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Happy Birthday Arabella Guerrero!
Love Uncle Rocco and Aunt Colleen



Happy Birthday Penelope Koco!
Love Papa and Gramma



The Exchange Club of Wolcott held a Veterans Recognition Dinner on December 7th at the East Street Eatery. Three veterans were recognized for their service and sacrifices for their country. In this photo, from left to right, Mayor Tom Dunn, Exchange Club member Roger Picard, Army veteran Don Sforza, Navy veteran Donald Charette, Air Force veteran Joseph Vaillancourt and Chairman of the event, Exchange Club member Gary Wachtelhausen. Photo by Robin DiNicola



The Wolcott Police Dept. hired a new police officer recently and he comes to Wolcott with over 25 years of police experience. His name is Steve Gilmore and he recently retired from the Waterbury Police Department at the rank of Captain. Officer Gilmore will be assigned to the patrol division and will undergo a few weeks of FTO training to learn department policies and procedures before patrolling on his own. He resides in Wolcott with his wife and two children. Photography by Picard



The Wolcott Lions Club were busy selling Christmas trees at their fairground location on Wolcott Road right after Thanksgiving. In this photo, Lion members assist a customer in securing their tree to the roof of their car. Photography by Picard



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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

Pasquale R. Fasano
January 24th
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and missed beyond measure.
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Love You,
Mom & Family



Art Work Images

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BIRTHDAYS

Capricorn
Dec 22nd - Jan 19th
"The Goat"

The pragmatic Capricorn can sense at once whether a new concept is going to work. Their forthright attitude also means that if they think you fall short, they will have no problem telling it "to your face". Capricorns are great at improvising too. They are quick to adopt good ideas and can make all the necessary adjustments to make them perfect for the given situation.

Those bearing the Capricorn zodiac are generally people with grand ambitions. However, though they go all out to succeed, you can be sure that they will do so with great integrity. Capricorns are very responsible in their duties as they are disciplined people who accomplish their work with a spirit of excellence.

January 8th – Edward Nadeau

Aquarius
Jan 20th - Feb 18th
"The Water Carrier"

Aquarians are among the friendliest of the signs, making friends everywhere. They are often chosen among co-workers and family for special awards and honors because of their ability to network. Highly intelligent they are energetic and talented, often using their abilities to help others. Despite their extensive people skills, they often crave alone time to reflect and think about things. Meditation is recommended for this sign as it helps to maintain that sense of alone time, while at the same time a feeling of connectedness with something greater than themselves.

January 24th – Pat Fasano
January 25th – Karisa Jane Fasano

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Junior Women's Club News



Happy New Year from the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott.

We are extending our heartfelt gratitude to be able to assist our Wolcott community throughout our 35 years supporting the Toys for Tots & Teens project. This project is made possible year over year by the generous toys and monetary donations we receive from our Wolcott residents, local businesses and organizations. Thank you to Samson Machine, Fercodini Properties, Mattatuck Industrial Scrap Metal, Tynan & Iannone, The Wolcott Lion's Club, Pat's IGA, American Legion, Dollar General, Webster Bank, TD Bank and the Wolcott Elementary Schools, Wolcott High School and Tyrell School. All donations remained in Wolcott. This Christmas season we assisted 25 families, 59 children ranging in ages from 1 month to 18. Besides toys for the children each family received a gift certificate for \$75.00 and each teenager received a \$50.00 gift certificate. The Junior Womens' Club of Wolcott is continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel assistance fund. 100% of all donations for the Fuel Fund are distributed for just that – "Fuel". We are committed to give the gift of heat when our neighbors need a helping hand.

Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Inc. is sponsoring a creative writing contest during the month of January 2021. The theme is "What is Best about Wolcott." Contest rules are available at each elementary school. One winner from each school will receive a \$25.00 Barnes and Noble gift card. Winning essays will be published in the Wolcott Community News. Good Luck to all participants.

We are a small but mighty club of dedicated volunteers, and we want to thank the town of Wolcott for the support that you have given us since our inception in 1966. We are a volunteer organization for the advancement and promotion of education, public health & welfare, social, civic interests and the arts. This organization is a 501C non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-political group. We are dedicated to being a "volunteer" and helping our community.

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

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

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WOLCOTT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN SURVEY

The Town of Wolcott received a grant from the State Department of Housing to develop an Affordable Housing Plan. Connecticut is an expensive place to live and the lack of housing affordability in many communities often means that young people can't afford to live in the towns where they grew up, older residents can't afford to downsize within their community, and people employed in lower paying jobs can't afford to live where they work.

In order to create a plan to meet the needs of our community, the Town is asking residents to provide their input. An Affordable Housing Plan survey has been developed which is located in the Town of Wolcott's website @wolcottct.org. The survey will be open through the end of January 2023.

The assistance of all Wolcott's residents, in this important project, will be greatly appreciated.

MAYOR'S CORNER

January 2023
Happy New Year!

My best wishes for a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Town Wide Christmas Party. Special Thanks to the High School Chorus and Band. The party would not be as successful without your continued support.



I would also like to thank all organizations and individuals who were so generous to the families in need for both the Thanksgiving Holiday and the Christmas Holiday. The response and caring from the Town makes me feel honored to be not only a resident of this Town but also your Mayor.

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.

I am looking forward to the New Year and the exciting new things happening in our town.

Please visit our website for upcoming events. www.wolcottct.org

Very truly yours,

Thomas G. Dunn
Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Happy New Year! Every January I take time to reflect on how truly lucky I am to be a part of the Town Clerk world. I started in Wolcott in January of 2006...17 years! I've worked several jobs while in high school and college and I remember the days of not wanting to get out of bed in the morning, being bored on the job, or not having the most productive co-workers. I had a very different avenue in college but eventually I changed to Business Administration. It was the best decision I ever made. I cannot recall one day I ever felt bored or unsatisfied in my current work. Sometimes you must follow your heart and let fate and hard work guide you to where you were meant to be. I have made amazing connections in Town, in the State and internationally in the Town Clerk world. I'm looking forward to another year of my work family and all the residents who come in for assistance.

Please have a Happy and Safe 2023!

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Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 is wrapping up 2022 with flare. Scouts have been consistently attending weekly meeting where they are working on various merit badges including a new Eagle Scout Requirement, Citizenship in Society which addresses the challenges of diversity and discrimination. The boys are also learning essential skills to meet the advancement requirements of their individual rankings, such as camping, cooking, animal tracking, tree identification, knots and lashings.

Further, the Troop held its annual food drive on the Wolcott Town Green on November 19 where they raised over \$2100 and 337 pounds of food for the Wolcott Food Pantry. A tremendous thank you to all of Wolcott for its support with this project. The boys will participate in Wreaths Across America on December 17.

Finally, the Troop ended the month with a hiking/backpacking campout at Sessions Woods in Burlington. The Scouts hiked 3.5 miles with all the gear needed to make camp, settled on a site and hunkered in for a cold night of fire cooking and tent camping. The next morning, they packed up and hiked back out.

Upcoming events include a holiday party, an indoor rock climbing night, a winter camping trip to Vermont 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.

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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

Welcome to 2023!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is difficult to believe that another year has passed. As we transition to 2023, we hope each of you and your families had a great holiday season. As we start the new year, please stay safe. Winter weather can be unpredictable. Watch for ice on the roads and sidewalks and be careful clearing snow from your walkways and driveways. As always, we would like to thank each one of you for supporting Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association!

Ambulance Update

In our October article, we reported that we were working with the State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services to license and certify our new ambulance. We are excited to announce that our 2022 Ford F-550 Lifeline ambulance has been certified by the State to provide emergency care and is on the road!

Ambulance Facility Update

The work to 1300 Woodtick Road continues to progress with the Education and Administration wing of the complex close to completion. Once this area is ready, members of our administrative team will move to their new office space, and we will begin planning and holding community classes and EMT programs at the new location!

We are preparing to send the remodeling and construction phases of the project out to bid and hope to continue with the project through the winter and into the spring completing it in 2023.

Please remember to use the 48 Todd Road location for all unscheduled or emergent visits until further notice.

Emergency Medical Technician Class

Have you ever thought about becoming an Emergency Medical Technician? This is a challenging yet rewarding career that is experiencing nationwide shortages. We are in the planning stages for our next class!

The initial course is a minimum of 150 hours. During that time, the student will learn basic anatomy & physiology of the human body, how to treat the sick or injured person, and how to administer lifesaving treatments such as oxygen therapy, CPR, and bleeding control. This class is usually taught over a two-to-six-month period depending on the number of hours devoted to it each week.

Once you become an EMT, you can volunteer or work for an ambulance service and help those in need of medical assistance. Many EMTs go back to school to become Paramedics, Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants or even Medical Doctors!

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 an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? We are looking for volunteers! We have a diverse group of EMTs and Paramedics with experience 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 again for your continued support of Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance. We are humbled and honored to serve this great community!



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NEW LISTING!	LOT FOR SALE	NEW LISTING!
 <p>Wolcott \$279,900 – This is single level living at its best with quality improvements. This home was upgraded. Some of the improvements that this home offers include, a newer roof with new 1/2 inch plywood, newer vinyl windows, newer custom siding, central air, newer well pump, brand new gutters and updated electrical and plumbing. Some more great features include an (approx) 7 year old high efficiency propane furnace, newer high efficiency on demand water heater with a pure flow water distribution system and newer encapsulated insulation for the attic and crawl space. The open floor plan offers recently refinished hardwood flooring with more than enough space for entertaining and comfortable living. The 3 bedrooms boast gleaming hardwood floors and ample closet space. The bathroom has custom tile work around the shower, a jetted tub and the faucet is equipped with an anti-scalding safety feature. The quality of the work shows the love for the house that the owner/contractor has for it. From the biggest upgrades to the smallest detail, this house has it all! Call Jay</p> <p>Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com</p>	 <p>Wolcott, LOT FOR SALE \$169,900 Rare approved building lot up for sale. waterfront property on Hitchcock Lake! Owners had a design (blueprints) to accommodate a 2500 sqft single family. Contemporary house with a 2 car garage. Fantastic opportunity to build your dream home with amazing lake views! Town sewer in the street.</p> <p>Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com</p>	 <p>Wolcott \$329,900 – Great investment opportunity to own a single family 3 bedroom cape style home with 2 additional lots. To be sold as a package deal for a total of 2.81 acres. This Cape style home features 3 bedrooms, eat-in-kitchen, 1 bath and 1 car detached garage on .63 Acre. The additional lots are 1.57 acres and .61 acre. Buyers to perform due diligence on the 2 additional lots. Call Bridget</p> <p>Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com</p>

						
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Happy New Year and best wishes for a prosperous 2023 to my readers. This upcoming legislative session, like all others, I encourage you all to pay close attention to how those that you've sent to Hartford vote on your behalf. We are all certainly busy with work, family, and the stresses of daily life. However, I encourage you to take note as best you can. What happens at the Capitol will dictate the future course of this state and to a degree, our nation. Your attention and understanding are key to reclaiming our representative system of government and putting us back on a proper course.

We are at a significant crossroads in our country. Connecticut has been on the wrong path for quite a while now and while there remain red and blue states, the overall trend is not a good one.

Our great country was founded on important key values that exist in few, if any other, places on earth and which have led to our tremendous quality of life and the abundance our society has sadly been steadily taking more and more for granted.

The great battle in politics matches the great divide in the country. Will we continue to be a country of free people that embrace liberty and the responsibility that goes with it to fly to great heights and unparalleled success? Or will we allow freedom and personal choice to wither as government power grows, stifling accomplishment and empowering itself to create more and more dependence? This shift to socialism has played out many times throughout history but we cannot let it happen here.

My personal frustration is that the party of freedom and capitalism continues to lose its way and its nerve in our state. Elected Republicans more and more often are failing to honor our platform or distinguish themselves from the majority Democrats who, because of their dominance, own every problem we face in Connecticut.

This past November's special session put everything I've just outlined on full display. The passage of the four-part emergency measure showed us, in clear terms, the cost of Democrat policy in Connecticut – back breaking inflation and energy costs driving us all to the poorhouse – even potentially life-threatening situations because of insurmountable heating bills, more transfer payments as a direct result of the state's heavy-handed mismanagement of the pandemic, and other smaller mistakes as a consequence of rushed central planning.

The purpose of calling us in for the vote was to react and correct the failure of those policies. Ironically, the solutions offered only exacerbate the problem with more progressive policies that grow government dependence while requiring middle class taxpayers to ante up even more.

It was a huge, missed opportunity for most CT Republican legislators who voted in favor of the emergency certified bundle of half-measures. Not only did they abandon Republican principles by aiding the Democrats in advancing their dangerous agenda, but they also failed in their obligation to be the voice of Republican voters. Kudos to the courageous few that stood strong and voted their conscience despite the pressure to conform.

You would think that after the poor performance of Republicans across CT in the last election, GOP leaders might see an opportunity to return to fighting for substance and principle. This was a chance to make the case that the Hartford Democrat's way has been an utter failure and will continue to be. This was a chance to address the root problems of the high cost of energy, of inflation, of our

underperforming economy, and to fight for our worldview where individuals are empowered to succeed, where competitive markets set prices, and hard work and personal responsibility improve the quality of life. In short, the worldview of America itself. The special session vote was the perfect opportunity to pivot and stand for something again.

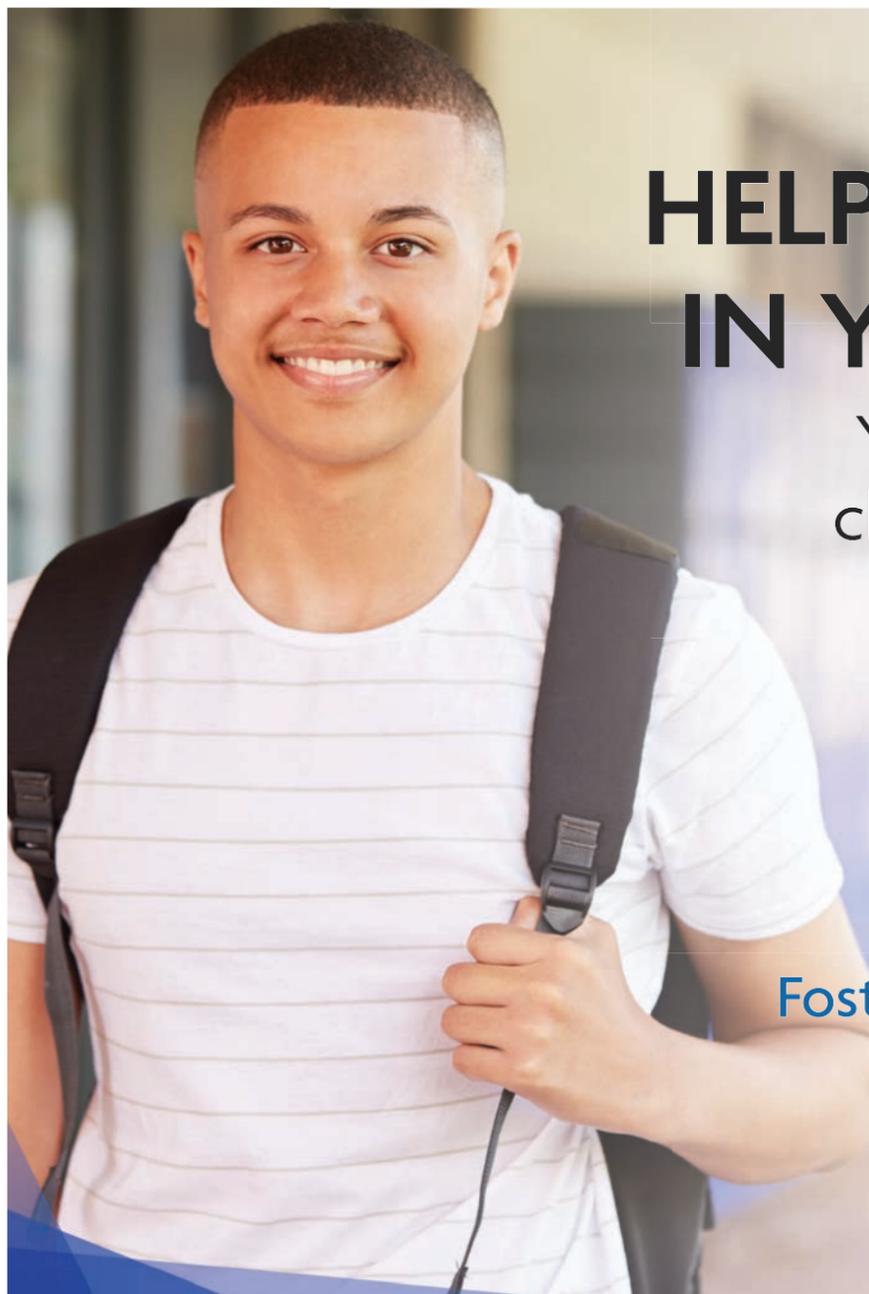
Unfortunately, many of us have become accustomed to thinking that we need to elect certain people or a certain party to "save" us, and that the failure to win elections also means that our worldview cannot be realized. Thankfully, that has never been true. It has always been the people themselves that have the power to change our trajectory. To do so, they need to understand what is happening and the consequences of the course we are on. Then, they need to demand that elected representatives – regardless of party affiliation – deliver policies that match.

There are indeed alternatives to the Majority's failed policies and a better way for Connecticut. Those who know me know that I never fail to articulate alternatives and make the case for our American system of representative government. Let's hope 2023 is a new opportunity for all of us who love America and what it represents to stand strong for our principles and set us back on a proper course.

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As we enter a new year, I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to 2023. When the new legislative session begins on Jan. 4, I will be ready to serve as your voice at the Capitol and fight on your behalf.

I'm again honored that House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora has appointed me as ranking member of the General Assembly's Government Administration and Elections Committee. This is an important leadership role on a committee that has cognizance on all matters related to state and federal relations, interstate compacts, constitutional amendments, and all matters relating to elections and election laws, among other important roles. I will remain a staunch defender of the integrity of the state's voting system and will work toward implementing more safeguards to protect against any type of voter fraud.

As we enter the new year, several new laws have gone into effect in Connecticut as of Jan. 1. Although I did NOT support any of the legislation below, I wanted to share this information with you, so you are aware of it:

Marijuana: Retail sales of cannabis are scheduled to begin on Jan. 10 at nine dispensaries in the state that are now allowed to sell marijuana to customers who are 21 and older. Up to a quarter ounce can be purchased at a time. This was part of legislation that was signed into law by Governor Lamont in 2021.

Our local and state groups have worked so hard to keep drugs out of the hands of our youth and this undermines their hard work. Selling marijuana is still a federal crime, yet the majority in the Connecticut legislature has condoned it. Because of these retail sales, we are sure to see more drivers who are under the influence on our roads and that puts more of our citizens at risk. This is yet another dangerous way for the state to bring in revenue to cover wasteful government spending.

Highway Use Tax: Known as the truck tax, is a charge at rates up to 17.5 on each mile driven by the trucks that bring us our essential goods and will only serve to increase costs at our retail and grocery stores. The tax targets heavyweight commercial trucks, the ones that bring in so many of the products we use every day. This legislation was passed along party lines last year despite objections from House Republicans, as well as trucking and grocery industry advocates who said it would result in higher prices for consumers.

Truckers and shipping companies are grappling with high diesel costs and inflation, now Connecticut will hit them with yet another tax. This fee on one of our vital industries makes no sense and should be repealed. Republicans also offered amendments that would have added exceptions for certain businesses, including agriculture, but those were voted down by the majority.

Erasure of Criminal Records: In certain cases, people convicted of crimes will have their records erased. Some of the crimes eligible for erasure are many misdemeanors; Class D or E felonies; and unclassified felonies with up to five-year prison terms. Convictions are eligible for erasure after the following periods have passed since the person's most recent conviction: seven years, for eligible misdemeanors; and 10 years, for eligible felonies. But this legislation was pushed through in a rush by the Democrat majority and state agencies weren't ready to carry it out. Even after \$5 million of taxpayer funds were budgeted for this erasure process, Connecticut's Judicial Branch is having difficulty implementing it due to technical issues. Thousands of convictions will be erased as of Jan.1, 2023, but as a result of these issues the erasure of other crimes is now delayed until later in 2023.

Special Session

We were also called into special session to address the holiday gas tax cut, funding for the energy assistance program, premium pay for essential workers, and free bus rides. My main concern with this bill was the premium pay and the phase out of the holiday gas tax cut.

At a time when people are struggling with record inflation and energy costs, the majority of legislators in the House and Senate have taken away a tax break that was helping many drivers in our state.

Months ago, the 25-cent per gallon tax on gasoline was suspended at a time when prices were sky high and people needed the break. During the special legislative session, the majority voted to phase that tax back in starting in January, which will squeeze family budgets even more. By May, the full 25-cent tax will be back in place. The state government has a record surplus, yet the majority continues to demand more from residents at a time when they can least afford it.

I voted NO to this bill because I believe this tax cut should not be taken away. Taxpayers are already dealing with strained budgets and higher energy bills; they don't need higher gas prices on top of it. Reinstating the gas tax was lumped into several other pieces of legislation, which I completely disagree with. Instead of debating each part of the bill separately, we were forced to take all of it or none of it.

The majority also voted to spend \$76 million in taxpayer dollars on bonuses (called "premium pay") for certain people who worked during the pandemic. But the government shouldn't be in the business of providing these bonuses. During the pandemic the state mandated many businesses to close, resulting in thousands of jobs lost and many businesses closed permanently. Yet those who were fortunate enough to remain employed are now getting taxpayer-funded bonuses. Some are healthcare workers who are dedicated to their profession, helped many people who were sick and never expected a bonus as a result.

In Connecticut, we have many fiscal issues and we shouldn't be increasing spending on programs that are Band aids to bigger problems. Instead, we should be investing this money in the long-term growth of our state because when those Band aids come off, it's going to be painful. Whether its opposing poor legislation proposed by the majority, or working to pass bills that lower your taxes, I will be working for you this session. 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 activity by visiting my website at www.repastrofrancesco.com or my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/repcale.

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Managing your diabetes effectively and engaging in good dental health habits can help ensure your mouth and the rest of your body stay as healthy as possible.

Step 1: control your blood glucose levels

Follow these tips and your doctor's orders to keep your blood glucose at a healthy level:

- *Eat a well-balanced, healthy diet.
- *Take your medicine.
- *Stay active.

Step 2: create good dental health habits

Start working these habits into your routine, if you haven't already, to keep your mouth feeling great.

- *Brush your teeth at least twice a day.
- *Use toothpaste with fluoride.
- *Use a toothbrush with soft bristles and replace it every three months.
- *Floss your teeth daily.
- *Check your mouth often for swollen or bleeding gums.
- *Tell your dentist if you have diabetes.

Schedule your next dental cleaning! It's good to see your dentist twice a year for regular cleanings. They may be able to spot early signs of gum disease and help you take steps to address it. Call your dentist today to make your next appointment.

Take Actions to Protect Yourself Against the Flu

First, take time to get your flu vaccine. This is the first and best way to reduce the risk from flu and its potentially serious complications.

Second, people should practice everyday preventive actions like covering coughs and sneezes, staying away from people who are sick and frequent handwashing. People can also consider wearing a well-fitting mask which may help reduce the spread of respiratory viruses.

Third, if you do get sick with flu, there are prescription antiviral drugs that can be used to treat illness—please speak to your healthcare professional

H3N2 flu viruses are the most common followed by H1N1 viruses, which have been increasing in proportion. So far flu viruses are well-matched to the vaccine viruses.

Change is Constant



Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

"The only thing that is constant," the saying goes, "is change". This applies to all areas of life. As we live, we change as individuals and all things around us change as well. Some changes are neutral, some are negative and some are positive.

Many patients, particularly my more senior contingent, have mentioned over the years that, at their healthcare offices, their providers have changed. New doctors, new nurses and new staff. These changes can be concerning, particularly when you have a long and comfortable relationship with your entire doctor's office.

At Dental Health Associates this is true as well. As we have around 18 staff working here, the chances are that, over time, some of them will move on. As was always their plan, Dr. Martin Goldstein and Dr. Chris Boscarino have transitioned, with their respective wives, to retirement. Additionally, some of the faces at the front desk are new. Lauren retired one year ago and Diane is transitioning to be fully retired at the end of 2022.

Often times change is hard. But change is not, in and of itself, a bad thing. Adapting to the change can move us to better places. New relationships. New opportunities. New experiences. My goal, and I am sure the goal of all providers, is to minimize change... And when the inevitable arrives, work to ensure that the change is positive for everyone.

As we change from 2022 to 2023, it is my wish that the change of the New Year brings with it Joy, Growth and Peace for All.



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Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors would like to thank the family of Jerry Albino for selecting the WEF as their charity of choice on the passing of this long time Wolcott educator. We will be establishing a memorial scholarship for him in our next round of applications. Paperwork will be available at the beginning of February at the Guidance Office for Wolcott High School Seniors. Additional donations may be sent to the Wolcott Education Foundation, PO Box 6365 Wolcott, CT 06716. Please stipulate where your donation should be used. We have numerous named scholarships as well as a Retired Teachers' Memorial and we also donate to teacher grants every year. If you have any questions, please contact treasurer Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407 or Tynan_janet@comcast.net.



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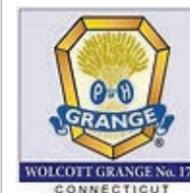
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Happy New Year! I am positive that 2023 is going to be our best year yet! We have fabulous long-term renters, new dynamic members, and a lot of Holiday helpers that distributed gift cards and cheer throughout the season.

In 2020 we were faced with broken pipes and flooded building. After a lot of clean up, restoration, and expense, we rebuilt better than ever. Part of this project was upgrading our entire electrical system. The company who quickly helped us in our time of need is now in need of payment. We recently received a bill in the amount of \$13,288.00. This is a huge debt that we must repay along with our regular bills and obligations.

Any donation amount would be truly appreciated to keep our organization running smoothly for many more years to come. We already know that our town is kind and generous and we are counting on you now more than ever.

Donations can be made to Wolcott Grange, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott CT 06716.

Thank You Wolcott Girl Scouts!

I want to thank The Wolcott Girl Scouts and their leaders for the second year in a row for the wonderful Christmas meals they prepared for the senior citizens at the Chestnut Hill apartments. We were delivered 2 meals; lasagna, salad, rolls, & cookies, each nicely packed in bags with our name and apartment numbers on them. One they had defrosted and ready to cook and one for the freezer. This was quite a chore and they had many pre-packed bags. I personally want to thank all the Wolcott scouts. The girls seemed to enjoy it and I know we certainly did. Moms and scout leaders thank you for such a wonderful Christmas project!

— Pat Lanza

Wolcott Historical Society - January 2023



by Florence Goodman

In the last edition I began a series about planes that crashed, landed or were placed in our town for various reasons that I wrote about back in 2017. Back then my search through 1930s, 1940s, and 1960s Republican

American news articles and talking to residents helped enlighten me about two different planes that ended up in local lakes and one that landed in the high school field. This month I will continue the series, but first I'll share comments I received from several residents after I first wrote those articles. Churchelow's Spindle Hill farm landing strip brought

comments from two residents. Tony Romaniello told me that he rented a house on the farm about 50 years ago and he remembered the remains of the old hanger. He also remembers a metal structure on the corner of Alcott and Spindle Hill Roads where a diner was located. Ed Tryniskewski who grew up in the area also remembered the remains of the old hanger there.



Pa Smith
(Source of photo: Deb DuBois)

The hydroplane going down in Chestnut Hill Reservoir also brought comments from Dawn Smith Rolandi who told me that Walter C. Smith was her grandfather and Sydney Smith was her father. She remembers growing up on the Smith farm on Spindle Hill Road, which was new information to me because I was thinking of the Hock/Smith farm on Chestnut Hill Road. When she explained that there were two Smith farms in the area that solved a lot of my questions. I checked and found that the Hock/Smith farm was located on 6 Grilley Road (Chestnut Hill Road today) and that was where Willard C. Smith lived; while 6 Spindle Hill Road was where William C. Smith lived. Today the Johnson family owns the 1833 house at 6 Spindle Hill Road, which has gone through many changes and additions. The farmland was sold, and the Arrowhead Condominiums were built. A few people shared a story they heard that a plane was underwater in the reservoir, but I remember on numerous occasions when the lake was drained, never seeing any remains. I called Paul Cossette who grew up across from the Smith farm on Spindle Hill Road and asked him that question and he said he never heard or saw a plane either.



Ma Smith
(Source of photo: Deb DuBois)

Another plane landing took place across town about ten years later than the first story. On June 25, 1942, an Army plane crash-landed on the shore of Hitchcock Lake. The newspaper article explained that three

Curtiss P-40E aircrafts, which were part of the 65th Fighter Squadron stationed at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, were in a string formation following the flight leader. They dove low over the water and one of the planes flown by pilot, Lieut. Frank Huff, 22, of Woodstown, N.J. struck the slipstream of the plane ahead of him causing the propeller to touch the water. The propeller stopped spinning, but the plane's momentum swiftly moved it across the first lake. As stated in the Waterbury paper (June 26, 1942), "The plane ricocheted off the first lake, shot upward over the road that divides the two lakes, continued on without touching the water of the second lake to crash through a grove of trees and land on the

Kleckner front yard." William Kleckner who lived at 48 East Street watched as the fuselage of the plane landed upside down in his front yard; the wings had been torn off during the crash. Mr. Kleckner who had been watching the three planes for some time stated, "They had been zooming around the lake and vicinity flying low. I was sitting on my front porch when the plane came plunging through the trees and crashed on my front lawn." Mr. Kleckner called the Waterbury police who sent a patrol car and ambulance to the scene. Francis H. Smith, Gerard Tuohy, Edgar Brown and Alfred Andrews rushed

to the scene to help the pilot out of the plane; he sustained only minor injuries. Dr. Elliott R. Mayo who had a summer home on Hemingway Avenue treated the pilot's injuries at the scene.



William B. Andrews in the foreground, but the house in background on the right-hand side of the photo is the Smith house.
(Source of this photo: Andrews's family album.)

Another eyewitness to the crash, John F. Brouker of Grove Avenue was fishing on the lake when the plane hit the water about 50 yards from his boat. He stated, "They were so low that I could see their numbers. They went to the end of the lake and turned and came back, this time right over the center of the lake. They were still very low. Just beyond my boat, one of them, the last swooped down. His motor was roaring. He hit the water. His motor stopped and steam arose. I could see the motionless propeller. He glanced off the water and zoomed upward with a dead motor, toward the road. The other two had gone on, but now they turned and came back. The plane that hit the water was out of my sight now, beyond the trees. The other two were gone also."

The article stated that there were three planes in the formation. The second pilot landed his plane on the golf course and hurried to the scene of the crash while the third pilot returned to Hartford. Soon after the crash a Civil Air Patrol plane circled the scene and spectators began to gather around the area. The State Police from the Bethany barracks arrived and helped the



Early photo of Chestnut Hill Reservoir and Reservoir from Smith farmland. (Source of this photo is unknown.)



1833 Smith House located on 6 Spindle Hill Road. Today it is the residence of the Johnson family.
(Photo by Flo Goodman)

military to enforce "no photography" of the wreckage. A roll of film belonging to a spectator was confiscated and exposed by the State Guard. Later that evening Patrolmen Frank Leary and Joseph Tierney brought a three-foot section of machine gun clip, filled with live ammunition into police headquarters. It had been taken from the scene by a 12-year-old boy whose parents reported the finding to the police. The police warned that anyone taking bullets from the scene could be in danger because they might explode.



2017 Photo of Chestnut Hill Arrowhead Condominiums.
(Photo by Flo Goodman)

I also received a call after the first 2017 article from George Maher of Woodtick Road who told me about the above-mentioned plane crash. He explained that he was 7 years old when the plane crashed on Hitchcock Lake and his father brought him to the scene to see the plane. He stated that there was live ammunition on the plane and the area was guarded. George has since passed away but was always a wonderful source of local history. It's always great to hear from my readers who remember our early history and are willing to share their stories! Next month I will continue with some other Wolcott airplane stories.



P-40 Warhawk- A U.S. Air Force photo found on the internet.

(Information for this article was taken from Waterbury Republican American article, "Army Probes Plane Crash in Wolcott," June 26, 1942, New England Aviation History, March 13, 2016, Face Book conversations from Wolcott Chats on January 21, 2017, emails from Jerry O'Neill, conversations with Sue Johnson, Dawn Smith Rolandi, Marlene Tosun, Ed Tryniskewski and Tony Romaniello)

Wolcott Food Pantry

Upcoming Reminders

Jan 4th (Wed) – Food Distribution Day 8:45AM to 11:45AM

Jan 18th (Wed) – Food Distribution Day 8:45AM to 11:45AM

The volunteers here at the Pantry would like to wish all our residents a Happy New Year!

As we usher in 2023, we would like to thank our volunteers that provide the human resources that allow the pantry to continue its operations. We have been seeing an increase in new client applications and our limited staff continues to deliver!

We'd also like to express our gratitude to our town officials for their strong partnership with us that make our operation possible.

And finally, thanks to all the residents, and organizations in Wolcott that support us through their generous donations.

Volunteers Wanted

- Availability Mon/Tues 8:00 AM-11:30 AM. 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.
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If you or someone you know is in need of food and is a Wolcott resident, please contact the Wolcott Food Pantry at 203-704-7402. We are located at 358 Woodtick Road, Wolcott, CT.

We 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
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Cereal	Chili	Pasta
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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.

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Farmingbury Women's Club News



Happy New Year to you and all of your family and friends. May 2023 bring you health, wealth, happiness and smiles today and all through this New Year.

Just a quick look back at December, 2022. We were most fortunate to be able to spend time with our family and friends. We also shared our time making life a little bit better for some Wolcott families.

Ruth DeLeo, President, spent many hours preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for a needy family here in Wolcott. She also took time to decorate a tree for the Chamber of Commerce fund raising event.

Jennifer Battaglia, Veterans Chairperson, spent many hours getting just the right gift cards for some of our deserving Veterans.

Jo-Ann Birkenberger and Lois Pecka, Public Affair Chairs, were more than happy to lend a hand to our Wolcott Fire Department in providing desserts and soft drinks to all who attended their Fire Prevention Contest.

Ruth Yachtis, Conservation Chair, and her helper Sharon Speed spent many hours providing Wreaths and Greenery to beautify several locations here in Wolcott.

All of the above acts of generosity and kindness were provided by funds raised by our members. We thank all of you who support us.

Sharon Miket, our Social Chairperson, did a great job in pursuing different venues for our annual Christmas party. We all dressed for the occasion in our Christmas best and enjoyed a delicious dinner and fabulous desserts. Thank you Sharon! A job well done.

We also welcome our new members, Linda, Claire, Tricia, Lisa, Miriam, Bernadette, Joanne, Barbara and Rose.

If you would like more information on becoming a member of our club, you can contact Karen Mowad, our Membership Chair @ 203-233-1216 or Kowad25@aol.com

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Exchange Club of Wolcott News

The Exchange Club of Wolcott had another successful year of fundraising and events during 2022. On the first Monday of April, the Exchange Club held our annual Believe In The Blue event on the Wolcott Town green. This event brings awareness to the National and Local efforts in the Prevention of Child Abuse. A white tree with blue lights and blue ribbons was erected in the town green gazebo for the entire month of April which is designated Child Abuse Prevention month. Our Public Service Awards in April returned after a two year absence and we finally got to honor our First Responders and Teachers of the Year. We are planning to hold our 2023 Public Service Awards in April once again, with a date and location to be announced soon. Our annual Kelly Possidento Memorial Golf Tournament was held in June at the Chippance Country Club in Bristol. We had another great turnout, beautiful weather and a good time. Plans are already in the works for next year's tournament, with date and location to be determined soon. In September, the Exchange Club held its' Annual Clam Jam at the Woodtick Recreation Pavilion with fair weather and a great turnout of people. Live music, food, contests and karaoke was all part of the event and clams while they lasted. The Exchange Club's annual raffle also took place at this year's event and four lucky people got to take home cash prizes.

In October, the Exchange Club of Wolcott celebrated the National Day of Service by purchasing over 1,000 glow necklaces and donating them to the Wolcott Police Department who in turn, distributed them to children who planned on going out Trick or Treating on Halloween night. The glow necklaces would improve visibility of the Trick or Treaters to motorists as they walked the streets going house to house. In November of this year, we held our Annual Denis Y. Desaulniers Wine Tasting and Silent Auction at La Bella Vista Banquet Facility. This year's event had seventeen vendors, food stations, raffle tables and a silent auction. Reserved tables were being offered for attendees who came in groups and various levels of sponsorships were also being offered. It was estimated over two hundred people attended this event. On November 23, we celebrated our National program, One Nation Under God, on the Wolcott Town Green. Chief of Police Ed Stephens was our guest speaker and he gave a very relevant message about our freedoms and that we are fortunate to have them and exercise them.

The Exchange Club closed out the year with a holiday celebration with members gathering at one of our members' home and we enjoyed friendship, food and the exchanging of grab bag gifts. The Exchange Club would like to thank everyone who attended our events, bought a raffle ticket, played some golf, drank some wine and made a donation to one of our causes. We deeply appreciate your participation and support of our fundraising efforts. All of our fundraising efforts helps us make our community a better and safer place to live and allows us to help those who are less fortunate and especially enables us to support programs that serve in the efforts to Prevent Child Abuse. Membership in the Exchange Club is easy and we are always welcoming new members. We generally meet on the first and third Mondays of the month except July and August, when we take a break. Meetings are currently held at the East Street Eatery at 6:30 PM and guests are always welcome to attend dinner meetings. Check out our Facebook page, or website for more info and contact information.

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Good Shepherd Episcopal Church - 9:00am

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Bring a friend for **FREE** & have twice the fun!

Who: all girls, grades k-8 When: *Fri. 6-7:30 pm & Sat. 10-11:30 am

Session 1—January 7, 14, 21 & 28th—Comfort Food Series
Session 2—March 18, 24* & 25—Delicious Dishes Series
Session 3—April 1 & April 21* - Sweet Treat Series

Fee: \$15 per class, \$30 for the monthly series or \$65 for the entire program plus each girl who registers can bring a friend for **FREE!** *includes all supplies & recipe cards!

Limited space...Pre-registration required!



Karate Kicks off Tuesday, Jan. 3rd!

Friday Night Fun is back!

Jan. 13th Snow Much Fun Game Night!

Jan. 20th Movie Night

Jan. 27th LEGO Challenge Night!

FREE to Members/ \$15 non-members

Full Day Mini Camp
8:30—4:30 pm
Monday, January 16th!
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kicks off Jan. 10 - March 28 (no class on 2/21)

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\$25 for non-members

Fee includes all supplies & materials. Space is limited, register today!

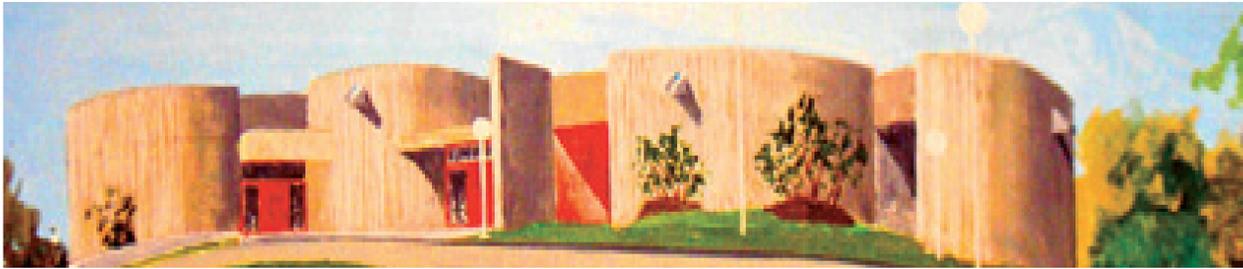
Dancing Expressions is back Jan. 9th!



Annual Membership \$25 ...Pre-Registration Required, Program fees may apply #203-756-4639 or membership@girlsincswct.org

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Friends of the Wolcott Library

At our last meeting of the year, the Friends voted to support the newest project in the children's room—a chess club. Numerous boards and teaching materials were purchased and Miss Meghan hopes to get started in January. What a great way to begin the year! Also as our gift to you (while supplies last), you may select a holiday book from the book shelves at the main entrance. We appreciate your support all year at our book sales and

our ongoing sale in the library, so please take advantage to have a Christmas book in your home library.

We will renew our museum passes to the following: Beardsley Zoo, New Britain Youth Museum, Hungerford Nature Center and the New Britain Museum of American Art. Due to lack of interest we are not renewing and American Clock and Watch Museum. If you would like us to consider another museum pass, please let us know at wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com; or call President, Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407.



Our happy crafters with their colorful handmade ornaments!

The Friends also purchased the fresh wreaths at the front door and our landscaping committee changed out the planters from fall to winter themes. Thank you Debbie Weik and her assistant Margaret Erickson for their constant attention to the front entrance. Also Mary Baker did her magic in creating beautiful winter scenes in the display cabinets in the Reading Room. On display are some unique snowflakes and very intricate wooden toys generously donated to the Friends by the Krasnovsky.

The Friends wish you a healthy and happy New Year.



The Kochan children meet Mrs. Claus and Teddy the Elf at Wolcott Public Library



Happy New Year Word Search

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- Countdown
- Confetti
- Midnight
- Balloons
- Celebration
- Fireworks
- January
- Happy
- New Year
- Clock
- Cheers
- Goals
- Party Poppers
- Noisemaker
- Resolution
- Sparklers



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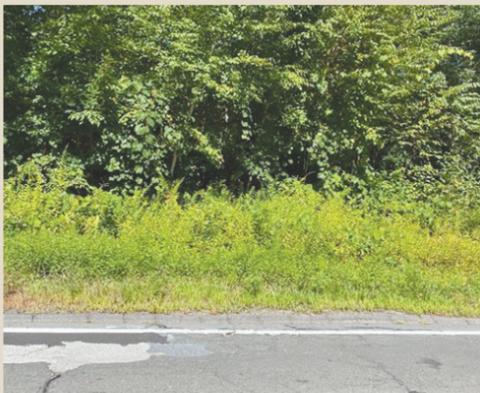
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WOLCOTT \$59,900 — Come and build your dream home! Wooded 1.5 acre lot with city water and city sewer available in the street. Newer homes are in the area.



WOLCOTT \$59,900 — Build your dream home! Wooded lot with city water and city sewer available in the street.



WOLCOTT \$100,000 NEW PRICE! — Build your dream home in this quiet subdivision. This opportunity won't last. There are deed restrictions and plan approval. Don't miss this opportunity to build in this subdivision!



WOLCOTT \$209,900 NEW PRICE! — This Bungalow style home has a tremendous amount of character. As you enter through the covered front porch you immediately notice the coffered ceiling in the living room, the hardwood floors and craftsman trim. The two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and washer/dryer are all easily accessible on the main level. Off the kitchen is an enclosed porch or mud room. The detached, oversized single car garage offers plenty of room for additional storage or a workshop. Both the house and garage had a new roof installed two years ago, well pump and pressure system are less than 5 years old, and the house is connected to city sewer! Conveniently located near highways, restaurants and stores, this one won't last!



WOLCOTT \$319,900 NEW PRICE! — Family owned 60 years – Mechanically and physically very sound. Well built home in need of interior updates. Newer roof, heating system, triple pane windows, added insulation. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout main level. In-law very possible in lower level. Gorgeous level backyard for all of your functions. Town sewers! Two car garage and beautiful quiet neighborhood. Come look today!



WOLCOTT \$239,900 — Are you looking for a home that offers plenty of parking for a camper, trailer or boat? This home is located on the side of the one car garage plus a large driveway that could fit 4 or more cars. Adorable level front yard draws you into the front door of this 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath high ranch home that been newly painted throughout with all new carpeting. The foyer greets you upon entering the home. On this level you have family room w a closet for storage and a half bath. Once you walk upstairs, you will love the huge kitchen for the person that loves to cook and the living room with vaulted ceilings and a slider to a deck running the full length of the house for entertaining. Directly off the back deck, there is a stone stepping pathway that leads to the upper area of the yard giving a great place to sit and enjoy a fire pit or make a play area. If you are looking for a home that offers all of this come and take a look. Owner has a RE License from a different state.



PROSPECT \$54,900 — A rare find...10 year old mobile home in Prospect, nestled in the pines of Harmony Acres. Upon entering the home you'll find a spacious living room that flows into the eat-in kitchen. The kitchen has updated cabinets, gas stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave. There are 2 well-sized bedrooms; the primary bedroom has double connecting closets. The full bath is updated and offers a walk in shower. There is a stackable washer and dryer located next to the bathroom. The land lease is \$451/monthly which includes the well and septic maintenance, recycling, trash pickup, and road maintenance. Subject to park rules regulations (credit application and good credit history is required for the land lease, must be owner occupied). Ask agent for pet restrictions. Don't miss out on this opportunity to live in Prospect.



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Around Town Photography by Roger Picard



Our photographer took this image of the Joe Monroe Field on Thanksgiving Morning during the Holy Cross/Wolcott High Football game, with the use of a drone. If you look closely at the left side of the image you can see the Holy Cross point after squad preparing to kick the point after, after scoring a touchdown on the opening drive.



The Wolcott Lions conducted their Community Eye Screening for Children recently in our grammar schools and day care centers. In this photo Lions Harry Najarian and Dave Desaulniers perform a test on a young student at The Children's Village Daycare Facility on Minor Road. A total of 110 children were screened this year. The local Lions have been conducting these screenings for the past fifteen years.



The Exchange Club of Wolcott held their annual One Nation Under God event on the Wolcott Town Green, November 23rd. A nice turnout of residents, town leaders and other Civic organizations attended the event which featured Chief of Police Ed Stephens as the guest speaker. Coffee and fresh donuts were served after the ceremony.



The Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association received delivery of their brand new 2022 Ford 550 Life Line ambulance recently. The \$261,288 ambulance was paid for by Covid American Rescue Funds and is equipped with the most sophisticated lifesaving equipment used by EMT's and Paramedics.



The second annual Wolcott Chamber of Commerce Hall of Trees event took place December 3rd at the Wolcott Youth Center. A total of 41 decorated trees were submitted by local businesses and individuals to be bid upon. One particular tree received a bid of \$620. All monies raised were going to needy families in Wolcott who are in need of assistance to help make their Christmas holiday brighter. The Wolcott Chamber thanks everyone who participated in the event and made it another huge success.



Wolcott Mayor Tom Dunn poses for a picture with WLOPA President Frank Nobel after presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation for the numerous years the Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association have hosted an annual Christmas party for the Citizens with Special Needs. Food is always donated by The Station Restaurant in Naugatuck or Spartans Two in Plantsville.



Alcott School News



Alcott students and staff did a fantastic job raising money for CCMC on Pajama Day!



Project Explore students waiting to see the Nutcracker Ballet with Mrs. Klemenz at the Bushnell Theater. Students also enjoyed exploring Hartford, it was a wonderful day!



Fourth graders worked together to complete a challenging and exciting STEAM task. Great work!

Focus On Frisbie



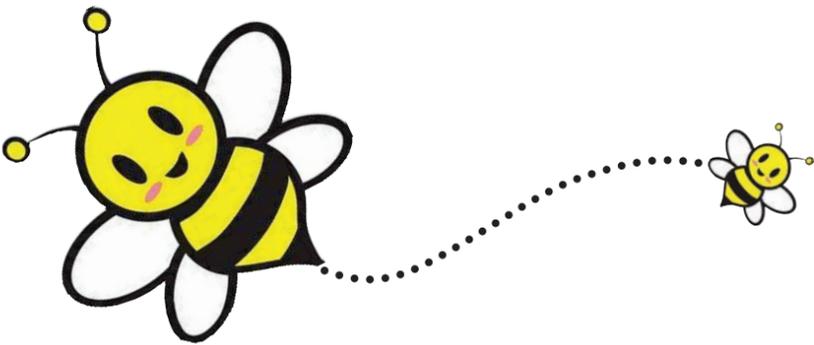
Frisbie had their monthly drawing for students who turned in their reading logs. Each winner will receive a free personal size pizza compliments of Five Guys Flippin' Pies.



Frisbie PEX kids waiting to see the Nutcracker Ballet.



On December 2nd, the Frisbie School community dedicated one hour to team building activities. Students worked together and built towers, unlocked codes, and solved puzzles.



Frisbie's Golden Ticket Winners for November!



Frisbie's Students of the Month for November!



Storytellers from the CT Storytelling Institute shared folktales from around the world. Students used their imagination as the storytellers used words and actions to reveal elements of the stories.

Target on Tyrrell



The Pearl Team raised over \$500 for the Holiday Bear program. Students stayed after school to help wrap gifts for the 2 sponsored students.

Team	Student Name	Month
Diamond	Mia Longo	November
Platinum	Finley Mears	November
Granite	Benjamin Zimyeski	November
Marble	Leah Schumacher	November
Pearl	Riley Hourihan	November
Onyx	Devin Williams	November
Joyas-6th Grade	Kristian Penev	November
Joyas-7th Grade	Charlotte Lynch-Granite	November
Joyas-8th Grade	Ocean Tang-Onyx	November
Silver-6th Grade	Brayden Gaudiosi	November
Silver-7th Grade	Matthew Conway	November
Silver-8th Grade	Daniel Polkowski	November



Students collected donations to Acts 4 Ministry in Waterbury for distribution around the surrounding area

In total, we collected:

- 81 coats**
- 79 hats**
- 53 pairs of gloves**
- 41 scarves**
- 2 pairs of snow pants**
- 3 pairs of boots**
- 5 blankets**



Tyrrell Middle School Counseling Staff promote awareness of “988”, the new nationwide phone number to connect directly to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. By calling or texting 988, anyone can connect with mental health professionals at the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The Tyrrell Counseling Staff educate students and staff on suicide prevention as part of the school’s health curriculum and professional development for staff.

If you are feeling suicidal, thinking about hurting yourself, or are concerned that someone you know may be in danger of hurting himself or herself, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988. Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Tree Lighting at the Green



6th Grade social studies students participated in Immigration Centers in the Media Center looking at immigration in the United States in the past 100 years.



Wolcott High School NEWS



WHS Juniors and Seniors Played in their Annual Powderpuff Game



Students vs Teachers Volleyball Game



WHS Girls Basketball Food Collection



Wolcott High School Parent Music Association (WHPMA)

**Annual Christmas Tree Pickup
Saturday, January 7th • 8-10am**

Snow date Jan 14th

For a \$10 donation, we will pick up your old undecorated Christmas tree and discard it for you.

Contactless, curbside pickup and payment
To register, please email gpettinico@snet.net
or call 203-233-1350

deadline to register is January 1st

*Proceeds go to supporting scholarships for
WHS Senior Music Students and other Music
Department programs and activities.*



Mallard working on the puzzle in the Wolcott High School RC.



Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

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

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| Grade 9 | Madeline Cianci |
| Grade 10 | Julie Helbig |
| Grade 11 | Analise Pilarski |
| Grade 12 | Luke Connelly |
| Staff | Miss Berman |



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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”



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 sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

1:00 Free - “Pound Class” using weighted Drum Sticks w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

Wednesday

9:30-10:15 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
12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games
12:30-3:00 Pinochle

Friday

10:00-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting
11:00 Free Chair Yoga - Resumes on Jan 20th

Monday - Friday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

Monday, January 2

CLOSED

Wednesday, January 4

11:30 Lunch Special — Hamburger (Cheese) on a Soft Bun, Minestrone Soup, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00
Sign up & Pay 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, January 5

9:30 Bus leaves for Crèches of the World-Father McGivney Pilgrimage Center
Lunch following TBD—Sign up for the bus

Friday, January 6

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

11:00 NO CHAIR YOGA

Tuesday, January 10

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at AJ Steakhouse — Sign up at the senior center

Wednesday, January 11

Question/Answers regarding Cancers & Healthy Habits to Prevent Cancers

Linda Ivey-Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute — Informational pamphlets available

11:30 Fundraiser for Food Pantry--Chicken Breast Parmesan over Penne Pasta, Vegetable & Dessert--\$7.00 pp
Sign up & Pay 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

8:00 Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino—no food or casino pkg — departs 3:30 PM
Sign up at the senior center

11:00 NO CHAIR YOGA

Monday, January 16

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Tuesday, January 17

9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov’s Store — Sign up at the senior center

Wednesday, January 18

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

11:30 Lunch Special — Double Hot Dogs, Cup of Chili & Beans, Chips & Dessert--\$4.00 pp Sign up & pay 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, January 19

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Great Taste of China — Sign up at the center

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a Valentine Craft

Friday, January 20

11:00 FREE CHAIR YOGA BEGINS

Tuesday, January 24

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

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Puerta Vallarta — Sign up at the senior center

Wednesday, January 25

11:30 Lunch Special — Italian Combo w/ Lettuce on a Sub Roll, Vegetable Soup, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp
Sign up & Pay 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, January 26

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at The Christmas Tree Shop — Sign up at the center

Tuesday, January 31

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Staropolska Polish Restaurant — Sign up at the center

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.



Wolcott Girl Scouts delivering Lasagne Love to the Seniors



Momma bobcat coaxing her little one across the road from the senior center



Santa door hanging made by our seniors in Crafty Corner with Jeannie

Many thanks to the Wolcott Girl Scouts, their families, leaders, and Jean Stack for coordinating the lasagna distribution to our Wolcott seniors! The Girl Scouts and their families have been spreading “Love with Lasagna” for the last 3 years which includes 2 prepared lasagnas, salad, roll & dessert (per senior) along with a hand-crafted holiday ornament. The Girl Scouts and their parents/leaders were responsible for purchasing supplies, preparing the lasagnas, and organizing deliveries. Almost 30 Girl Scout families took part in this huge community project. They knocked on over 100 doors in town, excited to deliver to our eagerly awaiting senior community members. These moments are always precious, filled with smiles, gratitude, and the occasional tears of joy and appreciation. They are looking forward to making this an annual event!

Wakelee School News!



Wakelee PEX students pose in front of the festival of Trees at the Wadsworth Museum



First graders working on building sentences



Fifth and first grade book buddies working together on a STEM challenge



Fifth grade students in Mrs. Mancini's class learned the history behind the Macy's day parade and then built their own balloons and had to convince the people who run the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade to put their balloon in the parade.

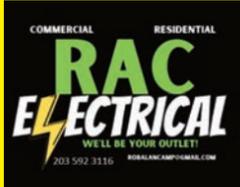


Fifth graders had their first D.A.R.E. class with Officer Mauriello, this program will run into May. Students learned about the D.A.R.E. decision making model.

Classifieds

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Tree Service

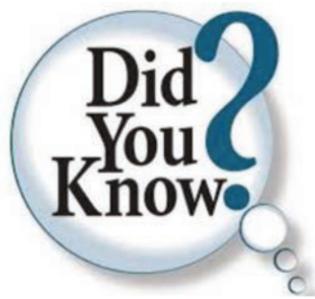
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Did you know "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel?

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel. The word contains nine letters, eight of them being consonants.

Did you know there are 118 ridges on the side of a dime?

There are also 119 ridges on the side of a quarter, 150 on the side of a half dollar, and 198 on a dollar coin.

Did you know there's a planet that's shaped like a potato?

About the same size as Pluto, the dwarf planet Haumea orbits the sun beyond Neptune and has rings that are similar to Jupiter. But what makes this object even more interesting is that it's shaped like a potato!

Did you know the Twitter bird has a name?

It's Larry! The infamous bluebird of social media was named after former NBA player Larry Bird, who used to play for Twitter co-founder Biz Stone's home-state team, the Boston Celtics.

Did you know goosebumps are caused by a muscle?

At the base of every hair follicle are tiny fan-shaped muscles called Arrector pili. These muscles contract when the body is cold in an effort to warm the body up and cause a person's hair to "stand up straight" on their skin aka goosebumps.

Did you know Antarctica is covered in a sheet of ice that's 7,000 feet thick?

That's about 19 football fields thick! The US Antarctic Program also says that if the ice sheet ever melted, it would raise the sea levels all across the globe to an estimated 200 feet. That's enough to submerge much of the Gulf and Atlantic coastal areas of the US!

Did you know you can tell if an egg is old based on whether it floats in water?

It sounds phony, but it's time-tested. If an egg floats when you set it in water, then it's old; if it sinks, it's a fresher egg and you're good to go.

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Keep Cookies Soft

To keep cookies and other baked goods soft after baking, add a slice of store-bought white bread to an airtight container. Your cakes, cookies and muffins will keep their day-one softness.

Get Eggs to Room Temp Fast

When baking, it's important to use room temperature ingredients (unless otherwise specified). If you forget to take your eggs out of the fridge in time, don't worry. Just place them in a bowl of warm water for a few minutes

Stop Cheese from Sticking

Grated cheese really makes a difference (here's why!) but it can be a pain to prep. For easy cleanup, use a quick spritz of cooking spray on your cheese grater to keep the cheese from sticking. You'll never go back to pre-shredded again.

Get More Juice

Next time you need fresh lemon juice, try this restaurant tip. Microwave a lemon for 7-10 seconds. Then, roll the lemon back and forth under your palm on the counter. When you squeeze, you'll get more juice from the lemon with way less effort. Try it with limes, too!

Add a Carrot

Carrots take away the acidity in tomato sauce by adding subtle sweetness. If you find your sauce has gotten too acidic, peel a whole carrot, simmer it with the sauce and remove before serving.

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The Wolcott Latchkey Program 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!

Alcott Integrated Preschool Lottery

The application process for the Alcott Elementary Preschool Lottery Program is available for the 2023-2024 school year, and can be found at ‘wolcottps.org’ under the Central Office Tab located near the top of the screen.

This lottery application is available for Wolcott children born in 2019 & 2020. Completion of this form DOES NOT guarantee your child a spot in the Preschool Program. The Lottery Application Process will close on Wednesday, March 10, 2023. The lottery selection will be completed after March 10th and you will be notified of the results by email. Residency Requirements must be met in order to be enrolled in the Preschool Program.

Please visit the Wolcott Public Schools District website to apply for the Lottery and to view Residency Requirements at: wolcottps.org

If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at 203-879-8178.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2024, please visit the District website to pre-register your child for the next school year. Once this is completed you will receive additional information in February/March for information on kindergarten screening and access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Questions can be directed to Megan Patchkofsky at mpatchkofsky@wolcottps.org or 203.879.8183 for questions on the pre-registration process. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan and budget appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation and have a happy and safe new year.

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Wolcott Public Schools Preschool Screening

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on January 20, 2023, and February 24, 2023. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child’s development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178.

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
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 Directors 2022-2023

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- ♦ Superintendent of Schools:
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- ♦ Business Manager:
Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- ♦ Assistant Superintendent:
Mr. Joseph Norcross – 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
Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott

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- ♦ Principal: Mr. Walter Drewry
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mr. Bryan MacKay
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

- ♦ Principal: Mr. Daniel Caetano
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mrs. Michelle Thies

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- ♦ Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

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- ♦ Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

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- ♦ Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

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- ♦ Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ♦ Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

District Compliance Officers

a) **Title VI (race, color, national origin)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8160

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. Daniel Caetano, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School –203 879-8151

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Wolcott Public Schools 2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS

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



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Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2022-2023

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

*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.

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Wolcott \$174,900 - Contractors, flippers, handymen! Many possibilities in this large 8 room home on beautiful, flat piece of property in lake community; LR, DR w/built-in corner cabinet, eat-in kitchen, 2 BRs upper level, possible in-law set-up on main level. Just a walk to golf course, lake & restaurants. *Ask for Lucienne Marsella.*



Wolcott \$269,900 - Well cared for 3 BR Split Level home with bright & open LR/DR combo adjacent to eat-in kitchen with access to deck which overlooks a large, level back yard; hardwood floors, ceiling fans in BRs. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*



Wolcott \$269,900 - Move-in condition 3 BR Ranch features spacious LR, eat-in kitchen with slider to deck overlooking level back yard, hardwood floors, updated roof, H/W heater, deck and fence. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*



Wolcott \$305,000 - 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 \$325,000 - Colonial period home with warmth and charm; This 3 BR antique home features central chimney and saltbox wing, LR, DR and kitchen w/wide plank floors, 3 fireplaces, 1 with a Dutch oven, 1 garage, barn & smoke house, all on a 3 acre treed lot. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



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.*



East Haven \$299,900 - Spacious 3 BR Ranch with open floor plan; LR, eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances, remodeled bath, large MBR w/walk-in closet/dressing room, lower level rec/play room, 1 car garage, deck overlooking above ground pool on private back yard. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*



Terryville \$214,900 - 4 BR Colonial features eat-in kitchen, full bath & 2 BRs on main level, 2 BRs and remodeled full bath on upper level, central air, updates include flooring, hot water heater, garage doors, roof & gutters. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*

LAND LOTS

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- \$50,000** - Two lots for sale, one is suitable to build on. Conveniently located, close to shopping & medical office.
- \$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

\$225,000 - New Price! 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

\$291,900 - Beautiful property on almost 4 acres of flat, treed land. Topo map available showing proposed septic system and proposed house location.



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



Waterbury Condo \$119,900 - East End 2 BR Townhouse close to Wolcott line, freshly painted; eat-in kitchen with appliances, nice size LR, 1.5 baths, includes washer/dryer. Close to shopping, bus line & highway. *Ask for Sali Barolli.*

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