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On January 28th a dedication ceremony took place at the Wolcott High School gym. The basketball court was dedicated in the name of Jim Scully. Mr Scully is a retired teacher, coach and Athletic Director for the Wolcott School System. He was also a graduate student at Wolcott High. Mr. Scully is pictured here with his son James Jr. after receiving a game ball from the varsity basketball team. *Photography by Picard*

First grade friends, Aeliana and Owen, enjoy skating on the Frisbie ice rink! Thank you to the Parks & Rec Department for building it!

The Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association organized a Christmas food drive and collected quite a bit of food to donate to the Wolcott Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone at the Food Pantry for all that you do to help feed local residents in need. And thanks to the members of the Wolcott Land Owners for their generosity this holiday season.

Why Replace That Tooth?

Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

In this month's article will be continuing with answering common questions we hear at our dental office.

"Why replace the tooth that is / was taken out? It's in the back, no one is even going to see it."

This question comes up regularly. More often with new patients who come to our office, who were not informed of the outcome of missing back teeth when they had their back tooth removed. These teeth serve two functions. One direct and one indirect. Directly, these back teeth are for chewing. Missing teeth obviously compromise our ability to chew food well and enjoy the foods we are eating. Excluding ice cream. We don't need teeth to enjoy the pleasures of ice cream.

Indirectly, missing teeth compromise our remaining teeth. When we lose a tooth, we are still chewing just as strongly as with all of our teeth. But the force of our chewing becomes concentrated on the remaining teeth. Often times, this will lead to cracking and chipping of the remaining teeth, especially if they are in less than perfect condition.

Also, our teeth have the tendency to move. Typically, they move forward. Which is why you might have noticed, on yourself or others, that your front teeth are getting crowded and crooked over time. When we lose a back tooth, the tooth or teeth behind it will drift and tip forward, and the tooth that it bites against will start drifting toward the space that is now open. These movements cause an instability in the bite and can compromise long term comfort and function.

With all that said, there are instances where teeth which have been removed do not need replacement. Every situation is unique and should be discussed with your dental care providers.

BIRTHDAYS

Pisces, Feb 19th - March 20th
"The Fish"

Pisces are very friendly, so they often find themselves in a company of very different people. Pisces are selfless, they are always willing to help others, without hoping to get anything back.Pisces is a Water sign and as such this zodiac signis characterized by empathy and expressed emotional capacity. Their ruling planet is Neptune, so Pisces are more intuitive than others and have an artistic talent. Neptune is connected to music, so Pisces reveal music preferences in the earliest stages of life. They are generous, compassionate and extremely faithful and caring. People born under the Pisces sign have an intuitive understanding of the life cycle and thus achieve the best emotional relationship with other beings.

March 7th - AJ Mastrofrancesco
March 7th - Joe Macary

Aries, March 21st - April 19th
"The Flying Ram"

As the first sign in the zodiac, the presence of Aries always marks the beginning of something energetic and turbulent. They are continuously looking for dynamic, speed and competition, always being the first in everything - from work to social gatherings. Aries is one of the most active zodiac signs. It is in their nature to take action, sometimes before they think about it well. Aries rules the head and leads with the head, often literally walking head first, leaning forwards for speed and focus. Its representatives are naturally brave and rarely afraid of trial and risk. They possess youthful strength and energy, regardless of their age and quickly perform any given tasks.

March 31st - Danielle Mastrofrancesco

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March 2nd, 7:00 pm • Ash Wednesday Service
March 6th, 9:30 am • Service with Holy Eucharist
March 13th, 9:30 am • Service with Holy Eucharist
March 20th, 9:30 am • Service with Holy Eucharist
March 27th, 9:30 am • Morning Prayer

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March EVENTS

There's Always Something Good Going On

SPREAD THE WORD!

March 5th - Saturday
Boy Scouts Troop 230
Can & Bottle Drive

Location: American Legion Post 165
1253 Wolcott Rd. Wolcott, CT
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Info: Donate your empties to help support Boy Scout Troop 230. No glass, please. For more information email: boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com

March 19th - Saturday
Junior Women's Club
Blood Drive

American Red Cross

Location: St. Pius X Church Hall
517 Woodtick Rd. Wolcott, CT
Time: 7:30 am - 1:00 pm
Info: Appointments are needed. Schedule online at www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767)

April 12th - Tuesday
The Exchange Club
of Wolcott Public
Service Awards

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Aqua Turf Club
556 Mulberry St., Plantsville, CT
Cost: $45 per person
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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC

December 20, 2021, a New Death Registry rolled out statewide. It has been quite a learning process! I have been hearing about this upcoming system since 2003. I have spent years training and retraining and with each change and upgrade, nothing ever seemed to pan out. Covid delayed everything even more. In early December we received an email that it was here and it is being mandatorily implemented on December 20th. It is amazing how quickly one can learn when you have no other choice! Right now, the system is a hybrid of old licenses verses new licenses and online burial and cremations verses the old paper format. One day when all the hospitals, nursing homes and funeral homes are on board, it will all be online.

In 2002 a Statewide Birth registry rolled out and it took a lot of learning, training, and tweaking to get things right. Now, the birth system is seamless and user friendly. The Death Registry will be one day.

The end product will be worth the challenge but the process of change is hard. Our job is never boring. There is always something changing.

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MAYOR'S CORNER

March 2022

Happy St. Patrick's Day

After a cold, and icy winter, I am looking forward to spring. Once the weather allows, our Public Works and Park and Recreation Departments will be out getting our parks and fields ready for the warm weather activities.

I would like to thank all of our departments for their hard work during this winter season.

We are asking 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, 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.

We are currently in the process of putting together the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. It is my goal to maintain the current level of services to our residents and continue to move Wolcott forward.

Please check our website at www.wolcottct.org for upcoming events and activities 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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Farmingbury Women's Club News

The Farmingbury Women's Club had a very exciting February calendar.

Our very special guests this month included a visit from the Wolcott Fire Department. Chief Kyle Dunn, along with Deputy Chief Ed Costa Company #1, and Deputy Chief Larry Rossi, Company 2 spoke to us about the different duties and services that our Town is very lucky to have. Besides their amazing abilities of firefighting, these brave men and women, (yes, we have 6 firewomen) assist in many different aspects of First Responders. You may see them at an accident site standing by to help if necessary. You may have seen them at our local events always willing to stand by in the event that they are needed.

We certainly were impressed with the amount of training a Firefighter has to take in order to qualify to become a trained firefighter. They also explained the number of hours put into keeping their firetrucks and apparatus up to State standards. These men and women are all volunteers and we appreciate their dedication to keeping Wolcott safe.

A monetary donation was given for each of the Fire Stations to use at their discretion. At this same meeting we enjoyed delicious treats, coffee and tea.

Under new business, BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

We can now say, to all of you, SAVE THIS OCTOBER 15, 2022 DATE!! The Farmingbury Women's club members who have in the past, held the annual Arts/Craft event, is going to happen again. However, this year, we will be having the event, at the Woodtick Recreation Area, (same place as the 225 celebration was held). We are excited! More details each month will be given to you, as they are created. Please stay tuned.Happy St Patrick's Day.

March is a fabulous month, the first spring is upon us, daylight savings time and, of course, one of my favorite holidays, St. Patrick's Day. What could be better than sharing the green on the 17th!!

We are looking forward to our March meeting, where we will enjoy having just a social gathering of members to sit around and chit chat.

We always welcome new members. If you are interested in joining this fabulous community spirited club, please consider attending one of our meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 at All Saints Church.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Wolcott Food Pantry Thanks You

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

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

Our distribution dates for the next few weeks are as follows:
Feb 2nd, Feb 16th and Mar 2nd. Wednesday between 8:45AM to 11:45AM.

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

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

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

Shelf-Stable Milk	Canned Pastas
Canned Fruit	Coffee/Tea
Chili	Jarred Pasta Sauce
Cereal	Instant Potatoes
Canned Juices	Pudding
Boxed Meals	Pasta
Oatmeal	Rice
Canned Chicken	Condiments
Baked Beans	Soup
Peanut Butter	Jell-O
Canned Meats / Stews	Salad Dressing
Jelly	

A few local organizations (Pat's, Walsh's, Stop & Shop, 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

Updates:

- To any small business located in Wolcott that may have a pool of 'box' trucks: we are looking for a replacement/backup truck for our existing vehicle. Please call our number and leave us a message if you have an interest in discussing further.
- On an administrative note; we are bound by conscious and state regulations to only distribute food with future 'expiration dates'. We have volunteers that sort through every box/can/jar that is donated to sort out expired products. At times we are forced to throw out large quantities. You can help our volunteers out if you can check those dates and eliminate the expired ones from the donation.

Thank you Elizabeth and Andrea Putetti for stopping by to donate beautifully decorated bags full of all the ingredients necessary to have a Birthday party. We will check with our clients and if they have an upcoming birthday, we will provide them one of the bags!

Thank you to the members of the Wolcott Senior Center that participated in a 'Fund Raising' dinner at their facility recently and raised $540 on our behalf. Senior Center Director Donna Belval met with our President, Jim Mills and our Vice President Connie Gleiford to deliver the donation.

Most of our volunteers posing in front of our new shed! It helped us free up space inside the pantry house. We'd like to acknowledge the support the town work crews gave us in prepping the site and adding some finishing touches after it was delivered. Thanks Mark and Jesse!

A small sample of the amount of expired food stuff we end up having to throw out. We are bound by conscious and state regulations to only distribute food with future 'expiration dates'. You can help us out by eliminating the expired food from your donation.

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WOLCOTT

Wolcott $225,000 – Enjoy the Cedar Lake water views from your home or from the nearby lake front lot owned by you and your neighbors. This home features 1279 sqft of living space, 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Newer Kitchen and bath with granite counters and a convenient laundry room on the main level. Enjoy the fireplace inside or the nice level yard perfect for family or friends overlooking the lake. **Call Brian!**

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

MORRIS

Morris $380,000 – Amazing Colonial completely renovated in 2010 with open floor plan features 2674 sqft, 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Upper level Master suite includes a full bath and walk-in closet. Main level features Kitchen complete with gas range and an Island/Breakfast Bar that opens into Dining and Living Rooms, also 2 more bedrooms with main bath. The oversized 2 car garage has plenty of room for a workshop. Beautifully landscaped yard features a stone patio, mature fruit trees, garden, shed, and a babbling brook. Enjoy the country location including nearby Bantam Lake and still have easy access for commuting. Call Brian! **Preview more at: exitsignature.com**

NEW LISTING

Waterbury $179,900 – East End, completely remodeled colonial features 1326 sqft, 3 bedrooms, gleaming hardwood floors, 2 car garage, and freshly painted in neutral tones. Call Bridget!

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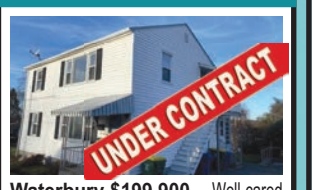
WATERBURY



Waterbury $199,900 – Well cared for 1600 sqft 2-family conveniently located close to shopping and amenities. This property offers an 800 square foot first floor apartment with a recently updated kitchen, 2 bedrooms, a newer bathroom and hardwood floors. The second floor apartment offers an equal layout to the first floor with a brand new kitchen and bathroom. Both units offer natural gas for cooking and are both heated by an oil furnace. Large two car detached garage, a great backyard and a large side yard that can possibly be used as a separate building lot.. **Call Jay! Preview more at: exitsignature.com**

NEW LISTING

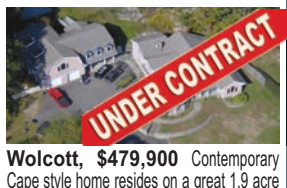
Waterbury $279,900 – 2 Family home features 3 bedrooms on the first floor, 3/4 bedrooms on the second floor vinyl siding and off street parking. Great investment opportunity. Call Bridget!

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

WATERBURY

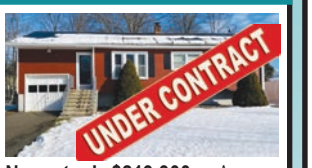
Waterbury, $213,500 Move-in-ready two-family home is an incredible opportunity! Features 5 rooms each floor, 2 bedrooms on first and second, with a possible 3rd bedroom on the second floor. Washer and dryer hook-up in each unit. Detached garage, ample off-street parking and plenty of storage. This stunning multi family sits on a great lot located on a quiet street with a large level fenced-in backyard and side yard for the both units to enjoy. This home is sure to go fast! Schedule your showing today! **Call Bridget! Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com**

WOLCOTT



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**

NAUGATUCK



Naugatuck $219,900 – Awesome Ranch style home with plenty of living space , many upgrades and a finished basement. Features 3 large bedrooms, 1 full bath, a dining room and a living room with hardwood flooring. The kitchen offers newly updated appliances and an island for convenience while prepping and cooking. The laundry is located on the lower finished level of the home with plenty of room for a workout area or entertaining. The property is located on a Cul-De-Sac and has a large fenced-in backyard. Replacement windows, a new gas furnace/water heater combo, central air conditioning, new vinyl siding and solar panels. Call Jay! **Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com**

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LOT FOR SALE

Wolcott, LOT FOR SALE $169,900 Rare approved building lot up for sale.waterfront property on Hitchcock Lake! Owners had a design (blueprints) to accommodate a 2500 sqft single family. Contemporary house with a 2 car garage. Fantastic opportunity to build your dream home withamazing lake views! Town sewer in the street.

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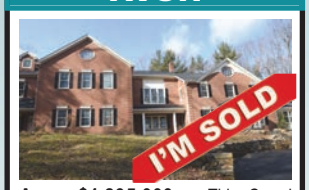
AVON



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

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LOT FOR SALE

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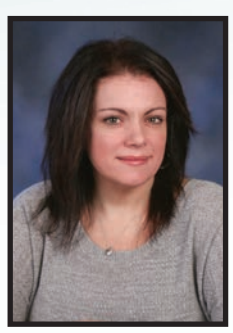

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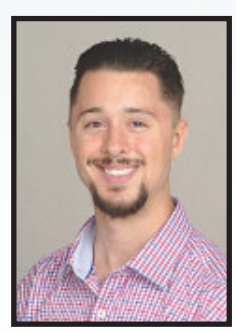

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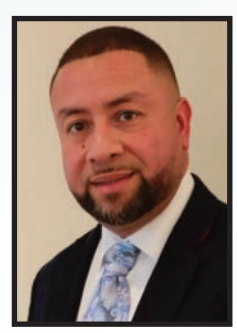

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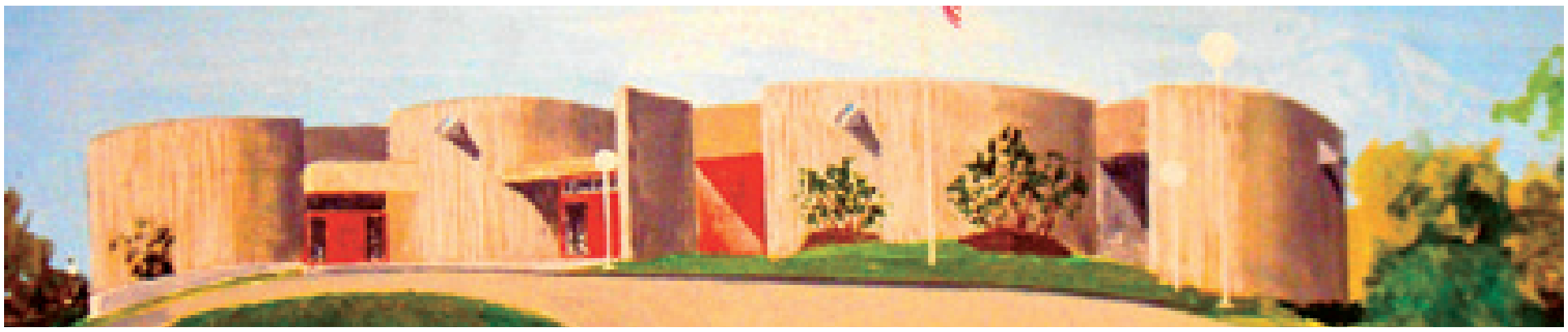

Friends of the Wolcott Library

We are very excited about our Spring Craft Fair which will be held in the downstairs meeting rooms on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is free and we have a great variety of vendors. As of this writing you will be able to find girl's clothing, wine glass holders, and framed pictures including items perfect for Mother's Day and gifts for Grandmothers. Also available will be gift baskets, silver, wire-wrapped and glass jewelry, magnets, handmade soaps, paintings, leaves and trees, candles, children's picture books, signs, pillows and assorted home décor, painted rocks, crochet, quilted and sewn items, cupcakes and cookies. Many of these items would be perfect to include in your individual Easter baskets for your children or grandchildren. Please come out and support us as we haven't had this Spring event for several years. For further information, please call Liz Santos at 203 910-5238 or esan210@yahoo.com;

Tumble Books, the on line reading program, has been renewed by the Friends. Check out this wonderful source on our website www.wolcottlibrary.org. It's a fun way to supplement reading and gets in the 20 minutes per day recommended.

The Friends will continue their sponsorship of the Books for Babies Program. If you are expecting and a Wolcott resident, please sign up for your special gift that can be picked up after the birth of your baby. The Spring Fling is also scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th and the Friends will be contributing to this event. Please call the library at 203 879-8110 or e-mail mmorin@biblio.org to register. Once again the Library Passport Program will be held in the month of April and the Friends will have a special give-a-way for those who participate.

A special thank you to the Girl Scouts who generously donated children's books to us for our next book sale. Some will be added to the shelves at the main circulation desk along with some Easter books for the upcoming holiday. Also thank you for the anonymous cash donation and note of appreciation given to the Friends last month.

Concerning our Museum Pass Program, the Mattatuck will be expiring at the end of the month of March so if you are planning a trip please look into using our pass. Renewals of the various attractions are based on the number of times it has been used in the past year and may not be renewed. There are still a few months left on the pass to the New England Carousel Museum as well as the Children's Museum of CT in West Hartford. Any suggestions on other places to look into should be sent to wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com.

Wolcott Public Library

Adult Programming at the Wolcott Public Library is as fun as it is magical. March is going to be no exception! We will be having a presentation on how to make your own green noodles (to go with your green eggs and ham, of course!). This program will be offering gluten-free options for those who have gluten sensitivity. Our monthly Book Club will be reading Crowned and Dangerous by classy Rhys Bowen on March 16th. Books are available at the library. We will also be offering a craft, Shamrock String Art, on St. Patrick's Day! Supplies are limited, and we recommend signing up early to secure your spot. Lastly, WPL will be celebrating the first day of Spring by having an experienced and fun Tarot reader all day at the library! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at 203-879-8110 or visit the library to see all that the library has to offer to the community.

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday! (If he were still alive today, he would be 118 years old!) Be sure to visit the library and borrow some of his books. We are very excited to launch our Book Buddies program this week! The program partners younger children with teen reading mentors who will meet weekly to share books together.

Our other children's programs include Books & Babies (Wednesdays at 11 a.m.), Preschool Storytime (Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.), Lego Storytime (Mondays at 5 p.m.), and Wild Wednesdays: hands-on activities for K-5th graders (Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.)

Children who have been working on reading this year's Nutmeg Nominees will be voting for their favorites in April. Every child who read all the titles will be entered in a raffle- ask Ms. Meghan for details! For babies and pre-schoolers, we have our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Stop in the Children's Room to get started!

TEA AND CHOCOLATE: Wolcott Public Library patrons enjoyed a tasty presentation on tea and chocolate courtesy of Kim Larkin.

Sofia build-a-buddy: Where's the best place to spend your birthday? The library, of course! Birthday girl Sofia (right) and sisters Cecelia and Charlotte had a blast at WPL's Build-a-Buddy Workshop.

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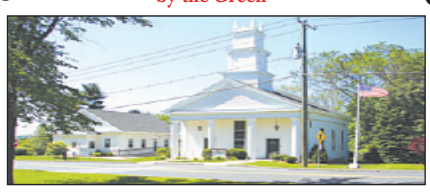

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by Chet Sergey, LEPC Chairman

If you are in a disaster or emergency, it's important that you take steps to prevent illness from unsafe food.

After A Disaster

Throw away the following food:

Perishable food that has not been refrigerated or frozen properly due to power outages

Food that may have come in contact with floodwater or stormwater

Food with an unusual odor, color, or texture.

Unsafe food can make you sick even if it looks and smells normal. When in doubt, throw it out!

Learn more about what you can do to keep your food safe before, during, and after a power outage.

During and after a power outage

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible while the power is out.

A full freezer will keep food safe for 48 hours (24 hours if half-full) without power if you don't open the door. Your refrigerator will keep food safe for up to 4 hours without power if you don't open the door.

Throw out the following foods:

All perishable foods (including meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers) in your refrigerator when the power has been off for 4 hours or more.

All perishable foods in your freezer if they have thawed.

You can safely refreeze or cook food from the freezer if the food still contains ice crystals and feels as cold as if refrigerated. Check this link for a chart/list of what foods you should throw out and foods you can refreeze: https://www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/food-safety-during-power-outage#frozen

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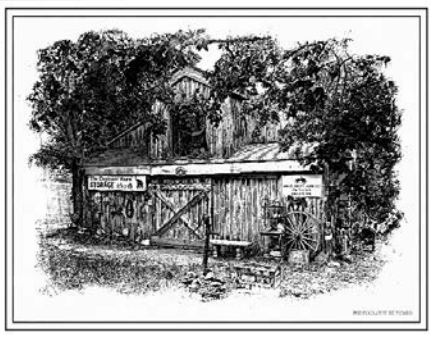

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE

Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors are pleased to announce that additional scholarships will be awarded to graduating Wolcott High School Seniors in memory of Nicholas and Gloria D'Agostino as well as a continued award for a student who excels in mathematics sponsored by Frederick Townsend. Deadline to file is March 11, 2022.

Also we will be sponsoring the "Read Across Wolcott" program on March 2, 2022. Taylor Palmieri, Karen LeBlanc and Tara Jackson applied for this grant which will involve every elementary school student and approximately 50 middle and high school students. The older students will appear as a guest reader and complete an activity with the younger class. Then they will sign and donate the book to the classroom. We are happy to support this special event.

Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott

The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will be offering two (2) $500 scholarships to the Class of 2022 graduating high school seniors. Graduating senior must be a resident of Wolcott and planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Graduating students who do not attend Wolcott High School (WHS) are eligible for a scholarship and should contact their schools Guidance Office. WHS students will find the scholarship application on the WHS Naviance database. Any questions please contact Carleen VanBlarcom at cvanbl@yahoo.com.

Application deadline is on or before Wednesday, April 27, 2022, on or before 2 PM

Dennis Antonacci Jr. Scholarship

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

Junior Women's Club of Wolcott

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is sponsoring three $750 scholarship opportunities for Wolcott residents who will be graduating in June 2022. The applications are in the Wolcott High School's Guidance Department and the Wolcott High school web site. The Arts Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education (major or minor) in some field of the ARTS or has a genuine interest in the ARTS through participation and or education. The Lucille Jablonski Community Service Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education and has played an active role in community service and/or volunteerism. These activities must be listed in the student's application. The Patricia Najarian Scholarship is for an average student who is achieving his or her full scholastic potential and needs financial assistance. Applications must be completed and submitted by April 29th.

The Wolcott Lions Club Scholarships for 2022

The Wolcott Lions Club encourages ALL Wolcott students to apply!

The Wolcott Lions Club will again be offering six (6), $2,000.00, Scholarships to the Wolcott High School Graduating Seniors, who reside in Wolcott, and are planning on attending accredited institutions of higher learning. Applications can be downloaded from, http://wolcottlions.com/wolcottlionsscholarship.html. Applications must be completed and submitted by April 28th, 2022. You may deliver the completed application form to Lion Dan DiVirgilio 4 Brookdale Street Wolcott, 06716, or Wolcott Lions Club P.O. Box 6063. Questions can be answered by calling Lion Dan DiVirgilio at 203-509-3994. Late applications cannot be considered. Interviews will be scheduled for May 12th and Scholarships will be awarded at our dinner meeting the evening of June 8th at the Wolcott Lions Annex 245 Wolcott Road Wolcott. Thanks, and good luck to all of you who apply.

Wolcott Lions Club 2021 Scholarship Award Recipients:

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The Exchange Club of Wolcott 2022 Educational Scholarships

The Exchange Club of Wolcott is offering four scholarships of $1000.00 each to residents of Wolcott completing their high school's senior year at WHS or another high school. Three of our scholarships are established in the names of past Exchange Club members - Mr. William Lyga, Mr. Joseph Petruzzi, and Mr. Dennis Desaulniers. Awards are based on the applicant's academics, school involvement, community involvement and need. Applications, guidelines, and deadlines are available at Wolcott High School's Counseling Department, at Wolcott Public Library, and on the Exchange Club of Wolcott's website - https://exchangeclubofwolcott.com, or on Facebook. The deadline for applications is March 17, 2022.

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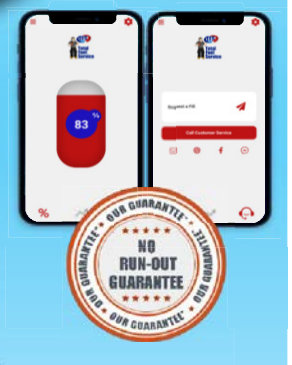

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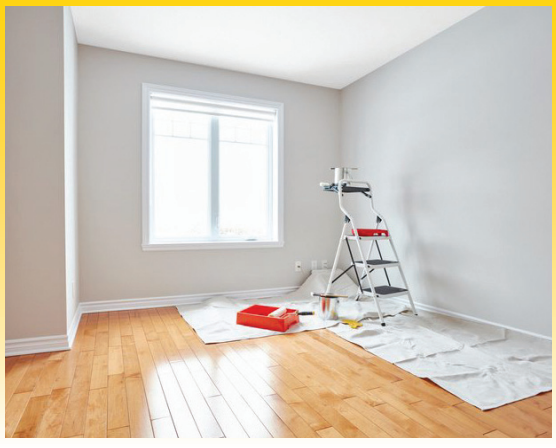

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Wolcott High Student Theater Proudly Presents "Seussical the Musical" April 8 & 9, 2022

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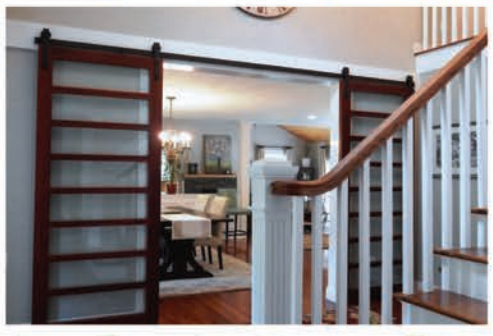

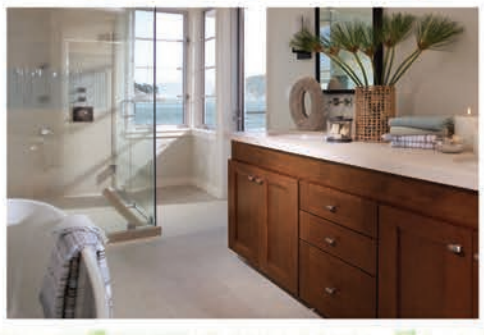

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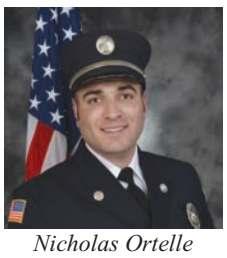
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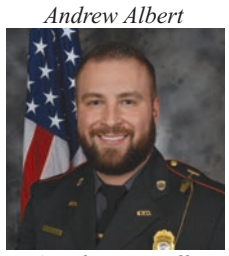
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Wolcott Education Foundation Fundraising

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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad

Our building improvements are going strong! We have just replaced our side windows that were once boarded up. Letting sunshine in really makes a big difference in whole the feel of the lower level of the building.

We have received many inquiries into rentals. Unfortunately, at this time we are still in the process of upgrades and repairs and we have winterized the building to save on fuel.

Our meetings are going to once again start up in April and our little group will do what it does best; reorganize to make this year even better than the last. Our meetings are Thursday nights from 6:30 pm -7:30 pm and our schedule for 2022 is as follows:

April 14	July 21	October 20
May 26	August 25	November 17
June 23	September 15	December TBD

Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 continues to actively learn and grow. The Troop spent its weekly meetings executing winter survival skills such as fire building, repairing broken essentials, and dutch oven cooking in preparation for the Annual Klondike Derby at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. The Scouts built and restored klondike sleds to race and compete against scouts from across Connecticut. The boys participated in activities such as cold water rescues and first aid. The Troop also spent that weekend tent camping and braving the cold and ice. In the coming months, the Troop is looking forward to helping the Cub Scout Pack enjoy its Cub Blizzard, additional camp outs, and other various events.

The Troop will be holding a CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE on SATURDAY, MARCH 5 at THE AMERICAN LEGION Post 165, 1253 Wolcott Road from 9:00-12:00. The boys are raising money to purchase more scouting equipment, as well as to continue giving back to the community.

As always, for more information about Boy Scouts contact boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com

Capitol Update – My Report from Opening Day and the First Week of Session

State Senator Rob Sampson — 16th District

The Opening Day remarks from the Governor left no question that this is an election year. This might seem odd seeing that there were hundreds of Connecticut voters standing outside who were never even acknowledged by the state's top official. Throngs of people just on the other side of the capitol building wall were loudly voicing their continued opposition to an end to all Covid-related mandates, and the school mask mandate in particular.

Governor Lamont spoke of a Connecticut that is a far cry from the state we live in every day, complete with all the challenges that have existed far ahead of his poor handling of the pandemic.

There were three quotes delivered during his remarks where I found it particularly evident that he was campaigning and not governing:

The Governor said "While Connecticut remains one of the safest states in the country, certain crimes are up. Many of the car thefts and other street crimes are a symptom of a population reeling after two years of Covid-hell."

This is an incorrect statement and sentiment in all interpretations. Do not minimize the fear residents face every day concerned about the safety of their property, families, and themselves. This state has been shaken to its core as we currently experience the tipping point of a decades long weakening of our state's criminal justice laws at the hands of two far left Democratic governors and their willing majorities in the legislature. Moreover, no one should forget that the damage from this Governor's lockdown and mandate heavy Covid response is a far bigger factor than Covid itself.

The Governor proclaimed "This year I'm proposing meaningful property tax reform… reduce car tax bills in more than 100 towns, often by hundreds of dollars per car!"

This is yet another deception. These are not tax cuts but rather tax "shifts" that will reduce municipal aid and drive-up property taxes. Towns have been stretched beyond their financial capacities between the pandemic and storm clean ups, and now the Governor is planning to cut off their car tax revenue. The charges will have to increase somewhere, so expect to see your mill rates or other local fees go up to make up for the lost money if it passes. Republicans on the other hand will propose real tax reform that focuses on streamlining government, reducing wasteful spending, and cutting taxes. The Connecticut Democrats – the most radical in the nation – are trying to convince voters they want to cut taxes which is as ludicrous as it is offensive to the senses. Don't trust them.

Finally, Governor Lamont exclaimed "It is very nice to see so many of you back in the flesh! It's been too long."

You're right, Governor, it's been too long. It is also deeply disappointing that you think Connecticut citizens will be fooled by having legislative Democrats do your bidding to extend a public health emergency with no parameters for success or failure, also conveniently extending extra-constitutional authority to you and your unscientific and un-American medical mandates.

I am excited to see Connecticut citizens taking a renewed interest in what their state government is up to. That will bode well for Republicans going forward.

The following Monday, I led the opposition to the continuation of the baseless state of emergency and the bill extending the governor's COVID-19 orders through June 30. I spoke for over two hours about the true facts relating to Connecticut's status in the war on COVID-19 and in defense of our American system of representative government, and the rights of Connecticut citizens to make their own decisions on health choices for themselves and their children.

I believe that parents should have the ultimate say over whether children should wear masks in schools or at child-care facilities. I led the debate, and I offered amendments to reach a compromise between the seemingly "all or nothing" options that were being presented. I proposed an amendment to leave the decision on masking to parents and I also proposed an amendment that would have required automatic approval of any long-term care worker's request for a religious exemption from state vaccine mandates.

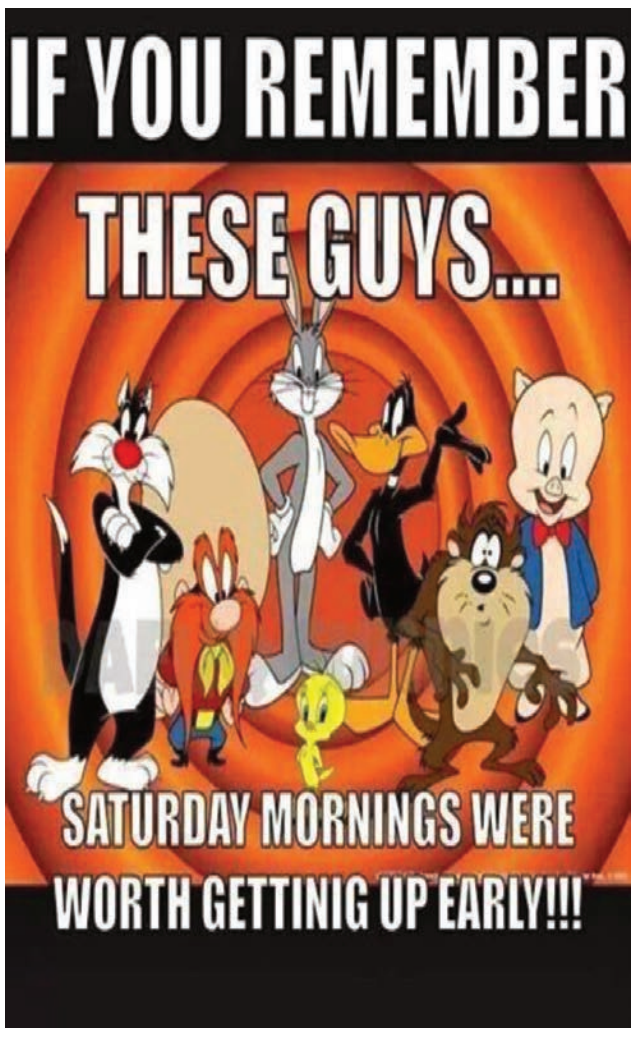
Disappointingly, my amendments were defeated along party lines.

The governor's powers over school masking policy now extends to June 30. The governor has promised that he will instruct his commissioners to turn the issue over to local school boards on February 28. I would prefer more certainty, but now we must wait and trust the governor at his word.

I want to thank you for your heartfelt emails and calls urging me to speak out for parents, for mask choice and for local control.

Thank you for every Connecticut resident and parent who spoke out for freedom over force in calling for an end to these extreme and questionable pandemic policies. I heard you loud and clear, and I presented a well thought out case, and voted accordingly. If you are curious and want to learn and see more, you can find my speeches on my Facebook page or on YouTube.

As always, you can reach me at rob.sampson@cga.ct.gov or senatorsampson.com.



The Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association (WLOPA)

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JEWELRY MAKING: Clorinda Mirto is an award winning, published jewelry artist. In this jewelry class she will instruct students on various jewelry making techniques. These will include wire wrapping, crochet wire weave, various stringing techniques and use of findings.

Materials list will be supplied at the first class or students may also purchase pre-made kits with all materials needed to complete the project for a cost of $10.00 payable to Clorinda at the start of class. All materials for the first class are included in the class fee. Instructions for all class projects will be handed out at each class. Most projects will be completed in 1 or 2 lessons.

No prior jewelry experience is required. Minimum 5 students/maximum 10 students.

Clorinda Mirto
Registration Fee: $75
Mondays 6:00-9:00; Room B120
May 2, 9, 16, 23, and June 6

COLLEGE PLANNING

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What is the "Transfer Ticket" program in the State of Connecticut and how does it work? How do I know which courses will transfer to the college I or my child wants to attend the second two years? What is the difference between a course being accepted as a "transfer credit" and being applied towards my or my child's target program at the four-year college?

Instructor: Rebecca Adams
Registration Fee: $10
Wednesday, May 4th 6:00 – 8:00
Room B121

HEALTH & WELLNESS ZOOM CLASSES

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Instructor: Stacey Altamari
Registration Fee: $45
Tuesdays, 7:00 -8:00
April 26 - May 31st– Six sessions

Participants will need a computer to participate in this ZOOM class. A meeting link will be sent to your email each week to join the class.

Medicare 101

Are you currently enrolled in Medicare? Will you be turning 65 over the next year or two? Learn about eligibility, how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the insurance options available to you. Explore and evaluate Original Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make more well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means for you!

Instructor: Jim Farnham
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WOLCOTT $362,900 — As you enter into the foyer, you will love the open and warm feeling you receive in this home. Gleaming hardwood floors shine brightly throughout. In the appliance kitchen you will find granite countertops, tiled backsplash, under counter lighting, breakfast bar and pantry closet. The spacious dining area is sunlit and flows into the great room which boasts cathedral ceilings, natural gas fireplace and slider leading to enlarged patio with treed privacy. Main level offers a master bedroom suite with walk in closet, a full bath that offers tiled shower and double vanity. A separate laundry area and half bath are also first floor amenities. Upper level has 2 good sized bedrooms and full bath with tub/shower and plenty of closet storage. Full basement, 2 car attached garage, city water and city sewers are certainly welcoming features. Natural gas heating and central air-conditioning almost complete the package but a small monthly fee allows you the luxury of not doing the snow removal or lawn care! This is a NON AGE restricted newer subdivision. Although this house is only 3 years old, it is in BRAND new condition. Professionally landscaped lot. Just bring your own personal touches. Please note: June Closing.

WOLCOTT $340,000 — Beautiful contemporary style, 4 bedroom Ranch , in quiet neighborhood. Well maintained home. Tile floors, granite countertops, in updated kitchen. Hardwood floors throughout. Wood stove will help considerably on fuel costs. Furnace approximately 14 years old, roof approx. 15 yrs. Updated full bathrooms in main and lower levels. Possible lower level in law. Convenient to Wolcott Rd and amenities. Contingent on owner finding suitable housing, actively looking.

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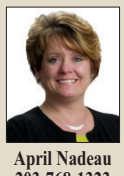
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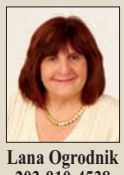
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WOLCOTT $49,900 — Time to build your dream home in an established neighborhood near Hitchcock Lake! 60 x 200 Residential lot on closed end street. Nearby Hitchcock Lake offers a beach area for town residents. Well required, connect to City Sewers!

PLYMOUTH $299,000 — Well maintained Victorian in Historic Terryville! This was the first house built on the street in 1915! The current owners have lived and enjoyed 47 years in this cozy, bright and inviting house. The Sun room addition has been a welcome to all who live and visit. 3 bedrooms on upper level. Primary has generous space and a full bath. Dining room has three sides of windows for a bright and airy feel. Living room is large enough to make your home office and still have a sitting area. The warm inviting eat in kitchen has a sky light. Conveniently the laundry area and second full bath are located off the kitchen. Full basement and new generator! Detached garage and level yard. All this easy access to RT 6.

PLYMOUTH $69,900 — Gorgeous Treed Building lot with Pond! Build your dream home set up above your own pond and create your own private estate on this 2.42 acre lot. Survey maps attached. Owner believes Sewer hookup possible. Buyer to verify all information and conduct own due diligence.

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Focus On Frisbie

During the week of January 22nd to the 26th Frisbie, students participated in The Great Kindness Challenge. Each day students wore something different to show their commitment to being kind. In addition, students were challenged to complete random acts of kindness.

Fifth graders at Frisbie participated in Kindness week with crazy hair to show that they're crazy about kindness.

During our team-building activities this month, our fifth graders worked together to pass a physioball to the end of a line with only their feet while lying on their backs.

Frisbie's Students of the Month for January 2022!

Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners for January 2022.

Congratulations to our January pizza winners. Five Guys Flippin' Pies will generously donate a personal size pizza to each winner as an incentive for turning in their reading and math logs for the month.

Junior Womens Club of Wolcott Happenings

This is a reminder to call the Red Cross or go online at www.redcross,org to reserve your spot to donate blood at our Blood Drive; location is the St. Pius X Church Hall, March 19th from 7:30 am – 1:00 pm. Come down and donate, remember that the American Red Cross needs your help to stop winter weather from giving hospital patients the cold shoulder. Those who are eligible to donate are urged to cozy up to giving blood, platelets or plasma to help hospital patients throughout the pandemic.

The Arts committee will be voting on one essay from each elementary school (Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee) for the Creative Writing Contest, "What's Best about Wolcott". Taking into consideration from past years, we know the judges will have a difficult time selecting the top essay from each school. The winners from the 2022 Creative Writing Contest will have their articles printed in the Wolcott Community News.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is sponsoring three $750 scholarship opportunities for Wolcott residents who will be graduating in June 2022. The applications are in the Wolcott High School's Guidance Department and the Wolcott High school web site. The Arts Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education (major or minor) in some field of the ARTS or has a genuine interest in the ARTS through participation and or education. The Lucille Jablonski Community Service Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education and has played an active role in community service and/or volunteerism. These activities must be listed in the student's application. The Patricia Najarian Scholarship is for an average student who is achieving his or her full scholastic potential and needs financial assistance. Applications must be completed and submitted by April 29th.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June, via Zoom. Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club!

Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com .

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Who Was St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the Declaration, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the Declaration, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland.[17] It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God". The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The Declaration says that he spent many years evangelising in the northern half of Ireland and converted "thousands". Patrick's efforts against the druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland, despite the fact that snakes were not known to inhabit the region.

Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.

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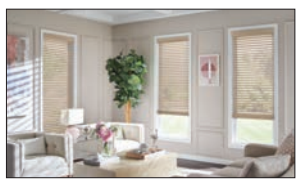

When Was the First St. Patrick's Day Celebrated

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur.

More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1772 to honor the Irish patron saint. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there.

What Do Leprechauns Have to Do With St. Patrick's Day?

One icon of the Irish holiday is the Leprechaun. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

Though only minor figures in Celtic folklore, leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their much-fabled treasure. Leprechauns have their own holiday on May 13, but are also celebrated on St. Patrick's, with many dressing up as the wily fairies.

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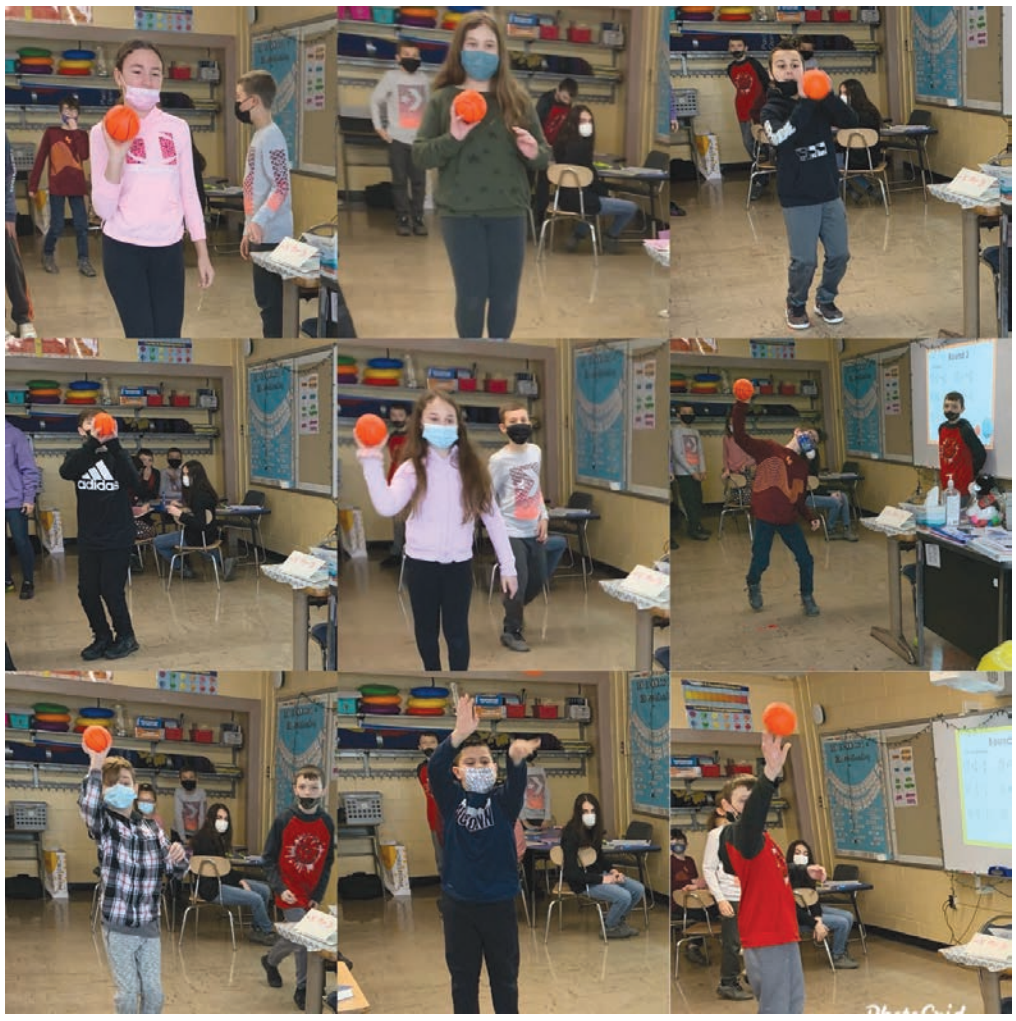
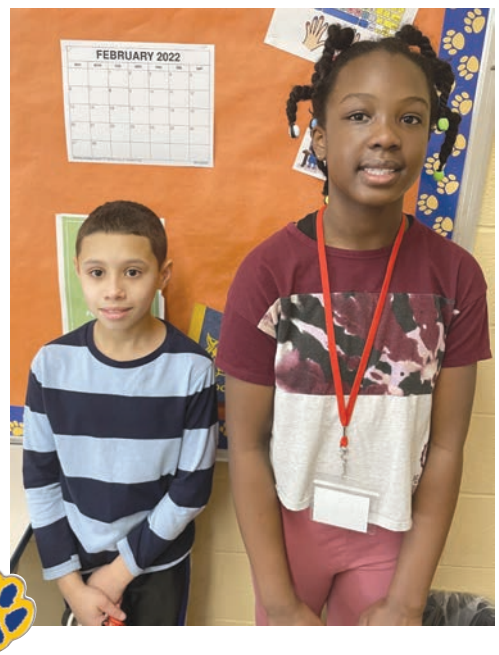


5th graders playing "Trashketball" as a review game for their adding and subtracting mixed number unit.

Ms. DiTota's class celebrating 1,000 day as 5th graders

Wakelee's 2022 CAS Outstanding Arts Award winners: Bryce Austin & Christina Debrah



Students at Wakelee Elementary school got into the Olympic spirit this week. Competing in similar games we have seen on TV this week; bobsledding, mogul skiing, speed skating, curling, and the big air. Students learned about different aspects of the Olympics, from who competes to how the ceremonies start. Follow Wakelee Elementary Physical Education @pewithmisterd.

St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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Session #1 Feb. 26—Mar. 26 / Session #2 April 30—June 4

We are pleased to partner with Endangered Stitches for this new program! Learn more about Ms. Ceresa and her amazing company at www.endangeredstitches.com

Friday, March 18th

Movie Night 6-8pm!

It's pajama movie night, complete with our own home-made popcorn and lots of fun and surprises!

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Join us for April Camp....registration opens March 1st for this fun-filled week!

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All in person programs follow social distancing/mask guidelines

Chesprocott Health District Focuses on Heart Health

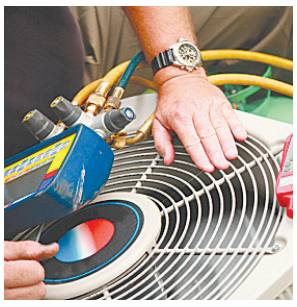
High blood pressure, or hypertension, can affect anyone, and it is often called a silent killer because it has no obvious signs or symptoms. People older than 35 years of age are more likely to be at risk for hypertension.

According to the Centers of Disease for Control and Prevention, "That's approximately 108 million, or 45% of U.S. adults. Only about 1 in 4 adults with hypertension have their condition under control."

High blood pressure can cause heart disease and stroke — leading causes of death for all Americans. That is why it's so important to check your blood pressure regularly at home, at the pharmacy, or at your doctor's office.

One way to improve your heart health on your own is reducing the amount of sodium in your diet. Sodium is often found in soups, bread, ice cream, packaged/processed food, sauces, cereals, salad dressings and condiments. Checking nutrition labels is the only way to know how much sodium you could be consuming. A simple rule of thumb: If salt is listed in the first five ingredients, the item is probably too high in sodium to use.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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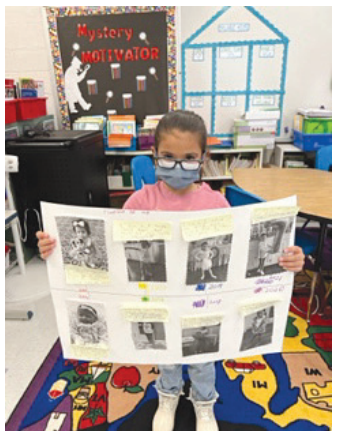
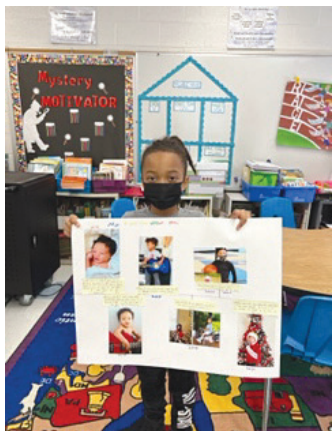
Alcott School News

Lillyana Homa was honored at a reception for being an award winner of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest which is run by Senator Chris Murphy. She attended the event with her family, Mr. Calabrese and Mrs. Sullivan.

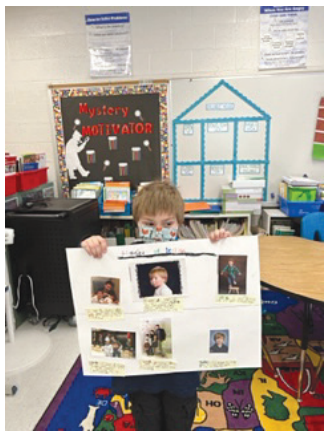
Kindergarten students exploring addition with Mrs. Giglio.

Kindergarten students celebrated the 100th Day of School with a fashion show highlighting their 100 day shirt creations.

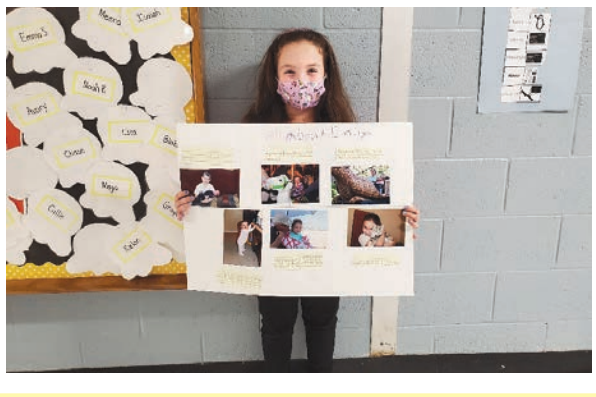




Alcott All-Stars



Second graders working on a timeline project of their lives.



Around Town Photography by Roger Picard

The Mill Pond Way walking trail was being made accessible for trail users with this Department of Public Works Bobcat. A recent snow storm dumped approximately 10 inches of snow on the trail, and once all town roads and town parking lots were cleared, the walking trail was attended to.

During the February 1st meeting of the Wolcott Town Council, Northwest Connecticut Public Safety Communications personnel put on a presentation of regionalizing Wolcott's dispatch communication system. During tax payers time on the agenda several individuals came forward to express nonsupport of the regionalization idea. In this photo, Donato DiVirgilio speaks before council members, and makes a point against the idea.

The Exchange Club of Wolcott inducted a new member at their February 7th meeting. Reverend Tammy Torelli was inducted by CT District Exchange Division Director, Claudia Vaudreuil. Rev. Tammy's sponsor was Marc Frigon, who was also a past president of the club. Rev. Tammy is the pastor at the Wolcott Congregational Church on Center Street.

Wolcott P.D. In The News!

The Wolcott Police Dept. recently acquired new body cameras for each officer of the department. These new cameras will be compatible to the dash mount cameras in the police cruisers and their taser devices when deployed. Lt. Pat Malloy and Chief Stephens check out the new camera being worn by Sgt. Pete Garguilo who will help coordinate the training of officers in its' use.

Wolcott Police Officers were receiving in house training on the use of new body cameras that were recently acquired to replace out dated body cameras that are not compatible to the dash cameras in the police cruisers. The new Police Accountability Act is requiring police departments to follow strict guidelines in the use of resources and equipment when having interaction with the public.

Lt. Pat Malloy of the Wolcott Police Department recently completed 11 weeks of specialized training at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He was among 128 law enforcement officers from 41 states and the District of Columbia. His certification certificate and class picture hang on the wall in his office. He is among 52,923 graduates of the National Academy since it opened in 1935.

Chief of Police Ed Stephens and Fire Chief Kyle Dunn were out handing out Home COVID Test Kits at Wolcott High School on January 16th. A large supply of kits were made available from the State of CT for distribution at no cost to those requesting them. This was the second distribution of COVID test kits in town.

Target on Tyrrell

An Interactive Look Into The Civil Rights Movement

Sixth grade ELA classes have been immersed in our Understanding Civil Rights Unit. The students took a break from the novel, The Lions of Little Rock to participate in seven interactive stations in the Media Center. These stations included: an interactive white board activity, building a poem with blocks, music / listening station, analyzing photographs and poetry…

These stations were followed by a research project centering on one of the women from the book, Hidden Figures, The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race.

Thank you to all students who participated in the American Heart Challenge fundraiser this school year during our basketball unit in Physical Education classes. Tyrrell Middle School raised $2,635.00 for the American Heart Association. The top fundraisers for the school were Dan Mirto, Ethan Ashe, Paul Gugliotti, Kole Starbird and Emma Langdeau. Great job to everyone who contributed to help fight against our nation's number 1 and number 5 killers- heart disease and stroke.

Congratulations to TMS February Students of the Month

Aubrey Paquet
Lily Ruscz
Martin Qazolli
Kaitlyn Grasso
Oliwier Krzyzewski
Caden Belisle
Jenna Cronan
Gresa Ajro
Charlotte Lynch
Ethan Ashe
John DalNegro

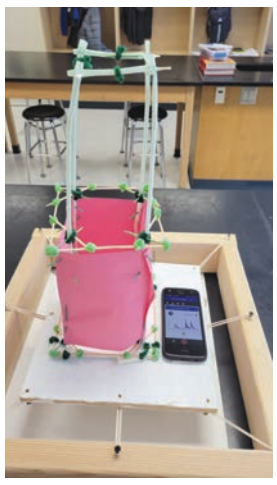
Stephen Schwartz's

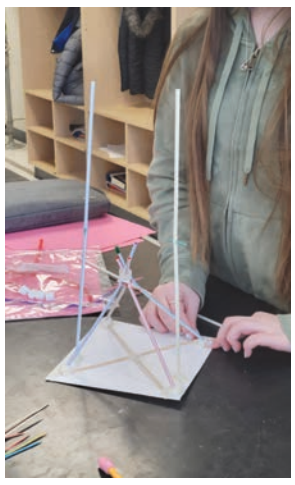
CAPTAIN LOUIE JR.

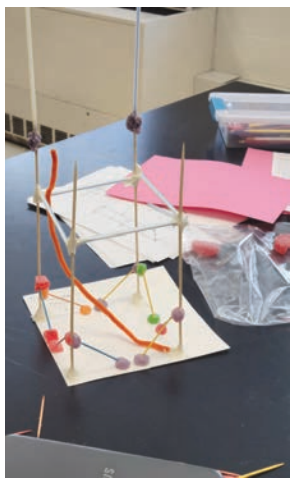
Playing at Tyrrell Middle School in Wolcott

Stephen Schwartz's Captain Louie JR. is playing at Tyrrell Middle School on Friday, March 25th at 7:00PM and Saturday, March 26st at 2:00PM and 7:00PM. This charming tale of imagination and fresh starts is based on the book, The Trip by Ezra Jack Keats. The cast and crew include over 40 students led by chorus teacher Heather Pytel.

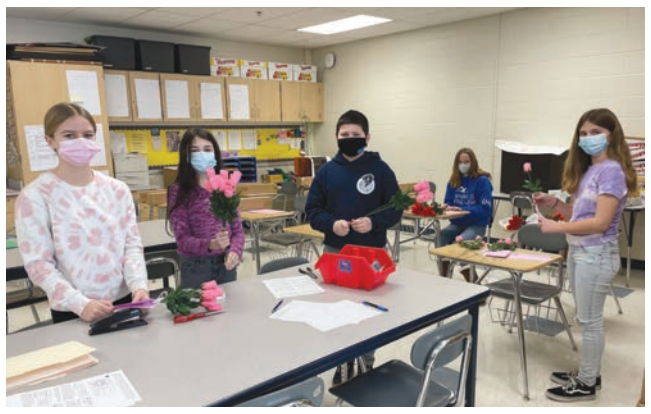
For information on purchasing tickets please speak to a cast member or contact Kerri Baker at kbaker @wolcottps.org beginning the first week of March.







Sixth grade students are using their knowledge and understanding of earthquake-proof structures to design and build a structure to test on the shake-tables that will simulate an earthquake occuring. Students use the Engineering Design process to plan and implement their design ideas to build the structure.



Project Explore *students organized a Valentine Rose Sale to benefit the Jumping Jack Playground Project. Their mission is to promote inclusion and friendship and Tyrrell came together to support their efforts. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to donate $150.00!*

Wolcott Historical Society - March 2022

by Florence Goodman

In my January 2022 article I wrote about the history of the Beach Minor House, the oldest house still standing in our town. At that time I was missing a date in the progression as to who lived in the house, but I found out thanks to a post on Facebook. So I need to make a correction from that article which should have read, " In the 1950's the Pellegrini family owned the Beach-Minor house, but in 1958 or '59 they sold the property to the grandson of Wilfred V. Warner, also named Wilfred V. Warner. The Warner family lived in the house until 1968 when it was sold to the Hunt Family. (I recently received this information from Chip Warner, who also lived in the house at that time. He and Wilfred Warner were Minnie Warner Bergen's sons.

After completing that January article I felt that there was more to be shared about the Town Clerks who served our town since its incorporation. With that said, this month I will give you the history of these dedicated and faithful officials from 1796 until present day. It was May 9, 1796 when the State of Connecticut's General Assembly voted that the Parish of Farmingbury officially be incorporated as a distinct town apart from the towns of Waterbury and Southington and that it shall be part of New Haven County and called Wolcott. It was also ordered on that day the inhabitants of the newly established town hold a town meeting on June 13, 1796 for the purpose of appointing town officers. The General Assembly required that a public sign be posted five days prior to that date and Mr. Aaron Harrison serve as the moderator of the meeting. At that first town meeting held on June 13th Mr. Aaron Harrison chose men to serve in many positions, but first on the list and probably the most important was Town Clerk.

The Isaac Bronson tombstone at Edgewood Cemetery

Over the past 225 years our town has only had twelve Town Clerks. That says volumes (no pun intended) about the character and dedication of these faithful officials. Our first Town Clerk was Isaac Bronson who had no party affiliation at that time. He served in this position from 1796 until 1815. Deacon Isaac Bronson was born in Wolcott on July 19, 1761. It was said that he inherited the characteristics of the Waterbury Bronson families because he was a man of strength and decision of intellectual and moral qualities and upon these qualities he built his life. He reside most of his life in Wolcott Center with his wife Thankful (Clark) and their children. He was deacon of the church from 1805 until his death in 1845. Samuel Orcutt stated, "He was one of the most active and highly esteemed men in the Society, church and town." He is buried in Edgewood Cemetery.

The Archibald Minor tombstone at Edgewood Cemetery

In 1815 Archibald Minor was elected to the office of Town Clerk and served in that position until 1839. He was born in 1784 a mile north of the town center in his father's homestead, the Beach Minor Home. He married Betsy Tuttle of Plymouth and they had two children, Henry born in 1809 and Harriet born in 1811. Archibald was one of the most respected and honored citizens of Wolcott, having served the town in many offices over the years. He was the first in his family to serve in the honored position of Town Clerk for a total of twenty-four years from 1815-1839. Archibald died on March 10, 1877 at the age of 93. He is buried at Edgewood Cemetery.

The Henry Minor tombstone at Edgewood Cemetery

Levi Moulthrop was our third Town Clerk serving in that position from 1839 to 1841. He was born in Wolcott in 1811. He married Charlotte S. Stocking in 1841 and they had three children. Our fourth and fifth Town Clerks were Isaac Huff who served from 1841 to 1842 and Joseph Sperry who served from 1842 to 1848. I have no other information on Isaac Huff. Joseph Sperry came to Wolcott from Cheshire. He was very active in the Society and the town offices. He married Abigail Tuttle of Wolcott. He died in 1871 at the age of 71.

Our sixth Town Clerk was Henry Minor who was the son of Archibald and Betsy and born in 1809. He served in that office from 1848 to 1902. , Henry married Sarah J. Clark of Waterbury and they too lived in the family house north of the Center. Henry was the second person in his family to be elected to that honored position. He held the position for fifty-four years, until 1902. The family home served as the Town Clerk's office for a total of 79 years while father and son held the position. Henry died in 1902 at the age of 92 and is buried in Edgewood Cemetery.

John R. S. Todd with family and friends out for a Sunday drive. This photo was taken circa 1900 in front of the Todd home on the corner of Todd Road and Garrigus Court. John held many electiveoffices in town including Town Clerk and Selectman.

John R.S. Todd was the seventh man to hold the office from 1902 until 1905. The Todd family settled in Wolcott in the late 1700s and farmed the land and ran a sawmill in the Todd Road area. The Todd house is located at the corner of Todd Road and Garrigus Court. John Robert Streat Todd (1846-1942) lived his whole life on this farm where he was born and died at age 96. There is a large barn on the property that he built in 1876. The barn was used to keep prize oxen and donkeys. John owned and operated a sawmill, which was built in 1848 by Streat Todd and Thomas Lewis. It was located on Lily Brook, which runs into Lily Lake. He had a large wood and lumber business that supplied all "muffle" wood for the Waterbury brass mills' furnaces. He sold hundreds of chestnut telephone poles and railroad ties before the blight killed the trees. John Robert Streat Todd was one of Wolcott's leading landowners and businessmen. The eighth person to hold the office of Town Clerk was Wilfred V. Warner. He held the office from 1905 to 1930.

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Minnie Bergen Swears In Wolcott's First Mayor

Minnie Bergen had the honor of swearing in Wolcott's first Mayor, Edward J. Bagley Jr.

Elaine King, Assistant Town Clerk standing next to her mother Minnie Bergen, Town Clerk in 1975

In 1930 the first woman took over the position of Town Clerk; Minnie Warner had served as Assistant Town Clerk for two years prior to her election. She was our ninth Town Clerk and Wilfred Warner's daughter-in-law. Minnie Warner Bergen served this honorable position from 1930 to November 7,1978. Minnie was born in South Kent and came to Wolcott at age 17 in 1920. She taught in the one room West School on Spindle Hill and in the Center School. She gave up teaching when her first son was born. During her first twenty-five years as Town Clerk her office was in her home on the corner of Bound Line Road and Center Street. She said people coming in and out of her home for business was not a problem because the population was only 1000 so it wasn't busy. As the town grew her office moved next door to the Center School where the town added a vault room to store documents. She remained in that building for eight years and then her office was moved to the Town Hall. Minnie died on Election Day in 1978 after serving for forty-eight years.

Minnie Bergen's daughter, Elaine King had served as her Assistant Town Clerk for many years and Elaine went on to serve as Town Clerk from 1978 until 2006, a total of twenty-eight years; Elaine was our tenth Town Clerk. The Warner, Bergin and King families served as Town Clerks in our town for 100 years. A quote from Deb Slater when she was working with Elaine sums up the type of person she was. Elaine told Deb, "It doesn't cost anything to be nice."

In 2006 Elaine King's Assistant Town Clerk, Deborah Slater took over the office as Town Clerk number eleven. She served until her retirement in December 2017. In January 2018 Karen Mowad who was elected in the previous November elections took over the position as our twelfth Town Clerk. Karen has learned from the best and continues to serve our town today as a dedicated official. Women have held this esteemed position since 1930 when Minnie became the town's first female Town Clerk. This honorable office requires knowledge, dedication, and faithfulness to the town and its records. Wolcott has been fortunate to have such faithful officials in this very important office.

Mowad, our present Town Clerk, Mary Morrone, Municipal Officer and Deborah Slater retired Town Clerk

(Information for this article was taken from early Annual Reports for the Town of Wolcott;" The 175th Anniversary 1796-1971" by John Washburne; "The History of Wolcott, Connecticut from 1731 to 1874 by Reverend Samuel Orcutt; a January 2022 conversation with Chip Warmer from Saco, Maine who filled in some of the gaps about ownership of the Beach-Minor House from1958-1968; a FaceTime conversation with Deborah Slater February 2022; Waterbury Sunday Republican, May 18, 1975, by Tony Pavone)

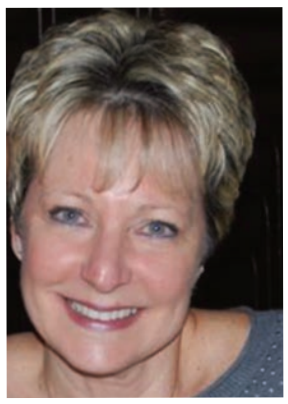
Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center

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 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



Donna Belval
Senior Center Director

Monday
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

Tuesday
10:00 Chair and Weight Strengthening/ Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation
12:00 Weight Strengthening /Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Naida-Fitness Fury

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

Thursday
10:00 Chair and Weight Strengthening /Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation
11:00 Free Chair Yoga
NEW 12:00 Chair & Weight Strengthening/ Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief/Dance Exercises w/Naida
12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games
12:30-3:00 Pinochle

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

Tuesday, March 1
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll w/ Beverages $2.00 pp—Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out
11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Great Taste—Sign up at the senior center

Wednesday, March 2
11:30 Lunch Special—Vegetable Soup w/ Grilled Cheese on Texas Toast, Chips & Dessert $3.00 pp Call 48 hrs in advance to order—Eat In or Take Out

Tuesday, March 5
11:00 Presentation—"When to Update Estate Planning" with Atty Halley Allaire
Open to the public

Wednesday, March 9
11:30 Chicken Parmesan w/ Mozz Cheese on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert--$3.00 pp
Call 48 hrs in advance to order—Eat In or Take Out

Thursday, March 10
9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at The Christmas Tree Shop—Sign up at the center
11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie—Learn to make a St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun
$8.00 pp—Sign up at the center

Friday, March 11
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—French Toast w/ Bacon & Beverages — $2.00 pp
Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out

Wednesday, March 16
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll w/ Beverages
$2.00 pp—Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out
11:30 Lunch Special—Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Roll, Chips & Dessert
$3.00 pp—Call 48 hrs in advance to order—Eat In or Take Out

Thursday, March 17
11:30—St. Patrick's Day Lunch Special—Lean Corned Beef w/ Swiss on Rye Bread, Chips, Cole Slaw & Dessert—$7.00 pp Pay by Monday, March 14

Friday, March 18
9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscovs — Sign up at the center

Tuesday, March 22
11:00 Bus trip to Mattatuck Museum-$12.00 pp—Sign up at the center
11:30-2:00 Foot Reflexology w/ Kim Stewart--$20.00 for 20 minutes of relaxation! Sit back & relax—Let Kim work her magic!

Wednesday, March 23
11:30 Lunch Special—BBQ Pulled Pork on a Roll, Chips & Dessert
$3.00 pp—Call 48 hrs in advance to order—Eat In or Take Out

Thursday, March 24
11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie—Learn to make a Victorian Bunny
$6.00 pp—Sign up at the senior center

Friday, March 25
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Blueberry Pancakes w/ Bacon & Beverages
$2.00 pp—Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out
11:00 Bus leaves for Bethlehem Flea Market & Lunch at Nick's Country Kitchen
Sign up at the center

Tuesday, March 29
11:30 Bus leaves for lunch at Starpolska Polish Restaurant—Sign up at the center

Wednesday, March 30
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll
$2.00 pp—Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out
11:30 Lunch Special—Italian Combo w/ Lettuce on a Sub Roll w/ Chips & Dessert
$3.00 pp-- Call 48 hrs in advance to order — Eat In or Take Out

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

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

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Electric Contractors

RAC Electric: Licensed and Insured, Employs graduates from CT technical high school. Have newly graduated students work under supervision of RAC electric at reduced rate. Generators • Solar • New or Upgraded Services • Security Lighting • Security Cameras
All Electrical Installations Wolcott CT 203-592-3116

Help Wanted

AUDIBERT, BISSONNETTE & COMPANY, LLC
is Now Hiring: Located at 102 Wolcott Road, Wolcott, CT
Opportunities Available:
CPA with Public Accounting Experience:
Manager/Senior Partner Potential – Financial Statement Prep, Consulting, Audits, Reviews, Compilations, Tax
Tax Preparer:
Seasonal – January – April – Individual Income Tax Return Preparation: Prior Experience Necessary
To Apply email: CHERYL@AB-CTCPA.com

Part-Time Drivers wanted. P/T Drivers wanted: To drive special needs students."V" Endorsement a MUST. Excellent pay! Start immediately! Sign on bonus!
Call Cardinal Driving Services at 203-879-6221

Part-Time Delivery/Prep Person.. Must be over 18 yrs of age. Apply in-person at Five Guys Flippin Pies, 690 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott. 203-879-5489

Home/Office Cleaning

Nati Cleaning Great job houses and offices
Call 203-519-2553

Landscaping/Lawncare

Prime Cut Lawn Service: Spring cleanup, mowing, hedge trimming, mulch delivery and spreading, top soil delivery and spreading, lawn repair, snowplowing. No job too small. Free estimates. Fully insured. Military and senior discounts. Call Joe@ (203) 704-0185

Machine Services

Stone Driveway Repair. Small stump removal.
Small brush clearing. Top soil spreading.
Call Joe @ (203) 704-0185 for a free estimate

Remodeling Contractors

Albert's Home Repair LLC: All types of repairs & remodeling. Kitchens, Bathrooms, Decks, Windows, Doors, Siding, Floors, Snowplowing and more. Insured #HIC-0623837. Call Dave Albert @203-879-4731.

Stump Removal

Stump Grinding: Removal of unwanted stumps. Call Mark at Eagle Stump Grinding, 203-879-2367 or 203-704-0821.

Topsoil

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

Travel

Scully Travel: Call us for all your travel needs at 203-879-2593.

Tree Service

Mr. Treeman Tree Service. Professional Tree Removal, Stump Grinding, Chipping, Hedge Trimming.
Call Ronald Lacombe at 203-879-3645

Wanted

Motorcycles/Dirt Bikes/Vintage Mini Bikes - All makes and models. Any condition. CASH PAID. Same day pick up. 203-228-9775

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

Welcome to Spring!

The days are getting longer, and the temperatures are going higher! This is an exciting month as we begin preparing for spring which officially begins with the vernal equinox on Sunday March 20th. As the warmer weather approaches, you will see more activity out on the roadways. Please drive carefully and watch out for increased pedestrian traffic with runners and cyclists getting back into their warm weather routine. Motorcyclists are also looking forward to the warm weather; remember to watch for motorcycles. It only takes a moment of distracted driving to cause a collision that could change lives forever!

For all of you out there on your bicycles, motorcycles or running, remember to wear bright clothing to increase your visibility on the road. Please also watch out for the sand and salt on the roads which can cause a slip hazard.

With the warmer weather, we are also treated to the beautiful colors of spring as flowers begin to bloom. That means the bees will be out pollinating! If you have serious insect allergies, make sure you have your Epi-Pen® ready and contact your physician for a new one if it is expired.

Even though spring is on the horizon, we live in New England and that means we will continue to have periods of cold and freezing temperatures throughout this month and beyond. With this in mind, stay alert for ice on the roads when you are driving, and make sure you remove snow and ice from your steps, sidewalks & driveways following each storm.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time is coming! Don't forget to "spring ahead" turning your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday March 13th at 2:00AM.

Emergency Medical Technician Classes

We will be offering an Emergency Medical Technician class soon! We are in the planning stages of our next class. Once we have plans finalized, we will update our website and begin advertising in the community. 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

Please check our website (www.wolcottambulance.com) for updates on our community classes. As things begin to return to normal Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association will begin offering monthly community classes at our headquarters (48 Todd Road) again. These programs will be provided at no cost to Wolcott residents and a nominal fee for those that reside outside of Wolcott.

Membership

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

Stay Safe!

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

WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wolcott Integrated Preschool Program for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Integrated Preschool Program Lottery for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications will be available online for all Wolcott residents who have a child born in 2018 or 2019. The online applications and information can be accessed by logging onto our district website wolcottps.org. Click on the link for "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 conducting preschool screenings on March 18, 2022 and April 29, 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.

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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 on the agenda posting.

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

	FIRST	SECOND
MARCH	07 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
APRIL	04 (Monday)	25 (Monday)
MAY	09 (Monday)	23 (Monday)
JUNE	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)

Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2021-2022

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

Top Left to Right: Mr. David Therrien; Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku; Superintendent Dr. Anthony Gasper; Chairman Mrs. Cynthia Mancini; Mr. Christopher Charette
Lower Left to Right: Mr. Chris Gaffney; Vice-Chairman Mrs. Kelly Mazza; Mrs. Kathleen Cordone; Mr. Anthony Gugliotti; Secretary Ms. Roberta Leonard

Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2021-2022

July

M	T	W	TH	F
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12	13	14	15	16
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August (7/5)

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23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September (21/21)

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27	28	29	30	

October (20/20)

M	T	W	TH	F
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

November (18/18)

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22	23	~~24~~	~~25~~	~~26~~
29	30			

December (17/17)

M	T	W	TH	F
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	~~23~~	~~24~~
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January (17/17)

M	T	W	TH	F
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10	11	12	13	14
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24	25	26	27	28
31				

February (17/17)

M	T	W	TH	F
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14	15	16	17	18
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28				

March (23/23)

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

April (15/15)

M	T	W	TH	F
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25	26	27	28	29

May (21/21)

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

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
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20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

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 14, 2022	Last Day (tentative, half day on the 13th and 14th)

# of Student and Staff Days

	Staff	Student
August	7	5
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	17	17
January	17	17
February	17	17
March	23	23
April	15	15
May	21	21
June	10	10
Total Days	**186**	**184**

*August 25, 26 and 27th will be transition days for Kindergarten, only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days.

If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first sixteen (16) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After sixteen (16) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 22, 2022 and moving backward from there.

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Top Producer for January
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1st PlaceTop Producer for 2021
J.R. Donorfio

2nd PlaceTop Producer for 2021
Lucienne Marsella

3rd PlaceTop Producer for 2021
Lynn Lombardi

Sali Barolli

Ryan Bessette

Marita Calabro

Sandra Deschenes

J.R. Donorfio

Armenia DePinho

Gene Fercodini

Brian Flynn

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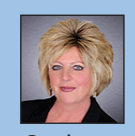
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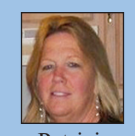
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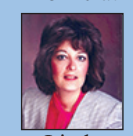
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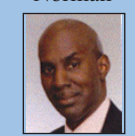
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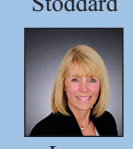
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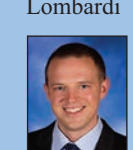
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Wolcott $564,900 - To Be Built; Cont Colonial in the Preserve Subdivision; open floor plan, 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, kitchen w/granite counters & island, FDR w/crown molding, great room w/propane FP, MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, c/air, 2 car garage,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

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