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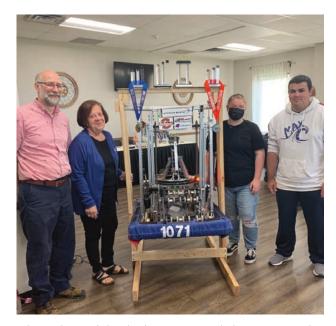
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On Tuesday, May 24, the Waterbury Regional Chamber held a ribbon cutting to mark the grand opening of AM Wellness Day Spa, located at 372 Wolcott Road in Wolcott. Pictured from L to R: Lynn Ward, President and CEO of the Waterbury Regional Chamber; Rep. Gale Mastrofranceso; Sen. Rob Sampson; Marwa Mir; Anita Mir, manager; Salahuddin Mir, owner; Wolcott Mayor Thomas Dunn. For more information about the spa's offerings, visit: https://amwellnessspa.com/



The Wolcott High robotics team attended a recent meeting of the Exchange Club of Wolcott and put on a demonstration of how the robot works and the various tasks it can perform. Pictured here from left to right are Mr. Cormier, Robotics team teacher adviser, Annette Petruzzi, Exchange Club president, Melia Germano and Youssef Macary, robotics team members. Photo by Robin DiNicola



Boy Scout Troop 230 presented the colors at the Flag Day ceremony on the Wolcott Town Green, organized by Dan DiVirgilio. A group of Police Officers, town leaders, state representatives, veterans and towns people attended the event under sunny skies, and mild temperatures. Photography by Picard



Ethan Cratty, a Life Scout from Troop 230, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project, a 9/11 Memorial Parklet at the intersection of Nichols Rd. and Woodtick Road. Along with fellow scouts, scout leaders, family and friends, Ethan constructed the masonry perimeter surrounding the 9/11 Memorial which was donated on 9/11/2021, obtained bench sponsors for each of the four benches and sold pavers which have personalized messages etched into the stones. Ethan held an unveiling ceremony on Saturday, June 11th, where Mayor Dunn, Senator Rob Sampson and State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco were in attendance and provided a few remarks. In addition, Ethan extended a sincere thank you to all who donated materials or supplies and supported his project and fundraising efforts over the last year. If you haven't seen his project yet, stop by and take a look. You won't be disappointed!



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Happy 25th Birthday David Love Mom and Dad



This is Jaxon Buonocore, and he loves firetrucks and police cars. He accompanied his grandmother to the WVFD Co. #3's Family Safety Day at the fire house on the corner of Lyman Road and Potuccos Ring Road. Jaxon got to climb into several fire trucks and a police car that were on display along with an ambulance and a DARE Police vehicle. Photography by Picard



The Wolcott Lions Club handed out six, two thousand dollar scholarships to six Wolcott high seniors. The scholarships were awarded at a recent meeting in the Lion's Den on Wolcott Road. The recipients are from left to right, Sarah Lagasse, Liam Reilly, Megan Paolino, Aaliyah Petion, Ethan Mazza and Abrianna Dunn. Photography by Picard





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### **BIRTHDAYS**

### Cancer, June 21st - July 22nd – "The Crab"



Ruling planet: Moon. Element: Water. Ouality: Sensitivity. Ability: Nurturing. You are the shy, supportive members of the zodiac. Home and family are very impor-

tant to you, and you are willing to submerge your own wants and desires for the good of your immediate group. Often quite ambitious, you seek to get ahead in order to provide the best for your loved ones.

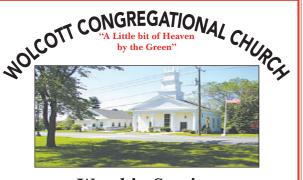
July 3rd -Raymond Fasano III

### Leo, July 23rd - August 22nd - "The Lion"



People born under the sign of Leo are natural born leaders. They are dramatic, creative, selfconfident, dominant and extremely difficult to resist, able to achieve anything they want to in

any area of life they commit to. There is a specific strength to a Leo and their "king of the jungle" status. Leo often has many friends for they are generous and loyal. Self-confident and attractive, this is a Sun sign capable of uniting different groups of people and leading them as one towards a shared cause, and their healthy sense of humor makes collaboration with other people even easier.



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### **Brad Pinkos, DMD** Joins Dental Health **Associates of Wolcott**



Dental Health Associates of Wolcott, CT is delighted to announce the addition of Dr. Brad Pinkos.

Dr. Pinkos received his Doctorate in Dental Medicine from Tufts University in Boston after graduating from the University of Richmond with a degree in Biology and Religion. He practiced in the Boston area for about a decade before moving to Connecticut to be closer to his family.

Dr. Pinkos strives to keep up to date with the newest techniques and procedures by studying dental journals and through continuing education courses. He has completed over 100 hours of hands-on training to surgically place dental implants. He is also Invisalign© certified. He is committed to providing high quality patient-centered comprehensive dental care.

Dr. Pinkos grew up in Bridgewater and now resides in Woodbury with his soon-to-be wife and their dog. He enjoys spending time with his family as well as traveling, biking, hiking and playing tennis.

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### July 23rd - Saturday Christmas in July Fair

**Location:** Wolcott Congregational Church

185 Center St., Wolcott **Time:** 10am-4pm

**Info:** Crafts, Vendors, Candy, Baked Goods, Silent Auction and Food. Come shop, have lunch and take a chance on the raffle!

#### July 31st - Sunday 5th Annual Music on the Farm Event

Location: Indian Rock Nature Preserve

501 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott

**Time:** 1-5 pm (gate opens at 12:30 pm) **Tickets:** \$20/pp through 7/29 at ELCCT.org

or \$25/pp at door

Info: Live Bands: Bonnie Marie with The Scott Heth Quartet, Portrait Party, Radio Waves, Matthew Sperzel (Solo Acoustic). Food, Beer & Wine for Sale. Rain (large tented patio) or shine (on the farm) www.ECLCCT.org

### August 13th - Saturday Auditions Grease: A Musical Revue

Location: SPP Vocal Studio 152 Mad River Rd, Wolcott (Upper level Pat's IGA) Time: 10am-12pm

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### Wolcott Recreation Summer Concerts

Sunday, July 3rd - 6pm Town Green Featuring Group Therapy

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Town Green Featuring Rockin Heartbeats (Mayors Picnic at 4pm)

Sunday, July 24th - 6pm

Peterson Park Featuring Sister Funk

Sunday, July 31st - 6pm

**Town Green Featuring Mad River Blues Band** 

For cancellation notice call (203) 879-8100 x141 after 3pm on the day of the concert



### A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



A huge thank you our staff (past and present) for volunteering at this year's rabies clinic on June 11, 2022. We were able to license

were able to license several dogs while meeting many residents' dogs and cat in our drive through line. Animal Control, Wolcott Vet, town employees, and volunteers did

an amazing job organizing and implementing a smooth clinic as always. We look forward to this annual event.

Just a reminder that in July dog licenses have a late fee of \$1.00 each. Please call if you have any questions 203-879-8100 x112

# MAYOR'S CORNER

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all the Graduates!! Happy 4th of July! Summer is finally here!!!

Please be advised that the Wolcott High School Turf Field and Track will be closed to all visitors beginning on June 10th after graduation and is expected to be completed in approximately four months.



Our Summer Concert Series

began in June and will continue thru the summer. Please visit our website www.wolcottct.org for the Summer Concert Series schedule.

I am happy to say that Peterson Park's Playscape Project has been completed. Hope everyone is out and about enjoying all the summer activities.

We are asking all of 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, regarding 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.

As I have stated before, please visit our website for updated information and town events www.wolcottct.org and if you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 203-879-8100 ext. 102.

Very truly yours,

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Mayor Thomas G. Dunn



### \*Volunteers Needed\*

We are in need of community service volunteers of all kinds.

Right now our biggest need is help weeding the garden and mowing of the yard.

Please let us know if you would like to get involved — kmowad25@aol.com

Wolcott Grange #173 by Karen Mowad

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### Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



### We Would Not Be Here Without You!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Thomas Dunn, members of the Wolcott Town Council and the taxpayers of Wolcott for their support of

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget adopted on June 7th. We would also like to thank all of you that so generously donated to our organization during our annual fund drive. There are many costs involved in the day-to-day operations of this service; we depend on your generosity and support. In return, the Officers, employees, and volunteer members of Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association will work diligently to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us.

### Independence Day and the Start of Summer!

"In Congress, July 4, 1776, The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America"

It has been 246 years since the Declaration of Independence was ratified and ultimately signed by fifty-six representatives including four from the State of Connecticut: Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams and the nineteenth governor of Connecticut, our namesake Oliver Wolcott!

As we celebrate this Independence Day and continue enjoying the beautiful summer, here are a few tips to stay healthy and safe! Don't forget to apply and reapply sunscreen while outdoors, remember to drink plenty of water and stay well hydrated, use the appropriate safety and reflective gear while walking, running, or riding on the roads, and make sure you take the proper steps to stay safe while involved with activities in the water!

### **HEART Safe Community**

Did you know the Town of Wolcott is a HEART Safe Community? This means our town meets certain criteria set forth to try and prevent sudden cardiac arrest from becoming irreversible death. One of the ways we do this is by placing Automatic External Defibrillators strategically throughout our community. These AEDs are placed in areas where many people generally congregate such as the town beach, BAW, the Library, and many other locations. These devices are regularly inspected by WVAA Officers to make sure they are always ready!

### **Emergency Medical Technician Class**

WVAA began teaching our summer EMT Course on June 4th. This fast paced ten-week course is scheduled to run until August 11, 2022. Our students are currently about halfway through this program and becoming more comfortable with the material as they learn to become Emergency Medical Technicians! Would you like to take an EMT class? For 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 an EMT or Paramedic? We are looking for people to become part of our team. Please contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab of our website.

#### **Stay Safe!**

We would like to thank each one of you again 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 summer activities, stay safe!

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Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

#### **ENFIELD**



open Colonial features 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths, 1971 sqft of living space on a large lot. Newly refinished hardwood floors throughout, freshly painted interior, large bedrooms with plenty of closet space. Finished and heated basement for additional room. Taylor Brook runs through the backyard; perfect place to relax with plenty of privacy. Easy access to highways and shopping - Hartford/Springfield area Ask for Brian!

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

#### **NEW LISTING**



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

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#### **NEW LISTING**



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

### **GIVE BACK CORNER**

Congratulations to the 1st Place Rookies Exit Realty Team!



### **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!

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#### **NAUGATUCK**



Naugatuck \$199,900 - Charming Cape Cod style home features 1080 square 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and hardwood floors. This home is well maintained and move-in ready. Call Brett!

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

#### WOLCOTT



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

Preview more at: www.exitsignature.com

#### **WATERBURY**



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



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. Fan tastic 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: exitsignature.com

### **LOT FOR SALE**

**Prospect LOT** \$45,000

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We are proud to welcome primary care specialist Li Zhu, MD to our Wolcott team. After obtaining her medical degree from Tianjin Medical University in China, she went on to complete her residency in family medicine at the Carilion Family Medicine Residency Program in Virginia. Dr. Zhu specializes in caring for the overall well-being of her patients. She is excited to serve families in the Wolcott community by bringing advanced primary care expertise close to your home.

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### Get Your Kids Away from the Screen



With the weather getting warmer how can you find ways to get your kids away from their phones, video games, and laptops? Check out some quick tips below:

Be a positive role model: try to resist the screen yourself, to show kids there are other things they can do!

Get outdoors! Whether or not you have a pool, trampoline, large outdoor yard, or go to a park, be sure to get outside and move!

Learn to cook a meal. Even very young kids can help with basic tasks in the kitchen.

Keep computers and TVs out of kid's rooms. Keep electronics in the kitchen or living to easily monitor their activity.

Line up other fun activities for kids such as painting, crafting, doing puzzles, playing card games, or board games.

Choose a random act of kindness. Mail a real letter to a sibling or cousin at camp or a grandparent, walk an elderly neighbor's dog, or bring in a neighbor's trash can.

Ban electronics from family mealtime, together time and homework time. Make sure kids are engaging in what they need to accomplish.

### **Chesprocott Summer Safety Tips**

### Wear Daily Sunscreen

Reduce your skin cancer risk (and the early onset of wrinkles!) by wearing sunscreen daily. Most people spend more time outdoors enjoying summer activities, making it easy to forget to apply sunscreen. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends applying sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

#### **Use Insect Repellent**

Protect yourself from diseases spread by mosquitoes and ticks like dengue fever, malaria, West Nile Virus, and Lyme disease by wearing bug repellent. In addition to bug spray, you can also minimize bug bites by discarding standing water in your yard (think bird baths and kiddie pools), wearing long sleeved-clothing, and using mosquito netting, when outdoors to avoid bug bites.

### Prepare an Emergency Weather Kit

Summer is known for its long days, but it's also a prime time for severe weather like thunderstorms or hurricanes. Heavy area storms can easily knock out power and scatter debris, making it difficult to travel outside the home for necessities. Ensure you have a full emergency kit ready to go with non-perishable food, flashlights, water, a first aid kit, extra medications, etc. to see you through an emergency situation.

### **Stay Hydrated**

Staying hydrated is always important for optimal body functioning, but especially during the hot and humid months. That's because fluids are lost through sweat which happens a lot more often in the summer. If you plan to spend a lot of time outdoors, make sure you keep water with you and drink it often. Consuming foods with

high water content — think melons, lettuce, cucumbers, etc. — can also help you stay hydrated to avoid heat illnesses.

### **Keep Sanitizer on Hand**

While social settings may be a bit more relaxed it's still wise to practice good hygiene. Whether you're at a picnic, coming out of the grocery store, or holding a stair handrail, use sanitizer any time you're unable to get to a bathroom to wash your hands properly. Alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% of alcohol gets the job done.

#### **Do What You Love**

Finding joy in life and its activities is one of the best ways to keep yourself mentally and physically young. Whether that's going out golfing with friends, playing with your grandkids, visiting a local winery, painting, wakeboarding, etc., it's important to make time to rest and relax this summer season.

### **Remember Your Mask**

Crowded areas and venues — think a bustling train station or market — may still require you to wear a mask even if you're fully vaccinated.



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### An Affordable CT is Possible



State Senator Rob Sampson — 16th District

hen was the last time you completely filled your car's gas tank? Or, bought everything on your grocery list? Not long ago, such expenditures were routine. But, in

the summer of 2022, they have become major purchases that require planning, forcing many to shift their household budgets. The pain of inflation and rising gas prices have become all too real for Connecticut families and businesses. Many are incurring more debt or being forced to forego one necessity in place of the other. After two years of uncertainty with COVID-19, including lockdowns and shutdowns, we should be rejoicing and enjoying a beautiful spring with everything Connecticut has to offer. Unfortunately, it feels like just a different kind of lockdown.

Earlier this year, when we first saw inflation starting to impact residents, me and my Connecticut Republican colleagues sounded the alarm and called for the legislature to offer relief to working- and middle-class families. When the Democrats finally got around to passing their budget adjustment bill, we offered a much-needed amendment that would return \$1.2 billion of the state's surplus back to those who paid for it — Connecticut taxpayers — as a means of relief. Sadly, Majority Democrats voted no, and the plan failed on a party line.

And yes, you read that correctly. The state of Connecticut has a significant surplus. Believe me, I

am just as shocked. Connecticut is locked in a battle with Illinois for the top spot for who has the worst run state finances in the whole country. Barring outside forces, the state would be facing huge deficits this year and panic would have already set in. But yes, there are indeed outside forces. The federal government has printed mountains of new dollars, diminishing the value of money and driving up inflation. Of course, much of those new dollars are ending up in blue states to help prop up failing and mismanaged progressive policies.

Add to the grants Connecticut has received from the federal government, additional tax receipts as a direct result of inflation (when things cost more, the tax goes up too) and voila, Connecticut's state government can spend an additional \$2 billion and still have money left over. Meanwhile, economic conditions for real people continue to deteriorate and the need for relief has never been greater.

The takeaway from all this is that Connecticut residents have been overtaxed – maybe now more than ever. Rising gas and electric prices and inflation are crippling our economy and our neighbors are hurting. I say the state should return the surplus to the taxpayers immediately.

Along with my Senate and House Republican colleagues, I have been calling for a special legislative session to bring \$750 million in relief for Connecticut families. This relief would be immediate and apply to all residents. It would reduce the income tax, the sales tax, and other taxes that make food more expensive. It also provides immediate action on a primary cause for surging costs of all goods: transportation. We want to suspend the state's diesel tax, which will rise to 49 cents per gallon in

July. This tax will certainly be exacerbated by the Democrat-approved truck tax set to take effect January 1. These two taxes impact every good or service that is delivered by way of a truck in Connecticut. Suspending these taxes will allow you to keep more money in your pocket and create another firewall against surging inflation.

Note that our proposal does not alter the current budget or tap into the rainy-day fund. It allocates \$2.85 billion in additional contributions to pay down on pension debt and maintains a record breaking \$3.3 billion in the state budget reserve fund - the maximum amount allowed by law. In short, it is as responsible a plan as we can make it considering the majorities continued mismanagement of the state's finances, and that ultimately, we need them to agree to a special session to make this happen.

Those that follow me know that I have never voted for a spending or tax increase since first elected and if I had a majority, I would be pushing for even greater spending and tax cuts, but this plan is what is both necessary and achievable right now. Connecticut families agree with our proposal and message and have been joining us across the state at rallies to say so.

I continue to urge Connecticut Democrats and the Governor to do right by Connecticut families and to join me in my effort to return excess collected taxes back to the people of Connecticut today.

You can learn more and sign our petition at AffordableConnecticut.com. As always, you can find me at www.senatorsampson.com.





# Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott



Finally summer has arrived and we are all enjoying the splendor of warm weather. Our Club members were very busy during the months of May and June.

May brought us a new slate of Officers and Chairs for our different committees.

Our newly elected officers are; President Ruth DeLeo, Vice-President Mary Kelly, Treasurer Kathy Sullivan, Correspondence & Recording Secretary Sue Mulcathy, and Financial Officer Lorraine Shea. Congratulations to all!

During the month of May we had Kathy Flanagan as a speaker. Kathy spoke of the needs of the residents of the Wolf Hill Complex and their recent hardship where their cars were broken into. A generous donation was made to help the tenants.

On Sunday, May 22, our ladies rolled up their sleeves and helped out at the Special Games, which were held at the Woodtick Recreation area.

On May 26, Mary Kelly and Carleen VanBlarcom, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, attended the Wolcott High School Scholarship award night. Mary Kelly presented scholarships to Sara Lagasse and Kyla Perrotte. Congratulations to both students.

May also saw the final day of the 31 day raffle fundraiser. Thank you to Ruth Deleo, and her Committee, for making this fundraiser such a success. Congratulations to all the raffle winners.

May ended with a number of members attending the Memorial Day Parade. We were so excited as Anthony Battaglia, Owner of Avenue Auto Sales, provided a flat bed truck for the ladies to ride on in the Parade. The ladies on Jennifer's committee really spruced up the truck, decorating it in red, white and blue streamers and displaying our Farmingbury banner on the front of the Truck. Thank you to Jennifer Battaglia who chaired this event. The wonderful ladies who helped in decorating it. Most of all, we want to give a big shout out Anthony Battaglia, Avenue Auto Sales, for thinking of us.

On June 2, we held our annual banquet at the East St. Eatery. Thank you to Chris Culver and her Committee for a fun time, great dinner and especially the dessert made by Chris! Carol Mueller did the honors of the installation. Carol always surprises us with her special props that she creates to make the installation such fun, but also a serious event. This event was highlighted by each Officer receiving a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

The Farmingbury Women's Club is a local organization, which supports the community of Wolcott through time, talent and treasury. For more information on joining our club, please contact Karen Mowad, Membership, or any member of this organization.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy July 4, 2022.





Farmingbury Womens New Officers left to right: Mary Kelly, Vice President, Sue Mulcathy, Secretary, Lorraine Shea, Finance Officer, Kathy Sullivan, Treasuer, Ruth DeLeo, President, and Carol Mueller, Installation



# Wolcott Resident Appointed to Make-A-Wish® Connecticut Board of Directors



Make-A-Wish Connecticut is proud to welcome Kimberly Lumia of Wolcott to its Board of Directors.

A healthcare leader with over 20 years of experience, Lumia currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer & Senior Vice President for Pro-

spect Medical East Coast, which consists of nine hospitals in CT, PA, and RI. Kim started her career as a Registered Nurse in the Critical Care area (Cardiothoracic Intensive Care, Surgical Intensive Care & Trauma) and has held several leadership roles including RN & Team Leader at John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital in Phoenix, AZ; Manager, Director and Service Line Leader at the Hospital of Saint Raphael, New Haven, CT; and Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Executive Officer at Sharon Hospital, Sharon, CT.

"We are thrilled to have Kim join our team," said Make-A-Wish® Connecticut President and CEO Pam Keough. "In addition to healthcare, Kim's experience runs the gamut from construction to marketing, fundraising and grant writing. Her passion for our mission combined with her extensive leadership knowledge and expertise will be an invaluable asset to our organization."

With a Master of Science in Nursing and several other medical-related degree, Lumia has served on many hospital boards and committees including the past President of CTAHE, and current chair of Governance for CTAHE. She recently took office as Regent appointed by the Council of Regents, the legislative body of the American College of Healthcare Executives representing the CTAHE membership of CT and is also a board member of the Access Rehab Board.



Congratulations to our Patriots' Day honoree George DesJardins.

Accepting his award was his daughter Karen DesJardins-St. Jean and granddaughter Brooke St. Jean. George contributed so much to our Wolcott community and served our nation with pride.

### **CASA Honorees**

CASA held it's End of the Year Prevention Celebration on Tuesday, June 7th. This years Honorees are:

### **Emma and Abby Bisaillon**

Outstanding Youth Award

They have been involved with the Wolcott High School RTC Youth Leadership Group for the past three years. They were participants in this year's statewide gambling youth awareness project, awareness tabling events, holiday tree decorating fundraiser, and helped share ideas on how to improve RTC prevention efforts.

#### Jill Fontanella

Outstanding Member Award

Jill is the Wolcott High School Social Worker and helps recruit and retain members for the RTC Youth Leadership Group. She attended the CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) with CASA. She also helped launch the Vape Take Back at Wolcott High School and offers educational sessions on vaping to students who have been caught using during school or are looking to quit.

### Tyrrell Middle School-Joe Norcross & Christine Bove

Be the Change Award

Joe and Christine are being honored for their outstanding work establishing an RTC Youth Leadership Group at Tyrrell Middle School (35 plus student members). They also established a Zen Den safe space for students to go to during the day if they are feeling anxious and/or overwhelmed.

### **Nutmeg Farms**

Leadership Award

Randy Petroniro is being honored for his commitment to CASA! Nutmeg Farms hosts the CASA, Cops, and Carolers event every holiday season! In addition, he has collaborated with CASA and the Wolcott Police Department on various community events throughout the years. Randy is always looking to support CASA through distributing prevention materials and resources to the community at large.



On Wednesday June 1st, Wolcott firefighters responded to 21 Alama Ave for an active house fire and on arrival had heavy smoke pushing with a basement fire. The fire was knocked down in 20 minutes the location was 2 blocks from company 1 firehouse. Photo by Rick Kulmann

# Christmas in July Fair

Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 10AM - 4PM

Get that Christmas feeling by attending the "Christmas in July" Gifts & Greens Fair at the Wolcott Congregational Church on Saturday, July 23 from 10am - 4 pm. 185 Center Street, Wolcott.

There will be crafts, vendors, candy, baked goods, silent auction and food. Come, shop, take a chance on the raffle and have lunch!!! See you there



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# HELP NOT WANTED: Connecticut's Misinformation Specialist



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o we really need a taxpayer-funded "misinformation" specialist? Someone who sits at a computer all day, just to tell us whether posts on Facebook, and elsewhere online, are real or fake?

Did you know that the cost of this position is \$150,000 a year and you and I will be paying for it? That is exactly what was slipped into the latest budget - a "misinformation" specialist who will be paid to identify information he or she might disagree with.

The Yankee Institute first reported on this position, which was intended to "combat election misinformation," in February of this year. Funding for the position was quietly inserted into the biennium state budget adjustment during the legislative session that concluded in May. How does this person determine what is true and what is not? If they don't agree with a piece of information, then it's false?

According to the job description, that yet-to-be-hired person will search websites, online forums, Facebook, Tik Tock, Twitter, and Instagram among others, then report any "misinformation" to the various social media companies.

And let's face it, those companies have continued to censor political voices, not because of misinformation, but simply because they just don't like what they have to say.

The Office of the Secretary of State – an elected official – would oversee a state employee whose mission is to hide information from the public view, scrub news sources and social media accounts of information he or she considers false and put a government label on information that the Secretary deems not credible.

People are smart and are fully capable of understanding truth from fiction, this position assumes otherwise of our residents and is offensive. The good people of our state don't need the government to start meddling into social media posts. This is a position that is doomed to fail and is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

### Early Voting Question will be on the ballot this year

Maintaining the integrity of our electoral system is critical to our democracy. That's why I am opposed to a measure that will be on the ballot this November that asks voters to amend Connecticut's Constitution to allow "early voting," which would allow people to cast their votes before the polls officially open on Nov. 8.

The problem with "early voting" is that the term is too broad and not defined. Does early voting mean hours before polls open, days, weeks, or months? With no definition at all, voters have no way to know what they are being asked to approve. If voters say yes, the legislature will define what "early" means and residents will be left out of the conversation.

And there are big problems with early voting. Let's say voters casts their ballot weeks before polls close and a late-breaking development occurs in a campaign that could be important to the choice the voter made. By then, it's too late and there is no way they can take their vote back. Early voting also poses risks of fraud with absentee ballots. Since absentee ballots could be lingering around for weeks there is a risk of ballot damage and misplacement. Also, if voters see results from those "early" votes and think there's no hope for their candidate, then they may not go to the polls at all, thereby reducing turnout and altering the outcome of the election.

Between waste and attempts to manipulate our elections, I am keeping a watchful eye on the actions of our government.

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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### **Junior Women's Club News**



The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott recently awarded three \$750.00 scholarships to Wolcott's high school seniors. The Arts Scholarship was established in 1981, and recognizes a

student for achievement in the Arts or pursing higher education in the Arts. Julia Thies was awarded the Arts Scholarship. The Lucille Jablonski Community Service Scholarship was established in memory of a beloved Club member, known for her service to Wolcott. This year's award recipient has shown exemplary community service, Youssef Macary. Alex Forte received The Patricia Najarian Scholarship which was established in 1967, to recognize a student who is achieving her/his full scholastic potential.

We will be sponsoring our Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott Contest to be held at the Lions Club Fair in September. The event is open for the first 20 girls and 20 boys who submit their completed application. Applicants must reside in Wolcott and must be between the ages of 4 & 7.

You can download the application on our web site, www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org

Connecticut Junior Women's Director, Jeanne McFerland recently announced that the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott was awarded the Outstanding Club of the year. This recognition is awarded to a club in Connecticut. We also received recognition for the "Project that Made the Most Impact" in their community. That project supplied a single mother and her family of 5 with appliances, Pj's, clothing including a decorated Christmas tree and a bag of toys for the children.

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

Please contact us via email for more information via email at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.



**Julia Thies** Awarded the Junior Women's Arts Scholarship 2022



Youssef Macary Awarded the Lucille Jablonski Community Service Scholarship 2022



**Alex Forte** Awarded the Patricia Najarian Scholarship 2022



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#### **WOLCOTT GOVERNMENTAL TV**

**Wolcott Town Hal** 

Turning on your TV is the simple method of bringing the world into your home but thanks to Congress it allows you to see into and participate in your community. Yes, right in your viewing area. It's known with the acronym of PEG, Public Access, Educational Access and Governmental Access.

Education Access is provided locally by Wolcott High School to provide students with exposure to communications. Governmental Access we provide to you with meetings and events from Wolcott Town Hall.

As we celebrate Independence Day and every day you need know that you have a "soap box", a way to make your voice heard to your neighbors in Wolcott. SKYE Cable 13 is the Community Access Provider and provides what you need to reach out with your ideas to each home in the Greater Waterbury region covered by Comcast Cable and Frontier Internet. They will provide the facilities, studio, cameras, microphones, graphics and instructions on how to use them. Most of all they will provide air time that you must schedule.

Even if it's ONE TIME issue you need to make us know about or an ongoing (13 week) series of whatever concerns you most, Public Access is your window to open and shout "I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE" or "I LOVE YOU".

SKYE Cable 13 can be contacted by calling 203.755.1113 to obtain more information or the forms to step up onto the soap box.

As to summer programming on wlct96 Governmental Access, by agreement in July and August, the Board of Education and Town Council meetings will NOT BE aired unless an issue is of major importance. Our community scroll will be updated with the upcoming events you may be interested in.

Please enjoy your summer and be safe in your travels. We look forward to providing you with a window to view the meeting that affects your family.

Suggestions and programming comments continue to e welcome and can be addressed to www.wolcottgovernmentaltv@gmail.com.



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Please feel free to call the Church Office for up-to-date info

### CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES



Wolcott High Grads



Congratulations Ethan and good luck at Quinnipiac University! We are proud of you and all you have accomplished! Love, Mom, Dad, Emersyn, Grammie, and Grandma



Congratulations Devin! We are so proud of you! We know you'll do great things at college and in your future. We love you!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Alex, & Emily



Congratulations Michael!
You continue to make us so proud!
Can't wait to see what
the future holds for you!
Mom, Dad, Derek, Juice & Mackie



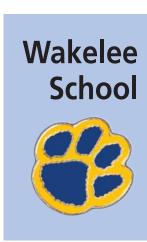
Congratulations Hailey!
We are so proud of you.
Love Mom,
Dad and Logan



We love you Gillian and every accomplishment you have made! ♥♥



Congratulations Makayla & Makenzie! You both amaze us! We are so proud of you! Best wishes for success at UConn! Love. Mom & Dad



ELIZABETH HUGHES

Congratulations Elizabeth!

We are so proud of the young lady you are becoming

Congratulations Elizabeth!
We are so proud of the young
lady you are becoming.
Love Mommy and Daddy

# College Grads



Congratulations to Jessica Carichner who graduated from Harvard University with a Masters in Public Health. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Shannon, Michelle and Sean



Congratulations in graduating summa cum laude from Sacred Heart University, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. You've worked extremely hard and it has paid off. Connecticut Children's Medical Center is eager to welcome you into their family. You're going to be an amazing nurse! Love, Mom, Dad, & Angelo



Congratulations Jill! Graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Health Policy & Management and minors in Finance & French. Good luck at George Washington!



Congratulations Lea, for graduating with a Masters of Science Degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

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### HAPPY JULY 4th!



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



BRISTOL \$219,000 — Cozy 3 bedroom Ranch home with 1.5 Baths located in a quiet neighborhood conveniently located in Bristol, just a short drive from shopping and major highways. This home has many great upgrades such as a 6 year old roof, newer hot water heater, new vinyl floors in the remodeled basement, newer energy efficient vinyl windows and to top it off, two completely remodeled bathrooms. If that is not enough, this home offers a level fenced in backyard for privacy and walking distance from parks, schools, commuter bus lines and many more amenities.



**BRISTOL \$259,000** — Wonderfully maintained two-family home in Central Bristol. The downstairs unit is currently being rented by a tenant and offers a full kitchen with pantry, full bath, spacious living room, and large bedroom. The second floor offers an open kitchen/living room concept, a full bathroom, one bedroom on the first floor, and two bedrooms on the second floor. Both units have their own laundry. Perfect investment to rent out the second floor as well or owner occupy and collect rent from the first floor. The roof was done in 2009 and the entire second and third floors and siding were redone around 2013. Schedule your showing today!!



WATERBURY \$319,900 — Very well maintained 3-4 bedroom Raised Ranch style home. Kitchen is fully applianced and has been remodeled with newer granite countertops, tiled backsplash, and newer flooring with a unique electric heater on the dining area wall. Formal living room has crown moldings and recessed lighting. Newer bathroom vanity and tiled floor. Primary bedroom has 1/2 bath and walk in closet. Lower level has a finished rec room, bedroom and exercise room. One car garage w/opener. Backyard is a welcoming paradise. The deck lends its way to a large patio and upper level has lots of space for a play area. Very private lot. Windows and roof are newer. Mature plantings abound. Come take a look!



PLYMOUTH \$248,000 — Now is the time to own a home by the lake. This lake association provides beach access for all lake residents; movies on the beach, fireworks, canoeing, (non-motorized boats), or simply watching the sunset right from your own private deck. Owners have added a full master bedroom suite, walk-in closet and full bath with a view of the lake right from the Juliet style balcony. This is a great spot to start your day with a cup of coffee or take in the sunset in the evening. This ranch style home with laundry all on the same level makes it super convenient. Many mechanical updates were made, (2012) include furnace, and windows, (2019) siding, roof, HW heater and well pump. The back patio and private backyard provides a great space to entertain after a day at the lake with family and friends. Pellet stove off the living room will keep everyone toasty on those colder nights and 2-car garage with electric openers and two separate attic access points providing lots of space for storage.



WATERBURY \$329,900 — Great Bunker Hill split level home!! This home has been well cared for and is move-in ready. Move right into this over size split on a double lot. 7 rooms with 3 good size bedrooms, 2 full baths and 2 laundry locations. New roof and Trex deck. Large eat in kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel appliances including brand new range/oven with air fryer. Kitchen is open to the family room that has great city views. Full unfinished lower level that can easily be finished and walk out to a beautiful manicured vard.

NAUGATUCK \$519,900 — This spectacular home on

the Naugatuck/Prospect line has so much to offer!!

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Steve Mannetti

granite kitchen opening to family room with gas fireplace. This home offers a formal dining room and living room. Second level offers 4 bedrooms. Primary bedroom has 2 walk-in closets and full bath!! Wait, bring Mom too! Full in-law has its own deck and open kitchen and living room. Full bath has a whirlpool tub. There is also a bedroom and office or exercise room. Bright and airy!! Landscaped lot with above ground pool and 2 decks!! Central Air. Come take a look at this exceptional home!!

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### **Target on Tyrrell**









Congratulations to all of our Tyrrell Middle School 8th graders who graduated on Jun 10, 2022!



TMS Captivating Kids students took a field trip to Talcott Mountain Science Center.



TMS Cosmic Cultures students took a field trip to Bushy Hill Nature Center.



The Diamond Team visited the Media Center in search of the best eBook in the library's collection.









Mrs. Sinatra and Mrs. Stango's "Best Buddies" enjoyed their end of year celebration by tie-dying their new Best Buddies t-shirts (logo design Lily Ruscz).

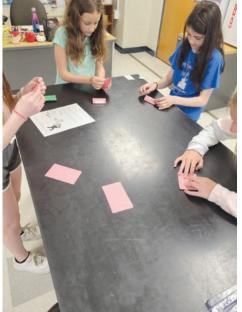
Thanks to Mr. Kelsey for allowing the use of his art room and assisting with some cool tie-dye patterns. The students are excited to wear their new shirts each time they meet, as the program will continue next year as well! The group has already brainstormed some monthly activities we are hoping to partake in! We can't wait!



Tyrrell Middle School would like to recognize the top reader for each grade level from the 2021 Governor's Reading Challenge: Ryan Norville, Grade 6;
Nathaniel Plona, Grade 7; Kai Chambers, Grade 8.

TMS was one of only 6 top-performing middle schools in the state.
This year's summer reading book is Marcus Vega Doesn't
Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya.





The Platinum Team homerooms participated in a STEM challenge.

### **Wakelee School News!**



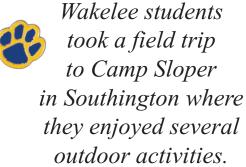




















### Wakelee Super Readers for May



Mrs. Frageau — Ella Messino
Mrs. Colgate — Nicholas Hamel
Miss Stec — Ryder Finke
Mrs. Cipollone — Charlotte Hughes
Mrs. Polletta — Grady Priest
Mrs. Montowski — Gavin Proctor
Mrs. Ciarleglio — Anthony Leary
Mrs. Falencki — Derek Buonocore
Mrs. Martinjuk — Cody Laferriere
Mrs. Matozzo — Adelyn Medina

Mrs. Abucewicz — Liam Flanagan
Mrs. Kane — Quinn Wendling
Mrs. McCasland — Noah Velez
Mrs. D'Alessandro — Zachary Dodd
Miss Jenkins — Hailie Jensen
Miss Zychowski — Logan McCrodden
Mrs. Calabro — Riley Tarwood
Miss DiTota — Emma Harry
Mrs. Nori — Christina Debrah





### **Focus On Frisbie**



Congratulations to our final pizza winners



Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners for May



Frisbie's Students of the Month for May



Frisbie students enjoy
"Buddy Reading" as a kickoff to their
Summer Reading Program.



The Frisbie's Kindergarten classes participated in a volunteer project where they planted flowers to brighten up the grounds of the Wolcott Food Pantry.



Frisbie School and Project Explore held a fundraiser for "TEAM NICKY" at Roller Magic where students and families were able to donate to the cause and have a blast skating the night away!



Frisbie's 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Fishbein is named Wolcott Teacher of the Year!



on their communication skills through various team building activities. Frisbie 3rd grade students enjoyed a fun Team Building Day!







Frisbie 3rd grade students sing "Hello to All the Children of the World" as part of their Cultural Fair.





 ${\it Frisbie\ Chorus\ and\ Band\ students\ perform\ at\ their\ June\ 1st\ concert}$ 

# PUBLIC NOTICE Town of Wolcott

In accordance with the Wolcott Town Charter, the Wolcott Town Council, having adopted the following town expenditure and revenue budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at a Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, hereby causes to be published said town budget. A detail of the adopted budget and information supporting the budget actions taken by the Council is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Wolcott Town Hall, 10 Kenea Avenue, Wolcott, Mon., Tues., & Wed. 8:00 A.M. until 4:30P.M.; Thurs. 8:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. and on Fridays 8:00A.M. until 12:00 P.M. The adopted budget can also be viewed on the Town of Wolcott website, wolcottct.org. – Mrs. Rachel Wisler, Chairperson, Wolcott Town Council.

### TOWN OF WOLCOTT BUDGET SUMMARY

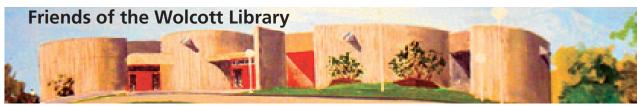
	Adopted
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	FY 2022-23
Property Taxes	44,969,741
Intergovernmental Revenues	12,842,682
Licenses, Fees and Permits	497,640
Charges for Services	57,425
Investment Income	12,000
Transfers from Other Funds	399,860
Use of Available Fund Balance	750,000
Other Income	112,950
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	59,642,298

### **Expenditures & Other Financing Uses**

General Government	7,644,942
Public Safety	7,383,254
Public Works	1,971,219
Culture and Recreation	1,028,523
Education	37,453,363
Debt Service	3,824,157
Capital Outlays and Leases	321,840
Contingency	15,000
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	59,642,298

### ADOPTED FY 2022-23 BUDGET SUMMARY & MILL RATE

Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	59,642,298
Less:	
Revenue & Other Financing Sources Other T	han
Current Property Taxes	(14,769,057)
Use of Available Fund Balance	(750,000)
Amount to be Raised	
from Current Property Taxes	44,123,241
Mill Rate 2022-23	30.80
Current Mill Rate 2021-22	33.14
Mill Rate Increase/(Decrease)	(2.34)



nother great pass will be added to our Museum Program. New England Air Museum is offering us 3 passes which allows the pass holder and up to 5 admissions 50% off general admission. Those prices are \$18 per adult, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for children ages 4-14. Children under 3 are free. They have a collection which includes a fully restored B-29 "Superfortress" to a one-of-a-kind Anti-Submarine Blimp Car. There are also new exhibits such as New England Women in Aviation and the Kosciuszko Squadron. They are open every day 9 am to 4 pm except for several special holidays. They are also offering Aerospace Academy Camp for the summer months. Please visit their website www.neam.org for further details.

We had a very successful book sale last month. Despite the rain one day and then the 90 degree weather at the end, we were pleased with the turnout. So thank you to all who came and purchased books and brought some as well. We also donated a portion of our leftovers to Waterbury Reads, Children's Community School as well as to the active military. Our small group of Friends are very dedicated to bring you the most organized sale in the area. We also welcomed several new members who are now learning how we set up. We also had a small group of students from the high school and middle school as well as a few scouts from Troop 230 who helped us with the setup and the breaking down of the tent and some also stayed to work the sale.



Patrons get patriotic at Wolcott Public Library's paint night program

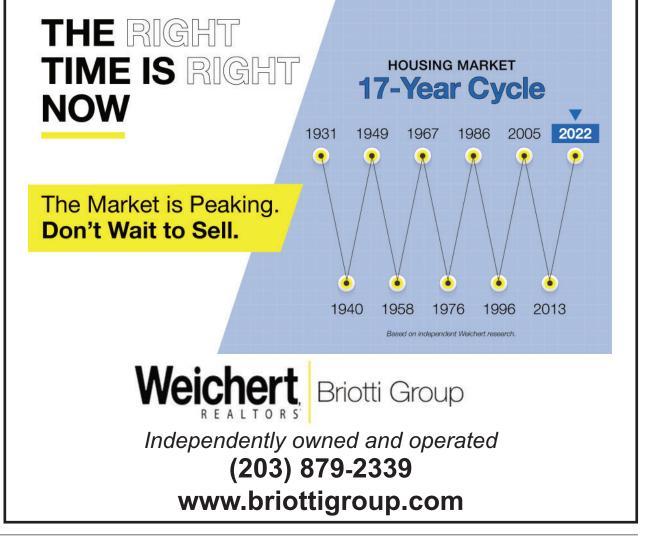
Many hands were involved in this endeavor. If you would like to get involved with the book sale, please reach out to us a wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com or call the library at 203 879-8110 and leave your contact information. If you missed this last sale, check out the bookcases at the main entrance. We filled them with all new volumes including some large print and 2021-22 fiction. We also have a selection of children's and young adults books and some nonfiction including gardening and golf.

Also when you come into the library, stop by the Reading Room and see the newest display of some of the wonderful items given to us by the Krasnovsky Family. We periodically change the scenery in the cases to reflect the seasons.

On a last note, if you or your children participate in the Summer Reading Program, please note that the Friends are sponsoring the Super Hero Program to be held on July 11th as well as all the prizes awarded over the next few months. We also are purchasing the t-shirts, canvas totes, and the bibs for the Books for Babies program. If you are a Wolcott resident and are expecting, please sign up for this wonderful program and once your baby arrives you will receive a gift compliments of the Friends of the Wolcott Library. Have a great summer and enjoy all the wonderful programs and activities we have in store for you!



Wolcott Public Library's Kid's Paint Party produced plenty of masterpieces





**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

### Monday, July 4

CLOSED — HOLIDAY

### Wednesday, July 6

8:30 Bus leaves for the Thimble Islands — \$15.00 pp Lunch at Bill's Seafood — Sign up for the bus

#### Friday, July 8

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

#### Monday, July 11

 $8:00\,$  Bus leaves for Port Jeff Ferry —  $$20.00\,$  pp Pay by Tues. July 5 — Sign up at the senior center

### Tuesday, July 12

11:00-2:00 FREE AAA Driver's Safety course-check with your insurance company for a possible discount on your insurance premium. No lunch will be served—please bring your own lunch — Sign up at the senior center

### Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center

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#### Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3:30pm. Fri 8:30am-12:00pm

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You DO NOT need to be a Wolcott resident to become a member - EVERYONE is welcome
Everyone MUST fill out an emergency contact form—Please update any changes on the form
We are on the town website: www.wolcottct.org under "senior center"

#### Wednesday, July 13

11:30 Lunch Special — Home-made Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella Cheese, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp Please call 48 hours in advance to order.

#### Thursday, July 14

8:30-9:30 Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll
— \$3.00 pp, Call 48 hours in advance to order.

10:30-11:30 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Autumn Lake at Buck's Hill

11:30 Crafty corner w/ Jeannie—Learn to make a "Be Happy Rolling Pin"-Hanging decoration — \$7.00 pp, Sign up at the center

#### Tuesday, July 19

 $8\!:\!00\,$  Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino: CT Sun vs. New York Liberty Basketball game — \$15.00 lower level seating or \$10.00 upper level seating

Departing Mohegan Sun Casino at 3:00PM Pay by Mon. July 11 — Sign up at the senior center

#### Wednesday, July 20

11:30 Lunch special — Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Roll, chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp
Please call 48 hours in advance to order.

#### Thursday, July 21

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

### Friday, July 22

8:30-9:30 Belgian Waffles w/Sausage Pattie — \$3.00 pp — Call 48 hours in advance to order

#### Tuesday, July 26

8:30-9:30 Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00pp, call 48 hours in advance to order

11:00 Bus leaves for Lights & Sights Boat Cruise" — \$33.00 pp, pay by Tues. July 12

11:30-3:00 Reflexology w/ Kim — \$20.00 for 20 minutes — Sign up at the center

#### Wednesday, July 27

11:30 Lunch Special—Double Chili Dogs w/ Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Call 48 hours in advance to order

#### Thursday, July 28

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make All Occasion Greeting Cards — \$5.00 pp 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.



Brownie Troops 64154 & 60632 designed and planted gardens at the Senior Center



Fitness Fury X-Perience w/ Naida instructs our new Pound Class (w/ weighted drumsticks)



Crafty Class w/ Jeannie works on the Welcome door decoration



Our Senior Zumba Class was held in memory of our "Crazy Cowboy" Ron

### **Wolcott Historical Society - July 2022**





by Florence Goodman

If you have never attended the Wolcott Historical Society's Garden Tour, you don't know what you're missing. This month I will give you a glimpse of the five beautiful gardens you can view on this

year's tour, which will be held on Saturday, July 9th from noon to 4:00. A \$10.00 donation opens the door for visitors to leisurely stroll through these hidden treasures. You may purchase tickets in advance or on the day of the tour at the Center School History Museum at 154 Center Street. Monies raised from the tour supports our yearly scholarship program. Once you purchase your tickets, you may visit the gardens in any order.

Perennial gardens are not for the weak or weary; it takes hours of strenuous work to create and maintain them. These gardens can differ greatly since they tend to reflect each gardener's personality and purpose for creating these natural wonderlands. I know from my own experience how much time and energy I have put into my gardens for over 30 years; they are truly



Rock garden found at the home of Deb DuBois

"labors" of love. Each garden featured in this year's tour has its own specialty, but all have a common thread: tranquility, beauty, and peace. Although four of the gardens on the tour are repeats you will be surprised at some of the changes that have taken place in each of these yards. For various reasons, gardens change from year to year; they grow and change in size as well as plant materials.

The first stop on our tour is at the Woodtick Road home of Deb DuBois where you will find glorious gardens throughout her property. Gardening is not new to Deb, and her creative flare for designing floral arrangements for many years at Orchid Florists spills out into her own backyard. Deb has worked with indoor and outdoor plant materials on a regular basis for many years; she has an uncanny ability to arrange flowers and colors while placing them in just the right place in her yard. She uses beautiful statuaries to accent each area as well as many different, unique plants and a vegetable garden. The variety of plant material found in Deb's yard is amazing. The back of Deb's property borders the "old Woodtick Road" before it was rerouted to its present location and if you look closely, you may still find remains of it back there. What I love about that back area of her yard is the way she has used the hundreds of various sized stones to build a stone wall around one of her gardens. The height of the wall grows yearly!! You will love meandering through this garden wonderland!

Just off Todd Road on Woodcrest Avenue you will find the next two gardens on the tour. The first one is found at the home of Kathy and Tom Sullivan. As you enter this natural wonderland you are drawn into an array of colorful plant



View from Kathy & Tom Sullivan's front porch.



View of one of Jim Hackett's many gardens.

materials. Kathy and Tom have large areas filled with hydrangea, climbing hydrangea, lilies, ornamental grasses, daisies and other perennials vigorously blooming around you. They utilize shade perennials to their fullest extent and have also created various theme garden rooms that show off their garden creativity. As you gaze into their woodlands, you see a palette of muted colors, but the blue hydrangeas are outstanding. Their water garden is filled with lily pads and other aquatic plant material as well as colorful fish, which create a soothing atmosphere. Over the last few years, the Sullivans have made some major changes to their front porch and the gardens around it. I love walking through these amazing gardens, and I know you will too.

Two houses down from the Sullivan's on the same side of the street you will find the gardens of Jim Hackett. I think that Jim should be named "champion of garden containers." He uses huge pots to show off his unique tropical plants



James Thomas house (circa 1775) where Seth Thomas was born and grew up. This is the home of Flo & Terry Goodman.

and large annuals grown from seed. These are placed along his house and driveway and welcome you into his perennial gardens. One can meander through his property and enjoy glorious statues and water gardens filled with beautifully colored coy and water lilies. Jim has also created a unique composting area that is hidden by thriving hydrangea and hosta; he utilizes his garden space to the fullest. You will marvel at the size of the plants that Jim grows in the beautiful containers around his yard. Both gardens found on Woodcrest Avenue are truly "paradise found" and you must walk through each yard slowly to appreciate all that they have to offer.

The next garden is new to our tour and is a hidden gem! It is at the home of Shirley LoRusso and found on County Road. Shirley has been gardening for over 50 years and it shows. She utilizes every bit of space on her property to create a palette of colorful beauty. The backyard gardens were created around an abundance of sun and shade as well as the slope of the land, but she has filled it with plant materials that fit in perfectly. You will find a variety of perennials throughout her gardens. She has roses, hydran-

gea, astilbe, spiderwort, lilies and so much more, placed in ways that invite you to take your time and "smell those roses". You will love strolling through Shirley's beautiful yard and gardens.

The last garden on the tour is located on Peterson Lane. It is the historic Thomas house that is owned by Flo and Terry Goodman. James Thomas built this home circa 1775 and his son, Seth, the famous clockmaker, was born in the house in 1785 and lived there until 1807. As you drive down this quaint dead-end road, you are greeted by stonewalls bordering the front yard gardens, which were designed to have perennials blooming from spring through summer. A variety of summer perennials such as daisies, coneflowers, day lilies, hosta, and liatris can be found throughout the property. The gardens have changed over the years and several gardens have been removed because upkeep has become a problem. As you stroll through these gracious gardens it is amazing to see so many flowers in bloom. The use of small stonewalls and paths in the garden areas help to accentuate them.



A very old Japanese maple shading plant material in Shirley LoRusso's backyard garden.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Wolcott Historical Society's Garden Tour on Saturday, July 9th from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold the day of the tour in the Center School History Museum parking lot from 11:45 – 2:00 p.m. or you may order them ahead of time by calling Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818.

In closing, I'd like to add a comment about last month's Mickey Mouse rock article. I now have a great picture to add to my file on this topic. Eddy Miller gave me a black and white photo of himself next to the "Thinker Rock" so I have included it in this month's photos.



Eddy Miller circa 1965 in front of the Mickey Mouse Rock, originally called "The Thinker Rock."

### **Alcott School News**





Congratulations to
Alcott's Fifth Grade Class of 2022
on their promotion to middle school!
We are very proud of you
and wish each of you
the best of luck
at Tyrrell!

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED** at Wolcott Food Pantry



The Wolcott Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help out in our mission. Some of the responsibilities include:

- Availability Mon/Tues 8Am-11AM (sometimes 11:30ish). Every other Wed 8 Am – Noon.
- Ability to potentially drive a box truck (no CDL required) or ride as an assistant to various Wolcott, Waterbury, Wallingford locations to pick up -or- drop-off food donations. Boxes of food can be between 10 to 50 lbs.
- Please call our number (203) 704-7402 and leave us a message. We will get back to you A.S.A.P.

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

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

Jul 6th, Jul 20th, Aug 3rd. All dates are Wednesdays between 8:45AM to 11:45AM.

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.

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 Baked Beans Cereal Canned Chicken Stews Oatmeal

Canned Meats Coffee / Tea Peanut Butter Chili Pudding Mac & Cheese Condiments

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

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

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



May 25th: Thank you to the parents, teachers and students a beautiful job. Also, thank you to Wolcott Public Works for site prep work and Echo farms (and others) for flower donations.







Frisbie 2022 Kindergartners enjoying themselves on our grounds.

of the Frisbie 2022 Kindergartner class. They decided to help 'beautify' the grounds of the Wolcott Food Pantry and they did

# **Congratulations Seniors**

The Directors of the Wolcott Education Foundation would like to congratulate all the Wolcott High School Seniors. We were pleased to award the

following \$1,000 scholarships:

Makayla Rose Cossette for the Frederick Townsend Award for Excellence in Mathematics, Madison DiNunzio and Youssef Macary for the David Pape Memorial and Makenzie Leigh Cossette for the Nicholas and Gloria D'Agostino Memorial. Two \$750 scholarships from the Alcott Elementary School Fund were awarded to Ethan Mazza and Julia Thies. Our \$500 awards were presented to Caden Effrece for the Philip Cordeau Memorial, Abrianna Dunn for the Richard Dvarskas Scholarship, Erik Jensen for the Thomas Jokubaitis Scholarship, Min Suh Ospalak for the Inez Hartigan Memorial, Kyla Perrotte for the Retired Teacher's Memorial and Emma Daddona for the Louise Buzzelli Memorial.

We would also like to thank Tyrrell Middle School for their generous donation to our teacher grand and scholarship program.





May 29th: A visit by US House Representative Jahana Hayes. Our V.P. Connie Glieford coordinated the visit. We appreciate Rep. Hayes making the time to come to our location to learn more about our mission.





Contact **Melissa Raffanello**, Mortgage Loan Specialist | 860-934-1306 mraffanello@chelseagroton.com. NMLS # 1715077

**Happy Summer! Wolcott Community News** 

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### **Boy Scout** Troop 230 **Update**

The Scouts in Troop 230 continue to be actively involved in the community and work on strengthening their skills. The scouts recently volunteered at Wolcott's Special Games. In addition to acting as Color Guard during Opening Ceremonies, the boys led activities such as soccer, volleyball and oThe Scouts in Troop 230 continue to be actively involved in the community and work on strengthening their skills. The scouts recently volunteered at Wolcott's Special Games. In addition to actingther fun outdoor games. The Troop also marched in Wolcott's Memorial Day Parade.

During recent meetings, the boys worked on completing fitness requirements such as running, push ups and sit ups and various rank advancement skills such as lashings. Further, Scouts are planning their end of the year Court of Honor where the boys will receive merit badges and rank advancements while enjoying dinner and comradeship with scout families. Finally, the Troop is preparing for summer camp at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth.

Congratulations goes out to Sam Hogan who earned the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout. Sam recently held his Eagle Court of Honor at Woodtick Recreation. Sam worked to restore the Last Supper display at Holy Land in Waterbury.

The Troop is hosting a Can and Bottle Drive on Saturday, July 9 from 9-1 at the American Legion on Wolcott Road.

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

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





# Around Town Photography by Roger Picard





This once giant oak tree stood on the back of the ladies tee box on the seventh hole at Farmingbury Hills Golf Course, was struck by a lightning bolt recently. The strike literally blew the tree apart and split it down the middle.



Seventh grade teacher Holly Werenko, of Tyrrell Middle School was presented with her 2021 Teacher of the Year plaques from the Exchange Club of Wolcott and citations from Mayor Tom Dunn and the State of CT, in her classroom before her students. Holly was not able to attend the Exchange Clubs Public Service Awards banquet back in April. Principal Joe Norcross, on the left, set up the presentation for club president Annette Petruzzi and president elect Roger Picard to come in.



Wakelee School continued on with its' annual Flag Day tradition, by inviting dignitaries, elected officials and veterans to their Flag Day ceremonies. A group of students were selected to assist in the raising of the flag in front of the school, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. This aerial view of the ceremony shows how the entire school participated.



The Wolcott Special Games took place recently and was attended by special athletes, helpers and volunteers. The weather was perfect for the event and a special guest appearance was made by Miss CT USA Cynthia Diaz, who is a Wolcott Resident and has volunteered at this event over the years.



Three veterans from the VFW Post were busy decorating the Town Green with flowers and flags for the Memorial Day weekend. From left to right, Paul Gallucci, Steve Junko and Tom Griffin. They also visited Woodtick and Edgewood Cemeteries and placed flags on veteran's graves. Thank you for your service gentlemen.



The Exchange Club of Wolcott had Foster Care Senior Recruiter, Allison Casinghino of the Wheeler Clinic at a recent meeting as a guest speaker. Allison informed Exchange Club members of the process in which people are selected to become foster parents for foster children in the State of Connecticut. In this photo she is being presented with a certificate of appreciation from club secretary, Mary Swoszowski.



**Dr. Tony Gasper's farewell party** was held on June 13th, at East Street Eatery. Dr. Gasper is leaving the Wolcott School District to take on the position of School Superintendent in the City of New Britain, effective July 1, 2022. In this photo he is conversing with Board of Education members Tony Gugliotti and Board Chairperson Cindy Mancini.

### **WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION**



# 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.

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# We are pleased to announce the 2022-23 Building Teacher of the Year representatives:

**Building Teachers of the Year:** 

Wolcott High School Laura Cartier

Tyrrell Middle School Stacey Caouette

Wakelee School Kerianne Falencki

**Alcott School Cristy Bredice** 

Frisbie School June Fishbein

DISTRICT TEACHER
OF THE YEAR:
June Fishbein

### Wolcott Board of Education 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

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

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

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JULY	11 (Mon - BOE Offices)	
AUGUST	08 (Mon - BOE Offices)	22(Mon - BOE Offices)
SEPTEMBER	06 (Tuesday)	19 (Monday)
OCTOBER	03 (Monday)	17 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	07 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
DECEMBER	12 (Monday)	
JANUARY	09 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	06 (Monday)	
MARCH	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)
APRIL	03 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
MAY	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
JUNE	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)

### Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2022-2023

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◆ Coordinator: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

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- 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
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# Wolcott Public Schools 2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS

	Normal School Day	Early <u>Dismissal</u>	2 Hour Delayed Opening	3 Hour Delayed Opening
All Elementary Schools	8:55AM - 3:20PM	1:20рм	10:55AM	11:55AM
Tyrrell Middle School	8:00AM $-2:25$ PM	12:25рм	10:00am	11:00ам
Wolcott High School	7:30AM $- 1:55$ PM	12:00noon	9:30ам	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 2022-2023

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

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Convocation

PD Day

Date/Event or Holiday

August 29, 2022

August 30, 2022

**Total Days** 

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 thirteen (13) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After thirteen (13) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 14, 2023 and moving backward from there.

<sup>\*</sup>September 1st, 2nd, and 6th will be transition days for Kindergarten, only

### **Wolcott High School Graduating Senior Plans**

Adam Abelli Tunxis Community College Alban Alka Tunxis Community College Jillian Audibert Quinnipiac University

Makayla Aviles Naugatuck Valley Community College

Chase Belisle University of Saint Joseph

Aubree Bellemare Naugatuck Valley Community College Erica Bennett Central Connecticut State University

Malakai Bergeron United States Air Force

Abby Bisaillon Savannah College of Art and Design

Emma Bisaillon Army National Guard

Vanessa Boulay Naugatuck Valley Community College

Madison Brenes University of New Haven
Ivy Browne University of Saint Joseph
Taylor Callahan University of Connecticut

Carlos Candelario Undecided

Michael Caouette Central Connecticut State University
Christian Caruso Southern Connecticut State University

Julianna Cazimovski University of Connecticut

Viana Cazimovski Naugatuck Valley Community College Jordan Chamberlain University of Massachusetts Lowell

Caden Chance Tunxis Community College

Elizabeth Charette Gap Year

Autumn Chasse Middlesex Community College
Mia Chiappalone University of Connecticut
Kailey Chieppo Quinnipiac University

Nicole Christopher Central Connecticut State University

Matthew Ciarlo Tunxis Community College Tunxis Community College Matthew Cole Makayla Cossette University of Connecticut University of Connecticut Makenzie Cossette Casey D'Amato Tunxis Community College Elizabeth D'Ettore Hawaii Pacific University Emma Daddona Quinnipiac University St. John's University Anthony Dance

Taylor Davis Naugatuck Valley Community College Jacob DellaVecchia Central Connecticut State University

Thomas DeRosa Post University

Ashlyn Desmond University of Connecticut

Isabella DiMaria Central Connecticut State University

Madison DiNunzio Emmanuel College Morgan DiNunzio Emmanuel College

Kaleigh Doran Hillsborough Community College

Michael DosSantos University of New Haven Abrianna Dunn University of Saint Joseph

Dwight Edwards Naugatuck Valley Community College

Caden Effrece Quinnipiac University

Alexa Erdely Gap Year

Samantha Evans United States Army

Nicholas Ficeto Naugatuck Valley Community College Amanda Finger Naugatuck Valley Community College Jackson Fishbein Florida Institute of Technology

Molly Shay Fitzpatrick University of New Haven

Ricky Fontalvo Naugatuck Valley Community College

Alexander Forte Endicott College
Devin Fuegen Salem State University
Benicio Galàrraga Sacred Heart University

Anthony Giordano Undecided

Olivia Goffredo Roger Williams University

Leah Goldberg Naugatuck Valley Community College

Hunter Goodrich Springfield College

Zarek Grauer University of Central Florida
Michael Greene Central Connecticut State University
Gina Griskus Central Connecticut State University

Livia Gurra University of New Haven

Emily Hart Employment
Lauren Hart Gap Year
Cody Haskins Employment

Timothy Hayes
Megan Hlavna
Samuel Hogan
Julianna Howell
Asmaa Hrezi
Veranika Hryn
Lincoln Technical Institute
Johnson and Wales University
The University of Tampa
Tunxis Community College
University of Connecticut
University of Connecticut

Rayn Ireland Employment

Erik Jensen Central Connecticut State University

Zachary John Employment

Ashley Johnson Eastern Connecticut State University

Lydia Jurgaitis Gap Year Annabella Klemenz Employment

Emma Knapik University of Connecticut

Sefedina Komina Central Connecticut State University Sindi Korcari Naugatuck Valley Community College

Sarah Lagasse Quinnipiac University

Alyssa LeBeau Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Logan Leo Employment Emma Leone Gap Year

Brandon LePage Central Connecticut State University

Emily Liu University of Connecticut
Gianna Lourenco Western New England University

Emmett Lund Employment

Joseph Lydem Southern Connecticut State University

Youssef Macary University of Connecticut Mohamad Madineh Tunxis Community College

Alexandria Maisto Naugatuck Valley Community College

Gillian Mancini Continuing Education

Daniel Mangini Naugatuck Valley Community College

Erin Manzolli Employment

Zachary Marzucca Naugatuck Valley Community College

Mitchell Matyoka Husson University
Ethan Mazza Quinnipiac University
Carol McCormack University of Connecticut

Abigail McDonald Post University

Spencer McKenna Naugatuck Valley Community College

Cameron McNeil Lasell University
Paige McSwyny Employment
Elian Medina Undecided

Jillian Minicucci Naugatuck Valley Community College

Ashley Musso Tunxis Community College Truc Ho Nguyen University of Connecticut

Kayla Nuehlen Emerson College

Anthony O'Connell Tunxis Community College

Alexandra O'Meara Western Connecticut State University

Min Sub Ognalek Opininiae University

Min Suh Ospalek Quinnipiac University
Kaitlyn Ouellette University of Saint Joseph

Ashley Page Naugatuck Valley Community College

Joanna Palo University of Connecticut
Tyler Paquet Husson University
Kyla Perrotte University of Connecticut
Victoria Peruti Tunxis Community College

Aaliyah Petion Eastern Connecticut State University Gabrielle Petroniro Keiser University Flagship Campus

Kiara Pichardo University of Hartford

Paulo Pinto Bristol Technical Education Center

Benjamin Podzunas Employment

Megan Prescott University of Connecticut

Emily Prevost Central Connecticut State University KellyQuinn Central Connecticut State University



# Wolcott High School NEWS





### **HALO** Awards

The Wolcott High School Student Theater Department is pleased to announce our successful year participating in the Halo Awards program through Seven Angels Theater. The Halo Awards program is modeled after the Broadway Tony awards and WHS Student Theater's spring production of "Seussical the Musical" was recognized with 12 nominations and 1 win. We competed against over 25 high schools in the area including Holy Cross, Wilby, Waterbury Career Academy, Southington, Bethel, Sheehan, Pomperaug, and many more. We are so proud of all of our young theater students for a successful year! The nominations were:

Best Featured Actress – Ashley Greaney
Best Supporting Actress – Angelina Emanuel
Best Dynamic Duo – Angelina Emanuel & Julia Thies
Best Specialty Ensemble – Bennett D'Amato,
Carter Effrece, Megan Hlavna, and Nathan McNeil
Best Actress – Julia Thies
Best Actor – Dalmir Tupkusic
Best Stage Manager – Alex Martin
Best Sound Design
Best Run Crew
Best Dancing
Best Chorus
Best Musical

We are pleased to announce that WHS won Best Dynamic Duo! Congratulations to Julia, Angie, and all the Cast & Crew of Seussical! We are proud of you all!



# Thank You! Career Day Volunteers

n May 20th we had an "in person" Career Day here at Wolcott High School. Students from all grades were able to hear about 3 different careers. This would not have been possible without the 70 volunteer career speakers from a variety of areas representing numerous companies and local organizations including Advanced physical Therapy, Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance, Wolcott Vet. Lockheed Martin, Pratt and Whitney, Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, Thomaston Savings Bank, CT Forensic Lab, ESPN, Stanley Black & Decker, Boehringer Ingelheim, O & G, Office Works, Tesla, Hartford Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, CT DEEP, Showcase Realty, Razers Edge, and many more. Thank you to all the career volunteers consisting of WHS alumni, teachers, parents, grandparents, faculty and staff relatives and acquaintances, and many community members. Special thank you goes out to Mr. Tutalo, Mrs. Boggio and their culinary students that made cookies and helped serve the food and coffee, the student helpers and everyone that helped find career volunteers or helped out in some way.

It was great to be able to have an "in person" Career Day again to help students think about their future!





### Young Musicians Honored

The Wolcott High School Music Department is so proud of all of our young musicians and their hard work this year. We were so proud to be performing again by the end of the year and promoting music in our schools. Special congratulations go out to four young musicians who were honored this year by being accepted into both the CMEA Southern Region Music Festival and the CMEA All State Festival. Alexandra O'Meara, Rebekah Schumacher, and Julia Thies were accepted into the festivals for Choir, and Anthony Giordano was accepted into the festivals for Jazz Band. The music department held its annual music banquet on May 31st in which all of our outstanding young musicians were recognized and we awarded seniors over \$2500 in scholarships.

### ATTENTION WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Visit the Wolcott High School web page to view your summer reading assignment:

whs.wolcottps.org/ summerassignments



Construction 3 Class installing the backboard they built for the tennis team



The Town of Wolcott hosted its annual Wolcott Special Games. Our WHS Football student athletes and coaches spent the day volunteering at this important event.

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Wolcott \$249,900 - This Lovely vinyl sided 6 room Cape features 22'x24' FR w/propane fireplace & cathedral ceilings, eat-in kitchen, formal DR w/wood floors, 3 BRs, full bath. Beautiful lot, close to I-84, schools, shopping. Ask for Chris Stoddard.



Wolcott \$597,000 - To Be Built; Cont Southington \$529,900 - Unique 4 BR, 2 full 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.



kitchen with appliances, nice size LR, 1.5 baths, includes washer/dryer. Close to shopping, bus line & highway. Ask for Sali Barolli.



Wolcott \$265,000 - Adorable 3 BR Ranch features remodeled kitchen, LR and BRs with hardwood floors, remodeled full bath, newer trex deck, back yard with brook, 1 car detached garage, close to school, walking trail, recreation facility & beach. On culde-sac. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



bth Contemporary Cape; Remodeled kitchen w/breakfast bar, dining area, LR wood ceiling, office/playroom, sunken FR w/fireplace & vaulted ceiling, LL FR & office, Florida room w/skylights, deck, 2 car garage, newer bluestone walk-way. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Waterbury Condo \$124,900 - East End 2 BR Waterbury Condo \$129,900 - Remodeled Townhouse close to Wolcott line; eat-in 4 room condo features 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, kitchen w/stainless steel appliances and granite counters, dining area, living room w/carpet, main level laundry w/half bath, private deck, end unit. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Wolcott \$275,000 - Immaculate 3 BR Cape; pacious LR with electric FP, eat-in kitchen w/ appliances, & door to deck, formal DR, main floor BR, 2 full baths, lower level FR w/walk-out to 2nd deck, above ground pool & park-like setting of gorgeous back yard, 1 car garage. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Plymouth \$439,900 - Sprawling 3 BR Ranch on beautiful 2.07 acre lot; open floor plan, great room w/propane FP, eat-in kitchen w/center isle & B/bar, MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, c/air, c/vac, irrigation system, shed, private back yard w/patio & fire pit, 2 car garage. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Waterbury Condo \$139,900 - Remodeled townhouse freshly painted; eat-in kitchen w/granite counters & breakfast bar & stainless steel appliances, spacious living room w/ window seat, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, private deck off kitchen, 1 car garage. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Marsella



Monnerat



Monnerat





Reeder



Salvio



Stoddard





Derek

Turbacuski

### REAL ESTATE NEWS

5 TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR CREDIT SCORE

1. Get copies of your credit report, then make sure the information is correct.

Go to www.annualcreditreport.com. This is the only authorized online source for a free credit report. Under federal law, you can get a free report from each of the three national credit reporting companies every 12 months.

You can also call 877-322-8228 or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/resources/forms/requestformfinal.pdf and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta GA 30348-5281

2. Pay your bills on time.

One of the most important things you can do to improve your credit score is pay your bills by the due date. You can set up automatic payments from your bank account to help you pay on time but be sure you have enough money in your account to avoid overdraft fees.

3. Understand how your credit score is determined. Your credit score is usually based on the answers to these • Do you pay your bills on time? The answer to this question is very important. If you have paid bills late, have had an account referred to a collection agency, or have ever declared bankruptcy, this history will show up in

• What is your outstanding debt? Many scoring models compare the amount of debt you have and your credit limits. If the amount you owe is close to your credit limit, it is likely to have a negative effect on your score.

• How long is your credit history? A short credit history may have a negative effect on your score, but a short history can be offset by other factors, such as timely payments and low balances.

• Have you applied for new credit recently? If you have applied for too many new accounts recently, that may negatively affect your score. However, if you request a copy of your own credit report, or creditors are monitoring your account or looking at credit reports to make prescreened credit offers, these inquiries about your credit history are not counted as applications for credit.

• How many and what types of credit accounts do you have? Many credit-scoring models consider the number

and type of credit accounts you have. A mix of installment loans and credit cards may improve your score. However, too many finance company accounts, or credit cards might hurt your score.

To learn more about credit scoring, see the Federal Trade Commission's website, Facts for Consumers at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre24.shtm. 4. Learn the legal steps you must take to improve your

The FTC's "Building a Better Credit Report" (www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre03.shtm ) has information on correcting errors in your report, tips on dealing with debt and avoiding scams-and more.

5. Beware of credit-repair scams.

Sometimes doing it yourself is the best way to repair your credit. The Federal Trade Commission's Credit Repair; How to Help Yourself' (www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre13.shtm) explains how you can improve your creditworthiness and lists legitimate resources for low-cost or no-cost help.

#### LAND LOTS

### WOLCOTT

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

**\$105,000 -** The Preserve subdivision; Wooded 1+ acre lot on cul-de-sac; u/g utilities, sewers available

**\$132,900 -** The Preserve subdivision; .75 acre wooded lot on cul-de-sac;

sewers & u/g utilities available. \$200,000 - 2 Separate lots being sold as one package. Maps & survey available.

#### WATERBURY

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

#### **SOUTHBURY**

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