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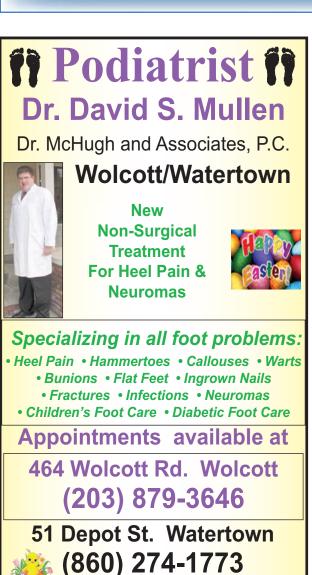




A group of 30 teenagers from the Wolcott Congregational Church participated in a homeless awareness project on the Wolcott Town Green recently. The teens participated by sleeping in tents on a Saturday night which turnout to be in freezing temperatures. They also collected donations of cash and food for the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries soup kitchen and they made 250 bags of lunches that were distributed to the homeless on President's Day. Photography by Picard







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## Unannounced **Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Compliance Inspection Results**

On 1/25/2023, the Wolcott Police Department working with the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP) and Wolcott CASA conducted unannounced compliance inspections of



establishments that sell tobacco products and/or electronic cigarettes. The inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of e-cigarettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of 21.

Retailers are required by state law to inspect the photo ID of anyone who appears under the age of 30 before selling a tobacco product or electronic cigarette. Free online training is available to anyone who would like to learn more at: cttobaccotraining.com.



A total of 14 unannounced compliance inspections were conducted. Of this total, 2 establishments were found non-compliant with Connecticut General Statutes Section 53-344 (Sale of tobacco to a person under 21) or

Section 53-344b (Sale of an e-cigarette to a person under 21). The offending clerks at these establishments were issued a first-time infraction in the amount of \$300.00. Tobacco retailers are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS). Non-compliant compliant inspection results are referred to DRS for possible administrative action.

Wolcott CASA would like to thank the following retailers that were found compliant: The Bottle House, Express Mart, Cumberland Farms, Walsh's Market, Discount Liquor, Dollar General, Laurel Crest Liquors, Petro Pat, and Rite Aid. Use of tobacco products among youth is becoming increasingly popular, despite the risks, and community collaboration is essential for building a healthy Wolcott! If you would like to learn more about Wolcott CASA and community events we sponsor, visit our website wolcottcasa.org.

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Cost: Free

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a gift we encourage you to use it!

#### April 13th - Thursday Jane Doe No More - Meet Donna Palomba Sponsored by Farmingbury Women's Club

**Location:** Charles Rietdyke Senior Center 211 Nichols Rd., Wolcott, CT.

**Time:** 6:00pm-9:30pm

**Cost:** Event is free and open to the public **Info:** Donna Palomba will share her personal journey to justice following a harrowing home invasion and rape as well as the mishandling of her case by authorities.

## April 17th - Monday The Exchange Club of Wolcott Public Service Awards

**Location:** High Point Gardens

15 Grilley Rd., Wolcott, CT (formerly Mahan's)

Time: 6:00pm-9:30pm Cost: \$45 per person

Info: Honoring our Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT and Teacher of the Year. The event includes a cash bar, cocktail hour, dinner and awards presentation. For tickets: Contact Roger Picard at 203-879-3356 or email; r.picard911@gmail.com

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## April 17th - Monday Patriots Day Celebration Sponsored by American Legion Post 165

**Location:** American Legion Post 165 1253 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott, CT.

**Time:** 5:00pm

Info: Open to the Public - All are Welcome

April 20th - Thursday Beverage Tasting Event Sponsored by Wolcott Knights of Columbus of St. Basil the Great Parish

**Location:** Aqua Turf Country Club 556 Mulberry St., Southington, CT.

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Tickets: \$40 per person

Info: For tickets contact Al Podzunas

at 203-910-8501 or email Alpodz@aol.com Info: Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries, Dinner, Music, Raffle, Live Auction & Silent Auction April 21st - Friday Set Back Card Tournament Sponsored by The Ladies Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish

Location: Father Shea Hall 525 Woodtick Rd, Wolcott (formerly St. Pius X Church)
Time: 6:30pm Registration
Tournament begins at 7:00pm

**Tickets:** \$20 per person ages 16 to adult **Info:** To reserve your spot contact Rachel Wisler at rachelmwisler@yahoo.com or call

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April 22nd - Saturday
Earth Day Walk
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Sponsored by All Saints' Episcopal Church
and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Location: Gather at All Saints' Church

**Time:** 9:45am

**Info:** The location of the walk is in Thomaston from the Hillside Cemetery. Parking is limited and carpooling is highly recommended. This is a 15 minute uphill walk to the site. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

April 29th - Saturday Escape Alive Class

Hosted by Farmingbury Womens Club and the Wolcott Youth Service Bureau

**Location:** Wolcott Youth Center 48 Todd Rd., Wolcott, CT.

282 Boundline Rd., Wolcott, CT.

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Info:** This FREE event is Sponsored by Jane Doe No More. Come and learn techniques on how to defend yourself. This class is open to all women and girls over age 13.

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome Spring!

We are all looking forward to the Spring weather in our community after the last few snowstorms.

I look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying the spring weather in our community whether along the Mill Pond Way or Peterson Park. Spring sports will be starting this month. I will be great to see everyone out and about enjoy all that Wolcott has to offer.



We are currently in the process of putting together the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. It is my goal to maintain the current level of services to our residents and continue to move Wolcott forward.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

## A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



In 2020, like many others, I spent most of the time at home, hiding from the virus and having quality time with my family. While our office was closed, we were still here during work hours getting our paperwork done behind the scenes. I used this time to complete my designation as an Athenian Fellow with the Athenian Leadership Society. I am proud be one of only 5 people in Connecticut

who currently hold this title. After several years and more than 10 training courses you can apply to be a Fellow. Through reading and applying leadership skills from past, current, and future leaders, we as clerks learn different methods of being the best at what we love.

According to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, "Dialogues are conversations that go beyond the usual knowledge recall and application process familiar to all municipal clerks in training seminars. They are unique because they explore leadership principles and practice, drawing on the insights contained in a book that all participants have read.

Dialogues are conversations in which clerks share their experience and understanding as it relates to the ideas of the author and the relevance of those ideas to their public leadership role.

The premise of the Athenian Dialogue Society is the idea that clerks are leaders in very profound yet subtle ways. Leadership here is not the transactional vending machine citizens seem to believe about public management. The interest and involvement of the participants, as well as the author's specific focus and emphasis, require that the facilitator move with purpose using language of meaning, feeling, and power. Participants devote a full day to a Dialogue and come away intellectually enriched by this communication experience.

Clerk leadership is more transformational in nature. That is to say, the contribution of clerks to municipal leadership changes the perception of colleagues and citizens about the role and purpose of government."

## The Attempt to Erase Women



State Representative
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any women have, and continue to be, pioneers for Connecticut and the rest of our country. Whether it's Prudence Crandall and Ella Grasso in Connecticut, or Susan B. Anthony, who

fought for women to have the right to vote, their accomplishments should be recognized, not erased from history, as some Democrats are trying to do in Hartford.

I serve on the Children's Committee where a bill, S.B. 1009, titled, "An Act Concerning Identified Adoptions" was proposed. The title may reference adoptions, but really, the legislation is just another attempt to remove women from existence. The bill deletes words from current law including "expectant mother," and "her" and replaces them with "pregnant person" and "such person." The words "birth parent" are replaced by "alleged genetic parent."

Majority Democrats have made it seem as if this is done out of inclusion and gender neutrality. But the fact is, these changes are not only offensive and a marginalization of women, but a manipulation of state statutes that push an ideological progressive agenda.

There are biological males and then, there are biological females who can give birth. Women are mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and grandmothers who deserve to be recognized, not erased. I am not simply the "birth parent" of my children, I am their mother. Women have fought for decades to have the same rights as anyone else, and this type of change in language only serves to reverse those gains. We have fought too long and too hard to have those accomplishments be erased with the stroke of a pen. Removing references to the sex of mothers and replacing words like 'women', with 'birth-giver' or 'pregnant people' in research could have serious implications for women's health, according to a recent article in The Hill. That article also cited medical experts who believed removing that language could have a "dehumanizing" effect on women.

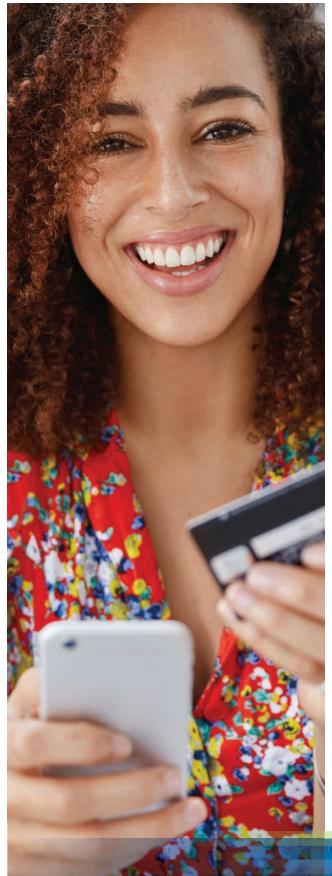
Another bill would pay the cost of abortions for out-of-state women who are seeking an abortion in Connecticut. How many times are the words "pregnant mother", or "woman" mentioned in that bill? Zero. Instead, women have been replaced by "patient". There is also no reason that Connecticut taxpayers should pay for services for people from other states when our residents do not receive necessary funding for critical needs. If women from other states want to get an abortion in Connecticut, then that is their right under current state law, but there is no reason why it should be funded by our taxpayers.

We live in a free country that is the best in the world, and I support anyone's choice to identify however they choose, but those liberties should not come at the detriment of women.

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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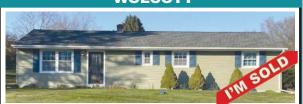
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try, many people think of it as something that is purely functional – a way to fix dental issues that can cause, or are already causing, discount or pain. But dentistry can also be esthetic, or focused on improving the appearance of your teeth. In fact, esthetic dentistry has become increasingly popular in recent years,

thanks to its simplicity and the many benefits it offers.

One of the great things about esthetic dentistry is how simple it can be. While some dental procedures can be complex and require multiple visits to the dentist, many esthetic treatments can be completed in just one or two appointments. This makes esthetic dentistry a convenient choice for busy individuals who want to improve their smile without taking too much time out of their schedule, or anyone who wants to minimize their number of appointments.

Another benefit of esthetic dentistry is the boost it can give to your confidence and self-esteem. If you're self-conscious about your smile, it can have an outsized impact on your life – you might avoid social situations or feel uncomfortable in photos. But with esthetic dental treatments, you can improve the appearance of your teeth and feel more confident in yourself. This can have a ripple effect on other areas of your life, boosting your self-esteem and making you feel more comfortable in your own skin.

Overall, esthetic dentistry is a great choice for anyone who wants to improve the appearance of their teeth in a simple and convenient way. Whether you're looking to brighten your teeth, fix chips or cracks, or even completely transform your smile, there are a variety of esthetic treatments available to suit your needs.



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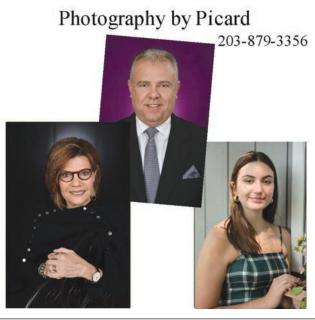
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## Wake-up Call



by Rob Sampson State Senator, 16th District

pring is almost upon us, and the Connecticut legislature is about halfway through its session. All the bills have been introduced. Most public hearings have already occurred and many of the committees are now debating and voting on bills.

If you have never participated in a public hearing at the legislature or never watched a legislative debate at the capitol, I strongly urge you to give it a try.

I say that because plenty of people you probably don't agree with certainly are participating. They are active and engaged and their progressive agenda is being realized more and more every day.

Sadly, that also means that traditional American principles of freedom, hard work as the mechanism for success, and an allegiance to representative government where the will of the people is respected are not.

So, what is advancing? One bill that recently passed out of committee would raise the age for free healthcare to undocumented immigrants to twenty-six. There is even a bill to give illegal aliens and prison inmates the right to vote! Another bill would lower the voting age to 16. Another proposal would require everyone to vote or face a fine if you don't. Meanwhile, my attempts to pass a photo ID requirement, require a voter identification system for absentee voting, as well as audits on election day registration, and restrictions on ballot harvesting repeatedly fail on party lines.

There are bills moving forward that undermine our property rights. You may have heard about proposals for rent controls, but there are also bills to prevent landlords from doing background checks and preventing evictions for several months out of the year. What will happen when housing providers can no longer operate in our state? Concerned about your home's value? Did you know there are proposals to require the construction of deed-restricted apartment buildings in residential neighborhoods of small towns – regardless of local zoning? Imagine the impact of that.

There are bills to ban gas stoves, create a task force to study reparations, hire more enforcement agents to audit your taxes, and even bills to pay unemployment to workers who are on strike!

There are bills that would eliminate the ability for employers and employees to determine benefits themselves, instead transferring that to the state government. There are bills that would prevent restaurants from paying the tip wage – effectively eliminating tipping for servers and wait staff – and very likely reducing their overall pay dramatically. There is a bill that would make a homeowner

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There are bills that purposely exclude parents from having a say in their children's education. There is a bill to require state forms to include a third option for gender or lack thereof. There are bills to grow government in countless ways and to spend your money on things you would never agree to voluntarily.

... And this is just a small sample of the bad ideas that are closer to becoming law every day at our state capitol.

It seems like the majority is more emboldened than ever to advance a truly dramatic agenda of big government intervention. Of course, there are the typical bills that restrict lawful gun ownership, advance woke ideology, and spend more taxpayer dollars to create a more and more dependent population in our state.

And there are countless others that are often hard to describe based on how complicated they can be but have the result of limiting our freedom of choice in so many areas, from what healthcare we can choose, to what foods are available to us, or how our employment situation is determined.

Freedom and choice are shrinking.

Since my first experience as newly elected lawmaker, one thing has always troubled me and that is the lack of participation in the legislative process from people who share my worldview. That situation is only getting worse. Tune into a public hearing on any given day to watch bills regarding public health, or labor, or housing – and you will see witness after witness advocating for more communism, more government control, more wealth redistribution, more recognition of woke, nonsensical policy that undermines our nation's history and values – and common sense. You will see very few courageous people testifying in defense of free markets, individual liberty, private contracts, punishing criminals, defending civil liberties, or even standing up for reality.

That must change if we are going to preserve our nation and our way of life. It's time to get involved. Follow me at www.senatorsampson.com and learn how you can.







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**April 14th** Good Friday Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Good Friday Service 7:00pm

**April 16th** Easter/Resurrection Sunday 11:00am

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#### 2023 Annual Fund Drive

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community organization.

If you have not already done so; would you consider donating? As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your tax-deductible contribution allows us to provide many services not covered directly by our other revenue sources. No donation is too small, we truly appreciate any amount you wish to give!

### **Ambulance Facility Update**

Wolcott's wonderful Department of Public Works crews continue their hard work trimming and removing trees, branches and excavating the property in preparation for construction.

Our administrators are getting settled in their new offices.

The classrooms are complete and in use!

The Information Technology infrastructure is up and running.

We will be excited to welcome all of you to our new home later this year, but please remember to use the 48 Todd Road location for all unscheduled or emergent visits until further notice.

### **Emergency Medical Technician Class**

We are happy to have twelve students in our current EMT class which began March 6, 2023! This program runs Mondays, Wednesdays and select Saturdays. It is scheduled to wrap up at the end of July.

Upon completion, these students will be eligible to take the National Registry Examination and become certified in the State of Connecticut.

Are you upset you missed out on this class? Well, we have great news for you! We are preparing for our summer EMT program which is scheduled to begin on June 6, 2023 and run through August 12, 2023. This accelerated program will take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Saturdays from 10am-4pm.

For more information visit us at www.wolcott ambulance.com (EMT courses tab), call us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at training@wolcottambulance.com.

#### **Community Courses**

If you are not sure you want to be an EMT, but want to learn some of the basics of healthcare; why not take a CPR course? We offer free training for town residents and low-cost courses for non-residents.

We will soon be offering community Narcan Training Programs at Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance. Visit our website for more information and upcoming dates.

Stop the Bleed is a fun and interactive course that teaches laypeople and bystanders how to react in the situation of a major trauma with bleeding until EMS arrives.

Please visit our website for more information or contact us at (203) 879-4122.

### Membership

Are you currently an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? Why not consider joining us; we are looking for volunteers! We have EMTs and Paramedics with experience ranging from a few months to over forty years! Please contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab on our website.

## Stay Safe!

We are honored to serve this great community! As you're out and about enjoying the beautiful spring weather, stay safe! Thanks for your continued support of Wolcott Ambulance.



Police Officer of the Year: Det. Richard Hamel





Firefighters of the Year: W.V.F.D. Fire Chief Kyle Dunn (top) & Past Dep. Chief Charlie Johnson WVFD Co. #1 (bottom)



The Exchange Club of Wolcott Presents

## The 2023 **Public Service Awards**

April 17, 2023 at 6:00PM **High Point Gardens 15 Grilley Road** Wolcott

> Tickets: \$45.00 per person For Tickets Contact: Roger Picard at 203-879-3356 Deadline to Register: April 7, 2022



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We will gather by 9:45am on Saturday, April 22nd, in the parking lot of All Saints' located at 282 Boundline Rd. The location of the walk is in Thomaston from Hillside Cemetery. Parking is limited and carpooling is highly recommended. It is a 15 minute uphill walk to the site. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

A very special guest, Nighthawk Flying who is a Native American shaman, will share the significance of stone structures found throughout New England. Most of these sites are holy places to indigenous Americans. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is right around us in nature and how it relates to our Creator. Come join us on this adventure.



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## Wolcott Lions Club News



he Wolcott Lions have been busy all year. As a matter of fact, we have been busy for many, many years. This past year we have donated tens of thousands of

dollars to local community projects, organizations, and non-profits. Last year we donated \$12,000.00 in scholarship money to six wonderful high school students, \$2,000.00 to each student. Thanks to our Dam Race and other events we raised thousands of dollars. We like to thank you for supporting our events. We recently we have donated \$500.00 to the Wolcott Ambulance; \$500.00 to the Wolcott Fire Department; the Wolcott Commission for Special Needs also received \$500.00, The Wolcott Food Pantry \$500.00, Crossroads \$750.00 and the Wolcott Fuel Bank \$4,055.00, just some of donations this past year. Thanks to our Dam Race, Pancake Breakfasts, our Wolcott Country Fair, we have been fortunate enough to give that money back to our community, and that's what we are proud of.

The Wolcott Lion's Club is dedicated to serving the community every way we can. It is a pleasure for us to be able to donate to so many needy and worthy causes right here in our own community. As part of the Lion's Clubs International Association, we are also able to donate to worldwide causes and issues. Some are to support Childhood Cancer Research, Vision Research, the Environment and Humanitarian needs. We also contribute to places that have suffered with tsunamis, earthquakes, or devastating tornadoes. That's what Lions Clubs do throughout the world. It's an organization of 1.4 million volunteer members that give volunteer assistance or financial assistance directly to the community and people that need it. We don't go thru government organizations. We go directly to other local Lions Clubs who put the needs of that community in their hands. Whether it's bottled water, food, shelter, eye exams, or research are just some of the causes we support. The Wolcott Lions Club is one of the larger clubs in the State of CT, but in the overall scheme we are a small part of what Lions Clubs International does throughout the world.

When you consider donating to a non-profit or charity organization, know this fact, 100% of the money we raise from the community is given back to the community 100%. So please, if you would like to volunteer, if you would like to join, if you would like to hear a little bit more about what we do, please, give us a call, come to one of our meetings, and continue to read our news articles. In closing, our Lion's Club of Wolcott would like to thank every single member of this community and surrounding communities who come together to help support the events that we run to support our community. We wish we could shake everybody's hand, but know this, we greatly appreciate everything you do to help us give back to our communities because our motto is "WE SERVE".

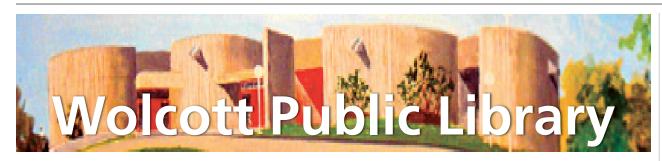
Thank you for reading this and we hope to see you join or volunteer at one of our upcoming events.

On behalf of our President Michael Graham and the entire Club

Respectfully submitted, Wolcott Lions Club member, Past Council Chair Lion — Dan DiVirgilio







## **Adult Events for April**

Wolcott Public Library Book Club Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The WPL Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. April's selection is The Maid by Nita Prose, a heartwarming mystery with a lovable oddball at its center. Think Clue. Think page-turner. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Understanding Your Senses Workshop Wednesday, April 12th @ 6:00PM

Sydney Sherman returns to the Wolcott Library to present her workshop on the many ways participants can use their senses, i.e. smell, hearing, sight and touch to connect to their loved ones. Sydney always draws a large crowd so be sure to call and reserve your spot.

#### Movie Matinee Friday, April 28th at 1:00PM

On the last Friday of each month a newly released movie will be shown in the upstairs reading room. (Please note new location). Snacks are permitted for you to enjoy during the movie. April's movie to be announced.

#### Good Yarn Club Wednesdays at 10:00AM

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

#### **Takeaway Craft**

Every month a craft is offered that is to be completed at home. Craft and dates of pick-up for April will be announced.

At their last meeting, the Library Board of Directors voted for the Wolcott Public Library to become fine-free. What does this mean? It means that all fines for overdue materials will be removed. However if materials are lost or damaged, we will continue to charge fines or replacement fees for those materials.

We also will continue to charge fines for some overdue items, such as museum passes, hot spots, chrome computers and STEM kits. The fine-free movement has been steadily rising in CT and the rest of the country since the onset of the pandemic. Currently, Wolcott Public Library is one of 127 public libraries in CT that are fine-free.

## Wolcott Public Library Children's Room

Preschool Storytime Tuesdays 10:30AM

 $04/04,\,04/11,\,04/18,\,04/25 Explore themes through stories, songs and crafts.$ 

Children may bring their lunch to eat after storytime.

Books & Babies Wednesdays at 11:00AM

04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 04/26

Drop-in program with stories, songs and bounces for baby bookworms and their caregivers.

Age: Birth to 24 months. No registration required.

#### Wild Wednesday Wednesdays at 5:30PM

Drop-in activities in the WPL Children's Room.

04/05-Egg Painting- Bring your own eggs, we provide the rest.

04/19-Upcycled Socktopus-Celebrate Earth Day by turning an old sock into a plush toy. Bring your own socks.

04/26-Secret Art-Learn about resist art and make secret images.

#### Lego Club Thursdays @ 5:30PM

Drop in to build a Lego creation to be displayed in the Children's Room.

Miss Wolcott Volunteer Saturdays @ 10:30AM

04/01, 04/08, 04/22, 04/29

Join Serena Charbonneau for a Saturday storytime series that will help to teach children about managing feelings and overall wellness.

# National Library Week and Spring Break

Bunny Scavenger Hunt-04/03-04-15 Find book themed bunnies hiding in the Children's Room.

Take Home Craft Kits available starting 04/03 while supplies last.

Egg Coloring-Wed., 04/05 @ 5:30 p.m. Bring your own eggs.

Riverside Reptiles-Mon., 04/10 @ 5:30 p.m. Live reptile presentation.

Storytime-Tues., 04/11@10:30a.m. This storytime about pets will be followed by a visit from Daisy the Shetland Pony. Weather Permitting.

#### Spring Fling Wednesday, April 12th

Planting, games and activities with a Spring theme. Drop in between 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

#### Lego Movie Thursday, 04/13 @ 4:00PM

Watch the Lego Movie immediately followed by Lego Club in the Children's Room.

## **WPL Nutmeg Challenge**

Get your Nutmeg-Punch card from the library. Ms. Meghan will punch a hole for each 2023 Nutmeg Nominee you read. Read them all and vote for your favorite by April 29th. WPL will host a raffle for those who complete the Challenge.

Check out our website www.wolcottlibrary.org for updated information and all the latest happenings at the Wolcott Public Library.

# Friends of the Wolcott Library

April is the month when the Friends work full steam to prepare for our book sale May 4 (12-6pm), May 5 (12-6pm) and May 6 (10am-2pm). We acquire our inventory in two ways. Bring your donations directly to the library during the week. NEVER DROP OFF AND LEAVE THEM OUTSIDE. ALSO DO NOT PLACE THEM IN THE RECEPTACLE DESIGNATED FOR LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS. The other alternative is to come to the lower level on April 22 from 10 am to noon. At this time there will be helpers to carry the donations right from your vehicle into our sorting area. Each donated item is checked for its condition and category (fiction, non-fiction, children etc.) Then workers go on to file more specifically. Obviously we can only use items which are in good shape.

We need your help! If you can volunteer even for a couple of hours, you will be facilitating the success of our sale. New volunteers will be paired with more experienced FOL workers. Note that volunteering in this way counts for the community service requirement for students in the Wolcott School System. We will get the name, address, phone number and school information from students and forward the info to the appropriate office after the service.

If you can help with our presale needs, please contact wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com or phone 203 233-6407 (FOL President). Customers always comment about the excellent organization of our sales. Can you help us continue that excellence?

If you have every come to our sales, you know we also have jigsaw puzzles for sale. We actually have members who take the donated puzzles home and assemble each one to insure all are in tact!

During our most recent meeting, FOL voted to fund many items for children-books, hands on projects, and presentations brought in as special events. We provide positive experiences for now in hopes that they will assist in developing teens and adults who will love the library and continue to support it.

THIS JUST IN: For the month of April only you can bring in your small donations to the main circulation desk on Saturdays as well as during the week. Thank you for your support.



Imagine Nation presented space-themed activities to Wolcott Public Library's youngest patrons



Patrons hopped into spring at Wolcott Public Library's paint night

# **Club News**

## **SAVE THE DATE!!** APRIL 13, 2023 at 7:00pm AT WOLCOTT SENIOR CENTER



Donna Palomba, Jane Doe No More, will be our speaker. This event is open to everyone in our Community. Please feel free to bring your family and friends.

There is no charge for this event.

Looking back at the month of March, many exciting events were held. At our regular meeting we were fortunate to have as our Speakers, Flo Goodman, Kathy Sullivan and Deb DuBois. Flo, Kathy and Deb did a presentation on Gardening. Their expertise gave us many ideas on how to cultivate, retain a good and healthy garden and how to continue the gardens during the summer and fall months. Many of you may have been lucky enough to have visited their gardens, during the annual Garden Tours in July. Their next Garden Tour is scheduled for July 8th, 2023.

We are looking forward to the Town Easter Egg Hunt, where one of the winners will get a brand new donated Bike. Good luck to all the "Egg Hunters".

Our "Busy Bees" are taking a little break from their "Get Together" and hopefully will resume in the fall months. We thank them for all their efforts in creating beautiful "Breast pillows" and "Masks" for all who needed them.

April will have us busy selling Raffle tickets for our May Calendar of prizes. The Calendar will feature many gift cards, tickets to the Palace Theater, and a variety of different items. A lucky winner will be drawn each day. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be obtained from any member of our Club.

All proceeds are used for the benefit of different needs here in Wolcott.

Have a blessed holiday filled with happiness, love and faith — Happy Easter.

## Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Our volunteers, members, and hired help have been working overtime to get our furnace repaired and our new oil tank installed. Thank you to Thomaston Savings Bank for the grant that is paying for the oil tank and labor.

It is not a moment too soon! Every single project takes time and planning but our priorities shift based on need. Right now we are collecting to pay for the electrical work that was done but our leaking furnace had other plans. Luckily, we have fantastic members who can do the work for the cost of materials. Thank you to Ralph Ciccio. He has saved us so much time, energy, and money and there are no words to express how thankful we truly are. Thank you to our long-term renters who have added life into our building and helped above and beyond what we could have ever expected.

Thank you to Ms. Nielsen for the donation and note of encouragement. It is an amazing feeling to know that people are taking notice of the work we are doing on the building to help make our historic section in Wolcott even more beautiful. Thank you to everyone who takes time out to read our monthly article and stays up to date with what is happening at the Grange. As always donations can be mailed to Wolcott Grange, 313 Boundline Road Wolcott, CT 06716.

## Farmingbury Women's Boy Scout Troop 230

Boy Scouts in BSA Troop 230 are active and engaged this winter. The boys are busy meeting various rank requirements such as lashings, knots and cold water rescues. They continue to strengthen common scouting skills such as fire building, cooking, and more. The boys are even practicing their swimming skills at Dennis Malone Aquatic Center in Bristol

The Scouts attended Winter Cabin at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. They spent the weekend camping, hiking, orienteering and more. They made delicious meals over the campfire such as breakfast casserole and individual pizzas. The Troop also volunteered at Cub Scout Pack 230's annual Cub Blizzard held at Woodtick Recreation Area. Older scouts helped the younger scouts with fun activities including mouse trap fishing, obstacle courses and ax throwing.

The Troop also held a Can and Bottle drive on March 4. Thank you to all who stopped by with donations. These funds will directly help the boys attend various scout events such as summer camp.

Upcoming events include a CPR certification course through The Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance, assisting The Friends of the Wolcott Library with their spring book sale and spring clean up, participating in an overnight trip to Battleship Cove in MA, camping out with the Hartford Yard Goats, and a Connecticut River canoe and camp out.

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

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



## **Girl Scouts Making** an Impact

ookie Season has begun! Beginning this week and the next 5 you will see cookie booths all over ✓ Wolcott. Please stop by and buy a box or 10 to support the activities and goals of our Outstanding young ladies. Many troops are collecting cookie donations for the military, and local heroes. It has been a busy few weeks for Wolcott Girl Scouts. Wolcott Girl Scouts in Growing! Still room in the 1st grade troop and the K troop. Contact us for meeting times. Our Service Unit participated in a Yule Log hunt across Wolcott. Girls from Kindergarten Daisys to Cadettes found their logs using clues that were girl designed. They found them in Peterson Park and other places around town, You Go Girl Scouts! Troop 60633 utilized a local middle school to participate in rope climbing and had a fantastic time with hours of fun. Troop 64126 just earned their Citizen Scientist badge lead by Scientist Paul Morgigno . The girls were engaged in learning about procedures, chemical reactions, and how to make the best peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Pictures will be coming soon of the Me & my Beau dance. Thank you to St Basil the Great Parish for allowing us to use the church hall. We have so much coming up and can't wait to share pictures on our Wolcott CT Facebook page. Girls are encouraged to sign up early for the Ladies Tea, Powder Puff Derby, and Outdoor fun day with dates coming soon.





## **SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE**

## Wolcott Lions Club Scholarship 2023



The Wolcott Lions Club Encourage all Wolcott graduating seniors to Apply

The wolcott Lions will again be offering six (6) \$2,000 Scholarships to the Class of 2023 graduating High School seniors,

who reside in wolcott, and are planing to attend accredited institutions of higher learning including trade schools. Applications can be downloaded from http://wolcottlions.com/wolcottlionsscholarship.html

Applications must be fully completed and submitted by April 24,2023

You may deliver the completed application by email to wolcottlions.scholarship@yahoo.com or mail to: Wolcott Lions club PO box 6063 Wolcott CT 06716 or hand deliver to any Wolcott Lion's club member.

Late applications will not be considered



# Dennis Antonacci Jr. Scholarship

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

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

# Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott Scholarships



The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will be offering two (2) \$500 scholarships to the Class of 2023 graduating high school seniors. Graduating senior must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of

Wolcott and planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Graduating students who do not attend Wolcott High School (WHS) are eligible for a scholarship and should contact their schools Guidance Office. WHS students will find the scholarship application on the WHS Naviance database. Any questions please contact Carleen VanBlarcom at cvanbl@yahoo.com.

Application deadline is on or before April 21, 2023, on or before 2 PM

## Sage Scholars Program

uring the 2021-2022 school year, I offered scholarships ranging from \$8,500 for eleventh grade students, increasing by \$1,000 per year, up to \$24,500 for newborn children in the school year.

Parents of 108 children (4% of an estimated 2,700 children resident in Wolcott) registered their children for \$1.5 million dollars in free college tuition credits that can be redeemed by students accepted by and enrolling in any of 460 private universities comprising Sage Scholars.

For the current 2022-2023 school year, Wolcott children in grades 9, 10, 11, may be registered by their parents in a new FasTrak program offered by Sage Scholars if they did not previously enroll in a Sage Scholars program. Registration is free.

When students are in grade 11, they can complete a questionnaire about their academic and avocational achievement, and college interests, Such data is entered into a database and offered to the 460 private universities comprising Sage Scholars. Any of those universities may mail information on their school to any student they find interesting to them.

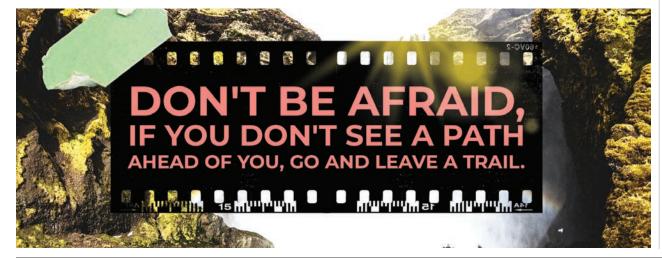
Participants in the FasTrak program can accumulate 13,500 tuition reward points if they enroll in grade 11, or 19,000 tuition reward points if they enroll in grade 10, or 24,000 tuition reward points if they enroll in grade 9. Each tuition reward point may be converted into \$1 of tuition credits if a student enters any of the 460 private universities comprising Sage Scholars.

Many of these universities are now making "Pre-Admission" offers to students. They may offer to accept a student upon verification of the information in the student's questionnaire, and receipt of an application from the student. Such offers can come in either grade 11 or grade 12. This reverses the current process of a student recruiting colleges in grade 12, and under FasTrak colleges may make "Pre-Admission" offers to students as early as 11th grade.

Parents of eligible students must enroll their children directly with Sage Scholars. The Wolcott Board of Education does not allow scholarships to be offered to Wolcott students by individuals or by business corporations, only by 501{c}3 charities, and will not vote to change their policy.

If your child is not already registered with Sage Scholars, you may register your child by (1) go to www.tuitionrewards.com/quickstart; (2) enter the program code "Chess"; and (3) follow the instructions.

— Frederick Townsend, Wolcott



## Homeless Awareness 2023

s I sit in a pew of our sanctuary, I am reminded of all the experiences that we shared here just last weekend. President's Day weekend brough 30 young people, some of them ours some from the community, to our church. Together, with our amazing volunteers, we took the time to raise awareness about the problem that plagues so many. People who have no permanent home and are left to survive by any means necessary. This year we stacked our program with guest speakers with unique experiences and ended our time making lunches for GWIM. Our goal was to engage youth in changing the world because they are our future. The vision we create of the world together is for all of us to make a reality and we worked hard to make the world around us a better place with people helping people. We raised a bunch of money through the generous donations of our community- we can't thank you enough for your generosity. We collected bins full of food, and together we made over 250 bag lunches for people in need. Thank you to Everyone who helped our young people make an impact. With them taking the reins I have no doubt we are in store for a bright future. ~ Rev. Tammy Torelli Wolcott Congregational Church

## Wolcott Congregational Church is turning 250 Years Old — A Weekend to Remember Planned

The Wolcott Congregational Church has been serving this community for 250 years, ever since it was a little farm town. We have come so far by the Grace of God. This year we celebrate and plan to make it a town wide event just like the forming of our beloved church. Mark your calendar for the weekend of September 8, 9, & 10, 2023. Events will include a historic tour of our town, an art show, banquet, and special celebration. We have even commissioned a town ornament to celebrate this historic event. We are still forming the weekend and will be publishing details on our website wolcottcongregationalchurch.org under a special tab 250 Year Anniversary. On the tab you will find committee dates, ways to get involved, and vendor applications for our vendor fair. On Friday April 8, 2023 the church will host an art show and light refreshments. Artists of all ages, especially students, are asked to create their art with our two themes in mind." How Great Thou Art" & "For every soul that loves freedom" Prizes will be awarded in various categories the night of the showing. Applications for submission can be downloaded from our website. We ask that artists submit one form of art to allow room for all participants in our hall. Check back soon as our details unfold.



# **Wolcott Education Foundation**

The Directors would like to report that Frisbie School PTO has become a gold sponsor, Mattatuck Industrial Scrap Metal, Inc. a bronze sponsor and 2 additional silver sponsorships were received from Tynan & Iannone, Attorneys-At-Law and Gaudiosi Hauling, Inc. Thank you to all our supporters of our teacher grant program and scholarships for graduating Wolcott High School Seniors.

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fully remodeled offering one floor living at its best. Enjoy the open floor plan and inviting atmosphere. The oversize kitchen features beautiful quartz countertops, stainless appliances, and plenty of cabinet space with ample eating area and a center island which flows into living room. This area has all new flooring. There are three generous size bedrooms with gleaming hardwood floors and plenty of natural light and closet space, also a tastefully updated tiled bathroom completes this end of the home. There is an oversized 1 car attached garage for your convenience, there is also a huge basement for future expansion of your living area with full size windows off the back of the home, newer boiler and hot water system with central air will keep your family comfortable all year round. The home sits on a very private conveniently located over 1.5 acre lot that features new driveway and sidewalks. Call for your private showing today!



WATERBURY \$244,900 — Location, Location, Location! Open and inviting floor plan in this clean well maintained and updated one level ranch. Enter the foyer which has a coat closet and fix your eyes on the formal living room with a fireplace for cool evenings. The dining area boasts modern lighting and sliders that take you to an oversized deck that is ground level. Head back towards the kitchen that sports subway tiled backsplash and granite countertops. The vaulted ceiling in this area suggests a nice open airy feeling. The full bath has been remodeled as has the half bath (only room with electric heat) which also contains the washer/dryer hookups. A one car attached garage with its high ceilings for storage has easy access into the hallway. There is a full basement that can supply ample storage or future finishing. This home is located on private corner lot with city utilities. Much updating was done 6-7 years ago which also includes, new furnace, windows, siding, hardwood floors, and central A/C. There is gas on the street for anyone wishing to look into connecting ONE LEVEL LIVING AT IT'S BEST!



WOLCOTT \$550,000 — Enter this contemporary home through the brick front porch and step into a two story tiled foyer and open floor plan. The sunken family room with hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling, skylight and two story stone fireplace set the tone for the quality workmanship of this property. The remodeled kitchen has marble floors, granite counters, tumbled marble backsplash, a bay window, stainless appliances and a breakfast bar. The dining room has tile floors and access to the back deck through French doors. The living room and an updated half bath complete level one. Upstairs you will find the attractive primary bedroom with cathedral ceiling and the remodeled primary bath with tiled shower and lovely accents and accessories. Two more bedrooms and the remodeled main bathroom are also on the upper level. The heated and finished lower level contains a rec room/den, a large 4th bedroom, an office, a full bath with laundry and plenty of storage closets. This is a must see! Schedule your showing today!



PLYMOUTH \$255,000 — Beautiful farmhouse colonial featuring a large wrap around front porch and newer deck! This home offers an open and very spacious living room with an abundance of natural light along with an opening for a wood stove. The living room flows freely into a nicely remodeled kitchen featuring granite countertops, white cabinets, and stainless steel appliances. A large formal dining room and half bathroom complete the main level, all with hardwood flooring. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and a large full size bathroom, conveniently equipped with a separate laundry area. Unfinished, full size basement area allows more storage opportunities. Come see for yourself! Subject to Probate Court Approval.



WOLCOTT \$584,900 — Beautiful custom built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom ranch set off road down a long driveway. Main floor features open concept space with large Primary Bedroom complete with walk out doors to backyard and large private full bathroom, two additional bedrooms, updated kitchen with custom tile work, and central vacuum system. Second floor features an adorable playroom and separate walk up storage space. The lower level features an additional 2,316 square feet of open area in the heated basement for entertaining and finished office space. Large detached heated garage a bit up the driveway boasts 4 garage bays to park work trucks and store equipment - ceiling height is 13 feet. Enjoy country living on 2.57 sprawling acres.



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



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



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# Junior Women's Club News



he Junior Women's Club of Wolcott elected new officers during their March monthly meeting for the 2023-2024 year: President – Judy Bellemare, Vice President

ident – Ellen Talbot, Recording Secretary – Jeanne Thomas, Treasurer – Joanne Pajak & Corresponding Secretary – Karen Dollinger. The new officers will be installed at the club's Banquet, on May 17th. Congratulations to all and thank you for volunteering!

We would like to thank all who volunteered to give blood during our Red Cross Blood Mobile held March 11th at the St Basil the Great Parish Hall located on Woodtick Rd. Look for us at the Town's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 1st. Every year we look forward to donating a girl's bicycle and Helmet to this event.

Our club unanimously voted to donate \$1000.00 ea. to the Wolcott Food Pantry and the Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance. As well as \$500.00 ea. to Crossroads, Waterbury Police Athletic League, Wolcott Needy fund, Wolcott Youth Center, and a \$250.00 donation to Wolcott Commission for Special Needs. The need is great currently due to the rising costs of everything; it is our priority to help our neighbors. We also continue to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel Fund. 100% of all donations for the Fuel Fund are distributed for just that — "Fuel". We are committed to giving the gift of heat when our neighbors need a helping hand. Reach out to us via our email if you need a helping hand through the gift of heat.

During the month of February, we had our first Pocket Book drive for the Women's Shelter. We donated 58 purses, as well as 3 Cosmetic bags, a duffle bag and 116 assorted jewelry items (bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and rings). Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

An essay contest was sponsored by the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott. We have one winning essay from each of our Elementary schools. The essays are printed below this article. Please take some time to remember what is best about Wolcott through a fifth grader's eyes.

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

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June, via Zoom (for now), Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club (17 members strong!), all our welcome!

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

## **Best About Wolcott** by Gavin Olson – Wakelee School

Have you ever heard of a town so great you could not believe it? No, you probably have not...Not until now! Wolcott is a wonderful town with many wonderful things. But sadly, I only have time to tell you about three of them. The three I have chosen to tell you about are the Schools, Peterson Park, and Rite Aid.

First, are you in search of education? Well, if you are, we have the town for you. In Wolcott there are 5 schools. Three elementary schools, one middle school and a high school. There are also great teachers that are very kind and help us learn.

Next, are you looking for something fun to do on a sunny day? If so, come on over to Peterson Park. Peterson Park is good for young and old. For the grownups, while kids are playing they can sit under one of the two Gazebos. For the kids, there are a lot of things to do. There are two playgrounds, a field, skatepark, Basketball court, and a tennis court. But if you're looking for something for kids and adults to do together, we there's even a trail.

Lastly, a town can't be a town without a local store. Go right down the street and you can find an amazing store. This store is called...Rite Aid! Rite Aid is a great store where you can get snacks, seasonal decorations and much more. There is also a Pharmacy where you can get a bunch of medicine and even your yearly shots. Rite Aid also has very nice staff.

In conclusion, I think Wolcott is a really cool town because of the schools, Peterson Park and Rite Aid.

### Best About Wolcott, Parks and Trails by Flavio Caushllari – Frisbie School

The best thing about Wolcott is the terrific parks and trails. First, Peterson Park is a beautiful place to visit. There is a playground for children to play on and have a great time. Also, there is a basketball court and skate park for everyone to use. The trail in Peterson Park is next to the river in the woods, and people love to take walks in the lovely nature. Just be careful of tics! Wolcott Park is another park you can visit. There is a splash pad where water shoots from awesome pipes to cool off from the nice summer heat. There is also a big ten-

nis court where you can play with your friends and family. Next, I recommend the Woodtick Recreational Park because it is a relaxing trail where you can take calming walks through nature. The trail is 3.5 miles long. Also, there is a big lake where you can catch fish for a tasty dinner. Finally, the Finch Brook trail is where our trip ends. The Finch Brook Trail is a 2.3 mile loop that you can walk and run on. The trail is in a forest, and you can walk your dog, but it must be on a leash. Make sure to pick up its droppings! In conclusion, this is why I think the parks and trails are the best thing about Wolcott.

### What's Best About Wolcott? By Emilia Majka – Alcott School

The Town of Wolcott in Connecticut has many great things for everyone to enjoy. From a Golf court, dog park, a bowling alley, community store, community centers and even a boxing gym. However, in my opinion, what's best about Wolcott is the Mill Pond Way Walking Trail and Peterson Park.

I have gathered many life memories of both locations so I feel that it is important to explain why both are the best of Wolcott. In Mill Pond Way, I used to ride my bike on the long rocky trail that goes around a lake, walking with my family, and bird watching. From September through early November there are color changing leaves that fall during this season. Fall is the best time to walk the trail because there are clear skies, sunny weather and open paths.

Peterson Park is great for families. It is great because there is a playground for kids. Also, there is nature all around the rivers, for example rocks to identify and search for gold. Sometimes we see a frog and try to scare it away just for fun. You can celebrate birthdays, walk dogs and even have a picnic in Peterson Park. During the winter season there is snow piled on the ground like a white blanket of snow, frozen rivers, wild animals, hidden slippery ice on the bridges, and also snow covered the leaves like they went to sleep until the next spring.

In conclusion, Wolcott has many reasons that make it the best town for anyone. Mill Pond Way Walking Trail and Peterson Park make it memorable. And if you are looking for a hike or just a picnic, come visit and find out for yourself what's best about Wolcott, CT.



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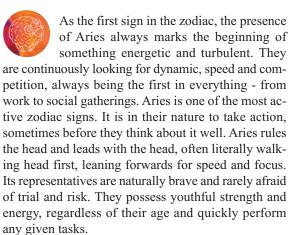
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## Aries, March 21st - April 19th "The Flying Ram"



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



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

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

# Spring Forward with Healthy Sleeping Habits



Sleep is an essential function that allows your body and mind to recharge, leaving you refreshed and alert when you wake up. Getting a good night's sleep is incredibly important for your health. In fact, it's just as

important as eating a balanced, nutritious diet and exercising. When you sleep, your mind and body are hard at work on your overall health

## Here are tips to help you sleep better:

Be consistent with your sleep schedule. Go to bed at the same time every night and rise at the same time every morning, including on weekends. Don't nap after 3PM or longer than an hour.

Exercise early. Give your body at least two hours to relax before bedtime.

Skip or limit the following: — Caffeine and nicotine: They stimulate the body and can take up to eight hours to wear off. — Alcohol: A drink may make you feel sleepy, but it prevents deep sleep. — Large meals and drinks at night: Too much food can cause indigestion and prevent sleep. More drinks also mean more trips to the restroom.

Talk to your doctor about certain medicines. Certain heart, blood pressure, asthma, and cold medicines can delay or disrupt sleep, so ask your doctor about your options.

Relax before bedtime. Try listening to music, reading, or taking a bath

Go outside during the day. At least 30 minutes of natural sunlight a day can help you sleep better at night.

Do something if you can't fall asleep. After 20 minutes, do something relaxing, like reading a book, until you feel tired. Stay away from smartphones and tablets, which emit blue light and can keep you awake



- Rubber bands last longer when kept refrigerated
- Ostriches don't bury their heads in sand
- Only female mosquitoes bite
- Household dust is made of dead skin cells
- The word typewriter is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard
- The Internet was originally called ARPANet (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network) designed by the US department of defense
- $\bullet$  When water freezes it expans by 9%
- Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning
- A cat uses its whiskers to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through
- The most commonly forgotten item for travelers is their toothbrush
- A deck of cards should be shuffled at least 7 times before playing
- The longest time a person has been in a coma is 37 years
- The odds of being struck by lighting is 280,000 to 1

## **Wakelee School News!**



PEX student, Leah Lanza, is one of the 2nd place winners in the CHET Dream Big Essay on how she can improve her community. Leah has won \$500 towards her education!



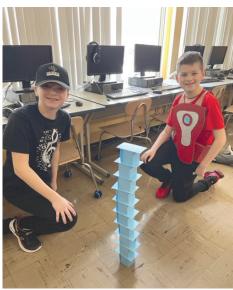
Wakelee PEX students Amina and Leah begin their Women of History club!



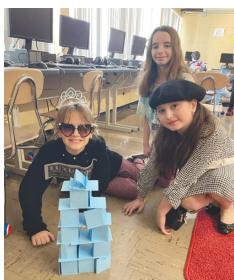
Grade 1 students using Tools to build Robots for STEM.











Grade 5 students worked on an Index Card Tower Challenge to see who can build the tallest tower using 30 Index Cards.







 $Wakelee\ Students\ had\ their\ 2nd\ annual\ vocabulary\ parade!\ Students\ dressed\ up\ as\ their\ assigned\ or\ chosen\ vocabulary\ word.$ 



PEX ran a fundraiser for the Saint Vincent DePaul shelter. They collected toiletries and made personal bags for those that need them.



Project Explore students Kira and Zachary work with academic skills which they design, with kindergarten students biweekly!







Tyrrell Middle School students came and read to Wakelee students in honor of Read Across America week!

## **Wolcott Historical Society - April 2023**





by Florence Goodman

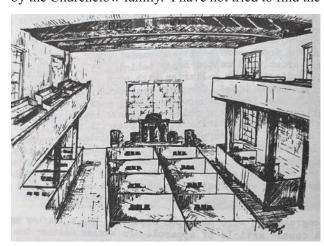
I love to receive new information about local history that I have researched and shared with residents. I recently received and interesting email from Rich Mailly

after last month's series on small planes that had gone down in our town over the years. Rich remembers a minor plane crash sometime in the mid 1960's (65/66) that happened on the east side of Alcott Road about 2/3's of the way up before it meets Spindle Hill Road. He remembers seeing the article in the Waterbury paper and thinks that the pilot's last name was Ciccio;



A sketch of the "Original Meeting House" by Lisle Fleming. The church was 48 feet long and 36 feet wide and built in 1772-73. Joseph Atkins gave the two-acre site for the building on June 8, 1772. It was destroyed by fire in 1839.

no one was hurt. He said that by the time he was able to get over there to see it they had already removed the plane on a flatbed truck. Rich also remembers seeing the bent tail section but is not sure if he saw it when his parents drove them by the site after church (it was a Sunday) to look at it or if it was a photo in the newspaper. He stated too that later in the afternoon their family visited friends on Alcott Road and when he wanted to walk up to see it he was told they had already taken it away. If I'm not mistaken the property where the plane went down would have been owned by the Churchelow family. I have not tried to find the



An etching by Lisle Fleming of the inside of the Meeting House, which was full on Sundays. The singers sat in the gallery, nearly filling the front seats on three sides. The ladies were able to remove their bonnets for singing.

old newspaper article, but I will at some point. If anyone remembers this crash, I'd love to hear from you as well.

This September the Wolcott Congregational Church will be celebrating its 250th Anniversary so this month I'd like to share some church history with you. Originally the church was referred to as "The Meeting

House atop of Benson's Hill." It was on November 18, 1773, that thirty members of the Farmingbury Society signed the "Covenant of Confederation" which gave birth to this Parish Church. At that time Connecticut was a colony under the rule of King George III of



An 1840 Wolcott map.

Great Britain and our town boundaries were divided between Farmington and Waterbury. The north-south highway that acted as a dividing line between the towns was "Olde Bounde Line." The land east of the highway was in Farmington and the land west was in Waterbury.

Joseph Atkins who served on the Meeting House site committee granted two-acres of land for the church on June 8, 1772; one acre on each side of Bound Line Road. It was his intent that one be used for a Green for the church and one for the building. Mr. John Washburne, a past town historian was very interested in the location of the first church in relation to Center Street and Bound Line Road. After much research he was able to find that the first church structure (that burned) was located exactly where todays Center Street and Bound Line Road intersection separate in front of Beecher Memorial.

The "Original Meeting House" was built in 1772/73 and Abraham Wooster was hired as the master carpenter who was paid by the day. It was voted that the building should be 48 feet long and 36 feet wide and the height left to the carpenter. "The building was to be boarded and clapboarded with drent oak and shingled with chestnut." The siding was painted white, and the roof was painted red. The members of the Society donated most of the lumber, materials, and labor. The following explanation on how the townspeople helped build the church is from Mr. Washburne's booklet, "The Meeting House Atop of Benson's Hill." "Though detailed record is lacking, it may be assumed by customs of the day that the raising of our Meeting House was indeed a great event. Farmingbury men came from miles around with tools including pike poles, pitch forks and crow bars. A dram of rum gave sudden surge of strength for the upcoming days labor. The pikes and forks lifted framing members and broadside into the air while men with the bars firmly braced the corner posts as they slid them gently into the mortices cut in sills. After a hard day's work, the refreshment committee would provide a generous supply of food and drink to all hands including workmen and onlookers alike. More oft than not, a grand dance and otherwise celebration would be the order of the day. Farmingbury was no exception as it should be noted that no less than eight parishioners were named and voted to sell 'likers and vitels'... When the meeting house was fully framed and raised it was said that all parishioners could sit on the sills. A sketch of the plot in the Society's original book shows that the house

stood on the dividing line of both towns, (middle of Bound Line Highway) on the north side of the Green facing southward towards the Green. The principal door was in the front with two side doors in the east and west ends. The floor was laid and stairs at either side led to an unfloored gallery. Money in those days was in short supply as evidenced by the simple unfinished way the house remained for several years



The dwelling place of Reverend Gillet was located on Bound Line Road at the intersection of Orchard Lane. The structure no longer stands, but the old well pump is still found there today.

without pews, stationary seats, or a permanent pulpit. A church bell was a luxury that also had to be omitted but a lusty beat of a great bass drum served well the purpose to summon the faithful."

Reverend Alexander Gillet was secured as a probationary preacher and it was voted in August of 1773 that he continue his probation; he was officially ordained the first preacher on December 29, 1773. During his eighteen years of service much of the interior of the church was completed and 99 new members were added to the role. He completed his service in November of 1791. The original parsonage where Reverend Gillet lived was at the corner of Bound Line Road and Orchard Lane. And so, the original structure of the Wolcott Congregational Church was completed in 1773 and served the people for about sixty-six years until a fire destroyed it.

(Information for this article was taken from "The History of Wolcott, Connecticut from 1731 to 1874" by Reverend Samuel Orcutt, "The Meeting House Atop of Benson's Hill" by John Washburne, and "The Wolcott Congregational Church 1773-1948" by Rose E. Wakelee)

Anyone that would like to tour our Stone Schoolhouse Museum or Center School History Museum, please email me at our wolcotthistory.org website and I will gladly open up the buildings for you.

Our website is filled with interesting information about the Society and Wolcott history. You can read all our articles that have been published in the Wolcott News and you can also download a membership application there. We are always looking for old photos, milk bottles, postcards, & artifacts relating to Wolcott. Please contact Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818.

Our two museums will be open on CT Open House Day, which takes place in June. Our Annual Scholarship Garden Tour take place on Saturday, July 8th; anyone interested in opening their gardens for this event, PLEASE contact Flo Goodman 203-879-9818.

# Around Town Photography by Roger Picard





During a recent cold snap in February, a rain and sleet mixed precipitation added a frozen layer to some sea rose bushes off Lyman Road, making for a photo op for our photographer.



The Central CT Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a Legislative Breakfast meeting at the Double Tree Hotel in Bristol recently, where local state legislators got meet one on one with business owners and local municipality leaders. Mayor Tom Dunn of Wolcott attended this meeting and took the opportunity to network with other community leaders and legislators who were in attendance.





Mayor Tom Dunn presented his Mayor's report to the Town Council at the February 21st meeting. He reported that the budget preparation process is in progress and the various departments and department heads will be giving budget proposals to the council during the upcoming months.



On February 18th, Wolcott High hosted the State Championship First Tech Challenge Robotics competition. Twenty five schools from around the state of CT competed in this competition. The top two winners will go on to compete in the national competition in Houston, Texas. Our very own Tyrrell Middle School team competed in this event.



,The Wolcott Lions Club handed out checks to several organizations and nonprofits located in the town of Wolcott recently. Among the recipients were, the Wolcott Food Pantry, Wolcott Fuel Bank, Crossroads, Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance, Wolcott Fire Department, and the Commission For Citizens With Special Needs. In this photo Lion's Club president Michael Graham thanks each representative for the services they provide the Town of Wolcott.



The Farmingbury Hills Men's Golf Association held their opening golf season banquet for the 2023 golf season at East Street Eatery on March 9th. Golfers registered and paid their golf season dues and memberships to play in the Tuesday and Thursday leagues. Some of the Thursday leagues have openings. Anyone interested in playing in the leagues can call the Farmingbury Hills Pro Shop at 203-879-8038.

## **The Commission** for Individuals with Special Needs

he Commission for Individuals with Special Needs has been a very busy Commission having a Snowball Dance in January, a Valentine's Day dance in February, Celebrating March Madness with the Wolcott High School athletes, a bowling banquet to cap off a fun season and planning a dance in April with a chocolate class. Our biggest event of the year, Wolcott Special Games, will be held May 13th.

A reminder that to all businesses to please have your handicap parking spaces cleared from debris and plainly marked.

The Commission would like to thank the Lions Club, The Farmingbury Women's Club and the Junior Women's Club for the recent support and donations to our group.

If you have a special need or have a child with a special need, please feel free to join our group by calling 203 558-0514.

## **Set Back Tournament**

Set Back Card Tournament, sponsored by the Ladies' Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish, will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023 in Father Shea Hall, 525 Woodtick Road, Wolcott. Please arrive and register at 6:30pm. The games begin at 7pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each ages 16 to adult and will be available at the door. Your ticket price includes snacks during the 7 game tournament, door prizes and a bountiful dessert buffet at the conclusion. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 scorers. To reserve your spot, please contact rachelmwisler@yahoo.com or call 203 879-0889.

## It's that time of the year again!!! SPRING. Have you're A/C Maintenance done now!

By Michael A Janis, Experienced Industry Professional technician and Technical Trainer.

That does this mean for your Central Air Conditioning or Mini Split (Ductless) System? It's time for a maintenance! This will ensure your system is running at its peak performance for the hot & humid days ahead.

Just like we maintain our vehicles to keep them running efficiently without breakdown, we do the same for our Air Conditioning system in the spring.

A system that is not properly maintained may have longer run times thus, using more electricity. The house will not cool properly on the hotter humid days, and you are more likely to have a major break down at the worst possible time (in the dog days of summer). Regular system maintenance should be done on a system that you have had for more than one year.

System maintenance should be done by an HVAC professional as it usually includes more than cleaning. During a typical maintenance the HVAC technician will be able to take measurements and steps to prolong the life of your system, or identify a potential failure by performing some, or all, of these steps depending on the type of equipment:

- · Checking for loose wires. Loose connections can cause the wire to overheat and melt the coating possibly causing the system too short to ground, and even cause premature failure of components
- Testing the system capacitor, a weak capacitor can cause the compressor not to start, draw high amperage while trying to start, or burn out the motor. (A compressor replacement is a very expensive repair).
- Test and inspect compressor operation

- Check system pressures and temperatures. They will be looking to see if you have proper levels of refrigerant (the system should never be low unless there is a leak). If the tech finds evidence of leak, your options could be to repair the leak or replace the equipment. Either way, now is the time to deal with that.
- Inspect and clean the outdoor coil HVAC Pros have special equipment and chemicals to safely clean your outdoor unit.
- Change the air filter
- Blow out the drain line to ensure the condensation will drain properly
- Inspect blower wheel for a tight fit and possible residue build up
- Inspect condenser and the evaporator coil.
- Measure amp draw on all motors to ensure proper performance to prevent a component or system failure.

While the Service Company is there you should ask about IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) products. There are some great ways to maintain good air quality in your home. Some products are specifically designed to deal with bacteria and air particulates. (The air we breathe in our homes is 40% more polluted than the air we breathe outside).

They can also propose remedies for adding humidity in the winter and dehumidifying in the summer.

Now is the time for maintenance so you can stay cool all summer long!

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## **Alcott School News**





First graders working hard in Fundations and hands on math!



Project Explore student, Colin Murray, is one of the 2nd place winners in the CHET Dream Big Essay on how he can improve his community. Colin has won \$500 towards his education!





Seniors from the WHS Girls' Basketball Team paid a visit to a special fan, Reagan Murray, at Alcott School.





































Kindergarteners celebrated the 100th Day of School with a fashion show!



## **Wolcott High School NEWS**







## Make-A-Wish Grants WHS Student's Wish!

The Make-A-Wish Foundation granted a wish for a student at Wolcott High School to go to Disney World! The Wolcott High School Unified Sports class celebrated with her and the Mysllinj family, with balloons, Disney music, pizza and cookies! It was amazing to see all the students come together to support their classmate and wish her luck on her first Disney trip! Thank you to Mrs. Nunes and Mr. Bundock for the beautiful Disney poster.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in the United States that helps fulfill the wishes of children with a critical illness between the ages of 21/2 and 18 years old. Thank you to The Make-A-Wish Foundation for being an amazing organization that makes kids dreams come true.



## **Read Across America Day**

Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Nunes and the following high school students volunteered to read to students at Alcott Elementary School for Read Across America Day: Angel Casanova, Mike Chiappalone, Luke Connelly. Sam Dean, Breanna Dilger, Carter Effrece, Kadir Ferhad, Ava Gugliotti, Sofia Gugliotti, Ali Hatush, Julie Helbig, Sarah Khan, Kateryna Licherep, Quinn Pawlak, Muhammad Salman, Cole Salvatore, Isabella Santulli, Joseph Scarmozzino, Salvi Shkembi, Karol Tawiah, Robert Testa, and Krenar Zulali.



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

#### **FEBRUARY**

Grade 9 Kyle Denison Grade 10 Leah Field

Grade 11 Aliyah DeGroate Grade 12 Jamie Geary

Staff

Mrs. Finger



Mrs. Nicol with Abigail Elliot, who is sharing her jewelry making skills for her Junior Seminar presentation. Abby is planning on majoring in fashion marketing/management in college.



# EXCEL Club at Wolcott High School



In February, the Excel club volunteered at the senior center, helping set up and serve food for the annual Valentine's Day event run by the Exchange club. The event started around 12, but members got there as early as 10:30 to prepare. They set up using placemats and cards the elementary school kids made, as well as chocolate covered pretzels the members made at CC's. It was all around a good time, and the event ended around 2:30. We recently received a letter from the Exchange Club thanking us for our help, and we would like to extend a further thank you to them for giving us the opportunity to help out.





Additionally, the club ran the annual Matchomatics fundraiser last month, where we made about \$200. This money will be donated to the American Heart Association. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Our recent snow day postponed our monthly meals for homeless activity until March 1st when several members gathered in the East Commons to prepare bag lunches for the homeless after our monthly meeting. This monthly donation is always a big hit at the Homeless Hospitality Center in Waterbury.



Also in March, the Excel club is hosting a fundraiser with Fascia's chocolates. There will be many options such as chocolate bunnies, eggs, and other chocolatey treats! Proceeds will be put towards helping our community.

The Excel club would also like to remind everyone that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, where we urge everyone to wear blue on Mondays to spread awareness. As always, the Excel club is devoted to serving the community and aiding in the fight against child abuse. Have a great March!

## **Focus On Frisbie**



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



Frisbie Students help raise money for the PTO by selling Smencils and Spirit Sticks before school.



PEX student, Kyleigh LePage, celebrates Read Across America work by reading a book that she wrote herself: Cinderella, the Mixed Up Tale.



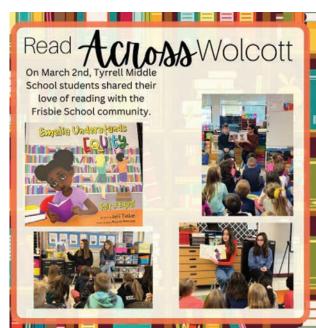








Students in grades 3rd - 5th have been participating in STEM activities as "young engineers" designing, creating and problem-solving different tasks.





"Read to Your Sweetheart Day" - Students in grades 3 through 5 invited a sweetheart to their classroom and enjoyed a few books together.



**Donna Belval** Senior Center Director

## Monday

9:00-9:30 Free -"Pound Class" using weighted Drum Sticks w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation — NEW **DAY & TIME** 

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

#### Wednesday

9:30-10:15 Free - "Senior Zumba" w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

12:30-3:00 Bingo

#### **Thursday**

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

12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

12:30-3:00 Pinochle

#### **Friday**

8:15-9:00 Free-"Cardio, Strength & Balance" includes Weight Strengthening Stretching / Balance / Stress Relief Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation —

#### **NEW DAY & TIME**

10:00-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting

11:00 Free Chair Yoga-Resumes on Jan 20

#### Monday - Friday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS TRIP, PLEASE IN-CLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE TRIP IS

CANCELLED \*\*\*Parking for all bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot

#### Tuesday, April 4

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlic's — Sign up for the bus at the senior center

#### Wednesday, April 5

8:30-9:30 Easter Breakfast—Pancake w/ Strawberries & Blueberries, Whipped Topping, Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Assorted Juices, Coffee & Tea \$4.00 pp — Pay by Mon. Apr 3

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 pieces Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad & Dessert--\$4.00 pp — Pay by Mon. Apr 3

#### Thursday, April 6

9:00 Bus leaves for New England Air Museum, Guided tour — \$19.00 pp /\$14.00 Veteran w/ Gov ID — Lunch TBD — Sign up at the senior center

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie—Learn to make and Easter Bunny craft, \$7.00 pp — Pay when you sign up

## Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center 211 Nichols Road, Wolcott, CT 06716 | 203 879-8133 | FAX 203 879-7605

Come & Join Our Senior Center — FREE Join in the daily activities and bus trips You DO NOT need to be a Wolcott resident to become a member — EVERYONE welcome

Everyone MUST fill out an emergency contact form—Please update any changes on the form SCHEDULE FOR CLOSING/DELAYS—If Wolcott Schools have a delay/closing due to weather conditions — Always check the TV stations 3, 4, & 8 for opening/closing of senior center — Call the senior center to see if bus trips are cancelled for that day

> \*\*\*We are on the website: www.wolcottct.org under "senior center" Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Fri-8:30 AM-12:00 PM

#### Friday, April 7

HOLIDAY — GOOD FRIDAY — SENIOR CENTER **CLOSED** 

#### Tuesday, April 11

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

#### Wednesday, April 12

11:30 Fund Raiser for the Wolcott Food Pantry — Lunch Special: 8 Shrimp Scampi over Pasta, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert, \$8.00 pp—Pay by Mon Apr 10

#### Thursday, April 13

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll, \$3.00 pp—Sign up at the senior center by Tues. Apr 11

#### Friday, April 14

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

#### Monday, April 17

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

#### Wednesday, April 19

11:30 Lunch Special — Fundraiser for the Wolcott Dog Pound — Come and see Mallard the "Hero" Comfort Dog — 6 Home-Made "Min's" Raviolis with Sauce, 2 Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad & Dessert \$8.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon Apr 17

#### Friday, April 21

8:00 Bus leaves for Foxwood Casino—Departs casino 4:00 PM, Sign up for the bus

#### Sunday, April 23

1:00-5:00 PM Line Dancer Fundraiser for Wolcott Knitters Club, Call Barbara Houle for tickets 203-560-0837

#### Tuesday, April 25

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll, \$3.00 pp—sign up by Mon. Apr 24

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

11:30-3:00 Reflexology w/ Kim--\$20.00 for 20 min. of relaxation, Sign up at the senior center

### Wednesday, April 26

11:30 Lunch Special — Philly Steak w/ Grilled Onions & Cheese on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp Pay by Mon. Apr 24

#### Thursday, April 27

10:30 Bus leaves for Hubbard Park to see the Daffodils — Lunch following at East Street Eatery Sign up for bus

#### Sunday, April 30

12:30 Bus leaves for Thomaston Opera House — "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" — \$26.00 pp, Dinner to follow at Crabby Al's Seafood — Sign up for the bus



Our new "Pound Class" with Naida from Fitness Fury getting an early morning workout!



A couple of our seniors displayed their beautiful St. Patrick's Day hat decorations.



Naida from Fitness Fury doing stretching exercises to start the day. Come and join our exercise group!



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464 Wolcott Rd (Rt. 69), Wolcott Hours include evenings & Saturdays

## **Target on Tyrrell**







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















## FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Team	Name	Team Name
Diamond	Sebastian Fonaivo	Joyas-6th Grade Jameson Keeley
Platinum	Jake Wagner	Joyas-7th Grade Brooke Orsatti - Marble
Granite	Matthew Conway	Joyas-8th Grade Brendan Lam - Pearl
Marble	Eliza Loga	Silver-6th Grade Liana Plona - Diamond
Pearl	Alina Alka	Silver-7th Grade Nasheli Loja-Saeteros - Marble
Onvx	Mikayla Robinson	Silver-8th Grade Vanessa Longo - Onyx

## Classifieds

## **Electric Contractors**

RAC Electric: Licensed and Insured, Employs graduates from CT technical high school. Have newly graduated students work under supervision of RAC electric at reduced rate. Generators • Solar • New or Upgraded Services • Security Lighting • Security Cameras All Electrical Installations Wolcott CT 203-592-3116



## Help Wanted

**Part-Time Delivery/Prep Person**.. Must be over 18 yrs of age. Apply in-person at Five Guys Flippin Pies, 690 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott. 203-879-5489

**Part-Time Drivers wanted.** P/T Drivers wanted: To drive special needs students. "V" Endorsement a MUST. Excellent pay! Start immediately! Sign on bonus! Call Cardinal Driving Services at 203-879-6221

## **Home/Office Cleaning**

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

## Junk Removal

**Basement or Garage Clean Outs!** Let us take your old unwanted stuff to the dump. Get back all the room you've been missing for years! Call Joe today for a free estimate at 203-704-0185

## Landscaping/Lawncare

**Prime Cut Lawn Service:** Spring cleanup, mowing, hedge trimming, mulch delivery and spreading, top soil delivery and spreading, lawn repair, snowplowing. No job too small. Free estimates. Fully insured. Military and senior discounts. Call Joe@ (203) 704-0185

#### **Machine Services**

**Stone Driveway Repair.** Small stump removal. Small brush clearing. Top soil spreading. Call Joe @ (203) 704-0185 for a free estimate

## **Remodeling Contractors**

**Albert's Home Repair LLC:** All types of repairs & remodeling. Kitchens, Bathrooms, Decks, Windows, Doors, Siding, Floors, Snowplowing and more. Insured #HIC-0623837. Call Dave Albert @203-879-4731.

## **Stump Removal**

**Stump Grinding:** Removal of unwanted stumps. Call Mark at Eagle Stump Grinding, 203-879-2367 or 203-704-0821.

#### **Travel**

**Scully Travel:** Call us for all your travel needs at 203-879-2593.

### **Tree Service**

**Mr. Treeman Tree Service**. Professional Tree Removal, Stump Grinding, Chipping, Hedge Trimming. Call Ronald Lacombe at 203-879-3645

### Wanted

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

## **Topsoil**

**Top soil, mulch, stone deliveries.** Spreading available. Call Joe @ (203) 704-0185 for pricing

## **Wolcott Food Pantry**

## **Upcoming Dates**

- April 12th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:45 11:45AM
- April 26th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:45 11:45AM

## **Distribution Day Reminders**

- Please be sure that your vehicle has adequate space for the food packages that we have prepared.
- On a scheduled distribution date, if our public schools are closed or delayed due to bad weather, we will not be open for distribution that day. We will move the distribution to Friday, same hours.

#### Thank You

The volunteers at the Pantry would like to express our gratitude for the many years of volunteer service by many of our members but in particular Jim Mills (our President) and Connie Gleiford (our Vice President). Their leadership over the years is why we are able to provide this service to our community on a regular basis.

## **About Us**

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

We operate as a drive-through service with pre-packed bags of food placed in the client's vehicle.

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

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

Shelf-Stable Milk	Jarred Pasta Sauce	Chili
Broth	Oatmeal	Condiments
Baked Beans	Canned Meats	Pasta
Instant Potatoes	Pudding	Jelly
Stews	Juices	Mac & Cheese
Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter	Salad Dressing
Coffee/Tea		

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



'Thank You' Jamie Andrews, Melody Morrone, Phil Yager and everyone at Bottom Line Realty for a generous 2022 holiday season donation.



'Thank You' to the Cardinale family (Heather, David, Justin and Anthony). They donated 5 turkeys for our 2022 Thanksgiving distribution.



'Thank You' to the Wolcott Food Pantry volunteers that worked to make our 2022 Thanksgiving distribution a success and 'Thank You' to all the residents that contributed food and/or money during the holiday season!



'Thank You' to the parents, students, teachers and administrators of Waklee School. They ran a food drive at the school in Nov 2022 and collected 576 lbs. of food and close to \$1000 in monetary donations!



## WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## The Wolcott **Latchkey Program** 2022 - 2023



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

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

If you are interested in the Wolcott School year 2023 – 2024, we open registration on April 3, 2023 (Monday). Registration packets will be located at the Elementary school cafeterias during Latchkey hours (7:00-8:30am and 3:30 - 5:30pm). We fill up quickly and it is first come first served.

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

Alcott: Ms. LeAnn Beland

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

Wakelee: Ms. Robin Japs

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

Frisbie: Ms. Lisa Calabretta

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

This is only during Latchkey hours, Thank you!

## Wolcott **Public Schools Preschool Screening**

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on April 21, 2023. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178.

## Kindergarten **Pre-Registration** for the 2023-2024 School Year

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

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- Paraprofessionals
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- Coaches
- Long-Term Substitute Teacher
- Long-Term Substitute Nurse
- Substitute Teacher
- Substitute Paraprofessional
- **Substitute Nurse**
- Substitute Secretary
- **Substitute Food Service Worker**
- Substitute Maintenance Worker
- · Substitute 2nd Shift Custodian



Please Apply At: wolcottps.org/apps/jobs/

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

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

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

	FIRST	SECOND
APRIL	03 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
MAY	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
JUNE	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)

## **Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2022-2023**

<u>Central Office</u> – 203 879-8183

- Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Shawn Simpson –203 879-8183
- Business Manager: Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
- Director of Student Services & Alternative Programs:

Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178

- Supervisor of Special Education: Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance 203 879-8180

Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott

Wolcott High School – 203 879-8164

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

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

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

Alcott Elementary School - 203 879-8160

• Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

Frisbie Elementary School - 203 879-8146

• Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh Wakelee Elementary School - 203 879-8154

• Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

WHS Athletics - 203 879-8173

• Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

• Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

**District Compliance Officers** 

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

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

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## **Wolcott Public Schools 2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS**

Normal School Day	Early <u>Dismissal</u>	2 Hour Delayed Opening	3 Hour Delayed Opening
8:55AM - 3:20PM	1:20рм	10:55AM	11:55AM
8:00AM $-2:25$ PM	12:25РМ	10:00am	11:00am
7:30am – 1:55pm	12:00noon	9:30am	10:30ам
	School Day 8:55AM - 3:20PM 8:00AM - 2:25PM	School Day         Dismissal           8:55AM - 3:20PM         1:20PM           8:00AM - 2:25PM         12:25PM	School Day         Dismissal         Delayed Opening           8:55AM - 3:20PM         1:20PM         10:55AM           8:00AM - 2:25PM         12:25PM         10:00AM



Top Left to Right: Mr. Christopher Charette; Chairman Mrs. Cynthia Mancini; Superintendent Mr. Shawn Simpson; Secretary Ms. Roberta Leonard Lower Left to Right: Mr. Anthony Gugliotti; Mr. Chris Gaffney; Vice-Chairman Mrs. Kelly Mazza; Mrs. Kathleen Cordone; Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku; Mrs. Melissa Hughes (not shown)

# Wolcott Board of Education Contacts

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Mrs. Melissa Hughes MHughes@wolcottps.org

Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku NKollchaku@wolcottps.org

## Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2022-2023

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August 29, 2022	Convocat	tion	
August 30, 2022	PD Day		
August 31, 2022	PD Day		
September 1, 2022	First Day of School		
September 5, 2022	Labor Day		
October 10, 2022	Columbus Day		
November 8, 2022	Election Day		
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day		
November 23-25, 2022	Thanksgiving (half day 23rd)		
Dec 23, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023	Holiday Recess (half day 23rd)		
January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King Day		
February 17, 2023	PD Day		
February 20-21, 2023	February Recess		
March 20, 2023	PD Day		
April 7, 2023	Good Friday		
April 10 - 14, 2023	Spring Recess		
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day		
June 16, 2023	Last Day (tentative half day 15th and 16th)		
# of Student and Staff Days	Staff	<u>Student</u>	
August	3	0	
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Total Days	186	181	

Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days. If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first twelve (12) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After twelve (12) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 14, 2023 and moving backward from there.

Revised by BOE March 07, 2022

Updated: March 14, 2023

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

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Wolcott \$275,000 - Charming 3 BR Ranch on nice level lot; spacious LR, formal DR with hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen with appliances & breakfast bar, main floor FR with fireplace & built-in bookcases, 1 car garage. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Wolcott \$275,000 - Colonial period home with warmth and charm; This 3 BR antique home features central chimney and saltbox wing, LR, DR and kitchen w/wide plank floors, 3 fireplaces, 1 with a Dutch oven, 1 garage, barn & smoke house, all on a 3 acre treed lot. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Waterbury \$250,000 - Updated 3 BR Colonial features gleaming HW floors thru-out, kitchen with quartz counters, stainless steel appliances & tons of storage space, dining room, living room with lots of light, remodeled full bath, walk-up attic for more storage, 1 car garage. Ask for Sandy Deschenes.





Patricia Monnerat



Stephen Monnerat



Norman





Lynn



Turbacuski



Waterbury Condo \$210,000 -Move-in ready, 2 BR, freshly painted unit. Newer flooring thru-out, LR w/fireplace, spacious dining area w/slider to deck, 1.5 baths, lower level bonus room, 1 car garage. Ask for Sandra Deschenes.



Waterbury Condo \$180,000 - Remodeled 2 BR, 1.5 bath condo features updated kitchen, spacious dining area, LR w/sliders to deck with view of lake; end unit, move-in

ready. Ask for Sandy Deschenes.

### **WOLCOTT**

\$50,000 - Two lots for sale, one is suitable to build on. Conveniently located, close to shopping & medical office. \$105,000 - The Preserve subdivision; Wooded 1+ acre lot

\$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.

on cul-de-sac; u/g utilities, sewers avail.

## **WATERBURY**

\$225,000 - New Price! Builders! Developers! Take Notice! 11.23 acres of land adjacent to a subdivision of beautiful homes built between 2005-2007. A Possibility of a 41-lot subdivision.

#### **SOUTHBURY**

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