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Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Sharon Zabbara of Wolcott would like to announce the **engagement** of their daughter **Jessica Marie Zabbara to Richard Joseph Bouteiller**. Jessica is the granddaughter of the late Raymond and Josephine (Assif) Raad of Wolcott and the late John and Ann (Lena) Zabbara of Waterbury. Richard is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Darlene (Dunn) Tynan and son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bouteiller of Maine. Richard is the grandson of Marilyn (Dilger) Dunn and the late Joseph Dunn of Wolcott, he is also the grandson of Richard Bouteiller of Waterbury. Jessica and Richard got engaged at the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse/Gardens in North Wildwood, New Jersey. Jessica and Richard have set a wedding date for July 31, 2021.



Happy 5th Birthday Ella Marie
Love, Mom, Dad, Sophia and Gianna



The Town of Wolcott has two new police officers. They are from left to right, Sara Carrillo and Danielle Russo. Both are certified police officers and will not have to attend the CT Police Academy for six months. Officer Carrillo retired from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Police Department, and Officer Russo comes to us from the Hartford Police Department, having served two years there. *Photography by Picard*



Welcome Brianna and Brody Mowad! Adopting you both was the best thing to happen in 2020. We love you always - Dad, Mom, MJ and Genevieve



Wolcott Bagel, located at 747 Wolcott Road, had a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony recently. Pictured from left to right are, Economic Development Director Pat McKinney, Co-owners Luigi Borolli and Billy Zhuta, his wife, Urime Zhuta and Mayor Tom Dunn. The store offers fresh coffee, bagels and sandwiches seven days a week. *Photography by Picard*



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The newest winner in the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce Customer Rewards Program is Jen Vance of Kalko Drive. Her customer receipt was the lucky one pulled for the January drawing. Jen chose a Pat's IGA \$50.00 gift card for her prize.

She is pictured here on the right receiving the gift card from Gabe DiSapio of Pat's. Congratulations Jen! To participate in the monthly drawings, send a Wolcott business receipt with your name and phone number on it to the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box: 6101, Wolcott, CT. 06716. *Photography by Picard*

BIRTHDAYS

Aquarius
January 20 – February 18
"The Water Carrier"

Aquarius-born are shy and quiet, but on the other hand they can be eccentric and energetic. However, in both cases, they are deep thinkers and highly intellectual people who love helping others. They are able to see without prejudice, on both sides, which makes them people who can easily solve problems.

Although they can easily adapt to the energy that surrounds them, Aquarius-born have a deep need to be some time alone and away from everything, in order to restore power. People born under the Aquarius sign, look at the world as a place full of possibilities.

February 4th – Anthony LaPorta
February 7th – Tiffany Fasano

Pisces
February 19 – March 20
"The Fish"

Pisces are very friendly, so they often find themselves in a company of very different people. Pisces are selfless, they are always willing to help others, without hoping to get anything back.

Pisces is a Water sign and as such this zodiac sign is characterized by empathy and expressed emotional capacity.

Their ruling planet is Neptune, so Pisces are more intuitive than others and have an artistic talent. Neptune is connected to music, so Pisces reveal music preferences in the earliest stages of life. They are generous, compassionate and extremely faithful and caring. People born under the Pisces sign have an intuitive understanding of the life cycle and thus achieve the best emotional relationship with other beings.

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Wolcott Grange #173
 by Karen Mowad

Life is a balance. Good moments, bad moments, and those moments that make you wonder why. Our Clothing Shed was closed down for the last few months because of COVID 19. We are happy to announce that we are now fully reopened and collecting at maximum capacity. Please feel free to drop off your unwanted clothing, shoes, jewelry, stuffed toys, and linens.

As of right now our building is closed for rentals. Our boiler was not properly functioning one cold winter day which led to broken pipes. We are cleaning up water damage and once again going to rebuild and reopen. Our first step is to spend thousands to get the heat turned back on. At that point the restoration can begin. While this set back is upsetting, we are hopeful that in the end things will be better than ever. If you would like to donate to our repair efforts you can donate to Wolcott Grange 313 Boundline Road Wolcott, CT 06716.

Junior Women's Club of Wolcott Happenings



The Junior Womens Club of Wolcott is continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel assistance fund. 100% of all donations for the Fuel Fund are distributed for just that – "Fuel". We are committed to give the gift of heat when our neighbors need a helping hand. If you would like to donate to our fuel fund, please mail your donation to our P O Box 6116, Wolcott, CT.

Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. Our creative writing contest is coming to a close. The theme is "What is Best about Wolcott." Contest rules are available at each elementary school. One winner from each school will receive a \$35.00 Barnes and Noble gift card. Winning essays will be published in the Wolcott Community News. Good Luck to all participants.

Our upcoming events are always keeping us on our toes, and even though this year is a little different we are keeping busy. Our Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held; however, we are waiting on the Red Cross to give us a date. We will announce the date via Facebook and our website. We offer all donors sandwiches and a hot bowl of soup after their donation. The blood donation process from the time you arrive until the time you leave takes about an hour. The donation itself is only about 8-10 minutes on average. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Our Scholarship applications will be available for Seniors in High school via the website at their school. This year all scholarship applications will have to be mailed, P O Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716, or emailed into us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com. Scholarships will be presented to a student who has been accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning and plans to enter that institution by September of the same year of his or her graduation from high school.

We are a small club of dedicated volunteers, and we want to thank the town of Wolcott for the support that you have given us since our inception in 1966. We are a volunteer organization for the advancement and promotion of education, public health & welfare, social, civic interests and the arts. This organization is a 501C non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-political group. We are dedicated to being a "volunteer" and helping our community.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month via ZOOM from September-June. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community.

We wish all our friends, neighbors, and Wolcott residents a safe and healthy February. Our prayers and well wishes go out to each and every one.

Please check out our website

www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wol-



A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC

Congratulations to all our newly appointed and re-appointed Justices of the Peace. Manuals are now online at the Secretary of State's office. Feel free to print yourself a copy which includes sample ceremonies. If you have any questions please reach out anytime. We want to make sure when those marriage licenses arrive back, they are filled out neatly and accurately.



COVID-19 has hit all of us very hard. This is very true of all those who were planning to get married in 2020. Many brides and grooms had to change their dates, locations, venue, and guest lists. Many couples pushed their big day off until 2021. With Valentine's Day coming these couples are going to be calling to ask questions unheard of in the past such as "Are your fees refundable?" "Do you have a backup plan if you get sick?" "Are you comfortable coming in my house?" or "Will you leave your mask on?" These are all things to think about ahead of time so you can ensure your customers safety and comfort. You can also visit findajp.com for blogs, tips and community support. They are Town Clerk supported and a great way to keep up on latest trends and laws.

Farmingbury Women's Club Update

Happy February to all.

In this newsletter I thought I would just give a little bit of information about the Farmingbury Women's Club. We have 65 members that meet once a month on the first Tuesday at the All Saints Church at 6pm, we usually plan different activities during the months of September thru May and treat ourselves to two dinners a year, one in December and one in May. Our annual dues fee is just \$30.00. For more information please visit our website farmingburywomensclub.com.

MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy Valentine's Day

With winter still in full swing, I hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy some winter activities. Spring will be here before we know it.



We are currently in the process of putting together the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. It is my goal to maintain the current level of services to our residents and continue to move Wolcott forward.

I am looking forward to some new and exciting things happening in our town.

Please visit our website: www.wolcottct.org for upcoming events.

Please 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 ext. 102

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Dunn, Your Mayor

Here we go again!



**State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco**
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On the north steps of the Capitol in Hartford on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, I joined 150 of my colleagues in the House of Representatives and was sworn in, taking the oath of office in an outdoor ceremony. It was an honor to be sworn in for my second term and I thank you for placing your confidence and trust in me to represent you once again.

January 6, 2021 is considered Opening Day for the legislature as it marks the beginning of the 2021 legislative session that will conclude on June 9, 2021. Fixing the state's ailing budget, getting residents and businesses back to work, and ensuring that fairness and integrity remain in our election process will all be top priorities. This year the legislature is concerned with matters pertaining to the state budget, and as a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding committee, my aim will be to help craft a budget that is balanced and one that does not place additional burdens on taxpayers. Many individuals across the state are faced with various hardships, and the last thing they need is additional taxes or for the state to remain closed – people want and need for the state to open back up so everyone can get back to work. Similarly, the Capitol Building in Hartford also needs to open so that elected officials can do the people's work, which simply cannot be effective without input from the public directly.

During Opening Day in the House of Representatives, I cast a vote against the proposed House Rules as it would allow the legislature to make laws remotely without any in-person interaction with the voters of this state. I believe that it is our duty as elected officials to gain public input and offer an opportunity for in-person public hearings before any legislation is crafted. Even during times like these when public health is a grave concern, we must not lose sight of the fact that we work for the people and that gaining public input is a fundamental aspect of our Constitution. There are ways to operate safely and practice social distancing, which is evidenced by many states across the nation that are conducting business in-person and following safety protocols. Just as residents conduct their necessary shopping, frequent restaurants, and attend work and school in-person, the state's Capitol must function similarly so that monumental issues like state spending, education, job creation and economic growth can be

properly addressed. Matters such as these cannot be limited to virtual zoom meetings, which negate a voter's ability to effectively interact with their elected officials. The people of this state have a right to be heard, and the legislature should not attempt to function without the public's critical input.

Governor Lamont addressed House and Senate members with his State of the State speech, which largely addressed his agenda for the 2021 session which included aspects such as towns' abilities to make their own planning and zoning choices regarding affordable housing, legalizing marijuana, sports betting, expansion of absentee voting, removal of religious exemption, as well as issues related to COVID-19 economic recovery such as taxes and a looming budget deficit.

Also, Gov. Lamont and the Majority Democrats in the legislature are seeking to extend the governor's emergency powers once again beyond Feb. 9, which is a decision that I strongly oppose. The governor has been allowed to control the state with full authority for nearly a year, and the Democrats have afforded him this opportunity without issue. These types of decisions send a clear message to the people of this state that elected officials are not listening, which is the most important and basic job function we have. I continue to hear frustrations from my constituents who are simply fed up with this seemingly never-ending lockdown, along with other restrictions that have forced many to close their businesses, lose their savings, and a variety of other detrimental effects that people just cannot sustain much longer. The legislature has a job to do; elected officials are voted in by the people of this state to represent them and be their voice – that is exactly what we should be doing right now. Instead, Democrats in the legislature continue to allow Governor Lamont full control without any hesitation. When will these draconian measures end? The answer is, when the governor voluntarily relinquishes his authority or when the democrats decide they want to give the power back to the people. It is that simple.

I will continue to update you on issues as they move forward this session. As always, I remain committed to my guiding principles of limited government, economic freedom, and individual liberty. If you have questions or concerns about state government please contact me at gale.mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov or 1-800-842-1423

*Gale Mastrofrancesco
State Representative of the
80th General Assembly District*



Wolcott Resource Center

We want to take this opportunity to extend an incredibly grateful "THANK YOU" to the residents, businesses and organizations of Wolcott who's monetary and food contributions have helped make 2020 our largest and most active year in our 10-year history.

A table to identify sources of food (in pounds):

PURCHASES	59,400
CT Food Bank	48,900
Local/Area vendors	10,500
CONTRIBUTIONS:	73,200
Residents to Pantry	24,800
Local/Area vendors	44,200
Thru organizations	4,800
Total weight	132,600 pounds

Financially we are in a sound position to be able to move into the new year.

Currently we have 23 willing volunteers committed to providing the time and effort to distribute food to 90 Wolcott families in need.

There is a significant number of additional volunteers throughout the many organizations who helped direct and staff their collection efforts. To all of them a hearty thank you along with groups like the Jr. Woman's, Frisbie Circle of Lights, Boy Scouts Troop 230, Stacy Perrone-Pettit and the Wolcott Board of Education.

If you are in need of assistance or know of a neighbor or someone to whom we might be able to help, please encourage them to contact us at 203 704-7402. Again, our thanks to everyone.

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Wolcott High School NEWS



Wolcott High School CTE Students Produce Calendar for Wolcott Historical Society

Wolcott High School students Chris Evangelista and Matthew Skudzienski, under the direction of WHS Technical Education Teacher Marylou Miele, recently researched and produced a calendar for the Wolcott Historical Society. Working with Historical Society President Florence Goodman, the team looked through the Historical Society archives to select meaningful and significant images to represent Wolcott and showcase its history. Students researched the history behind the photos and were responsible for the layout and production of the calendars.

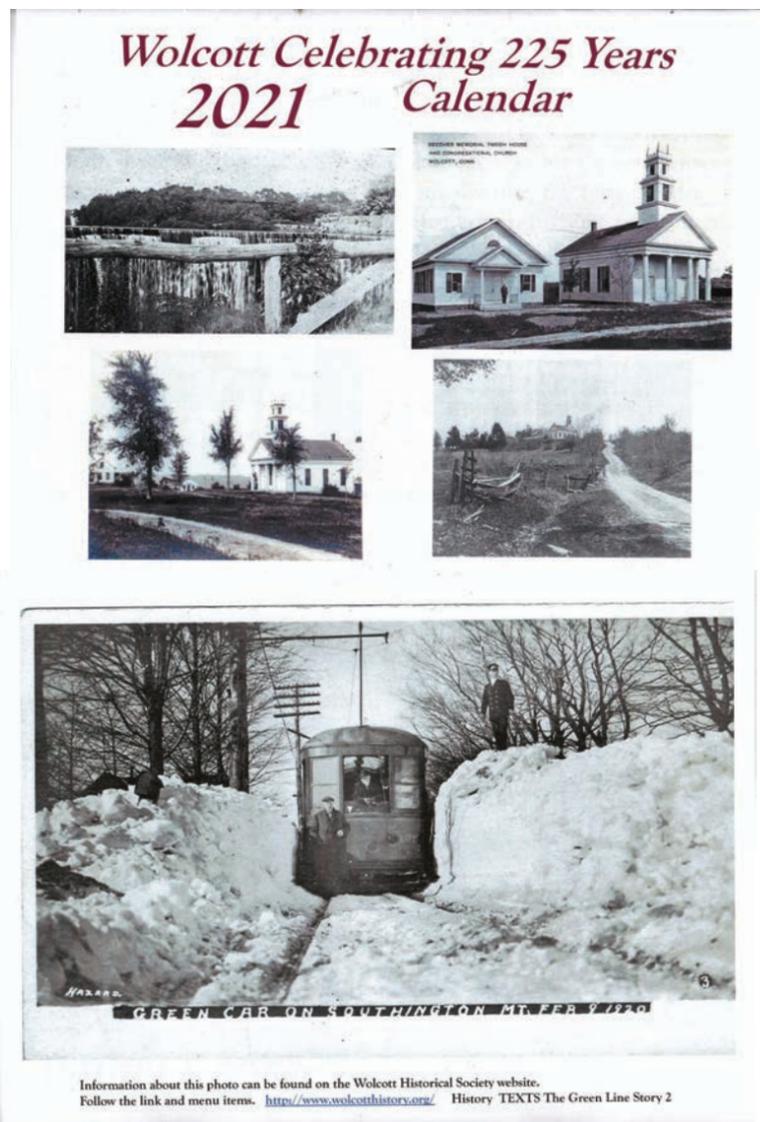
The calendars were produced to kick off Wolcott's 225th Anniversary celebration and are being sold as a fundraiser for the Historical Society.

Chris Evangelista is a senior at Wolcott High School. He enjoys playing soccer, photography, and making Youtube videos. Chris enjoyed working on this project saying, "It was very interesting to learn about the history of Wolcott. I learned we had a lot of Civil War history and that many buildings that are still here today are over 100 years old."

Matt Skudzienski is a student in the WHS Work Transition Program and is a member of the Unified Sports team. He has a passion for history and making YouTube videos. He also enjoyed working on this project saying, "I enjoyed learning about the history of Wolcott, especially about the battles of the American Civil War with the Connecticut Infantry. Also Oliver Wolcott who served in the military during the Seven Years War and the American Revolution."

Marylou Miele has been a Technical Education teacher at WHS for 30 years. She helped students create a similar calendar for Wolcott's last anniversary celebration in 1996 and was happy to help again this year. She says "It is unbelievable how technology in this area has changed since 1996. We have come a long way over the years, but talking and listening to each other is still the best way to achieve the finished product."

Congratulations to this group on a product well made. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please contact Flo Goodman at fjgdg@gmail.com. Calendars are \$5 each.



Lauren Doucet with her painting

WHS Alumni Pharmacist Presentation

Wolcott High School Alumni, Valerie Amedeo and Janessa Teta from the class of 2016 were the first in a series of virtual career presentations providing information and advice on a career in Pharmacy. Interested WHS students were able to attend a Google meet with them on December 17th after school. A sincere thank you to Valerie and Janessa for taking the time out to prepare, present, and answer questions!

If you are interested in talking with our students about your career, please contact Nancy Cyr ncyr@wolcottps.org.



Successful Virtual Bingo Night!

The School Counseling Department hosted their first Virtual Bingo Night on December 21. We are pleased that there were 14 families that joined and several winners! We are hoping to continue hosting game nights, so be on the look out for upcoming events.





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Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com



Waterbury New Listing: \$124,900 Located in the heart of the Town Plot, this spacious Raised Ranch offers great potential. Features hardwood flooring throughout the main floor, finished lower level with possible in law, 3 bedrooms, 1 and two 1/2 baths, 2 car garage all on a great level lot. Needs TLC and updating (kitchen, baths, painting and basement flooring). Won't last... call Bridget today!
Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com



Waterbury, New Listing \$123,900 Awesome Tri-level condo at Taft Pointe! Features kitchen with stainless appliances, hardwood floors, 2 bedrooms, full bath, large master, walk-in closet. Lower level features an additional space that can be used for an office, 3rd bedroom, family room or playroom and a one car garage.
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Wolcott, \$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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Bridgeport, New Listing \$275,000 Great 2-family home! First floor features 2 bedrooms and 1 bath; Second floor features 2 bedrooms and 1 bath with access to the 3rd floor where there are 3 additional rooms and an additional full bathroom. Off street parking. This is definitely a must see. Call Miguel!
Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

Wolcott, LOT FOR SALE \$169,900 Rare approved building lot up for sale. water-front 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, \$117,900 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!
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Waterbury, New Listing \$79,900 3 Bedroom Cape w/updated bath, needs a little TLC. Newer furnace and hot water heater. Located on a level lot with off street parking and great backyard.
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Wolcott, \$540,000 Looking for an in-law apartment, home office or additional source of income... look no further! This Massive Colonial boasts over 4500 sqft of living space on over an acre of land. The main home has 4 Bedrooms, 3 and 1/2 Baths, an additional office space, all season room, finished basement with a walkout that leads to your backyard oasis with a 3-car garage. A gorgeous fenced in, inground pool for you to enjoy with your family. There is also an additional building (in-law-suite) that features 1 bedroom, 1 bath and eat-in-kitchen which overlooks the pool area and a 2 car bay garage.
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Waterbury, New Listing \$175,000 Beautiful 3 bedroom Ranch located in the Town Plot section of Waterbury. This home boasts 2490 total sqft of living space with a finished walk-out basement w/ (in-law) potential. The lower level features a second kitchen, full bath, additional bedroom and bonus room.
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The Wolcott Police Department would like to welcome it's two newest members, both certified officers, Officer Sara Carrillo and Officer Danielle Russo.

Officer Carrillo had begun her career with the Waterbury Police Dept. in 1998. After 2 years she moved on the Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services Police Dept. where she worked her way up through the ranks to become a Lieutenant. Officer Carrillo's latest assignment has been as the Commander of the DMHAS Police Dept. at Capital Region Mental Health. Officer Carrillo is a Waterbury resident.

Officer Danielle Russo began her career with the Hartford Police Department in 2018. Officer Russo has rotated different shifts and different areas, working in the Patrol Division. Officer Russo is a Wolcott resident.

There was a very small swearing in ceremony on Dec. 29th. at the Senior Center in an effort to spread everybody out and follow CDC/Chesprocott guidelines. . Due to Covid restrictions this ceremony was only attended by the two recruits, their very immediate family, Attorney Tynan, Mayor Dunn, Chief Stephens, Lt.'s Malloy and Greene.

Being both officers are certified officers, they do not have to spend the next 6 months at the Police Academy, and began their new career with the Wolcott Police Department on 1/3/2021.



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A Message from the Town of Wolcott Tax Collector Darlene Tynan & Staff:



We would like to point out some important information for all Wolcott taxpayers.

The Town Hall is currently closed to the public per order of Chesprocott, our local health agency. We are asking for you to mail in all payments or to pay your taxes online.

We understand your frustration and we thank you for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience this has or may have caused you. These are definitely trying times and my office knows first hand how this pandemic has affected us due to the loss of loved ones. We are trying to get through this and we would like to do this with your help as a community.

The Governor has issued another executive order regarding our taxes that become due on January 1st, 2021 (Executive Order 9R).

All Wolcott Taxpayer's have until April 1st, 2021 to pay their January installment taxes without penalty.

There will be no application process for this extension.

If your January taxes are not paid by April 1st, 2021, you will be charged interest retroactive to January 1st, 2021.

Our mailing address:
Town of Wolcott Tax Office
10 Kenea Avenue
Wolcott, CT 06716

Our website:
www.wolcottct.org

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Teeth and Calcium

Mom was right when she said, drinking milk builds strong bones. Also, a diet with adequate calcium may prevent against tooth decay. When a diet is low in calcium, the body leeches the mineral from teeth/bones, which can increase your risk of tooth decay and the incidence of cavities. A study from the Journal of Periodontology found that those who have a calcium intake of less than 500 mg were almost twice as likely to have periodontitis, (gum disease), than those who had the recommended intake.

The FDA recommends 1,000-1200 mg of calcium daily. Calcium is found in dairy foods like milk, cheese, and yogurt; in fish, including sardines and salmon; and in vegetables, including kale and broccoli. Eating 2-4 servings daily will help you meet the RDA for calcium.

Teeth and Vitamin C

The body needs vitamin C to repair connective tissue and help the body fight off infection. Those who eat less than the recommended 75-90 mg per day are 25 % more likely to have gingivitis than those who eat 3 times the recommended daily allowance. Gingivitis (milder form of periodontal disease) causes the gums to become red from inflammation, swelling and bleeding.

Eating one piece of citrus fruit (oranges, grapefruits, tangerines) or a kiwi daily will help you meet the RDA for vitamin C.

Teeth and Fruits and Vegetables

Crunchy fruits/veggies like apples, pears, celery, and carrots are excellent in 2 ways. The crisp texture acts as a detergent on teeth, wiping away bacteria that can cause plaque. Plus with a lot of chewing increases the production of bacteria-neutralizing saliva.

Teeth and Tea

While tea may stain teeth, studies have shown that compounds in black tea can destroy or suppress the growth of cavity-causing bacteria in dental plaque, and help prevent both cavities and gum disease.

Teeth and Water

Drinking plenty of water benefits teeth as it helps rinse away both bacteria and the remnants of food that bacteria turns into plaque. Tap water is better for teeth than bottled because it contains fluoride, which prevents tooth decay.

Foods to Avoid

Sugary snacks, gummy and hard candies that stick in your teeth, are at the top of every dentist's list of foods to avoid. Soda provides a double hit to teeth, combining sugar with acids.

No matter what you eat, it's important to brush and floss afterward — or at least to rinse your mouth with water. Brush twice a day using either a manual or power toothbrush, and remember to visit a dentist at least twice a year for checkups.



Happy New Year, may it be filled with health, hope, and togetherness.

Are we saddened that we were not able to have our ONE CLEAN DAY OF FUN, and that we have not been able to operate our S.T.A.R. program, our Open-Mic events, and our 8th grade dances, of course we are, but we are ever so grateful that all of the support programs, and the toy drive we able to help so many people during this pandemic. We are hopeful and optimistic that we will be able to make the One Clean day of Fun happen this year. We also would like to venture into a possible zoom open-mic, so look for that in the near future. Stay hopeful, and please reach out for help if you or a loved one is struggling with substance issues.

We outreach to people at all different points along the continuum of addiction, prevention – education – resources - help – support. We get to witness some amazing and miraculous stories of hope and recovery, but we also experience the heart ache and pain that loved ones endure when someone loses their battle with addiction. We ask that our community help us break the stigma of addiction. Be kind, have empathy, and please do not judge. No one wakes up and declares, I want to be a substance abuser.

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.

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A Call to End the Politics of Personal Destruction

State Senator Rob Sampson — 16th District



This past November's national election was easily the most contentious in my lifetime. Regrettably, absurd fabrications have now become commonplace during campaign season. Locally, my challenger did his best to deceive voters into believing I support high electric rates and higher insulin prices for diabetics. He even claimed I voted against protecting women from sexual assault!

Thankfully, most voters are now wise to this nonsense. They are certainly tired of it.

Even worse is how the political party machinery has chosen to engage. The opposition exploited my commitment to protect free speech to engage in outrageous personal attacks while pretending to be concerned citizens. They lied repeatedly about my record attempting to paint me as bigoted, racist, and anti-gay. They questioned whether I live in the district, and concocted disgusting myths about my personal life.

Sadly, this behavior by elected officials, candidates, and party operatives has set a terrible example. Talking points have become more outrageous and less truthful. They are then repeated without regard for honesty or accuracy. The only goal is victory over the opposition; truth — and a desire to work together for beneficial public policy — are cast aside.

After 2020, I didn't think it could get worse, yet here we are. In their quest to annihilate the opposition, Democrat politicians and their allies in the media have perpetrated an astonishing lie. They want the American people to believe that the President of the United States led an insurrection at the US Capitol and inspired the violence we saw there on January 6th to maintain his office by force. The facts prove otherwise. Though Trump should have been more cautious about the consequences of his rhetoric, he surely did not endorse anything other than a peaceful protest.

They are using this false premise to silence and divide Republicans, using the argument that we are "inciting violence." This is rich from the same people who ignored the shocking violence, burned out police cars, smashed and looted businesses, and dozens of murders that resulted from the "mostly peaceful" protests of this past summer.

I too have been the target of this smear tactic, designed to silence anyone with a different opinion. In an effort to stop the current crime wave in our state, I recently wrote about my desire to create public pressure on Democrat lawmakers to have a conversation about revising or repealing last year's police bill. Those few words were labeled as "hateful" and "the kind of incendiary, alarmist, reckless fear mongering that leads to what we saw at the U.S. Capitol last week" by Democrat leaders in our state.

I will always condemn violence, and I will always behave with respect and dignity. There's no place at all, never, for violence in this country. Lawlessness betrays our inheritance, a matchless constitutional system designed to insure liberty, equality, and domestic tranquility.

The suppression of political speech and the politics of personal destruction - that fills every crack and crevice of our society like smoke fills a room - may be as dangerous to our nation as the violence itself.

I write and speak more than most senators, and more plainly too; I sincerely believe that explaining my views is the best way to draw people to them. I am more interested in debating solutions to our crushing problems than in quibbling over adjectives. We need to talk more and not less - talk as freely as we must, so that we do not come to blows. As Americans, we inherited the inestimable blessing of an orderly republic; if we do not respect that - and it is clear many of us don't, on both sides - we will find out how hard it is to reconstruct it.

I beg of my colleagues in both parties and my neighbors to be the example of how to differ with respect that our country desperately needs at this time. This cannot continue. We need to get off this path now, while we still can.

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Target on Tyrrell

Congratulations to Tyrrell Middle School's Students of the Month!



October: Makayla Sinclair, Thea Miles, Lilly Spina, Tyler Aviles, Kayla Page, Edward Podzunas, Brayden Keeley, Noah Kowynia, Jonathan Plona

November: Dominic Stoprya, Liliana Giuditta, Logan Keith, Madeline Cianci, Colin Croce, Jessica Testa, Jude Daloia, Cameron D'Ettore, Rebecca Wood

December: Vanessa Longo, Sarah Nasiri, John DalNegro, Peter DalNegro, Giuliana Lombardi, Logan Miklavzina, Keiley Penafiel

January: Dominic Stoprya, Liliana Guiditta, Logan Keith, Madeline Cianci, Colin Croce, Jessica Testa, Jude Daloia, Cameron D'Ettore, Rebecca Wood, Lilly Spina



Students in Tyrrell Middle School Spanish classes made Rosca de Reyes.



Around Town Photography by Roger Picard



Black bunting hung over the main entrance of the Wolcott Police Department recently in **recognition of the passing of former Police Chief James Watson Sr.** Chief Watson served the town of Wolcott as a police officer for 30 years and rose through the ranks until he got to the highest rank of Chief of Police. He is survived by his wife Jean of 56 years, his son James Jr., his daughter Diane and grandson Brandon. He was preceded in death by his daughter Christine. Rest in peace Chief, and thank you for your service.



Ian Sullivan of Wolcott, is a Second Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol's 186th Squadron at Robertson and Waterbury/Oxford Airports. He has been nominated to be selected as the Civil Air Patrol's officer of the year and he is a candidate to receive a \$10,000 scholarship towards his Private Pilot's License Training. He is a freshman at Holy Cross High School, and he hopes to pursue a career as a pilot in the commercial aviation industry.



The **Wolcott Senior Center** sponsored a drive thru Senior Breakfast at the Senior Center on Jan. 13th. Over thirty seniors signed up for the steak, egg and cheese sandwiches and sweet treat brownie at \$2.00 per person. Senior Center employee Jeannine Vendetti greeted the seniors out in the parking lot and handed out the brown bagged breakfasts.



The **Wolcott Public Works** crew cut down the town green Christmas tree recently after removing all of the Christmas decorations from it. The tree was apparently struck by lightning back in 2019 and never recovered from it. A search for a replacement tree is under way and a spring replanting will take place.



Public Works Director Moe McCarthy and **Mill Pond Way walking trail committee member William Tynan** utilized an ATV to perform an inspection of the walking trail recently. Mr. Tynan wanted to give a personal tour of the walking trail to our new Public Works Director and at the same time to point out areas where some maintenance may be needed.



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On January 2nd, our Wolcott Service Unit hosted a Virtual Cookie Rally for our local Girl Scouts! Girls that attended heard about this year's Cookie Program, tips on how to succeed in cookie sales, how to stay safe, and more.

Are you craving cookies? Reach out to your favorite Girl Scout! Not sure who is selling Girl Scout cookies? Please contact me and I can connect you with a local Girl Scout Troop selling cookies this year. We've got all your favorites: Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Trefoils, S'mores, Lemon-ups, Do-si-dos, and Toffeetastics! Cookies are scheduled to arrive February 27-28th. We could always use an extra hand! If you're interested in volunteering to help distribute cookies, please contact Customer Care at 800-922-2770. High School and college students are welcome.

We'll be gearing up for spring recruitment soon. Members will be reaching out to the local community and businesses for your support! The Wolcott Service Unit will be selling "Girl Scout Strong" lawn signs for \$20 each. Funds will go towards activities for our local Girl Scouts. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing a sign, please don't hesitate to reach out at any time.

Pictured is Girl Scout Troop 64236 at their Bridging Ceremony this past fall. Congratulations girls!

*Thank you for all your support of our Wolcott Girl Scouts!
Regina Lynch, Service Unit Manager*



Boy Scout Troop 230 Update

While the Coronavirus pandemic continues to challenge Scouts BSA Troop 230, it has not stopped the Scouts from working. The Troop continues to meet virtually each week to work on essential scouting skills such as first aid, knot tying, hiking safety, and more. Further, while maintaining safety protocols such as mask wearing and social distancing, the Troop participated in Wolcott's first annual Wreaths Across America event. The scouts placed wreaths at the graves of veterans in Edgewood Cemetery. Additionally, there was a 21 Gun Salute, Taps was played by one of our scouts and the National Anthem was sung. It was a wonderful way to honor our veterans. Additionally, Scouts BSA Troop 230 has rechartered under the Billy Peterson American Legion Post 165. Through multiple projects and community service opportunities over the past 2 years, the Troop felt this partnership would be beneficial for both organizations. The Troop is grateful to Post 165 officers for taking on this new role.

As always, BSA Troop 230 is collecting bottles and cans. Drop off anytime at 47 North Street (around back).

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On Sunday, January 17, the USNSCC Barque Eagle Division's League Cadets conducted a flag retirement ceremony at the Wolcott Lions Club. Led by Commanding Officer Stephen Smith of Wolcott and Executive Officer William Santarserio, the cadets learned and performed a ceremony to properly dispose of damaged and out of commission US Flags.



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WOLCOTT — New Construction. The Andover Model is a raised ranch that offers an attractive open floor plan. The great room features a gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood flooring and carpeting. Natural gas heat with city water and sewers. Non-age restricted. Come take a look!



WOLCOTT \$1,100 per Month — Commercial for Lease - One bay available. Looking for space to store your electrical business, make cabinets, store plumbing supplies, store your vintage cars, anything that relates to home improvement? Check out this opportunity! Leased space includes office, bathroom and approximately 700 sq. feet of storage. Has overhead garage door and separate office door.



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WOLCOTT — New home to be built. Berkshire Model. One level living. Great room with fireplace, dining room with slider to back yard, kitchen with granite counter tops, main level master bedroom suite has a full bath and 2 walk in closets, 2nd bedroom and full bath on main level, full basement for plenty of storage, 2 car attached garage, gas heat, central a/c, city water and city sewers.



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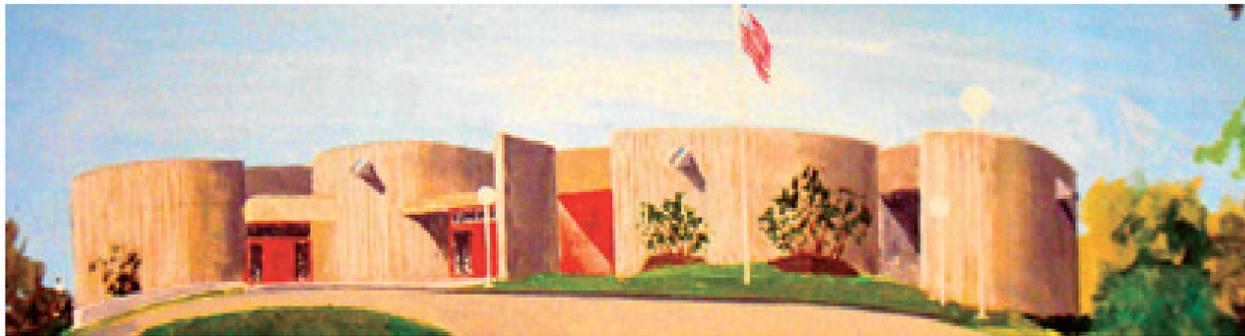
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Wolcott Public Library's new book display was purchased using funds from the Everybody Learns Grant

Wolcott Library News

The library continues to operate on a modified schedule, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10-5, Friday 10-4, and Saturday 10-3. On Wednesday evenings from 5-8 staff will be available for curbside service and phone and email reference questions only. Curbside service remains a daily option for those patrons who prefer to use that service. The library continues to adhere to strict protocols to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff. These include the wearing of masks, socially distancing, limited capacity in the building and time limits on the public computers. The computer keyboards, tables and other surfaces are continuously cleaned and sanitized. The children's room remains open for the selection of books to be checked out by families.

The Wolcott Public Library was one of 62 libraries statewide to receive a grant from Governor Lamont's Office of Strategic Initiatives for reopening safely, expanding capacity and improving access to the library. By awarding this grant to Wolcott, the governor's office recognizes the critical services that the Wolcott Public Library provides and the importance of the support provided to the Wolcott community. The library received \$28,356.00 and followed the strict guidelines specific to the grant. There were 4 categories in which the money was spent. PPE, Furniture and Equipment for Indoor Space, IT Equipment, Cleaning and Supplies. Please go to our website www.wolcottlibrary.org for a list of items purchased.

Where in Wolcott is Gnomey?

Our library gnome is back, and this year he has a library card! Gnomey will be checking out books and traveling Wolcott to read them. We challenge kids to tell us what he's reading to be entered in the weekly raffle! Locations will be announced on the library's social media. To enter, scan the QR code with your device and fill out the google form. Paper ballots are available at the library by request.

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.



Revolutionary War memorabilia on display at Wolcott Public Library courtesy of Martin Spring

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We made it to February!

Here we are in the second month of 2021 already! Holiday celebrations and beautiful decorations have given way to preparations for spring and all the hope of new life it holds.

What will Punxsutawney Phil tell us on February 2nd? Will we see an early spring or six more weeks of winter? Either way, please be careful out there when walking, running, or driving. Large ice patches are easily identified; it is the black ice you must watch out for. If the road looks wet and the temperature is below freezing, it could cause you to slip and slide. This is the time of year when we sometimes see an increase in sprains, strains and fractures. Whether from slipping on the ice or not lifting properly when shoveling the heavy wet snow, these injuries can change your life forever. The best thing you can do is prevent them from happening in the first place. Watch for icy patches and utilize proper body mechanics if you must shovel snow. We want all of you feeling well and injury free when springtime arrives!

Unfortunately, we continue to battle through this pandemic; fortunately, we are doing it together. We are grateful that we seem to be seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Most of your responders here at Wolcott Ambulance have received the series of vaccines for COVID-19 and are looking forward to the day when the vaccine will be available to anyone that would like it. The CDC cautions even with the vaccine, please remember to keep yourselves safe out there. Wash your hands often, don't touch your face, practice social distancing and wear a mask covering your nose and mouth when you are out in public. For more information on how to keep you and your loved ones safe during this pandemic, please visit the State of Connecticut website (www.ct.gov) and click on the COVID-19 banner for helpful hints on decreasing our positive cases. We also encourage you to visit CDC.gov and click on the "Learn More About COVID-19" banner for updates.

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 a class with us? Contact Lieutenant Justin Fortin at (203) 879-4122, email him at training@wolcottambulance.com or click on the EMT Course banner at wolcottambulance.com for information on upcoming courses.

American Heart Association and Stop the Bleed classes

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, we have cancelled all community classes until further notice. Please check our website often for updates (www.wolcottambulance.com) as we are excited to begin offering our community classes again as soon as it is safe to do so.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

If your Wolcott neighbors have any children, tell them if their child enters one of the 425 private universities comprising Sage Scholars, they can accumulate a free guaranteed minimum scholarship ranging from \$24,000 for 2020 newborns to \$8,000 for current grade 11 students.

As of January 7, only 2.5% of 2,700 Wolcott children have been registered by their parents for these free guaranteed minimum scholarships. More than \$40 million of free scholarship aid has not been requested by parents. This offer expires at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

To register, go to www.tuitionrewards.com. Click on "Sign Up" and look for "Wolcott Public Schools." When prompted, enter registration code "Hartford."

Frederick Townsend, Wolcott



Wolcott Education Foundation Scholarship

The Wolcott Education Foundation will once again award numerous scholarships to graduating Wolcott High School Seniors. We have established memorials for Philip Cordeau, David Pape, Nicholas and Gloria D'Agostino. Two scholarships will also be awarded to students who attended Alcott Elementary School. The families of Louise Buzzelli and Inez Hartigan are continuing their memorial scholarships as well as Dr. Richard Dvaskas. We have a named scholarship for him as our first President of the Foundation. Additional scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. We would like to thank all the families for entrusting us with these scholarships. The application and guidelines are available at the School Counseling Department and on the website. Deadline for filing is March 12, 2021.



WOLCOTT SOCCER SPRING 2021 REGISTRATION

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Travel Soccer: Children Born Between 2007-2014 May Be Eligible

Recreation Soccer: Children Born Between 2010-2016 May Be Eligible

Season Dates TBA



Wolcott Lions Scholarships for 2021

The Wolcott Lions Encourage All Wolcott Students to Apply:

The Wolcott Lions will again be offering six (6) \$2000.00 scholarships to the Class of 2021 graduating high school seniors, who reside in Wolcott, and are planning to attend accredited institutions of higher learning. Applications can be downloaded from <http://wolcottlions.com/wolcottlionsscholarship.html>. Applications must be fully completed and submitted by April 23, 2021. You may deliver the completed application by email to wolcottlions.scholarship@yahoo.com. or you can drop off your application at to Rene Swiss at 14 Townline Road, Wolcott, CT 06716. Any questions call Rene Wisler at 203 879 4822. Late applications WILL NOT be considered.



Dennis Antonacci Jr. Scholarship

Dennis is a former Wolcott student who was lost to suicide. We honor his memory each year by awarding this scholarship to one graduating Wolcott High School student. Candidate must be pursuing a career in social work, counseling or psychology. For further requirements and to download an application, please visit us at: www.dennisjrscholarship.org



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You DO NOT need to be a Wolcott resident to become a member - EVERYONE is welcome
We are on the town website: www.wolcottct.org under "senior center"



Donna Belval
Senior Center
Director

Happy February 2021!

Did you make a New Year's resolution for 2021? It is never too late to make good changes! Healthy diet and exercise have been goals for many of us. Keeping these goals can be challenging but think of how much better you'll feel! Always talk to your doctor about dieting and exercise before beginning.

We offer 4 free virtual senior exercise classes. Call us and we can help you get connected to any of these virtual classes.

"Fitness Fury's Strength, Flex and Tone with Susan" is a fantastic class if you are looking for an all-around exercise class focusing on flexibility, endurance and strength, along with the dose of companionship and humor! You will need a chair, weights, band/tube and a small ball and of course water! This class meets virtually every Monday morning at 11 AM.

"Get Fit & Trim with Kim" is a program that works the entire body. A combination of stretching moves with strength training using hand weights, resistance bands, balls and also balance exercises. (If you do not have this equipment, we can loan it to you!) The exercises could be done standing or sitting, so people of all levels can benefit. The class also teaches the art of hand reflexology. Reflexology promote circulation and distresses the body by touching pressure points on the hands. Do you have the ability to help yourself feel good and provide some TLC to yourself. Hand charts are provided. The goal is for each participant to practice this holistic healing to themselves daily. Check out the class and have fun moving with us! Remember "Motion is Lotion" for our bodies! The class is instructed virtually every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 AM to approximately 11:15 AM.

"Yoga4Change Yoga4Seniors with Chauncey" is a great program delivered by instructors trained in the silver age yoga curriculum. Our offering as a chair-based, group yoga class delivered in our community and others. Our program has been demonstrated to boost resilience, balance, strength and flexibility. Join us for an accessible, impactful class. Freely offered from the heart. Chauncey's class meets virtually every Saturday morning at 10 AM.

BREAKFASTS ARE BACK!

Our January drive-through breakfasts have been a big hit so we will continue into February! Our Valentine's Day breakfast will be Friday, February 12. Menu: bacon egg and cheese on a roll with fruit and Valentine's Day cookie and (Hershey) kisses! The next breakfast is Wednesday, February 27. Menu: ham egg and cheese on a roll with pastry. These breakfasts are from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. The cost is \$2.00 per breakfast. Please drive into the rear parking lot of the Senior Center to the rear door to pay and pick up your breakfast. Please wear your mask! You must call the

Senior Center at 203-879-8133 to reserve your breakfast sandwich no later than Monday for a Wednesday pick up. Please have the correct amount if possible. We will honor all breakfast cards previously purchased. If there is bad weather for that morning, please check TV stations 3, 4 and 8 to see if breakfast has been canceled. See you for breakfast!

Our senior knitting group has been very busy during this pandemic. In 7 months they have made 24 baby hats, 104 lapghans for seniors in nursing homes and veterans, 55 scarves and 146 hats for the homeless. A total of 360 helmet hats have been made in 2020 for our servicemen and women overseas for their Warmth For Warriors project bringing the grand total to 7,544 helmet hats.

These dedicated knitters have depleted their supply of yarn and are seeking donations to help them continue their projects. If you would like to donate yarn, please call the Senior Center at 203-879-8133. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the Charles Reidyke Senior Center attention Nancy Testa and mail to 211 Nichols Rd., Wolcott, CT 06716. Let's keep these ladies busy!

SCAMS!

With the Covid vaccine distribution in full force, many scammers are taking advantage of people eager to get the vaccine. They may call, text your phone, send emails or even knock on your door! Here are a few tips to remember:

- You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine
- You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine
- No one from Medicare or the health department will contact you
- No one from a vaccine distribution site or health-care payer (like a private insurance company) will call you asking for your social Security number or your credit card number or your bank account information
- Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicines to prevent the virus. Check with your healthcare provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19 related treatments
- If you get a call, text, email or even someone knocking at your door claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine, STOP! THAT'S A SCAM!
- Remember... NEVER give anyone your Social Security number, bank account information or credit card information that calls, emails or knocks on your door!

SENIOR BUS

Our Wolcott senior bus is operating Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1:00 PM for doctors appointments, grocery shopping and errands. To schedule bus service, call the bus line at 203-879-2078 and leave your name, phone number, address and a requested date and time for bus pick up. A minimum of 48 hours notice is needed for scheduling

bus service. These limited hours are necessary to allow ample time to clean and sanitize the bus. The safety of our patrons and bus drivers is of utmost concern. For that reason, masks must be worn at all times when entering the bus and during transit. Bus service is subject to change due to weather and uncertainty regarding COVID-19 virus. Thank you for your patience while we strive to return to full service.

DIAL-A-RIDE BUS

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 to the www.wolcottct.org website. Appointments are to be scheduled by Monday or Tuesday for transport on Friday for doctors 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 the Dial A Ride bus 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 the application.

COVID-19 Vaccine - If you are 75 years of age or older you can sign up and make an appointment for the CoVid vaccine.

Sign up online at www.ct.gov/covidvaccine or call 877-918-2224

If any Senior needs additional services, call the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging at 203-757-5449. This organization has a wealth of information for seniors.

I want to thank Jeannie and Diane from our senior center and all our seniors who have been making weekly phone calls to other seniors, neighbors, family and friends, to check in to see how everyone is doing. We are making a difference... Stay positive the light at the end of this tunnel is almost here!

Stay safe and see you soon!
Donna Belval

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VACCINE UPDATE

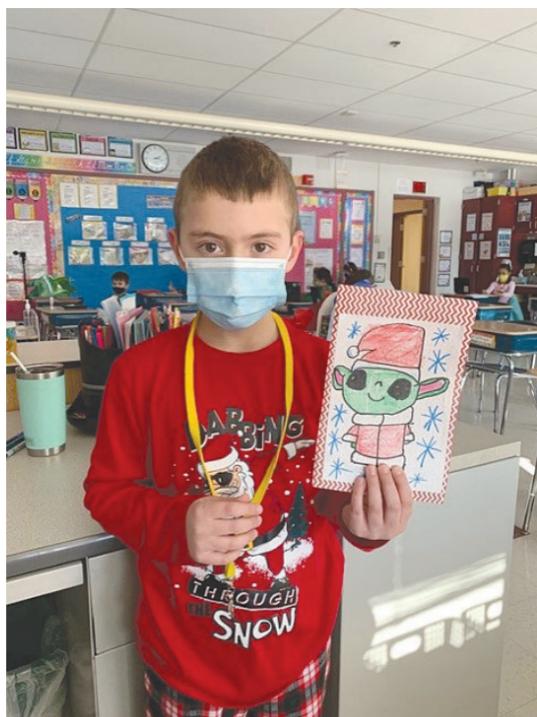
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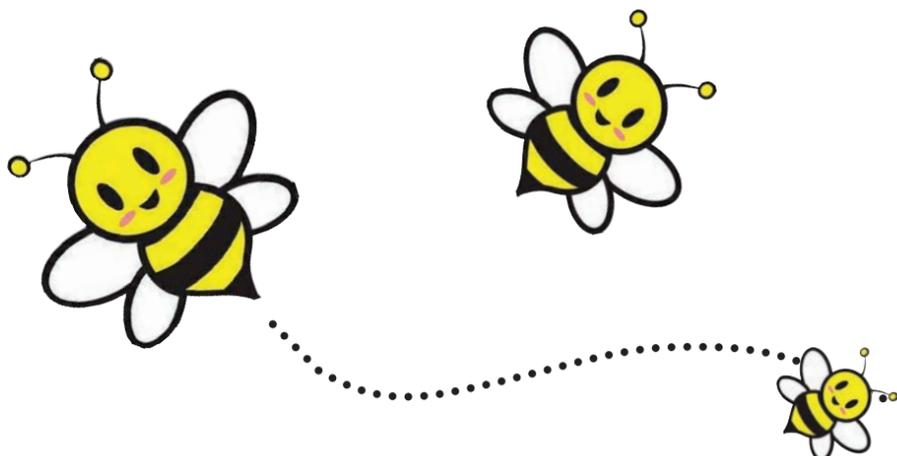
Focus On Frisbie



Santa was at Frisbie School to greet the children and spread some holiday cheer! It was a great night!



Frisbie third grade students enjoyed showing off their pajamas, gifts and holiday cards!



Frisbie 2nd Grade students practice throwing Frisbees during their Phys. Ed class.

Wolcott Historical Society - February 2021



by Florence Goodman

The Edgewood or Evergreen Cemetery located on Bound Line Road has always held a special place in my heart since the mid-1950s when my friend Nancy and I walked by

it on our weekly jaunt to the town library. At that time it was not the cemetery of choice for residents burying their loved ones. Thus as we passed this cemetery it was always a bit scary; the tall evergreens bordering the road, hung below the stonewall and cast an eerie



Scout Troop 230 – Boy Scout Troop 230 participating in the ceremony at Edgewood Cemetery. Photo by Roger Picard

feeling upon it. Sometimes we would stop to look at the old tombstones, but most of the time we quickly ran past it. Over the years the Cemetery Association brought this historic 1764 cemetery back to life and residents once again began burying loved ones there. The demand for plots increased to the point that the association needed to purchase more land surrounding it. It was finally getting the appreciation it deserved and that much needed upkeep began and has continued.

Several years ago after a childhood friend Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney passed away, his daughter, Kelly sent me a wreath in December from “Wreaths Across America.” I knew exactly where I wanted to place that wreath; I placed it on the anchor at Edgewood Cemetery. I told his daughter that it was my way of remembering Kevin who was an amazing person who loved his hometown as well as his country. Kevin graduated from Wolcott High School in 1964 and went on to the U S Naval Academy. He served his country for 34 years flying 686 combat missions in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam Conflict. Kevin died in 2015 at the age of 68 from lung cancer caused from Agent Orange. Kevin was instrumental in getting this anchor for the cemetery that serves as a memorial to those who served their country at sea.



Distributing wreaths- Handing out wreaths at the cemetery. Photo by Roger Picard

After I placed the wreath on the anchor that December morning I posted the pictures on my FaceBook page acknowledging Kelly and her dad. From that post, I learned that 2020 would be the first year for the Edgewood Cemetery to participate in “Wreaths Across America.” That was music to my ears because I had wished we could participate and was happy to learn that Kevin Huber was able to organize it for December 19th. After the ceremony I spoke with Kevin and he agreed to give me the information that brought this beautiful day to fruition.

Kevin had a high school friend whose father was buried in Arlington Cemetery. He loved the beautiful pictures she showed him of the thousands of the wreaths decorating these veteran’s tombstones and asked how to go about doing something like that in our town. She told him about the wreathsacrossamerica.org website and how you could apply to have a cemetery participate. Kevin completed the online application for Edgewood Cemetery with a goal for 235 wreaths. He received enough donations to purchase 205 wreaths. The cost of a wreath was \$15 or if you bought two you received one free. Wreaths Across America then set up a page on their website for each participating cemetery and residents were able go online to purchase them. Once Kevin received approval for participation, he was able to

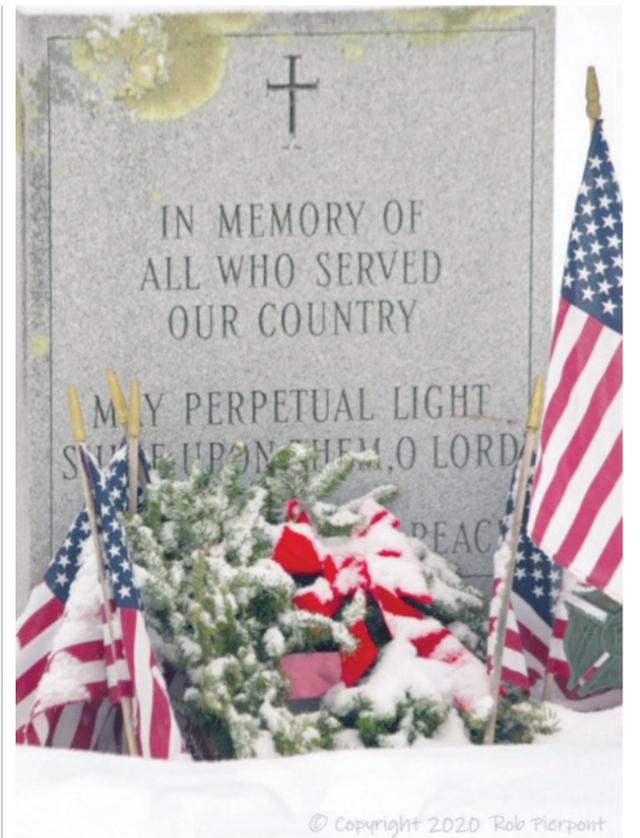


Wreaths on tombstones- Wreaths placed on the veteran's graves. Photo by Roger Picard

enlist Nancy and Roger Picard to help. They were able to get several local businesses to make donations as well as friends and family. Kevin also received help from Boy Scout Troop 230 under the supervision of Pete Grasso as well as Al Podzunas and scout parents. Members of the American Legion and VFW Posts participated in the opening ceremony, which included remarks from Mayor Dunn. This beautiful day is now entwined in our history, which I hope will continue for many years to come.

Kevin’s goal for next year is to include Woodtick Cemetery as well in this event, which is always held on the third Saturday in December, so save this date: December 18, 2021. Be on the look out for donation information in late fall regarding Wreaths Across America at Edgewood and Woodtick Cemeteries. There will be a link where you can make a donation or purchase wreaths. Let’s support this amazing tribute to our veterans who served their country well.

I personally want to thank Kevin and everyone who helped to make this wonderful day happen at Edgewood Cemetery last December and I look forward to seeing it grow and become a tradition each December in Wolcott.



Veteran's monument by Rob- Wreath placed on the Veteran's Memorial stone. Photo by Rob Pierpont photo

(Information for this article was taken from a phone interview with Kevin Huber; a FaceBook response and photos from Roger Picard, Rob Pierpont and Flo Goodman)

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

The Wolcott Historical and WHS Graphics Arts Department have produced a beautiful historic calendar to celebrate our upcoming 225th. If you would like to purchase a 225th Celebration Calendar for the year 2021 they are available for a \$5 donation. Each month has an old photo and a link to our website. Call Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818

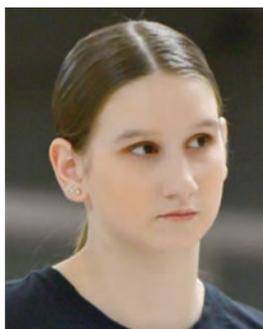
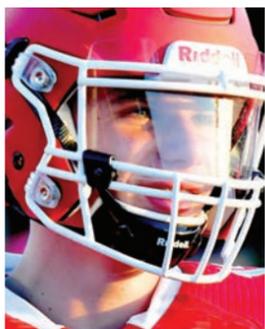
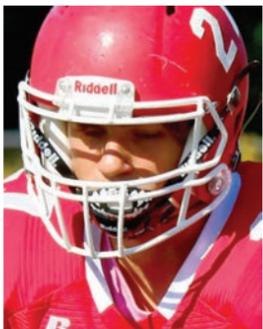
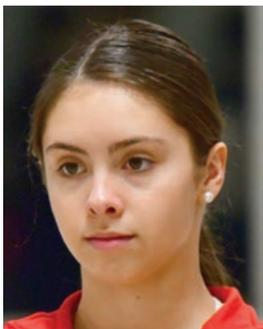
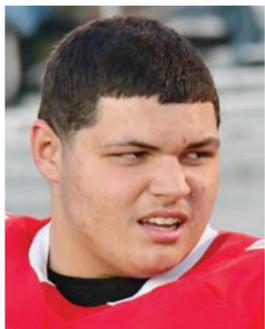
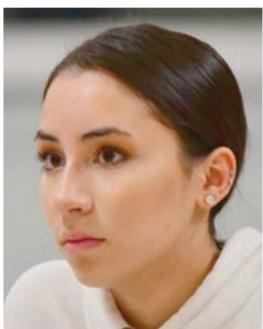
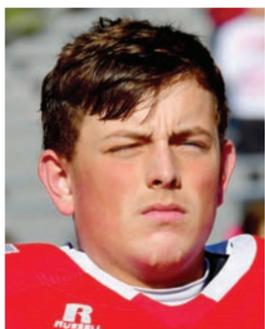
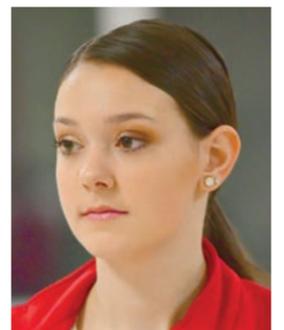
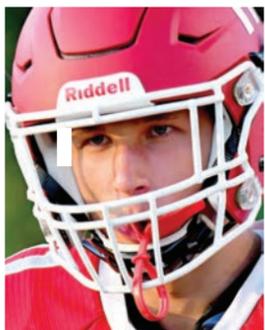
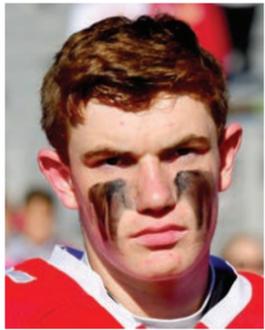


Kenea tombstone – Wreath placed on the Kenea tombstone. Photo by Flo Goodman

Wolcott Sports

Photography by Mike D'Avino

Earlier this month the CIAC outlined its plan for the upcoming winter high school sports season. Sadly, Football, Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance will not be allowed to take part in their sport this season. Below, are photos of some of the athletes that are affected by this ruling.



Photography by Mike D'Avino

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Alcott School News

Students and Staff Had Fun with Our Winter Spirit Days Both in School and at Home Distance Learning



WINTER THEMED SPIRIT DAYS

Thursday, December 17, 2020- **Mad about Plaid.** Wear your coziest flannel or any plaid attire.

Friday, December 18, 2020- **Festive Friday-** Deck the Halls with Holiday Color, red, Green, blue, silver or gold, whichever color best represents you!

Monday December 21, 2020- **Holiday Cheer-** wear fun, silly, ugly holiday attire. (socks, hats, sweaters, but no pjs)

Tuesday December 22, 2020- **Long Winters Nap -** Its Pajama Day!! Wear your comfy, favorite pajamas.

Let us say goodbye to our 2020 school year on an upbeat note, its been quite the year and we can all use some school spirit! Whether distance learning or in person we hope you play along and send us pictures to share.



Mrs. Pawlak and Santa surprised her Kindergartners with a special visit before our Winter Break.

Wolcott Board of Education

Please remember that staffing and public health issues can cause our schedules to change with little notice.

COVID-19 is spread mainly via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge everyone to discuss the following preventive measures with your children and family members:

- Wash your hands frequently, but especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips. When soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze inside the elbow of your arm.

- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Wear a face covering (mask) whenever there is a likelihood that you or your family members will be in the presence of others.
- Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others when outside of your home.
- Be mindful and watch for the symptoms of COVID-19 in yourself and family members:
 - Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
 - Chills or shaking chills
 - Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - New loss of taste or smell

For additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Staff and students exhibiting any of the above symptoms, or feeling ill, should remain home and call their medical provider to report their symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

For more information on what to do if you or a family member has possible symptoms, a diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19, please see Addendum 5: Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts, available here: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators/Addendums-and-FAQs>

We are closely monitoring this situation and working with Chesprocott Health District. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember that all students and staff members should stay home when they have any symptoms of any illness at all.



Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2022, please visit the District website to pre-register your child for the next school year. Please complete the Google Form with your child's information. Once this is completed you will receive additional information in February/March for information on kindergarten screening and access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Questions can be directed to Megan Patchkofsky at mpatchkofsky@wolcottps.org or 203.879.8183 for questions on the pre-registration process. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan and budget appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hello Wolcott families! The Food Service Department has been very busy over the last few months. Since the pandemic started in March, the Wolcott Food Service Department has served over 45,000 meals; all at no charge!

On Thursday, October 22, 2020 Wolcott Public Schools was approved to continue feeding all children for free until June 30, 2021. This means that every child, whether they are learning from home or eating inside the building will receive a free breakfast and lunch; if they choose.

Distant feeding is also growing more and more popular. Please remember if you are interested in picking up meals for your children when they are learning at home to sign up by the Friday before at noon to the link that is emailed out every Wednesday. **Meals can be picked up on Wednesdays ONLY from 11am to 1pm at Alcott Elementary School.** If you forget to pick up the meals, due to safety measures, we are not allowed to serve you the meals on any other date or time.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please reach out to Nicole Maxellon, Food Service Director, at 203-879-8145 or by email at nicole.maxellon@wolcottps.org

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Activity Funds	
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Job Descriptions	Sean Hughes
Review	Kathy Cordone
Parliamentarian	Tony Gugliotti
Aces Representative	Roberta Leonard

Integrated Pre-School Program for the 2021-2022 School Year

The Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Integrated Preschool Program Lottery for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications will be available online for all Wolcott residents who have a child born in 2017 or 2018. The online applications and information can be accessed by logging onto our district website "wolcottps.org". A lottery will be held to determine the preschool enrollment for the three and four year olds. The deadline for completing the online application in March 12, 2021.

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 - 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

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- Director: Ms. Tanya Adorno

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- Coordinator: Mr. Brett Distasio

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Wolcott Board of Education 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

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

	FIRST	SECOND
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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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

ATTENTION:
Wolcott Public Schools is Looking for Substitute Teachers and Substitute School Nurses
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Facilities Naming Committee

The Wolcott Board of Education has formed a Facilities Naming Committee as per Policy 7551.

Members of the Committee are as Follows:

- Cynthia Mancini Chairman of the Board
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- Dom Angiolillo Resident
- Dane Joseph Hassan Resident

Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2020-2021

July

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

August (6/0)

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

September (20/17)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October (21/21)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November (17/17)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

December (17/17)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

January (19/19)

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February (18/18)

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

March (23/23)

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

April (16/16)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

May (20/20)

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

June (9/9)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Date/Event or Holiday		
FLEX DAY - All Students Learn From 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 11, 2020	Veterans Day	
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 14th. 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.

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Wolcott \$229,900 - Adorable 3 BR Cape features large eat-in kitchen, FDR, spacious LR w/beautiful stone fireplace, main floor MBR, HW floors on main level, 2 full baths, 2 car garage, nice back yard w/serene brook & pond. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$374,500 - To Be Built; 3 BR Colonial on .96 of an acre; large kitchen w/hardwood floors, granite counters, breakfast island & dining area, LR/great room w/propane FP & HW floor, molding thru-out, MBR suite w/walk-in closet, central air, 2 car garage. *Ask for Lynn or J.R.*



Wolcott \$590,000 - 4 BR Colonial in a private setting; open foyer, eat-in kitchen w/granite counters & pantry, dining area, LR w/propane FP, MBR w/full bath, whirlpool tub & walk-in closet, upper level great room, HW floors, 2 car garage, city sewer, 2.72 acre lot. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



Oakville \$234,900 - Move-in ready Ranch on 1.39 acres lot; eat-in kitchen, LR w/HW floor & fireplace, MBR w/HW floor & ceiling fan, 2nd BR w/HW floor, 1 car garage, newer roof, windows, furnace whole house fan, security system well tank & asphalt driveway. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



Southington \$340,000 - New Price; Remodeled R/R on cul-de-sac; Main level 3 BRs, 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.*



Waterbury Multi \$279,900 - 3 Family in Town plot; 5 rooms, kitchen & pantry, LR, DR, 2 BRs & full bath each floor. Also, front and back porches, 2 car detached garage in back plus 4 parking spaces & off-street parking. Convenient location. *Ask for Sali Barolli.*



Wolcott \$368,500 - To Be Built Raised Ranch w/3 BRs, 3 full baths, open floor plan with HW floors in kitchen, dining area & great room, granite counters, island & appliances in kitchen, vaulted ceilings, MBR suite, lower level FR w/sliders to yard, 2 car garage. *Ask for Lynn or J.R.*



Waterbury \$225,000 - 3 BR Raised Ranch on dead end street in the East End; spacious LR w/fireplace, FDR, eat-in kitchen w/counter bar, MBR w/hardwood floors & walk-in closet, FR w/raised hearth, 2 full baths, c/vac, 2 car garage, a/g pool, beautiful level lot. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*

WOLCOTT LAND

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

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

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

\$115,000 - Last lot in sub-division of upscale homes! 1.16 acres, on cul-de-sac. Deed restrictions available.

\$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.

WATERBURY LAND

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

WOLCOTT COMMERCIAL FOR SALE

\$169,900 - Commercial building currently being used as a social club. Includes w/loading dock, kitchen, pizza oven & bar. Upper level w/3 rooms, central air. Many possibilities.

CHESHIRE RENTAL

\$1,300/mo. - 2 BR apartment freshly painted, well maintained LR, Kitchen, walk-up attic for storage, washer/dryer; heat H/W included, off street parking. No pets.



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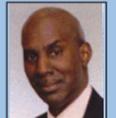
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