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WOLCOTT RESIDENT VALDICTORIAN AT CHASE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Christopher Ficeto was honored as the valedictorian at Chase Collegiate School Class of 2020. He was a member of the Cum Laude Society and the French Honor Society and also received awards in several academic fields. Chris will attend Boston College with an intended double major in political science and economics. He was selected a Gabelli Presidential Scholar, awarding him full academic scholarship for four years at Boston College. Only 15 Gabelli Scholars are selected from an applicant pool of 29,400 applicants. These applicants came from 49 states, 2 U.S. Territories and 60 countries around the world. His career goal is government and finance.



Melissa Proctor and Terrence Sullivan are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Tessa Mae Sullivan on July 16, 2020. She was 6 lbs. 12.5 oz. and 19 inches long. Also sharing in their joy are brothers Eric, 12 1/2 and David, 11. Proud grandparents are Nancy (Nana) Labbe and Kathy (Baba) & Tom (Pepé) Sullivan.



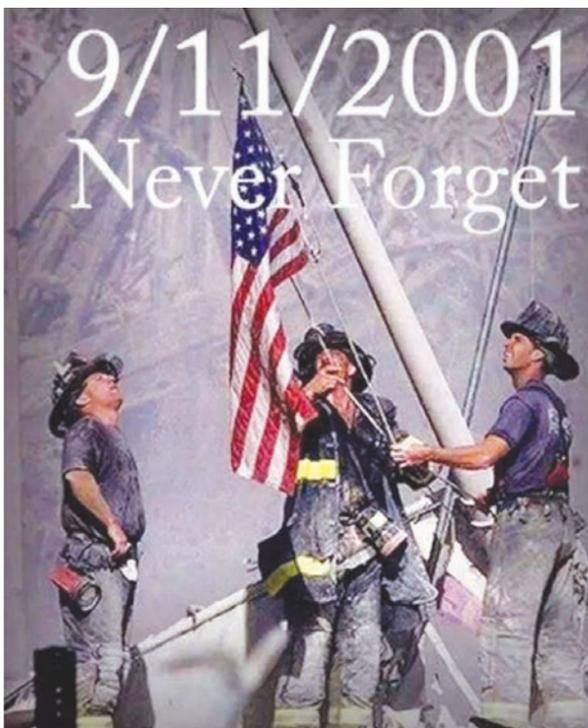
Wolcott resident Mike Brennan recently retired from O & G Industries after 43 years of dedicated service in the construction industry. Mike was Associate Vice President of O&G Building Group and projects manager at O & G. Mike celebrated the occasion with his wife Nancy and friends at a local restaurant and received a new camera to pursue his hobby of photography. Photography by Picard



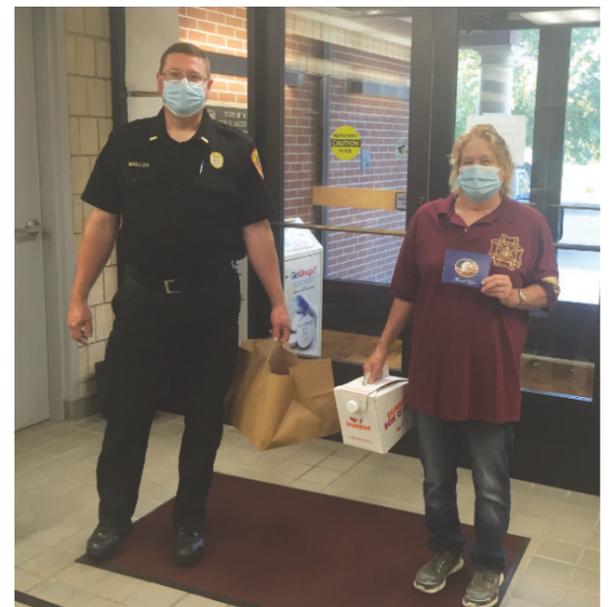
Wolcott resident Lois Fusco's essay, Face of the Future, took top honors in the recent writing contest, Imagine Your Future, sponsored by the Fairfield Public Library in Fairfield, CT. She wrote about "Wi-Fi Wife" and "Carebot" – two robots she sees as absolutely essential aids for adults of today and tomorrow.



Occasionally you see the strangest things in front of Dave Shea's Elephant Barn on Center Street. This huge rooster is on display near the road drawing attention to passing motorists. A wood carved Pinocchio, complete with a 20" wooden nose is also on display amongst a variety of antiques. Photography by Picard



A time to remember those who died, those who served, and those who carry on



The Wolcott VFW Auxiliary Post #1979 brought coffee and donuts to our Wolcott Police Department to show their support and appreciation for their service to our community. Pictured is Lieutenant Patrick Mallory with Denise Ciano representing the VFW.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

To Wolcott parents (and guardians):

Through my affiliation with the SAGE Scholars Educational Foundation, with this public notice, I am able to offer free “guaranteed minimum scholarships” to all Wolcott children who will be in Grade 11 or younger in the coming school year.

Any parent or guardian who registers a child will receive 2,500 Tuition Rewards Points. Each point is convertible into \$1.00 of tuition reduction off the “list price” at any of the 400+ private colleges and universities who have signed agreements to participate in the SAGE Scholars Enrollment Consortium. Each child will receive 1,000 points this school year and an additional 1,000 points per year through Grade 11 — plus an additional 4,500 points for completing a questionnaire in Grade 11.

Thus, students entering Grade 11 this year can accumulate a free \$8,000 scholarship, Grade 10, \$9,000, Grade 9, \$10,000, Grade 8, \$11,000, Grade 7, \$12,000, Grade 6, \$13,000, Grade 5, \$14,000, Grade 4, \$15,000, Grade 3, \$16,000, Grade 2, \$17,000, Grade 1, \$18,000, Kindergarten, \$19,000, and all other Wolcott children (from newborn to pre-Kindergarten), at least \$20,000. Free!

Based on current Wolcott public school enrollment, the free scholarship aid offered to Wolcott children exceeds \$41 million. This includes \$35 million offered to the children on a “use it or lose it” basis (the scholarships can only be used at the 400+ private universities comprising SAGE Scholars), but the \$6 million received by the enrolling parent (or guardian) can be assigned to any family member (sibling, cousin, child, niece, nephew, grandchild, great grandchild) who enters any of the 400+ participating private universities.

However, each enrolling parent can transfer only one \$2,500 scholarship. If a family has two or more eligible children, a different parent (or grandparent, or aunt or uncle) should enroll each different child (to maximize all the transferable scholarship aid). There is no expiration date on the \$2,500 transferable scholarships.

The tuition reductions are guaranteed by the 400+ private universities comprising SAGE Scholars – not by SAGE Scholars itself, or by myself.

To enroll a child, go to www.tuitionrewards.com/quickstart. Users will be asked to “Enter QuickStart Code” – the user should type in “Hartford”. The user will then be taken to the registration page. Enter the information requested and click “Create Account” – and it’s done.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Virgo, August 23 - September 22
 “The Virgin”

Virgos are always paying attention to the smallest details and their deep sense of humanity makes them one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. Their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance, and although they are often tender, their heart might be closed for the outer world. This is a sign often misunderstood, not because they lack the ability to express, but because they won’t accept their feelings as valid, true, or even relevant when opposed to reason. The symbolism behind the name speaks well of their nature, born with a feeling they are experiencing everything for the first time.

Sept 2nd – Renato & Donna Pisani, 15 Years
 Sept 6th – Raymond & Rose Fasano, 34 Years
 Sept 14th – Raymond Fasano, Jr.

Libra, September 23 - October 22
 “The Scales”

People born under the sign of Libra are peaceful, fair, and they hate being alone. Partnership is very important for them, as their mirror and someone giving them the ability to be the mirror themselves. These individuals are fascinated by balance and symmetry, they are in a constant chase for justice and equality, realizing through life that the only thing that should be truly important to themselves in their own inner core of personality. This is someone ready to do nearly anything to avoid conflict, keeping the peace whenever possible

Wolcott Resource Center

We would like to recognize our community for their continued support with monetary and food donations. The support is unprecedented!!!

Our current distribution of food every other week for our clients will continue for the foreseeable months on August 5th and 18th; September 2nd, 16th and 30th.

We are in need of volunteers to help pack on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays and distribution of food on Wednesdays which requires lifting of about 20 lbs.

We are planning our Fill the Gazebo on September 12, 2020, Saturday from 10:00 - 2:00. We will be at the green along with businesses throughout town.

If interested in volunteering or need assistance, please contact us at 203-704-7402.

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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



This past Presidential Primary will definitely be one for the record books! There were several changes made by the State of Connecticut which brought about a very different feel this election season. I have received several calls asking what is to come for November. At this point we are waiting for further direction from the State. Thank you all for the calls, questions, messages, and emails. We will find a way to get through this, and the most important thing is that everyone who is eligible to and who wants to vote has the ability to get their vote counted.

A special "hello" to two of my faithful readers, JoAnn M. and Dorothy S., and to all the readers please be safe, be kind, and never stop looking for ways to improve yourself and others.

FILL THE GAZEBO

Saturday, Sept 12
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I hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer. Just another reminder that school will be back in session so please be careful when you are driving throughout town.



The Town of Wolcott will be celebrating our 225th Anniversary in 2021. A celebration is being planned for Saturday May 22nd and Sunday May 23rd 2021. We are in the initial planning stages and are looking for our local organizations and businesses to participate and or sponsor. Please contact my office for more information 203-879-8100, ext. 102

Please visit our website www.wolcottct.org for update information.

As always, know that you can contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stop by my office or give me a call at 203-879-8100.

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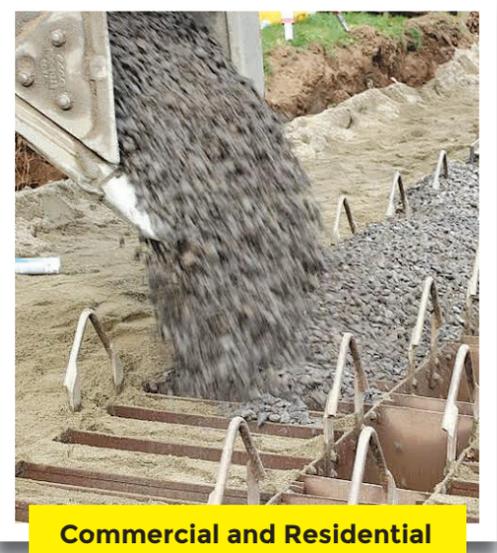


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American Legion News

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 165 in Wolcott will be back in session this month. Our first meeting will be August 31st at 7pm, followed by October 5th and November 2nd. We will let you know when there will be more meetings. There will be safety guidelines to follow, social distancing and masks to be worn.

The American Legion Auxiliary now has new Eligibility guidelines to join. The relationship to the Veteran can be Mother, Daughter, Sister, Grandmother, or Granddaughter.

Self- Female Veterans who have served, Male or Female spouse of the Veteran. Eligibility periods are April 6th 1917 to November 11th 1918 and any time after December 7th 1941. There are Two Paths in which to be Eligible.

Path One: The potential member is related to a living Veteran by one of the relationships stated above and the Veteran is living and a current member of the American Legion. If the potential member is a Female Veteran, she only needs to have served during the Eligible time periods to be Eligible for ALA membership.

Path Two: The potential member is related to a deceased Veteran who served during the Eligible periods and was honorably discharged. The deceased Veteran did not have to be a member of the American Legion in order to join the ALA.

Anyone who is Eligible and is interested in joining the American Legion Auxiliary is welcome to attend our meeting to learn more about our Auxiliary.

Wolcott Chamber of Commerce News



The Wolcott Chamber of Commerce is launching a Customer

Rewards Program that will reward customers of Wolcott businesses. Every time you make a purchase at a Wolcott business and receive a receipt for your purchase, make a copy of your receipt, write your name and contact phone number on it and mail it to the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box: 6101, Wolcott, CT 06716. Your receipt will be entered into a drawing, beginning October 12th, at which time a lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate redeemable at a Wolcott Chamber member business. A new winner will be chosen every month, on the second Monday of each month, thru March 8th. All Wolcott businesses receipts are eligible for the drawing. This is the Chamber's way to reward customers who shop locally and support Wolcott businesses.

The Wolcott Chamber of Commerce is affiliated with the Central CT Chambers of Commerce that include the towns of Bristol, Plymouth, Farmington, and Burlington. Being a member of our Chamber is like having your own "Public Relations" firm. We are here to help promote your business and keep you aware of issues that could affect it also.

A strong business climate is important to our community. Strong local sales mean a healthy local tax base, adding to the quality of life in our community. Thriving businesses contribute further by providing jobs and products close to our residents' homes. They also contribute to local non-profit organizations and community campaigns when the need arises.

Along with promoting your business, we also advocate for your interests. A single voice can go unheard but the united voice of the Chamber of Commerce has proven effective and beneficial to businesses. We build bridges with the town and other governmental agencies. If you own a business, if you depend on a healthy economy or if your service/non-profit organization values the contributions of our local business community, then membership in the Wolcott Chamber will serve you well. Join us, in our continuing investment in a strong local economy.

Contact Wolcott Chamber President Roger Picard for any additional information at 203-879-3356 or email at r.picard911@gmail.com.

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A year ago we began planning an upgrade for your home town Governmental Access Channel.

WHY? Because much of the original equipment in use, was nearing 10 years old and as with much of today's electronics some were in need of repair. So do we repair or upgrade? Upgrade was the answer and the upgrade made it possible to provide you the viewer with a High Definition 16x9 signal on the Internet and in the foreseeable future on the local cable franchise.

So, thanks to a grant, this July and August the 4 new cameras, controller, switcher and hundreds of feet of cabling was installed thanks to Joe Golden!

Get ready to start year 9 of continuous of programming from your town hall with all Wolcott content. A quick overview of this month's highlights...

Any and all live meetings from Town Hall per the layout below plus weekends to bring you back up to speed.

To the students in Wolcott (Middle and High School) who are interested in Communications, Video, Audio or Character Generation, Wolcott Governmental TV offers the opportunity for exposure to and involvement in our facility. For additional information, call Michael Bruce at 203.206.7575 or e-mail him at wolcottgovernmentaltv@gmail.com.

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

Date	Day	Time	Program
9/1/20	Tues.	7:00 PM	LIVE: Town Council Meeting
9/2/2020 and Daily	Wed.	12pm & 6pm	REPLAY: Town Council Meeting
9/2/20	Wed.	6:30 PM	LIVE: Planning & Zoning Meeting
9/3/2020 and Daily	Thurs.	10am & 4pm	REPLAY: Planning & Zoning Meeting
9/5 & 9/6 Weekend	Sat. & Sun.	All Day	High School Football
9/10/20	Thurs.	11am & 5pm	REPLAY: Board of Education Meeting
9/10/2020 and Daily	Wed.	11am & 5pm	REPLAY: 9/8 Board of Educ. Mtg.
9/12 & 13 Weekend	Sat. & Sun.	All Day	HS Cheerleading Replays
9/15/20	Tues.	7:00 PM	LIVE: Town Council Meeting
9/16/2020 and Daily	Wed.	12pm & 6pm	REPLAY: Town Council Meeting
9/16/20	Wed.	6:30 PM	LIVE: Planning & Zoning Meeting
9/17/2020 and Daily	Thurs.	10am & 4pm	REPLAY: Planning & Zoning Meeting
9/19 & 20 Weekend	Sat. & Sun.	All Day	INTERVIEWS
9/23/2020 and Daily	Wed.	11am & 5pm	REPLAY: 9/21 Board of Educ. Mtg.
9/26 & 27 Weekend	Sat. & Sun.	All Day	Fall on the Mill Pond Way Trail

PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

The Patriot Youth Ambassadors (PYA) would like to wish everyone health and wellness as we share our last few weeks of summer and welcome the beginning of fall. Fall is a special season for New England because the amazing colors of fall are a favorite to many. The beautiful autumn leaves will be faithful and true to their vibrant colors, however, much of our other "normal" experiences will look different. Once again our community must focus on new ways to celebrate the season since many fall festivals and county fairs will not take place. Our return to school will look different since we have so many new rules to learn as we continue to social distance in the classroom. We encourage you to stay positive and continue to support one another to unite as a community.

There are several patriotic events that occurred over history during September:

On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote a poem that would become America's national anthem in 1931. "The Star-Spangled Banner" originally titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written after September 11, 1814 when the Maryland fort was bombarded by the BritPatriots.

Patriot Day, or the Day of Service and Remembrance, occurs on September 11th each year in memory of those who were killed during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. On December 18, 2001, September 11 was designated as "Patriot Day" to preserve the memory of those who were affected in this awful event. Flags should be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day.

POW/MIA Recognition Day – 3rd Friday in September: POW/MIA Recognition Day holds the memory of our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is a day when the black POW/MIA flag is flown over federal facilities, cemeteries, post offices, and military installations. This day is very important because it honors the men and women who sacrificed their lives so that America can remain free. POW/MIA will never be forgotten.

Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day – Last Sunday in September: Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day is a day for mothers and families to honor a lost service member in combat. On that day, families and mothers who have experienced service loss will hang Service Flags in the window of their homes. The Service Flags hung on this day highlight a different colored star for each family member in the armed forces. A blue star represents a family member in active service, a silver star represents a family member wounded or injured in a war zone, and a gold star represents a family member killed during active duty.

Remember these holidays, be thankful for the privilege of freedom, and honor those who have made the sacrifices to keep us free.

Patriots' Day Initiative 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.

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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Have you ever wondered how your ambulance service works? Your local provider is Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association. We are certified by the State of Connecticut as a Mobile Intensive Care – Paramedic level service. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, combination

career and volunteer service that is staffed by a dedicated group of employees and volunteer members. Our people are either certified as Emergency Medical Technicians or licensed as Paramedics. Some are newly certified EMTs and we have a few with over 30 years of EMS experience!

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance staffs two Advanced Life Support ambulances 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. There are many days when we have three or even four ambulances on the road at the same time! We are fortunate and grateful to be working with top notch vehicles and equipment including four ambulances, two rapid response “fly car” vehicles, an off-road vehicle, state of the art stretchers, cardiac monitor/defibrillators and other equipment.

When someone requests an ambulance, we do our best to make sure at least three of our team members respond (two in an ambulance and one in a fly car) including an Officer (supervisor). We have found this approach helps us deliver the high quality, compassionate care our residents and visitors have come to expect over the years.

Membership

Are you currently certified as an EMT or licensed as a Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? Would you like to join our tight knit group of volunteers and employees? We are looking for qualified people to become part of our team. Please contact us or download an application from our website. If you are not yet certified as an EMT, why not consider taking an EMT class with us?

Emergency Medical Technician Classes

Have you ever thought about becoming an EMT? Please check our website for a list of upcoming classes. If you have questions about our educational programs, you may contact Lieutenant Justin Fortin at (203) 879-4122, email him at training@wolcottambulance.com or click on the EMT Course banner at wolcottambulance.com.

American Heart Association and Stop the Bleed Classes

Would you like to learn some basic medical skills? Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association offers monthly community classes at our headquarters (48 Todd Road). These programs are provided at no cost to Wolcott residents and a nominal fee for those that reside outside of Wolcott. These classes include Heart Saver CPR, Heart Saver First Aid and “Stop the Bleed” programs. Please check our website for upcoming dates and to register for these courses.

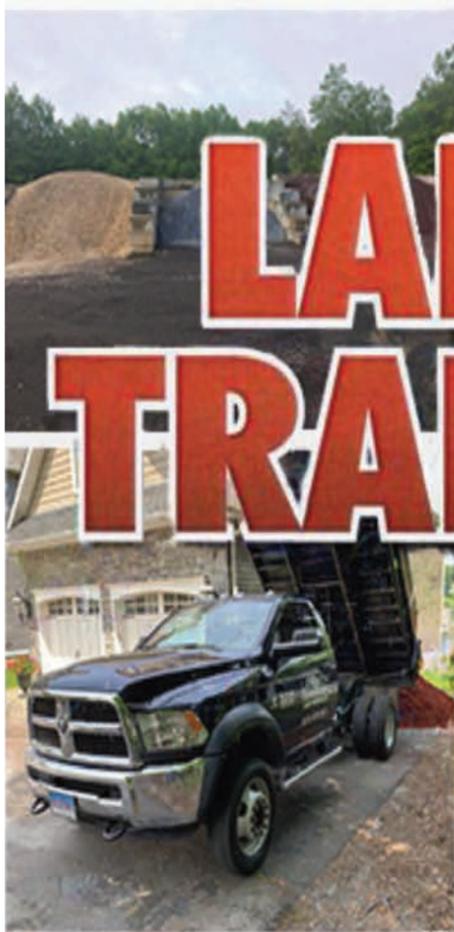
Thanks for your Support and Stay Safe!

We cannot thank all of you enough for your generous donations and community support. We are honored to serve this wonderful town. As we transition from Summer to Autumn, please remember to wear adequate face coverings when you are not able to “social distance”, wash your hands often and most of all, we ask that all of you stay safe!

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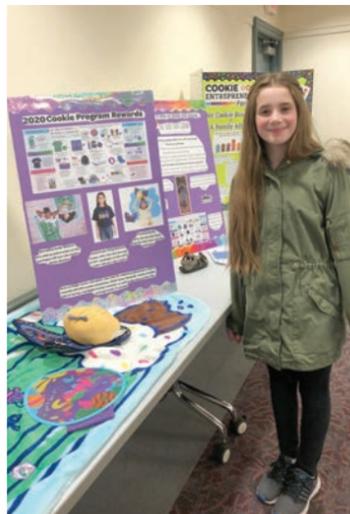
girl scouts of connecticut

We're back! To be honest, we never really left. Wolcott Girl Scouts have been busy all summer long. Girls across our Service Unit have been actively participating in online badges, journeys, and completing Take Action projects. Girl Scouts of Connecticut Summer Camps were also open to all girls who wished to attend.

Girls from Brownie Troop 60633 have been participating in online Journeys, a multi-step badge that requires them to complete a Take Action Project to earn it. A Take Action Project is something that can be directly related to the theme of the Journey, and it must be sustainable without the ongoing aid of the Girl Scout. The girls have also been participating in the Weekly S'mores Afternoon Adventures and meeting new girls all around the State of Connecticut. Brownie Troop 64233 received goodie bags at home with materials to begin work on various badges including Bugs, Gardening, and various Arts and Crafts. Junior Troop 64541 also received goodie bags at home to begin working on their Jeweler Badge!

Girls across our Service Unit have been working on our "Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge", the "Great Space Challenge" and the "Global Action Award". The Outdoor Challenge consisted of a list of 51 items. It allowed for our youngest Daisies to complete 20 items, and our oldest Seniors and Ambassadors to complete 40 items, in order to earn the badge. Some of the activities included: learning to identify a bird call, identify a bird, poisonous plants, hiking a new trail, and so much more. For our Space

Challenge, this has been an amazing summer for learning more about Space! From the launch of Space X Crew Dragon Endeavour to the Mars Rover - girls have had the opportunities to join in for "watch parties" and participate in these historic events through the GSOFCCT @ Home Facebook page. Girl Scouts also hosted a special Q&A session with International Space Station Commander, Chris Cassidy. Our Global Action award theme this year was Gender Equality. Girls met virtually and discussed various topics including but not limited to: historical trends, pay, traditions, and equal access.



Congratulations to SIX of our Troops who are Bridging to their next level this year!

For Troops 60615, 60633, 64153, 64154, 64236, and 67823, the girls are moving up to Brownies, Juniors, and Seniors. We'd like to send a BIG THANK YOU to the Co-Leaders and Troop Helpers of each of these Troops who have been with these girls since they started in Kindergarten as Daisies: Crystal Desmarais & Kristin Aitchison, Ann Cleary & Cathy Plona, Manda Krause, Karri Van Blarcom & Amanda McNamara, Crystal Burr & Katie Garrigus, and Renee Elliott & Amber Musso.

Opportunities with Girl Scouts are endless, even during our "new normal". Our Troop Co-Leaders continue to volunteer and adapt in order to help grow our next generation of girls. Our Council has created and modified badges

to an online setting - allowing girls to continue to build Courage, Confidence, and Character to make the world a better place. "At Girl Scouts, your girl will prepare for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, no-limits place designed for and by girls! How? Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience—a collection of engaging, challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects. At Girl Scouts, she'll get to lead her own adventure (it's her world!) and team up with other girls in an all-girl environment to choose the exciting, hands-on activities that interest her most. The idea is to learn by doing, and at Girl Scouts, she'll do lots of it. She'll be inspired to discover her talents and passions in a safe and supportive all-girl setting. She'll join with other Girl Scouts and people in her community—and together, they'll take action to change the world. Along the way, she'll gain important skills in four areas that form the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. While she may be exposed to these subjects at school, in other youth programs, or even on her own, at Girl Scouts she'll experience them in a unique way that puts her on a path to a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success. And because our program is girl-led, girls decide what they'll do, together. In fact, being a Girl Scout helps girls thrive in five key ways. As a Girl Scout, she will: develop a strong sense of self, display positive values, seeks challenges and learns from setbacks, forms and maintains healthy relationships, and learn to identify and solve problems in her community." (www.girlscouts.org/program)

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Weathering an Unusually Busy Political Season

State Senator Rob Sampson — 16th District



Outside of campaigning, the summer is usually the quietest time for politics. Not so in 2020. This must be one of the busiest times I have witnessed.

Hopefully, you and your loved ones are safe and are recovering from Hurricane Isaias. What a mess! Most everyone of us lost power for at least a few days and I know many people are still cleaning up downed trees and property damage. It took me a few hours just to chainsaw a path out of my driveway!

I spent much of those few days relaying your concerns, and have been closely following the information coming to light about Eversource's response ever since. I am prepared to fight for answers and solutions to prevent similar situations in the future.

Frustrations are especially heightened since this power outage happened on the coattails of customers receiving July bills that included a sharp increase in the electric rate. There have been a lot of different theories about what caused the electric rate hikes, and I want to give you some background on the subject.

The "delivery charge" is so high because it reflects the cost of all of the infrastructure that is required to be installed, updated and maintained to get the electricity after it's produced to your residence or business.

Connecticut's rates also include provisions for purchasing required supplies of renewable energy, energy efficiency and weatherization programs, covering the cost of low income customer no shut off provisions in the law as well as subsidies for the Green "Bank" programs and DEEP's off shore wind and solar farm procurement programs to name a few.

The main reason we are suffering is that Connecticut has, for better or worse, decided to have possibly the most aggressive clean energy schedule of any state in the country which means that we are all paying higher premiums because of restrictions and the electric producers method for producing energy. Think "green new deal" kind of stuff.

Of course, we need to protect our environment and we need to be forward thinking about clean and renewable energy sources. However, we need to do it on a schedule that is manageable and affordable for Connecticut residents, particularly seniors on fixed incomes. This has always been a priority of mine.

Unfortunately, the current governor and his predecessor along with the majority Democrats in Hartford are committed to the extreme left leaning environmental lobby who doesn't care at all about the bottom line and has set us on a course that is really unachievable.

Over the years, I have voted against all the key bills which have caused the massive increases that we are experiencing now. I have not only campaigned against these increases, but I've kept my promises to work hard to prevent and reverse them.

I am hopeful the public outrage will help cause a change of course and I've reached out to some colleagues and experts in this area and we will be putting together a package of legislation to put us on a better path.

We also had the legislative special session at the end of July. There were some positives like making it so COVID-19 is recognized as an appropriate and acceptable reason to vote by absentee ballot, and we also extended the access and availability of telehealth visits.

Related, but not part of that new law is the issue of the mass mailing of absentee ballot applications. A scheme that has

resulted in nothing short of chaos. Over 100,000 ballot applications were returned as undeliverable by mail. Many recipients received erroneous, or multiple ballot applications and others didn't receive theirs at all. Of those that completed and returned their applications, many ballots failed to reach voters even before election day forcing them to vote in person anyway.

I hate to say that none of this was a surprise to me since I have warned against this mass mailing for months now. During the special session, I offered an amendment that would prohibit the Secretary of State from sending out these ballot applications in the November election precisely because of these types of problems. Unfortunately, that amendment was defeated on party lines with every Democrat voting to allow the Secretary of State to continue this practice in the general election and every Republican voting no. Few things since I have been in office have concerned me as much as this. This is America, not a third world country, and our elections must be trusted.

The existing absentee ballot system works well and will accommodate COVID-19 without any issues. There is simply no reason for this policy. I will continue speaking out against this and am hopeful that it can ultimately be prevented.

Sadly, the so-called "police accountability bill" also passed. Even after the fact, there is confusion about a major component of the bill – the removal of what is known as "qualified immunity" for police officers. It is universally accepted that police officers that abuse their authority and engage in toxic behavior must be held accountable. I don't know of a single person who disagrees with that statement. "Qualified immunity" applies only in cases where the officer is following the law and the department's policies and protocols. It does not protect an officer when they are violating someone's civil rights. This is the repeated and incorrect claim of the proponents of the bill. It is also the main reason I could not vote for it.

Sadly, the goal of this law is to do far more than hold bad cops accountable. It is to remake the entire job and experience of police officers, as well as defunding the police via policy that would result in so many increased costs for towns and departments, they will have less officers serving. This is bad policy that will end up making us less safe. You have my commitment to work to reverse it.

Finally, there was one bill where I was the lone dissenting vote in the entire state senate, and that was on HB 6003 - AN ACT CONCERNING DIABETES AND HIGH DUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS, commonly referred to as the "insulin cap bill." I wish I had more room to discuss it here since it is emblematic of so much in politics. Like so many bills, the title has little to do with the actual words in the bill. It is designed for politics and not policy.

I have a long record of opposing socialized medicine, even being the leading opponent of Obamacare in our state, as well as opposing insurance mandates that have made our rates soar. Disappointingly, our state government has been consistent in making bad choices and driving up the cost of insurance and healthcare. This is a perfect example.

In fact, the one promise the bill does make is to RAISE all of Connecticut's insurance premiums.

My no vote was a consistent, principled take on the issue, a perspective that you have come to know and trust through my years of service to our community.

I am in favor of reducing the cost of healthcare for everyone – and I voted no.

As always, I am at your service. Please follow me at www.senatorsampson.com, and reach out anytime.



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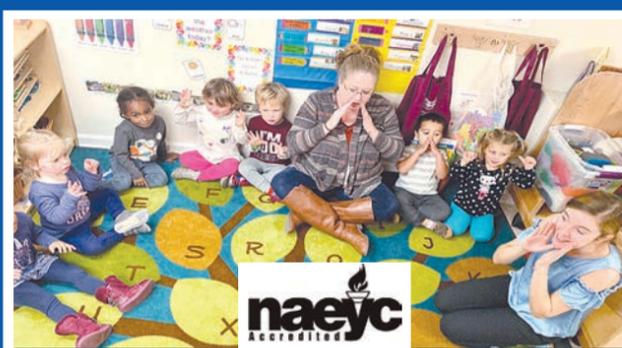
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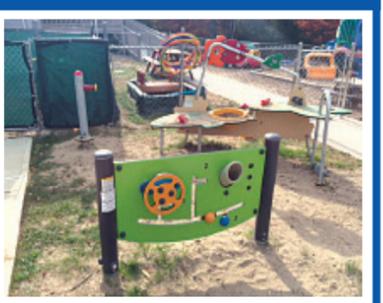
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Special Session Update



State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco
Representing Wolcott & Southington

Last month, the Connecticut General Assembly was called in for Special Session in both the House of Representatives and State Senate. Both held overnight deliberations on four pieces of legislation that have since moved to Governor Lamont's office, where they were signed into law.

The first bill brought to the floor was **HB 6001, An Act Concerning Telehealth**. Telehealth Services is a way to communicate with your physician by way of videoconferencing such as zoom. Back in March the governor issued an Executive Order which expanded access to telehealth services to providers and Connecticut residents due to COVID-19. Many people have turned to Telehealth visits as a safe alternative during Covid-19 as an easy approach for those less ambulatory. This legislation which I supported will ensure that residents have access to this method of healthcare delivery into March 2021.

A piece of hotly debated legislation was **HB 6002, An Act Concerning Absentee Voting (and Reporting of Results at the 2020 State and Election, Expanding Election Day Registrations and Ratifying Certain Provisions of an Executive Order that Relate to the August 11, 2020, Primary)**. Covid-19 has created many obstacles in 2020, including the upcoming November election. Prior to the July 2020 Special Sessions, our state constitution permitted voting via absentee ballot if you would be out of town; if you were serving in the armed forces; have a physical disability; or an illness. I was able to speak on the floor about this bill and, while I voted in favor of HB 6002, I still have concerns. How can we be certain that the absentee ballot boxes will be tamperproof? The bill does not state whether the Secretary of State will hold the power to mail out absentee ballot applications or if it will remain with the town clerks. After the Secretary of States disaster with the August 2020 Primary can we expect the same for November? I feel it is very important for people to exercise their voice and maintain their right to vote; and while I have my concerns, ultimately providing a safe way for people to vote on election day outweighed the negatives for me. We need to minimize the health risk and give everyone an opportunity to vote weather it is in person or by way of absentee ballot.

While I was ultimately able to support Absentee Voting, I found I could not do the same with **HB 6003, An Act Concerning Diabetes and High Deductible Health Plans**. This bill is to cap the co-pay on insulin and related drugs and supplies – making the co-pay on insulin \$25 and the co-pay on related supplies \$100 over a thirty-day period. While this bill is well intended it has many flaws. Certainly, if this lowered the cost of insulin, I would have supported it — after all, who wouldn't.

If you have a high out-of-pocket co-pay you may benefit from this legislation; however, since this still fails to address the high general cost of insulin the high-deductible plans will still need to be met. As we have all recently seen there are many people who have lost their jobs and with that, their health insurance. HB 6003 also fails to protect the under and uninsured, leaving them fully liable for exorbitant pricing. When I speak with my constituents, one of the most common complaints that I hear is unbearably high costs of premiums and deductibles. Too many others are paying incredible amounts for other life-saving medications such as EpiPens and cancer treatments such chemotherapy and radiation therapy. The result with this legislation is that insurance companies will have no choice but to raise premiums to offset their loss – which was proven to be true when the bill was questioned on the

floor. In fact, just recently Anthem announced they will be seeking premium increase of 9.5% for 2021 health plans due to rising medical costs and ConnectiCare announced a 5.5% increase.

The response to questioning why this will not take effect until 2021 was that insurance companies will need time to adjust their premiums, and most likely raising them again in 2022, making it clear that all of us will feel the negative effects of this legislation. The bill also has an increase cost to municipalities. When costs go up to towns, they are typically disbursed back to residents through either tax increases or service reductions. This personally touched me because I also have family members who are diabetic and use insulin, so this was not an easy vote for me to cast. I am very sympathetic to the high costs people are paying for insulin, but I am also sympathetic to others who are paying an incredibly high costs for other drugs. Without a clear solution, for all my constituents that would have reduced the cost of insulin, I could not rightfully support this bill.

I could not support the last bill covered during Special Session either. **HB 6004, An Act Concerning Police Accountability**, which assumed all police officers operate in an improper manner. With the passing of HB 6004, retention and recruitment of law enforcement officers will drop drastically. Proportionally, when there are less police officers, crime rates will climb. The bill also prevents officers from requesting consent to search motor vehicles. Justifiable searches have an important task in helping to take drugs and guns off the street. HB 6004 also requires municipalities to pay for comparisons and evaluations on the feasibility of using social workers on calls; as well as, the purchase of body cameras and the associated data storage fees. Once again, municipalities and their taxpaying residents, will bear the burden of new costs for new liability insurance coverage for every police officer and excessive litigation expense due to the elimination of qualified immunity. These, along with many other aspects of the bill will jeopardize the safety and security of our police officers and residents. Our police officers are good decent people who care about protecting people and our communities. We owe them a debt of gratitude for risking their lives every day.

I hope I have provided some clarity on these issues. It is my honor to serve our community and I will continue to fight for our voices to be heard.

As always, please contact me should you have any questions or concerns on these pieces of legislation and any other issues relating to state government at Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegov.ct.gov or at (800) 842-1423.

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With no current rentals, no income from the clothing, and an all-time high electric bill, things have been tight to say the least. Granges as well as businesses are closing their doors constantly. I am trying the best I can with the resources I have to push through this to better times. We are in need of donations if you are able to do so. Any amount will help pay electric, insurance and oil until we are fully reopened to the public and thriving once again. Thank you so much!

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Junior Women's Club of Wolcott Happenings



Welcome to September! The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott would like to remind everyone to support the volunteer organizations in town. We are going to pay attention to support our fellow volunteers in town, just to name a few the Lion's Club Raffle and the Farmingbury Womens upcoming fall fundraiser. Similar to the Junior Women's Club the purpose of the volunteer organizations is to support numerous community projects and groups such as scholarships, the food pantry, Crossroads our First Responders and many more. We are fortunate to live in this volunteer centered community. Take some time to visit our town's website and the listing of all the community volunteer groups.

We are working to host our first virtual "Meet the Candidates" event. We are contacting our dedicated citizens who are seeking office to participate in this virtual event. October 22nd is the date, and more details will be forthcoming, including the website to view the candidates in upcoming Community News editions! Please contact Rachel Wisler as she graciously has accepted to coordinate our first time Meet the Candidates Virtual event. Each candidate will speak on their upcoming agendas.

We hope and pray that you and your families are well. We are dedicated to support our upcoming programs, including Toys for Tots & Teens as well as our Fuel Fund for Wolcott residents. So please look for upcoming information in the Wolcott Community News for these programs.

Throughout this year we will celebrate our 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.

Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month from September through June via ZOOM for now, until we can meet as a group. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community.

Please check out our website
www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org
for more information, or email us at
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Farmingbury Women's Club Update

I hope everyone is having a nice early fall and the temperatures are getting a little cooler..

We had a lot of fun at the yearly picnic hosted by Eleanor Ramirez last month. It was good to see everyone.

Looking forward to meetings beginning on September 3rd, where we will accept new members with our membership tea. It will be held outside on the town green at 6pm. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of every month. Both September and October will be on the Town Green and as it gets colder we will move into All Saints Church 284 Boundline Rd. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in

joining please contact Karen Mowad 203.233.1216 or kmowad25@aol.com.

We will also be hosting the annual October Breast Cancer Awareness on Thursday October 1st at 7pm. It will be all outside. This is to honor the women and men who have survived or are currently fighting Breast Cancer. There will be guest speakers and a ceremony. The Breast Cancer Tree will be lit in the Gazebo on the Town Green. Please feel free to come and join to show your support.

Please check out our website at FarmingburyWomensClub.com or our Facebook Page for more information.



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Avon, \$1,995,000 Gracious Brick Colonial Estate resides on 2 acres of prime real estate in Avon CT. Features 12,000 sqft, 16 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 6 full baths and 2 half bath, an over-sized master bedroom suite, sauna, wine room, media room, gym, tennis courts and an in-ground pool. Architecture galore exudes throughout this resort-like property. Serious inquiries only!
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Wolcott, \$364,900 Beautiful custom built, one owner Colonial located on a desirable 1 acre corner lot. Features 2303 sqft, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, eat-in kitchen, 3 season room and an oversized great room; can be used as (first floor) master bedroom suite. Large master has full bath, walk in closet and dressing area. Full walk-out basement, fully functional and set up as partially finished living/recreation space. This home is truly a rare find, manicured grounds with all mechanical's updated: (newer furnace, central air and roof).
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Wolcott, New Listing \$524,900 Experience luxurious living in this unique, modern contemporary colonial that boasts over 4200 sqft of living space on a private 1.92 acre lot. Features 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, custom & modern-style eat-in-kitchen with granite & stainless appliances & an open floor plan with light bamboo hardwood floors throughout. Massive great room measuring (34 x 32), first floor office, and a 3 car garage.
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Naugatuck, New Listing \$184,900 Move-in-ready, 3 bedroom Ranch featuring 1152sq ft of living space, tucked away on a quiet cul-de-sac. Hardwood flooring throughout, newly remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops, newer appliances with a double oven. The bathroom is remodeled and features a beautifully tiled custom shower. The mechanical's include an 8 year old architectural roof, a 3 year old oil furnace, newer vinyl windows and custom closet storage shelves. For your private showing, call Jay Harry or
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Wolcott, LOT FOR SALE \$169,900 Rare approved building lot up for sale. waterfront property on Hitchcock Lake! Owners had a design (blueprints) to accommodate a 2500 sqft single family. Contemporary house with a 2 car garage. Fantastic opportunity to build your dream home with amazing lake views! Town sewer in the street.
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Wolcott, \$299,900 Stunning Ranch features 1717 sqft, 3 bedrooms, 2 updated baths, eat-in-kit, newer stainless appliances, HWD FL's, newer heating system & trex decking.
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Wolcott, New Listing \$119,900 PRICED FOR SALE... Cozy 2 bedroom Ranch features an open floor plan with Cedar accents and beams, eat-in-kitchen, on a level, private lot. This home is move-in ready!
 Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com



Wolcott, \$205,000 Well cared for Split Level home features 1252 sqft, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, eat-in-kitchen, LR & DR, HWD FL's, newer windows & roof.
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Wolcott, \$149,900 Great 3 bedroom Ranch home situated a half acre lot needs a little TLC. Features eat-in-kitchen, dining area, living room, hardwood floors throughout and a partially finished walk-out lower level.
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Bristol, \$239,900 Immaculate & bright Colonial features 1976 sqft, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, eat-in-kit, HWD FL's, LR & DR with many updates.
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Prospect, LOT \$45,000 .58 of an acre... all approved to build! Great opportunity, great location and priced for sale. Convenient to shopping, dining and major highways.
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We would like to let everyone know who has donated money to our cause, that the Narcan we were able to purchase and distribute because of these donations, has saved another life. For this we are grateful.

We have a new supply of drug tests, 12 panel cups that test for fentanyl.

Our support group is back to meeting in person using the Covid-19 guidelines. Every Monday, 7:30pm, at the Wolcott Youth Center.

We are currently seeing a spike in phone calls for help. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced many people into isolation, maybe not complete isolation, but enough to cause many people to slip into depression, over use of drugs and alcohol, or just not feel good about themselves. If this is happening to you or a family member, please find the strength to reach out for help.

We are still praying to have some form of our annual event, so please mark your calendars for our 10th annual One Clean Day of Fun, Saturday, September 19th

Please use the drug drop off box, located at the Wolcott P.D. to get rid of all unused prescription drugs

Open meetings every Monday 7:30 at the Wolcott Youth Center, everyone is welcome. Visit us on Facebook: [wolcottcrossroadsinc.com](http://www.wolcottcrossroadsinc.com)

Help line: 203-560-1665
website: www.wolcottcrossroadsinc.com

Recovery Road

Recovery Road is now meeting outside the Youth Center. Bring your own chair and water. In case of bad weather, we will still be holding Zoom Support Group Meetings. Please contact Laurie at 203-206-9038 for information. Please reach out if you need someone to talk to.

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We Need Wolcott Volunteers



Will you help your community during a declared Public Health Emergency? If so, Chesprocott Health District (CHD) invites you to a volunteer orientation session at

Wolcott Youth Center (48 Todd Rd) on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

The purpose of this orientation session is to inform attendees of the actions CHD staff and volunteers take to ensure the communities of Cheshire, Prospect, and Wolcott are prepared for a declared public health emergency. Public health emergencies can span a broad range of disaster situations, including natural hazards, acts of terrorism, and infectious-disease outbreaks. In the event of a Public Health Emergency that requires some form medical intervention, Chesprocott Health District and volunteers are responsible for providing medical countermeasures to the public. The September 8th volunteer orientation session will focus on the planning & activities needed to prepare volunteers for mass dispensing operations.

Chesprocott Health District and the towns of Prospect, Cheshire, and Wolcott relies on volunteers with both medical and non-medical experience – Doctors, Nurses, Emergency Medical Technicians, Pharmacists, Nurse Assistants, along with Working Professionals that have experience in public health, security, safety, technology, transportation, planning, and office administration.

If you are interested in attending the September 8th Volunteer Orientation, please RSVP by calling: (203) 272-2761. For more information, please visit CHD's website or Facebook page at: www.chesprocott.org or <https://www.facebook.com/chesprocott/>.

Wolcott Historical Society - September 2020



by Florence Goodman

In last month's article about the Atwood farm I discussed how it was now the home of Pillwillop Therapeutic Farm. I never realized that the name "Pillwillop" was used when Atwood's owned the property until I was talking to a friend about it and she said she remembered seeing a sign with that name many years ago when they would go cut their Christmas tree there. So I called Walter Atwood and asked about this odd name and this is the story he told me. Edgar Norton who lived on Beecher Road told a story about Colonial days when the stagecoach traveled through Farmingbury and stopped on the green at the Bishop/Woodward House, which served as an inn at that time. Edgar said a stranger covered in mud arrived at the green frantic and out of breathe. The stranger while walking over the dirt Catering Road toward the center of town was called into the swamp by a "pillwillop" and that's why he was covered in mud. The locals continually repeated that story and the name became associated with the area that was part of Atwood's farm. This is an interesting folklore story, which has been associated with Atwood's farm then and now.



Old Homewood milk bottle



Homewood's Happy Hollow Farm 2007 prior to the barn being rebuilt and moved back from Center Street

This month I will continue my discussion of working farms that remain in our town and share the history of Homewood's Happy Hollow Farm, which is located at 421 Center Street.

Albert Homewood established Homewood's Happy Hollow Farm in 1873. The farmhouse was built between 1854 and 1868 for Anson H. Smith who purchased the property from Asaph H. Upson. After several years Anson Smith sold the property to Louis C. Hall who in turn sold the house and forty acres of farmland to Albert Homewood. Albert had three sons; James, Richard and Alvin who grew



Homewood's Happy Hollow Farm in 2007

up on the farm and helped their family maintain it. Through the years the three sons and their families continued to work this forty-acre farm. Mr. Therkildsen, whose farm was next to Homewood's property also helped out on the farm. This farm was known for their chickens and eggs, but they had several milking cows and sold milk, boarded horses, raised various crops, and cut hay. Each of the brothers had full time jobs, but worked the farm before and after work.



One of the rebuilt barns at Happy Hollow Farm

In 2002 after the last brother, Richard, died his son, Rick and nephew, Bill alternated farm duties while working full-time jobs to keep the farm going. They rebuilt several of the barns because they were very close to the road and damaged several times by speeding cars as they tried to maneuver the curve. They had hoped to re-establish raising



The Homewood house at 421 Center Street was built between 1854 and 1868 for Anson H. Smith

cows on the property, but that has not come to fruition as of yet. The goats are now gone as well as the fifty egg-laying chickens. They were free-range chickens and organically fed, but over time the hawks and bobcats made a meal of them and it was impossible to keep replacing them. They also still cut hay in the fields twice a season; some they keep for themselves and the rest is sold. Bill still uses the family's 1937 John Deer model B and 1944 model A tractors in the fields when haying. They have continued to bring in beautiful Christmas trees from Canada and sell them throughout the holiday season. They also sell wreaths at that time of year. Andrea, Bill's wife, says this tradition is special and hopes they can continue it for many years to come.



This is Jack the Sardinian donkey. Notice the cross on her back.

About eight years ago Bill and Andrea Homewood bought two baby donkeys. I visited with Andrea one morning in mid August and she introduced me to their two beautiful Sardinian donkeys whose names are Donkey and Jack. These donkeys are bred on the island of Sardinia in the Mediterranean and parts of mainland Italy. They are small in stature and light brown in color with a beautiful long black cross on their backs. When researching about these donkeys, I learned that all donkeys have this dark cross down their back, but it may not be noticed unless their fur is shaved. There is a Christian story that explains that the cross appeared during the time that Christ walked the Earth. I never had heard of this story and was pleasantly surprised.



The rebuilt farm stand at Homewood's Happy Hollow Farm

It was fun to walk in the fields with these friendly, beautiful and playful animals. Andrea stated that these donkeys live very long lives so she knows she will be enjoying them for many years to come.



A piece of old farm equipment located on Homewood's Happy Hollow Farm

I think I'm truly a farmer at heart because I love to see these old farms in our town still surviving after almost one hundred and fifty years. Farming in Wolcott was never easy and the farms that were located here would not have survived if the men and women working them did not have other jobs to support their families as well as work the farm.

(Information for this article was taken from "The History of Wolcott, Connecticut from 1731 to 1874" by Samuel Orcutt, and "1986 Historic Resources Inventory" by Paul Loether, a phone interview and meeting with Andrea Homewood, August 11, 2020; photos of the farm and barn from Flo Goodman; <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-10-12/donkeys-where-science-religion-and-pop-culture-collide/10356576>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sardinian_donkey)

Visit our WebPages at (<http://www.wolcотhhistory.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 Hotkowsky at 203-592-8237 or Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818.

Wolcott Homes

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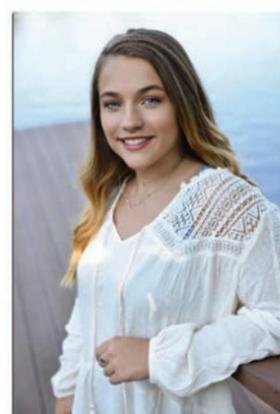
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Donna Belval
Senior Center
Director

Our senior center has been closed for almost 6 months with no opening date as of yet. It will remain clean & sanitized for when we are able to welcome seniors in safely. Jeannie, Diane and myself have been making weekly phone calls to seniors since closing the center on March 13. As a result of our calls, we have been fortunate to be able to get to know our seniors on a more personal level and them knowing us better too! Needless to say, we have made many more friends! If any senior would like a weekly call, please call the senior center at 203-879-8133, leave your name & phone number. We will be happy to return your call. Let's keep in touch!

We are currently distributing Farmer's Market coupon booklets from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. These booklets contain a total of \$18.00 in coupons for the purchase of only Connecticut grown fresh fruits, vegetables, cut herbs and honey at authorized Farmer's Market Nutrition Program locations. The guidelines are as follows:

***You must be a Wolcott resident, 60 years of age or older, OR a disabled individual under the age of 60 years, living in a housing facility occupied primarily by older individuals where congregate nutrition service are provided.**

***Maximum household income of not more than 185 percent of the annual poverty income guidelines.**

***Income limits for 2020 are—Single household-\$23,606 annual income
Double household-\$31,894 annual income**

***Each eligible participant shall receive (only) 1 booklet annually.**

Our next "drive through" distribution of Farmer's Market coupon booklets for eligible participants will be Thursday, September 3 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the lower parking area of Woodtick Recreation (across from the senior center) at 201 Nichols Road. Please observe entrance & exit only signs. In order to receive a booklet, each senior/participant must WEAR A MASK and bring a photo ID with a current Wolcott address. These coupons must be redeemed at an authorized Farmer's Market Nutrition Program site by October 31, 2020. A list of authorized sites will be distributed with the booklets. This is a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions regarding the Farmer's Market coupon booklets, please call the senior center at 203-879-8133, leave your name and phone number so we can return your call.

As a reminder, the Dial A Ride bus service is available to Wolcott residents, 60 years of age and older or handicapped individual on Fridays only. (For a full description of services, go the www.wolcottct.org website.) Appointments are to be scheduled by Monday or Tuesday for transport on Friday for doctor's appointments and grocery stores. Bus pick-ups begin at 9:30 AM and drop off at 3:30 PM. The areas of service include: Wolcott, Waterbury, Thomaston, Watertown, Prospect, Naugatuck, Middlebury and Cheshire. Due to limited seating and times, reservations should be made as soon as possible. If you are interested in this service, please call the bus line at 203-879-2078. If you are currently not a participant, we will be happy to help you fill out an application. If any senior needs additional services, call the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging in Waterbury at 203-757-5449. This organization has a wealth of information for seniors!

I would like to thank all our seniors who have been keeping in touch with family, friends and neighbors near & far! A phone call makes a difference! Stay safe & see you soon!

"The spirit never ages. It stays forever"

BACK IN 1950

1950 was the start of the fast changes that would be seen in the next 2 decades , the great depression was becoming a faint memory and families were moving out to the suburbs, kids watched howdy doody on 12 inch black and white TV sets and spent Saturday afternoons watching cartoons at Cinema matinees , times were gentler with little violence and the consumer revolution was about to start in a big way, and the man of the household became the sole breadwinner. The median family income was \$3,300 a year and milk was still delivered to the doorstep.

- How Much things cost in 1950 -

Average Cost of new house: \$8,450.00
Average wages per year: \$3,210.00
Average Cost of a new car: \$1,510.00
Loaf of Bread: \$0.14
Gallon of Gas: \$0.20
Postage Stamp: \$0.03

United States - Great Brinks Robbery

1. The Great Brinks Robbery takes place on January 17th.
2. The Brinks Armored Car Depot in Boston, Massachusetts was burglarized by a group of 11 men in a well-planned and coordinated robbery, masterminded by Anthony Pino.
3. The robbers used Halloween masks as disguises and completed the robbery in about 30 minutes and stole about \$2.7 mil.
4. The perpetrators were caught because one of the men involved in the crime, Joseph "Specs" O'Keefe, had been apprehended for another crime and threatened to cooperate with authorities.
5. The other members of the group tried to have O'Keefe assassinated but the attempt failed.
6. After the botched hit, O'Keefe decided to cooperate with the FBI and made a deal to testify against his accomplices.
7. Two of the burglars died before facing trial and the remaining eight burglars were sentenced to life in prison.
8. They were not caught until January of 1956, just before the statute of limitations for the robbery expired. Only some of the money was ever recovered.

Wolcott Sports

Photography by Mike D'Avino



The Baseball Association of Wolcott has 12 Summer Youth League Baseball teams. In this collage of pictures are players from the following teams: Wolcott Babe Ruth 15U; Wolcott Reese 12U; Wolcott Red 12U; Wolcott Cal Ripkin Jr. Tournament Team; Wolcott Clemente 8U; Wolcott Blue 8U; Wolcott Red 8U; Wolcott T-Ball: Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Red and Grey. From the BAW Complex in Wolcott, CT; Photos by Mike D'Avino;



This is a team picture of the Wolcott Eagles Black 12U Softball Team. They ended their summer season with an impressive 19-9-2 record. From Wakelee School; in Wolcott, CT.; on Wednesday, July 29, 2020.



Players surround Kailyn Lawlor at the plate after she belted a grand slam homer for the Wolcott Eagles 18U Softball team against the Watertown Rapids. From Wakelee School; in Wolcott, CT.; on Friday, July 31, 2020.



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Wolcott Public Library

The library continues to operate on a limited schedule, Monday-Friday 10 to 4. We are easing our restrictions slowly and hopefully we will be able to resume our normal schedule sometime in September. Children ages 10 and under are now allowed in the library. The train table, blocks and puppets are not available for play, but some puzzles are out as they can be cleaned and sanitized quickly. Curbside pickup service will remain an option indefinitely.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. The Friends of the Wolcott Library will be sponsoring a raffle to encourage participation. Any adult, teen or child who registers as a new patron or renews their expired library card in September will be entered in the raffle. There will be cash prizes, \$125 for adults, \$50.00 for teens and \$25.00 for children.

Check out our Little Free Library located outside the children's room near the front entrance. There are books for children, teens and adults. You may also leave books that you have enjoyed and would like to share with others.

Children's Events

Outdoor Storytime- Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. on the WPL lawn- weather permitting. Social distancing required.

Video Storytime- a new storytime video is uploaded to our YouTube channel every Wednesday.

Summer Reading BINGO (final raffle will be pulled Aug 24) Visit our website or pick up your BINGO sheet curbside any time we are open.

Are You Thinking About Homeschooling? A Zoom with Linda Hinks of Wren Homeschool Consulting to discuss

Homeschooling, Distance Learning and answer questions. Mon. 8/31 at 4 p.m. Email mmorin@biblio.org to register!

A Good Yarn- Knit or crochet at the WPL. Bring your project and knit on the library lawn every Wednesday at 3PM Weather permitting.

For children's programming call 203-879-8110, x305, adult programming x301. Also visit our website at www.wolcottlibrary.org or like us on Facebook.



TOP: Summer reading – Aeliana completing a Summer Reading BINGO square

BOTTOM: Crochet– Nancy celebrates the return of A Good Yarn, WPL's knit and crochet group



September is Library Card Month

During the month of September, the Friends are sponsoring a RAFFLE to all Wolcott residents who either get a new library card or renew their expired card.

One cash prize will be awarded in 3 categories - \$125 for an adult, \$50 for a teen and \$25 for a child. The winners will be drawn on Thursday, October 1st at 2pm. The winner does not need to be present.

You can register in several ways. Come in to the library at 469 Bound Line Road or go online at www.wolcottlibrary.org. Please note that online registrations must be picked up from the library and a ticket must be filled out and submitted to the raffle.

To renew your card, you can call the library at 203 879-8110 and give your card number, however, you are still required to come in to the library to fill out a ticket for the raffle. At the time of this writing, the library is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. Masks are required and temperatures will be taken at the door. Please follow the signs for exiting the facility.

Check out all the resources we have on our website including Research, Job Hunting, Cooking, Travel and Medicine. More specifically we have The A-Z series. The World provides cultural information on 175 countries. The Travel section include 202 city guides, and there are over 7,000 recipes from 174 countries plus extensive foods from across America. You can also find Consumer Reports, Genealogy, Language Learning and practice tests for the CT DMV as well as GRE and SAT tests. News Bank includes archived articles from many newspapers including the Waterbury Republican. You can also see the latest titles for adults and children that the library has purchased. There is Free access to eBooks by downloading the app "Libby by Overdrive". TumbleBooks for children has also been renewed by the Friends as well as the A-Z series of information. All you need is your library card number to access these offerings from home. So technically the Wolcott Library is open to you 24/7 when you have that all important library card. So take advantage of this special RAFFLE and join us today!

Planning ahead but subject to change, The Friends will be holding their Book Sale in October. We will be open Monday, October 12th through Friday, October 16th from 10 am to 4 pm in the downstairs meeting rooms. The sale will continue on Saturday, October 17th from 10 am to 2 pm. Please enter and exit through the lower level and wear your mask. Bags will be provided free of charge and we will be accepting cash only. Books will be priced individually. Some children's books will be available outside weather permitting. Please note that we may need to limit the number of people entering at a specific time. We cannot accept donations at this time. And please remember that the Book Return is for library materials only. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Exchange Club of Wolcott News

The Exchange Club of Wolcott's Public Service Awards has been postponed to April 19, 2021, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. This decision was made with health and safety of attendees in mind and plus current State guide lines prohibit large gatherings in a room. We will be looking forward to celebrating this event with our honorees. Police Officer Angelo Mauriello, Fire fighters Nicholas Ortelle, Noah Ericson, Matthew Zabbara and Steve Savage. EMT Dep. Chief Andrew Albert and teacher of the year Jodi Giglio. The Book of Golden Deeds recipient, Florence Goodman of the Wolcott Historical Society, will also be honored on that evening. An ad book is being developed for this event and ads can be purchased by businesses who wish to support and fray the costs of this event.

The Exchange Club annual raffle will take place on September 21, 2020. The original drawing date was suppose to be April 20, 2020, but COVID-19 put a damper on ticket sales. The Exchange Club requested and was granted an extension on the drawing date. Tickets are available from any Exchange Club member. The Exchange Club has also cancelled this year's annual Clam Jam which was suppose to take place on September 13. It will be held next September 2021. The annual wine tasting event is still being scheduled for October as of the writing of this article, but that can change also. Stay tuned.

Exchange Club President Aaron Schroeder took over his new duties after the passing of club president Mike DeNegrin back in April of 2020. The club is moving forward with its goals and mission in the Prevention of Child Abuse and will assist club president Aaron Schroeder in achieving his personal goals as president. Anyone interested in joining or learning more about Exchange can contact any Exchange Club member or checking out our website and Facebook page. We meet on the first and third Monday of every month, except July and August.

"Unity For Service", Exchange Club of Wolcott

Boy Scout Troop 230 Update

Boy Scout Troop 230 has continued to be active in the month of July. One fun activity was a bike ride on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. The group of scouts rode for four hours covering 35 miles. The trail took the scouts through various towns, including Cheshire, Southington and Southern Hamden. They even saw a doe with its fawn. August will have the Scouts participating in more outdoor activities. They will participate in a kayaking adventure down the Farmington River. Also, they will be doing community service for the Friends of the Library. They will complete various yard work and landscaping projects throughout the day. In addition, the Troop held a fundraiser at La Fortuna and a can drive at 47 North Street. Both were a wonderful success thanks to the continued generosity of the Wolcott Community.

As always, the Troop continues to collect cans and bottles at 47 North Street (around back in drop box). For more information, contact boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com.



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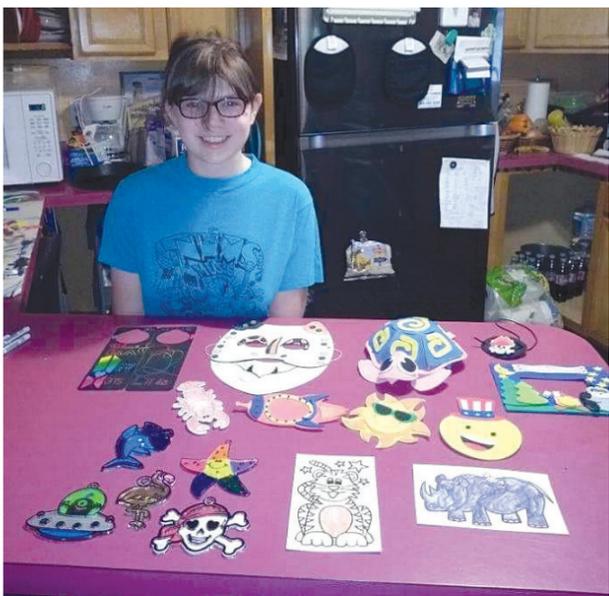
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CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Individuals with Special Needs



The Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs has been put on hold because of COVID. We are missing all of our interactions and friendships! To keep communications going our Rainbow Day Camp Director, Emily Caffrey, put together craft kits for our regular participants and delivered them to everyone's home. She then created YouTube videos so each participant was able to create each craft with guidance from Emily. Check us out on Facebook by searching Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs. Please contact us via Facebook or at 203 879-2045 for information regarding the Commission.



The Pressing Need for Loving Foster Families for Children and Youth



By Allison Casinghino,
Foster Care Specialist, Wheeler Clinic

These challenging times, especially, have prompted many of us to consider what we can do to make a meaningful and lasting change in our communities. If you have an affinity for children or youth, or a desire to fill a pressing need, consider becoming a Wheeler foster parent. In Connecticut, there are more than 4,000 children in the foster care system and hundreds more who need loving homes, especially now. As the COVID-19 crisis persists, we anticipate even more children entering the system, as families endure increasing stress, job loss, illness and hardship, and children suffer abuse and neglect as a result.

There are many paths to foster parenting through Wheeler's Foster Care programs, and our caring team of social workers, clinicians, and case workers will guide you every step of the way, providing support 24/7 that starts with a one-hour (virtual informational sessions) and a 10-week virtual journey, called TIPS-MAPP, Trauma-Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence – Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting. During TIPS-MAPP, you explore your own life and family dynamic, connection with children, and you put yourself into the roles of individuals directly connected with children and youth to encourage a deeper, more empathetic understanding of the circumstances facing children and youth who need of loving homes.

Here are ways that you can make a difference as a licensed foster parent.

Become licensed as a therapeutic foster home

The program serves children, ages 6 through 17, who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect, or who may be experiencing symptoms related to trauma, loss and other behavioral health concerns. Foster families receive ongoing training and 24/7 support from our Therapeutic Foster Care team. Adoptive homes are also needed.

Engage in medically complex foster care

The program serves children from birth to 18 years who meet the diagnostic criteria for medical conditions that may include, but are not limited to, prematurity, asthma, diabetes, cardiac conditions, developmental disabilities, fetal alcohol syndrome, feeding tubes, etc. Medically complex training is required, and support is provided by our Therapeutic Foster Care team.

Provide respite foster care

Respite Foster care offers a temporary home in which a foster parent or family takes over the parenting responsibility for another foster parent. Respite providers must meet licensing requirements, including training, and other background checks.

If you have ever wondered about whether you are the right fit for foster care, consider these lesser-known facts. Foster parents come from every walk of life. They are single, married or engaged in a domestic partnership. They rent or own their homes. Except for the age requirement of 21, there is essentially no age limit in terms of becoming a foster parent.

If you think you would like to take the next step in the process of becoming a Wheeler Foster parent, contact Wheeler's Foster Care Specialists, Michelle Martins at 860.707.5068, or Allison Casinghino (that's me), at 860.637.5586, or send an email to FosterCarePrograms@wheelerclinic.org. You may also call our Foster Care Recruitment line at 860.793.7277, or visit www.WheelerClinic.org/Foster.

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Teacher's Aide to assist in supporting classroom teachers with routines and activities as well as relieve staff for breaks and planning time. Experience with young children in a group setting plus early childhood education credits is a plus. The ability to remain flexible in working different schedules and with children and other staff members is a necessity. Please, mail or drop off resume or call Maggie at 203-879-5300. Children's Village, 545 Bound Line Road, Wolcott.

Hydroseeding

Repair damaged lawn areas or full lawn installations. Free Estimates. Call Joe@ (203) 704-0185

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PRIME CUT LAWN SERVICE: Spring cleanup, mowing, hedge trimming, mulch delivery and spreading, top soil delivery and spreading, lawn repair, hydroseeding, drainage snowplowing. No job too small. Free estimates. Fully insured. Military and senior discounts. Call Joe@ (203)704-0185

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Travel

SCULLY TRAVEL: Call us for all your travel needs at 203-879-2593.

Tree Service

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Topsoil

Top soil, mulch, stone deliveries. Spreading available. Call Joe @ (203)704-0185 for pricing

Around Town Photography
by Roger Picard



One of the consequences of losing power from tropical storm Isaias was evident at **Pat's IGA parking lot** where a large dumpster was utilized to discard previously frozen food items that were lost due to the power outage. A refrigeration trailer was brought in to salvage meat and produce after the power outage thanks to Bozzuto's IGA of Cheshire



The recent tropical storm Isaias left damaged trees, downed power lines and power outages through most of the town. This **snapped tree on Brookdale Street** is an example of the damage done due to high wind gusts that affected our area.



Wolcott Public Works crews were busy removing fallen trees and debris from roads after tropical storm Isaias passed through our town. This photo was taken on **Jean Street** where a fairly large tree fell across the road.



With the summer weather and minimal rain fall we have been experiencing lately, **golf rounds at Farmingbury Hills** have been pretty steady and abundant. The lack of rain is beginning to take its toll on the fairways and grounds keepers have been doing their best to keep the course in good shape.



The Board of Directors for Edgewood Cemetery recently held their annual meeting outdoors at the Woodtick Recreation Pavilion with social distancing in mind. Elections of officers took place at which time James McKenna of Wolcott was elected the new president.



The Park and Recreation Dept. has been busy booking music bands for the free summer concert series. The band Red Line recently performed before a large crowd at Peterson Park under the pavilion. The great weather and the escape from being indoors and the band's following, contributed to the attendance.

Wolcott Board of Education

Special Education Records of Ex-Students of Wolcott Public Schools to be Destroyed

In compliance with the federal and state regulations on confidentiality, the Student Services Department plans to destroy special education records of any Wolcott student who was born in 1993, 1994, 1995.

According to law, confidential Special Education records can be destroyed six years after the student leaves the Wolcott Public School District.

The destruction is scheduled to take place on September 21, 2020.

Anyone interested in receiving his or her special education records or those of their children, please contact Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services, at 203-879-8178, by 09/10/2020 to make an appointment. Please be prepared to provide identification and to sign a release of records form at the Student Services office. The office is located at 1488 Woodtick Road, Wolcott, CT.

For additional information, contact the Student Services Office at 203-879-8178.



Wolcott Board of Education 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School's Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

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

	FIRST	SECOND
SEPTEMBER	8 (Tuesday)	21 (Monday)
OCTOBER	5 (Monday)	19 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	10 (Tuesday)	23 (Monday)
DECEMBER	14 (Monday)	
JANUARY	11 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	8 (Monday)	
MARCH	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
APRIL	12 (Monday)	26 (Monday)
MAY	10 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
JUNE	7 (Monday)	21 (Monday)

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Free & Reduced Meals

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! This year lunch prices will remain the same as the 2019-2020 school year. Children from families who are experiencing income hardships may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk.

The 2020-2021 Free and Reduced Application is available on the Wolcott Public Schools website. Application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size and names of all household members. The last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a statement that the household member does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Some children may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on Medicaid (HUSKY). No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on Medicaid (HUSKY). All children in these households are eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits.

If you have any questions about the application process or if you are eligible, please contact Nicole Maxellon, Food Service Director at 203-879-8145 or nicole.maxellon@wolcottps.org.

Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2020-2021

- 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

It is the policy of the Wolcott Board of Education that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, material status, sexual orientation, mental retardation, past or present history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability.

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Wolcott Board of Education Committee Assignments 2019-2021

- FINANCE**
 - Budget: Sean Hughes
 - Transportation: Roberta Leonard
 - Future School Needs: Kathy Cordone
 - Activity Funds: Kathy Cordone
- 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: Kathy Cordone
- OPERATIONS & PROGRAMS**
 - CHAIRMAN – Roberta Leonard
 - Policy: Kelly Mazza
 - Curriculum: Kathy Cordone
- PERSONNEL**
 - CHAIRMAN – Kelly Mazza
 - Job Descriptions: Sean Hughes
 - Review: Kathy Cordone
- Parliamentarian**: Tony Gugliotti
- Aces Representative**: Roberta Leonard

Wolcott Public Schools - 2020-2021 School Hours

	Normal School Day	Early Dismissal	2 Hour Delayed Opening	3 Hour Delayed Opening
All Elementary Schools	8:55AM – 3:20PM	1:20PM	10:55AM	11:55AM
Tyrrell Middle School	8:00AM – 2:25PM	12:25PM	10:00AM	11:00AM
Wolcott High School	7:30AM – 1:55PM	12:00NOON	9:30AM	10:30AM



WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Top Left to Right: Mr. Timothy McMurray; Chairman Mrs. Cynthia Mancini; Superintendent Dr. Anthony Gasper; Vice Chairman Mr. Paul D’Angelo; Mr. Christopher Charette
Lower Left to Right: Mr. Anthony Gugliotti; Secretary Ms. Roberta Leonard; Mrs. Kathleen Cordone; Mrs. Kelly Mazza; Mr. Sean Hughes

Wolcott Public Schools Calendar 2020-2021

July				
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August (6/0)				
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31				

September (20/17)				
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October (21/21)				
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November (17/17)				
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December (17/17)				
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January (19/19)				
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February (18/18)				
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March (23/23)				
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April (16/16)				
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May (20/20)				
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June (9/9)				
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Date/Event or Holiday		
GROUP 1 - Attend School In Person		
GROUP 2 - Attend School In Person		
Flex Day - All Students Stay Home		
August 24-Sept. 3, 2020	Convocation and PD Days	
September 7, 2020	Labor Day	
September 8, 2020	First Day for Students	
October 12, 2020	Columbus Day	
November 3, 2020	Election Day	
November 9, 2020	Veterans Day Obv.	
November 26-27, 2020	Thanksgiving	
December 23-Jan 1, 2021	Holiday Recess	
January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Day	
February 15-16, 2021	February Recess	
April 2, 2021	Good Friday	
April 5 - 9, 2021	April Recess	
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day	
June 11, 2021	Last Day (tentative)	
# of Student and Staff Days	Staff	Student
August	6	0
September	20	17
October	21	21
November	17	17
December	17	17
January	19	19
February	18	18
March	23	23
April	16	16
May	20	20
June	9	9
Total Days	186	177

We can accommodate up to 12 snow days by adding onto the year in June beginning with June 11th. If more than 12 snow days occur they will be made up during the April vacation beginning with the 9th and moving backward through the week. August 28, 31, and September 1, will be partial days for Kindergarten, only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days.

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Wolcott \$325,000 - Contemporary 3 BR Ranch features great room w/cathedral ceilings & HW floors, FDR w/fireplace, butler's pantry, eat-in kitchen w/appls, MBR suite w/walk-in closet, den/FR w/built-ins, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage. Boiler, H/W heater & oil tank approx. 2 yrs old. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$375,000 - Waterfront home! Features large LR, w/fireplace, DR, remodeled kitchen, 2 BRs, lower level w/fireplace, 2nd kitchen, & slider out to the lake, fantastic water views, 2 car garage, city sewer. *Ask for Lucienne Marsella.*



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Wolcott \$239,900 - New Price; 4 BR Ranch on large corner lot; features open floor plan, kitchen, DR, walk-out basement, lower level FR & BR, c/air, newer vinyl siding, 1 car garage. *Ask for Marita Calabro.*



Wolcott \$249,900 - Waterfront Ranch! 2 bedroom home features eat-in kitchen, spacious living room, sun room overlooking the lake! *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$274,900 - New Price; 7 room Ranch w/possible in-law; Kitchen w/skylight, DR, LR w/HW floor & floor to ceiling brick FP, MBR w/half bath, LL BR, FR & full bath, enclosed porch, patio, 4 car garage. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$339,900 - New Price; Seller Motivated! Unique Cape on 2.17 private acres w/3 room in-law; LR/DR w/hardwood floors, MBR w/2 closets & full bath w/jetted tub, main floor laundry, covered front porch & open back deck. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$525,000 - Over 3000 sq/ft 4 BR Colonial in private setting; 2.5 baths, spacious foyer, eat-in kit w/granite counters & recessed lights, DR, LR, FR w/stone FP, vaulted ceiling & surround sound w/atrium door to patio, MBR w/full bath, c/air, c/vac, 2 car garage, city sewers. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



Naugatuck \$189,900 - Investors, Flippers take notice! 5 room, 2 BR Cape w/1 car detached garage & newer water heater, plus a 6 room, 3 BR Ranch w/updated kitchen are being sold together as one purchase. *Ask for Maria Miller.*



Waterbury \$229,000 - 8 Room, 4 BR Colonial features kitchen w/breakfast bar, & pantry, DR, large LR w/fireplace, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors throughout. *Ask for Ken Reeder.*



Southington \$369,900 - Remodeled 4 BR R/R on cul-de-sac; Main level kitchen w/granite counter tops, LR w/fireplace & pellet stove, DR w/sliders to deck, MBR w/full bath, HW floors; lower level FR w/fireplace, BR, kitchen & full bath, 1 car garage. *Ask for Sali Barolli.*

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\$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

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

\$210,000 - Commercial land Includes garage w/loading dock, city water, gas & power in street.

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

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

Waterbury - \$25,000 - Beautiful, level lot on cul-de-sac; city water & sewer.

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