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Happy 8th Birthday, Owen! We're so proud of everything you do! Love, Mom & Dad



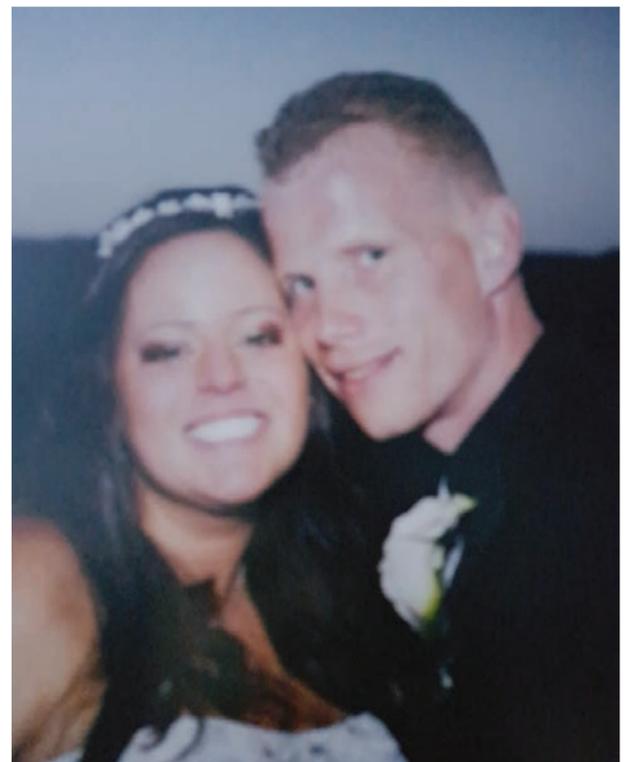
On August 27th a new business located at 690 Wolcott Road held a ribbon cutting ceremony with help from the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce. 110 Baked Café opened its' doors a few weeks prior as a soft opening. Owners Amy and Matt Baransky of Wolcott will be offering baked goods, pastries and cookies, the majority of which is prepared by them. Gourmet and specialty coffees will also be sold at the café. Photo by Janice Freschlin



Farmingbury Women's Club held their annual Membership Tea event on September 1, hosting this fabulous event with their Sunflower theme is Karen MOWAD, chairperson for this Event with her daughter McKendra helping her with all the festivities of the night.



Wolcott resident, Alex Nole celebrated his 105th birthday at the Wolcott Town Hall on September 12th. A nice gathering of family, friends, clergy and dignitaries were on hand to greet Alex on his arrival to the Council Chambers where everyone had the opportunity to sing happy birthday to him. A Town Proclamation was read and presented to him by Mayor Tom Dunn. Photography by Picard



Wishing my wife a happy 10 year anniversary and cheers to a wonderful decade full of love and happiness!  
Love Chris



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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!

## BIRTHDAYS

### 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.

### Scorpio, Oct 23rd - Nov 21st - "The Scorpion"



Scorpios are passionate and assertive people with determination and focus you rarely see in other zodiac signs. They will turn to in-depth research to reach the truth behind anything they find important. Great leaders and guides, Scorpios are resourceful, dedicated and fearless when there is challenge to be overcome. They will hold on to other people's secrets, even when they aren't very fond of them to begin with and do anything they can for those they tie themselves to.

Rose Fasano — Oct 31st

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**October 6th - Thursday  
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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  
**Info:** Food Trucks, Crafters & Vendors, Classic Car Show, Pumpkin Patch & Hay Rides

**October 15th - Saturday  
Wolcott Vol FD Company 1  
Open House  
Location:** 395 Central Ave, Wolcott  
**Time:** 12:00pm - 3:00pm  
**Info:** Fun events & experiences. Touch a Truck, Live Vehicle Extrication Demo, Firefighter Gear Try-on and more...

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240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT  
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Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm  
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**October 21st - Friday  
Set Back Tournament  
Sponsored by The Ladies Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish  
Location:** Father Shea Hall  
525 Woodtick Rd, Wolcott (formerly St. Pius X Church)  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Tickets:** \$15 per person  
**Info:** To reserve your spot contact Rachel Wisler at [rachelmwisler@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelmwisler@yahoo.com) or call 203-879-0889

**October 27th - Thursday  
Meet the Candidates hosted by The Junior Women's Club  
Location:** Wolcott Town Hall  
10 Kenea Ave, Wolcott  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Info:** Candidates seeking to win the election have been invited to attend and they will have an opportunity to present their platform to the audience

**November 10th - Thursday  
Veterans Vigil and Luminary Ceremony to Honor all Veterans  
Location:** Wolcott Town Green  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Info:** To Purchase Luminaries <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-vigil-luminary-ceremony-tickets-410199456617> or email [patriotsdayct@aol.com](mailto:patriotsdayct@aol.com) or call 203.228.7305  
**Luminary Sales:** \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 10 for \$20

**November 10th - Thursday  
Exchange Club of Wolcott Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction  
Location:** LaBella Vista Banquet Facility  
380 Farmwood Rd. Wolcott  
**Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm  
**Tickets:** \$40 Per Person  
**Info:** Live Entertainment, Food, Variety of Wines, Raffles. Sponsorships & Reserved Tables Available. For tickets contact Pat Draper at 203-558-7914

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October 2022

As we come upon the Fall season, we look forward to enjoying all the activities the season brings. Especially, enjoying the fall foliage along the Mill Pond Way. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month; please take a moment to think about those affected by the disease.



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

We continue to work hard to move our town forward in a positive and productive way.

Please visit our website for upcoming events [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org)

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.

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**A Minute with the Clerk**

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Our election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. All regular polls will be open from 6am to 8pm.

District 1 Tyrrell Middle School, 500 Todd Road

District 2 Wolcott High School, 457 Boundline Road

District 3 Wakelee School, 12 Hempel Drive

Absentee ballots will be available starting Friday, October 7, 2022. You may come in person to obtain an application or print one online from the Secretary of States Office. Please do not hesitate to obtain an absentee ballot if you are in need of one. Every single vote is important.

If you receive an absentee ballot from a candidate or party, you may choose to use it or you can vote in person on Election Day.

I like to encourage all that can vote in person to do so. While the election process has changed through the years, your vote is still safe and secure and our election officials work hard to validate each voter. I remember as a child going into the election booths with my parents and grandparents and helping them click the levers. They would tell me the importance of voting and the history of why we have these rights.

I love to see big crowds come out on election day to support their candidates. Not only is it your right, it is also a sign of community, democracy, and solidarity.

## Wolcott Girl Scouts in Motion

The Girl Scouts of Wolcott are welcoming new girls weekly, together they are having new adventures. The weekend of September 10, 2022 saw our first ever Camporee. Girls and leaders from all ages joined together in sisterhood on a camping adventure. Girls participated in archery, hiking, stamp carving, campfire songs, and more. The event was put together and led by the oldest girls of our Service Unit, our Cadette Girl Scouts. They showed their leadership skills learned in Girl Scouts by setting up stations around Camp An Se Ox, in Oxford CT, and encouraging the girls to explore the whole camp from the frog marshes to the newly installed yurt. You can learn more about the Wolcott Girl Scout Service Unit by following our Facebook page, Wolcott CT Girl Scouts, or by asking a local leader to help your girl become involved in our GIRL Lead Program.



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 Oct 23rd - 11:00am Service with Holy Eucharist  
 Oct 30th - Church Closed - Service online with Diocese

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## Boy Scouts Troop 230 Update

BSA Troop 230 began the scouting year by reinstating its weekly meetings. New leadership and patrols were announced and the new teams competed in a friendly fire building challenge. Further, the Troop practiced Court of Honor and Color Guard skills in preparation for upcoming ceremonies for fellow scouts.

The boys continued training for the Cycling Merit Badge. Some of the scouts worked to complete 10, 15, and 25 mile rides already. The badge ends with a 50 mile bike ride. The Troop will ride the 50 miles in late September on a campout in Cape Cod to complete this Eagle Scout Merit Badge.

Thank you to the Wolcott Community for another successful can and bottle drive on September 10. The Troop is so grateful for the support! The funds raised through these drives goes to fund various camp outs, outdoor adventures, merit badge classes/skills and more.

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](mailto:boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com)




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## Ladies' Guild Setback

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**Breast Cancer Awareness**



Nicole Sookhan, MD

The most common cause of cancer in a woman is breast cancer. 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer over their lifetime. It is important to be mindful of our breast health. Early detection leads to early diagnosis and early treatment of breast cancer.

The risk factors for breast cancer are being overweight, lack of exercise, family history, never given birth, lack of breast feeding, dense breasts and increased alcohol consumption. Being obese increases the risk of breast cancer because fat cells produces estrogen (the female hormone) which increases the risk for breast cancer. 75% of women who developed breast cancer have no family history of breast cancer. 15% have a family member with breast cancer and 10% have a genetic mutation which predisposes them to developing breast cancer.

Genetic testing is now available to any woman diagnosed with breast cancer. Multi gene panel testing can test for mutations in certain genes linked to cancers such as breast, ovarian, uterine, colon, stomach, melanoma, pancreas and prostate in men.

Dense breast tissue refers to the appearance of breast tissue on a mammogram. Breast tissue is comprised of fat (non-dense tissue), milk ducts, milk glands and fibrous tissue (dense tissue). The more glandular tissue and less fatty tissue in a breast makes the breast tissue dense. Dense tissue looks white on a mammogram. A cancer can also look white on a mammogram. In a woman with dense breasts cancers can hide. A mammogram may miss a breast cancer in 40% of patients with dense breasts. For a woman with dense breast tissue, supplemental breast imaging such as a breast ultrasound or breast MRI can increase the detection of cancers that may be hidden in the dense tissue. The development of the 3D mammogram or tomosynthesis scan combines multiple breast x-rays to create a three-dimensional picture of the breasts. This can help detect cancers in women with dense breast tissue.

In 2009 Governor, Jodi Rell, a breast cancer survivor signed a notification bill into law which allows a woman to be told if they have dense breasts on their mammogram report. On March 28, 2019 the department of Health and Human Services, the FDA announced changes to the mammogram quality standards act to report dense breast tissue to the patient.

The American Society of breast surgeons recommends a woman with an average risk of breast cancer should initiate yearly screening mammogram at the age of 40 and continue as long as they are in good health. If there is a family history of breast cancer, screening mammograms will start at an earlier age. Men can also get breast cancer. Less than 1% of all breast cancers occur in men. Alcohol consumption, being overweight, liver disease, genetic mutations and aging increases a man's risk of developing breast cancer.

We must be aware of our bodies. If we notice a breast lump, skin thickening, breast rash, bloody nipple discharge, nipple indentation or lumps under the armpit you should contact your healthcare provider.

Lifestyle changes can decrease your risk of developing breast cancer. Studies have shown a plant-based diet decreases the risk of cancer. Decreasing the consumption of red meat and processed meat reduces the risk of cancer. Exercising at least 30 minutes a day can also lower the risk of breast cancer. Women who have 3 or more alcoholic drinks per week have a 15% higher risk of breast cancer. Reduction of alcohol consumption and smoking cessation decreases the risk of breast cancer.

Finding a cancer early can lead to a better survival.

Nicole Sookhan, MD,  
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# Farmingbury Women's Club News



And here we are quickly approaching October!! We are putting on our running shoes and getting ready for a fabulous month. On October 6th, we will gather together to support and honor these brave women and men who struggle with Breast Cancer. We hope you will be joining us on the Wolcott Town Green. We will have prayer and song to support all.

We will have speakers, who are, or have gone through Breast Cancer. We will have words of encouragement, hope and faith to support the victims, families and friends of this terrible disease. We will end this program with all encouraged to place a pink ribbon on our Tree of Hope, which will stay lit all through October. Here are the details,

Thursday, October 6th, at 7:00 pm. The event to take place on the Wolcott Green unless we have rain, in that event, the program will be held in the Wolcott Town Hall. Please join us.

On October 15, we will be hosting a Fall Festival. Our ladies from the Farmingbury Women's Club have been tirelessly planning a first time event for our Club. The event will take place at the Woodtick Recreation Area. The hours are 10:00 am till 6:00 pm. (In the event of rain, this event will be held on Sunday, October 16.)

Here are some exciting features of the day!! Wow!! Over 40 Crafters/Vendors, bring your appetite, as there will be Food Vendors, and how about this menu, chicken, baked potatoes, lemonade, apple crisp, hot dogs, hamburgers, meatball, sausage and pepper subs, fried dough, kettle corn, cake pops, cupcakes and cookies and many more food items to satisfy most appetites.

As you are enjoying your selection of food, take a stroll into the Pumpkin Patch, (you may never know what might be in there), and of course after your Pumpkin Patch walk, jump on board one of the Hay Rides.

And now to sit down and relax and to the songs of the AmaSing Studio, featuring tunes from Grease, and dance numbers by Velocity Dance Studio. After taking in the songs and dance numbers, it's off to the Car Show!

Car shows are just so interesting, to see the pride of the owners of these vintage vehicles and the care and love they have put into each car.

Continue on this path where the car shows is, and you will find all of Wolcott's finest Emergency and Town vehicles. I am sure the kiddos and even the "adults" will have fun climbing on and exploring these Town vehicles. You can contact Chris 203-441-2034 or Jude 203-768-4998 for any questions you may have.

In closing, I hope you are able to join us in this day of Community spirit. All of our proceeds enable us to continue with supporting Town needs, scholarships, Veterans, Special family needs and many more projects. Wishing you and your Family a very healthy and good October. Happy Halloween.

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## Back to School



Dr. Ezra Friedman  
Wolcott, CT

I am going to keep this article brief, but not because it is not important; rather because it is very important and I do not want to dilute the message. Too often, when our children return to school, specifically older students, high school and college, they come in for their cleanings and check-ups and their beautiful teeth, though still beautiful, have cavities when they did not previously get cavities.

Or if they previously did have cavities, things have uncharacteristically worsened.

In my experience, it is two factors that cause this. Firstly, their oral hygiene habits and routines are changed. Sometimes slightly, sometimes significantly. They are waking up earlier and/or they are going to bed later. When the routine is changed, the unconscious habit of brushing and flossing is forgotten. Too tired to brush in the morning and/or too tired to brush at night. And if the student is not sleeping at home, they are not being reminded. Often happens that they start going to bed after their parents (like my oldest just started to do) or as I get older, and continue to morph into my father, I start going to be earlier... so that leaves us not awake to remind the ones at home.

Secondly, the diet changes. More sugared and caffeinated beverages. Either athletes drinking sports drinks, like Gatorade, in order to stay hydrated or students drinking coffee or energy drinks to power through late night study sessions before exams. These drinks are really bad for our teeth. They are very acidic, so even without the sugar for the sweetener, they degrade our enamel. Plus, when studying late, our routine is also thrown off and we just might forget to brush and floss which leaves the problematic stuff on our teeth longer. I just hope they are not too tired to brush when they awake, bleary eyed, the next morning.

So, let's make sure we remind our kids to take care of themselves and their teeth when they head off to school. May their successes this year elicit (cavity-free) smiles from themselves and those that love them.

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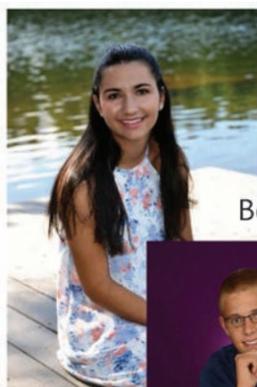


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# Political Bias Has No Place in the Classroom



**State Senator  
Rob Sampson  
16th District**

By now, we've all seen the recent video of a Cos Cob school Assistant Principal preaching his personal bias against Catholics, conservatives and "older" teachers and woke indoctrination of students as a main mission of his occupation.

Only days later, concerned educators shared politically focused teacher training materials from Guilford Public Schools. The documents contained subjective questions on hot-button political topics including transgender athletes, systemic racism, mask mandates and the January 6th attack on the US Capitol — to name a few.

Then, closer to home, a student presented the Southington Board of Education with a three-page document promoting the concepts of white privilege and systemic racism — also making national headlines.

These are just the latest in a string of related incidents across the country that have set off a firestorm of angry parents who justifiably want to know what is going on in their children's schools.

These recent incidents appear to be the unsanctioned efforts of a few individuals and not a systemic problem, but they are becoming less and less rare and isolated.

As I have stated, now countless times over the past several years, political bias has no place in public schools. Each of us, regardless of our own politics, should be furious that events like these are occurring in our schools.

I continue highlighting this destructive trend and doing my best to fight the increasing number of race and gender-based policies flowing from our state capitol — many into the arena of education.

I have offered bills and also a much-discussed amendment designed to prevent the teaching of concepts that promote a one-sided political bias, including concepts that suggest that one race or sex is superior to another race or sex, or that our country is inherently racist etc. Sadly, these are either ignored by majority Democrats or voted down on a party line as happened most recently on June 7, 2021, in the Senate.

My efforts have been wrongly characterized by those on the progressive left as censorship. I don't believe in censorship and have no objection to teaching any topic as long as the purpose is not to promote one political ideology over another or to divide students by race or gender. Facts and balance are required.

I will continue doing my part at the state capitol. Ultimately, however, the buck stops at local school districts. Along with local parent's rights groups, I have been traveling the state talking about improving education, and doing my best to empower students, parents, and good teachers how our system works and what they can do to help.

We have many excellent teachers in our schools here and across Connecticut. I know many of them personally and I also know that they would never use their role to promote any political agenda, left or right. I am genuinely sorry that they are caught up in this debate and I encourage them to continue focusing on being the best educators they can.

There is no doubt that those few educators using their position to promote a progressive agenda believe strongly in what they are doing and will continue to do so if left unchallenged. Thankfully, our American system of representative government allows us the ability as citizens to demand the policy and curriculum we choose.

Sunlight remains the best disinfectant. Transparency and accountability are the key to change. To insure that students receive an objective education, parents and honorable teachers must continue coming forward.

As these events and revelations become more common, they underscore the concern in our state and across our country:

how primary education is developed, delivered, and managed in each of our communities.

Parents are ultimately who should determine what is taught in every classroom. That is not a criticism of teachers as I have been a strong advocate for individual teachers to have more control in the classroom. In recent years, they have been undermined by mandates and bureaucracy, and some administrations. However, ultimately, it is the parents who should have final say about what is taught.

Curriculum should be determined on a local level by local Boards of Education — closest to home and most responsive to those parents. If there is a state level department of education, it should be limited to providing resources and expertise and not making policy for individual school districts. Local boards of Education must meet in-person and provide open access to residents to address their concerns. This is how our American system of representative government works.

Parents should also have access to curriculum taught in their schools, and even some access to the classroom itself — and ultimately, the choice to opt-in or out of any courses or classes they choose.

Finally, political bias has no place in schools.

I have offered each of these guidelines in the form of proposed bills in the legislature and small number of courageous colleagues have joined me. So far, these proposals (link) have been ignored by the majority party leadership of the legislature's education committee. However, I remain hopeful that growing public pressure will force positive change.

A quality education is required for Connecticut's next generation to develop as critical thinkers and meaningful contributors to our state. I will remain steadfast in demanding the reforms necessary to improve our education system. The students of today will determine the quality of our future and they deserve the best effort aimed at their success.

As always, you can find me at [senatorsampson.com](http://senatorsampson.com).



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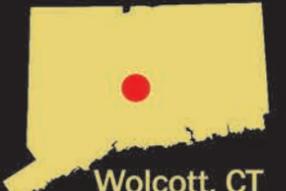


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# Junior Women's Club News



The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, will host the "Meet the Candidates" on Thursday October 27th at 7 PM. Location will be the Wolcott Town Hall, the Council Chambers. All candidates on the November 8th ballot

have been invited to speak on their platforms. Time for discussion and refreshments will follow the presentations. Cable Channel WLCT96 will broadcast live from the town hall and repeat programs may be viewed November 5th thru the 8th, Election Day. Be sure to be an informed voter.

The month of November begins with the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott sponsoring their sixth Annual "Vote Against Hunger". We are requesting that voters donate canned or non-perishable food items on Election Day. All donations will be donated to the Wolcott Food Pantry. Collection boxes will be in the voting poll areas: Tyrrell Middle School, Wolcott High School and Wakelee Elementary School. Your "Vote Against Hunger" will help to fill the pantry shelves as we enter into the busy holiday season. November will bring us to the opening of our Holiday season with the Lighting of the Christmas tree on the Town Green scheduled for November 27th at 6 PM. Come and join us as we watch our newly crowned Little Miss and Little Mr. Wolcott press down on the switch to light the tree.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the success of our "19th" Annual Golf Tournament which was held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at Farmingbury Hills Golf Course.

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We are dedicated to support our upcoming programs, including but not limited to Toys for Tots & Teens as well as our Fuel Fund for Wolcott residents. Please look for upcoming information in the Wolcott Community News. Throughout this year we will celebrate our motto: Grow, share, give and care as we continue to serve our community.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September-June at 7 pm. Our meetings are conducted via Zoom for the time being. Our meetings are open to all women age of 18 or older, who are interested in doing volunteer work and developing new friendships. Please check out our website [www.junior-womensclubofwolcott.org](http://www.junior-womensclubofwolcott.org) for more information on all of these projects or email us at [wolcottjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wolcottjuniors@gmail.com).



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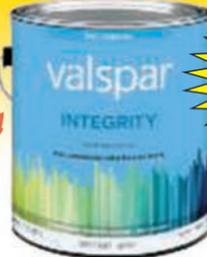
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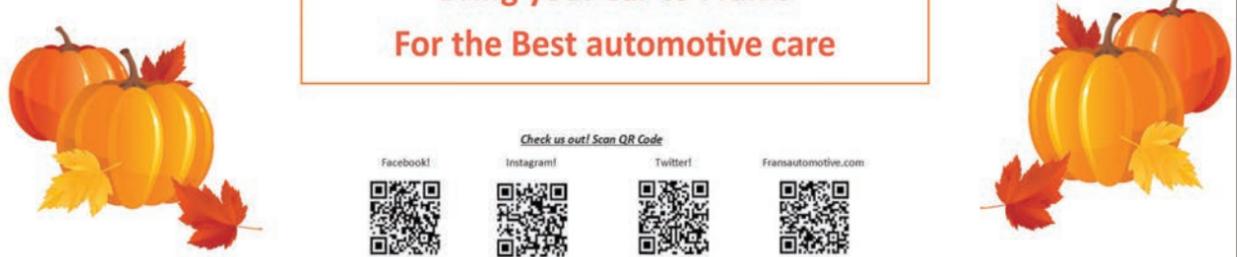


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# Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



## Autumn in New England

The days are getting cooler, and the smell of pumpkin spice is in the air! As we marvel at the beautiful colors of fall and enjoy harvest festivals remember to use caution. School is back in session and children are getting on the bus early in the morning and coming home late in the afternoon. The leaves are falling and are slippery when wet. Let us all be careful while we are driving. Don't let the distraction of a phone or anything else take your concentration away from the road ahead. Remember also to obey all speed limits and slow down when you enter school zones or experience inclement weather!

## Ambulance Facility Update

We have not yet taken ownership of the new property, but we have been working with architects and engineers as we continue with the design phase of our future facility! Thank you all very much for your continued support and we look forward to sharing more details with all of you soon!

## We have a New Ambulance!

You may have heard the old saying "all good things must come to an end". Well, that is the case with our 2007 Chevrolet Wheeled Coach ambulance. It has served us very well over the last fifteen years, and it is now time for a well-earned retirement.

In late September, we took delivery of a 2022 Ford F-550 Lifeline ambulance to replace our retiring vehicle. We are now working with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services to license and certify our new "166-3"!

## 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.

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## Stay Safe!

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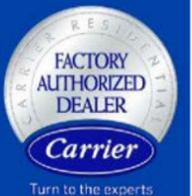
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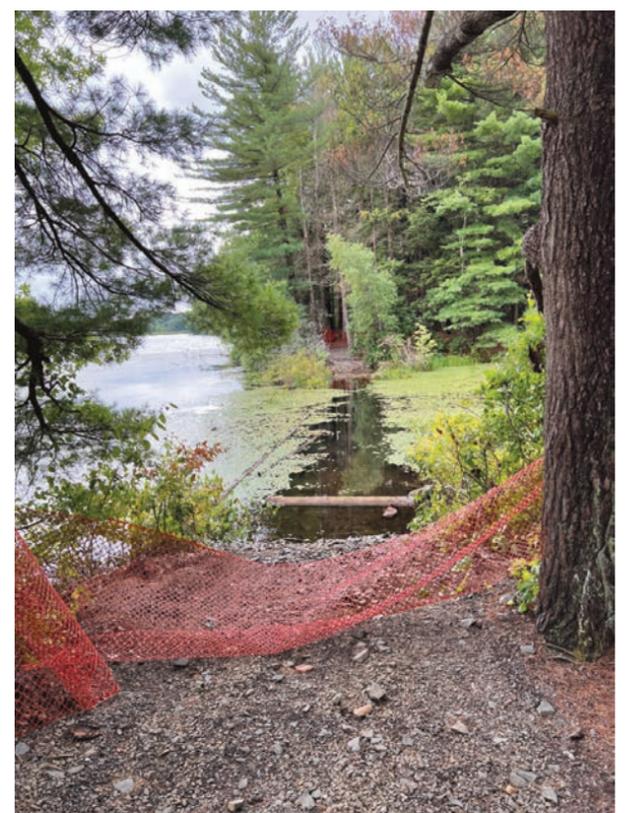
Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Co.#2 held their first ever golf tournament at Fairview Farms Country Club in Harwinton, on August 21st. They had over 140 golfers registered for this event. The funds raised will go towards the purchase of fire equipment and training. A team of fire fighters from Farmington won the fire fighters team category and will be able to compete again next year free of charge.



If you have travelled over Route 322 on the Center Street section recently, you may have noticed two recently resurfaced sections near Minor Road and 441 Center Street. The light colored surface, referred to as, High Frequency Traction Surfaces, is designed to provide better traction on curves and bends in the road, thus reducing motor vehicle accidents. The State DOT conducted the work at these sites.



The Farmingbury Hills Men's Golf Association recently held their Club and First Flight Golf Championships. Pictured here on the left is Marc Frigon who took first place in the Flight contest beating Joe Paulo and on the right is Charlie Cicchetti who won the Club Championship by beating Rich Hamel by two strokes.



A foot bridge boardwalk on the Mill Pond Way walking trail near Munson Road was removed recently, due to structural design and flaws. The bridge did not fare well during the winter months with the water beneath it freezing and thawing. The last of its' supports failed and the decision was made to remove it and redesign it with a new support system. Unknown when it will be reinstalled.



Boy Scout Troop 230 held another bottle and can collection event at the American Legion POST parking lot on September 10, 2022. A large turnout of scouts and volunteers were busy sorting the refundable containers according to glass, cans and plastic material.



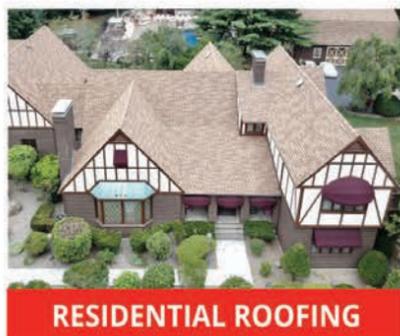
The Exchange Club of Wolcott held their annual Clam Jam on September 11, at the Woodtick Recreation pavilion. A great turnout of folks, young and old, enjoyed a variety of food, refreshments and of course, clams. One of the activities organized at the event was a hula hoop contest, seen here, a limbo contest and a karaoke contest.

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- Kosher salt + cracked black pepper
- 1 lime halved
- Fresh chopped parsley optional

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Brush each sweet potato halve with olive oil, skin included. Season the entire sweet potato with kosher salt + cracked black pepper. Score the top halves (interior flesh) with a knife. Season each top halve with chili powder, paprika and harissa or cayenne, if using. Bake for 20 mins at 400 degrees F. Remove from oven and smear the top halves with honey. Return to oven and bake for another 10 minutes. Once the sweet potatoes are tender, remove from oven. Squeeze fresh lime juice over both halves upon serving, and add parsley.

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## Loving Foster Homes Needed for Youth in Wolcott, Greater Waterbury



by Allison Casinghino, Foster Care Specialist, Wheeler

Children and youth in Wolcott and Greater Waterbury are in need of stable, nurturing foster homes, and you can help by becoming a Wheeler foster parent. In Connecticut, there are more than 3,400 children in the foster care system and hundreds

more who need loving homes. Most of these youth are 13 or older.

There are many paths to foster parenting through Wheeler's Foster Care programs, and our caring team of social workers, clinicians, and case workers will guide you every step of the way, providing support 24/7 that starts with a one-hour (virtual informational session) and a 10-week virtual journey, called TIPS-MAPP, Trauma-Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence – Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting. During TIPS-MAPP, you explore your own life and family dynamic, connection with children, and you put yourself into the roles of individuals directly connected with children and youth to encourage a deeper, more empathetic understanding of the circumstances facing children and youth who need of loving homes.

Here are ways that you can make a difference as a licensed foster parent.

### Become licensed as a therapeutic foster home.

The program serves children, ages 6 through 17, who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect, or who may be experiencing symptoms related to trauma, loss and other behavioral health concerns. Foster families receive ongoing training and 24/7 support from our Therapeutic Foster Care team. Adoptive homes are also needed.

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If you have ever wondered about whether you are the right fit for foster care, consider these lesser-known facts. Foster parents come from every walk of life. They are single, married or engaged in a domestic partnership. They rent or own their homes. Except for the age requirement of 21, there is essentially no age limit in terms of becoming a foster parent.

In addition to Wolcott, we serve youth and foster families in Beacon Falls, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Waterbury, and Woodbury.

If you think you would like to take the next step in the process of becoming a Wheeler Foster parent, contact me at 860.793.7277, or send an email to [Fostercareprograms@wheelerclinic.org](mailto:Fostercareprograms@wheelerclinic.org). You may also visit our website at: [www.WheelerClinic.org/Foster](http://www.WheelerClinic.org/Foster).

**Save The Date!**  
**Thursday, Oct 6th - 7:00 pm**

The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will host their annual Breast Cancer Awareness ceremony. The event will be on the Wolcott Town Green and will be held outside Rain or Shine. All are welcome to join us!!!

*Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

# The Classroom Is No Place for Political Ideology



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

All too often we are seeing the “woke” curriculum slip into our classrooms. Whether it's CRT (which is now illegal to teach in some states) or allowing children to pick their own names, it's clear the focus in our schools has shifted to activism, pronouns, gender roles, how everything is racist and that everyone is a victim.

This is madness that harms our students because it distracts from the foundational classes that they’ll need later in life in an increasingly competitive job market. And this isn’t just a once-in-a-blue moon occurrence in our schools; it’s happening over and over again.

In Southington, it was reported that an English teacher distributed three pages of “vocabulary” to her 10th-grade class students, which including terms such as “white privilege.” The worksheet discussed “safe space” words and other terms that were meant to divide students based on race. The school board is now investigating why and how the material made it into the hands of students.

In Enfield, a “Pizza & Consent” assignment was distributed to 8th-grade students that used pizza as a metaphor for

sexual consent, with such statements as, “When you order pizza with your friends, everyone checks in about each other’s preferences, right? and the same goes with sex; you have to check in with your partner(s) and ask for their preferences” according to the Journal Inquirer. This is simply inappropriate to be teaching to our children, at that young an age. And, it should be up to the parents to decide how they have those conversations, not teachers who are influencing their students with their own biases.

And if you haven’t heard about it, Jeremy Boland, an assistant principal of Cos Cob Elementary School in Greenwich, was recorded making several statements, including allegedly saying “you don’t hire them” in reference to hiring Catholics or people over 30 for teaching positions. Project Veritas, a non-profit organization dedicated to investigative journalism, recorded Boland saying that people who were raised “hardcore” Catholic were “brainwashed” and he was trying to hire teachers who would instruct students in a progressive, liberal way.

It’s reprehensible and illegal for any educator to discriminate against hiring anyone on the basis of their religion. This is intolerant behavior and should be condemned. I called for this assistant principal to be immediately removed from his duties and for a full investigation of not only him, but also his supervisors. According to reports, he also referenced making liberal ideology the norm while educating young students and that it would be a service to the country if they later voted Democrat.

Simply put, we don't send our children to school so that educators can indoctrinate them into a political party. That applies to Republicans and Democrats. And there are so many great teachers who keep politics out of the classroom and they deserve to be recognized for the job they do. But many of these policies are coming from the State Dept. of Education, The National Education Assoc. and the CT Education Assoc. who are forcing good teachers to do the wrong thing in order to keep their jobs.

This is why we need to continue to stand up and question what is being taught in our schools. As parents, it is our right to be informed and ensure that students learn what we sent them there to learn: math, science, history, writing and reading (and while we're at it, how to say the Pledge of Allegiance correctly).

To address these very issues, I joined my colleagues, this past session in supporting several proposed bills that would prohibit teaching biased political ideology and another requiring transparency of training and teaching materials in schools. Our attempts to introduce constructive, commonsense legislation fell on deaf ears – the Democrat chairmen of the Education Committee refused to even raise those bills for a discussion. These curricula shouldn't be kept secret. When parents ask about the books that are being used and the topics being taught, schools should be transparent. After all, it's a parent's right to know, because it is their child.

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@house-gop.ct.gov](mailto:Gale.Mastrofrancesco@house-gop.ct.gov) or by phone at (800) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity by visiting my website at [www.repastrofrancesco.com](http://www.repastrofrancesco.com) or my Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/repcale](http://www.facebook.com/repcale).

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# Wolcott High School NEWS



## Wolcott High School SkillsUSA



# Free Electronic Recycle Day

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TIME: 9AM-1PM



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## Notification of 504

The Wolcott Board of Education is seeking to identify and notify the parents or legal guardians of children who may be in need of the American with Disabilities Act, Section 504 services. The purpose of the act is to prohibit discrimination and to assure that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to non-disabled students. If you have a child with a handicap that substantially limits one or more major life activities and who is not currently identified, please contact your building principal or Mr. Walter Drewry, District ADA 504 Coordinator, at Wolcott High School-(203) 879-8164.



On Friday 9/9, Wolcott High School's Football team and Wolcott Athletics honored all of Wolcott's First Responders, Active Military Members, and Veterans as a "thank you" for their service.

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## Waterbury HEALTH



# Wakelee School News!



Mallard came to visit some classrooms! Here are some kindergarten students in Mrs. Colgate's class. The students had a chance to see him and many got up the courage to pet him!



Students in Mrs. Mancini's class worked on a team building activity where they had to build a standing tower with spaghetti, masking tape, string, and one marshmallow.



Mrs. Martinjuk's third grade class also got a visit with Mallard!



Fifth grade students worked on a puzzle activity where they had to use teamwork to guide one of their classmates to put the puzzle together with their eyes closed.



Olivia and Colton were eager for their first day and can't wait to start reading!



# Wolcott Historical Society - October 2022



by Florence Goodman

As children we tend to be unaware of the people who are the driving forces of change in our community. I never thought about the influence that one resident could have in the development and improvements to our town library system, but now I realize that Alexander Nole was a library advocate for many years. On September 12, 2022, Alex celebrated his 105th birthday. An amazing accomplishment for an amazing man! I have known Alex, his wife Julia and their children since the mid 1950s when they first moved to our neighborhood. I babysat for them for many years, and I watched their children grow up, but I truly didn't appreciate his dedication to making sure our residents would someday have a first-class library.



Alex Nole, Mary Hunt and Margie Smith in 1980

Growing up in Wolcott in the 1950s was a great experience for me. Our neighborhood was filled with kids of all ages and our summers were spent playing outside. Our mode of transportation was walking, or biking and we were allowed to travel quite a distance without our parents worrying about us. One special memory I have is our (Nancy and I) weekly walk to the Town Hall to visit the one room library located there. It may have been small, but it was filled with our favorite books that we could borrow. As I think back on those library days, I can't help to think what an impression those books had on my education. My mom was an avid reader and I know she passed her love of reading on to us. I remember the first library that she helped set up at the end of the hall in the original Alcott School. That too was a special library



Alex with Mayor Dunn as a Patriots' Day honoree in 2018

experience. At that time in my life, I didn't realize that our town library originated in the Congregational Church in 1828 and in 1924 when our new Town Hall opened it was moved there until 1957. Then came another change because of renovations at the Town Hall so the library was moved into the basement of the Center School which was used at that time for town offices. Sixteen months later,

when Town Hall renovations were completed, the town offices that were housed at the Center School relocated to Town Hall leaving the entire building available. In 1959 the library was moved from the basement of the Center School to their new home upstairs. They now took over the entire building. The Center School served as our public library until the present library was opened on Bound Line Road.



Julia Nole was an Army nurse in WWII

By 1966 the Center School Library was growing rapidly; library book circulations climbed to a new high of 18,601 and 369 new borrowers were enrolled. Library hours were increased to 32 hours per week. The Combined PTA Library Committee was a strong supporter, which continues today; now called the Friends of the Library. Space was at a premium at the Center School library so First Selectman, Edward Bagley had the old vault emptied to add floor space, but this was only a temporary fix. A meeting was held with the State Librarian to discuss inadequate space issues and availability of State and Federal grants. Soon a Library Study Committee was established with Nicholas D'Agostino as Chairman, John H. Washburne as Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Florence Marino as Secretary. The other members were Reverend Sherman Andrews (Episcopal Church), David Herbst, Mrs. Ann Donahue, Alexander Nole, Robert Ducham, Richard Opper and Dr. Charles C. Sasso, Jr. They would discuss the need for a new public library and make recommendations on location and the size of the library.



Alexander Nole served in the Army in WWII

In the 1967-68 fiscal year a Library Building Committee was established, and Alexander Nole served as chairman. The members were: Francis Bymes, John Keating, Joseph Ciarlo, Mrs. Gloria Lanosa, Mrs. Geraldine D. Cullen, Martin McCallum, Gloria D'Agostino, Dr. Charles C. Sasso, Jr., Robert Ducham, Edson Seymour, Lucian Helaire, Mrs. Isabelle Way, David Herbst and Earl L. Wooster, Jr.

Our library became a reality in 1970. Volunteers agreed to help move the books from the Center Street location to the new Bound Line Road location starting on October 17, 1970. The Center Street library closed on October 16th and the new structure opened on its formal dedication of October 25, 1970, that over 1000 people attended. Alexander Nole, stated it was, "a dream come true." First Selectman, Edward Bagley, said, "a momentous step forward in the life of the town of Wolcott." He also remarked that there had been controversy over the design of the building, but he believed it turned out to be a "forward looking structure" that reflected the attitudes of the townspeople. The building budget was \$375,000, but Wolcott only paid \$275,000 because of a \$100,000 state grant.

In 1994 the Library's Youth Room was named for Alexander Nole whose 30 plus years of hard work and dedication helped to make our present-day library a reality. When I think of the Wolcott Public Library and The Friends of the Wolcott Library, I can't help but think of Alex Nole.

Alex has spent many years volunteering in other town organizations as well and maybe that is what has kept him healthy and active all these years. He is still living at home with some help, but what amazes me most is that he still has his memory of all these wonderful experiences. Many family members and friends of Alex helped him celebrate his Birthday at the Town Hall on September 12th and Mayor Dunn presented him with a proclamation. It was a special day for this wonderful man and his family. Life passes us by too quickly, but not for Alex; he has been fortunate enough to live it to the fullest.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that Alex and his wife Julia, (who passed away on February 17, 2004, at the age of 85) were Patriots' Day honorees in 2018. They were a caring couple who instilled the importance of love for family, community and country to their three children MaryAnn, Alexander and Phyllis.

Julia served in WWII as an Army nurse from November 30, 1942, to January 28, 1946. She was stationed on various hospital ships and various camps in California. She also served in New Caledonia, the Philippine Islands and in New Zealand. While she was stationed on the Philippine Islands, she was promoted from 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant.

Alex served in WWII in the Army from February 18, 1943, to September 24, 1945. He served as an ordinance clerk in England in the 446 Bomb group in the 705th



Alexander (Sandy), Cofi Smith, caregiver, Marianne, Alex and Phyllis at the Town Hall on September 12, 2022

Squadron-B24 heavy bombers. His job was to load the pyrotechnics and bombs onto the planes. He was also responsible to report on all activities of his squadron. Alex's bomb group was reported to be the best in England, and they led all the bombers on D-Day.

Alex Nole, a helpful and caring individual who not only loved his family, but his community; he is the epitome of community service. We thank you Alex for your willingness to give of your time to improve the lives of others in our community.

(Information for this article was taken from "The Town of Wolcott Annual Reports from 1966, 1969, 1971", Waterbury Republican American articles October, February 1968, 1970, August 1989, December 1989, 1992, June 1994, August 6, 1995, 2005, "The Wolcott Congregational Church 1773-1948" by Rose E. Wakelee, 1948," The 175th Anniversary 1796-1971" by John Washburne, "The Meeting House Atop of Benson's Hill" by John Washburne)

# Alcott School News



Thank you to the Alcott PTO for welcoming teachers and staff back with a delicious breakfast!

## Welcome back to school!

*Alcott All-Stars enjoyed a fantastic return to school! Wishing everyone a wonderful new school year!*





# Focus On Frisbie



On September 1st, we opened our doors to two hundred ninety-five students.

We had a great first day as the school was filled with lots of energy.

Students enjoyed sharing all about their summer adventures with our Frisbie staff.

We had a great first day of school. It was so wonderful to have the school filled with lots of energy.





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**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/

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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

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**Monday, October 3**  
11:00 Presentation on “Colon Cancer” — sponsored by Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute. Presentation will be followed by a bingo game based on the information. Sign up at the senior center

**Tuesday, October 4**  
11:00 Bus leaves for the Great Taste of China — Sign up at the senior center

**Wednesday, October 5**  
11:30 Lunch Special - Chicken Parmesan w/ Mozz Cheese on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

**Thursday, October 6**  
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Belgium Waffles w/Bacon — \$3.00 pp—Sign up 48 hours in advance

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at AJ Steakhouse followed by visit to Sunset Meadow Vineyards — Sign up at the senior center

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a Halloween Pumpkin Door Hanging — \$8.00 pp — Sign up for class

**Friday, October 7**  
8:00 Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino — no food or casino pkg — departs casino at 4:00 PM — Sign up at the senior center

**Monday, October 10**  
SENIOR CENTER CLOSED — COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

**Tuesday, October 11**  
9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Mystick Village — sign up at the senior center

**Wednesday, October 12**  
10:00-12:00 Flu Clinic sponsored by Chesprocott Health District

**Thursday, October 13**  
9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Cabella’s & Home Goods Stores followed by lunch at The Rein Deli — Sign up at the senior center

**Tuesday, October 18**  
9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov’s — Sign up at the senior center

11:00-2:00 Free AAA Driver’s Safety Class — Check with your Auto Insurance Company for discount on insurance — Please bring your lunch—no lunch served — Sign up at the senior center

**Thursday, October 20**  
8:00 Bus leaves for Butterfly Museum, Richard’s Home-Made Candy Store, Old Deerfield country Store & Yankee Candle in Deerfield MA—Sign up at the center

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make “Cousin It” Halloween Decoration — \$10.00 pp — Sign up at the senior center

**Friday, October 21**  
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — French Toast w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Lyman Orchards — lunch to follow at The Cromwell Diner — Sign up at the senior center

**Tuesday, October 25**  
8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

11:30-3:00 Reflexology w/ Kim--\$20.00 for 20 minutes of relaxation—Sign up

**Wednesday, October 26**  
11:30 Lunch Special — Home-Made Meatballs on a Sub Roll w/ Mozz Cheese, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

**Thursday, October 27**  
9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at The Christmas Tree Shop — Sign up at the center

11:30 Halloween Pizza Party — Come in Costume! 2 pieces Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Candy Treats & Beverages — \$5.00 pp — pay 48 hours in advance

**Thursday, November 3**  
1:00 Bus leaves for 7 Angels Theater — “My Mother’s Italian - My Father’s Jewish and I’m in Therapy” — \$30.00 pp — Pay by Oct. 27 — Sign up at the senior center

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**A big shout out and thank you to Edwin Rivera of Wolcott for donating roofing supplies for our new shed construction at the Senior Center! We appreciate you!”**



Some of our seniors enjoying the picnic at Woodtick Recreation. Food sponsored by Meals in Motion food truck from New Opportunities Inc.

# Wolcott Public Library

## Adult Events for October

### Truth Behind Psychic Phenomena

Thursday, October 6th @6:00pm

This program will include discussion about psychic phenomena and its continued significance in a secularized society. Different types of psychic abilities will be touched upon along with discussions about the science behind these perceived abilities.

### WPL Book Club

Wednesday, October 19st at 6:00pm

The book club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. October's selection is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library. Everyone is welcome.

### Tarot Program

Monday, October 24th @6:30pm

Program with Heidi. Call the library for your time slot. This is not a drop-in program.

### Movie Matinee

Friday, October 28 at 1:00pm

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 am

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

### Cowtoonist

Saturday, October 15 @ 1:00pm

Children will learn to draw their own animal cartoons and also learn what it takes to be a good cartoonist. Registration required.

### FIRST Lego League: Discover

Mondays at 5:30pm

Dates: 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 am

Dates: Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25; Nov. 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 am

Dates: Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26; Nov. 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 pm

Dates: Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26; Nov. 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.

For more information about the Wolcott Public Library call 203-879-8110, or visit our website [www.wolcottlibrary.org](http://www.wolcottlibrary.org).



## Friends of the Wolcott Library

Autumn has arrived and with it comes our Fall Book Sale at the Wolcott Library. A special collection date has been set up for large donations on Saturday, October 8th from 10 am to noon. Pull into the back parking lot and we will assist you with your donations. We are accepting gently used books of all kinds, with special needs of Harry Potter, Rick Riordan, Graphic Novels and Large Print books. We have a great need for audio books as well. In our non-fiction section, we could use more books on history, sports and poetry. Jigsaw puzzles sell very well too. We will also accept DVD's CD's, games and records. If you miss our collection day, please feel free to bring your donations to the main circulation desk.

Our sale will be held on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st from noon to 6pm. Our last day will be Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm. Free admission all days and we are accepting cash only. Books will be well sorted and priced individually – most selling between 25 cents and \$4.00 each. Bags will be provided or you may bring your own. We hope you will be able to join us this year.

If you haven't already done so, we could use your assistance if you are a TD Bank holder or you plan on opening a new account. The Friends have joined their Affinity Program and we will receive a donation from the bank if you have your account coded to reflect your choice of charity. We were highlighted for most of the month of September at the Wolcott Road Branch but you can join at any time. Please see Josh or Katie for details.

Also we thank all those who participated in the Stop and Shop GIVE bag program for a second time. We were given the month of August at the Wolcott Street store in Waterbury.

Our membership letters went out early this year so that we could let all our Friends about these fund raising opportunities and many of you responded with either your annual dues or donations. We appreciate all your support. We do accept memberships all year long and an application can be found on our website [www.wolcottlibrary.org](http://www.wolcottlibrary.org).

Anyone interested in sorting books or working the book sale, please contact Janet Tynan at [Tynan\\_janet@comcast.net](mailto:Tynan_janet@comcast.net) or call 203 233-6407.

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## Wolcott Food Pantry Upcoming Reminders

October 15th, 2022 — Fall Festival Car Show. Proceeds benefit Food Pantry & local Veterans. Woodtick Recreation. (1PM – 5PM)

Nov 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 -or-drop-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.

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 upcoming distribution dates are: Oct 12th, Oct 26th, and Nov 9th. Wednesdays 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM.

We operate as a drive-through service with pre-packed bags of food placed in 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 Meats  | Jarred Pasta Sauce |
| Canned Fruit      | Coffee / Tea  | Juices             |
| Baked Beans       | Peanut Butter | Salad Dressing     |
| Cereal            | Chili         | Pasta              |
| Canned Chicken    | Pudding       | Instant Potatoes   |
| Stews             | Jelly         | Soup or Broth      |
| Oatmeal           | Mac & Cheese  | Rice               |
|                   | Condiments    |                    |

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 ongoing support.



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



Thank You to all the gardeners that have stopped by during this year's growing season. We've had donations from the Fulton Park Garden, Frisbie Project Explore Food Pantry Garden and many walk-ins with produce from their personal gardens.



Thank you Jim Pawlak, owner of Jim and Son's Auto Repair located at 18 Tosun Rd in Wolcott. He has performed many services on our truck over the years and we appreciate his reliable service!

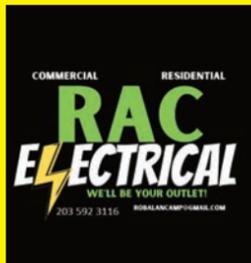


Updated photo of the pantry grounds where the Frisbie School Kindergartner class of 2022 planted flowers back in May. The flowers have filled out and the place looks marvelous! Thanks again Frisbie School Kindergartner class of 2022!

## Classifieds

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## Chesprocott Health News



Chesprocott Public Health NEEDS Volunteers for their Medical Reserve Core

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities.

MRC units are community-based and function to locally organize and utilize volunteers to support healthy and strong communities. MRC units engage with their volunteers to strengthen public health, support community events, and prepare for and respond to disasters. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

The Chesprocott Health District's MRC is very active in the community. Our MRC members have staffed almost all our COVID-19 and flu vaccination clinics. In addition, our volunteers have been trained on various emergency preparedness procedures.

The Chesprocott Health District is looking for volunteers from Wolcott to help during times of need. Many skill sets, both medical and non-medical, are needed to help our clinics run smoothly. If you are interested in becoming a Chesprocott Health District MRC Volunteer, please visit [CTResponds.ct.gov](http://CTResponds.ct.gov), the State of Connecticut's web-based volunteer management system and register an account.

Should you have any questions about the Chesprocott MRC, please feel free to call our office at 203-272-2761 to speak with Jeffrey Wilson or send an email to [jwilson@chesprocott.org](mailto:jwilson@chesprocott.org).

## Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Big News. Huge in fact! We have new members/renters that have volunteered to help clean, repair and spruce up our historic Grange building. You may have noticed recent activity over in the parking lot lately. New millings were placed down to patch holes, painting projects and deep cleaning were done, and organization projects were completed. We hope to announce more soon but for right now we just wanted to say thank you and we are happy fate put us together to keep the Grange successful for many years to come. Knowing that our building will help our new group help others in the community is wonderful and rewarding.

Close to 4000 pounds of clothing was donated in August and we are grateful for each and every person who donates. Now that the town tag sale is over, please feel free to drop off your unsold clothes, accessories, stuffed toys, shoes, jewelry, and winter clothing. Tax donation slips are located right outside the shed.

And again, thank you to our fabulous neighbors who are helping with lawn maintenance. Your beautiful family is so helpful and sweet and we appreciate you.

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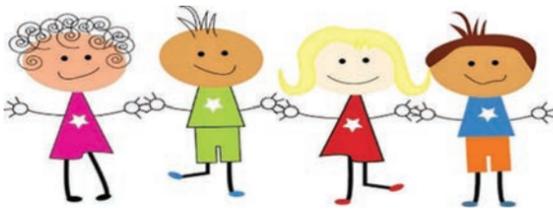



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# WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## 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, 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!*

## 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.

|          | FIRST       | SECOND      |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 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) |

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# Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2022-2023

| Month     | Days | Notes   |
|-----------|------|---|
| July      | 29   |   |
| August    | 30   | 30, 31  |
| September | 21   | 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30     |
| October   | 20   | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31       |
| November  | 18   | 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30     |
| December  | 17   | 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30     |
| January   | 20   | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31    |
| February  | 18   | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28             |
| March     | 23   | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 |
| April     | 14   | 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28              |
| May       | 22   | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31 |
| June      | 10   | 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30     |

| Date/Event or Holiday              | Staff                                       | Student        |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| August 29, 2022                    | Convocation                                 |                |
| August 30, 2022                    | PD Day                                      |                |
| August 31, 2022                    | PD Day                                      |                |
| September 1, 2022                  | First Day of School                         |                |
| September 5, 2022                  | Labor Day                                   |                |
| October 10, 2022                   | Columbus Day                                |                |
| November 8, 2022                   | Election Day                                |                |
| November 11, 2022                  | Veterans Day                                |                |
| November 23-25, 2022               | Thanksgiving (half day 23rd)                |                |
| Dec 23, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023        | Holiday Recess (half day 23rd)              |                |
| January 16, 2023                   | Martin Luther King Day                      |                |
| February 17, 2023                  | PD Day                                      |                |
| February 20-21, 2023               | February Recess                             |                |
| March 20, 2023                     | PD Day                                      |                |
| April 7, 2023                      | Good Friday                                 |                |
| April 10 - 14, 2023                | Spring Recess                               |                |
| May 29, 2023                       | Memorial Day                                |                |
| June 14, 2023                      | Last Day (tentative half day 13th and 14th) |                |
| <b># of Student and Staff Days</b> | <b>Staff</b>                                | <b>Student</b> |
| August                             | 3   | 0              |
| September                          | 21  | 21             |
| October                            | 20  | 20             |
| November                           | 18  | 18             |
| December                           | 17  | 17             |
| January                            | 20  | 20             |
| February                           | 18  | 17             |
| March                              | 23  | 22             |
| April                              | 14  | 14             |
| May                                | 22  | 22             |
| June                               | 10  | 10             |
| <b>Total Days</b>                  | <b>186</b>                                  | <b>181</b>     |

\*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

## Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2022-2023

Central Office – 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

District Compliance Officers

- a) **Title VI (race, color, national origin)** -  
Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8430
- b) **Title IX (sex equity)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal – 203 879-8160
- c) **Age Discrimination** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8430
- d) **Section 504 (handicap)** - Mr. Walter Drewry, Wolcott High School Principal, –203 879-8164
- e) **Americans with Disabilities (ADA)**-  
Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
- f) **Homeless Liaison** - Mr. Joseph Norcross, Tyrrell Middle School Principal –203 879-8151

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## Wolcott Public Schools 2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS

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

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**Wolcott \$249,900** - This Lovely vinyl sided 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 Linda Fercodini.*



**Wolcott \$245,000** - Many possibilities in this large 8 room home in lake community; 3 rooms on main level, 5 rooms on upper level. Property served both as a home and as a store; possible in-law set-up on main level. Spacious LR, DR, eat-in kitchen, 2 BRs. Easy access to golf course, lake, walking trails & restaurants. *Ask for Lucienne Marsella.*



**Wolcott \$319,500** - Spacious 2100 sq.ft., 5 BR Cape features huge LR or DR w/HW floors, large eat-in kitchen w/island, sunroom w/sliders to back yard, FR, 1 car garage & oversized driveway, city sewers, shed. Great location. *Ask for Ken or Lynn.*



**Wolcott \$597,000** - To Be Built; Cont Colonial in the Preserve Subdivision; open floor plan, 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, kitchen w/granite counters & island, FDR w/crown molding, great room w/propane FP, MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, c/air, 2 car garage, seasonal water views. *Ask for Lynn or J.R.*



**Waterbury \$134,000** - 3 Bedroom Ranch style with eat-in kitchen, large living room, dining room, full bath, nice level front and back yard; close to shopping, restaurants, bus line & more. *Ask for Lucienne Marsella.*



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



**Middlebury \$529,900** - Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial on secluded 1 acre lot on cul-de-sac; remodeled kitchen, formal DR, FR w/fireplace, large LR w/bay window, MBR with full bath w/surround shower, hardwood floors thru-out, c/air, c/vac, large stone patio with fire pit & stone walls, newer roof, 2 car garage. *Ask for Sali Barolli.*



**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

- \$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 utilities available.
- \$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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