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Happy 7th Birthday Lennon! We Love you to the moon and back Mom, Dad, Penelope & Jolie, Gramm & Pops, Aunt Colleen (Zia) and Uncle Rocco (Zio)



The Wolcott school district has a new Superintendent of Schools. He is Shawn Simpson. Mr. Simpson has been with the school district for seventeen years. He began his career at Tyrrell School as a counselor and eventually assistant principal. He then applied for the position of Alcott School principal and served in that capacity for four years before accepting the position of Assistant School Superintendent for the past three years. He was appointed to his new position by the Board of Education on August 8, 2022. Photography by Picard



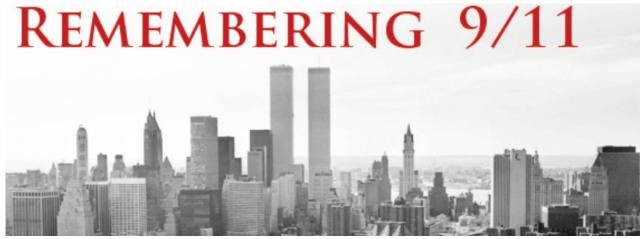
Dr. Samantha Rae Chasse PT DPT Congratulation On your Graduation and passing your NPTE. We are so proud of your accomplishments. We love you - Mommy, Dad, Meghan, and Sophie



Congratulations to the Students at T's Karate who recently received their Black Belts. From Left to right Richard Delvecchio Sam Dan, Dominic Stopyra Cho Dan, Cameron Cleary Cho Dan, Kat Capaldo Cho Dan, Matthew Wagner Cho Dan, Gabrielle Petroniro Sam Dan



Best of Luck Cynthia Moura Dias, Miss Connecticut USA on your journey to Miss USA 2022







#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Virgo, Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd - "The Virgin"



Virgos are always paying attention to the smallest details and their deep sense of humanity makes them one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. Their methodical approach to life

ensures that nothing is left to chance, and although they are often tender, their heart might be closed for the outer world. This is a sign often misunderstood, not because they lack the ability to express, but because they won't accept their feelings as valid, true, or even relevant when opposed to reason. The symbolism behind the name speaks well of their nature, born with a feeling they are experiencing everything for the first time.

Raymond Fasano Jr. - September 14th

#### Libra, Sept 23rd - Oct 22nd - "The Scales"



People born under the sign of Libra are peaceful, fair, and they hate being alone. Partnership is very important for them, as their mirror and someone giving them the ability to be the mirror

themselves. These individuals are fascinated by balance and symmetry, they are in a constant chase for justice and equality, realizing through life that the only thing that should be truly important to themselves in their own inner core of personality. This is someone ready to do nearly anything to avoid conflict, keeping the peace whenever possible



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# PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

# Veterans Vigil & Luminary Ceremony 2022

The Patriots' Day Initiative, established in 2016, will host the 6th Annual Veterans Vigil & Luminary Ceremony on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. on the Wolcott Town Green. The event will serve to honor local Veterans, Servicemen and Servicewomen along with promoting the GREEN LIGHT A VET Advocacy Campaign.

Many individuals have adopted this mission to keep a green light lit at home and/or the office. To those who serve, this simple gesture shows that we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and we are forever grateful for their sacrifices. In addition to displaying luminaries the night of the vigil, we ask residents across Wolcott, especially those along CENTER STREET, to switch one outside light to a green light for the days leading up to Veterans Day (11/11). This collective effort and continuous display of lights along Center Street will be called "THE GREEN MILE."

For more information about the vigil or to volunteer, please email: patriotsdayct@aol.com or call 203.228.7305. Luminaries are available for purchase and can be personalized for display. All honorees names will be read aloud during the vigil ceremony. We pledge our continued support and respect for the brave men and women, along with their families, who have given so much. Portioned proceeds will benefit local Veterans organizations and the Patriots' Day Initiative. Thank you!



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**Location:** Wolcott Congregational Church

185 Center St., Wolcott

Time: **7:00pm Cost:** \$15

**Info:** Registration will begin at 6:00pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the

church at 203-879-1293

#### September 10th - Saturday Boy Scout Troop 230 Bottle & Can Drive

Location: American Legion Post 165

1253 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott **Time:** 9:00am - 1:00pm

#### September 11th - Sunday Wolcott Republican Town Commitee Picnic

Location: Wolcott Lions Club 245 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm Cost: \$20 per person Info: Purchase Tickets at www.wolcottrepublicans.com

#### September 17th - Saturday Wolcott Food Pantry Fill The Gazebo Food Drive

Location: Wolcott Town Green Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm Info: Volunteers also present at Pat's IGA & Walsh's Market

#### September 29th - Thursday Wolcott Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner

Location: La Bella Vista Banquet Facility

380 Farmwood Rd, Waterbury

Time: 6:00pm Social Hour | 7:00pm Dinner

Cost: \$60.00 pp

**Info:** To purchase tickets contact Linda Eustace at 203-879-3204

#### October 1st - Saturday One Clean Day of Fun sponsored by Wolcott Crossroads

**Location:** Frisbie School

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24 Todd Rd, Wolcott, CT **Time:** 12:00pm - 7:00pm **Cost:** Free Admission

Info: Live music, metal detecting, Velocity dance studio, rock wall climbing, face painting, crafts, balloon artist, Alex's Army trailer, and much, much more.

October 1st - Saturday (Rain Date Sunday, October 2nd) Ladies Only Shooting Day Sponsored by Wolcott Land Owners

**Location:** Wolcott Land Owners 920 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott, CT **Time:** 8:30am - 2:00pm

Cost: Free

**Info:** Participation is limited to 40 registrants, so don't miss out. Sign up by calling the club

at 203-879-9976.

October 6th - Thursday Breast Cancer Awarness Ceremony Sponsored by Farmingbury Women's Club

Location: Wolcott Town Green

**Time:** 7:00pm

### October 15th - Saturday Farmingbury Women's Club Fall Festival

**Location:** Woodtick Recreation 201 Nichols Rd, Wolcott **Time:** 10:00am - 6:00pm

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# MAYOR'S CORNER

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

We have had a busy summer with concerts at Peterson Park and the Town Green. It was great to see so many families utilizing the Children's Summer programs at Peterson Park & Woodtick Recreation Area.



Best of luck to the Wolcott Lions Club for the upcoming 2022 fair on September 23rd-25th. We are all looking forward to a fun filled weekend.

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

Very truly yours,

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Mayor Thomas G. Dunn



#### In Memory of Mrs. Betty Lois Sidella April 26, 1929 -

April 26, 1929 -September 2, 2017

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Your son David and wife Lisa Your daughter Barbara Ann and husband Darrell Your grands and greats Stephanie, Ali, Jamie, Matthew, Anthony, Gabby, Emma, Lily, Ayla and Darrell Jr. - DJ

#### A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



When I was a child, I always loved the summer. Now I look forward to September when the leaves start to change, pumpkin spice is everywhere, the air is crisp, and apple picking is in season.

The kids are back to school, the Wolcott Country Fair is upon us, and the town wide tag sale is coming. Our summer high school workers have

completed their service and we are grateful for Ari helping us with secretarial tasks for the last 6 weeks.

In our office September is a time to organize, to restock supplies, and do a deep cleaning. It is a time to prepare for the upcoming November election, to attend our fall Town Clerk Conference, and to issue marriage licenses. This is the month we start to prepare for the end of the year vital records billing, map organization, and minutes filing.

We are looking forward to an amazing fall season.

# Boy Scouts Troop 230 Update

BA Troop 230 embraced summer with gusto. Scouts attended resident camp at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. Youth leaders met with camp officials to plan the week. They selected a myriad of fun, fulfilling activities, including cake ball, waterfront activities such as boating and swimming, friendly skill competitions and more. Also, the boys participated in daily ceremonies, campfires, scout skills and other valuable, enjoyable events. Moreover, individual scouts had the ability to complete individual merit badges. With more than 80 available badge options, scouts gained knowledge in areas such as astronomy, basket weaving, leatherwork, bird study, environmental science, first aid, cooking, archery, rifles, hiking and more.

Further, the troop began its training for the Cycling Merit Badge. This Eagle Scout required badge will find the interested boys biking lots of miles over various terrain. The badge ends with a 50 mile bike ride. The Troop will ride the 50 miles during a September campout on Cape Cod.

Congratulations goes out to Scout Ethan Cratty who earned the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout. Ethan led his fellow scouts in completing the 9/11 Memorial "Parklet" which is beautifully displayed on the island in front of the Wolcott Police Department.

BSA Troop 230 will be holding another can and bottle drive on September 10th at the American Legion from 9:00-1:00. Monies will go to fund various adventures and community endeavors .

BSA Troop 230 is now collecting bottles and cans at 2 locations. Drop off anytime at 83 Allentown Road (by the garage) in Wolcott OR at 200 Chase River Road in Waterbury. Hours for Waterbury are Wednesdays/Thursdays 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 11-2 p.m.. Just tell them the returns are for the Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.

To have the Troop help out, attend a function, or for more information, email boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com



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#### WOLCOTT



Wolcott \$299,900 - Move-In ready Split-Level home features 1398 sqft with an additional 252sq ft in lower level, 3 bedrooms, possible 4th bedroom on LL or office, spacious eat-in-kitchen with access to a beautiful 3 season porch and a living room offers a wood stove and tons natural light. The upper level features 3 bedrooms and a full bath. Don't miss this one! Call Bridget

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#### **NEW LISTING**



Waterbury \$214,900 — One level Ranch style house on Waterburys East end offering 3 bedrooms and 1.5 Baths. This home is equipped with Central A/C, newer driveway, walk up attic for easy storage and a finished basement. The lower finished area has a full kitchen, half bath, a bar, and plenty of space for entertaining.Call Jay today to schedule a showing!

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#### WOLCOTT



Wolcott, \$315,000 - Move-In Ready Ranch is completely renovated! Features 3 bedrooms, one and a half baths, newer furnace (1 year), newer roof (1year), updated kitchen with granite counters, hammered copper farmhouse sink and copper faucet, hardwood floors have all been refinished and bathrooms are all updated. Great backyard for entertaining with covered outdoor Gazebo and firepit. Schedule your private showing today! Call Bridget!

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#### WOLCOTT



Wolcott \$550,000 - Brook Garden Estates Stunning Colonial home boasts FOUR Bedrooms, THREE and a Half Bathrooms, plus a beautiful Inground Gunite Pool! This home is gorgeous top to bottom and it's turn-key, move-in ready! Enjoy staycations in your own secluded personal resort! Éat-In Kitchen features gorgeous tile granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and breakfast bar, Family Room has cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, pellet stove and sliders leading out to the spacious deck overlooking the pool and landscaped yard. Formal Living and Dining Rooms both have hardwood floors. On the upper level, find your Master Retreat with walk-in closet and the luxurious en-suite Bathroom with Jet tub! Down the hall, find two spacious Bedrooms each with a full bath. Fourth bedroom located on the main floor could also be used for an Home Office/Den. Call Bridget!

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# Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott



Hello and welcome to September, 2022. We certainly will be starting off our brand new year with our enchanting, "Annual Membership Tea". The theme for this wonderful event is Sunflowers

and Sweets. The event will take place on September 1, at 6:30 pm at "All Saints Church, located at 282 Boundline Road, Wolcott, CT. Karen Mowad has been working hard to make this event a success, each year she surprises everyone with her different themes, her daughters Makendra and Brianna help out, by welcoming all, and then there is Georgi Farina, who will be creating a collection of finger foods and soft drinks for all our guests. The Membership Tea is open to women 18 years and over. For more information and if you would like to join us this year, please contact Karen Mowad, Committee Chair, at 203-233-1216. The cost of a yearly membership is \$30.00.

We would love to have you join us.

The Farmingbury Women's club is a non-profit organization. Some of events during the year include the Membership Tea, followed by the Breast Cancer Awareness day, on October 6 at 7:00 pm, which is an event that is held on our Town Green, in support of all who suffer cancer and their loved ones, a Fall Festival & Car Show at the Woodtick Recreation area on October 15. And many more events during the year.

We also donated the Gazebo on the Green, many years ago, to the Town. We have two fundraisers a year and the proceeds are used to support local activities in Conservation, Arts, Home Life, Veterans, Scholarships and many other community projects.

We wish our new Superintendent, all the School Teachers, Staff and Bus drivers a successful school year. And especially all the Wolcott Students, a Good and Healthy School year.



### Wolcott Youth Service Bureau

We are excited to announce that the Town of Wolcott has committed to creating a Wolcott Youth Service Bureau run under the direction of Kelly's Kids, Inc. and sponsored by the Town of Wolcott.

The goal of the program is to enhance the lives of our Wolcott Youth through after school and evening programs, interventions, youth employment and most importantly guiding our youth to model honesty, respect and responsibility helping them to build life skills for success.

We have created a Board of Directors with the following community members:

President - Joseph Dunn Vice President - Brad Watts Treasurer - Diane Capaldo Secretary - Bethanne Watts Board members also include:

Kelly Cronin, Michaelangelo Mancini, Mary Devaney Volunteers: Victoria Watts, Nancy Cyr

Please look for us at the Wolcott Fair in September and the Clean Day of Fun in October as we want to know what you think our community needs in a Youth Service Bureau. We'll plan to formulate subcommittees to assist in creating programs and services to support our youth. This commitment includes hiring a part time paid position working at the Wolcott Youth Center approximately 15 hours per week.

A big shout out to Gale Mastrofrancesco, State Representative who was instrumental in working through the appropriations committee to ensure the Town of Wolcott received this funding.

If interested in getting involved, volunteering or working part time, please send an email to: wolcottyouthcenter.ct@gmail.com

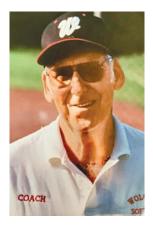


Pictured from left to right: MichaelAngelo Mancini, Kelly Cronin, Diane Capaldo, Bethanne Watts, Brad Watts, Joe Dunn

#### Babcock Inducted to Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall

It is with Great pleasure that Babby Nunn Chairperson for the Ct. High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame informed Denise Babcock.

Congratulations! Your beloved husband George has been selected to be inducted into the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of fame, Class of 2023! This is such a bittersweet award.



The Connecticut High School Coaches Association Coaches Hall of Fame is honored to have George inducted into the prestigious Hall of fame! Please accept our sincerest congratulations on this selection to the Class of 2023!

George will be honored with a plaque, with other Hall of Fame Honorees at the UConn Football Game (Rentschler Field) on Saturday October 1st vs Fresno State. This Plaque will remain at Rentschler with many other in shrined contributions over the years. This is a great honor for him, Wolcott High School, and the Town. There will be a formal Banquet in May of 2023.

George had a 438-204 record, a Class L state championship in 1992 (snapping a 67-game win streak by then top seed Ledyard), a Class M runner-up finish in 2005, 27 winning seasons and not a single year among his 30 when the Eagles missed the state tournament.

Under his watch, Wolcott shared the Naugatuck Valley League title once (2001) and lost in a playoff another year (1992). The Eagles would have won it more often if they did not have the misfortune to share the league with the Seymour softball dynasty.

George Won the Class L State Championship in 1992. Broke Ledyard's 47 game win streak. Advanced to the Class M title game in 2005 against St Joes.

Qualified for the state tournament each year and had advanced to the semi-final game three times.

Ranked #1 in the L DIV of the state softball polls twice.

Coached in the annual Senior All-Star game three times

Selected as the CIAC High School Softball coach of the year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association, 1995

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in both the Waterbury Sportsman's Club in 1995 and the Wolcott Circle of Sports in 1998.

1992 WHS Girls Softball Team was inducted in the Wolcott Circle of Sports - 1999 Hall of Fame

Twice honored by Wolcott Circle of sports for "Outstanding Team Award" in 2000 and 2005.

Served 5 years as a member of the CIAC softball committee.

Former chairperson of the CHSCA softball committee.

George also coached Wolcott High School Girls basketball for 4 years - Record 36-36.

He organized and coached the Wolcott Laurelettes - State softball team - 10 years.

He was the founder of the Wolcott Girls Softball League - " A League of their own" 1994. It started in the spring of 1995.

George's nomination was made by Joe Monroe, Retired Principal at Wolcott High School who is the Liaison for the Naugatuck Valley League with the Ct. High School Coaches Association.

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### **Election Day is Less than 3 Months Away**



#### State Senator Rob Sampson 16th District

he November election is getting closer every day and for me as a voter, it cannot come soon enough. Nationally, the last two years have been disastrous for Americans on so many fronts – runaway infla-

tion, sky-high prices on everything – particularly food and energy, tense foreign relations, and an administration simultaneously clueless and vitriolic. The country needs a new direction. Republicans taking control of the US Senate isn't likely to repair everything, but it will pump the brakes on the Democrats agenda.

Some will suggest that the gridlock caused by party politics is a negative. However, slowing radical change is prudent, and a reminder of the brilliance of America's founders and the checks and balances they built into our system.

In a functioning representative system, the people are required to take an active role, paying close attention and holding their elected representatives accountable. That is the key to real and positive change and supersedes all political allegiances.

Today, the government is too big, too complicated and confusing, and most people don't have the time or energy to truly understand it all, let alone become adept at making it work for them.

Add to that the increasingly tribal and partisan nature of us as political consumers, and you have the recipe for division and strife that continues to tear at the fabric of our nation. We are now on a collision course as the political left and political right diverge and struggle for control of America's future direction.

The major political parties find themselves internally divided as well with elements within battling to define their identities.

Sadly, the modern Democrat party has lost its roots as the party of the working man, civil rights, and populism. It is now the party of special interests, progressive socialism, wealth redistribution, and has become home to an increasing number of race baiting opportunists and zealots promoting fringe counterculture.

It's often pointed out that President John F. Kennedy would find little in common with today's Democrat party and that's true. He'd more likely be a Republican today.

The Republican party too, has its problems. As the Democrats have veered to the extreme left, moderates have abandoned them to join the GOP, and they have brought their ideas with them.

Today's Republican party now spans from progressives like Liz Cheney and Mitt Romney to more traditional conservative Republicans like Ted Cruz and Rand Paul, frustrating Republican voters and failing in the obligation to protect and restore America's core identity. Add in Donald Trump, love him or hate him, and you have lots of competing forces.

I believe our country has the power to heal and some green shoots have appeared. Still, we have a long way to go. November will indeed be a critical election. We may find out whether Democrats have finally run afoul of every day American sensibilities. I certainly hope so.

The recent primaries in Connecticut seem to indicate little excitement. GOP turnout was a mere 20% and Democrats were half of that. Still, on the Republican side, a clear message was sent suggesting that the base is tired of fairweather Republicans who do not stand on principle or use their positions to fight for what we believe in. Leora Levy's victory, and the defeat of establishment candidates generally, is proof of something I have been trying to convince

many of my fellow elected Republicans of forever- which is that Republican voters want conservative fighters who are unafraid to run on Republican positions.

That means running on true fiscal responsibility, not "deals" that result in \$500+ Million bailouts of Hartford, standing firmly in defense of the 2nd amendment, saying NO to corporate welfare, demanding an end to woke nonsense and divisive identity politics everywhere but particularly in public schools – and chiefly, making the case for less government and more freedom instead of going along with the opposition for fear of having to explain one's position.

Election Day is less than 3 months away and I am doing what I always do, teaching the value of freedom over government force and socialism, and why we need to elect fearless and patriotic people who love our country and are not afraid to explain why this November.

Our values as Americans were good enough to begin the great American experiment we have been blessed to enjoy. They are undoubtedly good enough to win elections in 2022 and set us back on the right track. I hope you will join me in reclaiming the America founded in freedom and the rule of law - and working to make our future better than ever.

As always, you can find me at www.senatorsampson.com.



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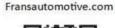
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#### Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



**Correction:** In our August article, we incorrectly stated students attending Wolcott Public Schools would be returning to class on August 31, 2022. The actual start date was September 1, 2022. Please accept our apologies for any confusion this

may have caused and thank you to those that brought this to our attention.

### Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners!

Charter Member Ronald H. Bruneau Memorial Scholarship – Sarah Lagasse Captain Mary Ostrander Memorial Scholarship – Alexander Forte Lieutenant James Marcelynas

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all the Wolcott High School students that applied.

Memorial Scholarship – Abrianna Dunn

#### **Summer Draws to a Close**

Here comes Autumn! At the end of June, we celebrated the longest day of the year and the start of Summer. September 22nd marks the autumnal equinox when day and night are the same length. Here in New England, many refer to this season as fall as we watch the leaves change color and fall from their branches. Whatever you choose to call this beautiful season, have fun outdoors as we start the transition to cooler weather.

#### **New Ambulance Facility**

We have chosen a new location and are excited to announce that we are approaching a closing date! Once the property has been purchased, we will share the details with all of you, so stay tuned for now and thank you all very much for your continued support!

#### **Community Courses**

We recommend everyone in our community take a CPR class with AED training and maintain that knowledge with regular refreshers. You never know when you may need this valuable education and training. For more information on community CPR classes, please call us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at training@wolcottambulance.com.

#### **Emergency Medical Tech Class**

The students in the 2022 accelerated EMT course have completed the program! They are now signing up for and preparing to take the National Registry examination and become Connecticut Emergency Medical Technicians. Please join us in congratulating all the students that successfully completed this challenging class!

Have you ever thought about becoming an EMT? This course will teach you what you need to know to take care of someone involved in a traumatic event or a medical emergency. For more information visit us at www.wolcottambulance.com (EMT courses tab), call us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at training@wolcottambulance.com.

#### Membership

Are you currently certified as an Emergency Medical Technician or licensed as a Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? We are looking for people to become part of our team. Here at Wolcott Ambulance, you will find a diverse group of EMTs and Paramedics with experience levels ranging from a few months to over forty years! Please contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab on our website.

#### Stay Safe!

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

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#### **Chesprocott Health News**



**September's Spotlight** — September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Chesprocott Health District wants to remind our community members that we must prepare ourselves and our families now and

throughout the year. Different types of disasters and emergencies happen in communities, but there are key steps that every household can take to be better prepared for them. Prepare for everywhere. Emergencies can happen anywhere. Remember to prepare supplies for home, work, and vehicles.

#### **Family Emergency Plan**

- Be sure every member of your family knows the home phone number and/or the cell phone number of each family member. Each family member should carry a personal cell phone (with the ability to send/receive text messages or a prepaid phone card to call emergency contacts
- Identify an out-of-town contact for family members to call in the event of an emergency, as it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town.
- Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.
- Identify the nearest evacuation routes and shelters.

#### Recommended Basic Emergency Supply Kit Items (Home or Vehicle)

- 1 gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days, for drinking & sanitation.
- At least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food and a manual can opener.
- Battery-powered (or hand crank) radio
- Flashlight(s) w/extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- A whistle, to signal for help.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, & plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- · Local maps.
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter, or solar charger.
- Extra blanket(s), additional clothing/outer garments.
- Medications and other need-specific items, especially for infants, the elderly, disabled individuals, pregnant women, pets, etc.

#### Chesprocott Health District Hosts 2 Flu Clinics in Wolcott

**Wolcott Senior Center** 

October 12, 2022

from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Wolcott Drive-Thru Influenza Vacci

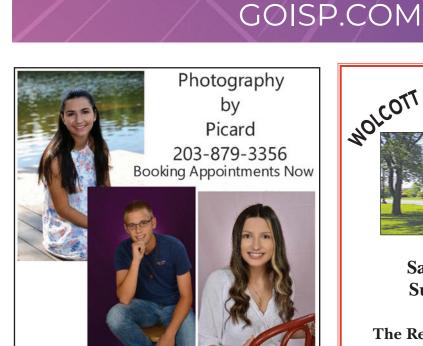
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Annual Flu vaccinations are the most effective way to protect yourself from getting ill and from experiencing serious health complications. Flu vaccines help to reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths on the health care system each year. Please Bring Your Insurance Card and ID with you.

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with a walkout and windows to the back yard. Extra

storage closets build in basement. Come and take a

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WOLCOTT \$249,900 — Great house if you are just starting out or downsizing! Cute ranch with one floor living located on a gorgeous lot. This home offers updated kitchen, Living/dining room with hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms and a full bath on main level. There is a full basement with plenty of room to be finished for additional living space, and a 1 car garage. Step outside and relax on the new wraparound deck, or enjoy sunning on the patio. A large area of the yard has been totally fenced in with beautiful vinyl fencing (with portion of back chain link) All you need are a few finishing touches to make this the perfect home for you!



WOLCOTT \$295,000 — Spectacular 4 Level Townhouse in sought after Arrowhead By The Lake complex, complete with its own private beach & clubhouse! This meticulously maintained unit was recently remodeled from top to bottom, absolutely nothing to do but pack your bags & move right in. Enter from the Front Door & you'll find a powder room, entrance from the attached garage & storage closet. The Main Level open floor plan includes Kitchen w/beautiful SS appliances, cherry wood cabinets, granite counters, Island w/Breakfast Bar seating & large pantry, combo DR/LR w/stacked stone propane fueled FP & 3 Panel sliders to the deck w/storage space & stairs (added w/in past 3 years) leading you to a picturesque, private, lightly wooded & peaceful setting. Up a few steps is the 1st of 2 Primary Suites each w/their own remodeled Full Baths. The 4th Level w/vaulted ceilings is the Loft space (currently used as an office) & the 2nd of 2 Primary Suites with Juliet balcony & complete w/whirlpool tub, stand-alone shower & walk-in-closet! Levels 1-3 all with HW floors. The LL offers Family, Laundry & Utility Rooms, all recently remodeled. This is your opportunity to live a low maintenance lifestyle in a well maintained complex.



WOLCOTT \$199,900 — Great opportunity to style this home and make it your own. Ranch style home offers three bedrooms with hard wood flooring. Heated breezeway can be used as additional living space/office has a separate entrance from the front and leads to covered porch and overlooks a wonderful big gorgeous back yard. Large full walkout basement provides ample space for storage or workshop. Home is being sold as is.



WOLCOTT \$314,900 — Welcoming cape style home that has been lovingly cared for. Formal living room, eat in kitchen with tile flooring, separate galley area which houses sink and appliances, 2 bedrooms, hardwood floors, and full bath on the main level. Upstairs has dormered bedrooms that are very spacious and a half bath. Lots of storage, Full basement with washer/dryer and 1 car garage under. Rooms are equipped with ceiling fans and there is a whole house fan. Enclosed porch and covered patio are great features. Large manicured lot with stone wall and storage shed. Located on a dead end street with sewers. Move right into this one. Many updates throughout the years. Very clean! Subject to Probate Court Approval.



WOLCOTT \$399,900 — A rare find in Wolcott. 2 buildings on 1 lot. Main building is a 2 Bedroom 2 bathroom 1 level ranch set on 2.08 acres and surrounded by water. Direct waterfront to Lyman's Pond and across the street from Chestnut Hill Reservoir. There are water views through 6 sets of sliders. The kitchen features granite, red oak cabinets, Jenn Aire cook top and double wall oven. Dining area has 3 sets of sliders, skylight, ceiling fan and wet bar. Living room has gas log fire place, ceiling fan and 2 sliders with water views. Primary bedroom suite is appointed with a skylight, twin ceiling fans, gas log fire place, slider with water view, California closet designed walk in, jetted tub, bay window, walk in steam shower. There is a massive wood deck off the living room and master suite with a seasonal awning and perfect water views. As if all that wasn't enough the is a 300 sqft guest house 6 feet from the water with all the amenities you could ask for including deck with seasonal awning and separate outdoor dining area.





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# Junior Women's Club News



Welcome to September! The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott would like to remind everyone to support the volunteer organizations in town. Similar to the Junior Women's Club the purpose of the volunteer organi-

zations is to support numerous community projects and groups such as scholarships, the food pantry, Crossroads our First Responders and many more. We are fortunate to live in this volunteer centered community. Take some time to visit our town's website and the listing of all the community volunteer groups.

We are in search of our 2022 Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott. Voting will take place at the Lion's Club Fair September 23rd through the 25th at the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott booth.

Voting is tabulated by an independent auditor. Each .25 cents count as one vote. Votes will be accepted at the fair in covered containers marked with the child's number that is on his/her picture. The boy and girl with the most votes will be declared the winners. During the months to come our Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott are our official ambassadors. Highlights of their year consist of attending the Miss Wolcott Scholarship program, lighting the Christmas tree on the town green, marching in the BAW parade, assisting the Easter Bunny at the town's easter egg hunt and other functions throughout the town's calendar. Look for the application in todays Community News.

The club hosted our 19th Annual Golf Tournament at the Farmingbury Hills Golf Club on Sunday, August 28, 2022. We appreciate all who supported us throughout the day. We are busy working on coordinating our "Meet the Candidates" event. We will be contacting our dedicated citizens who are seeking office to participate in this event. More details will be forthcoming on these two events. We are excited to continue to support our upcoming programs, including Toys for Tots & Teens as well as our Fuel Fund for Wolcott residents. So please look for upcoming information in the Wolcott Community News for these programs.

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

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

# IN SEARCH OF THE NEXT LITTLE MISS AND MISTER WOLCOTT 2022!

Little Miss and Mister Wolfott Contest Sponsored by the JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB OF WOLCOTT





Would your child like to be the Ambassador of the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott? As Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott they will represent us at our many events during the year, the highlights of which are riding in the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade, on stage at the Miss Wolcott Pageant, Lighting the Wolcott Christmas Tree and greeting Santa, attending the Mayor's Christmas Party, assisting the Easter Bunny at the Town's Easter Egg Hunt and more!

Rules for Entry:

- 1. Event is open for the first 20 girls and 20 boys who submit their completed application.
- 2. Applicants must reside in Wolcott and must be between the ages of 4 to 7 by August 1, 2022.
- 3. A \$10.00 non-refundable fee must accompany each entry, or the application will not be accepted.
- 4. A **5 x 7 photo**, consent form and entry fee must be received by September 10, 2022. The photo must include the child's name, date of birth, parents or guardian's name, address, email and phone number. Photo's may be picked up at the Junior Women's Club booth on Sunday afternoon after the crowning.
- **5.** Voting will take place at the Wolcott Lion's Club Fair on September 23, 24 & 25, 2022 at the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott booth. Voting is tabulated by an independent auditor. Each .25 cents count as one vote. Votes will be accepted at the fair in covered containers marked with the child's number. This is their contestant number that is on his/her picture. The boy and girl with the most votes will be declared the winners.
- 6. Voting ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 25, 2022. NO votes will be accepted after 3:00 pm.
- 7. All contestants must be present for the crowning on **Sunday, September 25, 2022,** when title holders will be announced, and prizes will be awarded.
- 8. All entries must be mailed to and postmarked by, September 10, 2022:

Little Miss and Mister Wolcott Contest C/O Junior Women's Club of Wolcott P.O. Box 6116 Wolcott, CT 06716

- Please make checks payable to: Junior Women's Club of Wolcott. A \$20.00 fee will be charged for all returned checks.
   All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the community projects and programs of the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott.
- 10. There will be a short but MANDATORY meeting for all parents/guardians of the contestants on September 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Wolcott Public Library. We will be in contact with you to verify we received your application and to confirm your attendance at the meeting.

Any questions please call Project Chairwoman – Colette Bowes 203-704-1490

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s you may have heard, insurance .companies have proposed increasing rates in Connecticut in 2023 for

individual and small group markets by an average of more than 20%. The increases could impact 200,000 people statewide.

The Connecticut Insurance Department held a meeting in Hartford in recent weeks, in which legislators, including several Democrats, testified about how upset they were about these increases. Democrat lawmakers asked, how could these companies do this to customers?

There is no doubt these rates are high. Understandably, people are upset about them because it may make small market insurance plans unattainable. If these rate increases are approved by the department, it will ensure that it will be harder for small businesses to offer insurance plans to their employees.

But people have to realize that some of these increases are due to government mandates placed on these insurers through legislation passed by the Democrat majority, which continues to make it harder and more expensive to do business in Connecticut. By my count, there are at least 70 government-imposed mandates that have been placed on insurers by the Democrat majority. And someone (usually you and I) pay for them in some way, shape, or form.

I don't want to see such high increases in these rates, especially given the already high costs of groceries and gasoline caused by inflation. But in the past two legislative sessions, when Democrats pushed for more insurance regulations, they admitted during debate on the House floor that more mandates would lead to increases in insurance rates. Now, those rates are going up, and Democrats are complaining? What did they expect to happen? The contradictions are maddening.

A representative for one insurer, ConnectiCare, testified at the meeting that the company had experienced a loss of \$65 million in 2021. At least one mandate passed during the 2022 session was expected to increase its costs by .4 percent. Yes, that seems small, but that's only one regulation out of many. Eventually, they add up.

Testimony at that meeting also revealed that insurers have not yet determined the impact that all the new mandates passed in the 2022 session will have for future expenses, so those costs aren't included in the increases.

We want to make sure that companies stay in our state, but instead, they are heading for the exits due to government-imposed regulations. Harvard Pilgrim Health Care has even decided to leave the Connecticut market and will only renew existing plans through the end of their appropriate plan years.

If the Democrat majority keeps driving insurers, and other businesses, out of the state by heaping regulations on them, it means job losses when those companies leave, increased costs for customers who are forced into a shrinking pool of insurance options and a hit to the economy. And when that happens, we all pay the price.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns pertaining to state government. I can be reached by email at Gale. Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov or by phone at (800) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative by visiting website activity my www.repmastrofrancesco.com or my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/repgale.





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# Around Town Photography by Roger Picard





A young couple and their child were utilizing the Mill Pond Way walking trail during a hot summer day recently. They were not alone. Use of the trail even during hot days has been noticeably up for some reason.



Lt. Pat Malloy and Police Chief Ed Stephens inspect the newly delivered F-150 Ford pickup that will be utilized by the patrol shifts supervisors. The new vehicle will also be utilized to transport traffic control barricades and cones for traffic control assignments and specialized police equipment for specific situations.



The Wolcott High athletic field is nearing completion with the outer perimeter track next on the agenda to be installed. It is anticipated to be ready for use for the upcoming fall season sports.



Four members of the Mattatuck Fife and Drum Band were on hand at the funeral of Louis Vanasse, past president of the Hitchcock Lake Association and "Mayor of Hitchcock Lake". They played several patriotic pieces for the family and friends who attended his funeral at St. Pius X Church, before they departed for his burial at New Pine Grove Cemetery.



Black bunting hung over the front entrance of the Wolcott Police Department in recognition of the passing of former police chief Paul Scirpo, who passed away on July 22, 2022 in Winter Haven, Florida. He retired from the Wolcott Police Department in 2009 after serving 43 years on the force.



Our photographer took this photograph from the opposite side of the Woodtick Recreation swimming area. It was taken at 11:30 AM on a Saturday morning during 90 plus degree heat. It was a little puzzling with lack of people using the facility on such a hot day.



Mayor Dunn held his annual picnic on the Green recently which coincided with a concert on the Green event. The Mayor and his staff provided sandwiches, snacks and cold water for the crowd that attended, at no charge. The picnic wrapped up with the Rocking Heartbeats performing from the gazebo.

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## Save The Date!

The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will host our annual Breast Cancer Awareness event.

The event will be held on Thursday, October 6th, at 7:00pm on the Wolcott Town Green.

The entire event will be held outside Rain or Shine.

All are welcome to join us!!!

Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Please join us to support Breast Cancer patients and all their loved ones. We will have a short presentation of support and encouragement for all. We also encourage you to place a pink ribbon on our "Tree of Hope" for yourself or for a loved one. The beautiful support ceremony will have our "Tree of Hope" light the Town Green for the month of October.

# Wolcott Land Owners' Ladies Only Shooting Day

Saturday, October 1, 2022 8:30 AM-2:00 PM Rain Date, Sunday, October2, 2022 Wolcott Landowners Protective Association 920 Woodtick Rd. Wolcott, CT

Wolcott Landowners Protective Association will be hosting a "Ladies Only" fun-filled day where women aged 12 and older can try firearms shooting and archery shooting, too. No experience is needed. All equipment provided. There will be NRA certified instructors helping you with basic safety skills.

Attendees will receive a tee shirt and lunch. This is a free event thanks our sponsors, Wolcott Insurance Group, Noble High Performance and M&M Mechanical. Participation is limited to 40 registrants, so don't miss out. Sign up by calling the club at 203-879-9976. Leave your name and tee shirt size along with a contact number. Registration deadline is September 18, 2022.

### Setback Tournament

The Wolcott Congregational Church is sponsoring a set-back tournament on Friday, September 9 at the church on 185 Center Street, across from the town green. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for registration, and games will begin promptly at 7. There will be seven games of setback, with new partners assigned for each game. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome to attend. Registration is \$15 to play, and there is an optional bonus pool for an additional \$5. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the night. Masks will be strictly optional. For more information, call the church at 203-879-1293. Join us for fun and fellowship!

#### **Wolcott Grange #173**

by Karen Mowad



Each month the State Grange Grant Board meets. I was lucky enough to be chosen to represent our local Granges and help find grants, help approve monies for scholarships, and help with writing and implementing of certain grant projects. It has been an amazing

journey to work with our State officials on this committee. We are looking for new exciting fundraising opportunities such as formal galas, the Big E, high end raffles, and more. We also hold more traditional fun events such as square dances, penny actions, tag sales, jam sales, a quilt raffles. The best part of our board is the money we raise to repair our halls, provide youth college scholarships, raise emergency funds and we are able to contribute to the future of our Granges in Connecticut.

### **Wolcott Historical Society - September 2022**





by Florence Goodman

he Spindle Hill area of our town has an abundance of Alcott history and I'm reminded of it daily as I travel over the road of that name. For years I have wanted to make a self-guided walk-

ing tour of the area to share with residents so they could appreciate its history, but I have yet to accomplish that goal. This month however, I'll share that history below.

At the corner of Beach and Spindle Hill Roads you will find a white cape with an old barn behind it; this is the Solomon Alcott house, built circa 1790. Solomon had been given the privilege of building his house on his father's



The Solomon Alcott House and barn on the corner of Spindle Hill and Beach Roads. This is where Amos Bronson Alcott grew up.

land. This property has changed greatly since,1731 when John Alcocke, the first settler of Wolcott traveled up that long hill, purchased a 117-acre tract of land, built a log cabin and later his house there. Amos Bronson Alcott was born in that log cabin on Spindle Hill on November 29, 1799. Alcott's family moved into his grandfather's farmhouse situated on this property when he was very young. His father, Joseph Chatfield Alcox was a farmer. His mother, Anna Bronson Alcott, was well educated and instilled in him a love for learning and reading. During his childhood Alcott read as much as he could and went to great lengths to borrow as many books as possible, reading them from cover to cover. He did attend the West School in the area, but for the most part he was a self-taught man. During his boyhood he worked on the farm with his father and brothers. Later he traveled to Plymouth and tried clock making. He also tried his hand as a Yankee Peddler, which brought him as far south as Virginia, but the profession that brought him the most joy and notoriety was that of an educator. Alcott taught in several one-room schoolhouses in the area. He was an educator ahead of his time; he designed and built the first single desks that had the seats attached to them, he designed individual student slates, and class-



The Obed Alcott House located at 339 Spindle Hill Road

room libraries. He encouraged his students to borrow books from school and read them at home. He did not believe in corporeal punishment for poorly behaved students and did away with such practices at his schools. Alcott married Abigail May in 1830 in Boston; they moved to Germantown, Pennsylvania at the end of that year. That is where their first two daughters were born. Louisa May, their second child, was born on her father's birthday.

November 29, 1832. Abigail and Bronson had a total of four daughters. They also had a son who died shortly after birth. Not only was Alcott was an educator and author, he was an important part of the transcendental movement with good friends Emerson and Thoreau. His educational ideas were too advanced for his times so many of his ideas were not instituted until much later. It is important to note that even though Amos Bronson Alcott was born and grew up in our town, his daughter, Louisa May Alcott, famous author of "Little Women" was not born in Wolcott. She did however accompany him on one of his last trips to the town



The West School located on Spindle Hill Road

in September of 1882. He was 83 at the time of this visit. Amos Bronson Alcott died in 1888 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Heading north on Spindle Hill Road take a right at the intersection of Clinton Hill and Andrews Road. The third house on the left is the Obed Alcott House at 339 Spindle Hill Road. Obed Alcott was the son of David and Abigail (Johnson) Alcott. He was born on Spindle Hill on September 8, 1776 and died August 5, 1847. He married Anna Andrews on July 13, 1797. Obed's father gave him thirteen acres of land at the corner of Spindle Hill and Andrews Road and in the fall of 1802, he built a house on that property. Obed worked on his farm making clock cords and clock pinions for the Terry, Thomas and Hoadley Clock Company. Obed and Anna Alcott had four children; their oldest son, Dr. William A. Alcott was born August 6, 1798. He attended local schools in his early years and loved to read books, which was influenced by his mother and cousin, Amos Bronson. He began tutoring younger children and eventually taught in the West District School. He



The West School today as a residence at 370 Spindle Hill Road.

was interested in improving the standards in education and wrote volumes of books for schools, and teachers. He established Wolcott's first public library in the parish meeting house. In 1825-26 William attended Yale Medical School and received a Diploma to practice medicine and surgery. He moved to Boston in 1831 and became the editor of the first children's magazine published in the United States.

In 1824 Obed Alcott donated the use of part of his land east of his house for the West School (prior to this, school was held in private homes). At some point in time, the West School (370 Spindle Hill Road) was moved from behind the Obed Alcott house across Spindle Hill Road directly across from where Rustic Acres is located. This school served the region well for over 100 years providing an edu-



The George Alcott House at 209 Beach Road.

cation for the children of not only Spindle Hill, but also down into Allentown. In 1946 this school was turned into a private residence and continues as such today.

Continuing down Spindle Hill turn right onto Alcott Road and then turn right onto Beach Road heading west. A short distance up the road you will come to the historic cape cod style house that is found at 209 Beach Road. This house was built for George G. Alcott circa 1830 and included a barn, a blacksmith shop on fifty acres of land. This was all part of the original acreage that was owned by John Alcott. George Alcott sold the house and property on March 23,1857 to David H. Nichols. Later it was sold again to James L. Kenea. Sometime in the early 1930s William Edward Tyrrell purchased this house and property and established his dairy farm there.

This section of Alcott land and homes was only part of the property owned by that family. If you had taken a left on Spindle Hill Road at the intersection of Alcott Road, you would have come to the James Alcott house which is located at the intersection of Spindle Hill and Mad River Roads. This house and property have a long history of farming on it. James was also the son of John Alcott. James built the farmhouse, a saltbox in 1774 and added several large barns. In the late 1800s Evelyn Upson, a state representative purchased the house and farm and lived there until his death in 1918. In that same year, Carl and Hilma Peterson purchased the farmhouse at 621 Spindle Hill Road, the Seth Thomas house at 36 Peterson Lane and about 150 acres of land along Spindle Hill and Mad River Roads. They established the Peterson Dairy Farm in 1923, which was in operation for almost forty years until a fire destroyed their well-established business. There is also Alcott Brook that runs from the pond at the Wolcott Sports Complex across Spindle Hill Road and empties into the Mad River near Peterson Park.

As you can see, the Alcott family played an important part in the history and development of the town of Wolcott especially in the Spindle Hill area. I hope this tour helped you to better understand the influence this family had on our town's development.



The James Alcott House located at the corner of Spindler Hill and Beach Roads.

(Information for this article was taken from Samuel Orcutt's, History of the Town of Wolcott From 1731 to 1874; "Wolcott, Connecticut 175th Anniversary" by John Washburne; "Amos Bronson Alcott" on Google; Eden's Outcasts by John Matteson; "A Salute To Two Centuries of Education in Wolcott, Connecticut," from the Wolcott Historical Society, "1986 Historic Resources Inventory," by Paul Loether; Wolcott News articles by Flo Goodman: 12-31-07, 4-30-13, 9-15-18, 5-2012)

#### Wolcott Food Pantry Upcoming Reminders

September 17th, 2022 — Our Annual 'Fill the Gazebo' food drive. Wolcott Town Green (10AM – 2 PM) Also volunteers present at Pat's & Walsh's parking lots.

October 15th, 2022 — Fall Festival Car Show. Proceeds benefit Food Pantry & local Veterans.

Woodtick Recreation. (1PM – 5PM)

November 19th, 2022 — Boy Scout Troop 230 – Food Drive. Wolcott Town Green (9AM – 3 PM)

#### **Volunteers Wanted**

- Availability Mon/Tues 8Am-11AM. Every other Wed 8 Am Noon.
- Ability to potentially drive a box truck (no CDL required) or ride as an assistant to various Wolcott, Waterbury, Wallingford locations to pick up -ordrop-off food donations. Boxes of food can be between 10 to 50 lbs.
- Please call our number (203) 704-7402 and leave us a message. We will get back to you A.S.A.P.

#### **Thank You**

We'd like to say 'Thank You' to John Testa of 'McNellis Appliance Service' in Wolcott. He has serviced our refrigerators and freezers (which are numerous) and donates his time whenever we've called on him.

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.

Our distribution dates for the next few weeks are as follows:

Sep 14th, Sept 28th, Oct 12th. All dates are Wednesdays between 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM.

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.

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!

You can help our volunteers out if you can please check those dates and eliminate the expired ones from the donation. If you would like to drop-off some food, here's a short list of food products that would be helpful:

Shelf-Stable Milk Canned Fruit Baked Beans Cereal Canned Chicken Stews Oatmeal Canned Meats
Coffee / Tea
Peanut Butter
Chili
Pudding
Jelly
Mac & Cheese
Condiments

Jarred Pasta Sauce
Juices
Salad Dressing
Pasta
Instant Potatoes
Soup or Broth
Rice

Local organizations (Pat's, Walsh's, Post Office, Wolcott Library and Stop & Shop of Wtby) 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















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#### **2022 WOLCOTT LIONS' COUNTRY FAIR**

September 23, 24, & 25, 2022, 245 Wolcott Road, across from Nichols Road



#### **ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITS & INFO**

The Wolcott Lions invites everyone to enter your hobby, craft, or collection in our arts and craft exhibit this year. We especially encourage children to participate. Everyone has a chance to win something. There are also hundreds of categories and something for everyone. Come visit our fairgrounds, you will find it a unique fun filled experience. Please check out our website: http://wolcottfair.com/exhibitors/

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

All entries must be submitted on Thursday, September 22, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 07:00 PM. You can enter the fairgrounds through the Sunrise Road entrance. Just drive up the road and you will come to the main gate. Go ahead to the RED BARN.

Judging will be done Friday morning before the fair opens. All exhibits can be picked up on Monday, September 26, 2022, between 10:00 AM and 04:00 PM. Make sure you have your claim tickets. No entries will be returned without a ticket.

#### **DON'T FORGET OUR BAKING CONTESTS**

We have State baking and King Arthur Flour baking contests for adults and juniors. Please follow all rules and baking directions. See Premium Book for judging criteria.

> 2022 State Adult Baking Contest Abraham Lincoln Cake

> 2022 State Junior Baking Contest Carrot Cake Muffins

http://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news-andresources/contests/bakingcontests

2022 King Arthur Adult / Junior baking:

OLD FASHION APPLESAUCE CAKE WITH **BUTTERCREAM FROSTING** 

http://wolcottfair.com/exhibitors/

(See King Author Baking Contests for recipe)

#### OTHER CATEGORIES

- State Quilt contest info is also in the book. Entries in this category must follow the guidelines from the State Fair Association. The premiums for the Wolcott Fair State Quilt entries are 1st - \$40.00, 2nd - \$30.00 and 3rd \$20.00.
- Class 'A' for "Children Only" We have a special Class 'A' for "Children Only" in the premium book. In this class the child must have had a MAJOR part in making and /or growing the item. Children 1 and 2 categories will all get ribbons for their entries, only 1st, 2nd and 3rd will receive prize money. Other items that aren't listed on this page, the child must enter the item under the junior category. Classes are for adults 17 and over, and juniors 16 and under. Premiums will be paid for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
- Class B Scarecrow Contest Age divisions will be adults, juniors & children. Get creative! Maximum size is six (6) feet tall and must be able to stand alone. See premium book for more info.
- Class B Vegetable Heads: They must be made from vegetables, fruits, or anything edible. Entries must have a minimum of 8 items. No manmade materials allowed.
- Class M- A new category was added this year, alcohol (moonshine). This is in addition to our our home-made beer and wine exhibits.

Volunteers are needed to help at the red barn for Thursday, Friday, and Monday. Volunteers will get free passes to the fair. Volunteers can contact the Chairman (see below). If you need more info, feel free to contact us thru our website or:

Tony Marino- Arts & Crafts Chairman Anthonyjmarino@att.net

Peter Merza - Arts & Crafts Chairman – peterm466@gmail.com

The printed version of the Premium Book will be on our website. http://wolcottfair.com/exhibitors/







**Donna Belval** Senior Center Director

#### Monday

9:45-10:30 Free-"Strength & Tone"—includes Weight Strengthening/Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation 1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

#### **Tuesday**

10:00 Free-"Strength, Stretching & Stress Relief"includes Weight Strengthening Stretching/Balance/

Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

12:00 Free-"Cardio, Strength & Balance"—includes Weight Strengthening Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury

"NEW"1:00 Free-"Pound Class" using weighted Drum Sticks w/ Naida from Fitness Fury

#### Wednesday

10:00-10:45 Free -"Senior Zumba" w/Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation 12:30-3:00 Bingo

#### **Thursday**

10:00 Free-"Strength, Stretching & Stress Relief"- includes Weight Strengthening Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

11:00 Free - Chair Yoga

12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

12:30-3:00 Pinochle

#### Friday

10:00-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting

#### **Monday - Friday**

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS TRIP, PLEASE IN-CLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE TRIP IS CANCELLED \*\*\*Parking for all bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot

#### Thursday, September 1

10:00 Bus leaves for Abbotts Lobster in the Rough & Costello's Clam Shack. Sign up for the bus.

#### Friday, September 2

8:30-9:30 Breakfast — Blueberry Pancakes w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

#### Monday, September 5

CLOSED—LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

#### Tuesday, September 6

10:00 Bus leaves for The Book Barn in Niantic—Lunch at The Hide A Way Restaurant—Bring your "already read books" for money or store credit

#### Wednesday, September 7

8:30-9:30 Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll- \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

11:00 Bus leaves for The Great Taste of China — Sign up for the bus

#### Thursday, September 8

11:30 Picnic at lower Woodtick Recreation — Food Truck Event from New Opportunities — Choice of Pulled Chicken or Vegetable Panini, Yogurt Parfait, Bottled Water, Dessert & Snacks — Enjoy Horseshoes, Bocci, Bean Bag Game or Cards — Setback, Cribbage etc)

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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"

#### Friday, September 9

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED — (ANTICIPATED) NEW FLOOR INSTALLATION

#### Sunday, September 11

\*\*\*Bus leaves at 1:00 for 7 Angels Theater—"Edward's Twins"—Variety Show impersonators/singers: Sonny & Cher, Billy Joel, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Lionel Richie, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Lady Gaga, Celine Dion, Rod Stewart, Bette Midler, Barbara Streisand, Andrea Bocelli, Tom Jones and many more.
\$45.00 per ticket — Pay by Tues. Aug 30

#### Monday, September 12

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED — (ANTICIPATED) NEW FLOOR INSTALLATION

#### Tuesday, September 13

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED — (ANTICIPATED) NEW FLOOR INSTALLATION

\*\*\*11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Blue Colony Diner
— Sign up at the center

#### Wednesday, September 14

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 pieces Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

#### Thursday, September 15

8:00 Bus leaves for Port Jeff Ferry — \$20.00 pp — Pay by Thurs. Sept 8

8:30-9:30 Breakfast — Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — "Scare Crow" — \$7.00 pp — Sign up

#### Monday, September 19

8:00 Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino — Departs Casino at 3:30pm

There is no food/casino package at this time — Sign up for bus

#### Thursday, September 22

9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscovs — Sign up for the bus

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — "Charcuterie Board" — \$15.00 pp — Sign up

#### Friday, September 23

8:30-9:30 Breakfast — French Toast w/ Bacon on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00 pp Sign up 48 hrs in advance

#### Sunday, September 25

1:00 Bus leaves for 7 Angels theater — "Abbacadabra — THE ULTIMATE ABBA TRIBUTE" — The Magic of Abbacadabra promises to continue the momentum by performing group's greatest hits in full ABBA fashion & flair. \$40.00 pp — Pay by Thurs. Sept 15 — Sign up for the bus

#### Monday, September 26

10:00 Bus leaves for Big E — \$15.00 pp — Pay at the gate — Bus departs Big E at 6:00

#### Wednesday, September 28

11:30 Lunch Special — Italian Combo w/ lettuce on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert

\$4.00 pp-Sign up 48 hrs in advance

#### Thursday, September 29

8:30-9:30 Breakfast — Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hrs in advance

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at the Christmas Tree Shop
— sign up for the bus

#### Friday, September 30

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Nick's Country Kitchen & Bethlehem Flea Market — Sign up for the bus

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





A big shout out to Mike Daley of Dailey Power Wash for donating an exterior cleaning of our Senior Center! It looks amazing! So clean! Thank you so much Mike you are awesome!



A group of seniors displayed their rock painting abilities! Wolcott Seniors Rock!!



#### **Wolcott Public Library Events & News**

#### **Adult Events for September**

#### **Cartooning for Adults**

Wednesday, August 31th at 6:00 p.m. Learn some basic drawing techniques and create your own personalized drawing.

#### **Civil War Pathways**

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 600 p.m. Presented by Kelvin Cole, this is a fully illustrated introductory story of the Civil War era, including some focus on CT episodes which preceded the war. Suitable for an older teen and adult audience.

#### WPL Book Club

Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. The book club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. September's selection is The Last Flight by Julie Clark. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Movie Matinee**

Friday, September 30th at 1:00 p.m. A movie is shown on the last Friday of the month in the downstairs meeting room. Movie title to be announced. Refreshments are allowed.

#### **Good Yarn Club**

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Join our growing group of knitters and crocheters on Wednesdays in the upstairs reading room. All ages and all levels of expertise welcome.

#### **Fall Children's Events**

#### Pig Out on Reading with Farmer Minor & Daisy

Saturday, September 10th at 10:30 a.m. "Some Pig!" Farmer Minor and his world-famous pig, Daisy visit the Wolcott Public Library to promote reading. Farmer Minor will read a pig story, At the end of the program, following the Daisy pledge, all are able to pet Daisy and take photos. Ms. Meghan will give Daisy a BIG SMOOCH! Registration required.

#### **Mystic Aquarium: Virtual Tour**

Friday, September 30th at 10 a.m.

Go on a live, virtual tour of the Mystic Aquarium! Log in from home or join us in the WPL Lower level to see it on the big screen. Email Ms. Meghan for the zoom link (mmorin@biblio.org).

#### FIRST Lego League: Discover

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Dates: August 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24; November 7, 14, 21 & 28

This playful introductory STEM program ignites young students' natural curiosity and builds their habits of learning with hands-on activities in the classroom and at home using LEGO® DUPLO® bricks. Ages 4-7, registration required.

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Dates: September 13, 20 &27; October 4, 11, 18 & 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

Read through the rainbow! Read, sing and craft about the color of the week with Ms. Meghan and Grey Squirrel.

#### **Books & Babies**

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Dates: September 7, 14, 21 & 28; October 5, 12, 19 & 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Ms. Joanna presents stories, songs and bounces for baby bookworms and their caregivers, followed by baby playtime.

#### Wild Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Dates: September 7, 14, 21 & 28; October 5, 12, 19 & 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Hands-on fun & educational activities for children in grades K-5. Lego Club is always the first Wednesday of the month, other activities (to be announced) will include STEM activities and crafts.

The Wolcott Public Library is not just about books. We have many resources available to the community.

You can download digital books and audio through Hoopla and Overdrive. Check out our databases, the most current being Black Life in America and Heritage Hub. We also have NewBank, A to Z Food, A to Z Travel, Consumer Reports and more. You can access these resources on our website, www.wolcottlibrary.com. If you do not currently have a library card, you may register online or visit the library to register in person. You need to be a Wolcott resident to be issued a Wolcott Public Library card. Also remember that we have Jigsaw puzzles, board games, hot spots and Chromebooks that can be checked out of the library, along with museum passes that the Friends of the Library have purchased. For more information about the library and our programs, please call 203-979-8110, x4 or visit our website www.wolcottlibrary.com.



A young artist shows off her work at Wolcott Public Library's Kid's Outdoor Paint Night event.

# Friends of the Wolcott Library

September is here and its Back to School for many of our patrons. We hope you enjoyed your summer and were able to take part in the many activities provided by the Children's Department as well as some special events for the adult population. And congratulations to all the winners of the plentiful raffles that took place over the summer. The Friends were happy to support that.

We hope some of you were able to get to Stop and Shop and purchase the GIVE bags so that we could receive a donation from the grocery store. If not, you can help us out by participating in TD Bank's Affinity Membership Program. Eligible accounts include business checking, consumer checking, savings, money market, CD or retirement accounts. For every existing account the Friends will receive \$10 if the account is maintained or grown each year. 1/10 of 1% will be donated based on the annual average balances of savings or CD deposits. Accounts newly opened will generate a \$50 donation to the Friends so if you are looking for a bank in town, now would be the time to open up an account. All account information is strictly confidential and the non-profit organization is not permitted to receive any customer information. Program participation must be initiated by the customer directly with TD Bank. A special table will be reserved for the Friends from Sept 11 to 18 at the Wolcott Road branch for additional information. For your convenience, you can also call the bank at 203 879-4697 and speak to either Katie or Josh and give all your information to participate. With a valid ID you can go through their drive through and join that way as well. We have heard that this is a great program so let's make it happen! If you have any questions or comments, please leave them at wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com; or call Janet Tynan, President at 203 233-6407.

Please keep in mind that we are preparing for our next sale which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 th and Friday, Oct 21st from noon to 6pm with the final hours being held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm. A special collection day has been set up for Saturday, Oct. 8th from 10 am to noon for drop off on the lower level for your convenience but please note that we will be accepting donations at any time. Thank you for your support.



Patrons enjoy ice cream and activities at Wolcott Public Library's Summer Reading Finale.

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Located at 102 Wolcott Road, Wolcott, CT *Opportunities Available:* 

#### **CPA** with Public Accounting Experience:

Manager, Senior and Experienced Staff. Financial Statement Preparation, Consulting, Audits, Reviews, Compilations, Tax, Partner potential for the right candidate.

**QuickBooks Bookkeeper:** Experienced QuickBooks online and desktop user. Training users, client setup, chart of accounts, payroll.

**Billing Specialist:**Knowledge of QuickBooks billing, CPA firm or law firm experience preferred.

**Tax Preparer:** Seasonal/Part Time/Full time.

Prior Experience Necessary.

To Apply email: CHERYL@AB-CTCPA.com

**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

**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

#### **Home/Office Cleaning**

**Nati Cleaning** Great job houses and offices Call 203.519.2553

#### **Pet Sitting**

**Petsitting/Homesitting Services** in your home. Daytime & Overnight Reservations. Bonded, sterling references. caring, safe reliable trustworthy. www.FursForUs.net 860-585-0295 L/M

#### **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.

#### 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

Charter Oak Tree Service - Expert Tree Removal, Stump Grinding & Crane Service. Call or Text 203-575-0335

#### Wanted

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



# One Clean Day of Fun

Free Admission
Food & Drink Included!
Saturday, October 1st, 2022
Noon to 7 pm
Frisbie School Fairgrounds
24 Todd Rd, Wolcott, CT

Please join us for our one-day event to show our children they can have fun without using substances. The day will feature live music, metal detecting, Velocity dance studio, rock wall climbing, face painting, crafts, balloon artist, Alex's Army trailer, educational and information tables, and much, much more. Please follow us on Facebook: Wolcott Crossroads Inc for updates or call:

Joe Dunn 203-560-1665 Jack Hamel 203-560-3320



The Petro Pat gas station located at 685 Wolcott Road is undergoing an expansion project with a new store building going to be built directly behind the existing building. The 4,000 square foot building is hoping to be completed by the fall of 2023, and will be offering convenience store products along with new and updated gas pumps and islands. *Photography by Picard* 

#### This Day in History

September 1, 1752 – The Liberty Bell arrives in Philidlphia.

September 1, 1830 – "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was published.

September 1, 1939 – Germany invades Poland, starting World War II.

**September 2, 1666** – The Great Fire of London is started. 80% of city is destroyed.

**September 3, 1813** – The image of "Uncle Sam", a symbol of America, was first used.

September 5, 1698 – Russian Czar Peter the Great imposes a tax on beards.

**September 5, 1774** – The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

**September 5, 1966** – Jerry Lewis holds his first Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, raising \$1 million..

**September 6, 1995** – Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's baseball iron man record by playing in his 2,131st game.

**September 6, 1997** – The funeral of Princess Diana is held at Westminster Abbey in London.

**September 7, 1921** – The first Miss America beauty Pageant is held in Atlantic City N.J.

**September 7, 1936** – The Boulder Dam, later renamed the Hoover Dam, begins operation.

**September 7, 1998** – Google was founded by Sergey Brin and Larry Page.

September 8, 1504 – Michelangelo's Statue of David is unveiled.

**September 8, 1921** – Margaret Gorman of Washington, DC was crowned the first Miss America in Atlantic City, NJ.

**September 8, 1966** – Star Trek premiered on television. The original series had 79 episodes.

**September 8, 1974** – President Gerald R. Ford gives unconditional pardon to Richard Nixon for any crimes related to Watergate. See Pardon Day

**September 9, 1776** – The U.S. Congress officially changes the name of the nation from United Colonies to The United States of America.

**September 9. 1850** – California became the 31st state.

**September 9, 1947** – Computer scientist Grace Hopper reports the first computer bug. In this case, it was an actual bug... a moth.

**September 9, 1956** – Elvis Presley first appears on the Ed Sullivan Show.

**September 10, 1846** – The Sewing Machine is patented.

**September 10, 1953** – Swanson sells the first "TV Dinner".

**September 11, 1941** – Construction of the Pentagon begins in Arlington, VA.

**September 11, 1959** – Congress passes a bill authorizing food stamps for low income Americans.

**September 11, 1962** – The Beatles recorded their first single "Love Me Do". (1962)

September 11, 1967 – "The Carol Burnett Show" premieres on television.

**September 11, 2001** – Islamic Al-Qaeda militants flew planes into NYC's twin World Trade Towers and the Pentagon.

**September 12, 1949** – Television show "Lassie" premieres.

**September 13, 1788** – New York City becomes the capitol of the United States. I bet you didn't know that!

**September 13, 1985** – Nintendo introduces the first Super Mario game.

**September 14, 1716** – The first lighthouse in America is lit in Boston Harbor on Brewster Island.

**September 14, 1814** – Francis Scott-Key composed the lyrics to "The Star Spangled Banner".

**September 15, 1997** – The domain name "google.com" is registered.

**September 16, 1620** – The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, England. It carried pilgrims headed to the New World, to escape religious persecution.

**September 17, 1972** – Award winning comedy show M\*A\*S\*H premieres on television.

September 18, 1947 – U.S. Air Force is established.

**September 24, 1934** – 2,500 fans see Babe Ruth's farewell appearance last Yankee stadium.

September 24, 1960 – The U.S. Enterprise is launched, the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

# WOLCOTT COUNTRY FAIR

#### **ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

#### Friday Sept 23rd:

Southern Comfort 5pm – 7:30pm

Morgan Skelly & Old Crows 8pm -11pm





#### Saturday Sept 24th:

Cold Train 2pm - 4:30pm

Darik & Funbags 5pm - 7:30pm

Hazard County 8pm-11pm







#### Sunday Sept. 25th:

Jason Ingriselli & Miles North 12pm-3pm

Zac & Fried 3:30 - 6pm







# ZUCCHINI LASAGNA Make it in your slow cooker!

Easy Recipe | Serves: 8

PREP TIME | COOK TIME | TOTAL TIME | 10 mins | 4 hours | 4.5 hours

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 small white onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, grated
- 1 jar (24 oz) marinara sauce
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper
- 9 lasagna noodles (not no-boil), broken into pieces
- 1 lb zucchini, trimmed and sliced 1/4 inch thick on the bias
- 1 bag (7 oz) 2% shredded Italian cheese blend (such as Kraft)
- 1/3 c packed fresh basil, chopped
- 1. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high. Add turkey and salt; cook 4 to 5 minutes, until cooked through. Transfer turkey to a plate and increase heat to high. Add onion and garlic to skillet and cook 4 to 5 minutes, until translucent and tender. Return turkey to skillet and add marinara and pepper. Stir to combine and remove from heat.
- 2. Line a 5-quart slow cooker with a plastic liner; coat liner with cooking spray. Layer a third of the meat sauce, 3 noodles and a third each of the zucchini, cheese and basil. Repeat layering twice, arranging top zucchini layer in a tiled or circular pattern and reserving the final third of the basil.
- 3. Cook on HIGH for 3 1/2 to 4 hours or LOW for 5 to 5 1/2 hours. Rest 15 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining basil, slice and serve.

#### **WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### The Wolcott Latchkey Program School Year 2022 – 2023



Thank you to all the Wolcott Elementary School families that signed up for the Wolcott Latchkey Program

The Wolcott Latchkey Program is full for the 2022 - 23 school year. We will not be accepting any more applications. However, if you have any questions, you may reach me at my email address. Tracey Fitzmorris, Wolcott Latchkey Director: tfitzmorris@wolcottps.org

If you are interested in the Wolcott School year 2023-2024, we open registration on April 3, 2023 (Monday). Registration packets will be located at the Elementary school cafeteria's during Latchkey hours (7-8:30am -3:30 -5:30pm). We fill up quickly and it is first come first served.

During the Wolcott Latchkey Program school year starting September 1, 2022, Frisbie, Alcott and Wakelee Supervisors and contact information is:

Alcott: Ms. LeAnn Beland

Email: lbeland@wolcottps.org Phone: 203-879-8417

Wakelee: Ms. Robin Japs

Email: rjaps@wolcottps.org Phone: 203-879-8026

Frisbie: Ms. Lisa Calabretta

Email: lcalabretta@wolcottps.org Phone: 203-879-8025

This is only during Latchkey hours, Thank you!

# A REWARDING CAREER AWAITS YOU

riving a school bus is a rewarding job for anyone who loves children. Parents can bring their children on the bus with them to save on daycare expense while enjoying school holidays and vacations off with their children. It is a great job for retirees and anyone who likes to drive. Paid training classes are starting now! 25 to 35 hours per week once you are licensed. No experience is necessary. Clean driving record required. Paid holidays, dental, life insurance and 401K available. Please apply in person to get more information on this part time job and to be accepted into our professional driver training classes.

Wolcott Terminal, 515 Wolcott Road 203-879-1334



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# Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2022-2023

<u>Central Office</u> – 203 879-8183

- ◆ Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Shawn Simpson −203 879-8183
- ◆ Business Manager: Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- Assistant Superintendent: 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

<u>District Compliance Officers</u>

- 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.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

### New ParentSquare Program for Communication

We are excited to announce that we adopted a new form of school-to-home communication at Wolcott Public Schools called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with Wolcott Public Schools. It provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to:

- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- Schedule parent-teacher conferences
- and much more . . . all in one centralized place!

All district and school, grade level and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text. For even more convenience, download the ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices).

Have questions? Click the question mark in the top right corner of the desktop version or the Help tab on the app (tap the triple bar icon at the top left) to find answers to most of your questions.

In the coming weeks, we will have a dedicated page on our District website that will have additional information and support.



## Wolcott Board of Education 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

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

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

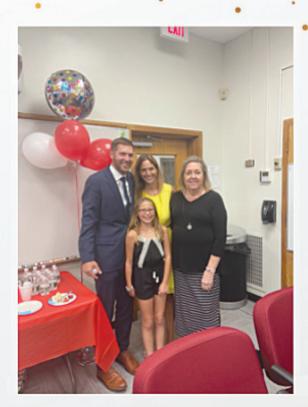
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SEPTEMBER	06 (Tuesday)	19 (Monday)
OCTOBER	03 (Monday)	17 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	07 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
DECEMBER	12 (Monday)	
JANUARY	09 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	06 (Monday)	
MARCH	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)
APRIL	03 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
MAY	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
JUNE	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)

# Wolcott Public Schools 2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS

		Normal School Day	Early <u>Dismissal</u>	2 Hour Delayed Opening	3 Hour Delayed Opening
ı	All Elementary Schools	8:55AM - 3:20PM	1:20рм	10:55AM	11:55AM
ı	Tyrrell Middle School	8:00AM $-2:25$ PM	12:25РМ	10:00am	11:00am
ı	Wolcott High School	7:30AM $- 1:55$ PM	12:00noon	9:30am	10:30ам



# **CONGRATULATIONS!**



On August 08, 2022, the Wolcott Board of Education voted unanimously to appoint
Mr. Shawn Simpson
to the position of Superintendent of the Wolcott Public Schools.



#### Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2022-2023

Date/Event or Holiday
August 29, 2022

August 30, 2022

April

May

June

**Total Days** 

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August 31, 2022	PD Day	
September 1, 2022	First Day	y of School
September 5, 2022	Labor Da	ау
October 10, 2022	Columbu	us Day
November 8, 2022	Election	Day
November 11, 2022	Veterans	s Day
November 23-25, 2022	Thanksg	iving (half day 23rd)
Dec 23, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023	Holiday	Recess (half day 23rd)
January 16, 2023	Martin L	uther King Day
February 17, 2023	PD Day	
February 20-21, 2023	February	y Recess
March 20, 2023	PD Day	
April 7, 2023	Good Fri	iday
April 10 - 14, 2023	Spring R	ecess
May 29, 2023	Memoria	al Day
June 14, 2023	Last Day	(tentative half day 13th and 14th)
# of Student and Staff Days	Staff	Student
August	3	0
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	17	17
January	20	20
February	18	17
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<sup>\*</sup>September 1st, 2nd, and 6th 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 twelve (12) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After twelve (12) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 14, 2023 and moving backward from there.

Revised by BOE March 07, 2022

Updated: August 05, 2022



Fercodini Broker/Owner

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Wolcott \$219,900 - Vinyl sided Ranch with Wolcott \$249,900 - This Lovely vinyl sided room, 1 car garage, huge concrete patio, wonderful back yard with basketball hoop area. Great starter home, convenient location. Ask for Lynn Lombardi.



3 bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, paneled sun- 6 room Cape features 22'x24' FR w/propane fireplace & cathedral ceilings, eat-in kitchen, formal DR w/wood floors, 3 BRs, full bath. Beautiful lot, close to I-84, schools, shopping. Ask for Chris Stoddard



Wolcott \$285,000 - Many possibilities in this large 8 room home on beautiful, flat piece of property in lake community; Spacious LR, DR w/built-in corner cabinet, eat-in kitchen, 2 BRs plus 3 add'l rooms previously used for business; easy access to golf course, lake & restaurants. Ask for Lucienne Marsella.



renovated Farm house; eat-in kitchen w/granite counter tops & hardwood floors, DR, LR w/fireplace, sunroom, main floor MBR, FR; nicely landscaped w/stone walls, circular driveway, vegetable garden & orchard. Ask



North Granby \$449,900 - 11 Room, 4 BR for Sali Barolli.



Chris



Lynn Lombardi



Turbacuski



Wolcott \$597,000 - To Be Built; Cont Colo-

nial in the Preserve Subdivision; open floor

counters & island, FDR w/crown molding,

great room w/propane FP, MBR w/full bath &

walk-in closet, c/air, 2 car garage, seasonal

water views. Ask for Lynn or J.R.

plan, 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, kitchen w/granite Meriden \$55,000 - Lovely Mobile home in-

Waterbury Condo \$124,900 - East End 2 BR Townhouse close to Wolcott line; eat-in kitchen with appliances, nice size LR, 1.5 baths, includes washer/dryer. Close to shopping, bus line & highway. Ask for Sali Barolli.

#### LAND LOTS

#### **WOLCOTT**

cludes eat-in kitchen with appliances, living

room, 2 bedrooms, one full bath and heated

sunroom, shed. Ask for Linda Fercodini.

\$39,900 - Builders, Buyers! Check out this .78 acre lot. City water available.

\$105.000 - The Preserve subdivision; Wooded 1+ acre lot on cul-de-sac; u/g utilities, sewers available

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

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

#### **WATERBURY**

\$250,000 - Builders! Developers! Take Notice! 11.23 acres of land adjacent to a subdivision of beautiful homes built between 2005-2007. Possibility of a 41-lot subdivision.

#### **SOUTHBURY**

\$325,000 - Beautiful property on almost 4 acres of flat, treed land. Topo map available showing proposed septic system and proposed house location.

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