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Congratulations Miss. Murphy!! Please welcome and congratulate Alcott's newest 5th grade teacher!! We are extremely proud of you and wish you a fabulous year. Love you, Mom, Earl, Kevin & Andrew XOXO

Congratulations to Jennifer Schmaltz, Assistant Town Clerk for receiving her designation as a Certified Connecticut Town Clerk at the Annual Clerks Conference in September.

Congratulations! Bethany Gallucci has completed her Master of Medical Science degree from Nova Southeastern University's physician assistant program. Bethany graduated with honors and was inducted into the Pi Alpha National Honor Society. We are so proud of her! Love mom, dad, Gabrielle, Nicole, Sean & Pop!

Congratulations to Karen Mowad, Town Clerk for being selected as one of Connecticut Town Clerks of the Year 2021.

Brownie troop 64154 spent a sunny afternoon beautifying the flagpole garden at the Wolcott Senior Center.

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BIRTHDAYS

Scorpio, October 23 – November 21
"The Scorpion"

Some of the most powerful men and women are born under the Scorpio zodiac. Influential and self-motivated, Scorpios are strong leaders who can bring forth success in all their enterprises. Compelling and unwavering in all they do, these formidable personalities do not take failure as an answer. For the dynamic Scorpio, success isn't just an occasion but a way of life.

November 14th – Donna Fasano Pisani

Sagittarius November 22-December 21
"The Archer"

The optimistic Sagittarius is always in good spirits. They are cheerful and upbeat most of the time and believe that there is a positive side to everything. Sagittariuses are also very loyal to their country. Many war heroes bear the Sagittarius zodiac sign.

November 28th - Al Laporta II

Wolcott's 225th Anniversary Celebration

Photography by Picard

Wolcott Mayor Tom Dunn welcomes the crowd of people who attended the opening ceremonies for the Wolcott 225th Celebration on the Town Green.

Visitors to the Wolcott 225th Celebration work their way to the Touch A Truck area of the Woodtick Recreation field where a variety of trucks and machinery were on display by the Wolcott Public Works Department.

The Mattatuck Drum Band performed at the opening ceremonies of the Wolcott 225th Celebration to the delight of all of those in attendance.

A vintage baseball game was played at the BAW Complex with players dressed in vintage uniforms and equipment, during the Sunday activities at the Wolcott 225th Celebration.

November

COMMUNITY EVENTS

There's Always Something Good Going On

SPREAD THE WORD!

November 6-11
A Weekend of Remembrance presented by Boy Scouts Troop 230 & The Exchange Club of Wolcott

Location: Wolcott Town Green - Flags will be displayed from noon November 6-11
Info: Flags can be purchased to display for $35 per flag. Flag will be personalized with name, branch, service, rank, etc.
Previous bought flags displayed for $20
Contact: To order flags call
Albert Podzunas (203) 910-8501

November 10th - Thursday
Veteran's Vigil and Luminary Ceremony to Honor all Veterans

Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Wolcott Town Green
Info: To Purchase Luminaries www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-veteransvigil-luminary-ceremony-tickets17080325613 or email patriotsdayct@aol.com or call 203.228.7305
Luminary Sales: $5 each, 3 for $10 or 10 for $20

November 28th - Sunday
Junior Women's Club Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Wolcott Town Green
Info: Santa will make an appearance. Everyone is invited. Feel free to bring a new/unwrapped toy that will be donated to the Toys for Tots & Teens program.

December 5th - Sunday
World Turkish Coffee Day Sponsored by Turkish Coffee Lady Foundation

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Sultan's Turkish Cuisine 586 Plank Rd • Waterbury
Cost: Free
Info: Join Us To Celebrate World Turkish Coffee Day and it's 500 Year Old Culture. Turkish coffee will be served at no charge.

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MAYOR'S CORNER

I would like to remind everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday November 2nd.

I wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving and please remember those who are less fortunate than us, as well as the men and women currently fighting for our country.

A Veterans ceremony will be held on November 11th at 11am on the Green, where we will pay tribute to our Veterans. Please say "Thank you" to a Veteran to show your appreciation.

We are asking all of our residents to consider signing up for the "Town of Wolcott Text Notification System", signing up will allow you to receive important messages from the Town, regarding vaccine clinics, town events, and other important notifications. To sign up text the keyword "Wolcott" to 91896. You will receive a confirmation message, reply YES and you will be opted-in to the system.

Construction of the Mad River Bridge is still underway and will be completed soon. Please use caution when traveling in the area, and please continue to visit the businesses in the area of the road closure.

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 ext. 102

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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC

Election season is upon us! It is our busiest time of the year and when we all work together as one to make sure our absentee ballots are mailed, collected, and ready for counting on election day. We have an awesome team of workers and we truly enjoy what we do in our community.

Congratulations to all our hardworking candidates. Whether, win our lose, your dedication and hard work is noticed and appreciated. Thank you for meeting your deadlines and submitting your paperwork in a timely manner. Thank you for campaigning hard and wanting the serve the Town of Wolcott.

New Pastor

The Wolcott Congregational Church is happy to announce and welcome our new pastor the Rev. Tammy Torelli. Rev. Torelli comes to us from New York along with her husband and children. She is settling right into our town and enjoying the vibrant fall our community has to offer. You may have spotted her at the Scarecrow Making or the Breast Cancer Awareness Event hosted by the Farmingbury Women's Group. If you see her, please introduce yourself, she enjoys meeting new people and learning about our town. We are fortunate to be taking steps to revive many of the best parts of our church once again. This includes our Sunday School which began the first week in October. We still have room for your family at our in person Sunday School at 9:45 am each Sunday. Please note our new worship times for the fall. Saturday at 4:30 pm in person, Sunday 9 am in person, and 11 am in person and via zoom. Please contact our church office or stop by her office hours on Thursdays from 10 to 2 for introductions and tea. May God Bless You and keep you safe this fall.

~ Your Friends at the
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Blessings-Tammy

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How What You Eat Affects Your Teeth

Every food you eat or beverage you drink comes in contact with your teeth, which means those choices continually impact the health of your teeth and gums. Many foods from sugary, processed foods and drinks to those that are highly acidic can actually eat away at your tooth enamel, causing cavities, so it's important to focus on eating healthy foods that also help promote oral health and your overall health.

Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

With these healthy eating and drinking guidelines, you can reduce your risk of enamel erosion and cavities, and keep your smile looking healthier, longer.

Sweets. Cavities have long been linked to a diet rich in sugary and sticky foods, so it's important to limit these foods/drinks. That doesn't just mean candy, cookies, and sodas. You might be surprised to find high amounts of sugar in certain brands of spaghetti sauce, cereal, and canned fruit, so it's important to check the sugar content in everything you eat or drink.

Non-stick foods. Sticky foods like raisins, honey, etc. along with starchy foods like bread and potato chips, can cling to the surface of your teeth and increase the risk of cavities. Eaten in moderation, with good oral health practices of brushing/ flossing, these foods are acceptable in small amounts.

Acidic foods. While eating fresh produce like oranges and tomatoes is an important part of a healthy diet, certain types of citrus fruits are acidic and can affect your tooth enamel. Eating them with a meal is less likely to harm your teeth.

Balanced diet. Eating a well-balanced diet that includes vegetables, fruit, whole grains, lean protein and dairy helps you get the nutrients you need to promote oral health.

Anti-inflammatory foods. Certain foods, such as saturated fats and refined foods contribute to inflammation. Incorporating healthy fats such as olive oil, avocado, and fatty fish like salmon are an important component of an anti-inflammatory diet that helps keep your gums/teeth healthy.

Calcium. People who get the recommended daily amount of calcium are less likely to develop gum disease. Adults should get at least 1,000 to1,300 milligrams of calcium daily and should include foods in their diet that are high in calcium such as beans, almonds, and leafy greens, milk and other dairy products.

Water. If you're thirsty, plain water is best to protect the teeth and for so many other health-supporting benefits. Other unsweetened beverages such as coffee and tea are safe for teeth. If you do indulge in a sweet beverage, chase it with a drink of water to wash some of the sugar off your teeth.

Breaks. Your mouth needs breaks to process what you're putting in it. Spacing meals and beverages apart by at least two hours reduces the risk of tooth decay. Ongoing snacking could leave residual particles on your teeth.

Sugar-free gum. Chewing sugarless gum after a meal or snack reduces the risk of cavities. This is because chewing gum stimulates saliva and moves the materials that can lead to tooth decay.

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Waterbury-Multi $259,900 – Well maintained 3-Family home for an owner occupied or investment. This property has been family owned and occupied since 2002. This is a truly stunning property with each floor having large bedrooms, living room and dining room and kitchen with butler pantry and enclosed 4 season porches. **Call Bridget!**

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NEW LISTING

Wolcott $259,900 – Split level home which offers 1,440 square feet of living space with an additional 576 square feet in the finished lower level. Eat-in kitchen with newer appliances and a large living room with a wood burning fireplace. Large dining room. Lower level has bar, storage space and plenty of room for entertaining w/ access to large backyard. **Call Jay!**

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WOLCOTT

Wolcott $275,900 – Spacious Ranch style home features 5 bedrooms and 2 full baths, 1742 sq ft of living space, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, fireplace in living room with a pellet stove and a great backyard with patio and pergola for entertaining. Possible in law located in the lower level with a private entrance and full bath.

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WOLCOTT

Wolcott $189,900 – Ranch style home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, stainless appliances and a fireplace. Partially finished lower level great for additional living space, office space, workshop or storage. Oversized one car garage and a large backyard for entertaining. Newer windows, hardwood floors throughout. Property also has a dogwatch invisible fence. **Call Bridget!**

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WATERBURY

Waterbury $194,900 – Well maintained home in the Bunker Hill neighborhood. This home has 1,170 square feet of living space, 3 bedrooms and 2 upgraded full baths. You'll walk in to see the upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances and tile flooring which is wide open to the dining room offering hardwood floors. The main level also offers an upgraded full bathroom, living room with hardwood floors and the third bedroom that can be used as a home office if you choose. The upstairs offers an upgraded full bathroom and two more bedrooms with hardwood floors. **Ask for Jay!**

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LOT FOR SALE

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 withamazing lake views! Town sewer in the street.

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WATERBURY

Waterbury $139,900 – Colonial style home features 1478 sq ft of living space, 3 bedrooms,1 full bath, mudroom and sunroom. Beautiful hardwood floors in main living area and bedrooms. Newer boiler, plenty of off street parking and one car under house garage. Large deck off kitchen and plenty of backyard space to entertain. Needs some TLC and updating. **Call Bridget!**

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NEW BRITAIN

New Britain $215,000 – New to market, this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch has been competently remodeled and features an open floor plan. Won't last **Call Miguel!**

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Wishing everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving!

LAND PARCEL

Bloomfield $316,900 – 10 Acre Parcel For Sale. In 2016 land was subdivided into 4 approved building lots, then combined back into one parcel. Looking for a project; this land conforms and is ready for a subdivision approval into 4 lots!! **Call Bridget!**

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Avon $1,895,000 – This Grand Colonial boasts over 11,000 sqft and has been tastefully enriched with the finest craftsmanship, upgrades and amenities to suit a home of this grandeur and scale. New Kitchen with a Grand Island, wine room, cigar room, game room, movie theater, indoor racquetball (squash) court & more. Two acres of prime real estate with an inground pool and tennis court. 16 Rooms, 5 bedrooms, 6 full baths, 2 half baths and 3 fireplaces. **Call Bridget!**

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LOTS FOR SALE

Waterbury
LOTS FOR SALE
$10,000
5 Lots available in total. Priced at $10K each. Seller would prefer to sell as a package. Buyers Agent perform due diligence.
Ask for Miguel!

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LOT FOR SALE

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6/30/1960 – 8/9/1963
Cuban Blockade
U. S. Navy

Daniel Pagnoni
4/22/1946 – 10/23/1947
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Philip Pagnoni
1/16/1968 – 10/15/1971
Vietnam
U.S. Navy

Michael Braun
5/20/1993 – 9/1/2018
Afghanistan
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Rodney Olmstead
U. S. Army

Lt. Kobe W. Champagne
2/21/2019 – 10/8/2021
U. S. Marines

Sgt. Matthew Onofreo
9/19/2018 – 10/7/2021
U. S. Marines

Scott Ricci
7/1/1995 – 8/30/2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom
U. S. Army

John Keane
5/30/1944 – 1/3/1952
WWII & Korean War
Merchant Marines

Joseph G. Dunn
9/26/1951 – 9/26/1954
Korean War
U. S. Marines

Martin Carangelo
11/1/1955 – 11/1/1961
Lebanon Conflict
U.S. Marines

Kelly Fitzgerald Mazza
6/25/1996 – 6/24/2001
U.S. Army

Bruce Altmeyer
5/11/1966 – 4/11/1969
Vietnam
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Pasqual Fasano
1/24/1969 – 3/29/1971
Korean
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John Vastola
1/1/1950 – 1/1/1951
Post WWII Occupying Forces
U. S. Army

Scott Ackerman
5/21/2012– 5/22/2017
U. S. Army

William (Bill) Phillips
1940-1946
WWII 115th Cav, South Pacific
U. S. Army

Drill Sergeant Daniel Cocchiola
11/30/2012 – 9/28/2020
U. S. Army

John D'Amato
8/21/2019 – 10/14/2020
U.S. Navy

Bernard Fitzpatrick
1/11/1948 – 4/15/1952
Korean War
U.S. Navy

James Thibault
11/28/1995 – 10/7/2020
Iraq, Bosnia
U. S. Army

Walter Slabicki
2/2/1942 – 2/2/1946
U.S. Marines

Roland Jursyk
9/26/1951 – 9/25/1954
U.S. Marines

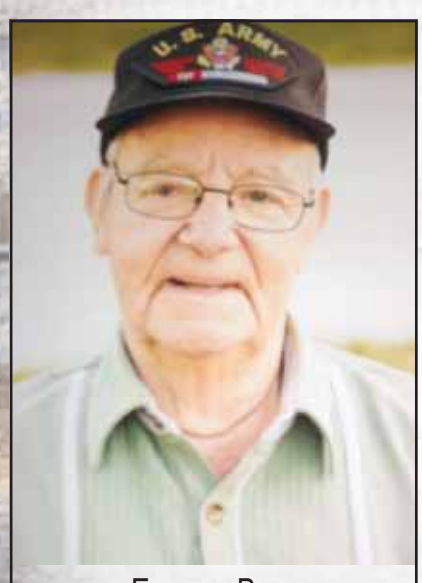
Jack Lupkas
11/3/1953 – 11/9/1955
U.S. Army

Alban A. Charette, Sr.
11/21/1944 – 7/13/1946
WW2 / USS Providence CL 82
U.S. Navy

Sgt. Alban A. Charette, Jr.
1969 – 1972
Vietnam War
U. S. Army

Sgt. Jeffrey Charette
10/23/1997 – 6/19/2005
U.S. Marines

1st Class Petty Officer Samantha Burrell
10/15/2011 – 10/22/2020
Fire Controlman - Surface Warfare
U.S. Navy



Eugene Bove
8/20/1952 – 12/30/1954
Korean War
U. S. Army

Cpl James E. Cleary, Jr.
1942-1945
WWII Battle of Iwo Jima
U.S. Marines, 3rd Div Demolition

Cpl Robert Montuori
4/11/1956 – 4/3/1958
U.S. Marines

Bernard F. Nolan, Jr.
1/25/1966 – 1/25/1968
Vietnam War
U.S. Marines

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They face each foe to come along

Remember them while in your home
Or where you choose to freely roam

Don't take for granted what you see
Some left this life, so it could be

To God I urge you all to pray
For soldiers brave, to face each day

Thank You to all who have served and are serving now!

Ronald Uricchio
1/1/1969 – 1/1/1975
U. S. Army

Christopher Alvarado, Sr.
1/1/2002 – 1/1/2012
Iraqi Freedom
U.S. Marines

Janice Dobison
7/29/2011 – 7/28/2019
OEF/OIR IRAQ
U. S. Army

Richard Ziminsky
9/27/1961 – 1/27/1966
Vietnam War | U.S. Navy

Don Therkildsen Sr.
7/26/1966 – 8/26/1970
Vietnam War | U.S. Air Force

Carmen Yannielli, A-1C
7/24/1953 –11/23/1957
Korean War | U.S. Air Force

Anthony Yannielli, S-MGT
7/28/1976 – 7/22/1998
Desert Storm | U.S. Air Force

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11/19/1977 – 11/20/1981
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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad

We are excited to have our renovation project underway! Continental Builders is doing an amazing job on the siding and framing of our beautiful historic building. We are soon going to be getting ready for the change of season and as always oil heat is usually our most expensive bill at this time of year. Please keep the clothing donations coming. These donations play a vital role in helping to defray our costs while doing good in our community and beyond. Sometimes several trips and numerous hands are needed to keep the collection shed neat and organized. We are truly humbled by your support and donations. We are always looking for new members and volunteers.

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Boost your Immune System

Nicole Sookhan, MD

Over the past year and a half dealing with covid-19 we have learn how important it is to have a healthy immune system with winter approaching we are also at risk of getting the flu.

There are several ways we can boost our immune system which are listed below:

1.Eat a plant-based diet. - A diet high in fruits and vegetables. Zinc, magnesium, vitamin D and B and copper are important micronutrients which can be found in mushroom and green leafy vegetables. If you suspect your diet is not providing you with micronutrients, then take a multivitamin supplement.

2. Exercise regularly. - Studies have shown exercising at least 30 minutes a day decreases blood pressure, controls body weight and makes our immune system healthier.

3. Decrease stress levels. - Performing daily meditation or mindfulness has been shown to boost our immune system. There are phone apps, like calm or headspace which can assist us in performing daily meditation.

4. Get adequate sleep. – You should aim to get at least 7 hours of sleep a day to allow our body to recharge. Melatonin a sleep promoting hormone that is produced at night can counteract stress and inflammation. During sleep, muscle activity and breathing slows down which frees up energy for the immune system to work more effectively. By choosing a healthy lifestyle and remembering to wash our hands frequently we can prevent infection. Vaccines also prime your immune system to help fight off infection.

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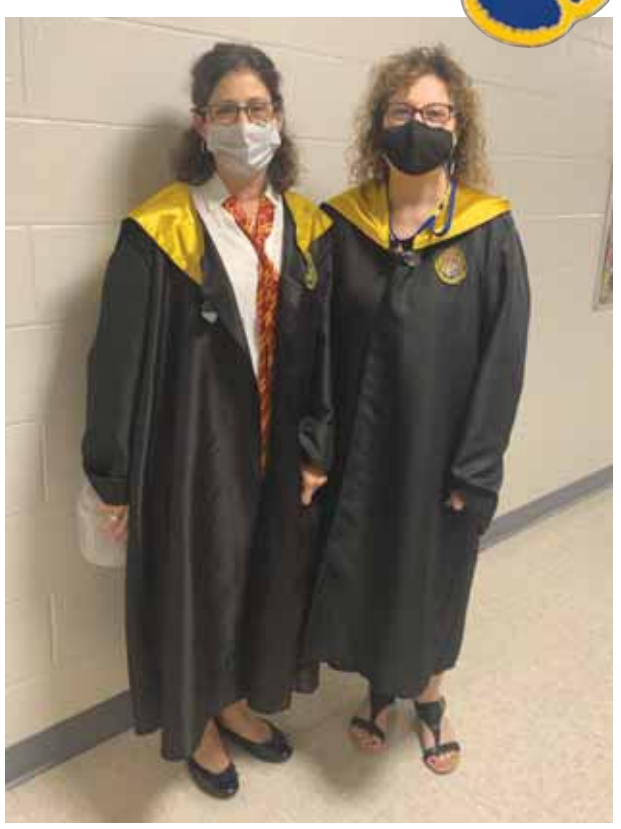

Connecticut is an Endangered State

State Senator Rob Sampson — 16th District

Every day it seems we are seeing another serious crime in the headlines. Connecticut residents are concerned, scared, and increasingly more frustrated with the inaction and excuses they are receiving from leaders in their state government.

Despite claims by legislative Democrats to the contrary, people across Connecticut can see with their own eyes that crime is off the chart! It's not news to me either. I have been sounding the alarm for a decade!

These are the facts:
1) The dramatic rise in juvenile crime that began with car thefts and has now escalated into violence, child endangerment and armed robbery is a direct result of the Connecticut Democrats' legislative policy agenda. Over the last 10 years they have passed laws that let violent felons out of prison early, raised the age at which juveniles accused of crimes are treated as adults, prohibited police chases, eliminated consent searches, and undermined our police both with the law and a public relations campaign designed to undermine police officers. (These are only a FEW examples!)

2) Republicans have warned about the dangers of these policies and voted against them consistently but were sadly and disappointingly outvoted year after year, while the majority pushed through bad policy after bad policy.

3) Republicans have fought every legislative session to reverse or at least improve these bad policies in a concerted effort to prevent what is happening now. I have personally offered half a dozen bills attempting to solve the juvenile crime problem, but they have been shoved aside as Hartford Democrats committed themselves time and again to weakening our criminal justice system.

4) Even when not in session, Republicans have consistently called for special sessions, held press conferences, met with local law enforcement, provided solutions, and attempted to raise awareness that we need to fix our laws to stop this craziness. Most recently, my Senate Republican colleagues and I unveiled our "A Better Way to a Safer Connecticut" plan that focuses on the restoring the proper response to crime, but also prevention by addressing the root causes of juvenile crime, addressing housing and job opportunities, and rebuilding relationships with police across our state.

5) Legislative Democrats continue to block all attempts to restore law and order - refusing public hearings, ignoring calls for a special legislative session, and now attempting to distort reality and gaslight the public into believing it's not happening.

Recently, the Democrat Chairman of the legislature's Judiciary committee – the very place where the decision to fix this problem or not will be made – took to twitter to exclaim "Patently false lies from the CTGOP. Since 2011 when Dems began criminal justice reforms, CT crime has fallen at one of the best rates in the nation while crime has risen in the rest of the nation, especially in Red States. Pure fear-mongering for political gain." Rep. Stafstrom knows better. A precipitous drop in prosecutions does not equal a drop in criminal activity. Local police have been hamstrung by bad policy and the whitewashing by the Governor and his allies is easy to see through. Elected Democrats designed this combination of limited enforcement, emboldening of criminals, and hostility towards law enforcement that is resulting in real consequences - damage and theft of property, violence, and even death. My constituents, along with friends and family members, are expressing genuine fear at this situation. It needs attention now.

Meanwhile, Governor Lamont continues to ignore all of this while simultaneously lamenting our need for public health emergency status that conveniently affords him King-like powers while bragging about how he has kept us safe. Newsflash Governor, we are less safe every day but it's real crime on our streets that is the problem now. This is the true emergency facing Connecticut. It's time to restore power to the legislature and call us in to address the crime wave. Me and my constituents demand it.

PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

Happy Fall Everyone,

The Patriots' Day Initiative and our volunteers hope you are staying safe and well. We have so much to be thankful for, and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving in the month of November. Please remember those needing a hand up and consider donating to our Wolcott Food Pantry and other organizations serving our community.

This season will allow us to reflect on 2021, as another new year fast approaches. Finding our way toward the future should always be rooted in our past and the growing history of our nation. In 1918, an armistice agreement was signed between the Allies of WWI and Germany to end the fighting which went into effect on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" known as Armistice Day. The ceasefire led to peace negotiations and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919, which ended WWI.

On June 1, 1954, the United States renamed Armistice Day as Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars who served our country in war or peace time and those still living or deceased.

The Patriots' Day Initiative, established in 2016, has since chosen to establish the Annual Veterans Vigil & Luminary Ceremony to honor our veterans for their heroic patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice.

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5pm, the 5th Annual Veterans Vigil & Luminary Ceremony will be held on the Wolcott Town Green to honor all veterans, especially those so close to home in our Wolcott Community. The event will serve to promote the GREEN LIGHT A VET Advocacy Campaign and encourage individuals to keep a green light lit year round at home and/or at the office. We will salute our Servicemen and Servicewomen who continue to fight for our freedoms and to keep us safe. Luminaries will mark this special occasion and may be purchased and personalized for display. All honorees names will be read aloud during the ceremony. We pledge our continued support and respect for the brave men and women, along with their families, who have given so much. This year we will also highlight a special area to honor the 13 soldiers killed during the August 26th attack at Kabul Airport in Afghanistan. Portioned proceeds from the event will benefit H.A.V.E. (Help A Veteran Everyday) Organization and the Patriots' Day Initiative.

For more information you may
email: patriotsdayct@aol.com.

Patriots' Day Initiative Mission: 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 Food Pantry Thanks You

The Wolcott Food Pantry volunteers would like to thank the residents of Wolcott that support our mission of helping those in our community that need a hand-up.

Our current food distribution model is a bi-weekly distribution and we operate as a drive-through service with pre-packed bags of food placed in the trunk or back seat of the client's vehicle.

Our distribution dates for the next few weeks as follows:

Nov 10th. Wednesday between 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM.
Nov 22nd. Monday between 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
This will be a Thanksgiving & Standard weekly distribution.
We distribute food between 8:45AM to 11:45AM

If you or someone you know is in need of food and is a Wolcott resident, please contact the Wolcott Food Pantry at 203-704-7402. We are located at 358 Woodtick Road, Wolcott, CT.

We accept non-perishable food donations at our drop-off box located at our front door(7 x 24) or stop in on Monday & Tuesday between 8:30 and 11AM and say hello.

If you're out shopping, and would like to drop-off some food, here's a short list of food products that would be helpful for our Thanksgiving distribution:

Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Turkey Gravy
Cake Mix
Brownie Mix
Frosting
Canned Fried Onions
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Canned Yams
Turkey Broth
Chicken Broth
Jarred Pasta Sauce

A few local organizations (Pat's, Walsh's, the Post Office and the Wolcott Library) also provide locations at the checkout to leave a food donation for the Pantry. We thank the management of those locations for their on-going support.

Monetary donations can be mailed to:
Wolcott Resource Center – Food Pantry
PO Box 6172
Wolcott, CT. 06716

Please note our Thanksgiving Schedule:

We will be having a Thanksgiving Drive-Through on Monday Nov 22nd , 2021 from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Each Family will receive either a Turkey or a Whole Chicken and all the items necessary to cook a Thanksgiving meal. Each family will also receive their regular bi-weekly distribution.

Turkey or Chicken sign-up will begin on 10-13-2021. If you do not sign-up prior to 11/22/2021, you will be asked to return at the end of distribution for availability.

Please remember to come to the 5th Annual Veterans Vigil and Luminary Ceremony (sponsored by the American Legion Post 165). The Vigil will take place on Wednesday, November 10th at 5 PM on the Wolcott Town Green.

To any business in Wolcott that may have a pool of 'box' trucks: we are looking for a replacement/backup truck for our existing vehicle. It was graciously donated to us by the late Walter Sherman (Barlow Pump). Please call our number and leave us a message if you have an interest in discussing further.

Sept 18th, 2021: Thank you to our volunteers and those who donated that helped our annual 'Fill the Gazebo' food drive. There were many other volunteers that represented the pantry at Walsh's, Pat's and our home base on Woodtick Rd. Thanks everyone!

Sept 29th, 2021: Thanks to the volunteers that helped distribute food on the 29th. Beautiful weather and a busy day of client pickups!

Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 is actively learning, growing and giving back. The Scouts have been meeting weekly to work on rank requirements and merit badges, such as First Aid. Additionally, the Troop has been working with their patrols, building teamwork and camaraderie. Further, the Scouts hosted a troop-wide cook off. Using camp stoves, the scouts competed against each other to cook the tastiest camp meal. Some entries included burgers, milkshakes, and homefries. Additionally, the Troop celebrated its first Court of Honor of the year at the American Legion. Scouts received advancements and badges they worked on during the summer and at summer camp while enjoying a few yummy treats.

Moreover, the Troop has been giving back to the community. They helped the Friends of the Library with the setup, cleanup and with the day-of book sale. The Troop also held one of their yearly can and bottle drives. The boys extend a giant thank you to all who donated. The troop will also be volunteering its time at Wolcott's 225th Anniversary.

Finally, the Troop is planning a weekend, hiking campout this month at Steep Rock Preserve in Washington, CT.

As always, the Troop is collecting cans and bottles at 47 North Street, around back in the drop box.

For more information on scouting email
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SOUTHINGTON $599,900 — Majestic 4 bedroom, 4 ½ bath Colonial/Cape with over 5,600 square feet on a very private cul-de-sac! Open floor plan with hardwood flooring, a Chef's dream kitchen with a secondary dining room off the kitchen and a sunken living room. Primary bedroom suite with huge walk-in closet on main floor. Bonus sewing/craft/studio at the top of the center staircase with skylight offering endless possibilities. Three car garage. Schedule your appointment today!

WOLCOTT — New homes in Heritage Hill subdivision. Five models to choose from including a raised ranch and Cape Cod style homes. Homes offer gas heat, city water and sewer. Lawn maintenance and snow removal are included in the Association fee.

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BRISTOL $319,900 — This 3 possibly 4 bedroom 2.1 bath Ranch near Cedar Lake is a well built, beautifully cared for home. There are hardwood floors in every room except the kitchen. The kitchen is updated with granite countertops, and new back splash soon to be done. There's a bonus/sun room with electric heat with sliders to deck off the kitchen. The spacious, brightly lit Living room has a large picture window and a wood burning brick fireplace. The additional bedrooms are located off the hall at the opposite ends of the house. The laundry room is conveniently located off the hall. This warm, lovingly cared for home, sits on a meticulously cared for 3/4 acre, level lot.

SOUTHINGTON $895,000 — Truly a beauty! This 1 owner home was designed for entertaining with incredible flow & abundance of natural light, boasting over 5100 square feet and 2+ acres of privacy and a phenomenal indoor/outdoor pool. Main level has a formal living room with dramatic cathedral ceilings and skylights, dining room, office, great room, massive kitchen with tons of cabinets, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and pantry! The winding staircase leads to the upper level with 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. The master suite offers a large sitting area with fireplace and hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, office with balcony overlooking the yard, huge bath with jetted tub, vanity, double sinks and a massive walk-in closet! The other 4 bedrooms are split into 2 sections, 2 bedrooms that share a full bath with double sinks & tons of cabinets, then another 2 bedrooms that share another full bath with double sinks & tons of cabinets. Basement is partially finished. The tranquil yard is filled with shrubs, flowers and a new patio.

WOLCOTT $299,900 — Meticulously cared for 3-bedroom ranch sitting on park like grounds featuring a stunning open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, exposed wood beams and recently remodeled kitchen and bath. Granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, hickory flooring and lots of light. Outside you can sit at the open bar at the cabana overlooking the in-ground pool. Cabana is screened in and has a full kitchen. Walk out basement has 1/2 bath, finished family room with pool table, large storage area and a complete workshop area.

WOLCOTT $274,900 — Great bones and plenty of room in this 3 bedroom, 2 and 1/2 bath home. Home features hard wood floors under carpet, solar panels, new roof - architectural shingles on front, 2 car attached garage, screened in porch, deck and patio! Lower level has a 22 x 22 sq. ft. family room with built in book shelves and is ready for entertaining with full wet bar. Enjoy the white stone fireplace or enter the next large room (rec room) and enjoy a game of pool or ping pong. Still another room can be used as an office or even a spare bedroom. Full bath with stand up shower and laundry room in lower level (just needs updating). Upstairs has 3 good sized bedrooms. Master bedroom has a half bath. Update this home your way and show off your sprawling raised ranch on almost an acre in a prime location of Wolcott. Beautiful L-shaped corner lot. Solar panels help keep this home warmed inexpensively. Many more features you will love and keep in this home as you bring your modern touches to it.

WOLCOTT $574,900 — This striking colonial is set back on a private lot located on a quiet cul-de-sac! The foyer, with its stunning cathedral ceiling, leads you into an airy family room with hardwood floors and a beautiful fireplace with a natural flow into the updated kitchen boasting new granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, and spacious island. The bright and inviting dining room provides the ideal space for dining. Off the foyer lies eight hundred square feet - a cozy three-room space with its own kitchen and bath. This amazing suite can function as an independent in-law suite with its own private entrance, or can be used as a private master or guest suite. The stately staircase leads to the second-floor balcony, with three additional generous sized bedrooms with hardwood floors plus the master bedroom complete with its own private full bath. Also located on the second floor is an oversized carpeted bonus room, a perfect entertaining space, a playroom, or even a home theatre space! Thepartially finished basement provides an additional recreational area. Yard is beautifully landscaped and private. With a stunning in-ground pool, decks, and patio spaces to host gatherings, this home provides an inviting environment to entertain no matter the season or occasion.

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New Laws Went Into Effect

State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco
Representing Wolcott & Southington

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Connecticut General Assembly debated and ultimately passed several proposals into law. Other measures passed during a Special Legislative Session that was held in June. Listed below are a few major bills that became effective October 1, 2021.

The new laws that went into effect address seat belts, recycling, erasing criminal records, employment of older workers, pedestrians on crosswalks, and a five-cent surcharge on miniature bottles of liquor. For a complete list of bills visit: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/content/aeauto.asp.

"Bottle Bill"

Under the state's new law that takes effect on October 1, 2021, select retailers will be required to provide at least two reverse vending machines at their place of business. This law expands upon the existing beverage container redemption law commonly referred to as the "bottle bill." Public Act 21-58, also increases the handling fee distributors must pay to dealers and redemption centers from 2.5 cents to 3.5 cents per beverage container. Starting in 2023, the list of containers that must be redeemable will also expand, and in 2024, deposit amounts will increase to at least 10 cents instead of the current rate of 5 cents.

Seat Belts in the Back Seat

To save lives and prevent serious injury, Connecticut drivers must now ensure that all passengers wear a seatbelt. Public Act 21-175, requires all passengers in a vehicle, even those in the back seat, to wear a seatbelt regardless of their age. Previously, adult passengers in the back seat were not required to wear a seat belt. This new law is subject to secondary enforcement, which means that police will not pull over drivers for passengers in the back seat who are not wearing a seat belt. Instead, a fine can be issued if a driver is pulled over for a primary offense such as speeding. The fine is $50 if the driver is 18 or older and $75 if the driver is under 18.

Pedestrian Safety

Drivers will now be required to slow down or stop if a pedestrian is within any portion of the crosswalk, steps to the curb at a crosswalk's entrance, and indicates intent to cross by raising a hand or arm to oncoming traffic. Extension of any body part, cane or walking stick into the crosswalk entrance also indicates intent to cross under Public Act 21-28.

Age Discrimination in Employment Applications

I voted against Public Act 20-69, as I do not believe it should be illegal for employers to require a job applicant's age, birth date or graduation date on an initial employment application. However, as of October 1, 2021, it will now be considered a "discriminatory employment practice" to do so.

Employers Must Disclose Salary Range

I voted against Public Act 21-30 because it mandates that employers offer job applicants and employees a "wage range" for their positions, which can be a scale of pay among current employees with similar positions or the budgeted amount for the job.

Erasure of Criminal Records

Almost 100 new laws took effect on July 1, 2021, one of those laws pushed by the Democrat Majority in the legislature erases criminal records. I opposed Public Act 21-32 as a person convicted of a Class D or E felony, or an unclassified felony offense carrying a term of imprisonment of not more than five years, can now have the conviction erased after 10 years if the offense occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2000.

These are only a few of the major laws passed during this year's Legislative Session. The 2022 Legislative Session will begin on February 9, 2022. As always, I encourage you to make your voice heard and stay connected with state government.

With Veterans Day in mind, I want to thank all our Veterans for their service and the sacrifices they have made. Many risk their lives daily to safeguard us all. Honorably serving our country, missing key memories such as family gatherings, the birth of children, and even the loss of loved ones. Let us keep them in our thoughts as we gather around our tables this holiday season.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with love and gratitude.

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

Let us Give Thanks!

We should be grateful for what we have every day. The fourth Thursday in November we celebrate an entire day devoted to giving thanks! Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association is always thankful for the way our community supports us! Through your generous donations, well wishes when you see us around town, and yielding the street to us as we respond to assist someone in need. These are just a few of the ways each one of you show a great deal of community support to us year-round.

Seasonal Safety Tips

The trees have shown us a beautiful palette of color this autumn. Once the leaves fall to the ground, be careful walking or driving as they may cause a slip hazard, especially when wet. As we gear up for the winter ahead, take steps to stay well. Suggestions include get plenty of rest, stay well nourished, wash your hands, and keep hard surfaces clean & sanitized. Make sure your heating system is ready for the season with preventative maintenance performed by a qualified technician.

COVID-19

Please take care of yourself and your family. Help fight COVID-19, influenza (flu), and other serious infections this season. Wear your masks, use social distancing as appropriate and please stay home if you are sick. If you have questions regarding COVID-19 or this season's strain of the flu, contact your local Health Department.

New Ambulance Facility

We continue to work with Mayor Dunn and local developers / builders regarding our relocation of ambulance headquarters. We have four potential sites in Wolcott, we hope to be able to finalize negotiations and share the news and location with everyone by the first quarter of 2022 – so stay tuned for now and thank you all very much for supporting us and this endeavor!

Emergency Medical Technician Classes

Please check back with us for details on our EMT class schedules in 2022 which will begin early next year. If you would like to be placed on our waiting list, please contact us at 203-879-4122.

American Heart Association and Stop the Bleed classes

Would you like to learn some basic medical skills? As soon as it is safe to do so, Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association will begin offering monthly community classes at our headquarters (48 Todd Road) again. These programs will be provided at no cost to Wolcott residents and a nominal fee for those that reside outside of Wolcott.

Membership

Are you currently certified as an EMT or licensed as a Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? We are looking for qualified people to become part of our team. Please contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab on our website.

Stay Safe!

As always, we would like to thank each one of you for your continued support of Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance. We are truly honored to serve this wonderful community. As you are out and about enjoying your autumn activities, please stay safe!

Target on Tyrrell

Students at Tyrrell Middle School observed Hispanic Heritage Month by taking a virtual tour of 20 Spanish speaking countries. They explored facts about them and created passports. Students collaborated to gather data and identified places they would like to visit in each country. They also played a traditional Mexican game called Lotería using TMS Media Center's interactive table and learned about famous Hispanics through a scavenger hunt.

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

Leah Shumacher
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Daniel Polkowski
Cameron Cleary

On September 23rd, guest speaker David Flood presented assemblies to the Tyrrell student body in which a positive message regarding the importance of being accepting of others' differences and the positive impact students could have by "being there" for their fellow students who may be feeling down for a variety of reasons. Thank you to the TMS PTO and Wolcott CASA for making this presentation possible.

Tyrrell fall sports and clubs have returned after not having a 2020 season or meetings. Boys and girls soccer, volleyball, cross country, and dance teams are off to a positive start, and all clubs are fully underway. Participating students seem to be genuinely enjoying their time participating in these activities after school.

In the novel *The Pigman*, readers are introduced to a character named Mr. Pignati. Mr. Pignati is called The Pigman because he collects glass, clay, and marble pigs. Hobbies fulfill an important role in our lives; they give us personal satisfaction, let us explore things we enjoy — things we may not be able to do for a living but interest us, and they give us something to do in our spare time. To prepare for our novel, Ms. Cullen's and Mrs. Brammer's students shared presentations on THEIR hobbies.

Tyrrell students browse the wonderful collection of books in Tyrrell's Fall Book Fair.

Focus On Frisbie

Frisbie's Students of the Month
for September, 2021!

Frisbie School had their first reward for students turning in reading and math logs for the month of September. The lucky pizza winners were Nora H., Luca R., Owen B., Armin C., Cayden D., Eric B., Genevieve M., Abby R., Samantha S., David P., Ray S., Dario G., and Ethan J. Thank you to Five Guys Flippin' Pies for sharing in our love of reading!

Frisbie's Golden Ticket Winners!

On October 7th, Frisbie kindergarten and first grade students were treated to a discussion about fire safety from the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department. Deputy Fire Marshall Elliot discussed fire safety with the students and instructed them to create and practice a fire escape plan with their family. Students especially enjoyed viewing all of the tools on the fire truck. It was a great educational experience for our Frisbie students.

Farmingbury Women's Club News

Appreciation and thank you

Just wanting to express our deepest gratitude for all who helped in making the October Breast Cancer Awareness event as successful as it was. Thank you, Mayor Dunn, Amy Desaulniers & Joe Golden for all your help in making this community event a success.

Thank you to our Wolcott Police Department, Ambulance and Fire Departments for providing a safe environment for all to enjoy.

Thanks to all of you who took time out from your busy schedule to attend and support this wonderful evening.

To; Pastor Tammy Torelli, opening our ceremony with prayer and faith, Ryan Steven, a student with Stacy Perrone-Petta, who sang two beautiful songs, both dedicated to his Mom, who was just cleared of Breast Cancer, an acknowledgement of the Farmingbury Women's' Busy Bees who make Breast Cancer pillows, State Representative Gail Mastofranseco, who spoke words of encouragement to Breast Cancer patients and survivors, Miss Allie Maisto, our very own Miss Wolcott outstanding Teen, who gave words of encouragement, and spoke about her grandmother, who had lost her life to Breast Cancer. Mrs. Connecticut who relayed her message of hope and encouragement, our main speaker, Colleen Mazurek, a cancer survivor, who spoke of her journey from the moment she was informed that she had a cancer at age 18 and her continued battle with several cancers thru her life. How she faced each encounter. It was such a courageous and heartwarming speech that gave hope, faith and inspiration to all who attended. Dr. Nicole Soohkan, who attends our event every year and brings us hope & encouragement and informs us of the latest techniques in Breast Cancer medical developments...

And to all the members of the Farmingbury Women's Club who so graciously give of their time and support.

Mary Kelly, President
Farmingbury Women's Club

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Friends of the Library News

Thank You! We so appreciate all our book dealers, patrons and buyers who came out for our Fall book sale. We had a wonderful turn out and we made a very good profit. Donations were made to Children's Community School, Waterbury Reads and Lilly's Little Free Library located in Fulton Park, Waterbury. We had so many of our Friends set up and work the event but that doesn't take into consideration the countless hours before and after to get organized. We got many compliments that we are the most efficient book sale around! And we have such knowledgeable sorters who can put their fingers on almost anything you are looking for. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 230 who once again helped us especially with the children's books under the tent. If you weren't able to join us, we switched out the book shelves at the main door and you might be lucky enough to find something you want. Some of the 2020-21 books went up there. They are priced slightly higher at $2 for paperbacks and $4 for hardcovers but with today's prices, its still a bargain. We will also put out various holiday books at the appropriate times. Also please note that we will accepting books all year long. Small donations can be brought to the main circulation desk. For larger donations, please call ahead at 203 879-8110 and someone can open up the doors downstairs.

I would like to thank our landscaping committee for their time and effort in keeping the main entrance looking beautiful. The summer flowers were bursting from their containers. It looks like we had the best spot. Now the fall display is equally wonderful as we move from one season to the next.

Looking ahead, we are planning a Spring Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm in the downstairs meeting rooms. If you are interested, please contact Liz Santos at esan210@yahoo.com or call 203 910-5238. This is an indoor event and tables are only $30 for 6 foot or $40 for 8 foot with chairs. The larger tables are limited.

Our next Friends meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 10th at 12:30pm in the downstairs meeting room. If you have any comments or questions for the Friends please contact us at wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com or call Janet at 203 233-6407.

THE CARD TOURNAMENT IS BACK!
St. Basil the Great Ladies' Guild is once again sponsoring their Fall Set Back Card Tournament on Friday, November 12th. Registration begins at 6:30pm with the 7 game tournament commencing at 7pm. Tickets are $15 each ages 16 to adult and will include refreshments during play, door prizes and a dessert table at the conclusion. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners. To reserve your spot, please contact rachelmwisler@yahoo.com or call 203 879-0889.

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Continued Blessings & Thanks to all Essential Workers!

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All participants must wear a mask at all times. Thank you in advance for your understanding & cooperation.

Sunday Nov.14 @ NOON
Wolcott Congregational and All Saints Episcopal Churches will co-sponsor the "Blessing of the Animals" on Wolcott Green. Please come and bring your beloved pet to be blessed.

Please feel free to call Church Office for up-to-date info: 203-879-2800.

All Saints' Church – Rev. Karen Maleri
282 Bound Line Road — *"The church right behind Town Hall"*

Library staff were delighted to be a part of Wolcott's 225th Celebration last month. We saw many of our patrons, and signed new members up for library cards!

The library continues to offer a variety of programs for children & adults. Our favorite knitters are busy making warm hats and scarves as the weather cools. A Good Yarn (our knit & crochet circle) is now meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. (No registration required). If you have holiday menus on your mind, be sure to register for Holiday Harvest, on Mon 11/15 at 6 p.m. We are also offering a Children's event, Food Explorers on Saturday 11/20 at 11 a.m.

Add an exciting new dish to your holiday menu this year with A-Z World Food, one of our many e-resources that is accessible with your Wolcott library card. Don't forget to use Consumer Reports as you consider your holiday purchases this year. Our newest e-resource, Black Lives in America, a unique digital archive of the African American experience from the early 18th century to the present day.

Our library is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10-8, Tuesday 10-6, Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-3. Our Little Free Library is always open, just outside the library near the door to the Children's Room with books for children, teens & adults.

Connor, Hailey, baby Will and mom Kaila pose with Darth Septimus at Wolcott Public Library's Padawan Training program

Patrons paint pumpkin portraits while participating in Wolcott Public Library's Paint Night program

Wolcott High School NEWS

Wolcott High School's Eleventh Annual College Fair *(Take Two)*

On Thursday, September 30th, the Wolcott High School Counseling Department held their Eleventh Annual College Fair. After missing a year of the fair, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, it was nice to have representatives, parents, and students back to the high school in person.

Over 75 college admission representatives, as well as military recruiters, technical schools, and cosmetology programs ventured out to Wolcott High School to meet with the families of Wolcott for the first ever outdoor fair, on the turf. For an hour and a half, students and their families were able to visit with representatives in regards to post high school options. Prior to the fair, Mrs. Cathy Hardy, a financial aid representative with Naugatuck Valley Community College spoke to an audience of over 80 parents and students about paying for college.

The college fair and financial presentation were a great way for students and parents to learn about a wide range of post-secondary options. Following the college fair, feedback from our attending representatives was extremely positive regarding the participation of students and families. Many stated that the fair was well attended, organized, and had great representation of underclassmen in attendance. It is comments such as this that remind us of what these school-wide functions are all about; our students.

While the counseling department organized the event, much of the day's preparation was conducted by student volunteers. Various students helped to set-up and decorate our field, as well as take down and clean up decorations at the end of the night. Others offered to help greet and escort our representatives to their table. Our outstanding culinary department, along with their teacher Mr. Chuck Tutalo, prepared sandwiches, salads, and cookies for our visiting representatives to enjoy while they spoke with families. The hard work and dedication of these students contributed to another successful college fair for Wolcott High School.

The Wolcott High School Counseling Department would like to thank the students, the culinary program, and the custodial staff for all of their help with our college fair. We look forward to next year and hosting another successful event.

Wolcott High School faculty and staff promoted the College Fair by wearing a college, military, or tech school t-shirt on College Fair day.

News from Around the WHS CTE Department

Wolcott High School's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department prepares students for meaningful employment and/or post secondary education by offering experiential learning, developing essential life skills, and providing opportunity for industry certifications. Students in CTE classes gain technical and academic skills equipping them for the global workforce.

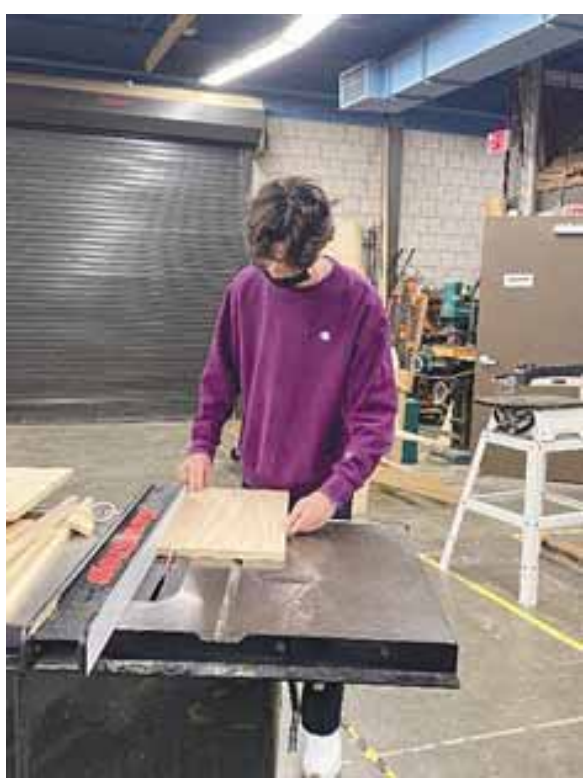
The first month of school has already provided students many exciting opportunities. Students in Mr. Tutalo's Culinary Independent Study made a delicious boxed dinner for representatives presenting at WHS' Annual College Fair. The School Store officially opened on October 1st and is fully stocked with a variety of treats for students to enjoy.

Mr. Phelan's Construction II students have started working on planning and building Adirondack chairs with an emphasis on properly calculating and measuring to minimize wasted lumber.

Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

Eagles of the Month exemplify the core values of Wolcott High School: Engagement, Acceptance, Integrity, Responsibility, Respect, and Perseverance.

Grade 9 – Edward Podzunas
Grade 10 – Sebastiano Campagna
Grade 11 – Evan Harris
Grade 12 – Joseph Macary
Staff – Ms. Ignacio



Around Town Photography by Roger Picard

The Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association held their annual Ladies Day Shoot at their club on Woodtick Road on September 18th. Forty women signed up for the event and they were able to shoot a variety of firearms and archery. They all received t-shirts, lunch and safety instruction on the use of firearms at no cost thanks to the generosity of the Wolcott Insurance Group and Costello Landscaping who sponsored the event.

Brandon Price of Boy Scout Troop 230, stands proudly in the middle of his Eagle Scout project that was recently completed behind the All Saints Church on Boundline Road. Brandon with the help of fellow scouts and scout leaders, constructed this prayer garden for people to go to a quiet place and utilize it for reflection and silent prayer.

Pictured here are some of the scarecrows that were made at the **Build A Scarecrow** event at Woodtick Recreation. Some went home with their creators and some found homes in front of Town Hall, the Wolcott Police Department, schools and area businesses. A great time was had by all. Photo by Rob Pierpont

Tom Ciriello of Wolcott and his company truck, volunteered to help out the Wolcott Food Pantry Fill The Gazebo event on September 18th. Tom and other volunteers would load food items onto his truck from the Town Green site and transport it to the Food Pantry on Woodtick Road.

The CT District Exchange Club awarded Wolcott Club member Tom Gianni with the Second Annual Mike DeNegris Outstanding Contribution to Exchange Award. Immediate past president of the CT District Exchange, George Grey, was on hand to present the award with help from Mike DeNegris's daughter Michele Salmon. Mike DeNegris was a past president of the Wolcott Club and CT District Exchange Club, before passing away in 2020

Citizens Against Substance Abuse, (CASA) held their annual car show at the Wolcott High School parking lot on September 18th. The weather was perfect for the event and well attended by car enthusiasts of all ages. The money raised by this event will go to help support CASA projects in our community.

The September winner of the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce Customer Rewards Program was Eddie Bruneau of Church Drive. She selected a $50.00 gift certificate from Mikraft Jewelers of 1794 Meriden Road, Wolcott. Pictured with Eddie is Mikraft owner Michael Wilkinson.

Alcott School News

Second Graders building houses that can withstand the Big, Bad Wolf's huff and puff.

Alcott celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month all month long with crafts and activities across grade levels!

Alcott All-Stars

Center time in Ms. Roberts' Class.

A visit from the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department.

Wolcott Historical Society - November 2021

by Florence Goodman

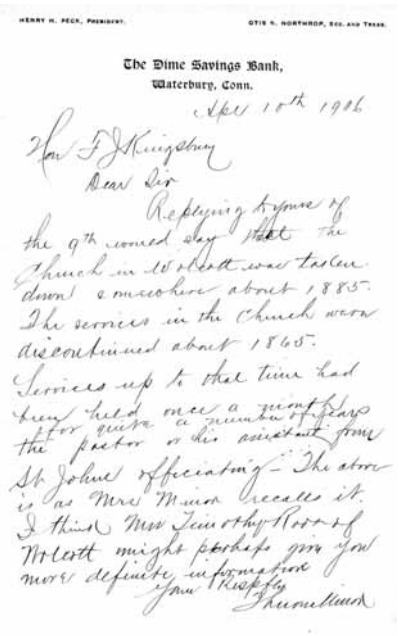
I always marvel at the connections I make while researching information for my monthly articles. Several months ago Tony "the barber" Gugliotti donated a 1906 letter to the Wolcott Historical Society. It was written to the Honorable F.J. Kingsbury (Waterbury) and referenced information about when the original Episcopal Church on our town Green was taken down. I knew the Society had a postcard of that old church and I remembered much of its history. I also, knew that the Tuttle House next to the town hall had been gifted to the Episcopal Church and it too had a great history. The final connection came when I attended the dedication of a beautiful Prayer Garden done as an Eagle Project by Brandon Price for the Episcopal Church. As I sat on the bench looking out towards the church I knew it was time to once again share this interesting history of the Episcopal Church and the Daniel Tuttle House.

This is an old postcard of the first Episcopal Church that was located on the Town Green.

All Saints Episcopal Church located on Bound Line Road west of the Green was dedicated on November 5, 1964, but this was not the original church nor location. Some of the earliest settlers in our town were Episcopalians, and like the Congregationalists they attended church in Waterbury. By 1779 their congregation was large enough to petition the State to become a distinct Society, but it was not granted. It wasn't until 1805 that the members began to hold services at the home of Daniel Byington at the Mill Place, which continued for several years. On January 26, 1811 the Episcopal Society in Wolcott was established and meetings were held at the home of Mr. Titus Hotchkiss. Taxes were paid by the members to run the Society and to pay for preachers. From 1811 until 1813 the Reverend Mr. Prindle of Naugatuck preached in Wolcott and for a short time afterward the Reverend Tillotson Bronson of Cheshire preached there. Records do not mention the names of ministers that preached at the church from 1817 until 1835, but from 1836 through 1860 various ministers from surrounding towns preached at their meetings. The names of these ministers can be found in Samuel Orcutt's, "History of the Town of Wolcott From 1731 to 1874."

A sketch of the first Episcopal Church built in 1832 on the Green. Sketch by Russ Benson of Wolcott.

Around 1821 the Episcopal Society of Wolcott began to discuss building a church and Levi Hall, Ambrose Ives and Erastus Welton were chosen to find a location. It was voted to build a church 30 by 40 feet with two stories and a cupola suitable for hanging a bell. The church building discussions continued for nine more years. In 1830 members of the church began to gather materials for the building and at that time the size was reduced to 24 by 36 feet. On April 5, 1830 at a public meeting it was voted to donate town property "on the south side of the public green" to build the Episcopal Church. The picture postcard that accompanies this article shows that the first Episcopal Church was located near where the present town hall now stands. The church frame was raised in the summer of 1830 and by December of that year the outside of the church was covered, but it wasn't until 1832 that the church was finally completed. By 1836 a stove was placed inside the church. According to the letter donated by Mr. Gugliotti services were held in the church until 1865 and the pastor or assistant pastor from St. John's Church in Waterbury officiated. It also states that this information was from Mrs. Minor as she recalled it. The church was taken down in 1893 and once again members had to travel out of town for Sunday services.



The Dime Savings Bank,
Waterbury, Conn.

April 10th 1906

Hon F J Kingsbury
Dear Sir
Replying to your of the 9th inst. would say that the Church in Wolcott was taken down & moved about 1865. The services in the Church were discontinued about 1865. Services up to that time had been held once a month for quite a number of years by the pastor or his assistant from St Johns officiating - The above is as Mrs Minor recalls it. I think Mrs Timothy Roots of Wolcott might perhaps give you more definite information
Yours truly
Theo Bliss

Tony "the barber" Gugliotti donated this 1906 letter to the Wolcott Historical Society. It was written to the Honorable F.J. Kingsbury (Waterbury) and referenced information about when the original Episcopal Church on our town Green was taken down.

The Daniel Tuttle House built in 1792 is located on the west side of the Town Hall. The Moss Family transferred ownership of the property to the Episcopal Church in 1961.

On All Saints Day in 1961 the property belonging to the Moss Family known as the "Daniel Tuttle House" located west of the Town Hall was transferred to the Episcopal Society of Connecticut to provide living quarters for the Vicar of the new All Saints Parish. It wasn't until 1964 that the present church was erected next to that house. The Daniel Tuttle House built in 1792 has a rich history. Daniel Tuttle, a carpenter by trade, built the house; he lived there until 1797 when he sold it to Asoph Hotchkiss, one of the settlers who had donated land for the Green. In1852 Eratus Warner, a merchant moved into the house and lived there for several years. Later, William French owned the house and operated a store and post office on the premises. In 1900 a shed and stone garage were added to the property. Miss Emily Tuttle Morris, daughter of Connecticut Governor Luzon B. Morris purchased the house in 1918. Miss Morris immediately set about restoring the house, which had fallen into disarray. She hired Mr. Frank Arthur Harrison to build the beautiful stonewalls that surround the house and church along Kenea Avenue and Bound Line Road. In 1924 Mr. Richard Ely an official from Chase Brass and Copper Companies purchased the home. He lived there until 1931 when he sold it to Mr. Frederick Moss who worked for Standard Oil Company of New York. During his ownership the grounds were landscaped and beautiful flower gardens and shrubs were added to the property. As stated above, the Moss Family transferred ownership of the property to the church in 1961. The church used this property for many years until it became too much of a financial burden so they used it as rental property. At some point in the early 21st century the property was sold and later went into foreclosure. In 2010 Susan Clarke purchased the house and lived there for five years. She did some restorations and renovations, but it proved to be an enormous task and she sold the property. In 2015 John and Kristen Lopez purchased the house and they have spent much money, time and energy bringing it back to its original state. Today this beautiful saltbox stands proudly next to our Town Hall.

Brandon Price, Eagle Scout would completed the project is standing in front of the Prayer Garden.

Reverend Karen blessing the Prayer Garden on Saturday, September 19, 2021

The next connection is last, but definitely not least; the Prayer/Meditation garden, which was an Eagle Project completed by Brandon Price. Brandon and his family are members of the All Saints Episcopal Church and he wanted to do something for the church. He knew the Congregational Church had a prayer garden and wanted one for his church. He was able to get the project approved in 2020 by the Church vestry, but then Covid hit and things were put on hold. The project officially began after the Memorial Day 2021. Brandon wasn't sure if he would have time to complete the project because of the delayed start, but he had lots of help from Scout leaders Al Podzunas and Pete Grasso, Mayor Dunn, Jim Carey and the Town Crew as well as parents and scouts from Troop 230. There was also financial support from a fundraiser that was held at one of La Fortuna Restaurant's community dinners. On September 19, 2021 the Prayer Garden ceremony was held and Reverend Karen, the minister of the church, blessed the garden.

Prayer Garden helpers standing in the garden

An Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations Brandon on a job well done. To view the garden drive to the end of the parking lot behind the Town Hall or the Episcopal Church, park your car and walk around this beautiful garden and enjoy its peaceful beauty.

(Information for this article was taken from my April 2009 Wolcott News article; The 175th Anniversary Book by John Washburne; a1906 letter from written to the Hon. F. Kingsbury of Waterbury referencing information about the first Episcopal Church in Wolcott; a phone conversation with Brandon Price (10.8.21); Samuel Orcutt, "The History of the Town of Wolcott From 1731 to 1874; Program from the Garden dedication-9.19.21)

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Junior Women's Club Happenings

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the success of our "18th" Annual Golf Tournament which was held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Farmingbury Hills Golf Course.

Tee Sponsors: Advanced Dermatology Center PC, American Cleaning & Maintenance Co. Can – It, LLC., Dental Health Associates P.C., J P C Lawn Care, Pool Water Pat, RTC Painting & Contracting, LLC, Tynan & Iannone Attorneys at Law, Schmidt Electric, LLC, Wolcott Concrete Construction, LLC, Wolcott Lion's Club, Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association, X-treme Cheer Raffles and Donations; Mayor Tom Dunn, CC's Candy, East Street Eatery, Farmingbury Hills Pro Shop, Friends of Juniors, Junior Women Club Members, Hangry Fork, Bill & Tricia Jensen, Dane & Debbie Jensen, Pat's IGA, Wolcott Pizza.

With the generous support of our families, friends, area businesses and organizations the money we raised during this event will be used in the Wolcott community to enrich the lives of children and families served by the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott.

November represents the beginning of the "Giving Thanks" season and our club has a lot to be thankful for this time of year. We are sponsoring our sixth Annual "Vote Against Hunger". We are requesting that voters donate non-perishable food items on Election Day, November 2nd. This event will benefit the Wolcott Food Pantry. Collection boxes will be in the voting poll areas. Please remember to attend The Veteran's Day Ceremony on the Green, held 11/11, at 11:00 AM.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is sponsoring our 34th Annual Toys for Tots and Teens Program for Wolcott families. This project is requiring community effort as we work through cooperation, contribution and co-ordination of schools, churches, businesses, service organizations and volunteers, as well as incorporating all the safety protocols of the COVID 19. We work diligently to give assistance to Wolcott families facing difficult times and hopefully bring a little joy into their homes during this Christmas Season. Last year 19 families; 27 children and 15 Teens benefited directly from this program. All toys must be new and unwrapped. Look for our donation boxes at our Wolcott business locations. Letters have been mailed to businesses and organizations seeking monetary donations. All monetary donations will help us provide gift cards for teenage siblings. Each year we try to provide the teens with gift cards so they can do their own shopping. Donations should be sent to: Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, PO Box 6116, Wolcott CT 06716. We are very thankful to everyone who has supported this program in the past and hope the town's generosity will continue again this year. An application will be included at the bottom of this article. Applications must be returned by 12/5 and completed by all families requesting help. Santa's appearance at the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on November 28th at 6:00 pm. will be a delight to all of the children and young at heart! Everyone is invited and we are requesting that the public can bring a new/unwrapped toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots & Teens program in Wolcott.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September-June via ZOOM for now at 7 pm. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community.

APPLICATION FORM
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Wolcottjuniors@gmail.com

NAME: _____

Email: _____

PHONE: _____

List children's Ages (birth to 16) and Gender:

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2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

****All applications kept in strict confidence****
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Or by email: wolcottjuniors@gmail.com

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Donna Belval
Senior Center
Director

Happy November!!

We are a busy place at our senior center! Since we re-opened our doors in June, we have increased our membership by 111 new seniors in just 5 months and still growing! Our in-person & zoom exercise classes have grown anywhere from 30-40 participants per class with in-person participants safely distanced. We supply exercise balls, bands, drumsticks and weights and are cleaned after each use. Chair Yoga is in full-swing, Jeannie's craft classes are full, and Bingo is the hottest game in Town! We have something to do for everyone. Come in and check us out!

Our senior center is open regular hours from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Thursday and close at 12:00 PM on Friday. In-person & zoom exercise classes are Monday-Thursday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. We will continue to zoom all exercise classes for seniors who wish to participate in the comfort of their home. Chair Yoga is at 11:00 AM every Thursday. Bingo is every Wednesday, from 12:30 PM-3:00 PM. We are using disposable paper bingo sheets so please bring your bingo chips and daubers. We have a limited supply of daubers and bingo chips for purchase. Line dancing is every Monday afternoon from 1:30-3:00 PM and setback is every Thursday afternoon from 12:30-3:00 PM along with daily setback games beginning at 9:00 AM.

We are offering "Grab and Go" lunches from New Opportunities every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 AM pick up. To qualify, you must be at least 60 years of age and fill out a Form-5 sheet that will be provided. The suggested donation for lunch is $3.00. Order Friday for Tuesday lunches and Tuesday for Thursday lunches. Call the senior center or stop in to pick up a menu for November.

We have weekly breakfasts and lunch specials giving a choice to "eat-in" or "take-out". (Coffee will be served for "eat-in" only.) A "BIG THANKS" to all the seniors who have supported all our breakfasts & lunch specials!

Call the center to order 203-879-8133

November Breakfast Specials Menu — $2.00 pp CALL AHEAD TO ORDER

Fri. Nov 5—French Toast w/ Bacon & Dessert

Wed. Nov 10—Free Veteran's Day Breakfast Sandwich-Non-Veteran's--$2.00 –Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll—Please call to order by Mon. Nov 8

Wed. Nov 17—Sausage Pattie, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll w/ Dessert

Tues. Nov 23—Blueberry Pancakes w/ Bacon & Dessert

November Lunch Specials Menu — $3.00 pp CALL AHEAD TO ORDER

Wed. Nov 3—Italian Combo w/ Lettuce on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert

Tues. Nov 9—Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Roll, Chips & Dessert

Thurs. Nov 18—"Thanksgiving in a Roll"—Hot Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce on a large Portuguese Roll, Tossed Salad, Chips & Dessert--$5.00 pp SPECIAL PRICE-- CALL TO ORDER BY MON. NOV 15

Wed. Nov 24—Ham & Cheese w/ Lettuce on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert

Wed. Dec 1—Chicken Salad w/ Lettuce on a Roll, Chips & Dessert

Foot Reflexology w/ Kim Stewart—Tues. Nov 23—11:30 AM-2:00 PM--$20.00 for 20 minutes of relaxation! Sit back & Relax—Let Kim work her magic!—Sign up at the center Jeannie's Crafty Corner--Craft Classes

Thurs. Nov 4—Scarecrow Wall Hanging--$8.00

Tues. Nov 16—Pilgrims—Tabletop decoration--$7.00

Thurs. Dec 2—Christmas Tree—Tabletop decoration—$12.00

Bus Trips: Sign up at the Senior Center

Wed. Nov 3—11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Great Taste of China

Thurs. Nov 4—9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Cabela's, Home Goods Store & lunch to follow at Rein Deli

Tues. Nov 9—9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov's

Fri. Nov 12—11:00 Bus leaves for Bethlehem Indoor Flea Market w/ lunch to follow at Nick's Country Kitchen

Tues. Nov 16—9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at The Christmas Tree Shop

Fri. Nov 19—11:15 Bus leaves for lunch at J Timothy's Restaurant

Mon. Nov 22—11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlic's followed by shopping at Stew Leonard's

Tues. Nov 30—11:30 Bus leaves for lunch at Staropolska Polish Restaurant

Currently, fully vaccinated people have a choice to wear or not to wear a mask while inside the senior center. Non-vaccinated people must wear a mask inside the senior center. If you need a disposable mask to wear, they are available at each entrance of the building. We have wall mounted hand sanitizers located on the inside walls at each entrance for you to use as you enter the building and portable sanitizers will be at each table.

PARKING POLICY: PARKING AT THE SENIOR CENTER IS FOR SENIOR CENTER PARTICIPANTS ONLY. IF YOU ARE WALKING THE TRAIL, PLEASE USE WOODTICK RECREATION PARKING LOT AS WE HAVE LIMITED PARKING SPACES FOR OUR SENIORS. A SPACE THAT YOU TAKE IS ONE LESS SPACE FOR OUR SENIORS.

Our newsletter is available on the Wolcott website at www.wolcottct.org under "Senior Center" along with general information regarding senior center activities, bus trips, and daily bus use of the Wolcott minibus and Dial a Ride bus for shopping or doctor visits.

November crafts for Jeannie's Crafty Corner

This picture is from Kim's stretching and relaxing exercise class. As you can see we have grown in numbers!

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-Resourcesfor-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.

"Thank You" to BOE Members

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Wolcott Public Schools, we wish to thank all of the members of the Board of Education for their service to the community. In particular, we recognize the members who chose not to seek re-election, and leave the Board this year.

Mr. Paul D'Angelo – 4 years of service

Mr. Sean Hughes – 2 years of service

Mr. Timothy McMurray – 2 years of service

Wolcott Integrated Preschool Program for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Integrated Preschool Program Lottery for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications will be available online for all Wolcott residents who have a child born in 2018 or 2019. The online applications and information can be accessed by logging onto our district website wolcottps.org. Click on the link for "INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM LOTTERY APPLICATION". A lottery will be held to determine the preschool enrollment for the three and four year olds. The deadline for completing the online application is March 11, 2022.

Welcome Back from Food Services

This year, breakfast and lunch will be free for all, again!

Even though all meals are free, we still encourage you to fill out the 2021-2022 Free and Reduced Application. The application is available at the office of each school. The Free and Reduced Application, if qualified, signifies more than just free and reduced priced meals. It qualifies households for P-EBT cards, fee waivers for college applications, discount fees for standardized testing, and possible utility bill discounts.

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 Lefebvre, Food Service Director at 203-879-8145 or nlefebvre@wolcottps.org.

Wolcott Board of Education 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

All In-Person Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30PM 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
NOVEMBER	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
DECEMBER	13 (Monday)	
JANUARY	10 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	07 (Monday)	
MARCH	07 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
APRIL	04 (Monday)	25 (Monday)
MAY	09 (Monday)	23 (Monday)
JUNE	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)

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: Ms. Jessica Abbott

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: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173
- Coordinator: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

District Compliance Officers

a) **Title VI (race, color, national origin)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8430

b) **Title IX (sex equity)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8160

c) **Age Discrimination** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –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 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

Thank you to the 2019 – 2021 Board of Education for All you Have Done!

Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2021-2022

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Date/Event or Holiday	
August 23, 2021	Convocation
August 24, 2021	PD Day
August 25, 2021	First Day for Students
September 6, 2021	Labor Day
October 11, 2021	Columbus Day
November 2, 2021	Election Day
November 11, 2021	Veterans Day
November 24-26, 2021	Thanksgiving (half day on the 24th)
December 23 - 31, 2021	Holiday Recess (half day on the 23rd)
January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day
February 21-22, 2022	February Recess
April 15, 2022	Good Friday
April 18 - 22, 2022	April Recess
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
June 8, 2022	Last Day (tentative, half day on the 7th and 8th)

# of Student and Staff Days

	Staff	Student
August	7	5
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	17	17
January	20	20
February	18	18
March	23	23
April	15	15
May	21	21
June	6	6
Total Days	**186**	**184**

*August 25, 26 and 27th will be transition days for Kindergarten, only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days.
If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first sixteen (16) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After sixteen (16) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 22, 2022 and moving backward from there.

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Lynn Lombardi

Wolcott $289,000 - Ranch style 4 BR home with open floor plan; large LR w/FP, kitchen, DR/FR, MBR w/full bath. Updated bathrooms, electrical panel, H/W heater & much more; level back yard w/large deck & new vinyl fence for privacy, detached garage. ***Ask for Marita Calabro.***

Wolcott $315,000 - New construction home with open floor plan; 3 BRs, 3 full baths, large LR, formal DR, lots of natural light, kitchen w/stainless steel appliances & granite counters, MBR w/full bath, central air, 2 covered porches & a 1 car attached garage. ***Ask for Sali Barolli.***

Wolcott $355,000 - Well maintained 3 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial features kitchen w/Cherry cabinets & recessed lighting, DR w/slider to deck, LR, FR w/vaulted ceiling & wood stove w/raised brick hearth, partially finished lower level, 2 car garage. ***Ask for Gene Fercodini.***

Wolcott $379,900 - 7 Room Raised Ranch set on beautiful park-like grounds with multiple plantings; 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, LR w/vaulted ceiling, kitchen w/breakfast bar, skylight & vaulted ceiling, DR w/skylight & slider to deck, MBR w/full bath, lower level FR w/fireplace & built-ins, 2 car garage, above ground pool. ***Ask for Gene Fercodini.***

Wolcott $449,900 - Gorgeous Colonial on 2.6 acres! 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, eat-in kitchen, w/granite counters, newer cabinets & SS appliances, large LR & DR areas with cathedral ceilings, FR w/fireplace, MBR w/full bath, 3 car garage; private yard w/panoramic views! ***Ask for Ryan Bessette.***

Wolcott $544,900 - To Be Built; 4 BR Colonial on a 1 plus acre lot on cul-de-sac in lovely subdivision; kitchen/dining area w/granite counters & island, FDR w/crown molding, great room w/propane fireplace, sliders to deck, MBR w/full bath, c/air, walk-out basement. ***Ask for J.R. or Lynn.***

Wolcott $564,900 - To Be Built; Cont Colonial in the Preserve Subdivision; open floor plan, 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, kitchen w/granite counters & island, FDR w/crown molding, great room w/propane FP, MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, c/air, 2 car garage, seasonal water views. ***Ask for Lynn or J.R.***

Waterbury $89,900 - Vinyl sided Cape style home features 4 bedrooms, living room den, eat-in kitchen, 2 full baths. Close to shopping, parks. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***

Waterbury $169,900 - Brick, 6 room, 2 BR Cape in need of TLC; kitchen, DR, LR w/fireplace, office, 2 full baths 1 car detached garage. Roof, gas furnace, water heater, all replaced in last 5 years. ***Ask for Sandra Deschenes.***

Waterbury $249,900 - Beautiful vinyl sided Cape w/covered front porch; spacious LR w/ceiling fan, DR w/sliders to back deck, remodeled kitchen, main floor MBR w/full bath, 2 upper level BRs, lower level FR, 3 zone oil heat, one car garage, fenced in yard, on cul-de-sac. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***

Bethany $299,900 - Handyman special! 8 room Ranch on almost 3 acres in a peaceful setting with a stream and bridge; LR w/fireplace, DR w/fireplace and sliders, office, MBR w/cathedral ceilings & skylights, main level, in-law, upper level loft. ***Ask for Lucienne Marsella.***

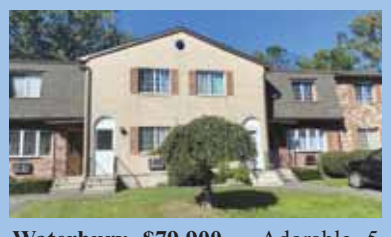
Cheshire $389,900 - Large 8 room, 2 BR, 1.5 bath Ranch w/endless possibilities; enough space for an office, retail store, or other home business, large, heated garage plus 3 car detached garage and a post & beam barn; all on 1 acre corner lot. ***Ask for Sali Barolli.***

Oakville $239,000 - 3 BR Ranch features kitchen w/breakfast bar, double wall ovens & built-in cook-top w/grill, DR, LR w/ceiling fan, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, central vac, 2 car garage & fenced in yard. ***Ask for Sali Barolli.***

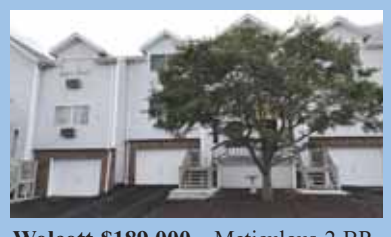
Waterbury-Multi $275,000 - Two family duplex features on each side 2 BRs, 1.5 baths, LR w/hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen w/granite counter tops & stainless steel appliances, full basement and a deck off of the kitchen dining area. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***

Wolcott-Condo $125,000 - 2 BR waterfront condo features kitchen w/ appliances, tile floor, dining area & LR w/bamboo floor & sliding door to deck overlooking the lake, full bath w/ stackable washer/dryer. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***

Waterbury-Condo $69,900 - Immaculate 3 room Ranch style condo; living room, eat-in kitchen w/range and refrigerator, bedroom & full bath, tandem garage. Close to shopping, Rte 8 & I-84. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***



Waterbury $79,900 - Adorable 5 room, 2 BR unit features living room with newer carpet, dining room w/ceiling fan, kitchen with range & refrigerator, 1 ½ baths; closet to shopping. ***Ask for Linda Fercodini.***



Wolcott $189,000 - Meticulous 2 BR, 1 ½ bath Townhouse; gorgeous kitchen w/Cherry Cabinets, granite counter tops & SS appliances, dining area w/sliders to deck, LR w/Fireplace, MBR w/walk-in closet, lower level bonus room w/slider to patio. ***Ask for Sandra Deschenes.***

LAND LOTS

WOLCOTT

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

$115,000 - Last lot in subdivision 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.

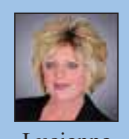
$132,900 - Beautiful wooded lot in Oakridge Subdivision; 1+ acres w/u/g utilities & sewers available.

$150,000 - 2.61 lightly wooded acres; Open space buffer allows tons of privacy while enjoying the beautiful views of Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

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

WATERBURY

$450,000 - Builder! Developers! Take Notice! 11.23 acres of land adjacent to a subdivision of beautiful homes built between 2005-2007. Possibility of a 41 lot subdivision.



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