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The Wolcott Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for their newest officer, Eric Medina. Officer Medina is a resident of Southington and recently retired from the Waterbury Police Department at the rank of detective after 21 years of service. He will be assigned to the patrol division after completing a brief FTO program with a veteran Wolcott officer. Photography by Picard



Author Donna Palomba - Jane Doe No More, spoke at the Charles Rietdyke Senior Center and shared her personal journey to justice following a harrowing home invasion and rape in 1993, and the mishandling of her case by authorities. Pictured with Donna Palomba are members of the Farmingbury Women's Club who hosted the event.



Christina Robinson 9/3/91-4/16/18 Five Year Remembrance You are missed every day. You left such avoid in so many hearts and lives. We will never forget you. You are forever in our hearts. Mom, Dad, Alaina, Zachary and all your friends.



Members of the Wolcott Lions Club came together to build a wheelchair ramp at the home of Ann Wagner who has become disabled and unable to walk. The Town of Wolcott purchased the materials to build the ramp from private donations and a fundraising event. Approximately six Lion Club members pitched in to build the ramp over a period of several days. Photography by Picard

A Mother's Love knows no boundaries as it grows healthier each day. Knows no reason as it is given unconditionally. Knows no season as it Transcends forever through eternity... Happy Mother's Day



Mayor Tom Dunn had the honor of issuing a Town of Wolcott citation to 100 year old Rolande Lannon, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Rolande currently resides at Countryside Apartments and previously on Beach Road for over 70 years. She was born on April 6, 1923. She celebrated the event with family and friends at the community room at Countryside. Photography by Picard.





Wolcott Youth Service Bureau News

"Since last Fall, the Wolcott Youth Service Bureau Board Members and Volunteers have been working to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for the youth of Wolcott. We have held a successful social event at our youth center for every single month since November. After our opening ceremonies, we hosted other social activities and programs including a Winter Festival, Middle School Dance, Valentine's Day Cardmaking for our Seniors, a Self-Esteem Workshop, and a family movie night.

Be sure to keep an eve out on our social media and on Parent Square to learn more about our upcoming event in June, which will celebrate all of the wonderful Mother's, Father's and/or parent-figures in our lives. This event will feature outdoor games and activities, including a wiffleball tournament. We will also provide arts and crafts, board games, and food to enjoy!

Outside of social events, we also focus on providing programming that caters to the specific needs of our youth. To learn more about our services, please visit us on Facebook (Wolcott Youth Service Bureau) or Instagram (wolcottyouthservicebureau), or send us an email at youthservices@wolcottct.org.

We are always looking to welcome more volunteers!

If you are a young adult/teenager (21 or younger), contact us to learn about opportunities to serve as our Youth Board Representative! We also welcome any youth or adults to contact us to see how they can get involved and help us serve our town, #oneyouthatatime.

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Cost: Free and open to the public

Info: Learning and discussing the Bible. Open format, discussion and questions allowed during the teaching. Current study is on the book of Revelation. We are a training center. If you have a gift we encourage you to use it!

May 6th - Saturday

Wolcott Vol Fire Dept. Co 2 38th Annual Ziti Dinner

Location: Company 2 Firehouse 58 North St., Wolcott, CT. **Time:** 2:00pm-7:00pm

Tickets: \$10 Adults - \$8 for Seniors and

Children ages 5-12.

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ziti-dinner

Info: Dine-In or Take-Out Service Available

May 6th - Saturday (Rain Date May 7th) Waves for Wishes fundraiser for Make a Wish CT hosted by the Lumia family.

Location: Rogers Orchards Sunnymount Farm 2876 Meriden-Waterbury Tpke. Plantsville, CT

Time: 11:00am-3:00pm

Cost: Event is free and open to the public Info: There will be donuts & coffee (free), pies for sale (25% of pie sales will benefit Make-A-Wish CT at both Roger's Orchard Farms Shuttle Meadow & Sunnymount), food & ice cream trucks (% of sales will be given to Make-A-Wish CT), games, prizes, raffles, and entertainment.

May 13th - Saturday Wolcott Special Games

Location: Woodtick Recreation 201 Nichols Rd., Wolcott, CT. Time: 10:00am Parade Cost: Event is free and open

to the public

Info: Food, Drinks, Popcorn, Cotton Candy. Come watch the Special Needs Athletes doing the best they can at the games.

June 11th - Sunday Junior Women's Club 20th Annual Golf Tournament

Location: Farmingbury Hills Golf Club

141 East St., Wolcott, CT.

Time: Registration 11:00am, Tee Time

11:30am **Tickets:** Golf Fee \$90.00ea/Foursome \$360.00

Info: For more Information contact Lee Jensen at eileenleejensen@gmail.com/203-233-6345 or Karen Dollinger at kdoll20@yahoo.com 203-217-3066. Entry forms available online at juniorwomensclufofwolcott.org

June 11th - Sunday Wolcott American Legion Post 165 Flags & Fathers, Craft & Vendor Fair

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

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

Tickets: Free Admission and Parking **Info:** To reserve a table call (860) 940-1156 or email packratmomto4@sbcglobal.net

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Wolcott Lions Club News



We enjoyed another busy month, and we were very successful too. Our Lions Club hosted a Comedy Night on April 1st and will donate all the proceeds to a needy family in town, Kimberly, and Levi DiVirgilio. Some of you may know Levi

had to have an emergency surgery early January to remove fluid and a brain tumor. Levi continues to recover, and we are proud to be able to help them in their crisis.

We made our \$750.00 donation to Chief Stephens at our last meeting for a bullet proof vest. They were very thankful. Our Fair Chairman is working hard to get the details and events ready for our Wolcott Community Fair in September. Volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. You can contact the club for additional details.

Please remember we have two great buildings that you can rent out for your special occasions and a large outdoor area too. Our eye screening committee began conducting children's eye screenings in April and will continue through May. These screenings help to find issues at a younger age so they can be prevented from becoming bigger problems and possibly cure them.

We are always entertaining new member applications so if you would like to learn more about the largest volunteer organization in the world, please contact us.

On Behalf of our President Lion Mike Graham and the entire Lions Club



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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



June is the time to license your dogs again. May is a great time to make sure your dogs' rabies shot is up to date. Our office will be volunteering at the Annual Rabies Clinic in June. Please check the next Community News for more information.

It was New Haven County's turn to host the Spring Conference. I was honored to be part of this big event,

turning the Omni Hotel into a meeting point for Town Clerks, Assistants, and State Workers from all over Connecticut. Our pizza theme was "Town Clerks – Delivering More Than Just Great Service" and it set the tone for a laid back, three day adventure of learning and networking.

The American Legion Post 165 Wolcott, CT

ello everyone, our American Legion hosted a very successful Vietnam Veterans Breakfast on March 29th in our Hall, and a big thanks to Stacy Perrone-Petta for putting together a super ceremony. There were over 100 attendees, and 55 Veterans Spouses and Gold Star Mothers received a Pin and a Certificate. Thank you to every one of our sponsors.

Our Vendor and Craft Fair was another successful event on March 19th with over 50 Vendors, crafters, and presenters. We are planning to have another in June, watch for more detail.

Our membership meetings are the third Wednesday of each month, so if you would like to learn more about the benefits of membership in our American Legion, please email me 27donato@gmail.com or call 203-509-3994. We have an open house every Tuesday from 5 to 630 for new potential members, if interested please stop in. Starting on the First Wednesday in May and every Wednesday moving forward we will also host a Coffee and Social for all Veterans whether you're a member or not. Join us if you can.

On April 17th we hosted the Patriots Day Ceremony organized by our own Stacy Peron-Petta. Flag Day ceremony will also be at our venue so mark your calendars now. The Memorial Day Parade will be on May 29th and more details will follow. We will be stepping off at 4pm this year not 6pm so please make note of that.

"The Legion is proud to say thanks to many Wolcott High School Students and some Middle School Students that have volunteered at our Bingo Night's, they have been a great help and support to our efforts to raise money for our Veterans."

New Membership Open House is on Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm. Contact Adjutant Dan DiVirgilio at 203-509-3994 or email 27donato@gmail.com for additional information or times to join.



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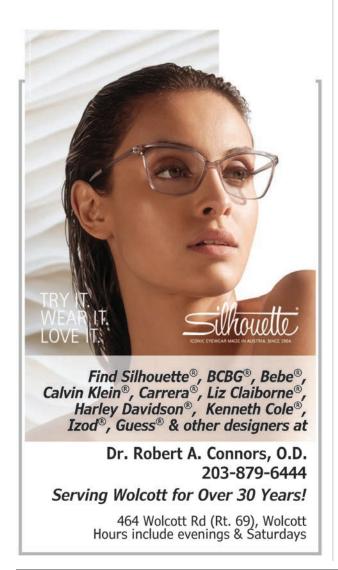
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Park & Recreation Happenings

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-sponsored by Wolcott Park & Rec and DARE, was held on April 1, 2023. Because of the rain, we held the event in the Wolcott Youth Center. Being indoors did not put a damper on the children's enthusiasm.

The children were able to meet the Easter Bunny and have pictures taken. All the children were given bags of candy and a raffle ticket. MissWolcott, Little Mr. Wolcott and Little Miss Wolcott attended and helped pick the winning raffle tickets. There were many raffle prizes to choose from. The prizes included several bikes, prefilled Easter baskets and many stuffed animals.

The bike donations are greatly appreciated and made the day a success. Thank you to the following for their bike donations; Wolcott Lions Club, The Junior Women's Club, Farmingbury Women's Club, and Melissa Morosko/Instaplumbing. Thank you to the the student volunteers from Wolcott High School for thier time and help. Without the support from these people and organizations this event would not be what it is today.

Thank you also to Mayor Dunn, Miss Wolcott, Little Mr. Wolcott and Little Miss Wolcott, and Lieutenant Malloy for attending this event and doing a great job with the raffle. And of course, to the children and families of Wolcott. Without you there would be no Easter Egg Hunt.

"Waves for Wishes"

ast year I became a board member for Make-A-Wish Connecticut, the local chapter of the national Make-A-Wish foundation and home to The Wishing Place in Trumbull. I had the pleasure to go through the training to become a wish granter. There are currently 400 plus kids in the state of CT at various stages of the wish journey. In fact, within our immediate communities there are wish kids awaiting wishes. Make-A-Wish Connecticut recently 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 her family, with balloons,

Disney music, pizza and cookies!

Our family's goal is to raise awareness and support of Make-A-Wish CT within our community. With your participation we can make wishes happen. It's truly amazing what wishes can do. A wish renews hope,



uplifts spirits and encourages the belief in the impossible. Our family is planning a community event on Saturday May 6th from 11a-3p (rain date Sunday 5/7/23) in collaboration with Roger's Orchard Sunnymount Farm and the Jeep Community. Bring your family and friends – all are welcome! There will be donuts & coffee (free), pies for sale (25% of pie sales will benefit Make-A-Wish CT at both Roger's Orchard Farms Shuttle Meadow & Sunnymount), food & ice cream trucks (% of sales will be given to Make-A-Wish CT), games, prizes, raffles, and entertainment. If you own a jeep, please consider registering your jeep via the link below (cost \$20/jeep and all jeep registration fees will be donated to Make-A-Wish CT).

Make-A-Wish traces its inspiration to Christopher James Greicius, an energetic 7-year-old boy battling leukemia who wishes to be a police officer. In 1980, his Phoenix community came together to make his wish come true. Little did Chris know that his wish would create a movement that would transform millions of lives. Today, Make-A-Wish has granted hundreds of thousands of life-changing wishes to children battling critical illnesses. Wishes that give families hope through dark times, strength to persevere and experiences that forever change their lives. Thank you to his mother, Linda Pauling, the Greicius family and the founders for their tireless dedication to our mission. 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 2.5 and 18 years old.

Make-A-Wish grants thousands of unique wishes each year. A wish begins with hope. And hope begins with you. Wishes are more than just a nice thing and they are far more than gifts or singular events in time. 9 out of 10 parents shared that their child's emotional wellbeing improved through receiving a wish. Wishes impact everyone involved—wish kids, volunteers, donors, sponsors, medical professionals, and communities. For wish kids, a wish gives them the strength to fight. Parents might finally feel optimistic. And still others may see all they have to offer the world through volunteer work or philanthropy.

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"Together we create life changing wishes for children with critical illnesses."

Thank you! Kim Lumia & The Lumia Family

Restoring our American Culture of Fairness and Equality



by Rob Sampson State Senator, 16th District

The world of politics is sadly becoming more and more a battleground, and not only of ideas, but of actions. This is a dangerous trend, where new precedents of discourse are being set. There was a time where institutions like statehouses,

capitol buildings, and courthouses, let alone statues and monuments were revered and respected.

Today, civil discourse, the cornerstone of functioning democracies, has been swallowed whole by the insatiable hunger of those in government who now concentrate on using their power to divide and manipulate constituencies – rather than good policy that protects the rights off all individuals.

Progressive Democrats, through rhetoric and legislation, continues to divide people by class, gender, race, and every other category imaginable. Invariably, one group is characterized as oppressed, the other the oppressor e.g., employers vs employees, landlords vs tenants, consumers vs corporations. Of course, inequities exist but they are not the norm, at least not until progressive government officials begin unleveling the playing field in the name of "equity."

They have mastered the art of victimhood and class warfare and we are paying the price as a culture and a country.

When you sow seeds of discontent among segments of the population, what do you suppose the result is? We are seeing this result today in uncivil, and at times violent, outbursts like the antifa riots in recent years or even recent events in Chicago.

The Left now wraps nearly every debate in their ubiquitous, dividing-line issues of race, gender and/or LGBTQ+ rights to move their agenda while discouraging debate.

Reasonable people who might oppose certain policies will not speak out for fear of being maligned, canceled, fired from their job, or even harassed or assaulted. This is even more true in the legislature and many bad policies move freely with little or no opposition as a result.

I see this as a dangerous force ripping at the fabric of our national identity and am often the lone voice challenging these divisive and toxic ideas at our State Capitol.

Using the tactics I've described, the advocates of progressivism, socialism, and even communism continue to grow bolder. Many measures are advancing in legislatures across our country and right here in Connecticut that divide us by creating new inequities and "special rights." At the same time, fewer people are speaking out in favor of protecting individual freedom and true civil rights that regard us as equally entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as well as equal protection under the rule of law.

That's just wrong. America is the land of equal rights, where each of us is subject to equal application under the law. Sadly, I must report that fewer and fewer people in our state government believe this.

This state of affairs is clearly illustrated by the tragic events in Tennessee last month. After a transgender individual murdered six innocent people, Democrat lawmakers immediately pivoted to "gun control." Their proposals to ban certain weapons and restrict access only impact those of us who use firearms lawfully and to exercise our right of self-protection. Criminals who engage in robberies and violence are unaffected. They simply do not care to obey these laws, and neither will deranged lunatics bent on mass murder.

Common sense dictates that we should concentrate on school security, mental health, illegal gun trafficking, and crime generally. However, sadly, each of these events becomes an opportunity to further divide Americans about gun rights using emotion and misinformation. Worse, it is seen as a fundraising opportunity for the most unscrupulous of politicians.

Following the tragedy in Nashville, three Democrat lawmakers in the Tennessee state house interrupted unrelated legislative proceedings, marching to the well of the house, holding signs and using a bullhorn, and shutting down the discussion and debate – all in flagrant violation of the house rules and in a direct affront to our uniquely American legislative process.

These were individuals duly elected to represent their constituents in a deliberative body of equals. That is how our system works. No one should understand that better than they and yet, they chose to ignore the rights of every other lawmaker and their constituents by preventing their respective voices from being heard. Possibly worse, their utter disrespect and disregard for those who disagree with them, including the other duly elected colleagues they serve with, was on full display during the debate over their expulsion.

Despite the clarity of this incident, the ensuing news coverage, partisan Democrats across the country and many other misguided individuals have attempted to transform this incident into an issue of race following the expulsion of two of the three at-fault lawmakers. The third, a white female, narrowly escaped expulsion because she merely stood with the others and didn't actively protest. Ultimately, all were restored due to the breakdown of our society's respect for equal treatment, fairness, or justice.

I can tell you that if I rose in a hearing room, or on the Senate floor in Hartford with a bullhorn to disrupt the orderly conduct of the people's business, I would expect to be in a lot of trouble. I would also expect expulsion to be a very real consequence.

While this story has garnered national attention and interest, its underlying theme applies to what's happening across our country and state. Those that would undermine our American culture of fairness and equality have become bolder by the day, and we must have the courage to stand up and make our voices heard.





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Memorial Day

The days are getting longer, and the flowers are blooming! In a few short weeks, we will be ringing in the unofficial start of summer as we observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th.

Memorial Day is a national holiday in the United States in which we honor our military members that died in service to their country. Please join us in taking a moment to remember all that gave their lives in defense of our freedom.

EMT of the Year Award

Last month, the Exchange Club of Wolcott hosted their annual Public Service Awards ceremony. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of this year's winners including our very own Paramedic Lieutenant John O'Dea that was honored as this year's EMT of the Year!

Ambulance Facility Update

Wolcott's Department of Public Works crews continue excavating the property in preparation for construction.

Following a few modifications to the plan, the architectural drawings are nearing completion at which time the project can go out to bid!

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 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.

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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! Contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab on our website.

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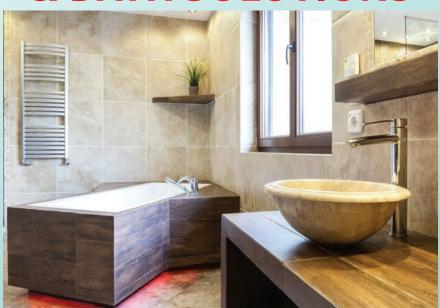








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Guys, this year, I will be ordering Hats and T-Shirts and a \$20 donation would be appreciated. Money will be donated to the "Wounded Warriors" (which is a organization for injured Military Men and Woman). This donation, will be in our names representing (Ed Miller 30th Memorial Horse Shoe Tournament.)

**If you know one of the past winners, please contact them with the information. I would love to see some of the past winners show up. We do not know how many more of these we will be around for, so come, enjoy, and exchange some of the past tournaments memories.

Ed Miller Horseshoe Tournament Winners

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2015	Mark Bernier (Ra	att)	Rick Miller Jr.
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Explore themes through stories, songs and crafts. Children may bring their lunch to eat after storytime.

Books & Babies

Wednesdays at 11:00AM 05/03, 05/10, 05/17, 05/24, 05/31

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

Age: Birth to 24 months. No registration required. Drop-in activities in the WPL Children's Room.

Wild Wednesday

Drop-in activities in the children's room. 05/03 DIY Spinner Toy- Make your own spinning top. 05/10 DIY Fidget Snakes - Make beaded fidget toys that slither and slide.

05/17 Reflective Art - Combine math and art with this dun activity.

Lego Club

Thursdays @ 5:30PM

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

Picnic Storytime

Saturday, May 20th @12:00PM Bring a picnic lunch and join Ms. Meghan for a special allages storytime full of favorite books and songs.

International Tabletop Day

Saturday, June 3rd 12-2PM

Pizza will be served at 12 followed by board games for all ages at 12:30. Teen volunteers will be on hand to help with young children while parents play more advanced games. Please RSVP to help us plan the day.

To register for any event or to receive more info, please call the library at 203-879-8110.

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

Adult Events for May

Art and Meditation

Thursday, May 11th at 6:00PM Meditative art class with Suzanne Cipriano. Wolcott Public Library Book Club Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00PM

The WPL Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. May's selection is The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis, a novel about the secrets, betrayal, and murder within one of New York City's most impressive Gilded Age mansions. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Movie Matinee

May 26th 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. May's movie to be announced.

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Wednesday, May 31st at 5:00PM

Bring a picture of your pet that you can paint from and treasure forever.

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Wednesdays at 10:00AM

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

Friends of the **Wolcott Library**

May is upon us, and our spring book sale will be held Thursday May 4 (12-6pm), Friday May 5 (12-5pm), and Saturday May 6 (10am-2pm.

Please support the Friends in our fundraising efforts. We can still accept any books in good condition. All profits go right back to the library for goods and services. Our special focus is for children and teens. All sales will be INSIDE on the lower level of the building.

We are pleased to announce our new addition to our library passes. In addition to our usual array of educational, cultural, and fun sites, we now offer coupons for 20% off general admission to the Connecticut Science Center, 250 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford. Prices for general admission without the coupon are: \$25.95 adult, \$22.95 senior, \$17.95 chldren ages 3-17. The 20% off will be a welcome to your budget.

New for the Science Center this year is UNDER THE CANOPY. Visitors will experience an immersive and interactive exhibit on the fascinating world of rainforests. Come face to face with over a dozen wild animals that call the rain forest home. To procure your coupon, direct your request to the library staff for assistance. One coupon only per day provides the 20% discount for up to 4 people.

Enjoy your May. Make our town library a part of your family life. There is something for everybody.



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4 this year. Connecticut consistently leads the other 49 states in participation, year after year. This is a great opportunity to explore one of Wolcott's protected wildlife sanctuaries!

The Wolcott Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) will conduct a guided hike at our beautiful Finch Brook Preserve on Saturday June 3rd at 10:00 A.M. This is a moderate level 2.5 loop hike starting from the end of Barbara Drive in Wolcott. It is a family and dog friendly event.

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Farmingbury Women's **Club News**



We would like to thank "Donna Palomba, Jane Doe No More, for attending our April meeting. Donna spoke on her personal life and as a young Wife and Mother. Donna was viciously attacked in her home as she

slept. Her husband was out of town that weekend and she was alone with her two children. When she reported this to the Authorities they did not believe her. She spent years defending herself and proving them wrong. Donna's attacker is in Prison. She tells what happened to her, to encourage anyone under sexual attack not to be afraid to come forth and report it.

We cannot thank her enough for spending time with us. We wish her all the Best.

We also want to congratulate Chris Culver on her being awarded the "Golden Deeds" honor.

We have had a very exciting year so far; as May begins we look back on some of our projects, such as welcoming new members, having special guest/speakers at our meetings. We just could not get enough of Flo Goodman and her guests as they explained and taught us new garden tips. We are looking forward to her "Garden Event" which is held in July. We were fortunate to "help out" at the Special Needs Bowling Banquet.

During the month of May, we will be holding the Election of our Officers and Committee Chairs for next year.

We also have a "Fundraiser Calendar for the month of May. If you would like to purchase a ticket, you will have an opportunity to win a variety of different gifts each day... As an example we have 2 Tickets to the Palace Theater, many gift certificates, beautiful floral bouquets, and a generous donation of "Car Cleaning & Detailing with a value of \$200.00. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket, you can stop by CC's Chocolates, located on Wolcott Road. Tickets are \$10.00.

Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to students at the Senior Awards Nights.

On May 13, the Wolcott Special Games will be held. The festivities will begin with a Parade, then the Games, "Good Luck to all the "Special Games Athletes". After the games, our club members will be handing out "lunches" to all the participants.

We wish everyone a very Happy Memorial Day. Always stay safe.

Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way" -John C Maxwell.

I was recently gifted a book called The Five Graces of Life and Leadership by Gary Burnison. The State Grange has

decided to offer free zoom classes to bring our Connecticut Granges into modern times. This will help see our mission differently by refocusing who we are through how we do things. By using leadership principles and dynamic strategies, this will focus us on obtaining new members, retaining the members that we have, and using our recourses wisely.

I am looking forward to attending these series of upcoming classes and I hope to gain knowledge and insight on how to improve our already wonderful group of volunteers and members.

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A Conversation with a Veteran

by A.J. Mastrofrancesco

hat has always intrigued me is talking to seniors who have been through it all. Growing up, school, World Wars, marriage, the challenges of raising children, health issues, and the death of loved ones. It was not a reality show – it was real!

We hear it every day – how much groceries have gone up or, how much our electric bill is. But to be honest, most of us don't know what the "hard" of the early 1900's was.

When speaking to these seniors, you could look into their eyes and you just knew that you could never muster up their kind of grit, perseverance, and unselfish view of life – we're just getting too soft.

So, with Memorial Day at the end of the month, and to honor Veterans for their countless sacrifices to preserve our freedoms, I decided to interview a veteran to find all that out. I was most fortunate to get to spend a few hours with Wolcott resident, Walter Kalinowski, 102, and his "kid" brother, Paul, 92. They are both Veterans. And, they still act like kids, breaking each other's chops. But, you could see the respect that Paul had for his older brother even through the banter between them. Paul repeatedly told me "that there wasn't anything that Walt could not do."

Walter is an amazing, robust, fellow who is still sharp as a tack. Taking into consideration that he was born 8 years before the stock market crash of 1929, you can't help but wonder what life was like growing up in those days. What were the dreams of kids at the time? How did they spend their days? And, what happened during the last 102 years?

As our conversation started, I immediately realized that I could never tell the life story of this 102 year old veteran, in one article. I felt like a child asking how, why, when, where? I had so many questions it appeared that I could be writing a volume of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Walter is the son of Kiril and Francis Kalinowski. He was born, and grew up, in the Long Hill section of Waterbury, with his 6 siblings... brothers, Carl, Daniel, John, and Paul along with sisters Mary, and Francis. Walt talks about those days, "my neighborhood was like a mixed country and everyone knew everybody, and we all got along and helped each other. Today I don't even know all of my close neighbors". Life was hard in those depression days. Walt told me, "We didn't have anything so we appreciated everything we got. Dad owned a house so we could not get much assistance."

At one point Walt's mom suggested that he raise some geese to sell for meals around the holidays. So, while he worked at a farm for .10/hour. He raised and sold geese. Walt said, "There wasn't much talk of what I wanted to be when I grew up. There was no time for that. You just didn't think of it. By the time you were 16, you had to quit school to get a job to help support your family".

Walking was the mode of transportation most of the time. Walt would walk from Long Hill, through the east end of Waterbury, to catch a bus to Blackie's Hot Dog stand. "The farmer would pick us up in his truck and we would go to work on the farm for 10 hours every day. Then reverse the trip to go home. My brothers and friends would walk miles, to work at Chase Metal Works, to save the bus tokens for another day". As Walt told me stories, his voice was bellowing one minute and then whisper quiet the next. It was a pretty effective way to make you pay attention.

Walt continued, "Fun in those days, was going to the Scoville dump and seeing what we could find to play with". Paul stepped in and said, "My father would not even let us think about playing sports in those days. There were cows to feed, a garden to tend to, hay to cut, and other chores – there was always work to do". Walt did get to play football, occasionally, but that's it. Paul, 10 years

his junior, did get to play baseball in the sandlot near their house. They also played "Johnny White Horse", which I never heard of, and other familiar games like "hide and seek". Just simple fun outdoors (how crazy right?)

Paul told a story of when Walter had a job delivering fruit for the Fulton Market, using a wagon. One day Walter's Mom told him he would have to quit because it was costing more for shoes than he was making. Wagons had no brakes so Walt would drag his feet to slow down when going down hills, and there were plenty in Waterbury. Work was hard, and pay was low. Shopping was all in downtown Waterbury. In those days there were no malls or even shopping centers. The city centers were the hubs for local shopping, jobs, and medical care. The only cars on the road in those days were Model T's and there weren't many, so you took a trolley or bus downtown. If you had a car, in those days, you were wealthy.

Growing up in the 20's and early 30s was so different than today. No TV, no electronics, no air conditioning. Heck in the early 1920's, some people did not even have toothbrushes yet. It was a time when you might have to walk miles, to go to the dentist, only to have to return in 2 to 3 days to get a tooth repaired or most likely pulled, with little anesthetic.

Families were large and close knit. Everyone contributed, mostly by doing some sort of manual labor for low wages. It was a time when top priorities were Family, Religion, Patriotism, and Civic Duty. Nothing was open on Sunday as it was a day to go to church, visit relatives and be with family. It was a time when, if you lived into your 60's or 70's, you had a pretty good life.

Walt attended grammar school and 2 years of high school before he had to go to work. When he was 19, his father got him a job at Chase Metal Works but he was only there a short time when he was drafted into the Army.

WWII and Life After

On Sept 2, 1942, at close to 20 years old, he reported to Hartford CT to get sworn in and then transferred to Camp Pickett, in Virginia. There he was supposed to receive medical training in just 8 weeks but he decided that he had not learned enough, and never took the test.

He was sent to Camp Claiborne, in Louisiana, where they waited for almost 3 months to be sent to war overseas. There he was told he was now part of the Quartermaster unit. They were training to work on military vehicles but also did whatever job they were assigned. Cleaning rifles, getting supplies packed and loaded on to trucks, etc.

For those 3 months, Walter said the hot, humid living quarters were terrible and there was a real lack of food. Then, they were shipped to a camp in California and, within 2 weeks, were loaded onto a ship, headed to an unknown destination. They had heard it could have been Alaska but ended up that they were shipped to India on the USS Monticello. Almost 5,000 men on the ship, for 43 days. Walt described the conditions, "the bunks were stacked like bricks. So close, that you couldn't even rollover in your sleep."

Again, food was limited and sometimes they were given army rations. Sometimes only one meal a day and often the same meal 3-4 days in a row.

Once in India, they walked 10 miles, with their gear, to the camp where supposed to get staged for transfer further east. When the orders came, they were again boarding a ship – this time to Burma.

Since 1939, Chinese, Burmese, and English workers and military units had been building the 716 mile, Burma Road, to get supplies to the Chinese, who with the US, had a common enemy, the Japanese. It was hard to imagine the challenges of war...men's shoes falling apart because they were sewn together with cotton thread that

rotted in the humid, wet weather. Or pouring gasoline on the latrines to kill insects. This was war and there was no time for complaining.

When the war ended in 1945, Walt's unit felt kind of forgotten. The US government made sure all the front line troops got to go home first, while the support units like Walt's just got hung up in India until he returned home in September of 1945. He tried to reach many of the men he met and befriended during the war. But many had died, had injuries, or he just couldn't find them.

Eleanor, Walt's girlfriend, at the time of his departure, had moved on as it was over 2 years since he had left. But he did get his job back, at Chase, where he worked for the next 16 years.

Shortly after returning home, Walt met the love of his life, Ann. Married in October of 1946 until her death, at 97, in 2021 (75 years). They had 2 daughters, Darlene (deceased), who took great care of her Mom, and Cheryl, who I had the pleasure to meet.

After leaving Chase, he worked with his brothers, at DAPA construction, until his mid-sixties. For the next 15 years, not being one to sit still, Walt had a farm in Cheshire where he spent most of his summers growing vegetables. He carried on that family tradition of provider.

These days, Walt is still amazing. He now lives, with family, in a house that he built himself. He loves watching war movies and the History Channel.

Note: Walt did not say it, but I could see his pride and pain, brought back by memories of war. He is proud when thinking of the 16 million Americans who fought in WWII, but sad that 420,000 Americans had lost their lives. For those under 40 years old, there is real lack of knowledge, recognition, and appreciation for what they sacrificed for future generations.

Today there are less than 140,000 WWII veterans, nation-wide, and more than 160 die each day. There are less than 2,800 WWII vets in CT. If you attend a Memorial Day parade, or see a soldier/veteran on the street, please thank them for their service and sacrifice.

As Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."



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Junior Women's Club News



The Junior Women's Club held our bloodmobile on March 11th. We are thankful to all who took the time to donate and our appreciation to St Basil's Community for permitting us to use their hall for the Red Cross blood donations.

Our preliminary report from the Red Cross stated that we collected 46productive units of blood that will help to save lives. This exceeded the Red Cross goal for this drive. Thank you to all the donors and our dedicated volunteers.

We will be rewarding our three \$ 1000.00 scholarships for Wolcott residents who will be graduating this year. The scholarships will be announced at the Senior Awards ceremony held at the student's high school.

Our two major fundraisers are scheduled. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will be hosting their 20th Golf Tournament at the Farmingbury Hills Golf Club on Sunday, June 11,2023. Registration 11:00 AM and Scramble/Tee time starts at 11:30 AM. Dinner, raffle and prizes immediately following at East Street Eatery. All golfers are welcome! Don't golf? Don't worry you can purchase a "Tee Sponsor" sign to advertise your company or business. Please request and complete an entry form today. For additional information, please contact Golf Tournament Chairwomen, Lee Jensen at eileenleejensen@gmail.com or 203-233-6345 or Karen Dollinger kdoll20@yahoo.com or 203-217-3066 or contact any Junior Club member. Please check out our Facebook page or our website www. juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on the Golf Tournament and/or 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 elected new officers for the 2023-2024 year: President – Judy Bellemare, Vice President – Ellen Talbot, Recording Secretary – Jeanne Thomas, Treasurer – Joanne Pajak & Corresponding Secretary – Karen Dollinger. The new officers will be installed via a ceremony during our end of the year Banquet scheduled on May 18th.

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. Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club, all our welcome! Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.



Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors would like to thank the Thies Family and Tyrrell Middle School PTO for their donations as bronze sponsors. Also Flo Goodman recently donated to our Retired Teachers' Memorial in memory of Gloria Brown. We appreciate all the individuals and businesses who responded to our recent mailing and we will be awarding numerous scholarships this month to very deserving Wolcott High School graduates.



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Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 actively strengthens their scouting skills each weekly meeting. In addition to working on individual rank advancements and Merit Badges, the Scouts work diligently to improve their skills. Scouts recently earned their CPR certification thanks to the Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance. The first responders worked with the Troop to teach these lifesaving skills. Moreover, the Scouts continuously aim to build camaraderie and spirit. This month, the Troop participated in a Chopped style cooking competition. Boys were broken into teams of 3 or 4 and given surprise ingredients to develop meals using camping stoves. Further, a twist surprise ingredient was added in the middle. Scouts had a terrific time working together to come up with creative edible meals.

The Troop also traveled to Massachusetts to spend a night at Battleship Cove. Scouts toured the ship and slept in the barracks.

Upcoming events include assisting The Friends of the Wolcott Library with their spring book sale and spring clean-up, camping out with the Hartford Yard Goats, a Connecticut River canoe and camp out, and planning for Summer Camp.

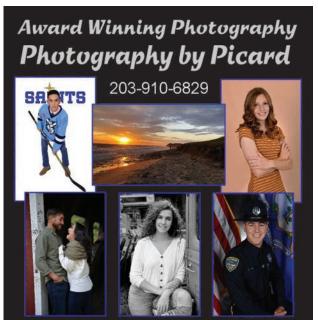
As always, BSA Troop 230 continues to collect bottles and cans at 2 locations year round. Drop off anytime at 83 Allentown Road (by the garage) in Wolcott OR at 200 Chase River Road in Waterbury. Hours for Waterbury are Wednesdays / Thursdays 1-4PM and Saturdays 11-2PM. Just tell them the returns are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



Girl Scouts Making an Impact

Everyday is a good day to be a Girl Scout. In April our girls joined together for fun at the Mommy & Me Tea. Girl Scouts and their family members were able to share time together, delicious tea, and fun crafts. Thank you to Troop 64155 for hosting. Girl Scout Cookie season is coming to an end the weekend of May 5 to 7. This is the last chance you will have to snag those delicious treats until the fall. Support a Girl and help her troop have life changing experiences.

Upcoming Events- Pinewood Derby will be on May 6, at the Wolcott Congregational Church. All Girl Scouts are welcome to march in the Memorial Day Parade, please check the Wolcott CT Girl Scouts page for details.





A Good Dentist



Dr. Ezra Friedman Wolcott, CT

Going to the dentist is not always the most enjoyable experience, but having a good dentist can make a big difference. A good dentist can help ensure that you have a healthy and beautiful smile, while also making you feel comfortable during your visits. So what makes a good dentist? Let's take a closer look.

First and foremost, a good dentist should be knowledgeable and

skilled. They should have a strong understanding of oral health and be able to provide the highest quality of dental care. This includes not only performing routine dentistry, but also being able to diagnose and treat more complex dental issues. A good dentist should also stay up-to-date with the latest advancements in dental technology and techniques in order to provide the best possible care to their patients.

In addition to their technical skills, a good dentist should also possess excellent communication skills. They should be able to explain procedures and treatment options in a way that is easy to understand for their patients. A good dentist should also listen to their patients and take the time to answer any questions or concerns they may have. This helps to build trust and creates a more comfortable environment for the patient.

Another important quality of a good dentist is their bedside manner. Going to the dentist can be a nerve-wracking experience for some people, so a good dentist should be able to put their patients at ease. This can include things like being friendly and personable, having a gentle touch, and being empathetic to their patients' needs.

A good dentist should also be professional and ethical. They should be honest with their patients about their diagnosis and treatment options, and never recommend unnecessary procedures or products. They should also respect their patients' privacy and maintain confidentiality.

Finally, a good dentist should be accessible and accommodating to their patients. This means being available for emergency appointments and having flexible scheduling options. They should also work with their patients' insurance providers to ensure that they receive the maximum coverage for their dental care.

In conclusion, there are several qualities that make a good dentist. They should be knowledgeable and skilled, possess excellent communication skills, have a good bedside manner, be professional and ethical, and be accessible and accommodating to their patients. If you're in search of a new dentist, take the time to find one who possesses these qualities — your oral health and overall well-being will thank you.



Progressive Policies Leading to the Release of Murderers



State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco
Representing Wolcott
& Southington

When murders occur in our communities, they can shake our sense of security and tear apart families. Tragically, families and friends of the victims go through so much when this

occurs, from grappling with the loss of their loved one to having to attend multiple court hearings where they must see the offender.

After that process concludes, judges hand down sentences, and families of victims leave the courtroom thinking offenders will serve that amount of time behind bars. In some cases, prosecutors, victims, and defense attorneys meet to work out a plea deal, so that all sides agree on an appropriate sentence.

But it turns out that the Board of Pardons and Paroles has been quietly commuting the sentences of multiple murderers, in some cases, reducing the sentences by 20 years or more. Members of the board, led by Chairman Carleton Giles, took it upon themselves to reduce these sentences in the last couple of years. The number of commutations increased sharply from about three to more than 70 in 2020 and 2021. Forty-four of those commutations were murder cases!

It is just another part of an agenda by the far left that puts criminals above victims and their families.

This is an egregious action by the board and ignores the rights of victims who have been through enough, and it also endangers public safety. There is a reason why these sentences are long – the people who commit these homicides took a life and need to be kept away from society. But the actions of the parole board completely circumvent that process, ignores the decisions of judges, and tosses the wishes of victims out the window.

These are just some of the following commutations that have been reported by the media so far:

Hakim Jefferson: Chased a man down and shot him five times in the back. His sentence was reduced by the board from 50 years to 30 years.

Daniel Carter: Killed a 13-year-old girl in New Haven who was an innocent bystander to a gang-related shooting. His sentence was reduced by the board from 40 years to 20 years.

Lonnie Owen: Gunned down a 22-year-old man outside a nightclub in Bridgeport in 2003 for "no apparent reason". His sentence was reduced by the board from 60 years to 25 years.

Maurice Blackwell: Used a shotgun to shoot a man in the back of the head in Waterbury in 2000 and was later convicted through eyewitness testimony and DNA evidence. The board reduced his sentence from 60 years to 25 years.

Those are just some of the awful cases and there are many more. These are very serious cases in which offenders were convicted of murders or sexual assaults, yet they are being released.

Republicans and the families of victims have called for these commutations to be stopped. Two of the board members involved in the commutations recently came before the House of Representatives for re-appointment, I voted NO, however, the Democrat majority approved their return to the board. Mr. Giles has been removed from his position as chairman, but he's still on the board and when his re-appointment comes before the House, I intend to vote NO again.

If the majority cared about victims of violent crime and keeping our communities safe, they would have joined us in blocking the appointments. This is a policy that disrespects victims and clearly puts our communities in danger.

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.



Around Town Photography by Roger Picard





These girl scouts braved the chilly temperatures on a recent Sunday morning to sell their Girl Scout cookies at the corner of Wolcott Road and Kreger Drive. They are members of troop 64236 who meet at the Congregational Church and Peterson Park when weather permits.



At a recent meeting of the Exchange Club of Wolcott, representatives of the Wolcott Youth Service Bureau gave a presentation on their mission to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for the youth of Wolcott that effectively supports the diverse needs of youth and families in our community. Kelly Cronin, on the left, is a consultant to the Board of Directors





The Exchange Club of Wolcott held their Believe In The Blue event on the Wolcott Town Green, April 3rd. The event, held every year on the first Monday of April, brings awareness to the Prevention of Child Abuse during the entire month of April. A nice turnout of police officers, dignitaries and citizens attended the event to hear guest speakers and witness the lighting of a white tree with blue lights inside the gazebo.



The Excel Club of Wolcott High, under the guidance of teacher, Mary Devaney, recently held an induction ceremony of new members in the high school's resource center. The Excel Club, which is affiliated with the National Exchange Club, performs acts of community service and fundraising for nonprofit and community based organizations. Annette Petruzzi, Exchange Club of Wolcott president, conducted the swearing in ceremony.



The Patriots Day Initiative and the American Legion Post 165 in conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution, hosted a Vietnam War Veterans Day breakfast on March 29th. Approximately 100 people attended the event that was catered by Red Apple Catering. An award ceremony was held after the breakfast in which attending Vietnam Veterans were recognized and awarded pins and certificates for their service.

Wolcott Historical Society - May 2023





by Florence Goodman

This September the Wolcott Congregational Church will celebrate 250 years in our town so I will continue with some interesting history about it.

As I stated last month on November 18, 1773, thirty members of the Farmingbury Society signed the "Covenant of Confederation" which was the beginning of the Parish Church. Joseph Atkins granted a two-acre site for the church on June 8, 1772, and the "Original Meeting House" was built during the years of 1772/73.



The first Center School was used for church services until the new Congregational Church was completed

The members of the Society donated most of the lumber, materials, and labor. This original small wooden structure served the Congregational parish for approximately sixty-six years.

In the early 1800s the anti-slavery spirit was on the rise in our country as well as in our town. Reverend James Chapman was ordained on October 25, 1837, and at that time began his service as the minister of the church serving 133 Society members. The Reverend was a strong anti-slavery supporter, but many of Wolcott's Society members did not agree with his beliefs and had strong sympathy for plantation owners in the South. In April of 1839 the Society planned to form a committee to confer with the Reverend about dissolving his Pastoral relation with the church. Tensions were mounting in the town over this issue because New England farmers did not require the number of farm hands as did the crop growers in the South. In times of harvest, which required additional hands a communal effort from neighboring families to assist each other was the rule of thumb. More tension was created in the Wolcott Parish and Society when in November a new stove was placed in the church, but some members disagreed with this as well.

On December 12, 1839, a meeting was to be held at the Meeting House with the Reverend and his supporters. On the evening prior to this gathering someone placed gunpowder with a slow wick in the church stove causing an explosion shortly after 9:00 P.M. It is believed that the intent was to destroy the stove, not the church, but by midnight the church was engulfed in flames thus destroying the building.

The following day Reverend Chapman and his followers held their meeting concerning anti-slavery around the smoldering ashes of the church. The pro-slavery group still angry over the said meeting shaved the manes off the parson's horse as well as the manes off the horses belonging to other members of his anti-slavery group. Several people were arrested for the incident, but a trial was never held because of the lack of evidence.

At the annual meeting held in April 1840, seventeen anti-slavery parishioners, including Deacon Isaac Bronson withdrew from the Society and in July formed the Second Congregational Society. It was also voted that the remains of the old Meeting House be sold to the highest bidder. In July of 1840 several members of the original Society hoping to bring back those lost members voted to appoint a building committee for a new church. They also voted in November of the same year to dissolve their pastoral relationship with Reverend Chapman. The construction of the new structure began in 1841. In June 1842 in an unfinished interior, the Reverend Aaron Beach was ordained. While the new church was under construction meetings were held at the Center School where Reverend Beach gave his first sermon on December 19, 1841. He was ordained on June 22, 1842, with services being held under the rafters of the half-finished church. The new Congregational Church was finally completed on January 18, 1843. It has served as the focal point of our Town Center since then. This Greek Revival-style, post-and-beam frame structure is architecturally significant as the only example of a mid-19th-century church in our town.

Reverend Beach was also responsible for the building of the second Congregational Church Parsonage located at the corner of Bound Line and Brooks Hill Roads. It was referred to as the "Old Congregational Parsonage" built circa 1855. Today it is the home of the Rogozinski Family.



Early post card of the Congregational Church with the stables next to 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, "The 1986 Historic Resources Inventory" by J.P.Loether 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.



The second Congregational Church Parsonage was located on the corner of Bound Line and Brooks Hill Roads.

It was built circa 1855 by Reverend Beach.

Today it is owned by the Rogozinski family.

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 will take place on Saturday, July 8th; anyone interested in opening their gardens for this event, PLEASE contact Flo Goodman 203-879-9818.



Early post card of the Congregational Church on Benson's Hill. To the left of the road is where Edgewood Cemetery is located today.

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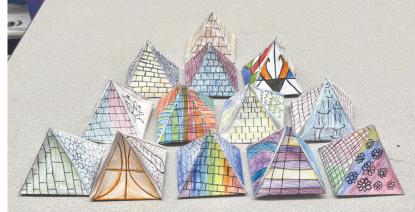
Frisbie students showed their amazing talents at the 2023 Frisbie Variety Show.



Frisbie kindergarten and 1st grade students tried to capture a Leprechaun in their Leprechaun Traps.



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.



Fourth and fifth graders created 3-D Patterned Pyramids in the art room at Frisbie.



Frisbie's Golden Ticket Winners for March 2023!



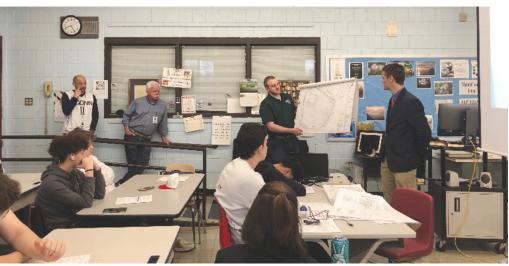
Wolcott High School NEWS



Civil Engineer Guest Speakers



Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) President, Scott Nolan and Vice President, Rich Cohen came into Wolcott High School on Friday, March 24th. They spoke with students in our engineering concepts, construction, and architectural design class about career opportunities in civil engineering fields.



They created a presentation that included information about their career experiences as civil engineers including projects they worked on, opportunities in the field, their path to their current positions and future goals. The presentation also included an introduction to engineering video from the American Society of Civil Engineers ASCE as well as photos of projects that they worked on.

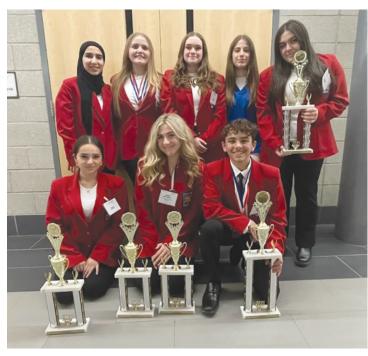
They also brought plans from a few projects.



The students really enjoyed the survey equipment that they brought in and demonstrated.

It is extremely helpful for students to hear from people in the field when deciding on their future. We really appreciate all the work they did to put together a presentation and come in and talk with our students about a future as a civil engineer.

Congratulations WHS SkillsUSA Students!



WHS SkillsUSA students competed in the 47 annual state skills & leadership conference on March 31, 2023 at Wilcox TH. Congratulations to all:

- 3rd place- Anatomy & Physiology Sofia Gugliotti
- 3rd place- Skillsconnect nursing Sofia Gugliotti
- 1st place- JJ Brenes Freshman leadership
- 2nd place- Emis Poci Freshman leadership
- 3rd place- Ava Gugliotti Freshman leadership
- Top 6 finalist McKenna Huber Freshman leadership
- Top 10 finalists in Freshman Leadership Torri Belden and Nadia Nasiri
- Top 10 finalist in First Aid/CPR Gresa Ajro

Wolcott High School Robotics Team

The robotics team has had a very successful season. For the second year in a row we have been the recipient of an award at every event attended. This season we qualified for the playoffs at every event and other points of recognition are below.

Event 1 - Waterbury

Team 1071 finished with a record of 12-5-0 and won the following awards:

- District Event Champion
- Gracious Professionalism Award

Event 2 - Western NE - Springfield

Team 1071 finished with a record of 7-7-0 and won the following awards:

• Innovation in Control Award

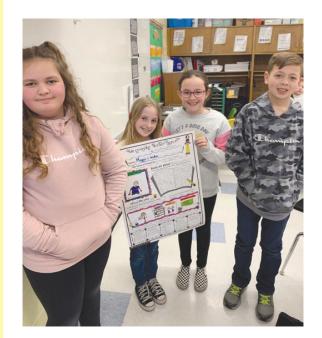
Event 3 - Hartford

Team 1071 finished with a record of 9-6-0 and won the following awards:

 District FIRST Impact Award - The FIRST Impact Award is the most prestigious award at FIRST, it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of FIRST.

A big congratulations should go out to all team members as their success puts them in an elite group in New England. They will compete in the New England championship.

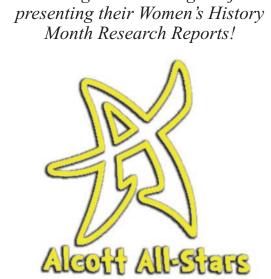
Alcott School News











Fourth graders did a great job







Miss Wolcott came to visit and present about her platform.

She will be visiting throughout April!









Alcott students came together to wear crazy/mismatched socks to school. Students donated \$1 or more to WHS Unified Sports. Bravo All-Stars!



June 26 - Aug. 18th, 8:30—3:30 daily

Open to all girls ages 6+

Come for a day, a week or all summer long!



\$175/week includes all supplies, camp t-shirt, lunch & snacks, plus field trips! Scholarships available, sibling discounts, plus United Way Campership!

Space is limited by week, \$35 deposit to hold your spot.

Look for dance, karate, art, and so many more great programs, coming all summer long!



Registration is open! #203-756-4639 membership@girlsincswct.org \$25 Annual Membership Girls Inc. Greater WTBY, 35 Park Place, Waterbury, CT 06702 www.girlsincswct.org/summer

Proudly recognized as the first Girls Club in the US, celebrating over 159 years of serving girls in our community!







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

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

Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

NEW 1:00 PO-KE-NO—20 games at .25/game — Total \$5.00 (Nickels)

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

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, May 2

9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Clinton Crossings — Lunch to follow at Bill's Seafood Restaurant — Sing up at the senior center

11:30-12:30 Medicare Fraud presentation sponsored by WCAAA Open to the Public

1:00 NEW—PO-KE-NO—20 Games/.25 per game — Total \$5.00 (nickels) Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00

Wednesday, May 3

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 Slices Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Sign up & pay by Mon. May 1

Thursday, May 4

Crafty Corner — Learn to make a Farm House Tray — \$10.00 pp, Sign up & pay

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— 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

1:00 Bus leaves for 7 Angels Theater — "George & Gracie" from vaudeville to radio & television fame, these comedy icons make audiences double over in laughter from the 1920's to the 1950's. In this final installment of DeLaurentis' trilogy, Burns & Allen take to the Seven Angels stage one last time before the final "Say Goodnight, Gracie." \$39.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Thurs. Apr 27

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

Friday, May 5

11:30 Bus leaves for lunch at Puerta Vallarta for Cinco De Mayo, Sign up at the center

Monday, May 8

9:30 Bus leaves for shopping at Mystic Village — Sign up for bus

Tuesday, May 9

11:30-1:30 Free CPR/AED Course sponsored by The Wolcott Ambulance – Snacks & refreshments will be provided--Sign up at the senior center

1:00 PO-KE-NO—20 Games/.25 per game — Total \$5.00 (nickels) — Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00

Wednesday, May 10

11:30 Lunch Special — Italian Combo w/ Lettuce, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Pay when you sign up

Thursday, May 11

1:00 NEW—CARD BINGO-\$5.00 (Dimes)

Friday, May 12

8:30-9:30 FREE MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST SANDWICH — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll—Sign up at the senior center (Dad's pay \$3.00)

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Nick's Country Kitchen — shopping at the Bethlehem Flea Market to follow — Sign up at the senior center

Tuesday, May 16

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Belgium Waffles w/Bacon, \$3.00 pp — Sign up by Mond, May 15

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

1:00 PO-KE-NO—20 Games/.25 per game—Total \$5.00 (nickels), Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00

Wednesday, May 17

11:30 Lunch Special — Grilled Ham & Cheese on Texas Toast, Fruit Cup, & Dessert, \$4.00 pp Sign up & pay by Mon. May 15

Thursday, May 18

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

Friday, May 19

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlics & Shopping at Stew Leonards, Sign up at the senior center

Tuesday, May 23

11:15 Memorial Day Lunch—Hot Dog & Hamburger (w/Cheese), Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips & Dessert--\$5.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. May 22, Entertainment provided by T Bone (Tom Stankus)

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

1:00 PO-KE-NO—20 Games/.25 per game — Total \$5.00 (nickels), Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00

Wednesday, May 24

11:30 Lunch Special — Turkey Breast & Cheese w/Lettuce on a Roll, Chip & Dessert — \$4.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. May 22

Thursday, May 24

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Cheesecake Factory
— Sign up for the bus

1:00 NEW — L R C Dice Game (Left, Right, Center) — Bring your own dimes

Friday, May 26

8:00 Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino — Departs casino 4:00 PM, Sign up at the senior center

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Blueberry Pancakes w/Bacon, \$3.00 pp Sign up by Wed. May 24

Monday, May 29

 ${\tt CLOSED--MEMORIAL\ DAY\ HOLIDAY}$

Tuesday, May 30

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

11:15 Presentation on "Lowering Your Electric Bill"—Bring your electric bill and learn how choosing an electric supplier can lower your cost. The Eversource electric supply rate will change on July 1, 2023. Art Marcelynas, a former state regulator with 32 years of experience at the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, returns to the Wolcott Senior Center to explain how to evaluate the new Standard Service rate and supplier offers to help you understand ways to lower your bill. Art will answer questions about the new Standard Service supply rate, the process for switching suppliers, your electric bill in general and any other questions you have about electric rates and energy policies.

1:00 PO-KE-NO—20 Games/.25 per game—Total \$5.00 (nickels), Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00

Wednesday, May 31

11:30 Lunch Special — Grilled Steak & Cheese w/ Peppers & Onions on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Tues. May 30

Thursday, June 1

9:00 Bus leaves for Hollandia Nursery — Lunch to follow at The Blue Colony, Sign up for the bus

Friday, June 2

1:00 Bus leaves for lunch at AJ's Steak House—Visit to Sunset Meadow Winery To follow — Sign up for the bus

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Our seniors enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day entertainment provided by Doug Codianni



It's a packed house in the card room at the senior center for the setback tournament!



Some of our crafty seniors made their Easter decorations!



Wolcott Volunteer Fire Dept. Co.3 Inc. 2023 Fund Drive is underway

Please Stop By Our Family Fun & Safety Day On May 21st Between 12:00 & 4:00 At 2 Lyman Road, Wolcott.

The 100% volunteer fire dept. is asking for your help.
All donations will be used to help support

our operational expenses for training, firefighting equipment, uniforms, and public education materials.



Please mail your donation to

WVFD 3 P.O. Box 6036 Wolcott, CT 06716

Or donate online at www.Wolcottfd3.com



He Is Just a Little Boy

A Baseball Poem By Chaplain Bob Fox

He stands at the plate with his heart pounding fast. The bases are loaded, the die has been cast. Mom and Dad cannot help him, he stands all alone. A hit at this moment would send his team home. The ball meets the plate, he swings and he misses. There's a groan from the crowd, with some boos and some hisses. A thoughtless voice cries, "Strike out the bum." Tears fill his eyes, the game's no longer fun. So open up your heart and give him a break, for it's moments like this, a man you can make. Please keep this in mind when you hear someone forget, He is just a little boy, and not a man yet.



The Commission for Individuals with Special Needs

Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs will be having Rainbow Day Camp this year. At this time we are looking for staff. If you are interested in a position, please fill out an application at the Town Hall. Camp runs July 10 to August 18 and is for people with Special Needs. Some experience is a plus.



Wakelee School News!





Serena Charbonneau came to Wakelee to work with students on her Wings for Wellness program. She was able to visit so many classes and talk with the students.







Wakelee celebrates these awesome Super Readers who show their love of reading daily.



Wakelee participated in Rock Your Socks day to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day!





 $First\ graders\ in\ Mrs.\ Montowksi's\ class\ found\ evidence\ of\ our\ Character\ Strong\ traits\ in\ their\ reading!$



Fifth graders explore their understanding of volume with building different prisms to prove the volume given to them.



Mallard came back to visit Mrs. Mancini's class!



Fifth grade students help Kindergarten book buddies on a hunt for their sight words.

Wolcott Community News Happy Mothers' Day

Classifieds

Electric Contractors

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

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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

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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

Wolcott Food Pantry

Upcoming Dates

- May 10th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM
- May 24th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 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.

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.

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.

Thinking Ahead

We begin to prepare for some of our larger distributions early in the year. We are looking to collect some specific food items for our Thanksgiving distribution (Monday Nov 20th, 2023). If you are interested in making a donation we could use the following to help us build 'Thanksgiving' bags:

Cranberry Sauce Stuffing Pie Filling Cake Mix Turkey Broth Frosting Chicken Broth Pie Crust Mix

Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Canned Fruit

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





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Thank You' members of the Wolcott Leo's Club ("Leadership, Experience, Opportunity") for your recent food drive effort.



'Thank You' to the Community of Hampshire Glen here in Wolcott. The 'Needle Graft Group' collected & donated an incredible \$1,385.



'Thank You' to the members of the Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association for your Christmas holiday 'food drive' on our behalf.







Thank You' Angelo, Julian and Jeanine for stopping in during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Your donations were appreciated!

WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Congratulations Class of 2023!



Commencement Exercises will be held Friday, June 16th

Tyrrell Middle School – 4:00pm Wolcott High School – 7:00pm

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 opened registration on April 3, 2023 (Monday). Registration packets are 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!

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 pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan and budget appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation.

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- Substitute Nurse
- · Substitute Secretary
- Substitute Food Service WorkerSubstitute Maintenance Worker
- · Substitute 2nd Shift Custodian



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

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Parents can bring their children on the bus with them to save on day-care expense while enjoying school holidays and vacations off with their children. It is a great job for retirees and anyone who likes to drive. Paid training classes are starting now! 25 to 35 hours per week once you are licensed. No experience is necessary. Clean driving record required. Paid holidays, dental, life insurance and 401K available.

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Wolcott Terminal | 515 Wolcott Road | 203-879-1334



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	
MAY	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)	
JUNE	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)	



<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

<u>Wolcott High School</u> – 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

<u>Frisbie Elementary School</u> - 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

 $\underline{Tyrrell\ Athletics} - 203\ 879 \text{-} 8173$

• Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

District Compliance Officers

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

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
All Elementary Schools	8:55AM - 3:20PM	1:20рм	10:55AM	11:55AM
Tyrrell Middle School	8:00AM $-2:25$ PM	12:25рм	10:00am	11:00am
Wolcott High School	7:30AM $- 1:55$ PM	12:00noon	9:30am	10:30ам



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)

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Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku NKollchaku@wolcottps.org

Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2022-2023

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August 29, 2022	Convoca	tion	ı
August 30, 2022	PD Day		
August 31, 2022	PD Day		
September 1, 2022	First Day	of School	
September 5, 2022	Labor Da	ıy	
October 10, 2022	Columbu	ıs Day	
November 8, 2022	Election Day		
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day		
November 23-25, 2022	Thanksgiving (half day 23		3rd)
Dec 23, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023	Holiday Recess (half day		23r
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 Fri	day	
April 10 - 14, 2023	Spring Recess		
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day		
June 16, 2023	Last Day (tentative half day 15		
# of Student and Staff Days	<u>Staff</u>	Student	
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June	12	12	
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

^{*}September 1st, 2nd, and 6th will be transition days for Kindergarten, only



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