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"Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bouteiller" Married on July 31st 2021 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Waterbury, CT and reception at the Aqua Turf in Southington, CT. The couple spent their honeymoon in Hawaii.



The Patriots Day Initiative sponsored a Luminaries on the Green event on November 10, 2021. Luminaries were purchased to honor the names of veterans who are from Wolcott or are family or friends of the people who purchased luminaries and wished to honor them. The luminary bags were arranged to spell out the word HAVE. Help A Veteran Everyday. This aerial image clearly shows the luminary formation. *Photo by Rob Pierpont*



This years' Farmingbury Hills Club Champion is Rich Tiso, pictured on the right and second place finisher was Tom O'Reilly. The Club Championship was played back in September as a three day event at Farmingbury Hills. *Photography by Picard*



We would like to announce the marriage of Army PFC Matthew Pelletier to Marie Pelletier, November 13, 2021. Wishing you many years of love and happiness. Love, Dad & Lisa Andrew, Kevin, Danielle, Alyssa & Tom



Our photographer had some visitors at his home on Halloween night and captured this group of characters at his door with his camera. The weather was perfect for the Trick or Treaters to roam the neighborhoods with temperatures in the 60's. *Photography by Picard*



## Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah

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**BIRTHDAYS**  
**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.  
**December 19th - Nancy Fasano LaPorta**

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**Capricorn, Dec 22 – January 19**  
**"The Goat"**



The pragmatic Capricorn can sense at once whether a new concept is going to work. Their forthright attitude also means that if they think you fall short, they will have no problem telling it "to your face". Capricorns are great at improvising too. They are quick to adopt good ideas and can make all the necessary adjustments to make them perfect for the given situation.  
 Those bearing the Capricorn zodiac are generally people with grand ambitions. However, though they go all out to succeed, you can be sure that they will do so with great integrity. Capricorns are very responsible in their duties as they are disciplined people who accomplish their work with a spirit of excellence.  
**December 14th – Alma Fasano**

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**Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News**



**The Holiday Season is Upon Us Again!**

Whether 2021 was the greatest year you ever had, the worst, or somewhere in between; it is quickly coming to an end. As we celebrate this Holiday Season, let us give thanks and show those around us how much we appreciate them! Take time to enjoy the company of your friends, loved ones and coworkers at holiday dinners, celebrations, or parties.

**Seasonal Safety Tips**

As we experience our annual New England transition from autumn to winter, please use caution. The beautiful coating of ice over a pond is fun to skate on (if it is thick enough) but can be treacherous to walk or drive on! Let's not forget about "black ice"; it may look like a wet road, but "black ice" is extremely slippery.

Many look forward to a white Christmas, but when it comes to shoveling snow; please make sure you are in shape to clear that snow or ask for help. Unfortunately, it is common for us to see an increase in people calling 911 for chest pain during and after snowstorms; we don't want you to be one of them! While we are talking about snow removal, be careful while operating snow blowers or other snow removal equipment. They are a great help in reducing the workload but can be very dangerous if not used properly!

**COVID-19**

Please take care of yourself and your family. Help fight COVID-19, influenza (flu), and other serious infections. Wear your masks and use social distancing where appropriate and please stay home if you are sick.

**Membership**

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

**Emergency Medical Technician Classes**

Please check back with us for details on our EMT class schedules in 2022. 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.

**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 Holiday and winter activities, please stay safe!

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# MAYOR'S CORNER



As we come to the end of another year, I look forward to the New Year with its challenges and new beginnings.



As we approach the holidays, please be conscious of those who are less fortunate and help them in any way we can. Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers our men and women who currently serve our country in the Armed Forces; that they stay safe and return home to their families soon.

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.

Construction of the North Street Bridge is underway and will be completed soon. Thank you for your continued patience with all of the road construction in our town.

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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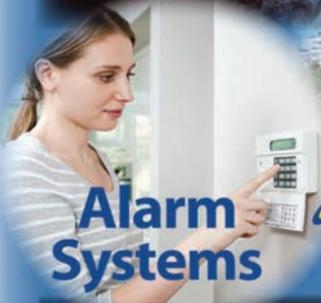
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## A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC

I would like to personally thank the 2992 residents who came out to vote or voted by absentee in the November 2, 2021 Election. It is critical to vote in local elections as each vote is so important.



The last 4 years has been nothing short of challenging, rewarding, and wonderful. Covid has changed so much for so many but it also made us more grateful for family, friends, and community. It challenged us to think outside the box and offer solutions to problems we would never have imagined. Our office is filled with helpful, trained staff and we are visited each day by friends and neighbors. Even in trying times, my staff exceeded my expectations to help customers. I am truly proud to lead such a great group.

I am honored to prepare to serve my next 4-year term in this Town I call home in the best Town Clerks office in the State!

# Miss Wolcott Scholarship Titleholders

### A Note from Miss Wolcott

Hello everyone! My name is Laura Christie and I am so honored to be your Miss Wolcott 2022! I am 23 years old and currently a senior at the University of Hartford where I will be graduating in January with a degree in Communication Studies and a minor in Psychology. I then hope to pursue a masters degree in Music Therapy. As a first generation college student, I am so thankful for the Miss Connecticut Scholarship Organization. Through this organization I have been awarded over \$8,250.00 in scholarships that will help me complete my education. I am also excited to represent Wolcott on the Miss Connecticut stage this April! My talent is vocal performance, and my Social Impact Initiative is titled "Reshaping the Standard of Beautiful." This is a movement that I created in order to combat traditional beauty standards and to create a more loving and accepting world. As Miss Wolcott, I had the opportunity to talk about my work with Reshaping the Standard of Beautiful on NBC Connecticut! This past month has been filled with so many amazing events. I had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Veterans Day Vigil, pull the \$10,000 grand prize at the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, and walk in the annual Gillian's Autism Walk for Autism Services and Resources Connecticut. And I couldn't forget celebrating during Wolcott's 225th Anniversary Celebration! I am so honored to be serving this amazing community and I can't wait to see what the rest of this year has in store!



Laura Christie - Miss Wolcott

- Laura Christie, Miss Wolcott 2022

### A Note from Miss Wolcott's Outstanding Teen

Hi Wolcott Community! I am finally introducing myself to you, as Allie Maisto, Miss Wolcott's Outstanding Teen 2022! I am a Senior at Wolcott High School who is currently applying to colleges and interested in majoring in Diagnostic Medical Sonography! It's been an exciting month and a half since my reign began and I've been busy attending local appearances such as Wolcott's 225th Anniversary, the Lion's Club Annual Pancake Breakfast, a Breast Cancer Awareness Event, and more! I have also worked on my platform: "Inclusion Starts with I," an initiative focusing on the Unified Sports Program, making sure to include ALL no matter the disability. This is important to me as I have been on a Unified Sports Team since my Freshman Year, where I am consistently learning the importance of leadership and teamwork. Holding the title of Miss Wolcott's Outstanding Teen and being named captain of the Unified Sport Team, it is my mission to make the program very community oriented and inclusive to ALL! I want to make the program known and promoted, as we are a bonding team full of acceptance! I look forward to sharing more with you in the coming months.



Allie Maisto - Miss Wolcott's Outstanding Teen

- Allie Maisto, Miss Wolcott's Outstanding Teen 2022

There is no elevator to success.  
You have to take the stairs.

### A Note from Miss Farmingbury

Hello. My name is Ashlyn Mercier, and I am so honored to have been crowned Miss Farmingbury back in September. I am from Oxford, MA and am currently a junior at the University of New Haven. I am studying National Security with a concentration in Intelligence Analysis, and I am getting a minor in Economics as well as a certificate in Transnational Cybersecurity. One day I hope to become an Intelligence Analyst for the Department of Homeland Security or the Drug Enforcement Agency. I just recently got involved in the Miss Connecticut Scholarship Organization for the opportunities it provided me in community service and professional development skills. Thanks to the organization I have already earned \$2,125 in scholarships in less than a year. My Social Impact Initiative was created in honor of my younger brother Nicholas who is a two-time pediatric cancer survivor. It is entitled Nick's Courage: One Smile Goes a Mile and my goal is to bring positivity into the lives of children battling critical illness. In my time as Miss Farmingbury so far, I have had the great pleasure of attending Wolcott's 225th Anniversary celebration. I had so much fun meeting local vendors and getting to interact with the community. I was also honored to have attended the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast and witnessed the drawing of their \$10,000 cash raffle. I look forward to continuing serving the great community of Wolcott during my year as Miss Farmingbury!



Ashlyn Mercier, Miss Farmingbury

- Ashlyn Mercier, Miss Farmingbury 2022



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**WATERBURY**



**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 \$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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**NEW LISTING**



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**NEW LISTING**



**Wolcott, \$479,900** Contemporary Cape style home resides on a great 1.9 acre lot with a fantastic detached garage. The garage area is massive and includes a 2nd floor for a total of 1995 square feet; perfect for car storage, mechanical, home office space and much more. This home was completely remodeled in 1997 with many fine amenities and upgrades which include: hardwood floors, custom eat-in-kitchen, granite countertops, formal dining room, great room w/ stone fireplace and wainscoting, french doors leading to the porch area, mud room, main level laundry, central vacuum and a newer on demand water heater and furnace. This home is unique and offers great potential, truly a rare find. **Call Bridget! Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com**

**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! Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com**

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## Waterbury HEALTH



# Bristol Health News

Bristol Health Introduces New Service Line, Welcomes Plastic Surgeon Dr. Julia Toto to its Medical Group



Julia Toto, MD

Bristol Health is excited to bring a new service to its line of nationally-recognized specialty care practices by welcoming plastic surgeon Julia Toto, MD to the Bristol Health Medical Group.

Dr. Toto is a board-certified and fellowship trained plastic surgeon with a primary focus on both reconstructive and cosmetic plastic surgery of the breasts and abdomen, including:

- Breast reconstruction for cancer patients
- Breast augmentation, reduction, and lift
- Abdominoplasty (tummy tuck)
- Excess skin removal following weight loss surgery

Dr. Toto also offers:

- Botox and injectable fillers
- Skin biopsies and skin cancer surgery
- Removal of lumps & bumps

Her practice officially joined the Bristol Health Medical Group in September, 2021 with office locations in Bristol (Medical Care Center, 15 Riverside Ave.), Southington (167 Main Street) and Wolcott (464 Wolcott Road). She will also work closely with Bristol Hospital's Beekeley Center for Breast Health & Wellness, rounding out the full complement of breast cancer care services offered directly through Bristol Health.

"We are very excited to welcome Dr. Toto to our team," said Edward Henry, executive director of the Bristol Health Medical Group and VP of Ambulatory Services. "She has had medical privileges at Bristol Hospital for the last four years, so we've gotten to know her well over that time and her skill and passion for plastic surgery is absolutely amazing. She's going to be an asset to our team here at Bristol Health and more importantly to our patients."

For Toto, she said her office is always a place of non-judgment; a place where she and the patient work together to come up with a safe and appropriate plan to achieve the desired result.

"One of my biggest responsibilities as a plastic surgeon is to figure out what's driving the reason you've come to see me and then to work with you to get there and to set clear expectations and a plan we both agree on," said Toto. "It's a great feeling for me and such an honor to work with patients and to be a part of their journey. And I'm truly excited to start my journey here at Bristol Health."

Dr. Toto earned her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine and completed her residency at Temple University Hospital and her fellowship at Regions Hospital at the University of Minnesota. She is a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons with over a decade of experience in the field.

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

Our distribution dates for the next few weeks as follows:  
Dec 8th & Dec 22nd, Wednesday between 8:45 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 and 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:

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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

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 latec-Walter Sherman (Barlow Pump). Please call our number and leave us a message if you have an interest in discussing further.

Updates:

• On Friday, September 24th, 2021, the Wolcott Resource Center, Inc received a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through its Vicariate Outreach Program. The funding will help the Wolcott Resource Center, Inc. to continue as a volunteer organization whose mission is to help provide food assistance to those in our town that request it.

• Thank you to Mark Bove and Jesse! They work for the town and helped us create a space for a newly acquired shed. We can use the extra space !



*Thank you Grady Mears (Church Dr) for his efforts at organizing a neighborhood food drive. He and his neighbors collected 101 lbs of food and \$100 monetary donations. Wow, we are so delighted when our young citizens take an active role in helping those that need a hand-up.*



*Thank you students, their parents, mentors and PTO members that helped organize Trick or Trunk events at the Alcott and Wakelee schools. The Trick or Trunk events combine the spirit of Halloween with a food drive. Together they raised 700 lbs of food!*



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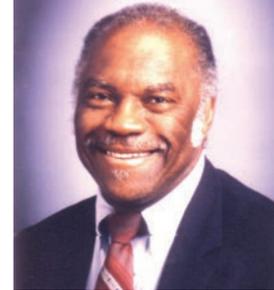
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## Wolcott Youth Football

The Wolcott Youth Football & Cheerleading Association held PINK OUT games to raise funds for The Pink Chair Project on Sunday, 10/17/21, in honor of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We invited local businesses to sponsor a game or make a monetary donation. Arizona Construction, Restore West Hartford, Innovative Employee Benefit Solutions, Sweep Away Chimney Services, Exit Realty, Jim & Sons Auto, BBS Security, and Pat's IGA all made monetary donations. We held a bake sale throughout the day, and our cheerleaders went around to fans of both the home and away teams, raising over \$600 throughout the day. We also sold pink socks to our football players with any extra money going toward the fundraiser. La Fortuna also hosted a Thursday night dinner to benefit our fundraiser. All together, we raised over \$2,250.00. Doubling our \$1000.00 goal and then some! The money raised will allow The Pink Chair Project to purchase additional chairs to add to their rotation and give them the ability to help even more survivors. We present Cara and her husband with a check for \$1825.00 during half time of the 12U game. The additional \$425 was collected after the check presentation and was mailed out.

We were blown away by the generosity of our community, as was Cara Spath, Co-founder of TPCP, and her husband. Everyone came together to show their support for such an amazing cause. The Pink Chair Project is a non-profit organization based out of Southbury, CT, that provides comfort for patients recovering from mastectomies by loaning out electric recliners. Visit [www.thepinkchairproject.com](http://www.thepinkchairproject.com) to learn more about them.



*Pictured: Juliana Savoy (WYFCA Board member), Jennifer Cosgrove (WYFCA Treasurer & fundraiser organizer), Cara Spath (Co-Founder The Pink Chair Project), and her husband, Jason Spath*

## PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

### Veterans Vigil and Luminary Ceremony

On the evening of November 10th the Wolcott Town Green was illuminated in green; while rows of American flags flew proudly. The 5th Annual Veterans Vigil and Luminary Ceremony was enjoyed by all those in attendance. The ceremony has continued to bring together the Wolcott Community in the days prior to Veterans Day. Hosted by Stacy Perrone-Petta and her committee, Patriot Youth Ambassadors were chosen to emcee the event. Wolcott's own, Lauren Kornhass, a 7th grader from Tyrrell Middle School and Makendra Mowad, a freshman at Holy Cross High School, spoke about their goals as young ambassadors and how they enjoy honoring our veterans on many occasions throughout the year. Special presentations were made by Eric Plourde Jr., the founder of H.A.V.E. (Help a Veteran Everyday), VFW Post 1979 Color Guard, Boy Scout Troop 230, Miss Wolcott Laura Christie, Pastor Tammy Torelli and the Encore Singers.



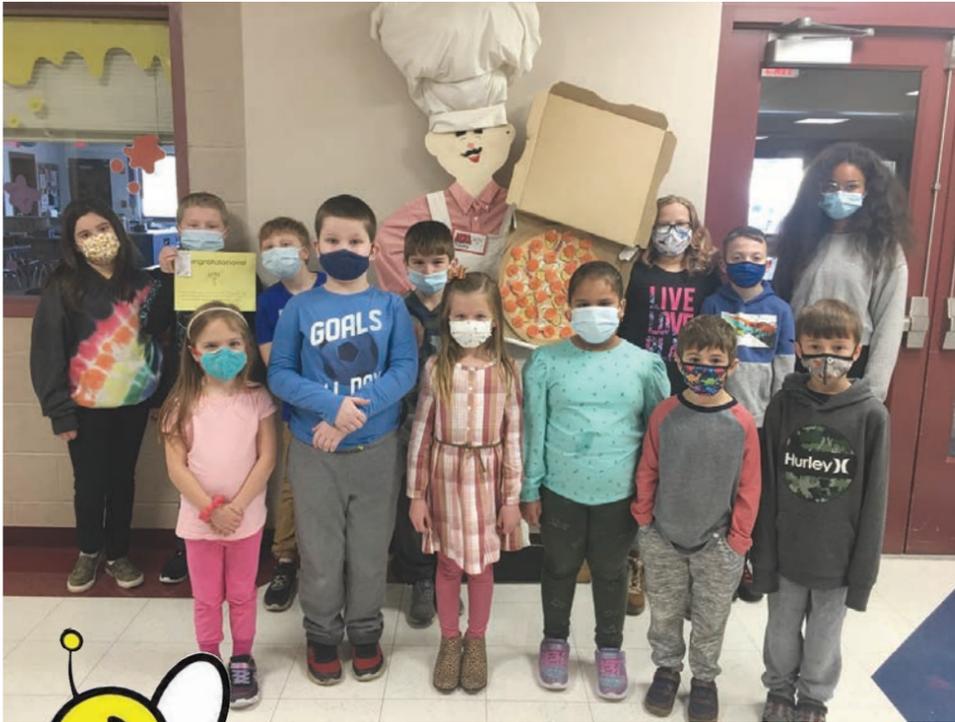
*Pictured: The JV Cheer team with Juliana Savoy (WYFCA Board member), Jennifer Cosgrove (WYFCA Treasurer and fundraiser organizer), Cara Spath (Co-Founder The Pink Chair Project), and her husband, Jason Spath*

Mayor Tom Dunn along with local representatives Senator Rob Sampson and Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco shared kind words of recognition; for our veterans and active military who selflessly serve along with dedicated family. The event culminated in the reading of 334 names to honor and remember a long list of local veterans. Onlookers watched as luminary bags flickered in the dark to spell out the word H.A.V.E. (Help a Veteran Everyday). Portioned proceeds from the event benefit H.A.V.E. and other veteran groups.

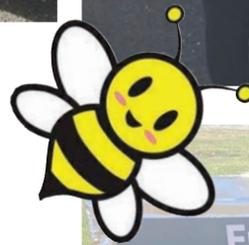
There are so many individuals that helped to made the vigil possible. We wish to recognize all the volunteers who helped assemble the bags, and set up the luminaries. Much appreciation to Roger Picard and Rob Pierpont for capturing fabulous photos and aerial shots. Hats off to our guest speakers and readers: Kelly & Eric Plourde Jr., Brett Muccino, Dan DiVirgilio, Lauren Kornhaas, Makendra Mowad and Lee Jensen. Many thanks to Mayor Dunn and everyone at the Wolcott Town Hall, the Wolcott Police, and Scott Beeman along with members of the Wolcott VFW Post 1979 & American Legion Post 165. Special thanks to Peter & Tammy Grasso and family, Al & Paula Podzunas and family, and Boy Scout Troop 230. Extended gratitude to Donna Lombardi, Robin DiNicola, Jennifer Schmid, Elaine Martinelli, Emma Lawson, Kathy Sullivan, Fatima Dias, Roger Picard, Kimberly DiVirgilio, and Pam Sarasin who went above and beyond to sell and handle our luminaries.

Thank you to Josh Mears for sound and music. Thank you to all Patriot Ambassadors and parents along with Encore Singers and SPP Vocal Studio. We appreciate the support of the Farmingbury Women's Club and Miss Wolcott Scholarship Program including: Miss Farmingbury-Ashlyn Mercier, Miss Wolcott O. Teen-Alexandria Meitso and Little Mr. Wolcott-Noah Mercado. Continued thanks to all who purchased luminaries and donated canned food items to help weigh down our luminary bags. Special thanks to Chris Logren and her Skills USA Group, at Wolcott High School, along with Jim Mills at the Wolcott Food Pantry for your continued support. Kudos to our local grocer Pat's IGA for allowing us to offer our luminaries at their location. Thank you Wolcott!

# Focus On Frisbie



Veterans were invited to Frisbie School to participate in a drive by celebration and to thank them for their service. The Frisbie students showcased their patriotic spirit as they waved the American Flag and cheered for the Veterans. Students adorned the Frisbie School with flags honoring our veterans!



## Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



This fall was one of the most beautiful I could remember. The leaves were colorful and bright. The weather was amazing. The pumpkin spice and apple pie seemed to last forever. We watched as our little Grange started to transform into the next generation of Granges. The roof was power washed, the siding was completed, the inside was cleaned, and the volunteers were on site through the whole process.

It is absolutely energizing to watch people stop daily at the Little Free Library, to drop off clothes in our collection shed and to just walk the grounds to see what is new. We are hoping to have a Grand Grange Re-Opening in the spring and we would love everyone to come see the building and hear our history. We are currently collecting funds for fuel and electrical repairs.

As always donations can be made to Wolcott Grange 313 Boundline Road Wolcott, CT 06716 and we are always looking for new members. Please email with an inquiry [knowad25@aol.com](mailto:knowad25@aol.com).



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## A Timeline for Our Teeth



Dr. Ezra Friedman  
Wolcott, CT

As we journey through life, many age milestones are marked with special events: a first birthday party; getting our drivers permit and license; going out and casting our first vote. Our teeth also go through their own stages of development. Having an awareness of these age milestones maybe beneficial to a child's parents when trying to decide what is normal and what isn't. Let's review the basics.

Typically, our first teeth appear at about 6-7 months with another 2-4 teeth emerging every 4 months af-

terwards. This continues until all baby teeth have erupted near 2 years of age. During this period, it is generally recommended to schedule your child's first dental visit. Since their baby teeth are going to be needed for over a decade, it is important to get information on diet and habits for the health of your child's teeth. Coming in regularly for exams and cleanings can help us to get a strong start on good and healthy teeth habits for life.

At 6 years of age, your child's baby teeth begin to loosen and start to exfoliate. (Fall out) This allows the adult teeth to begin coming in. Also making their appearance during this period are the six-year molars. These molars do not replace baby teeth. They are entirely new and begin to populate the soft tissue directly behind where the last baby teeth reside. As these events are occurring it is often advised to have a screening to make sure that all the adult teeth are developing and are in their proper sequence and positions. If there are issues with development or position, we often involve the expertise of an orthodontist to evaluate for current or future need for orthodontic care. (braces)

Let's end it here. Next month I will finish this conversation with a discussion of wisdom teeth.

Feel free to call upon our team at Dental Health Associates when any dental issues or questions arise. We're only too happy to help.



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## Boy Scout Troop 230

**B**SA Troop 230 diligently strive to sharpen scouting and leadership skills. Weekly meetings have the scouts working on Merit Badges such as Personal Fitness and Citizenship in the Nation, reviewing survival skills and more. In addition to weekly meetings, the boys spent a weekend hiking and camping at Steep Rock Preserve in Washington, CT. The troop will also be participating in the Connecticut Rivers Council Fall Camporee at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth this month. Scouts will compete in a variety of scouting activities such as building rockets, racing Pinewood cars and fire cooking. More importantly, Scouts continue to serve the Town of Wolcott. The boys dedicated a day to assisting the Friends of the Library with its Fall Clean Up. The troop also honored veterans by displaying flags on the Town Green and acting as Color Guard at both the Veterans' Luminary Vigil and the Veterans' Day Memorial Service on November 11. Further, the Troop will take part in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 18 as they honor and remember veterans by laying wreaths at local cemeteries.

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

For more information on scouting, contact  
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## Winter is NOT Far Away

By Chet Sergey, Wolcott LEPC Chairman

There are hints that by the time you read this we will have had our first measurable snow. Winters swing from the warmest to the coldest, from the driest to the wettest, from the snowiest to the iciest. **Hopefully the severe weather events of the last few years have awakened you to the importance of emergency preparedness or at the very least sent a strong message to those who would still choose to ignore these recommendations!** Most of the items on the list below apply to all potential disasters, which can be very unpredictable for the long term.

My snow thrower will be checked and started (I always keep plenty of fuel on hand for it and my emergency generator), and I only have to put sand and a shovel in my car before the first snow. All the door gaskets on my vehicles have been sprayed with silicone lube to reduce the chances of the doors freezing shut with a wild combo of rain, sleet and/or snow followed by a deep freeze. Everything else I might need is permanently in place. Will this be a winter to test our fortitude with several significant storms (read "blizzards" and or "ice storms"), or will it be mild and uneventful. As always, hope for the best and prepare for the worst by reviewing this checklist:

- \* Car winterized and winter wiper blades installed
- \* Gas tank at least 1/2 full at all times and ALWAYS filled up before the storm
- \* Winter car emergency kit (heavy coat, tools, sand, shovel, tire chains, jumper cables, change of clothes, deicer, windshield washer fluid and scraper, first aid kit, flashlight and extra batteries, high energy food and drink, brightly colored cloth to tie to antenna, spare "winter" wiper blade)
- \* Extra blankets or sleeping bags (car and home)
- \* Spare flashlights and alkaline batteries (car and home) – inexpensive LED type preferred
- \* Non-perishable food supply to last a minimum of 7 days and a manual can opener at home
- \* At least a 3 (preferably 7) day supply of drinking water, minimum one gallon per day per person
- \* First aid kit including family prescriptions and over-the-counter medications
- \* Cellular phone fully charged and/or with a spare battery plus a hard wired (plug –in) phone for home (portable phones do not work when the power is out) – note that texting often gets through when voice won't.
- \* NOAA Weather Alert Radio, portable radio/digital TV and extra alkaline batteries for them
- \* Emergency telephone numbers by the phone
- \* Family emergency plan that is complete and up to date
- \* Fire extinguisher plus smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with fresh batteries
- \* Snow shovels, sand and de-icer in a convenient place
- \* Snow blower tuned up and a proper container for fresh gas to be stored outside the home
- \* A properly installed emergency generator with adequate fuel for at least one week
- \* An evacuation plan and supplies kit (bedding, clothes, toiletries, financial and insurance info, cash - enough to cover all of one week's expenses - other methods of payment may not be accepted if the power is out - credit cards, checkbook, prescriptions and other medications)
- \* An emergency care plan for pets (not all shelters have facilities for them)
- \* Childcare arrangements if you are delayed getting home or if school is dismissed early
- \* Knowing or learning CPR and first aid or taking a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course

A good source for disaster preparedness is [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) (click on any of the menu headings or "Publications" for detailed info. Also check [www.redcross.org/prepare](http://www.redcross.org/prepare). Information on these subjects and more can be found outside the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall and at the Wolcott Senior Center and soon at the Wolcott Library courtesy of your LEPC.

These articles are a public service of the Wolcott Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) and are intended for informational purposes only. The LEPC assumes no liability for the use or distribution of this information or any actions taken due to it.

## Farmingbury Women's Club News



The Farmingbury Women's Club has been very busy these two past months. We held the Breast Cancer Awareness event inside the Town Hall Chambers due to inclement weather. We thank all who took time to join us on this very rainy windy night. Our guests were amazing and we cannot thank them enough. Many who attended did venture out in the weather to place a pink ribbon for themselves or a loved one on our Tree of Hope.

We also participated in Wolcott's 225-year Celebration. It was a great time.

At our November meeting, we were so fortunate to have our Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance staff join us. Chief Bill Barratt & Deputy Chief Peter Kaminski told us of their struggles during the beginning of the outbreak of Covid and as it continues today. They also updated us on the current conditions that remain with us.

We cannot thank them enough for such an interesting view of our Wolcott Ambulance Service.

During the month of October, Ruth Deleo, Sharon Speed and Ruth Yachtis created and put together a 30-day Calendar raffle. Tickets were sold and each day in November, a new winner was drawn. The purpose of the raffle was to raise money for different projects or for Christmas gifts for those less fortunate than us.

A Wolcott vet was chosen to receive a Christmas Basket for himself and his family.

We also are contributing to make Christmas Baskets for two needy families here in Wolcott.

We could not do this without fundraisers. When you do buy a \$5. Raffle tickets help us to provide for different projects in Town.

And again, I want to thank Ruth Deleo, and her committee for making this happen and everyone who donated or contributed to the raffle.

We look forward to enjoying a Christmas Dinner Party at Mona Lisa's. And for you who are reading this article, may your Holiday season bring you love, happiness and many smiles. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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# Stemming the Tide of Corruption in Connecticut Elections

State Senator Rob Sampson — 16th District



In the 2021 municipal elections there were a notable increase in Republican victories. Nearly twenty towns across the state flipped from blue to red. Congratulations to all those who worked hard and were willing to come forward as true representatives of their communities and defenders of America's core principles.

Despite the shellacking a clear vindication of Newton's 3rd law, the state Democrat party continues to trend hard to the left. Whether it is the undeniable rise in juvenile crime, CRT, the threat of gas taxes or tolls, or the insane amount of financial mismanagement they have delivered, I am glad my neighbors near and far appear to have had enough.

Still, everything is not okay. Those watching closely know that there were significant irregularities in many races, and the issue of mail-in voting is not going away.

We all want to see the greatest access and ease of voting possible but that cannot come at the expense of trusting the process or the results.

While there has been some media coverage, specifically about whether Democrat campaign operatives properly used wet signatures in their absentee ballot harvesting efforts, the larger issue seems to have been lost.

Despite statutes being passed to the contrary and a blatantly false supreme court decision shielding the Secretary of State from punishment for improper use of the absentee ballot process, it remains unconstitutional in our state to vote by absentee ballot without satisfying the constitutional requirements. The argument that 'anyone' can vote by mail as 'a result of COVID-19' remains unconstitutional and ignores the intent and letter of our Connecticut Constitution.

The parameters surrounding absentee balloting in the state's Constitution are stated as follows: Article 6 SEC. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on at an election by qualified voters of the state who are unable to appear at the polling place on the day of election because of absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of sickness, or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular activity.

Historically, the word "sickness" was clearly understood to mean your "personal" sickness. That only makes sense, since you clearly wouldn't argue that you could not vote in person because your neighbor is in the military or they are absent from the town - much less because your neighbor is sick. Sadly, this has all been turned on its head and abused for the sake of allowing the mass mailing of unsolicited ballot applications, both on grand scale by the Secretary of the State in the 2020 election and by Democrat campaign operatives with the daring to selectively target likely Democrat voters for mail in voting in last week's municipal elections.

When reviewing the results from the 2021 municipal election, it's clear that in places where mail in voting was employed by specific campaigns, they benefitted greatly. Democrats in Enfield, Guilford, Madison, South Windsor, Wethersfield, and several other towns are examples. This means that this practice will be even more widespread next November.

It must be stopped. Another legal challenge must occur to correct this altered and unscrupulous definition of sickness or there will be a free for all for mail in voting by campaign operatives with little interest in fairness or equal access to voting. Alternatively, the citizens of this state must demand that the current legislature abolish this terrible policy and institute safeguards to guarantee the integrity of our election process.

Our state is not equipped or prepared for mass numbers of mail in ballots. We have no signature verification. Our voter rolls are a mess. We don't have the manpower to administer such an election properly. In short, we don't have the necessary checks and balances needed to foster confidence in such a process.

I made a case against this policy when it was last extended in May of this year. Note that despite the interpretation that this would cease after this recent election, a recent state supreme court decision practically ensures that it will not.

I cannot express just how distressing this is and should be to anyone who values our American system of free and fair elections. It is a sham, a travesty, and the result of a despicable abuse of the average citizen's ignorance about our process and their faith in government to do what is right.

Help me stop this from happening next year. Share this information and help educate our fellow citizens why it matters.

There are only months left to prevent this from happening on an even larger scale ahead of the state elections next November. You can count on me to continue to work towards responsibly expanding voting access while defending the integrity and sanctity of our free and fair election process.

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Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:00PM on Friday December 24th. Morning Prayer will be offered at 9:30AM on Sunday December 26th.

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# Target on Tyrrell

## UNITY DAY

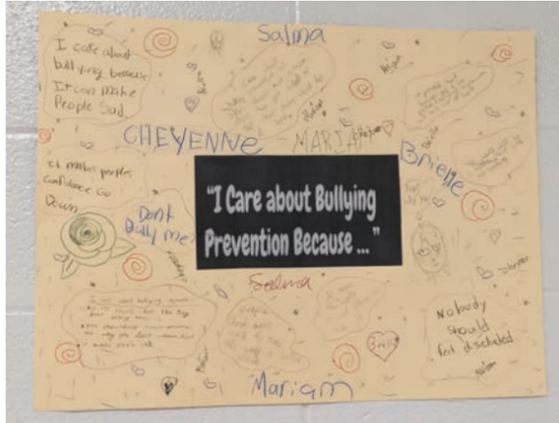
During the week of October 18th to the 22nd, the students and staff at Tyrrell Middle School participated in Unity Week. Unity Week, which stemmed from the celebration of Unity Day, has become a yearly tradition at Tyrrell. Unity Day, "was started by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center as a signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month. The call to action was to 'Make it Orange and Make it End. Unite Against Bullying!' Every year, students celebrate Unity Day to, "show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying."

Each day of the week at Tyrrell, the students and staff dressed up with a particular theme in mind to display our unity as a school body.

- Monday - Way Back or Retro Day
- Tuesday - Twinning Day
- Wednesday - Unity Day: Wear orange for Unity
- Thursday - Hat Day
- Friday - School Spirit Day

Students also created posters to show why they care about bullying prevention. Posters were displayed throughout the school.

It was great to see so many Tyrrell students and staff participate in this fun but meaningful week!



*Congratulations to TMS November Students of the Month*

- Alonzo Montanez
- Zach Solla
- Nina Lombardi
- Noah Kowynia
- Olive DeLeo
- Dominic Stopyra
- Dean Murtischi
- Emersyn Mazza
- Gabriella Crea
- Matthew Conway
- Nicole Stomski
- Alexa Ruggia

To help celebrate Wolcott's 225th anniversary, Mr. Kelsey and some Art students painted one of the town's plows. The Fire Lion plow should help melt some of this winter's snowfall.



Students in grades 6, 7 & 8 researched some of the traditions associated with Día de los Muertos, which is observed in Mexico on November 1st and 2nd. They made individual miniature *pan de muerto* and read books about this tradition. Students also created and decorated dioramas to represent *ofrendas*, which hold items such as photos, favorite foods, and other trinkets in honor of deceased family members and friends.



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# Alcott School News



Student-made  
Flags for  
Veterans'  
Day



Our November Giveback was to the Wolcott Food Pantry. Thanks to the students and the staff for a successful drive.



Our 5th Graders along with Art Teacher, Mrs. Galvin, created a Paint the Plow. Keep an eye out for it this winter!

## The Push for Green Energy Hasn't Eased the Pain at the Pump



**State Representative  
Gale Mastrofrancesco**  
*Representing Wolcott  
& Southington*

**W**ith winter approaching, Eversource has announced an increase in the cost of natural gas and electricity. This rate increase coincides with skyrocketing gas prices at the pump.

For seniors living on a fixed income and those hardworking people within my district, these unexpected spikes have a tremendous impact on their budgets. Seniors need to know they will be able to pay for their utility bills, prescription drugs, and gifts for the grandkids. Taxpayers – in an already overtaxed state – should not be left having to make tough decisions on what to cut back on next due to these rate hikes.

According to recent reporting by The New York Times, Americans are spending a dollar more for a gallon of gas than they did a year ago and natural-gas prices have spiked 150 percent, threatening to raise prices of food, chemicals, plastic goods, and heat this winter. On average, a customer who uses 700-kilowatt hours of power each month would see a 21 percent increase to their bills, Eversource announced this month.

Despite these anticipated cost increases for Connecticut residents, Democrats who control the Capitol continue to push to have you pay more through the Transportation and Climate Initiative. They say it's aimed at reducing greenhouse emissions caused by vehicle emissions, but its real impact will be to force gas wholesalers to pay more just to stay in business. And of course, that increase will be passed down to us at the pump in the form of another 5 cents per gallon in 2023 – an increase on top of already sky-high prices.

Simple trips to the grocery store and commutes to work will get that much more expensive due to yet another program developed by out-of-touch bureaucrats who aren't thinking about the average person. Their gas tax scheme was approved in a committee vote during the last legislative session but didn't make it all the way through the process. The Democrat party's influential progressive wing, backed by liberal activists, may continue to push the concept in the upcoming session.

When taxpayers and seniors are hit with these bills, what are they to do? Cut out life-saving medicine or stop making trips with the family on the weekends? Green energy and similar initiatives were supposed to be the solution to the ails of the world. Have they really solved these issues? It doesn't seem as if that's the case. We have plenty of wind farms. Solar panels on homes. All that focus on "green" initiatives" and what is there to show for it? Higher prices at the pump and less money in our pockets.

Useful fuel assistance information for the winter can be found here: [portal.ct.gov/dss/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance](http://portal.ct.gov/dss/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance) — Winter-Heating.

As 2021 draws to a close and we gather with our families and loved ones to celebrate this holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the privilege and honor of representing your interests in the Connecticut legislature. I am humbled by and so grateful for the trust you have placed in me. I hope your holiday season is filled with happiness and good health. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year to all.

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



## Friends of the Library

We haven't even hit winter yet, but the Friends are planning for their Spring Craft Fair already. Save the date for Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm. We have already sold out of our 8 foot tables but still have room for plenty of 6 foot tables. Two chairs are provided in each space as well. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to commit and respond to our chairperson, Liz Santos at [esan210@yahoo.com](mailto:esan210@yahoo.com) or call 203 910-5238.

Please check the book shelves at the main entrance as all of our holiday selections have been put out. Pick up your holiday reading before we sell out. We will continue to refresh the titles as new donations come in. Speaking of the holidays, if you plan on shopping on Amazon, please select us as your charity. Your holiday spending can help make a difference at no cost to you. Amazon generously give a small portion of your purchases to us. Please go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1295506](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1295506) and select the Friends.

We will be doing an in-depth study of the Museum Pass Program. Right now we have the following: Beardsley Zoo, Children's Museum of CT in West Hartford which also includes the Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, the Mattatuck Museum and the Carousel Museum in Bristol. We will be adding the American Clock and Watch Museum in the near future. If you would like us to research other places, do not hesitate to let us know. I can be reached at [wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com](mailto:wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com) or 203 233-6407. We wish all of our Friends and Patrons a wonderful holiday season. Janet Tynan

**Set Back is Back!** The Ladies' Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish once again sponsored its Fall Set Back Card Tournament last month. Fifty-three women and forty-seven men vied for the top spots. Yes, I do mean 100 people! This was our biggest group to date and we have to thank all those who helped set up, clean up and work this busy event. We so appreciate all those who donated prizes, baskets, wine and their precious time to creating a wonderful event for so many. The anchor prize was graciously accepted by Anita Warren. We had a three way tie for the second spot. Those lucky, and I believe new players, were Ray Rabuska, Chris Riley and Linda Salvatore. Veteran player Betty Lemay was the top winner this year. Congratulations to all the winners! We hope to see you all back in the Spring. Janet Tynan and Rachel Wisler – Co-Chairpersons.



Children create pumpkin architecture at a Wolcott Public Library Wild Wednesday event.

## Chesprocott Health



**C**hesprocott Brings Attention to National Diabetes Awareness Month. This year's focus is on prediabetes and preventing diabetes. Prediabetes is a serious health condition where your blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes. According to the CDC, more than 1 in 3 U.S. adults have prediabetes — that's 88 million people — but most people don't know they have it.

The good news is that by making small healthy lifestyle changes, it is possible to prevent type 2 diabetes and even reverse your prediabetes.

Here are some tips to help manage prediabetes and prevent diabetes.

- Take small steps. Making changes to your lifestyle and daily habits can be hard, but you don't have to change everything at once. It is okay to start small. Remember that setbacks are normal and do not mean you have failed—the key is to get back on track as soon as you can.
- Move more. Limit time spent sitting and try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity, 5 days a week. Start slowly by breaking it up throughout the day.
- Choose healthier foods and drinks most of the time. Pick foods that are high in fiber and low in fat and sugar. Build a plate that includes a balance of vegetables, protein, and carbohydrates. Drink water instead of sweetened drinks.
- Lose weight, track it, and keep it off. You may be able to prevent or delay diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of your starting weight.
- Seek support. It is possible to reverse prediabetes. Making a plan, tracking your progress, and getting support from your health care professional and loved ones can help you make the necessary lifestyle changes.
- Stay up to date on vaccinations. The COVID-19 (booster shot, if eligible) and flu vaccines are especially important for people who may be more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 or the flu, such as people with diabetes.

**REMINDER:** Chesprocott Health District will offer free radon testing kits to Cheshire, Prospect and Wolcott residents on a first come, first serve basis. Residents may visit our office at 1247 Highland Avenue in Cheshire to pick up their kit starting January 10th, 2022. To ensure residents place their kits and return them in a timely manner, we ask that \$20 be left when the kit is picked up. Once the resident returns the completed test kit to our office, the \$20 will be returned to the owner. Quantities limited. No reservations.



Adult programs at the Wolcott Public Library continue to engage and inform as we move into the holiday season.

## Wolcott High School 1970's Reunion Fest a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped organize the 1970's Reunion Fest.

Because of everyone generous donations we were able to raise \$1,500.00 for The Wolcott Food Pantry. Thank you to the following businesses that helped and donated to our reunion: Ace Hardware, Domenic's & Vinnies, East Street Eatery, Five Guys Flipping Pies, Fran's Automotive, LaFortuna Restaurant, Laurel Crest Liquors, McBride's Restaurant, Mona Lisa's Restaurant, Mountain Top Liquors, North End Liquors, Pat's IGA, Sandy's Television & Appliance, Tap & Barrel, Thirty-One Gifts, Wolcott Wine & Liquors

We'd like to thank Sandy Adamski Amato, Janet D'Agustino, and Tommy Vitone for their work in organizing the event.

We were able to donate a portion of the ticket proceeds to the Wolcott Food Pantry.

The organizers and attendees agreed to donate a portion of the ticket proceeds to our organization and they announced to us that they raised \$1,500.00 from the event. Sandy Adamski Amato delivered the check to us on Monday and we are very thankful to all the organizers and attendees for such a generous donation.



Thank you to the attendees of the Wolcott High School 1970's Reunion Fest. The organizers and attendees raised \$1,500.00 from the event!. We'd like to thank Sandy Adamski Amato, Janet D'Agostino, and Tommy Vitone for their work in organizing the event.

# Wakelee School News!

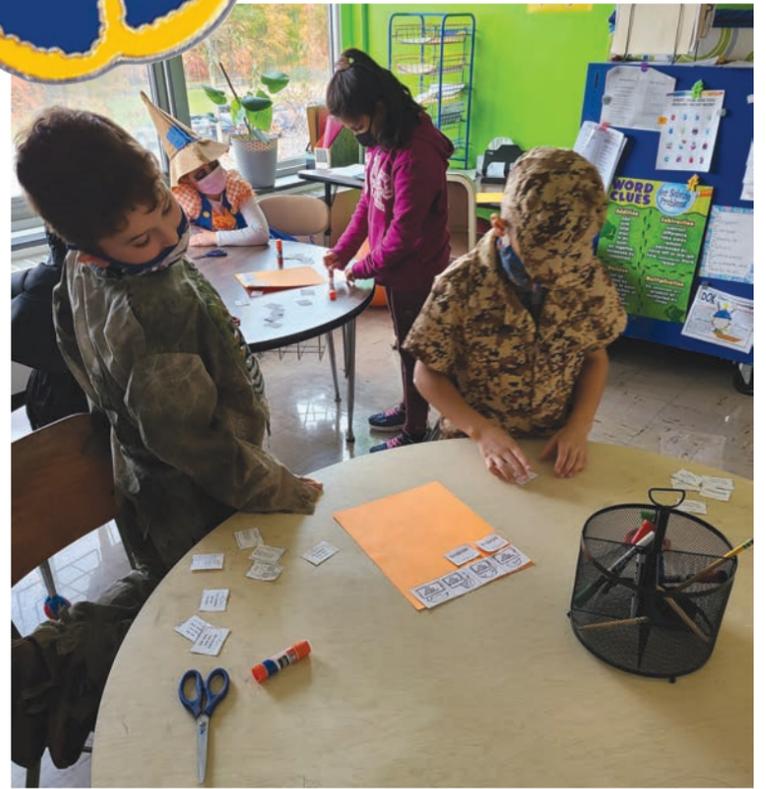


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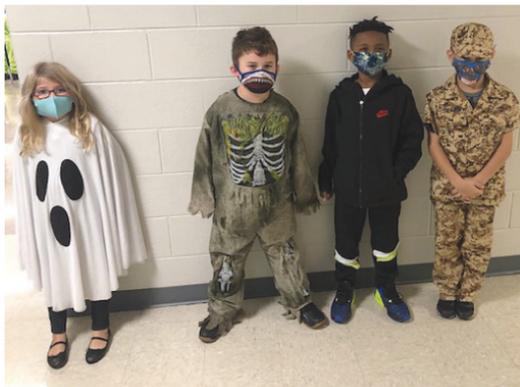
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- Mrs. McCasland — Gia O'Connell
- Mrs. D'Alessandro — Cecilia Lopez
- Miss Jenkins — Raquel Henriques
- Miss Zychowski — Chase Maldonado
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- Miss DiTota — Rilona Krasniqi
- Mrs. Nori — Karissa Cilibert

## First Grade Veterans' Day Cards



## Dress Up Day / Trick or Trunk



# Around Town Photography by Roger Picard



The Veteran's Day Ceremony on the green was well attended with veterans, dignitaries and town's people. The weather cooperated as well. Thank you to all our veterans.



The Drug Enforcement Administration held their annual Drug Take Back Day on October 23rd. The Wolcott CASA group set up a collection drop off center in front of the Wolcott Police Department on Nichols Road. In this photo, Deputy Chief Andrew Albert of the W.V.A.A. assists CASA Project Director Haley Brown in setting up the drop off location.



The Exchange Club of Wolcott participated in the National Exchange Club's, National Day of Service on October 23rd. The Club purchased over 1,000 glow necklaces for Trick or Treaters to wear Halloween night. A presentation of the glow necklaces took place in front of the Wolcott Police Department with Chief Stephens accepting the necklaces from Club President Annette Petruzzi. Wolcott Police Officers were going to distribute the necklaces at various Halloween functions and while on patrol, Halloween night.



Roy Givens of the Wolcott Lions Club takes a picture of a display board that contains the three winning tickets drawn for their Lions Club raffle. Top prize was \$10,000. Winners were from the towns of Southbury, Middletown and Terryville. The drawing was held at the Lions Fair Grounds on October 31st.



New town Attorney Michael Tansley, congratulates Mayor Tom Dunn after being sworn in for his tenth term as Mayor, in a ceremony held in the Town Council chambers. The mayor's wife Lisa, looks on as the mayor and Atty. Tansley shake hands.



The Wolcott High Girls Volleyball team had a Naugatuck Valley League match against Kennedy High School recently at the Wolcott Eagles gym. In this photo Abby Wrinn and Kayla Page of the Wolcott Eagles prepare to block a shot from a Kennedy player. Kennedy went on to win the match.

# Merry Christmas



# Wolcott High School NEWS



## Fine Arts Department



WHS Art Lab students painted a Dashing Huskies scene on the plow blade provided by the Wolcott Department of Public Works to celebrate the DPW's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pictured left to right are: Alexia Strumi, Ashley Page, Abby Bisailon, Ms. Stange, James Swanson, Tomasina Doyle, Veranika Hryn and Kateryna Licerrep. The Huskie Blade was on exhibit at the recent DPW celebration and will be visible on the snowy streets of Wolcott this winter. Hike! Hike!



## 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

Congratulations October Eagles of the Month!

- Grade 9 – Jeremiah Byrne
- Grade 10 – Christine Trager
- Grade 11 – Max Mango
- Grade 12 – Amber Vincent
- Staff – Mrs. Ferguson

*Congratulations  
WHS volleyball girls  
who were selected  
to the NVL All Iron  
& All NVL team.*



## WHS Volleyball Team



### All-NVL

Elizabeth D'Ettore  
Kaitlyn Ouellette



### All-Iron

Ashley Johnson  
Megan Zigadto



*The National Honor Society would like to thank those who voted at Wolcott High School for their generous donations towards our bake sale here on election day.*

# Wolcott Historical Society - December 2021



by Florence Goodman

Our 225th celebration in October was a perfect blend of past and present. The opening ceremony on the Town Green allowed residents to enjoy the sounds of the Mattatuck Drum Band, which had its early beginnings in Farmingbury Parish on that very green. It also allowed those in attendance to hear a brief history of our early settlement. Prior to and after the ceremony the Wolcott Historical Society opened the doors of its Center School History Museum for all to enjoy some local history. They also opened the Stone Schoolhouse Museum on Nichols Road on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. We were amazed at the number of interested residents who viewed our displays at each museum and shared some of their own stories about growing up in Wolcott. A woman visiting the Stone Schoolhouse mentioned that her great grandmother had taught there in the early 1900s and asked if I might be able



The original Center School burned in 1931. This is an early photo of students and their teacher posing in front of it.

to tell her when and for how long. I told her I would check our early Town Annual Reports (ours go back to 1907) to see what I could find. I was pleased to let her know that her great grandmother did teach in Wolcott for two years in 1920 and 1921, not at the Stone Schoolhouse, but at the South School in the Hitchcock Lake area. As I read through these early Superintendent of Schools reports I realized it would be fun to share some these early reports with my readers.

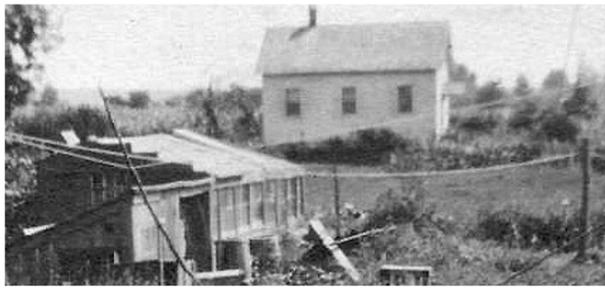
The history of our schools dates back to 1770 when the first school committee was chosen to establish schools in Farmingbury. Originally there were nine districts and the first schools were in private homes until structures could be



The original Woodtick School burned prior to 1821 when this stone structure was built. An addition was made to the back of this school in 1898. This photo was taken for the 1919-20 school year.

built. Once the schools were built the number was cut back to seven districts. Those early structures were small and crude, but over time the schools and education improved. We must also remember that our town was a farming community and money was not easy to come by, but residents believed in the importance of education and did their best to provide it to their children.

Since the Annual Reports housed in our museum only date back to 1907 that will be my starting point for this article. In that year our town had five elementary schools: Center, Woodtick (or Southwest), West (or Spindle Hill), South,



The West or Spindle Hill School when it was located on the Obed Alcott farm.

which was later renamed Lewis and North, which later became Alcott. In that year teacher salaries ranged from \$288 to \$358. We had a State Superintendent of Schools and a six member Town School Committee. The State Superintendent was new to our town in 1906 and he was greatly concerned that the West School was closed because four teachers had quickly resigned their position. He wanted to make sure this problem was rectified. The report given by the superintendent to the selectman was quite interesting and eye opening. The school committee wanted to consolidate several of the schools and transport children to the Center School. The Superintendent noted that the distances



The West or Spindle Hill School after it was moved across Spindle Hill Road.

were long and the road conditions poor and in the winter some of the roads were blocked by snow and impassable for days so this was not a good decision. He felt that with little expense to the town improvements to lighting and ventilation in the schools could be remedied; adding jacketed stoves would produce a constant supply of fresh air, warmed before it circulated around the room. He noted that the town should gradually begin to equip the schools with single seats and desks, which would improve the physical conditions for students and teachers.

The 1910 Annual Report noted that 124 students were attending school and that William Alcott from the West School had been present every session. (It's important to note here that the West School had been built by William Alcott's father Obed Alcott and was located on his farm.) It also stated that the Superintendent had granted certificates to Louise Todd and Rachel Garrigus to enter high school in Southington. Students could not go on to high school without the superintendent's approval. Repairs were recommended at South, Center, West and North Schools and woodsheds were added to South and North Schools for storage of books.

By 1911 all schools were equipped with books, maps and slate blackboards, but reliable wall clocks were needed to replace the little alarm clocks furnished by teachers. Paper, pens, ink and a few other supplies could be supplied to students for less than forty cents per year, but even that was tough for the poor. It was also mentioned that the state course of study had been outlined for all grades and that the Connecticut Public Library Committee was loaning a



The South School in 1895 was located in the Meriden Road/Farview Road area of Hitchcock Lake.

traveling library to the town. The books in this library would cover history, travel and nature, which should make regular schoolwork more interesting and valuable. The children were encouraged to take the books home to share with their families.



The original North School on North Street burned in 1928

In 1912 another school was added in the northern section of town, the North East School, which was located at the end of Beecher Road. It was also recommended that suitable land be obtained for the South and Spindle Hill Schools. It was noted that at the Spindle Hill School the outhouse was across the street from the school and the South School needed a playground away from the road. Wall clocks were finally added to all six schools. By 1914 several repairs were noted for five of the schools. At the Center School the woodshed was repaired and painted; the North School building was enlarged; the North East School was shingled and new seats were added to it; the Woodtick School (Stone School) was shingled and renovated inside; and lastly, the South School received new toilets and the playground was fenced. In 1915 land was purchased for a playground for the North School and it was suggested that the town purchase land for the Spindle Hill School. It was recommended that the South School be thoroughly renovated and all schools should be provided with a space for gardens.



The North East School which was located at the end of Beecher Road.

As I read through these reports of the early 1900s it seemed that the main goal of the Superintendent was to get all the schools into good physical condition and slowly add the necessary supplies needed to educate the children. He was also very concerned about the teacher turnover in our "country" schools. Many of the teachers lived in homes of residents during the school year and those that did not had to get transportation to and from school. A teacher's responsibilities included teaching students of grades 1 through 8, but also many housekeeping chores. These included keeping wood in the stove for warmth, cleaning the classroom and other chores. The job was tedious and the salary was poor, thus most only stayed for one or two years and then moved on.

One last fact that I would like to share is about the West or Spindle Hill School. In 1916 land was purchased across the road for this school and in 1917 the school and out-buildings were moved to the new site and the entire building was upgraded. This school is still standing today and is a home located on Spindle Hill Road directly across from Rustic Acres. If you are interested in looking through some of these old reports let me know and I will gladly open up either museum for you to visit. You may call me at 203-879-9818.

(Information for this article was taken from the Annual Reports for the Town of Wolcott 1907, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920; and August 2008 article on "Old Schools" at wolcouthistory.org)

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## Junior Women's Club Happenings



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott. We would like to thank everyone who supported our projects in November especially the "Vote Against Hunger" Collection on Election Day benefitting the Wolcott Food Pantry. A special thank you to all our Veterans' and everyone who came out to honor them on 11/11 on the Town Green. Santa's appearance at the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on November 28th, was a delight to all of the children and the young at heart!

Any family seeking our assistance this holiday season with gifts for Toys for Tots and Teens is asked to fill out an application and email it to [wolcottjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wolcottjuniors@gmail.com) by December 5th. The application was published in the November Community News and is also available in this issue. We are grateful to assist our Wolcott community throughout our 34 years supporting the Toys for Tots & Teens. This is a rewarding project for our club and one that is made possible only by the generous toys and monetary donations we receive from residents, local businesses and organizations. The collection boxes are in the following locations: The 3 Elementary Schools, ACE Hardware, Pat's IGA & Walsh's Grocery stores, Webster Bank, Thomaston Bank, and Wolcott Bowling. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are requested.

Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Inc. is sponsoring a creative writing contest during the month of January 2022. The theme is "What is Best about Wolcott." Contest rules are available at each elementary school. One winner from each school will receive a \$25.00 Barnes and Noble gift card. Winning essays will be published in the Wolcott Community News. Good Luck to all!

We want to thank the town of Wolcott for the support that you have given us since our inception in 1966. We are a volunteer organization for the advancement and promotion of education, public health & welfare, social, civic interests and the arts. This organization is a 501C non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-political group. We are dedicated to being a "volunteer" and helping our community. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September-June via Zoom for now. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community.

Please contact us via email [wolcottjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wolcottjuniors@gmail.com).

**5th Annual WINTER WONDERLAND**

Friday, Dec 17 5:30-8:30 pm

Dress up in your best holiday cheer and join us for a Winter Wonderland Holiday Party!

All girls will have tons of fun with festive games and activities, have dinner, kick off the night with a visit from Santa!

RSVP by Friday, 12/10  
Fee: \$15/members  
\$20/ non-members  
\*dinner included

Social distancing guidelines in place, masks are required for all indoor programs.

Girls Inc. of Greater Waterbury  
35 Park Place  
Waterbury, CT 06702  
203-756-4639

[www.facebook.com/GIWCT](http://www.facebook.com/GIWCT)  
Website: [www.girlsincswct.org](http://www.girlsincswct.org)

## Chamber of Commerce News



On September 23, 2021, the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce held their annual Awards Dinner at LaBella Vista Banquet Facility after a year and a half postponement due to COVID restrictions and concerns. The evening was a true success with over 80 people attending to support this years' honorees. Mary Kelly was awarded the Sandy Marino Sr. Distinguished Service Award. Richard and John Maily of Maily Manufacturing were awarded the Brian P. Borghesi Distinguished Business Person(s) of the Year Award. The Wolcott Public Library Board of Directors and Staff were awarded the Erma Costa Community Service Award, and the Ed Wilensky Beautification Award went to Nutmeg Farms at 1520 Wolcott Road. A special recognition award was given to Scott Little of The Print Shop for over thirty eight years of being in business and announcing his retirement and sale of the business.

The Chamber would like to thank Nutmeg Farms, Best Way Mortgage, Exit Realty, Mattatuck Industrial Scrap and Sandy's TV & Appliance for being sponsors for this event. The Chamber would also like to thank Wolcott Bagel LLC, Central CT Chamber, CC's Chocolates, Custom Carpentry, Farmers Insurance, LaFortuna Restaurant, Mountain Top Liquors, Pat's IGA, Tap & Barrell Bar & Grill, Urban Floral, Walsh's Market, Dave Grant, Photography by Picard, and Fred Townsend for their generous raffle donations. Without their support and generosity this event would not be as successful as it was.

The Wolcott Chamber always supports its' members and would love to include all Wolcott businesses so they could reap the benefits of being a member of the Chamber. Joining the Wolcott Chamber is easy and affordable by going to [wolcottchamber.com](http://wolcottchamber.com) and registering on line. The Wolcott Chamber is an affiliate of the Central CT Chamber of Commerce which includes the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plymouth, Wolcott and beyond. The Wolcott Chamber also works closely with the Wolcott Economic Development Commission and Department in the Mayor's Office.

The Wolcott Chamber will be exploring the possibility of a holiday gathering in December and the date, time and place to be determined. We will be making our annual donation to the Junior Women's Club annual Toys For Tots and Teens Drive and assisting a needy family in town for the holidays. Stay tuned, stay safe and healthy for the upcoming holiday season.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL

*Wolcott Chamber of Commerce*

# Hall of Trees

**Silent Auction**

**Together with the Town's Christmas Party**

**Friday, December 10th  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Wolcott Senior Center**

ALL TREES DECORATED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY MRS. CLAUS

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTION WILL BENEFIT WOLCOTT FAMILIES IN NEED FOR THE HOLIDAYS





# Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center

211 Nichols Road, Wolcott, CT | (203) 879-8133 FAX (203) 879-7605

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3:30pm. Fri 8:30am-12:00pm

Come & Join Our Senior Center - FREE Join in the daily activities and bus trips  
 You DO NOT need to be a Wolcott resident to become a member - EVERYONE is welcome  
 Everyone MUST fill out an emergency contact form — Please update any changes on the form  
 We are on the town website: [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org) under “senior center”

**SCHEDULE FOR CLOSING/DELAYS — If Wolcott schools have a delay/closing due to weather conditions THE SENIOR BUS & SENIOR CENTER WILL FOLLOW WOLCOTT SCHOOL DELAYS ALWAYS CHECK THE TV STATIONS 3, 4 & 8 FOR OPENING/CLOSING OF THE SENIOR CENTER**



**Happy December!!**

We are a “happening place” at our senior center! Our membership has grown, and all our classes and bus trips are filling up quickly. If you are 50+ and want to stay busy, we have something to do or everyone! Come and check us out!

**Donna Belval**  
*Senior Center Director*

Mon 9:45-10:30 Chair and Weight Strengthening/ Stretching/ Balance/ Stress Relief Exercises sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation — Naida from Fitness Fury  
 1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

Tues 10:00 Chair and Weight Strengthening/ Stretching/ Balance/ Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

Wed 10:00-10:45 Zumba Gold w/Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation — Naida from Fitness Fury  
 12:30-3:00 Bingo

Thurs 10:00 Chair and Weight Strengthening /Stretching/ Balance/ Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation  
 11:00 Free Chair Yoga  
 12:30-2:30 Setback Card Games

Fri 10:00-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting

Mon-Fri 9:00-11:00 Setback

**IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS TRIP, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE TRIP IS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER ETC.**

\*\*\*Parking for all bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot

Wed. Dec 1, 8:00 AM Bus leaves for Butterfly Museum, Richard’s (Home-Made) Candy Store, Old Deerfield Country Store & Yankee Candle in Deerfield, MA — Sign up for the bus

11:00 “Tips on Staying Safe” presented by Police Chief Ed Stephens, Lieutenant Greene and Detective Rocco- \*Don’t be so trustful, \*Internet Safety, \*How to keep your belongings (car) safe, \* How to be aware of your surroundings, etc — Open to the public

11:30 Senior Lunch Special-Chicken Cutlet Parmesan w/ Mozzarella Cheese on a Grinder, Chips & Dessert — \$3.00 pp — Call for Eat-In or Take-Out

Thurs. Dec 2 11:00 Crafty Corner—Jeannie’s Craft Class-Table Top Christmas Tree decoration \$12.00 pp—See Jeannie

Fri. Dec 3 8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll w/ Fruit \$2.00 pp—Call for Eat-In or Take-out

Mon. Dec 6 11:00 “Song Birds” to sing a variety of Christmas Carols

Tues. Dec 7 9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov’s — Sign up for the bus

11:00 Crafty Corner—Jeannie’s Craft Class—Mrs. Claus Christmas decoration \$10.00 pp—See Jeannie

Wed. Dec 8 11:00 Lunch at Joey Garlicks & shopping at Stew Leonards—Sign up for the bus  
 11:30 Senior Lunch Special—Hamburger (Cheese-burger) & Hot Dog w/ Chips & Dessert — \$3.00 pp  
 Call for Eat-In or Take-Out

Thurs. Dec 9 8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Belgium Waffles w/ Strawberries, Whipped Topping & Sausage — \$2.00 pp — Call to Eat-In or Take-Out

Fri. Dec 10 5:00-7:00 PM Mayor’s Town Wide Christmas Party together with Wolcott Chamber of Commerce- “Hall of Trees” Silent Auction. Enjoy appetizers & friendship while bidding on table-top Christmas Trees decorated by members of the community & local businesses. All proceeds from the auction will benefit Wolcott families in need for the holidays. MANY THANKS to our Wolcott businesses, residents & friends for their donations to make this party possible! Come & Get into the Christmas Spirit!!

Mon. Dec 13 4:30 Bus leaves for dinner at The Rein Deli—“Magic of Lights” to follow at Rentschler Field—enjoy the displays of Christmas lights-\$5.00 pp. Sign up w/ name & Phone # in case of cancellation—WEATHER PERMITTING

Tues. Dec 14 9:00 Bus leaves (departs casino 5:00 PM) for “Legends in Concert” at Foxwoods Casino--\$45.00 pp. There are no meal/casino packages included at this time. Enjoy a live tribute show to Elton John, Tina Turner, Michael Jackson & Cher. Sign up for the bus Pay by Thurs. Dec 2

11:00 AM-3:00 PM “Free” Driver’s Safety Class sponsored by AAA-Sign up at the senior center—Lunch break at 11:30 AM—Bring your own lunch or sign up for lunch at the senior center — \$3.00 pp

Wed. Dec 15 11:30 Senior Lunch Special—Home-Made Meatball Grinder w/ Mozz. Cheese, Chips & Dessert — \$3.00 pp—Call for Eat-In or Take-Out

Thurs. Dec 16 11:00 Crafty Corner—Jeannie’s Craft Class — Christmas Tree Ornaments Set of 5 — \$8.00 per class—See Jeannie  
 4:30 Bus leaves for dinner at The Rein Deli—“Magic of Lights” to follow at Rentschler Field—enjoy the displays of Christmas lights-\$5.00 pp. Sign up w/ name & phone # in case of cancellation—WEATHER PERMITTING

Fri. Dec 17 8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll w/ Pastry \$2.00 pp—Call for Eat-In or Take-Out

Sun. Dec 19 10:00—Bus leaves for UCONN Girls’ Basketball Game vs Louisville at Mohegan Sun Casino— 3:30 PM game \$46.00 pp-lower seating—departs casino 6:00 PM—There are no meal/casino packages included at this time—pay by Thurs. Dec 2

Tues. Dec 21 12:00—Christmas Party Luncheon—Turkey Breast w/ Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls w/ butter & Dessert — \$10.00 pp  
 Pay by Wed. Dec 15—Call for Eat-In or Take-Out

Thurs./Fri Dec 23 & 24 CLOSED-HOLIDAY

Tues. Dec 28 8:30-9:30 Senior breakfast — Blueberry Pancakes w/ Sausage & Pastry — \$2.00 pp  
 Call for Eat-In or Take-Out

11:30-2:00 Foot Reflexology w/ Kim Stewart--\$20.00 for 20 minutes of relaxation! Sit back & relax—Let Kim work her magic!

Wed. Dec 29 11:30 Senior Lunch Special—Grilled Ham & Cheese on Texas Toast w/Soup, Chips & Dessert-- \$3.00 pp—Call for Eat-In or Take-Out

5:30 Bus leaves for UCONN Girls’ Basketball game vs Marquette at XL Center

7:00 PM game — \$18.00 pp — lower seating Pay by Wed. Dec 8

Thurs./Fri Dec 30 & 31 CLOSED-HOLIDAY

Sat. Jan 15 10:00 Bus leaves for UCONN Girls’ Basketball Game vs Xavior at XL Center  
 12:00 Game — \$23.00 pp—lower seating Pay by Wed. Dec 15

Sun Feb 6 10:00/11:00 (TO BE ANNOUNCED DEPENDING ON GAME TIME) Bus leaves for UCONN Girl’s Basketball Game vs Tennessee at XL Center

12PM/1PM Game-- \$43.00 pp—lower seating—Pay by Mon. Dec 27

Wed. Feb 9 5:00 Bus leaves for UCONN Girls’ Basketball Game vs Villanova at XL Center  
 7:00 PM Game--\$18.00 pp —lower seating — Pay by Mon. Jan 3

Sun Feb 20 12:00 Bus leaves for UCONN Girls’ Basketball Game vs Georgetown at XL Center  
 2:00 PM Game--\$23.00 pp—lower seating—Pay by Mon. Jan 10



Costumed participants for the senior center Halloween party



Witch Dance performed by our special witches!

# WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## COVID-19 Notice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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](mailto:nlefebvre@wolcottps.org).



## 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](http://wolcottps.org). Click on the link for "ALCOTT INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM LOTTERY APPLICATION 2022-2023". 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.

## Wolcott Public Schools Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings in December 2021 and January 2022. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children ages 3 and 4 who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178 to schedule an appointment.

## 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
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 2021-2022 SCHOOL HOURS

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

# Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2021-2022

July				
M	T	W	TH	F
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12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

August (7/5)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September (21/21)				
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13	14	15	16	17
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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)

October (20/20)				
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25	26	27	28	29

November (18/18)				
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8	9	10	<del>11</del>	12
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29	30			

December (17/17)				
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# 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
<b>Total Days</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>184</b>

January (20/20)				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
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24	25	26	27	28
31				

February (18/18)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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28				

March (23/23)				
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April (15/15)				
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25	26	27	28	29

May (21/21)				
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
<del>30</del>	31			

June (6/6)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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13	14	15	16	17
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27	28	29	30	

\*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.

**Congratulations to the 2021 – 2023 Wolcott Board of Education**  
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## A REWARDING CAREER AWAITS YOU

Driving a school bus is a rewarding job for anyone who loves children. Parents can bring their children on the bus with them to save on daycare expense while enjoying school holidays and vacations off with their children. It is a great job for retirees and anyone who likes to drive. Paid training classes are starting now! 25 to 35 hours per week once you are licensed. No experience is necessary. Clean driving record required. Paid holidays, dental, life insurance and 401K available.

Please apply in person to get more information on this part time job and to be accepted into our professional driver training classes.

Wolcott Terminal, 515 Wolcott Road  
203-879-1334



December 15 is Bill of Rights Day, which commemorates the ratification of the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which spell out our rights as Americans. It guarantees civil rights and liberties such as freedom of speech, press, and religion. It sets rules for due process of law and reserves all powers not delegated to the Federal Government to the people or the states. The original joint resolution proposing the Bill of Rights is on permanent display at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

The process had begun when the First Federal Congress sent the states 12 proposed amendments, via a joint resolution passed on September 25, 1789, for their consideration. When Virginia became the 11th state to ratify the amendments on December 15, 1791, amendments 3 through 12 became part of the Constitution, and these first 10 amendments were thereafter known as our Bill of Rights.

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Linda Fercodini  
Broker/Owner



Top Producer  
for October  
Lynn Lombardi



Sali Barolli



Ryan Bessette



Marita Calabro



Sandra Deschenes



J.R. Donorfio



Armenia DePinho



Gene Fercodini



Brian Flynn



Ed Haddad



Lynn Lombardi



Lucienne Marsella



Patricia Monnerat



Stephen Monnerat



Linda Norman



Ken Reeder



Michael Salvio



Chris Stoddard



Jack Synnott



Derek Turbacuski



**Wolcott \$327,900** - Bright, open, updated 3 BR, 1.5 bath Cape; Eat-in kitchen w/granite counters & newer stainless steel appliances, DR, LR w/wet bar & slider to deck, FR, park-like, private back yard w/gazebo, 1 car garage. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio*



**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 \$420,000** - Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 bath R/R on 1.58 private acres; eat-in kitchen with granite counter tops, DR/sunroom w/cathedral ceiling & slider to deck, LR w/2 ceiling fans, & FP, main level MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, lower level FR w/FP, 2 car garage.



**Wolcott \$554,900** - 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.*



**Wolcott \$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.*



**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.*



**Thomaston \$124,900** - Investors! Flippers! Take Notice! This 6 room Ranch style home features spacious living room, dining room kitchen, 3 bedrooms. Vinyl sided, close to Route 8. Cash or Rehab loan only! *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



**Thomaston \$329,900** - Custom 4 BR Colonial on 2.45 acres. Country living w/easy access to highways; Huge kitchen w/granite, island & dining area, formal LR w/fireplace, office w/French doors, main level BR w/full bath & kitchenette/sitting area, MBR suite, 2 car garage, much more! *Ask for Lynn Lombardi.*



**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 & 1-84. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



**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.*



**Waterbury-Multi \$269,500** - Investors! Take notice! 5 family home features 4 units with 3 rooms, 1 bedroom, 1 full bath and top floor unit with 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, and 2 full baths. Plenty of parking. *Ask for Steve Monnerat*

## 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.



**Waterbury-Multi \$289,500** - Investors! Landlords! 4 family home in Bunker Hill area; 3 apartments with 6 rooms, 2 BRs 1 full bath each floor & one 3 room basement apartment. Large back yard and plenty of parking. *Ask for Steve Monnerat.*



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