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



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently at the new Medical Arts Building located at 503 Wolcott Road. Advanced Spine & Sports Care and Nadimi Dental Care opened their doors at each end of this new facility. In this photo the Nadimi family celebrate as the ribbon was cut by the patriarch of the family. Photography by Picard

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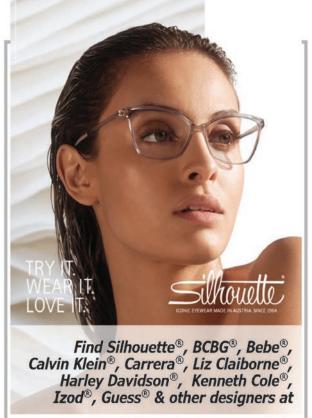
Happy 16th Birthday, Juliana! Love, Mom, Dad, Christopher and Gabriella



The Town of Wolcott Senior Center is thrilled to receive a \$1,500.00 grant through Act to Impact Employee Giving Grant Initiative from the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, Inc. Our senior center mission is to provide a safe haven for seniors to enjoy and to provide educational programs, entertainment and activities geared toward the interest of our senior population. This grant will certainly help us to continue our mission! Many thanks to the Thomaston Savings Bank employees for choosing our Wolcott Senior Center to receive such a generous grant!







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# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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



As the first sign in the zodiac, the presence of Aries always marks the beginning of something energetic and turbulent. They are continuously looking for dynamic,

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

> April 4th – Carolyn Nadeau April 7th – Zachary Fasano

# Taurus, April 20th - May 20th "The Wandering Bull"



Practical and well-grounded, Taurus is the sign that harvests the fruits of labor. They feel the need to always be surrounded by

love and beauty, turned to the material world, hedonism, and physical pleasures. People born with their Sun in Taurus are sensual and tactile, considering touch and taste the most important of all senses. Stable and conservative, this is one of the most reliable signs of the zodiac, ready to endure and stick to their choices until they reach the point of personal satisfaction.

April 20th - Al & Nancy Laporta 32 Years

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Apr 15th - 7:00pm Good Friday Service with Holy Eucharist

Apr 17th - 9:30am Easter Day Service with Holy Eucharist

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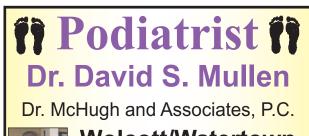
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# There's Always Something Good Going On SPREAD THE WORD!

# April 8th - Friday Set Back Tournament

**Location:** Wolcott Congregational Church

185 Center St. Wolcott, CT

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

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

church at 203-879-1293

# April 8th - Friday Wolcott Lion's Club Comedy Night

Location: Lion's Den 245 Wolcott Rd. Wolcott, CT

Time: 7:00 pm

**Tickets:** \$35 (BYOB & BYO Appetizers) **Info:** Comedy Night Fundraiser for
Past District Governor John Gagain.
For tickets & info contact Tony Marino at

203-910-0437

# April 22nd - 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 ages 16 to adult **Info:** To reserve your spot contact Rachel Wisler at rachelmwisler@yahoo.com

or call 203-879-0889

# April 29th - Friday Ziti Dinner Fundraiser for John Gagain Hosted by Wolcott Lion's Club

Location: Wolcott Lions Club 245 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Tickets: \$15 per person

\$5 children
12 and under

**Info:** For tickets contact Steve Tutolo at steve@connhypo.com

203-910-3932 or

Ray Mahoney at 203-560-7872

# May 7th - Saturday Ziti Dinner Sponsored by Wolcott Vol Fire Dept. Company 2

**Location:** Company 2 Firehouse 58 North St. Wolcott, CT

Time: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tickets: \$10 for adults

\$8 for seniors and children ages 5-12 **Info:** Dine-In or Take-Out Available Pay at the door or purchase

tickets online at

www.wolcottvfd.com/companies/company-2

# May 15th - Sunday Family Fun & Safety Day Sponsored by Wolcott Vol Fire Dept. Company 3

**Location:** Company 3 Firehouse 2 Lyman Rd. Wolcott, CT

Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Info: Wolcott Vol Fire Dept. Co. 3

2022 Fund Drive is underway. Donations can be made at **www.wolcottfd3.com** 



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# MAYOR'S CORNER

April 2022 Happy Spring!

We are all looking forward to the Spring weather in our community after the last few snowstorms. As the weather permits Public Works will be out cleaning and repairing the damage caused by Mother Nature.

I look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying the spring weather in our community whether along the Mill Pond Way or Peterson Park.



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

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.

Please check our website at www.wolcottct.org for upcoming community events and activities.

As always, know that you can contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stop by my office or give me a call at 203-879-8100 ext. 102.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

# A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC

aying goodbye is never easy; especially after 29 years on the job. Lorraine (Moffo) Bell officially retired March 31, 2022. We have worked together for more than 16 years. Lorraine started her journey as a part time worker, completing many tasks throughout the Town Hall and quickly made her home in the Town Clerks Office as Assistant Registrar of Vital Statistics.



She worked with Elaine King, Dolores Slater and myself as Town Clerks and several co-workers. Due to her being a natural teacher and having a friendly personality, she helped to train so many office staff members throughout the years. She has volunteered at the Annual rabies clinic to help license dogs and worked Elections.

We will miss her commitment to customer service, attention to detail, and strong work ethic. She truly made every day a pleasure. She will be missed by her favorite customers who would come by just to say hi, the Attorneys and Title Searchers she knew since the start, and surrounding Town Clerk Offices.

The office will not be the same without her motherly advice, self-defense techniques, singing, and never-ending supply of hot peppers. Although she was one in a million, we are happy to know she is going to spend her retirement happy, healthy, and surrounded by family. She plans to spend even more time with her 4 grandkids and hopefully more days at the beach.

We love you and wish you the Happiest Retirement!



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# Famingbury Women's Club News

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Happy Easter to all. We have been busy making pillows for Breast Cancer Survivors. We made and distributed over 220 pillows last month to local hospitals and clinics.

Our fall festival is getting underway, On October 15th(with a rain date of Oct 16th) we will do our annual Craft Fair but out under the Woodtick Pavillion. We are still looking for vendors and if interested please contact: Chris Culver at chris.cccandy@gmail.com.

Last month the Chief Kyle Dunn of the Wolcott Fire Department gave a wonderful presentation about what it is like and what you have to go through to be a fireman in the town. We enjoyed this very much and donated \$100 to each firehouse.

On April 9th the Parks and Recreation and AcquiredFacilities Commission will be doing its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Football Field at the High School(or the Youth Center 48 Todd Rd in case of extreme weather) at 11am. We will be donating a bike. There will be raffles and the Easter Egg Hunt for all ages from 3-10 years old. Its a lot of fun.

We are getting ready to do a fundraiser in the month of May. We collect gift cards for local town businesses and auction one off every day. It's a great way to give back to the town businesses. It helps them and us so we can give more scholarships. More details to come.

We also have information about another wonderful Club in town, The Exchange Club is having an event on the Green April 4th at 6pm.

They will be hosting a "Believe in the Blue" event with the focus on prevention of Child Abuse. They will be installing blue lights on the Christmas tree in the Gazebo for all of April.

Again we would like to say Happy Easter and Happy Spring to all.



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Bridget!

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

### **NEW LISTING**



Waterbury \$209,900 — Beautiful MOVE IN READY CAPE located in the East End features 2466 sqft, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, gorgeous kitchen with stainless appliances, cozy living room and formal dining room. Master bedroom with a full master bathroom located on the first floor. The basement is finished with a laundry area, office and additional open space. Endless possibilities. There is a huge deck in the back of the house that leads to a beautifully maintained, completely fenced in backyard, giving this property wonderful privacy. Call Miguel! Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

### **NEW LISTING**



Watertown \$350,000 – Perfectly situated in a country setting, this Raised Ranch sits on just over an acre of land in an established neighborhood. Features 2340 sqft, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, finished lower level and a 2 car garage. Close to schools, shopping, town amenities, parks and golf courses. Call Miguel!

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

### **NEW LISTING**



Waterbury Condo \$169,900 —
GREAT LOCATION! Desirable West End
Oronoke Ridge community. Perfect location for
maintenance free living in the Country Club section of town. Spacious Living Room/Dining
Room with open kitchen and slider out to deck.
Lower level additional room great for 3rd bed/
office/playroom/exercise room. 1-Car garage
with additional parking. Two nice sized bedrooms on the upper level. Pet friendly. Fantastic
opportunity to own in Waterbury's sought after
condo community, Oronoke Ridge! Call Bridget

### WATERBURY



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

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

### **WATERBURY**



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

### WOLCOTT



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

### NAUGATUCK



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

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# LOT FOR SALE



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

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### **WATERBURY**



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

### **LOTS FOR SALE**

### Waterbury LOTS FOR SALE \$10,000

5 Lots available in total. Priced at \$10K each. Seller would prefer to sell as a package. Buyers Agent perform due diligence.

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### **LOT FOR SALE**

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Please join us for a night of prayer and support for Ukraine. You will receive a cup of soup upon arrival and a luminary for the prayer vigil.

Tickets available at: LaFortuna Restaurant Wolcott Town Hall Pat's IGA Fercodini Properties East Street Eatery Walsh's Market

Or by calling: 203-910-4846 Donation \$10.00

All Money Collected will be sent directly to the Ukraine Relief Fund via St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, Terryville CT.

Please make checks payable to: St. Michael's Byzantine Church, Ukraine Relief

# **Spring Card Tournament**

The Ladies' Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish will once again be sponsoring their Spring Card Tournament on Friday, April 22nd at 7pm in Father Shea Hall located at 525 Woodtick Road (formerly St. Pius X Church). Registration begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 each ages 16 to adult and include snacks during the 7 game tournament, door prizes, and a dessert buffet at the conclusion. Prizes will be awarded to the top three players. To reserve your spot, please contact rachelmwisler@yahoo.com; or call 203 879-0889.



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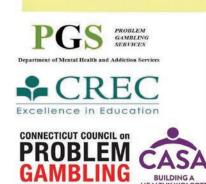


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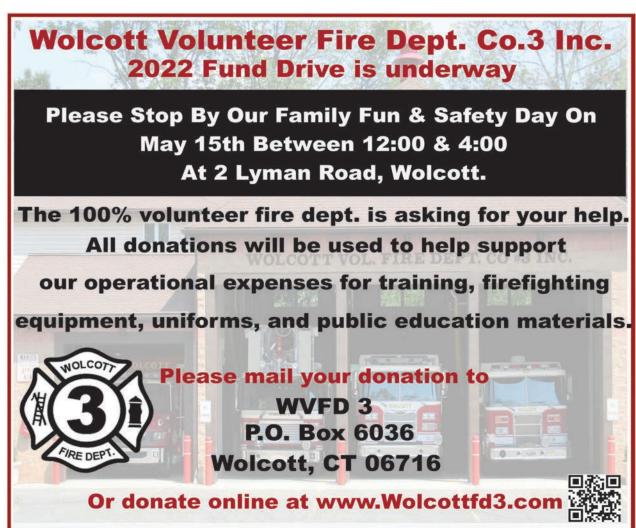
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Bankruptcy & More



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# Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

### **Fund Drive 2022**



Over the last few weeks, each of you received a letter from us requesting your financial assistance. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to WVAA. We truly appreciate your monetary support of any amount and thank you for your gift!

# **About Our Organization**

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. was formed by local citizens with the expressed intent of delivering the best care possible to their neighbors in their time of need. That is a philosophy we continue to hold dear today. Whether paid or volunteer, many of us either grew up in Wolcott or live here today. Like our ten dedicated founding members, we work diligently to deliver the best emergency medical care to our community. To us, that means making sure there are two paramedic level ambulances ready to respond twenty-four hours per day. Although only two of the ambulances are staffed, we regularly respond to three or even four simultaneous calls for help at once!

# **Emergency Medical Technician Class**

Do you have what it takes to become an Emergency Medical Technician? We are looking for kind, compassionate individuals with a fervor for taking care of people. A career in EMS is a special way to give back to your local community! Are you interested in this unique vocation, but unsure where to start? Well, look no further! We would be glad to help you get started on this exhilarating journey to becoming an EMT.

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association is excited to announce our upcoming accelerated EMT Course! This fast paced ten-week course will run from June 4th until August 11, 2022. You will hear from several experienced EMS educators, be involved in hands on skills and gain the knowledge needed to become an EMT in your community! Class will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Saturdays from 10 AM until 4 PM. For more information about this course, visit us at www.wolcottambulance.com (EMT courses tab), call us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at training@wolcottambulance.com.

# **Membership**

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

# American Heart Association and Stop the Bleed Classes

Please check our website (www.wolcottambulance.com) for updates on our community classes. As things begin to return to normal Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association will begin offering monthly community classes at our head-quarters (48 Todd Road) again.

### Stay Safe!

We couldn't do it without you! As always, we would like to thank each one of you for your continued support of Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance. We are honored to serve this great community. Don't forget, as you are out and about enjoying your spring activities, stay safe!





We are still working safe and following all CDC guidelines. We never have to enter your home. Call today and learn more!



# Friends of the Wolcott Library

Please don't miss our Spring Craft Fair which will be held in the downstairs meeting rooms on Saturday, April 2 from 10 am to 2 pm. To date we will have a sampling of the following products: baked goods, baskets, books, candles, clothing, crochet, home décor, jewelry, leather, magnets, pictures, rocks and soaps. Some of our vendors have many varied items for sale too numerous to mention. Admission is free. So make this your stop to see what we have to offer in preparation for Easter and Mother's Day.

Our special book collection day will also be held downstairs on Saturday, May 7th from 10 am to noon. Boy Scouts will be on hand to help unload your donations. We appreciate gently used books of all types but please no encyclopedias, magazines or Readers' Digest. We will also be selling puzzles and games for both adults and children and DVD's and audio books but we have no market for VHS tapes or cassettes. If you can't make it that day, we will gladly accept your donations at the main desk. For larger donations, please call ahead at 203 879-8110 and someone will let you in on the lower level. The actual dates of our sale are Thursday and Friday, May 19th and 20th from noon to 6pm and Saturday, May 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is free all days and items will be priced individually.

At our last meeting the Friends voted to renew our membership to the Mattatuck Museum. This attraction is so very close to us and is a wonderful place to visit. Thinking ahead to school vacation and the hope of better weather, you might want to select from any of the following current passes that we have: American Clock and Watch Museum, Beardsley Zoo, Children's Museum of CT and Roaring Brook Nature Center, CT Old State House, New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center, New Britain Museum of Modern Art or the New England Carousel. The CT State Parks pass includes Dinosaur State Park, Gillette Castle and Fort Trumbull. Please enjoy compliments of the Friends.

A special thank you to all the Stop and Shop customers who purchased a GIVE bag at the Wolcott Street store in the month of February. A donation from each bag will be given to the Friends. Thank you for your support.

# **Wolcott Public Library**

The library is participating in a statewide initiative, Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program, from April 1-30, 2022. This program is back after a two year hiatus.

Your library card opens the world to you through physical books, audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs—as well as downloadable or streaming version of the same products. Now let your library card open the doors of Connecticut libraries by participating in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program!

Nearly one hundred forty (140) Connecticut libraries are proud to participate in the Connecticut Library Association's Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program. To celebrate National Library Week during April, the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program invites you to visit all of the participating Connecticut public libraries. Each library has its own architecture, vibe, and collection to explore and browse! The program is open to adults and children, and the hope is that it encourages residents to explore the amazing diversity of our public libraries.

To begin, visit the Wolcott Public Library to pick up your Passport. It will be stamped and you will be given a token gift to get you started. Then, take your Passport along as you visit other participating libraries. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then staff will stamp your passport and give you another small gift.

If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 6, 2022, you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). This is a state-wide contest where four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries.

For more details and a full list of participating libraries, 203-879-8110.



# April 8, 2022 @ 8:00 PM

Wolcott Lion's Comedy Night Fundraiser For

Past District Governor John Gagain
Tickets \$35

Lion's Den 245 Wolcott Road, Wolcott CT

**DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 BYOB & BYO Appetizers** 

For Tickets & Info Contact Tony Marino 203-910-0437



A Wolcott Public Library patron shares her Shamrock Stitching craft.



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# Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors would like to report that we received 2 additional bronze sponsorships this month from Angela Buzzelli and Tynan & Iannone, Attorneys at Law. Additional donations were received from Paula Gold and Raymond's Building Supply Company as well. We would also like to thank William Ackerman and the family of Philip Cordeau for their continued support of his named memorial scholarship which will be awarded again this year.

# Wolcott Congregational Church Setback Tournament

The Wolcott Congregational Church is sponsoring a setback tournament on Friday, April 8 at the church on 185 Center Street, across from the town green. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for registration, and games will begin promptly at 7. There will be seven games of setback, with new partners assigned for each game. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome to attend. Unless there is a change in state requirements, masks will be strictly optional.

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As for Wolcott Governmental TV (wlct96.org), we are preparing for the Mayor's Budget Presentations, getting ready for the financial needs of the town in 2022-2023.

Mayor Dunn will present his proposed budget at the regular April 5th Town Council Meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. At the April 12th Special Council meeting, the primary Town Departments will explain their needs. On April 19th at the regular Town Council meeting, various boards and commission will appear to present to the Council. The Board of Education will present their needs at the first Council meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd.

All meetings will replay beginning the next day at 12:00 am, 6:00 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm for those unable to view the live meeting.

We continue to work with the staff and management of Skye Cable 13 to provide the Wolcott Comcast subscribers with Wolcott content on Comcast channel 96.

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# Confidence in Our Elections Should Not Be a Partisan Issue



State Senator Rob Sampson — 16th District

ovember 2022 is coming and so is the battle over what that election will look like.

By all honest and objective accounts, the 2020 Presidential election was a tragedy. Numerous states are still

reeling from controversy over their own elections and many legislative and court battles continued to be waged across the country as a result.

The focus has always been the top of the ticket and the race for President. Since 2020, it has been mainly Trump supporters concerned about dubious results in about half a dozen states. However, rewind to 2016 and it was the Clinton campaign fostering allegations of Russian "collusion."

This sad result where neither side of the political spectrum seems content or even certain of the outcome of a national election is a travesty and should concern us all greatly. That is why I have devoted a significant portion of my effort at the state capitol to fighting for election integrity. In my opinion, the one thing we must absolutely agree upon when it comes to policy is how our elections are conducted.

To my dismay, every year, more and more laws are passed in our state affecting our election process on

party lines. This is a sign that something is severely wrong and requires immediate change. The path we are on only ends with more distrust and potential interruptions in the peaceful transfer of power in the future.

For me, the issue has never really been the Presidential election and I have focused more on our state elections. Of course, I only have a say right here in Connecticut and there is little dispute over the top of the ticket. That said, our election right here at home in 2020 was an unmitigated disaster. I can share a laundry list of reasons, but the primary concern was the unsolicited mass mailing of absentee ballots. This not only carried a price tag of close to \$8 million taxpayer dollars and resulted in thousands of disenfranchised voters, but it also created a system so welcoming to ballot harvesting and fraud that it cannot be ignored by anyone interested in having an honest election.

One reason is that we have extremely out of date voter rolls. So much so that in 2020's election, **hundreds of thousands** of ballot applications were returned as undeliverable. Tens of thousand more were sent to the wrong addresses, others addressed to those who moved away years ago, and others to people who passed away even a decade ago. Combine that with those that didn't receive any application at all and others whose ballots got tied up in the mail and showed up too late to be counted and you have what amounts to a real mess.

Sadly, it may be about to happen all over again. Connecticut Democrats in the legislature are attempting to revise our election law to redefine eligibility based on illness to mimic the methods used in 2020 because of the pandemic. We cannot allow that to happen.

The Waterbury Republican-American recently published an editorial referring to this policy proposal, currently moving through the legislature as HB 5262, a "menace to democracy" and then went on to say, "Universal mail-in voting would only leave room for mistakes that would exacerbate existing fears about the fragility of American democracy... Such a policy could prove disastrous. While proponents frame ease of voting as the highest democratic principle, the importance of election integrity cannot be discounted. Advocates of mail-in voting would respond by arguing that postal ballots are secure and reliable. The facts tell a different story."

I couldn't agree more. As I have said so many times, everyone in both parties wants to see maximum participation in our elections. This means we are ALL in favor of expanding access to voting. However, that access cannot sacrifice our trust in the process and confidence in the results. You can count on me to continue to press for common sense and an open election process worthy of your trust.

Senator Rob Sampson serves as the Ranking Republican member of the Government Administration & Elections Committee. You can follow him at senator-sampson.com



# **Are You Sure** I Have Cavities?



Dr. Ezra Friedman Wolcott, CT

Telcome back! I hope this month's column finds you smiling. We are going to continue discussing common questions that come up in our office. I'm combining the next two common comments as they are very similar and will have overlap in discussing them.

"I don't need x-rays. I'm not having any pain."

"Are you sure I have cavities? Nothing hurts."

These are both valid questions. Often times patients are concerned with the necessity of what we do at a dental office. We definitely try to avoid unnecessary discomfort and cost. If nothing is hurting, what are dentists looking for when they take x-rays? Why go through the "pleasure" of fillings or a dental crown/cap if we are not experiencing discomfort?

With regard to taking x rays, it is important to understand the two reasons we take them. The more obvious one is for help in diagnosing a specific problem. If someone comes into the office with a toothache, the dentist will have an x-ray taken to help locate and confirm the source of the pain. Sounds reasonable. But why take x-rays when nothing hurts? So, our teeth, unfortunately are often times like men (or men like me) where we might have an issue but decide not to tell anyone about it. The issue will continue to worsen until we finally snap and get really upset. Routine x-rays, taken at cleaning appointments, are there to find little issues that are there but that the teeth are not talking about yet. Our goal is to find these small issues and deal with them before they turn into painful raging problems.

This idea, of our teeth usually keeping its feelings inside instead of expressing them, answers the second question: "Are you sure I have cavities? Nothing hurts." To elaborate; our teeth and decay are odd. When teeth have decay, typically there is no discomfort or pain. Its not until the decay has progressed so deep into the tooth that it is knocking on the nerve's door that the tooth will register discomfort. I have had instances where even that didn't shake the tooth from its blissful slumber. The decay progressed to the nerve, into the nerve, killed the nerve and started an abscess before the owner of that hapless tooth finally felt discomfort and came to see me. We dentists would prefer to treat a small, painless cavity than wait until things get worse and we are treating a much bigger, painful cavity

If the dentist is able to find these small problems, bigger problems can be avoided. Treating a small cavity is better than treating a big cavity and much better than a root canal or an extraction. Taking x-rays to screen for areas of trouble and treat cavities before they worsen is a wise investment in your oral health. Not only are the bigger issues more uncomfortable, they are usually more costly to treat.

Thanks for your time. I look forward to continuing next month.

# **Boy Scout Troop 230**

SA Troop 230 is diligently working on improving skills. The Troop recently held a breakfast cookoff. Patrols planned, budgeted, shopped and finally cooked their meals on camping stoves. Some delectable concoctions included breakfast quesadillas, gravy and biscuits and yogurt parfaits. The Scouts also took a trip to Mount Southington where the boys skied and snowboarded while learning about the sports and completing the Snow Sports Merit Badge. They also practiced some outdoor fun while helping out the Chb Scouts at their annual Cub Blizzard. Scouts led stations such as sled pulling, mousetrap fishing and rope courses.

Congratulations goes out to Sam Hogan of Wolcott who earned his Eagle Scout Rank. Sam worked on restoring The Last Supper display at Holy Land in Waterbury.

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Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Company 2 Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

The Troop also held a can and bottle drive at the American Legion. The Troop sorted recyclables in hopes of earning money to fund future endeavors both in learning new skills and in giving back to the town. Thank you very much for your continued and generous support.

Upcoming events include a camping trip to Newport, Rhode Island, a weekend touring Philadelphia, assisting at the Library Book Sale and a spring clean-up at the Library.

The Troop will be collecting year round bottle and can donations at 83 Allentown Road by the garage doors.

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WOLCOTT \$509.900 — Incredibly unique home, unlike any other! This gorgeous colonial has a full legal in-law with its own separate entrance front and back. The in-law features a spacious bedroom with cathedral ceilings and two closets, a full bathroom with tub and stand up shower, open and large living room with a door leading to the back deck and pool, and a kitchen with large pantry and laundry room. If space is what you need you will find it in the main house!! The generously sized living room has hardwood floors, high ceilings, a propane fireplace, and built in book shelving. Perfectly sized kitchen has plenty of cabinets for all of your needs. This home has three levels. Two bedrooms with a full bath located on the 2nd level and the master bedroom is the entire 3rd level. There is also an office with an extra closet off of the master bedroom. Hardwood floors throughout both houses. If that is not enough, you can enjoy your summer nights on the back deck sitting by the pool and overlooking your 1.5 acres of land. Nothing to do but make this home yours!!



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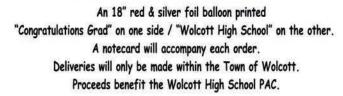
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# Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!



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# The Alleged Honor System



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

hen it comes to our elections, it just seems like we are operating on the honor system. There are no checks and balances. Why do I say that?

During a public hearing before the Government Administration & Elections Committee, of which I am the ranking house member. I questioned Secretary of the State Denise Merrill as to the integrity of our elections and the potential expansion of the use of absentee ballots without putting any checks and balances in place.

I asked Secretary Merrill how we protect the integrity of our elections when so many absentee ballot applications are mailed in. Shouldn't the state take steps to verifying each signature on that ballot and compare it to a signature that it has on file. Apparently not. She said she did not think that using a signature to verify those ballots would be a good method. "Our signatures change over time," Merrill said. "It's the same problem with photo IDs. Our photo changes over time too, those aren't necessarily better ways of securing anything." Our photo does change over time which is why the DMV requires a new photo and signature every 6 years when renewing your license. How can it not make sense to do that? So, the person who should care the most about protecting our elections, not only doesn't think that signature verification can work to protect our elections, but also doesn't think presenting a photo ID will work either.

If a push by Democrats is successful, absentee ballots will again flood our elections. Democrats have disingenuously declared that public health and civil preparedness emergencies still exist in Connecticut, which opens the door to permitting no-excuse absentee ballot voting in the 2022 election and in violation of the Connecticut Constitution.

During the 2016 presidential election, Connecticut town clerks processed less than 140,000 absentee ballot applications. In the 2020 election, they were forced to process almost 660,000 ballots. The typical rejection rate of absentee ballots is around 2%. In 2020, the rejection rate plummeted to 0.9%. And voter fraud does happen? For example, In Bridgeport a city Councilman and landlord allegedly forged the identity of his tenants and submitted fake absentee ballots for his own election. Even one vote can decide an election, which is why we cannot allow fraud to enter our system.

We simply seem to be on the honor system when it comes to our elections and no one at the state or local level appears to be checking to make sure that the person who signs that absentee ballot application is in fact that same person. Why? Because state law does not require it and the majority party refuses to enact such law. Verifying signatures or requiring photo identification when voting is not too much to ask considering you need to present proof of your identity in so many other aspects of our lives.

We want everyone, who is eligible, to vote. It's what makes our system so great and provides people with choice while holding our elected officials accountable. The honor system may work in our elementary schools or at a roadside farm stand when you drop a dollar in a bucket to pay for a vegetable, but there is too much at stake to use that system for our elections.

Recently I voted against H.B. 5262, which passed out of the house, "An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes." The bill was introduced by the Democrats and changed the current language which allowed an eligible voter to vote by absentee ballot because of their own personal illness to a much broader definition of just "sickness." Qualified voters may now vote by absentee ballot because of the mere existence of sickness in the world, rather than because of their own personal illness. These measures, all done during COVID, may seem incremental, but is a backdoor way into no-excuse absentee voting that bypasses the requirement of a constitutional amendment that voters must approve. Prior to that vote, I offered several amendments that would have strengthened the integrity of our elections. Those provisions would have required the signatures on absentee ballots to be verified. Another amendment would have included language that would send absentee ballots to potential voters only if they requested them.

Democrats in the majority voted those measures down. If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were serious about protecting the integrity of our elections, they would work with us on measures that would improve voting protections!

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.repmastrofrancesco.com or my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/repgale.



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by Karen Mowad



36,482 Is the total number of pounds of clothing we collected last year. Think about how huge that is for one little organization! That earned us \$1459.00 in revenue and clothed 6,720 people.

This information I received makes all the effort worth it. I thought of all the people who helped collect, bag and organize; all the residents who were able to clean their homes and donate, and all the volunteers that pitched in to help made a huge impact. This is just one example of what a small community can do when we all come together. I cannot thank you all enough for the love and support throughout the years.

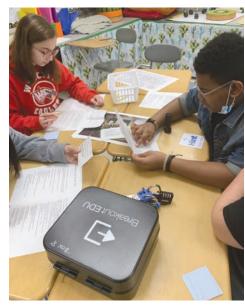
Our first 2022 meeting will be help April 14, 2022 at 6:30pm if you would like to ask about joining or see what the Wolcott Grange is all about!



# **Target on Tyrrell**



On February 8th, the TMS Boys Basketball team and TMS Cheer team had their 8th Grade Night.











Eighth grade Social Studies students participated in an escape room activity to end their unit on the Articles of Confederation. This activity also served to introduce students to their unit on the Constitution of the United States.



On February 12th, the TMS Dance team finished first in the middle school division at their dance competition at Fairfield Warde High School. In addition, the TMS Cheer team finished first in the middle school division at their cheer competition at Watertown High School.





French students celebrated Mardi Gras by learning about the history and traditions surrounding this holiday in various parts of the French-speaking world. They enjoyed sampling King Cake and beignets, in addition to making masks, hats, and jester puppets.









Seventh grade students came to the Media Center to "get cozy" with different book genres.

# Focus On Frisbie



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

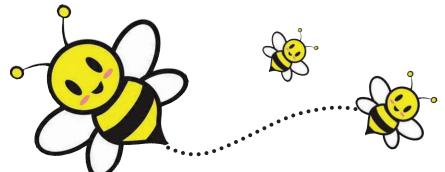


Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners for February 2022.



Project Explore art club replicates Georgia O'Keeffe work.

Once a month, they teach a group of fourth graders about an artist and a composer. The first month was Georgia O'Keeffe and the composer was Mozart.









 $Frisbie's \ Students \ of \ the \ Month for \ February \ 2022.$ 



Frisbie students celebrated Read Across America Week with some special readers from TMS and WHS.



Toilet paper roll characters were a hit with our creative Frisbie students!



Frisbie Project Explorer students run a book club.

# Wakelee School News!









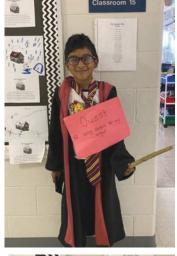






























Happy Easter! Wolcott Community News

# What Does it Mean to Eat a Rainbow?



News from Chesprocott Health

Fruits and vegetables come in a range of colors – red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple – and their rich-hues aren't just nature's way of adding color in our lives. The

colors serve a nutritional purpose. Therefore, it's important to "eat a rainbow" – meaning you eat fruits and vegetables from each color and get a variety of important vitamins and nutrients that can prevent disease.

### A Rainbow of Choices

Red fruits and vegetables help to protect against heart attacks and some cancers. Lycopene is the main source of their red color and some of the most popular red foods are tomatoes, red apples, red grapes, cherries, and strawberries. If you're feeling adventurous, pomegranates and blood oranges taste great and are chock full of nutrients.

Of course, when we think of orange foods, oranges are the first to come to mind. But there are plenty of orange and yellow foods to choose from including bananas, carrots, yellow peppers, cantaloupe, pumpkin, and papaya. These have carotenoids, which protect skin, increase eye health, and build immunity.

Green foods like broccoli, spinach, lettuce, and kiwi are full of antioxidants that are great for overall health and a good source of fiber.

You won't feel blue if you stock up on blue and purple foods! Blueberries, eggplant, cabbage, and blackberries help you feel your best with memory boosting, anti-aging, and anti-inflammatory properties.

### Fresh vs. Frozen

Although fresh fruits and vegetables are plentiful during summer and into fall, once winter comes the selection can be limited. However, you're in luck because research shows that frozen can be just as nutritious as fresh – and possibly more nutritious! Frozen foods are often less expensive, too

# How to Incorporate More Fruits and Veggies into Your Diet

Add fruits and vegetables to your favorite dishes. Find ways to incorporate fruits and vegetables into foods you already eat, For example, stir fruit into your cereal or yogurt, add strawberries or blueberries to your pancakes, pack your sandwich with extra veggies, add vegetable toppings to your pizza, stir greens into your favorite casserole or pasta dish, or stuff your omelet with extra vegetables.

- Clean out your junk food cabinet. Eliminating the less-healthy options is more likely to result in healthy choices than any other scenario. So, stocking plenty of produce is good, but eliminating junk food alternatives will seal the deal.
- Make a list of your favorite vegetable-rich recipes. Keep a collection of recipes handy to serve as a resource when you make your shopping list.
- Try new things. Next time you go to the grocery store, pick out a new fruit or vegetable to try.
- Cook vegetarian. At least once every week, skip the meat
- Snack away. Try snacking on fresh fruit. Try carrot and bell pepper strips with a low-fat dip, or baked kale with fresh salsa.
- Have canned and frozen options on hand. Just be sure to read labels — sometimes canned options can have lots of added sodium or sugar.
- Consider a fruit smoothie in the morning. You can easily pile fruits and veggies into a healthy smoothie
- Think seasonally. Take advantage of fruits and vegetables in season.
- Do more meal prep. Chopping up a few vegetables in advance and storing them in your fridge can make you more likely to reach for them when throwing together meals

- Keep fruit where you can see it. Place several ready-toeat washed whole fruits in a bowl or store chopped colorful fruits in a glass bowl in the refrigerator to tempt a sweet tooth.
- Explore the produce aisle and choose something new. Variety and color are key to a healthy diet.
- On most days, try to get at least one serving from each of the following categories: dark green leafy vegetables; yellow or orange fruits and vegetables; red fruits and vegetables; legumes (beans) and peas; and citrus fruits.
- Half Your Plate. Fill half your plate with fruits and veggies at every meal and snack.
- Add More. Add extra fruits and vegetables to dishes, even if they already contain/call for them in the recipe.
- Steam & Flavor. Steamed vegetables make great sides.
   Add flavor with low-calorie or low-fat dressings and herbs and spices



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# **SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE**

# The Junior Women's Club Scholarship

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

# Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott

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

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

# The Wolcott Lions Club Scholarships for 2022



The Wolcott Lions Club encourages ALL Wolcott students to apply!

The Wolcott Lions Club will again be offering six (6), \$2,000.00, Scholarships to the Wolcott High School

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

# Dennis Antonacci Jr. Scholarship

Dennis is a former Wolcott student who was lost to suicide. We honor his memory each year by awarding this scholarship to

one graduating Wolcott High School student. Candidate must be pursuing a career in social work, counseling or psychology. For further requirements and to download an application, please visit us at: www.dennisjrscholarship.org

# Junior Women's **Club News**



The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott elected new officers L during their March monthly meeting for the 2022-2023 year: President – Judy Bellemare, Vice President - Jeanne Thomas, Recording Secretary - Colette Bowes, Treasurer -

Joanne Pajak & Corresponding Secretary - Karen Dollinger. The new officers will be installed at the club's Banquet, May 18th.

We would like to thank all who volunteered to give blood during our Red Cross Blood Mobile held March 19th at the St Basil the Great Parish Hall located on Woodtick Rd. Look for us at the Town's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 9th. Every year we look forward to donating a girl's bicycle and Helmet to this event.

Our club unanimously voted to donate \$500.00 to the Wolcott Food Pantry. The need is great at this time due to the rising costs of food; it is our priority to help our neighbors. We also continue to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel 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. Reach out to us via our email if you need a helping hand through the gift of heat.

We are looking forward to honoring our town's veterans on June 1st by sponsoring our 6th annual "Salute to Veterans". Look for updates on this event on our website or the Facebook page; Junior Women's Club of Wolcott. All Wolcott Veterans and their guests are invited to attend to share stories of their service. Veterans are encouraged to bring pictures or mementos to share with all who are attending.

The club will host its Annual Golf Tournament in June. Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on the Golf Tournament and for information and entry forms for our Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott Contest to be held at the Lions Club Fair in September.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June, via Zoom (for now), Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club (15 members strong!), all our welcome!

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







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**Wolcott Community News** 

# Around Town Photography by Roger Picard





The **Wolcott Lions Club** handed out checks recently to several organizations that serve the Town of Wolcott in many different ways. The organizations receiving checks were, Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association, Wolcott Fuel Bank, Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department, Cross Roads and the Commission For Citizens With Special Needs.



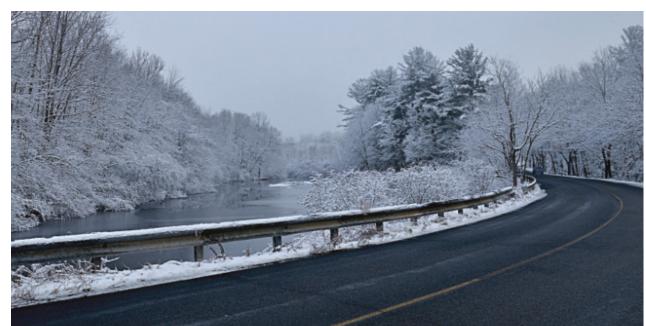
Occasionally, our photographer comes across some unusual sights around town while out photographing for the Community News. Such an item was found outside the Elephant Barn on Center Street recently. This one time oil tank was transformed into something that seems to want to take a bite out of current energy prices.



The Wolcott Congregational Church Youth Ministries held an overnight camp site on the Town Green recently, to bring awareness of people living homeless. Over 30 youths participated in the event and slept in tents with freezing temperatures overnight. They were also collecting donations of food and cash from passing motorists. They raised over \$5,000 for the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries.



Mahan's Lakeview Fine Catering was recently sold and purchased by Frederick Blasius Jr. Information obtained recently also indicates Mr. Blasius has sold the property and buildings to Phil Chabot of Farmington, who owns Farmington Gardens banquet facility. This Wolcott landmark has been vacant for over a year and its' new owner intends to keep it as a banquet venue and will re-open after some renovations and upgrades are complete. No opening date has been released.



The recent snow storm on March 9th left a winter wonderland effect on trees and grass. Our photographer captured this seen on Munson Road near the reservoir.



A new business opened its doors recently at 372 Wolcott Road. **A M Wellness Day Spa** now occupies the former Eagle Dry Cleaning space. Anita Mir is the owner of A M Wellness and she provides a variety of spa related services six days a week such as massages, waxing, facials and a variety of other treatments.





**The Mill Pond Way** walking trail takes on an entirely different look during the winter as evidenced by this image taken by the foot bridge near the Munson Road entrance.

# **Alcott School News**





Thank you to our special guest readers for Read Across America Week!

Project Explore students enjoyed a visit from Police Dog, Mallard and celebrating "Twos-Day!"





Read Across America Week
was a huge success! We
had special guest readers
from Tyrrell and Wolcott
High School, Cultural Day,
Mismatch/Backwards
Day, and Dress Like
Your Favorite Book
Character Day!







# **Wolcott Historical Society - April 2022**





by Florence Goodman

olcott Road has served as the main thoroughfare in our town from Waterbury to Bristol since 1934. This road has dra-

matically changed over the last 100 years; actually it ended at Center Street until 1934 when the State decided to extend it to the Bristol line. There are still signs in several spots that say "Old Wolcott Road." Most people who live on the western side of town drive this road on a daily basis and probably never think about the homes or roads that they pass each day. Several old homes are located on this road and this month I would like to share the history of one in particular which was recently sold; it is found at 185 Wolcott Road. This house has always intrigued me because of the way it juts out toward the road, but I never thought about its



The Isaac Hough House is located on the western side of Wolcott Road slightly south of Nichols Road. This is where Charles Browne lived throughout his life.

history until I started researching the soldiers from our town who served in WWI and found out that one of them had grown up in this home.

The Isaac Hough House is located on the western side of Wolcott Road slightly south of Nichols Road. The original 2-story Federal style post and beam structure was built in 1837 on a 15-acre tract of land. Land records indicate that Hough purchased the property from Erastus and Esther Atkins for \$1200 on February 13, 1837; he lived in the house through the late 1850s. A single story wing was added to the house on the south side sometime toward the end of the 1800s. Records indicate that the John P and Sarah Ann Pratt Browne owned the property in 1890 when their son Charles P. Brown was born there on March 16th. Charles attended the Old Stone Schoolhouse, which was only a short walk from his home. During those childhood years Charles never realized that the training he received



Charles Browne's WWI trunk



The helmet found inside the trunk

while growing up on a farm in Wolcott would affect his future. Charles attended high school in Waterbury and after graduation he worked for Scovill manufacturing Company in Waterbury until the war began.



The canvas case, gas mask and canister.

On July 7, 1917 Charles enlisted in the Regular Army and served until August 12, 1919.

He trained at Fort Slocum, New York from July 8th to November 5th. He was then assigned to Supply Company, 12th regiment, 2nd division in Fort Myer, Virginia from November 5th to December 24th. He was stationed at Camp Hill, Newport



Charles Browne in Germany on his horse.

News, Virginia from December 26, 1917 to February 16, 1918. He was promoted from private to Wag in January 1918. He left Newport News on February 16th and traveled to Arcadia. From Arcadia he sailed by way of Halifax along the northern route to the north coast of Ireland then down the coast to LaRochelle in western France. Because of his farm background Charles was assigned to caring for the mules on the ships going to Europe. During WWI mules were used as working animals.



Woodtick Stone School prior to the 1898 addition to the building. Bessie Garrigus was the teacher. Some of the students (not in order) are: Almus Browne, Eva Tyrrell, Mac Norton, Iva Norton, Justine Browne, Charles Browne and Frank Burns.

On March 21, 1918 Charles was sent into action. He participated in engagements in Verdun and Toul Troyou, Chateau Thierry, Sousous, Marbache, St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont Argonne Musse and Army of Occupation without being wounded. He was discharged on August 14, 1919 and returned home to Wolcott to the family home and farm. Charles later married Cecelia and they lived in the family homestead on Wolcott Road where they raised their family. An old trunk filled with all his military supplies was placed in the attic of their home and it is remained there for years. Those memories and artifacts came to life one last time when his granddaughter, Frances Fairchild was kind enough to share it and the relics inside with the Historical Society. We placed the trunk and its contents on display at our booth at the Lions Fair in August 2017 when we did a display about the "WWI Soldiers that served from Wolcott." That old trunk and its contents were the highlight of our display. It contained his uniform with some very unique badges, his hat and helmet, as well as a gas mask and riding stirrups. We also found an old photo at the bottom of the trunk.

When I returned the trunk to Fran and her husband we discussed getting together so they could give me the complete Browne family history, but that never happened. Fran died of Covid in March of 2021 and her husband, Jim died in September of that same year. Last month when the "For Sale" sign went up in front of the house and the dumpster was also placed there memories of the trunk and the veteran who served so bravely during the first World War quickly came to my mind. My only hope was that the family Fran and Jim left behind found a great place for that old trunk and the wonderful history it held, and that it will be treasured for years to come. So the next time you drive past that old homestead at 185 Wolcott Road remember Charles Browne.

(Information for this article was taken from an "Honor Roll of WWI veterans" that hangs in the Historical Society museum; CT Military Questionnaires from Ancestry.com from Deb DuBois; "History of the Town of Wolcott, Connecticut From 1731 to 1874, by Samuel Orcutt; my Wolcott News article from September 2017; obituaries of Frances and James Fairchild found online)



**Donna Belval** Senior Center Director

### Monday

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

1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

### Tuesday

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

Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

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

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

### Wednesday

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

12:30-3:00 Bingo

### **Thursday**

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

11:00 Free-Chair Yoga

12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

12:30-3:00 Pinochle

### **Friday**

10:00-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting

# Monday - Friday

9:00-11:00 Setback

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

### Tuesday, Apr 5

11:00 Lunch at The Great Taste of China—Bus leaves at 11:00—Sign up

### Wednesday, Apr 6

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Fresh Sliced Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll w/ Dessert & Beverages--\$2.00 pp—Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out

11:00 Sign up for Senior Dine Program w/ Maura from New Opportunities Inc

11:30 Lunch Special—Chicken Salad on a Croissant w/ Lettuce, Chips & Dessert

\$3.00 pp Call 48 hrs in advance to order — Eat In or Take Out

### Thursday, Apr 7

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

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11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie—Easter Bonnet Table Decoration--\$8.00 pp

### Tuesday, Apr 12

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Staropolska Polish Restaurant-shopping at Roly Poly Polish Bakery following lunch—Sign up

### Wednesday, Apr 13

8:30-9:30 Senior Easter Breakfast—"Free"—Sponsored by Autumn Lake Healthcare at Bucks Hill Menu: 1 Pancake w/ Strawberries & Whipped Topping, Bacon, Fruit & Pastries, Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, Coffee & Tea

EAT IN ONLY — MUST SIGN UP BY MONDAY, APRIL 11

11:30 Senior Lunch--Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad & Dessert--\$3.00 pp

Call 48 hrs in advance to order—Eat In or Take Out

### Thursday, Apr 14

11:30—"Senior's Prom" sponsored by Wolcott High School Service Community Club--\$6.00 pp—Sign up & pay by Thurs. Apr 7

Menu: Sandwiches and Wraps, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Snacks & Drinks—Entertainment will be provided. Come to the senior center and enjoy this special event! Get your dancing shoes on!

### Friday, Apr 15

GOOD FRIDAY—SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

### Monday, Apr 18

9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov's—Sign up

### Wednesday, Apr 20

11:00 Bus leaves for guided tour of Mattatuck Museum--\$17.00 pp

Sign up & pay by Tues. Apr 19

11:30 Senior Lunch—Ham & Cheese w/lettuce on a Roll, Turkey Soup & Dessert

\$3.00 pp Call 48 hrs in advance to order — Eat In or Take Out

### Thursday, Apr 21

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie—Dress Form Stand-Plant Holder--\$9.00 pp

### Friday, Apr 22

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—French Toast w/ Bacon, Dessert & Beverages

\$2.00 pp—Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out

### Tuesday, Apr 26

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

No casino / food packages are offered at this time.

11:30-3:00 Foot Reflexology w/ Kim Stewart--\$20.00 for 20 minutes of relaxation!

Sit Back & Relax! Let Kim work her magic!

# Wednesday, Apr 27

11:30 Senior Lunch—Home-made Meatball Sub w/ Mozz Cheese, Chips & Dessert

\$3.00 pp Call 48 hrs in advance to order — Eat In or Take Out

### Thursday, Apr 28

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Manor Inn followed by bus ride to Hubbard

Park to view the Daffodils & feed the ducks—Joan will provide duck food-sign up

### Friday, Apr 29

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Belgium Waffles w/ Bacon, Dessert & Beverages

\$2.00 pp—Call for reservations—Eat In or Take Out

### Sunday, May 1

1:00 Bus leaves for "Let It Be" at the Thomaston Opera House--\$26.00 pp

Pay by Thurs. Apr. 26—Dinner to follow at Crabby Al's

### Tuesday, May 3

11:00-3:00—"FREE" AAA Driver's Safety Class—Call the senior center to sign up

Check with your insurance company to see how much money you will save!

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

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Introducing our new "Pound Class" with weighted drumsticks taught by Naida from Fitness Fury X-Perience



Our seniors working on their leprechaun crafts at Crafty Corner

Happy Easter! Wolcott Community News

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# Wolcott Food Pantry Thanks You



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

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

Our distribution dates for the next few weeks are as follows: Apr 13th, Apr 27th, May 11th. All dates are Wednesdays between 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM.

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

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

You can help our volunteers out if you can check those dates and eliminate the expired ones from the donation.

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

Shelf-Stable Milk
Canned Fruit
Chili
Cereal
Canned Juices
Boxed Meals
Oatmeal
Canned Chicken
Baked Beans
Peanut Butter
Canned Meats / Stews
Jelly

Canned Pastas
Coffee/Tea
Jarred Pasta Sauce
Instant Potatoes
Pudding
Pasta
Rice
Condiments
Soup
Jell-O
Salad Dressing

A number of local organizations (Pat's, Walsh's, Post Office, Wolcott Library and Stop & Shop of Wtby) also provide locations at the checkout to leave a food donation for the Pantry. We thank the management of those locations for their on-going support.

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

Updates:

- To any business located in Wolcott that may have an inventory of 'box' trucks: we are looking for a replacement/backup truck for our existing vehicle and we would love to discuss any options we might have in acquiring an older vehicle from you. Please call our number and leave us a message if you have an interest in discussing further.
- The volunteers and clients of the pantry would like to express appreciation to the students, families, and staff of the town's school systems. They regularly run food drives on our behalf and they contribute greatly to our food inventory.



Thank you to the students, families and staff of Tyrell Middle School. They ran a food drive recently on our behalf and collected 463 lbs of food.



Thank you to the students, families and staff of Frisbie Elementary School. They ran a food drive a short time ago and collected 289 lbs of food on our behalf. Bethany Darin delivered the food to us and it was a pleasure meeting her.



Thank you to the students, families and staff of Alcott Elementary School. They ran a food drive on our behalf recently and collected 161 lbs of food.



Thank you to the Wolcott Rampage Girls Softball Team for a running a food drive on our behalf. They collected and delivered 160lbs of food. Kari Langdeau and some of the girls delivered the goods to our house.

# **WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION**



# Wolcott Public Schools Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will conducting preschool screenings on April 29, 2022. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children ages 3 and 4 who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178 to schedule an appointment.

# Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2023, please visit the District website to pre-register your child for the next school year. Please complete the Google Form with your child's information. 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.

# Wolcott Board of Education 2021 – 2023 1490 Woodtick Road 203-879-8183

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

Wolcott Terminal 515 Wolcott Road 203-879-1334



# Wolcott Board of Education 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

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

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

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

# Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2021-2022

<u>Central Office</u> – 203 879-8183

- Superintendent of Schools:
   Dr. Anthony Gasper. –203 879-8183
- ◆ Business Manager: Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- ◆ Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Shawn Simpson – 203 879-8430
- Director of Student Services
   & Alternative Programs:
   Mr. Kevin Hollis 203 879-8178
- ◆ Supervisor of Special Education: Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance 203 879-8180

Supervisor: Ms. Jessica Abbott

### Wolcott High School - 203 879-8164

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

### Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

- Principal: Mr. Joseph Norcross
- Assistant Principal: Mr. Daniel Caetano

### Alcott Elementary School – 203 879-8160

• Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

# <u>Frisbie Elementary School</u> - 203 879-8146

Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

### Wakelee Elementary School – 203 879-8154

• Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

# $\underline{WHS\ Athletics}-203\ 879\text{-}8173$

• Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

• Coordinator: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

### **District Compliance Officers**

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

It is the policy of the Wolcott Board of Education that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, material status, sexual orientation, mental retardation, past or present history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability.

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# Wolcott Public Schools 2021-2022 SCHOOL HOURS

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



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

# **Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2021-2022**

Date/Event or Holiday

# of Student and Staff Days

May

June

**Total Days** 

July									
М	Т	W	TH	F					
			1	2					
5	6	7	8	9					
12	13	14	15	16					
19	20	21	22	23					
26	27	28	29	30					

Aug	August ( <sub>(7/5)</sub>							
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2	3	4	5	6				
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16	17	18	19	20				
23	24	25	26	27				
30	31							

September (21/21)									
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31						28

<b>April</b> (15/15)					
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May	<b>May</b> (21/21)				
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March (23/23)					
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21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		

June (11/11)					
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13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28	29	30		

August 23, 2021	Convocation
August 24, 2021	PD Day
August 25, 2021	First Day for Students
September 6, 2021	Labor Day
October 11, 2021	Columbus Day
November 2, 2021	Election Day
November 11, 2021	Veterans Day
November 24-26, 2021	Thanksgiving (half day o
December 23 - 31, 2021	Holiday Recess (half day
January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day
February 21-22, 2022	February Recess
April 15, 2022	Good Friday
April 18 - 22, 2022	April Recess
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
June 15, 2022	Last Day (tentative, half

	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Student</u>
August	7	5
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	17	17
January	17	17
February	16	16
March	23	23

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up at the end of the school year. After sixteen (16) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation

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

If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first sixteen (16) days will be cancellations and these days will be made

beginning with April 22, 2022 and moving backward from there.

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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.



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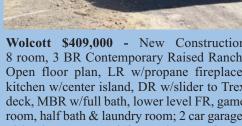
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Derek Turbacuski





Redding \$648,500 - Unique 13 room Cont. Raised Ranch on 2.4 wooded acre lot on cul-de-sac; Kitchen w/HW floor & pantry, DR w/slider to deck, LR w/wood beams, FP & vaulted ceiling, sun room, MBR suite, upper level loft w/skylights & built-ins, LL FR w/FP, 2 car garage, stone walls & gentle stream. Ask for Lynn Lombardi.

# LAND LOTS

### **WOLCOTT**

Ask for Lucienne Marsella.

Bethany \$279,900 - Handyman special! 8 room Ranch on almost

3 acres in a peaceful setting with a stream and bridge; LR w/fire-

place, DR w/fireplace and sliders, office, MBR w/cathedral

ceilings & skylights, main level, in-law, upper level loft.

**\$59,900 -** 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.

**\$150,000 -** 2.61 Lightly wooded acres; Open space buffer allows tons of privacy while enjoying the beautiful views of Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

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

### **WATERBURY**

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