-COVID-19 but none of the names in this new group were duly elected to represent Connecticut citizens in any capacity. Who are these people accountable to? I am very uncomfortable having unelected members of the public do the job we the legislature should be doing in Hartford. The legislature and local business leaders need to be in the room and have an equal voice in the decision-making process. I, along with my colleagues were elected to represent you and your interests at the State Capitol.

Although, the General Assembly is in this so-called permanent recess, I continue my role as the State Representative for the 80th Assembly District, ready to work for you and do anything possible to assist my constituents and businesses during this difficult time. I am fielding calls and emails from you daily and trying to get you answers from the administration on some of the executive orders that have been signed by the governor.

On Memorial Day (May 25th) as we honor and remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, let us reflect on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today.

As always, please contact me should you have any questions about the coronavirus or concerns on any other issues relating to state government at Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov or at (800) 842-1423.

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Farmingbury Women's Club Update

I hope this reaches you as well as we can be with the CoVid 19 around. I am writing this on April 10th and hoping that we are flattening the curve.

On a sad note, on April 7 Irene Graph passed away, Irene was a member of the Farming women club since 1988 she was our oldest attending member. In November 2019 we were honored to host a 100 year old birthday party for Irene, our deepest condolences go out to Irene's family and loved ones.

On April 7th, in trying to keep touch with our members, we hosted our first Voom meeting. It was quite successful and just wonderful being able to see our members and catch up.

All April events have been canceled.

In May we still have our annual banquet on the books, but may be cancelled

If the Memorial Day Parade is held, we will be participating. Hopefully the world will be safer.

We are still looking forward to our annual picnic and Eleanor Ramerez has graciously offered her home to hold this gala affair.

A very special thank you to the busy bees and our new chairperson, Debbie Barnes, Debbie took on the task of making masks for all our first responders in town, also the food pantry, she didn't stop there and is now in the process of making more for the Wolcott View Manor staff.

Debbie was assisted in making the masks with the help of Carleen Blarcom, Carole Mueller, Jan Schweiker, Nancy Buonocore. Karen Mowad who was able to get the elastic for the masks and Diane Famigletti crocheting ear loops.

Each mask took over an hour to make, and took endless hours to complete the ambulance 50, police & fire 25 each, food pantry 12, the Wolcott View Manor 25, and 50 to St Mary's Hospital.

Please thank Kathy Sullivan for putting together our Voom meeting, we look forward to possibly doing the same in May, but we may call it our Happy Hour Meeting by Voom — LOL.

STAY SAFE!

Act of Kindness

From the Farmingbury Women's Club

As I sit here, sheltering in place, as we have been advised to do, I would like to share with you a marvelous "kindness act" that some of my members have just completed.

Farmingbury Women's Club tries to meet many different needs here in our Town. Recently, the new Chairperson of the Busy Bees, Debbie Barnes, took on the task of creating Masks for out Wolcott First Responders. Needless to say, on accepting this challenge she had no idea what an enormous task this was going to be. Making a mask can sound so simple, but it is not. Debbie, and some of our Farmingbury ladies contacted each other and laid out a plan and as to what it would take to accomplish this.

Carleen Van Blarcom, Carole Mueller, Janette Schweikher, Nancy Buonocore, Jean Cassina and Diane Famigletti volunteered to join her. They developed a pattern, and then began this project on March 27. They first used self-made binding, material donated by Carol Duren's Quilter Group, and store-bought materials. They discovered that they needed elastic to complete the masks. No where were they able to get the elastic, and then Karen Mowad came to their rescue with 300 rubber strips supplied by Gordan Rubber.

Because the Covid-19 restricts social gathering, all masks were completed at the individual's homes. Each mask took approximately an hour to make.

I want to thank each one of these ladies for their dedication, perseverance and determination in helping our first responders be protected during these trying times.

From April 6 through April 14 over 300+ masks were given to our Wolcott Ambulance, Police, Fire, Food Pantry, Wolcott View Manor, Pat's IGA, St. Mary's & Bristol Hospitals.

As president of this amazing Farmingbury Women's Club, I cannot thank these ladies enough for their concern and care in meeting some of the demands of this Covid-19 virus. Stay safe everyone during this time when we all need to be there for one another.

Mary M Kelly,
President,
Farmingbury Women's Club

CAT YEARS:
How Old is Your Cat in Human Years?

The old "seven year" rule is simple but not quite accurate because cats age more rapidly during the first two years of life. In a feline's very first year, he or she reaches the human age of 15. By a feline's second year, he or she is the equivalent of age 24.

Cat Years	Human years
1 year	15
2 years	24
3	28
4	32
5	36
6	40
7	44
8	48
9	52
10	56
11	60
12	64
13	68
14	72
15	76
16	80
17	84

Of course, if a cat is adopted or a stray, you may need to use other clues to determine the age in cat years. Below are a few general guidelines, but these characteristics will vary between cats, depending on health, previous care, and circumstances. For best advice, consult a veterinarian.

A cat's teeth: In general, the older the cat, the more stained the teeth. White teeth means that the cat is probably younger than 1 year. If there is some yellowing, the cat might be between 1 and 2 years. Tarter build-up on all the teeth may translate to age 3 to 5, but keep in mind that certain cats are more prone to tartar build-up than others; certain diets may promote tartar; and the lack of tartar may just be an indication of previous dental care. Missing teeth may mean that the cat is senior, although health issues and other causes (such as previous dental surgeries) may also result in the loss of teeth.

A cat's coat: The older the cat, usually the thicker and coarser the fur. (Keep in mind that different breeds/mixes will have different coat thicknesses, and may naturally have fine or thick fur at any age.) Senior cats may have patches of white or gray.

A cat's muscle tone: Younger cats are muscular and older cats often are bonier with extra skin; as they age, their shoulder bones may protrude more.

A cat's eyes: Young cats have very bright, clear eyes, usually without any discharge, depending on health and breed. As the cat ages, the cat's irises may appear jagged. A cat with eye cloudiness may indicate a senior, but there are health conditions, some of which require immediate care, that also can cause cloudiness. (If you kitty's eyes are cloudy or watery, or if she is squinting often, consult a veterinarian as soon as possible. Certain eye conditions can get worse quickly, and cause more discomfort, if not treated soon.)

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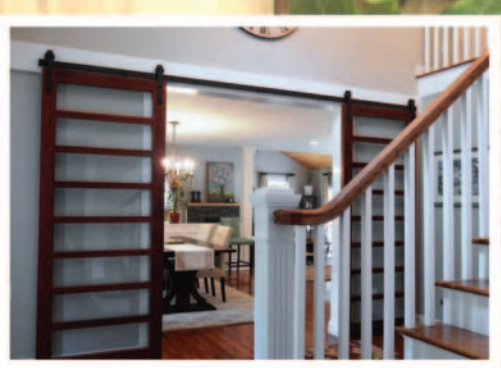

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Wolcott Democrats Choose Fiscal Conservative Ficeto to Lead Party

The town committee held its committee meeting via a vitual environment in order to elect officers for the 2020-2022 year and to choose delegates of the 80th representative district, 16th senatorial district, state party convention and the 5th congressional district. The following officers were elected as follows: Chairman – Robert Ficeto, Vice Chairman- Ed Hawthorne, Secretary-Antony Casagrande and Treasurer – Robert Ficeto.

The delegates for each of the conventions were the same six nominated. Robert Ficeto, Christopher Ficeto, Tim McMurray, Tim P McMurray, Ed Hawthorne and Antony Casagrande. Sean Mowad was nominated as justice of the peace to fill the unexpired term of the late Lorraine McQueen.

Robert Ficeto

Ficeto has been involved in local and state politics for over 30 years serving as treasurer and campaign manager for many elections. He had served as vice chairman of the town committee in the same timeframe Casagrande was chairman. Ficeto thanked Casagrande for his years of service to the Wolcott Democrats. He especially noted that it was a pleasure to have a lawyer as our chair to keep us on the right track. Tony hung in there during very challenging times to keep the party moving.

He was especially excited to have Ed Hawthorne, also a lawyer, with a strong presence in organized labor, join the leadership team. Ficeto said "Ed has brought modern technology to our committee". Ficeto credited Hawthorne with developing the committee's web-site and structuring a teleconference meeting chat room in order to conduct meetings under this special unique circumstance. Atty Hawthorne is a life long resident of Wolcott.

Ficeto looks forward to help change the outlook of voters in Wolcott (heavily Unaffilated). Citing that the Wolcott Democrats are taxpayers too and many times our beliefs differ from that of the progressive sector of the party." Wolcott is a moderate town and we are moderate democrats. " My mission is to bring back the comfort level that Wolcott democrats can and will bring the voices of the Wolcott residents to local government and they need not be uncomfortable or nervous about electing DEMOCRATS to local office.

"I am honored to be elected to this position and I hope I can make a difference, for our local party". My focus is to develop young taxpayers to get involved in the government process and I am proud to have two delegates under the age of twenty step up and participate.

To get involved visit our website: wolcottdems.org

Wolcott Lions Events

The Lions held a very successful blood drive on April 4th at St. Pius Church 72 donors arrived and 64 pints of desperately needed blood was drawn. We would like to thank everyone who participated and special thanks to St. Pius Church for making the church available.

On March 14th the Wolcott Lions hosted a Lions district wide fundraiser. The fundraiser was St. Baldrick's Foundation to support childhood cancer research. The district raised over $17,000 for this cause. Jim Briglia, and Scott Cleary shaved their manes and proudly represented our club.

Wolcott Lions Scholarships

Wolcott Lions Scholarships Due Date Extended to May 8th, 2020

The Wolcott Lions will again be offering six (6) $2000.00 scholarships to the Class of 2020 graduating high school seniors, who reside in Wolcott, and are planning to attend accredited institutions of higher learning. Applications can be downloaded from http://wolcottlions.com/wolcottlionsscholarship.html. **Applications must be fully completed and submitted by May 8th, 2020.** You may deliver the completed application by email to wolcottlions.scholarship@yahoo.com. or you can drop off your application at to Rene Swiss @ 14 Townline Road, Wolcott, CT 06716.

Any questions call Rene Wisler at 203 879 4822. Late applications WILL NOT be considered.

Friends of the Library

The wrath of COVID 19 has impacted every face of our personal and community lives. Our library has been closed for quite a while and its reopening time is as yet unknown. There are no helpful staff members to assist patrons in their search for the perfect book. There are no computers for the use of people who need them for work, for education projects, or for practical "how to" information. There is no access to CDs, DVDs, or audio books. There are no Thursday movies for families and no Friday movies for seniors. There are no book club meetings.

There are no story times, no Lego building activities, no pre-school programs, no STEAM programs, no Good Yarn knitting and crocheting get togethers on Wednesdays, no Crazy 8s math club. Sadly also cancelled were the Spring Fling activities which had been carefully planned including a scavenger hunt, Earth Day activities, birdhouse building, and other ecology based events.

As you read this compilation of all that happens in the Wolcott Public Library, the Friends hope that you will realize the range of services available and when the library is finally available to the public that all will better appreciate this fine institution and those who work there to facilitate its operation.

The Friends of the Wolcott Public Library are the cheerleaders for all that happens there.

We have worked diligently in the past and will continue in the future to give our support in every way we can. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our craft fair and our spring book sale as well. Both of these events are an integral part of our fundraising. The reopening of the library will be a time of celebration for our community. Meanwhile, as we wait for constraints to be lifted, take time to read (or reread) whatever books you can access.

There is a light at the end of this tunnel. Unfortunately we do not know how long this tunnel is. And so we wait….

Italian Lemon Pound Cake

This Italian lemon pound cake has a moist texture and the perfect citrus flavor!

INGREDIENTS

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup unsalted butter, softened
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup of sour cream
4 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tsp. of fresh ginger, minced
Zest of 2 lemons (about 2 tbsps.)
1 teaspoon of vanilla

LEMON GLAZE

1 1/2 cup powdered sugar
3 tablespoon lemon juice, at room temperature

Whisk the powdered sugar and lemon juice together and mix until the glaze is smooth.

INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees

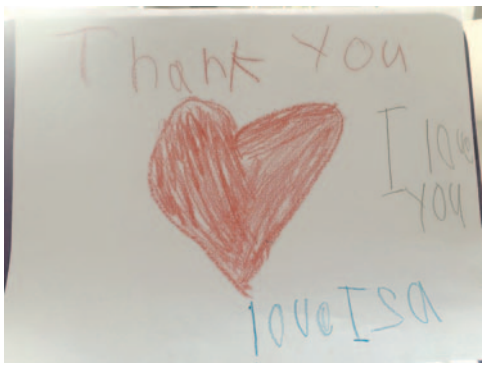
1. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt and set aside. In another bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Mix in the sour cream, lemon juice, vanilla, ginger, and lemon zest.

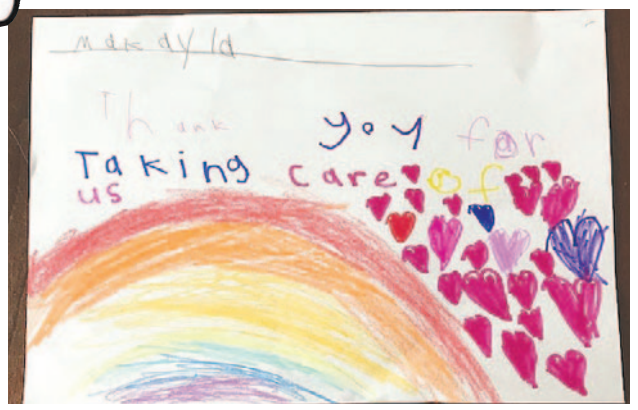
2. Mix half of the flour mixture into the butter mixture. Mix in the buttermilk and then add in the remaining flour mixture. Mix just until the flour disappears. Pour the cake batter into a bundt pan that has been generously sprayed with baking spray.

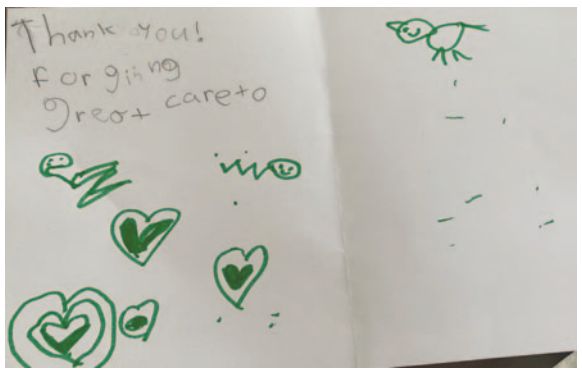
3. Bake for 70 to 80 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes. Turn the cake over on a cake platter. Spread the lemon glaze over the warm cake so that the glaze can soak into the cake. Let the cake cool completely and drizzle the lemon cream cheese frosting over the cake.

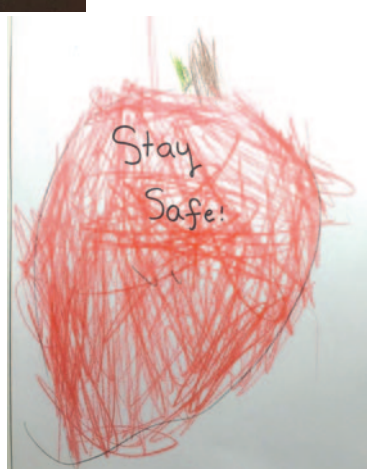
Focus On Frisbie

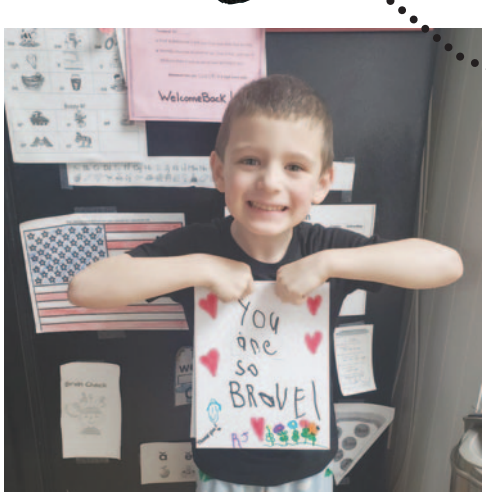
Frisbie School says,
"Thank You"
to all of the health care
workers for helping
keep our community safe

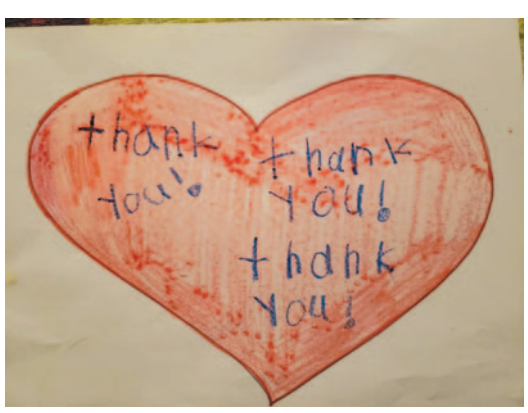












Wolcott Historical Society - May 2020

by Florence Goodman

As I thought about a historical event that I might share with my readers this month, my mind was overwhelmed with this Coronavirus pandemic; it was changing the history of our world, our country our state and our town. I wondered how Wolcott residents living during that time period from March 1917 through December 1920 dealt with two historic issues; soldiers leaving town to fight in WWI as well as those at home dealing with the Spanish flu epidemic.

My daily check-in on Face Book connected me to an interesting post from Debra Wilson about her aunt, Isabelle Wilson a WWI Army nurse from Wolcott. This caught my attention because I had written about Isabelle in 2017 and knew she had enlisted on June 18, 1917 in the Army Nurse Corps, Regular Army. She spent ten days at Ellis Island before embarking for Liverpool, England and arriving on July 9, 1917. From Liverpool she went to London and then onto France to serve in the #5 Harvard Unit in Camier, France. She was transferred in November 1917 to Boulogne, France to Casino Hospital, also called Harvard #5 and remained there until February 1919. What I did not realize until Debra's Face Book post was that Isabelle had been taking care of Spanish flu victims in those military hospitals in Europe during that time. I now have even more respect for Isabelle who did return home and worked as a public health nurse in Waterbury after the war.

Isabelle Wilson was not the only nurse in the area to work in a military hospital during the Spanish flu epidemic. There were two other military nurses who served, but in the process of trying to save others, they lost their lives to the Spanish flu. Miss Hazel Foster from the Bucks Hill section of Waterbury was serving as a Red Cross nurse at Camp Mills, Mineola, L.I. when she contracted the virus. Miss Foster died in October of 1918 and was buried in the Bucks Hill Cemetery. Miss Mary C. Gormley was also serving as a Red Cross nurse caring for influenza victims in Waterbury when she contracted the virus and died in October 1918; she was buried in new St. Joseph's Cemetery. Both Hazel and Mary were buried with full military honors. Lastly, one other person from the area who died from the Spanish flu during this time was my grandmother, Bommina Marino who also died in October of 1918 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Who would have thought that one hundred years later we would be living through another pandemic and watching friends and family suffer through it?

My mind continually wanders when I'm trying to decide on an idea to share and as I listened to daily news reports I heard mention that people in their fear of how long this pandemic might last were concerned about their food supply. This has caused people throughout the country to begin growing their own food. Again they referenced back to WWI and WWII victory gardens and how gardening was a way to help the war effort, but also a necessary way to put food on the table during those wars. Gardening is my passion and I had some knowledge of victory gardens, but I never really thought about the history behind such gardens. The definition of a victory garden is a vegetable garden, especially a home garden, planted to increase food production during a war. These gardens were also known as war gardens or food gardens for defense.

Much of Europe's farmlands were turned into battlefields during WWI and the farmers who worked these lands were now enlisted in the military; thus these countries suffered a severe food shortage. The people of Europe were starving and it was the United States that came to the rescue just before entering the war in March of 1917. The National War Garden Commission was established to encourage Americans to help with the war effort through the "war garden movement." Posters were placed all over our country encouraging civilians to "Sow the seeds of victory" by planting gardens on all land that was not already used for agriculture. Help was provided for amateur gardeners through pamphlets on how, when and where to grow. Thus gardens were started in backyards, front yards, parks, school playgrounds and business establishments. This project proved to be so successful that the government then started teaching these newfound farmers how to can, dry and preserve their surplus crops. The federal Bureau of Education established a U.S. School Garden Army (USSGA) to encourage children to enlist as "soldiers of the soil" to teach them how to grow a vegetable garden. The end result was amazing; by the close of 1917, three million new gardens were planted and by the end of 1918, the number had increased to over five million. When the war came to an end these gardens were now referred to as "victory gardens" and although the demand had ended many Americans continued to maintain their gardens.

The same effort proved helpful during WWII when victory gardens remerged. Commercial crops were being sent overseas to feed our military and the transportation that originally was transporting food was now transporting troops. In the spring of 1942 Americans were introduced to food rationing, which now gave them even more incentive to grow their own food. So again gardens cropped up, no pun intended, in any available space that had good soil. First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt even planted a victory garden on the White House lawn.

Victory gardens served several purposes for the civilians back home throughout both WWI and WWII. These gardens gave them a way to help with the war effort at home; it created patriotism, boosted morale and put food on their tables. Fifteen million families planted victory gardens in 1942 and by 1944 these gardens were producing eight million tons of food. Once again when the war ended so too did many of these gardens, but there were still those Americans who realized the importance of growing a garden for healthy eating, self-reliance and sustainability so those gardens continued to produce.

Fast forward to March 2020 and once again we are seeing a resurgence of home gardening. Seed companies have seen a huge increase in seed sales, which may be caused from fear of the food supply decreasing or just the fact that so many people are bored because of quarantines and social distancing. Whatever the cause people need to get outside and feel productive and this is the perfect way to do so.

(Information for this article was taken from Debra Wilson's Face Book post, April 2020; an article in the Wolcott News, 10/2017 by Florence Goodman; "America's Patriotic Victory Gardens"- HISTORY, 8.31.2018 by Laura Schumm: https://www.history.com/news/americas-patriotic-victory-gardens; National Garden Commission Poster, "Sow the Seeds" https://www.history.nd.gov/exhibits/gardening/militaryevents9.html; "Victory Gardens Today" by Nan Fischer, www.naturespath.com/en-us/blog/victory-gardens-now/; Minnesota Historical Society Poster-"War Gardens" and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victory_garden, "American WWII poster; Waterbury paper obituaries, October 4 and 11, 1918 taken from the Homewood Scrapbook Collection with help from Elaine Homewood Martinelli)

SAVE THE DATES:

- CT Open House to be held at both our Schoolhouse Museums (154 Center Street and 155 Nichols Road) on Saturday, June 13th from 11:00 A.M. – 2 P.M. (Unless we are still social distancing)
- Hopefully, Our Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 11th. If you want to show off your gardens, please call or email Flo Goodman

Visit our WebPages at (http://www.wolcotthistory.org/). Our website is filled with interesting information about the Society and Wolcott history. You can also download a membership application there. We are always looking for old photos, milk bottles, postcards, & artifacts relating to Wolcott. Please contact our curator, Carl Hotkowski at 203-592-8237 or Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818old photos, milk bottles, postcards, & artifacts relating to Wolcott. Please contact our curator, Carl Hotkowski at 203-592-8237 or Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818.

Super Moon

The Super Moon from April 7th, taken at Farmingbury Hills Golf Course.
photo by Brian Carrington

May Holidays

May 5 Cinco de Mayo
May 6 National Nurses Day
May 7 National Day of Prayer
May 8 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 10 Mother's Day
May 16 Armed Forces Day
May 25 Memorial Day

Just for Fun Days

May 2 Brothers and Sisters Day
May 6 No Diet Day
May 10 Clean Up Your Room Day
May 11 Eat What You Want Day
May 15 National Chocolate Chip Day
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The Exchange Club of Wolcott Public Service Awards 2020 News Update

The Exchange Club of Wolcott will be hosting the annual Public Service Awards at the Aqua Turf Club, Wagon Room, in Plantsville, CT on a new date, September 21, 2020 at 6:00PM. On that evening, first responders and a teacher of the year will be honored.

Wolcott Police Officer Angelo Mauriello has been select as Police Officer of the Year. His current assignment is School Resource Officer at Tyrrell Middle School. He has been a Wolcott Police Officer for seven years and prior to coming to Wolcott, Officer Mauriello served approximately 3 years with the New Haven Police Department. Officer Mauriello is also a DARE Instructor and certified DARE Mentor. He is a Wolcott resident and is married with three children.

Deputy Chief Andrew Albert of the Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association is this years' EMT of the Year. He is a National Registry Emergency Medical Technician and rose through the ranks of the ambulance service as an Emergency Medical Responder, Lieutenant, Captain and currently Deputy Chief. He has been a member of the WVAA since 2014 and devotes countless hours volunteering his services to the town of Wolcott, while pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at Southern CT State University.

This year four firefighters are being recognized as Firefighter of the Year. Fire Chief Kyle Dunn requested if the Exchange Club would be willing to recognize four firefighters who were instrumental in saving the life of an individual who had fallen through the ice on a pond just off the Mill Pond Way Walking Trail. Their training, equipment and dedication all came together in saving this individual's life. And for that reason the Exchange Club is proud to honor all four. They are Lt. Nicholas Ortelle, and Noah Ericson of Co. #1 and Steve Savage and Mathew Zabbara of Co. #3.

Teacher of the Year is Jodi Giglio, fourth grade teacher at Wakelee School. She was born and raised in Wolcott and is a graduate of Wolcott High. She received her Bachelor and Master's Degrees from the University of Connecticut and she is in her 19th year of teaching, all of which has been at Wakelee School. She is married and has two children, both of whom are in the Wolcott school system.

In addition to the above awards, the Exchange Club of Wolcott will be giving out a Book of Golden Deeds Award. This Award is the highest and most prestigious award given by the National Exchange Club. This award is going to Florence "Flo" Goodman, President and Historian of the Wolcott Historical Society. Flo is a retired Wolcott school teacher and shortly after retiring, took on the duties and task of becoming Wolcott's Town Historian. She spends countless hours researching and preserving the history of Farmingbury, AKA Wolcott. Her monthly articles in the Wolcott Community News about the history of Wolcott is cherished by young and old in our community.

The Exchange Club of Wolcott's Annual Raffle will also be held on this new date of September 21, 2020. The original date of the drawing was for April 20th. Due to the Corona Virus, and inability to sell tickets, the raffle committee along with the approval of the local Raffle Authority, have decided to conduct the raffle at the new September 21st date. All previously sold tickets prior to the pandemic restrictions, will be honored and included in the drawing. We at the Exchange Club are looking forward to celebrating this event, especially considering the work our first responders and teachers continued to do during this pandemic. What a better way to say thank you to them, by coming out and showing your support for them. Hope to see many of you on September 21, 2020.

Stay Healthy. Stay Safe.

Message from
Cindy Mancini, BOE Chairman
Tony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools

Upon the writing of this article, Governor Lamont has issued an extension on the closure of all schools in the state through May 20, 2020. He has stated that this will be the earliest possible opening date and that he may find it necessary to extend the closure through the end of the school year. This public health crisis has brought out the best in our staff and we'd like to thank them for their hard work, dedication, and flexibility during this time.

Distance Learning

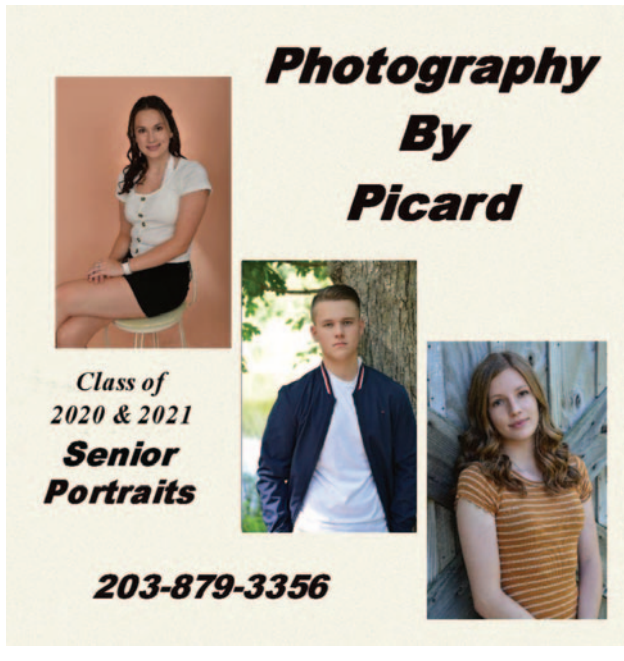
We will continue to evolve our methods with distance learning. We are providing support and guidance to our teachers on a daily basis in order to make the best of this situation. We are slowly rolling out the use of two-way video. We are being cautious with this because of the possible privacy concerns and some of the incidents of hacking that you may have seen in the news. Thank you to the parents who are our partners in this endeavor.

Event and Celebrations

The Board of Education and Superintendent are committed to supporting graduation ceremonies, banquets, musicals, and other great events that celebrate the talents and accomplishments of our students. It is too soon for us to know what these will look like at this moment; they may need to be delayed and may need to take on a different format. But, we're committed to doing whatever is within our power to recognize our deserving students.

We'd also like to recognize our Food Services department who has been providing nutritious meals to young people in need during this trying time.

Stay healthy. Stay Safe.



This Month in History - May

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks of September 11th, 2001, in which four American passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons. Two jets had struck and subsequently collapsed the 110-story Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, while another struck the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. A fourth jet also headed toward Washington had crashed into a field in Pennsylvania as passengers attempted to overpower the hijackers on board.

May 5, 1893 - The Wall Street Crash of 1893 began as stock prices fell dramatically. By the end of the year, 600 banks closed and several big railroads were in receivership. Another 15,000 businesses went bankrupt amid 20 percent unemployment. It was the worst economic crisis in U.S. history up to that time.

May 6, 1937 - The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames at 7:20 p.m. as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed. The inferno was caught on film and also witnessed by a commentator who broke down amid the emotional impact and exclaimed, "Oh, the humanity!" The accident effectively ended commercial airship traffic.

May 8, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of the war. The battle, fought off New Guinea, marked the first time in history that two opposing naval forces fought by only using aircraft without the opposing ships ever sighting each other.

May 13, 1981 - Pope John Paul II was shot twice at close range while riding in an open automobile in St. Peter's Square in Rome. Two other persons were also wounded. An escaped terrorist, already under sentence of death for the murder of a Turkish journalist, was immediately arrested and was later convicted of attempted murder. The Pope recovered and later held a private meeting with the would-be assassin and then publicly forgave him.

May 15, 1972 - George Wallace was shot while campaigning for the presidency in Laurel, Maryland. As a result, Wallace was permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

May 20, 1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, at 7pm and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours. Five years later, along with her navigator Fred Noonan, she disappeared while trying to fly her twin-engine plane around the equator.

May 21, 1991 - Former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in the midst of a re-election campaign, killed by a bomb hidden in a bouquet of flowers. He had served as prime minister from 1984 to 1989, succeeding his mother, Indira Gandhi, who was assassinated in 1984.

Best Uses for Baking Soda

For Health

Add baking soda to your bath water to relieve sunburned or itchy skin.

Make a paste of baking soda and water, and apply to a burn or an insect bite for relief.

If you crave sweets, rinse your mouth with one-teaspoon baking soda dissolved in a glass of warm water. Don't swallow the mixture; spit it out. Your craving should disappear instantly.

To remove pesticides, dirt, and wax from fresh fruits and vegetables, wash them in a large bowl of cool water to which you've added two to three tablespoons of baking soda.

In the Kitchen

Clean your refrigerator with a solution of one-teaspoon baking soda to one quart of warm water.

Pour a cup of baking soda into the opening of your clogged drain and then add a cup of hot vinegar. After a few minutes, flush the drain with a quart of boiling water.

To remove stains from your coffee and tea cups, wipe them with a damp sponge dipped in baking soda paste.

Boil two inches of water in a pan with a burned bottom, turn off the heat, then add half a cup of baking soda. Let it sit overnight. In the morning it will be easy to clean.

Sprinkle a teaspoon of baking soda on the bottom of your toaster oven to eliminate the burned smell from drippings and crumbs.

In the Bathroom

Soak toothbrushes in baking soda and warm water overnight to clean bristles.

Keep your rubber gloves dry and smelling good by sprinkling baking soda inside them. They'll slip on more easily too!

On Clothing

To remove perspiration stains, make a thick paste of baking soda and water. Rub paste into the stain, let it sit for an hour, and then launder as usual.

Gasoline and oil odors can be removed by putting clothes in a trash bag with baking soda for a few days before washing them.

Miscellaneous Uses

Add a pinch of baking soda to boiled syrup to prevent it from crystallizing.On

Lay down a barrier of baking soda under sink-pipe openings and along basement windows to keep carpenter ants, silverfish, and roaches from invading. Roaches eat the baking soda, dehydrate, and die.

A light baking soda paste on a damp cloth will remove bugs and tar from cars without damaging the paint. Let paste sit for a few minutes before wiping and rinsing clean.

Sprinkling baking soda on your front steps will provide traction and melt the ice. Unlike rock salt, kitty litter, or sand, it won't damage outdoor or indoor surfaces or shoes.

A paste of baking soda removes red sauce stains from plastic.

Eli and Lyla show off their crafts from WPL's weekly video storytime!

Wolcott Public Library

Wolcott Public Library is closed but resources are still available. Visit our website, to borrow e-books, view databases and get temporary library cards through online registration. Online registration allows you to request a temporary library card to access our online resources. Go to the catalog page, click "Get a Library Card" to be brought to the registration page. We will contact you with your barcode number and you can begin accessing our online resources. When the library reopens you will need to come in with ID to pick up your library card. www.wolcottlibrary.org

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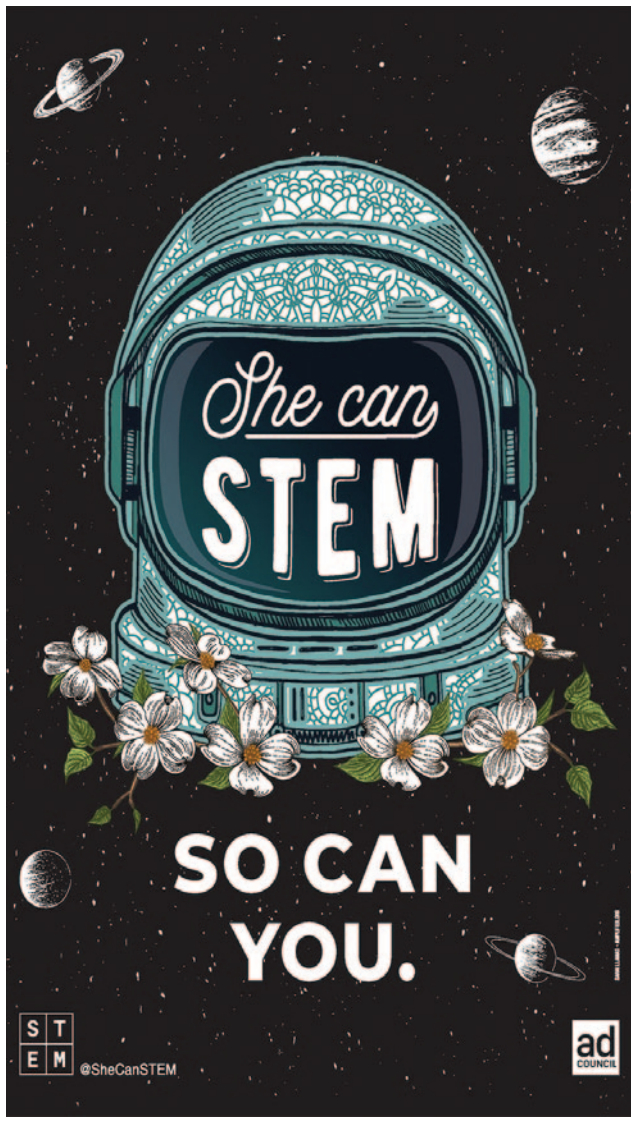

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wlct96 Wolcott Governmental TV

We enter our third month of being "Separate but Together" and Town meetings as of this writing are on hold or are being done via "ZOOM" at https://zoom.us/ Wolcott Governmental TV is exploring options to make these meetings available on wlct96.org, Frontier TV channel 6107 and Comcast channel 96, but "ZOOM" on the web will provide Wolcott residents with the opportunity to interact and ask questions.

During this absence of meetings, wlct96 continues to take the opportunity to do a few items of major housekeeping.

As those of you who watch on Comcast channel 96 are aware, the picture quality of LIVE transmissions has left much to be desired. In short, a broken wire provided a "double image" on the video picture. To correct this, Comcast has come in to secure our connection to the Fiber Optic cable. Your signal is now better than it has ever been.

Next, the town has obtained a Grant that has allowed purchase of several pieces of equipment, cameras and a switcher that will upgrade your image to a 16x9 full screen High Definition transmission. The installation and testing is scheduled for the beginning of May, as COVID19 allows. When completed, wlct96 will be a full HD capable Governmental Access station, one of only a few in the State of Connecticut.

The listing of town meetings below is "anticipated" only. Town commissions and boards will hold or cancel meetings as conditions allow.

ON DEMAND PROGRAMMING continues to be located by going to www.wlct96.org and accessing the "Video Archives" on the top of the web site and then scrolling to the desired grouping.

Suggestions and programming comments are always welcome and can be addressed to www.wolcottgovernmentaltv@gmail.com.

Date	Day	Time	Program
5/2 & 5/3 2020	Wknd	Con-tinuous	John Curley Interviews
5/4/20	Mon.	7:00pm	*LIVE: ParkRec Aquired Facl. Mtg.
5/6/20	Tues.	1pm &7pm	*REPLAY: ParkRec Aquired Facl. Mtg.
5/6/20	Tues.	7pm	*LIVE: Town Council Regular Mtg.
5/7/20	Wed.	12pm & 6pm	*REPLAY: Town Council Reg. Mtg.
5/7/20	Wed.	6:30pm	*LIVE: Planning & Zoning Meeting
5/8/20	Thurs.	2pm & 8pm	*REPLAY: Planning & Zoning Mtg.
5/9 & 5/10	Wknd	Con-tinuous	BiCentenial Remembrance
5/11/20	Mon.	5:30pm	*LIVE: Farmingbury Hills Golf Mtg.
5/12/20	Tues.	3pm & 9pm	*REPLAY: Farmingbury Hills Golf Mtg.
5/12/20	Tues.	5pm & 8pm	*REPLAY: 5/11/20 Board of Educ. Mtg.
5/16 & 5/17	Wknd	Con-tinuous	CASA Presentations
5/20/20	Wed.	12pm & 6pm	*REPLAY: Council Budget Public Hrg.
5/20/20	Wed.	6:30pm	*LIVE: Planning & Zoning Meeting
5/21/20	Thurs.	2pm & 8pm	*REPLAY: Planning & Zoning Meeting
5/23 & 5/24 2020	Wknd	Con-tinuous	REPLAYS of Memorial Day Parades

** Subject to Change without notice*

Senior Support During the COVID 19 Crisis

Senior Citizens, Social Distancing and Getting Needed Medical Care

As a Wolcott resident I find myself compelled to reach out to our community especially during this time of national crisis. These are uncertain times but times in which we support each other as much as possible. During this pandemic we have been listening and following CDC recommendations on social distancing with an effort to limit exposure. I have worked within the human service/ health care field for over 15 years and feel it's my obligation not only as a Wolcott resident but as a professional who is dedicated to ensuring our seniors receive the care, support and guidance they deserve.

I'd like to address a growing concern primarily with our Senior Citizens and the challenges associated with receiving much needed home care. COVID 19 has imposed many health concerns especially to those with underlying health conditions such as chronic heart failure, diabetes or COPD. It's important to emphasize the need to monitor these conditions and understand that although we must maintain social distancing, it's also as important to receive medical care.

What does this mean for our seniors? For those that aren't aware, Medicare has recently relaxed the definition of homebound status to now include patients who should not leave their home because the patient has a condition which might make them more susceptible to COVID 19. It's important to recognize the benefit of receiving services especially during this time in an effort to avoid exacerbations and potential emergency room visits. For eligible patients, home health care services are typically covered at 100% by Medicare and other insurances including patients with VA benefits.

As a home health specialist, I would be happy to support our community by answering any questions directly related to home care and how it can benefit our seniors. I want to extend my service, free of charge, as a means to reduce anxiety and stress associated with navigating through resources and community support as we go through this unprecedented time. This can include connecting our seniors to Home health care agencies, non- medical agencies, Meals on Wheels, medication management and care coordination. In addition, I can also discuss the benefits of telehealth visits and 24/7 Clinical support.

Reaching out today can prevent an ER visit tomorrow! Being advised to Stay Home doesn't mean going without much needed care. My goal is to reach as many Senior Citizens as possible and offer support and guidance as we go through this very challenging time. We are Wolcott Strong and together we will overcome.

Wishing you all an abundance of health,
Sylvia Veronneau
Home Health Specialist

I can be reached by email and phone
Sylvia.Veronneau@gentiva.com 860-305-6747 cell

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We are on the town website: www.wolcottct.org under "senior center"

Donna Belval
Senior Center Director

The staff of the Wolcott Senior Center appreciate the importance of maintaining communication with residents, especially during this difficult, unprecedented time.

Although our physical building is clos-ed we want to reassure you that we are still here for you! We are all working from home...making well-being calls to our seniors We are making sure our seniors are doing ok and coping with confinement due to CoVid-19. Everyone seems to be doing well but missing the people at our senior center. Everyone says the same thing....it's the little things that we now appreciate.

We lost 1 senior member of our center (that I know of) due to CoVid-19. Its terrible! This man was like a bright star at our center. He was so sociable, kind and always with a smile on his face. It leaves such an emptiness in your heart....I hate that this happens.

We remind our seniors to take extreme care to stay healthy. Don't take any chances that contracting this virus can't happen to you. Stay home. Have your groceries delivered. When you get your groceries, wipe them down before putting them away , then wash your hands thoroughly. Your life or someone you love, depends on you taking every precaution. Stay safe and stay healthy.

We are all looking forward to happier and healthier days ahead.

If any seniors would like a well-being check call from one of us please call the senior center at 203-879-8133 and leave their name and phone number and we could periodically check in with them to see how they're doing?

WORD SCRAMBLE - Types of Flowers
(answers at bottom of this page.)

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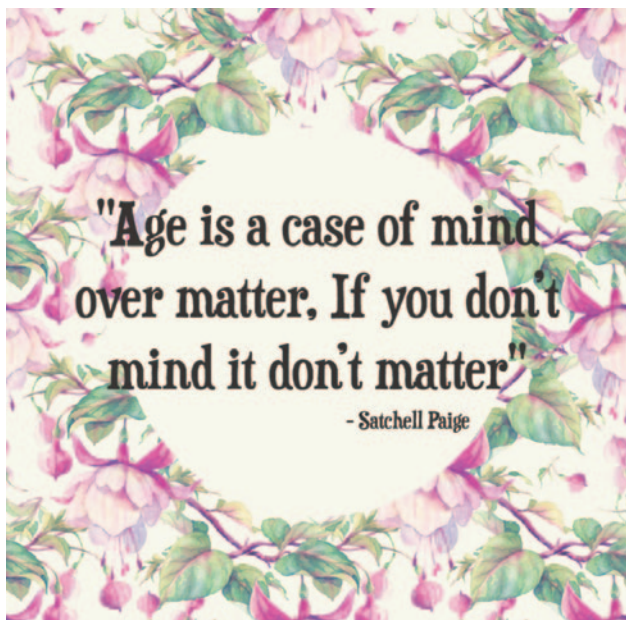

A guy gets pulled over by a cop. The cop asks, "You're speeding! Didn't you see the speed limit sign?" The man replied, "Yeah I saw the speed limit sign, but I didn't see you."

Types of Vegetables

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CAULIFLOWER
CARROT
POTATO
PEA
TURNIP
ZUCCHINI
SWEDE
CELERY
RUTABAGA
ARUGULA
CASSAVA
RADISH
PUMPKIN
GINGER
SPINACH
PARSNIP
CABBAGE

SCRAMBLE ANSWERS
AMARYLLIS, DAISIES, GARDENIA, LILIES, ORCHIDS, ROSES,CARNATION, TULIP, MARIGOLD, VIOLET

Wolcott Board of Education

Distance Learning

To begin, I wanted to express my deep gratitude to our students, families, teachers, counselors, support staff, administrators, and the Board of Education for their efforts and support over the past several weeks as we have launched distance learning. No district, town, or state has a playbook for these kinds of emergencies, especially as it impacts students and learning. More importantly, we need to make decisions with an abundance of care and precaution.

Our staff has been working tirelessly and creatively to develop meaningful learning experiences to keep all of our students engaged. Important information on distance learning can be accessed at our homepage www.wolcottps.org and clicking the header "WPS DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION".

Resources are accessible for all students in both general and special education. The digital learning resources can be accessed by students in grades K-12 via Google Classroom. The goal is to offer opportunities for students to access meaningful learning experiences, practice skills, provide enrichment, and have structure during the day.

Thank you for your continued understanding and assistance as we navigate the next few weeks. District administrators will continue to provide regular updates while school is out.

Sincerely,
Shawn Simpson,
Assistant Superintendent

Wolcott Latchkey Program UPDATE

Due to the Wolcott Public Schools Closing and Wolcott Latchkey Program being closed at this time, Registration for 2020- 21 School year will go as follows.

When the Wolcott Public Schools and Latchkey Program re-open, we will take **in-house** registrations only, for the first week we return to school.

Registrations packets for **new families** will be available to pick up, the first day we return to school. If you submit your registration packets during our in-house registration period, we will be numbering them as we receive them. Once in-house registration is complete, we will add each new family to our list in numerical order. We are first come first served and there is no guarantee you will be in our program, but we will do everything to keep registration fair as possible.

In the event that the Wolcott Public Schools stays closed for the remainder of the year, I will post on www.wolcottps.org website additional information on how registration will be handled. Please check the website periodically.

Timeline: Now thru June 18, 2020

Wolcott Latchkey Registrations will be available on the first day we return to school at these locations.

Frisbie Latchkey: Cafeteria from 7:00 – 8:30AM or 3:30 – 5:30PM

Wakelee Latchkey: Cafeteria from 7:00 – 8:30AM or 3:30 – 5:30PM

Alcott Latchkey: Cafeteria from 7:00 – 8:30AM or 3:30 – 5:30PM

Assistant Superintendents office, at Alcott Elementary School

If you have any questions, please contact me via email.
tfitzmorris1@wolcottps.org

Sincerely,
Tracey Fitzmorris
Wolcott Latchkey Director

Wolcott Board of Education 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30pm Please check the Wolcott Public Schools Website for Locations.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

	FIRST	SECOND
MAY	11 (Monday)	26 (Monday)
JUNE	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)

Wolcott Board of Education Email Contacts

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Kindergarten Registration 2020-2021 School Year

This is an update for the kindergarten registration process for the Fall 2020 school year. Many of you have already received correspondence to create or update PowerSchool accounts for your incoming kindergarten students. You may have also received information on screening and orientation.

With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation, we are putting these processes on hold for right now. Elementary principals are discussing options and time frames as to when both the screening and orientation will be possible. It will not be scheduled any time before May, so please do not worry if you haven't received any notifications yet for it. And as our current situation continues to change, the time frame may continue to change as well for this process so please plan to be flexible with the scheduling of this.

As things unfold and the district has a clearer idea as to when students and parents will be allowed back in the schools, we will continue to update you so you and your kindergarten student are fully prepared for the start of the new school year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email wpssupport@wolcottps.org for information.

Thank you for your patience understanding. Please stay safe and stay healthy.

Registration Reminder

Reminder that any child residing in Wolcott who will be five years old on or before January 1, 2019 should be registered for Kindergarten for the 2020-2020 School Year. Please visit the District website at www.wolcottps.org to pre-register your child online or contact one of the elementary schools Principals for additional information.

Alcott - Matt Calabrese mcalabrese@wolcottps.org
Frisbie - Kimberly Murtaugh kmurtaugh1@wolcottps.org
Wakelee – Deborah Osvald – dosvald@wolcottps.org

Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2019-2020

Central Office – 203 879-8183
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Anthony Gasper. –203 879-8183
- Business Manager: Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Shawn Simpson – 203 879-8430
- Director of Student Services & Alternative Programs: Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
- Supervisor of Special Education: Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance – 203 879-8180 Supervisor: Mr. Wayne Natzel

Wolcott High School – 203 879-8164
- Principal: Mr. Walter Drewry
- Assistant Principal: Mr. Bryan MacKay
- Assistant Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151
- Principal: Mr. Joseph Norcross
- Assistant Principal: Mr. Daniel Caetano

Alcott Elementary School – 203 879-8160
- Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

Frisbie Elementary School - 203 879-8146
- Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

Wakelee Elementary School – 203 879-8154
- Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

WHS Athletics – 203 879-8173
- Director: Ms. Tanya Adorno

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8151
- Coordinator: Mr. Brett Distasio

District Compliance Officers
a) **Title VI (race, color, national origin)** - Mr. Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent – 203 879-8430
b) **Title IX (sex equity)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8160
c) **Age Discrimination** - Mr. Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent- 203 879-8430
d) **Section 504 (handicap)** - Mr. Walter Drewry, Wolcott High School Principal, –203 879-8164
e) **Americans with Disabilities (ADA)**- Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
f) **Homeless Liaison** - Mr. Joseph Norcross, Tyrrell Middle School Principal –203 879-8151

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Activity Funds	
NEGOTIATIONS	CHAIRMAN – Paul D'Angelo
All Contracts	Chris Charette
	Tim McMurray
FACILITIES	CHAIRMAN – Chris Charette
Building	Tony Gugliotti
Food Service	Paul D'Angelo
Atheletic Advisory	Tim McMurray
Health & Safety	
OPERATIONS & PROGRAMS	CHAIRMAN – Roberta Leonard
Policy	Kelly Mazza
Curriculum	Kathy Cordone
PERSONNEL	CHAIRMAN – Kelly Mazza
Job Descriptions	Sean Hughes
Review	Kathy Cordone
Parlimentarian	Tony Gugliotti
Aces Representative	Roberta Leonard

Wolcott Public Schools - 2019-2020 School Hours

	Normal School Day	Early Dismissal	2 Hour Delayed Opening	3 Hour Delayed Opening
All Elementary Schools	8:55 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	10:55 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
Tyrrell Middle School	8:00 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Wolcott High School	7:30 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.	12:00 noon	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Wolcott Public Schools Calendar 2019-2020

July

M	T	W	TH	F
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August (5/3)

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September (20/20)

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October (22/22)

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November (17/17)

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December (15/15)

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January (21/21)

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February (18/18)

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March (22/22)

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April (16/16)

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May (20/20)

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June (10/10)

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Date/Event or Holiday	
August 26, 2019	Convocation
August 27, 2019	PD Day
August 28, 2019	First Day for Students
September 2, 2019	Labor Day
October 14, 2019	Columbus Day
November 5, 2019	Election Day
November 11, 2019	Veterans Day
November 28-29, 2019	Thanksgiving
December 23-Jan 1, 2020	Holiday Recess
January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Day
February 17-18, 2020	February Recess
April 10, 2020	Good Friday
April 13-17, 2020	April Recess
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day
June 18, 2020	Last Day * tentative

* **PLEASE NOTE:** THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 18, BUT THIS DATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

# of Student and Staff Days

	Staff	Student
August	5	3
September	20	20
October	22	22
November	17	17
December	12	12
January	21	21
February	18	18
March	22	22
April	16	16
May	20	20
June	13	13
Total Days	**186**	**184**

*We can accommodate up to 12 snow days by adding onto the year in June beginning with June 12th. If more than 12 snow days occur they will be made up during the April vacation beginning with the 17th and moving backward through the week. August 28, 29 and 30th will be partial days for Kindergarten transition, only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days.

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Wolcott $259,900 - New Listing; Contemporary Ranch on cul-de-sac; LR w/cathedral ceilings, DR, remodeled kitchen w/B/bar & appliances, MBR w/full bath, LL FR, kitchenette, full bath & walk-out to yard, c/air, fenced in yard, 2 car garage. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***

Wolcott $345,000 - New Listing; New Construction 3 BR Colonial on levely .83 acre lot close to town; large kitchen w/HW floors, granite counters, breakfast island & dining area. LR/great room w/HW floor & propane FP, M/suite w/walk-in closet, c/air, walk-out basement, 2 car garage. ***Ask for Lynn or JR.***

Wolcott $364,900 - New Listing; Immaculate 4 BR Colonial on cul-de-sac; FLR w/FP, FR w/blt-ins, FDR, eat-in kitchen w/granite counters, SS appliances, M/suite w/sitting area, LL FR w/sliders to stamped concrete patio, heated salt-water pool, 2 car garage. ***Ask for Lynn Lombardi.***

Wolcott $182,500 - Updated Ranch; spacious kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, large MBR w/generous closet space, 1 car garage. Roof, windows, siding, propane furnace & c/air in 2011; ***Ask for J.R. Donorfio.***

Wolcott $159,900 - New Price; Diamond in the Rough Ranch needs your personal touch; eat-in kitchen, 3 BRs w/HW floors, full bath, 3 season porch, partially finished lower level, corner lot. ***Ask for Gene Fercodini.***

Wolcott $195,000 - New Price; Adorable Ranch w/spacious LR, dining area, eat-in kitchen w/appliances, 3 BRs, full bath, hardwood floors, 3 season enclosed porch, deck, beautiful level corner lot. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***

Wolcott $210,000 - Move-in Ready Ranch; Kitchen, Large LR, D/area, slider to deck, MBR w/2 closets, c/air, newer furnace, pellet stove, solar panels, 2 car garage w/new automatic garage doors, city water & sewer. ***Ask for Gene Fercodini.***

Wolcott $228,900 - New Listing; 3 BR 2 full bath Raised Ranch; eat-in kitchen w/slider to oversized deck, LR w/bay window, c/air, lower level FR, kitchenette, BR & full bath w/private entrance, 1 car garage. ***Ask for J.R. Donorfio.***

Wolcott $249,900 - New Listing; Waterfront Ranch! 2 BR home features eat-in kitchen, LR, sun room overlooking the lake. Call for a private showing! ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***

Wolcott $254,900 - New Listing; Completely remodeled 4 BR Ranch; eat-in kitchen w/granite counters, LR w/bay window & crown molding, MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, LL walk-out w/FR & ½ bath, 2 car garage. ***Ask for J.R. Donorfio.***

Wolcott $430,000 - New Construction; 4 BR Colonial on cul-de-sac; open floor plan, spacious granite kit w/island, great room, HW floors on 1st floor; 2nd floor laundry, large M/suite, 2 car garage, 1.06 wooded acres. ***Ask for JR or Lynn.***

WOLCOTT RENTALS

$1300/mo - 2 BR Townhouse; eat-in kitchen, FDR, LR w/fireplace, slider to deck, 1 car garage, no pets.

$1375/mo - 2 BR Townhouse; large kitchen w/appliances, LR w/FP, half bath, full bath in each BR, 1 car garage, c/air, no pets.

WOLCOTT COMMERCIAL LEASES

$1000/mo - Office space available in high traffic area; 1554 sq.ft. includes 2 suites.

$1275/mo - 1450sq.ft. 4 offices, includes conference room, reception area; heat/HW, electric included.

$1275/mo - Approx. 1363 sq.ft of office space; Includes heat/HW & electric.

WOLCOTT LAND

$75,000 Beautiful, cleared, .96 of an acre lot. Ideal for single family home. Close to school.

$105,000 - The Preserve subdivision; Wooded 1+ acre lot on cul-de-sac; u/g utilities, sewers available

$128,900 - 2.89 acre interior wooded lot in Arvida Woods. Natural gas & sewers available.

$132,900 - Beautiful wooded lot in Oakridge Subdivision; 1+ acres w/u/g utilities & sewers available.

$132,900 The Preserve subdivision; .75 acre wooded lot on cul-de-sac; sewers & u/g utilities available.

$149,900 - The Preserve subdivision; Wooded lot w/water views of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. Sewers & u/g utilities.

$200,000 - 2 Separate lots being sold as one package. Maps & survey available.

$374,900 - 2 Parcels of commercial land in prime location. Includes garage w/loading dock, city water, gas & power in street.

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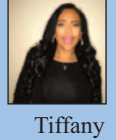

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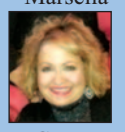

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