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The Wolcott BAW and Wolcott Girls Softball teams officially kicked off their season on Saturday, April 22nd. Wolcott Community News was happy to be a team sponsor this year and wish all the teams a great year!



Wolcott High softball player Abby Wrinn recently hit her 100th career hit and celebrated with teammates and family after the game. She pitches and plays shortstop for the Lady Eagles. Abby plans to attend college in the fall and further her education. *Photography by Picard*



Our photographer captured this image of the ninth hole at the Farmingbury Hills Golf Course recently. Threatening weather was approaching from the north, but the setting sun was able to light the clouds and fairways and provided this beautiful exposure. *Photography by Picard*



At the recent Exchange Club of Wolcott Public Service Awards, Book of Golden Deeds recipient, Chris Culver, poses for a picture with Donna Palomba and Carol Wilton of Jane Doe No More. Both ladies surprised Chris with their attendance and wanted to celebrate Chris's recognition and achievements with her. *Photography by Picard*



Community EVENTS Calendar

There's Always Something Good
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Saturday Night Live Bible Study

Date: Every Saturday Night
Location: Wolcott Grange
313 Boundline Rd, Wolcott
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
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!

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

June 14th - Wednesday

**Wolcott American Legion Post 165
Flag Day Ceremony**

Location: American Legion Post 165
1253 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott CT.
Time: 5:00pm All are Welcome

June 17th - Saturday

**Rabies Clinic for Dogs & Cats
Provided by Wolcott Veterinarian Hospital**

Location: Public Works Garage
48 Todd Rd., Wolcott CT.
Time: 9:00am-11:00am
Cost: \$20 per vaccination per animal
Info: All participants must remain in their vehicles with their animal. All dogs must be leashed & all cats must be in a carrier.

June 18th - Sunday

**Wolcott Congregational Church
10th Annual Car Show**

Dedicated to the memory of John Gentile
Location: Woodtick Recreation
201 Nichols Rd., Wolcott CT.
Time: 10:00am-3:00pm
Cost: \$15 admission for Show Cars
Info: Show Cars, Music, Raffle Table, Vendors, Prizes and Trophies.

June 19th - Monday

**Exchange Club of Wolcott
Annual Golf Tournament**

Location: Chippabee Country Club
6 Marsh Rd., Bristol, CT
Time: 10:30am Registration Begins,
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MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy Father's Day
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Welcome Summer! Hope to see all of you out enjoying the warm weather, enjoying the Mill Pond Way Walking Trail, The Dog Park, Peterson Park & Woodtick Recreation Area.



Congratulations to all the Middle School and High School Graduates!!! I wish you all the best of luck in your future journeys and endeavors.

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

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

Farmingbury Women's Club News



Tuesday, June 6th the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will host their Roseann Barratt Community Service Awards in the St Pius X Church Hall. This is our 40th annual Roseanne Barratt Community Service Award presented to a Wolcott

woman that exemplifies outstanding commitment to community service and the spirit of volunteerism. We feel that our women volunteers are well deserving of recognition for their hard work and dedication. That evening we will proudly be presenting our 31st annual Teen Volunteer Award and our Youth Volunteer Award. These prestigious awards are presented to a high school student who has shown outstanding service to their school, classmates and/or community, and to an elementary school student who has shown outstanding service to their school, classmates, church and/or community.

Would your child like to be the Ambassador of the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott? As Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott they will represent us at our many events during the year, the highlights of which are riding in the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade, on stage at the Miss Wolcott Pageant, Lighting the Wolcott Christmas Tree and greeting Santa, attending the Mayor's Christmas Party, assisting the Easter Bunny at the Town's Easter Egg Hunt and more! We will be sponsoring our Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott Contest to be held at the Lions Club Fair in September. The event is open for the first 20 girls and 20 boys who submit their completed application. Applicants must reside in Wolcott and must be between the ages of 4 & 7. Applications can be downloaded on our website, www.juniorwomenscluborwolcott.org

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

Junior Women's Club News

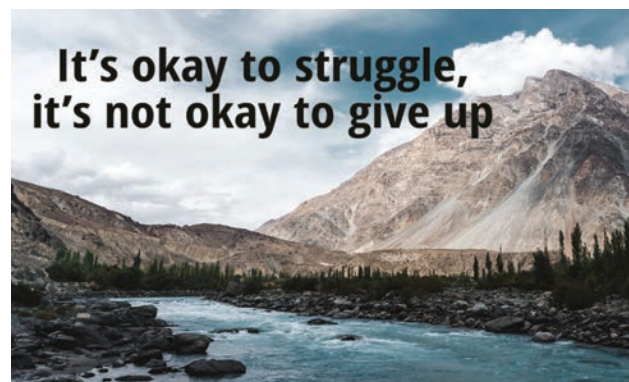


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Award Winning Photography
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Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors would like to thank Jack and Carol Costello for their recent bronze sponsorship to our organization and Bill and Lee Jensen for their donation to the Retired Teachers' Memorial Scholarship. Also Pamela Parkosewich donated to the Jerome Albino Memorial Scholarship as well as the Retired Teachers' Fund in memory of Denise Mezzanotte, Gloria Gubitosi and Louis Grasso. We thank all who have participated on our organization and are happy to report that 14 Wolcott High School Graduates will receive scholarships this year.

Set Back – April Tournament

Rachel Wisler and Janet Tynan would like to thank all who helped with our event last month. Sixty-Four players vied for the top prizes. First place was awarded to John Mirando. Second place went to Ron McCormack. We had a tie for 3rd place and those prizes went to Linda Lemieux and Barry Mehmetali. The anchor prize was graciously accept by Marie Salvatore. Please reserve the date of Friday, October 20th for our Fall Event. Hope to see you there.

Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 continues to grow and learn as they build camaraderie and skills. The Troop continues working on their fitness plan by completing a series of runs and muscle building exercises. Scout leaders have been teaching younger scouts important skills such as cyber safety and knife and tool handling. Additionally, the Troop spent a night at the Hartford Yard Goats where scouts enjoyed a great baseball game with friends and family. Further, Troop 230 helped the Friends of the Library with their spring book sale and spring clean up projects. They will also be at Wolcott's Special Games on May 13 to work with and cheer on the athletes.

Upcoming events include marching in the Memorial Day Parade and serving as Color Guard at the beach ceremony and a Court of Honor ceremony in June.

SAVE THE DATE-Troop 230 will hold a bottle and can drive on Saturday, July 8 from 9:00AM-1:00PM at the American Legion!

As always, BSA Troop 230 continues to collect bottles and cans at 2 locations year round. Drop off anytime 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.





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“Waves for Wishes”

Our family’s goal was to raise awareness and support of Make-A-Wish CT within our community. Our event on Saturday May 6th “Waves for Wishes” was a great success in collaboration with Roger’s Orchard Sunnymount Farm and the Jeep Community (Nutmeg Jeepers). Our first inaugural event raised over \$16,000 for Make a Wish CT just a little shy of our goal of \$20,000 however we remain optimistic that we will achieve that goal. We would like to offer special thanks to Mayor Tom Dunn who immediately committed to participate, support and was our very first donor. I am especially proud of how the town of Wolcott always comes forward to support each other in a meaningful and special way. We also offer our thanks and appreciation to Chief Edward Stephens, Animal Control Officer Roz Nenninger & K9 Comfort Animal Officer “Mallard” and off-duty Police Officer John O’Dea.

A special thanks to CT State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco who also attended our event & fundraiser and has offered me the opportunity to provide articles & updates focused upon Make a Wish CT. I would like to thank and recognize the Wolcott businesses that supported this event;



Continental Scrap, Snips & Tips, Dunkin Donuts, Raymond’s Building Supplies, Teta Active Apparel, Fercodini Properties, & Selectcom Manufacturing. We had numerous Wolcott community members that attended, participated, volunteered and donated we thank you. Our appreciation and gratitude to talented musician & Wolcott resident James Jannetty for donating his time to perform for at our event. He and Matt did an amazing job, thank you!

I am always touched when I meet people and share that I am a volunteer of Make a Wish CT and the immediate response is how many lives were touched by a family member or friend who knows a child that received a wish. For those whom were not able to attend this year and would like to learn more please feel free to visit the link below or reach out to me directly. If you are interested in learning more about Make a Wish CT and might be interested in volunteering or becoming a Wish Granter, I would be happy to provide additional information or please check out the Make A Wish CT website link below. We are excited to announce that this event will be an annual event and will share a save the date for next year very soon.

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Big Government Continues to Fail Connecticut



by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District

Every other year in Hartford, lawmakers get to choose just how they plan to spend tens of billions of your tax dollars. Of course, this generates front-page headlines and lead news stories during the final month of session. How closely have you been paying attention?

You should be. This year, there are four distinct plans on how around \$50 billion of your money should be spent over the next two years. Legislative Democrats, Governor Lamont, and House Republicans have their own ideas on this matter. No surprise, the Democrats spend the most!

The Senate Republicans approach dubbed the ‘\$1.5 Billion Back Budget’ returns more dollars to taxpayers than anyone else has proposed. That is a good start. Families across our district have seen the government reap the benefits of inflation for far too long, while our standard of living has diminished. This budget is a good first step to make taxpayers whole.

Of course, I would prefer to see more. And by more, I mean less – less wasteful spending and less taxation - a budget that forces the state government to reduce its footprint. Our government has grown too large and has become increasingly invasive over the past 10 years. Until conservative Republicans can reach a majority to fully implement our values, I will continue to fight against the Majority’s thirst for bigger, more controlling government.

It’s not just about fiscal mismanagement either. Not only are bad decisions being made about our finances, but they are also undermining public safety and the rule of law. On any given session day, the Majority Party validates my criticism without fail. On one day alone, they advanced multiple measures that erode public safety.

One of these measures proposes to extend additional parole opportunities for violent offenders under the age of 25; one limits our ability to know of serious and repeat

sex offenders in our neighborhoods, and another adds to the danger on the state’s roads by restricting traffic stops even further.

Reasonable people keeping score view these moves as inexplicable. Anyone with eyes can see crime is out of control in our state. Car thefts, juvenile crimes, and even traffic accidents are at historic highs! These circumstances are no accident and provide the answer. The more unsettling the world becomes, the more fear and uncertainty that is created – and the more residents will come to rely on government as the remedy. Public safety is just one example. The majority tackles nearly every other issue in the same way: health, the economy, or the environment, to name a few.

Somewhat ironically, we were all treated to a reminder last week of the Majority’s ultimate ambition for big government, and how it was a colossal failure.

Last week, Governor Lamont and a cadre of unelected government bureaucrats claimed victory and announced the end of the Covid pandemic in Connecticut. The self-congratulatory event was ripe with television cameras and likely had very little to do with Connecticut taxpayers, businesses, children, and seniors whose lives were destroyed by the government’s heavy-handed response to the COVID-19 virus.

They blithely took turns praising one another and the soundness of the state’s actions, re-writing history in the process.

In one notably tone-deaf riff, the Governor recounted the plight of hair salon owners and customers while describing his decision-making process to shut them down through government force.

From the advent of the virus in March of 2020 through the pandemic’s ‘end’ in 2023, every decision borne from big government has proven to be a total failure.

Despite mandating vaccines as a condition of employment, or otherwise coercing the citizenry to take experimental shots through gift cards, free meals, or drinks, we now know that the vaccines were largely ineffective. The same holds true for masks, where medical

professionals — who were silenced at the time — have gone on record to say that they did not prevent transmission.

In fact, the people who needed protection the most — the elderly and those with underlying conditions — were the ones most neglected. The Center for Disease Control’s own data shows that 75 percent of Covid deaths were those with at least four comorbidities.

Some of us were shouting from the rooftops to focus our attention on the at-risk elderly population instead of one-size fits all mandates and misguided policies impacting children and schools.

Instead, the Governor’s strategy included placing Covid-positive patients into nursing homes. This was a conscious decision that led to disastrous consequences for thousands of families in Connecticut. As recent as January 2022, the state’s Department of Public Health issued guidance stipulating that post-acute care facilities (which includes Nursing Homes) should admit patients released from a hospital ‘regardless of Covid-19 status.

(<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/588900-connecticut-asks-nursing-homes-to-take-in-hospital-transfers-who-test/>)

<https://www.courant.com/2022/01/06/connecticut-asks-nursing-homes-to-accept-covid-positive-admissions-from-hospitals>

Governor Lamont refused to consider questions that reasonable people asked throughout the pandemic, questions that may have led us to these realizations much sooner. Realizations that would have perhaps prevented needless business and school closures, and thousands of lives destroyed. The Majority Democrats also refused to listen. For them, the pandemic was a vehicle by which to implement rule through ultimate government authority.

No person who loves America would ever want a return to this pandemic-era form of executive rule. We must never forget and call-out those responsible when they try to change history. As the 2023 legislative session comes to an end, I will continue to fiercely and fearlessly defend freedom and our American system of a government.

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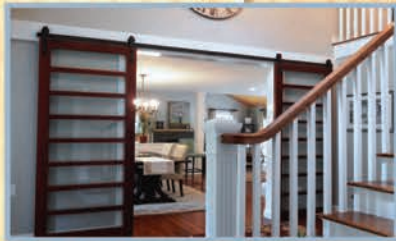


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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Celebrating 50 Years!

In 1973, Jack Ahearn, David Bernier, Ronald Bruneau, Bonnie Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, David Methe, Mary Ostrander, Alice Regan, Donald Schoeck and Norman Stanchfield came together with one common goal. These ten dedicated Wolcott residents wanted to serve their neighbors' emergent healthcare needs; they accomplished this by forming Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association. After several months of applications, preparations and recruitment, their dream was realized when Wolcott Ambulance responded to their first call on May 24, 1974! In the early years, our volunteers provided ambulance coverage from 6:00PM until 6:00AM Monday through Friday and 24 hours on Saturday & Sunday. The rest of the time, ambulances would respond from the City of Waterbury to provide medical care when needed. Fifty years later, we are a Paramedic level ambulance service covering the Town of Wolcott around the clock utilizing a combination of paid staff and volunteer members.

We are so grateful for our ten charter members and their families. Through their sacrifice and perseverance, they built a strong foundation for this organization. We thank them and all of you for your continued support as we continue fulfilling their dream through our mission!

Ambulance Facility Update

The plans are complete, and we are working through the process of putting our project out to bid. That means you should start seeing a great deal of activity over the next few months as we renovate our building and add a new garage to house our equipment!

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 ready to start our summer EMT program on June 6, 2023. This accelerated program will take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Saturdays from 10am-4pm.

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

Community Courses

Would you like to 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. 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.

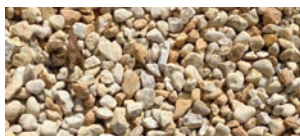
Membership

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.

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Interview with an Ambassador Girl Scout

Many of the most powerful and influential women of our country were once Girl Scouts. Adorable Daisy and Brownie girls who sell cookies, camp, learn life and leadership skills with their leaders and Girl Scout Troops. We encourage all girls to work hard and enjoy amazing experiences such as building bat houses, community service projects and racing in the Powder Puff Derby. We love to share news of the success of young girls becoming strong intelligent young women. Right here in Wolcott, we have one of those young ladies, Reese Yost, a 12th Grade graduating senior from Wolcott High School.

Reese began her Girl Scout career as a Brownie. Beginning so young she enjoyed her troop because the when on adventures together- like sleeping on a battleship, camping with her friends, and selling cookies. As she progressed in her Girl Scout career she took what she learned and applied it the world through fun projects in the community. She built sensory paths in an elementary school, planted a hands on learning garden, and made a shelter for the dog pound. During COVID she helped children and families connect through live story readings, streamed exercise classes, and tutoring for children in her Mother's class so they could keep up in a rapidly changing world. She helped people connect in a difficult and fragmented time. Currently, she is tutoring girls in Nigeria in grammar and reading through Wolcott High School. Her hard work from years of selling cookies have purchased chrome books for the girls, giving them an academic edge over their peers. She feels Girl Scouts gave her the confidence, skills, and mindset of helping others that leads her to want to live by the Girl Scout Law and leave things better than how she found them.

We could keep naming the impact she has had on the world but it all comes down to what she said best. "If it was not for Girl Scouts I would not have been able to get involved like this." – Reese Yost Role Model for young girls, resourceful planner, Ambassador Girl Scout- Making the World a Better Place.

From Your Girl Scout Family- Thank you for staying with the program, working with our younger girls, and always making the most of this learning experience. You are all we hope every GS will become. We wish you great success in your future and can't wait to see where your adventure leads next.



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Food, beer, water, soda, etc. will be supplied. If you have a specialty dish or dessert you would like to bring, that would be great.

Guys, this year, I will be ordering Hats and T-Shirts and a \$20 donation would be appreciated. Money will be donated to the "Tunnel to Towers Foundation" (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. Family members are welcome to attend after 6pm.

Ed Miller Horseshoe Tournament Winners

Year	Winners
2022	Rick Miller Jr. Mark Bernier (Ratt)
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2019	Rick Miller Jr. John Palidino (JP)
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2017	Mark Bernier (Ratt) Gary Finke
2016	Mark Bernier (Ratt) Mike Mancini
2015	Mark Bernier (Ratt) Rick Miller Jr.
2014	Ryan Miller Ron LaBonte Jr.
2013	Glen Firmani Gary Finke
2012	Roger Dandeneau Kevin Dollinger
2011	Greg Miller Mike Mancini
2010	Ryan Miller John Mancini
2009	Mark Bernier (Ratt) Dave Crocetto
2008	Rick Miller Sr. Roger Dandeneau
2007	Glen Firmani Scott Geddes
2006	Joe Miller Ryan Miller
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2004	Randy LaBonte Pat Miller
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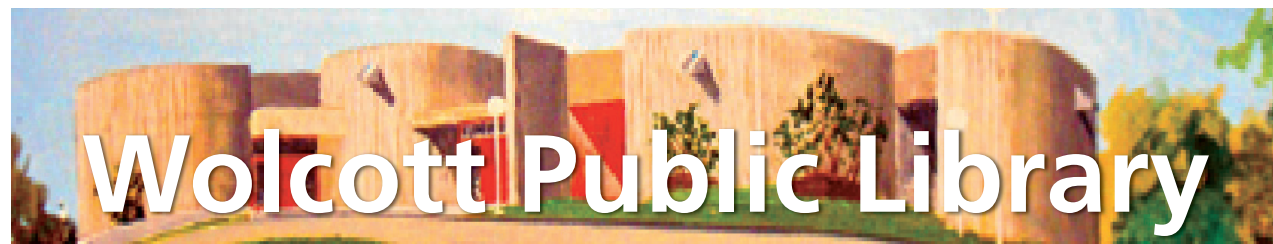
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Books & Babies

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Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

06/21, 06/28

Wear your pajamas to this fun storytime for children ages 5 and up.

Lego Club

Thursdays at 5:30PM

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

Cursive Camp

Tuesdays @ 5:00PM

06/20, 06/27

Want to learn how to write cursive? Join us for this fun class.

Waterbury Symphony Orchestra

06/26 @ 5:30PM

The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra will be performing Jack and the Beanstalk at the library.

An instrument petting zoo will follow the performance.

Summer Reading Kick Off

Saturday, June 17th Summer reading for children, teens and adults will kick off on this day. More info to follow. To register for any event or to receive more info, please call the library at 203-879-8110.



Miss Wolcott Volunteer, Serena Charbonneau, presented a storytime at Wolcott Public Library, one of the stops for therapy dog Gizmo's retirement tour

Adult Events for June

International Tabletop Day

Saturday, June 3rd at 12:00PM

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.

Oceanic Artistry

Thursday, June 8th at 6:00PM

Gregory Maichek will be offering his Jellyfish Pastel Painting Workshop, designed for both beginners and experts. Everyone will go home with their own unique painting. Registration required.

DIY Craft Workshop

Monday, June 12th at 5:30PM

1. Mandala Rock Painting- Mandala stones are meditative symbols that are created by painting smooth rocks with intricate patterns of dots.

2. Garden Plant Markers-A creative way to organize your garden.

You may choose either project or do both as time permits.

Wolcott Public Library Book Club

Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00PM

The WPL Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. June's selection is The Paris Library by Janet Charles, a novel based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during WWII. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Terrarium Class

Thursday, June 29th at 6PM

Join us for a unique workshop from Kim Larkin. In this class, we will learn about the benefits of crystals and then assemble a terrarium using small plants, soil, crystal chips and sand. Registration is required.

Ages 16 and up.

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. June'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 For ages 16 and Up

Every month a craft is offered that is to be completed at home. Craft for the beginning of June will be DIY Decorative Coaster. Registration required so that we may have enough kits available.

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

The Friends of the Library want to thank those who donated books, those who purchased them, and those volunteers who helped facilitate our recent spring sale. We also recognize Boy Scout Troop 230 for yard cleanup. As always we will use the proceeds to enhance goods and services for our Wolcott Public Library.

Our sales are an opportunity to experience many lovely encounters. To see the excitement of young children as they shop with parents or grandparents to select favorite volumes, to hear the pleasure as a customer finds that very book he or she has been waiting for, to encounter old friends who come faithfully to our twice a year sales — these are the things that make all our hard work worth it.

We call to your attention that there is a broad collection of new titles for sale on our FOL shelves next to the door in the main library. Come take a look. You may find a special treasure or two. There is a large array of books from beach reads to barbecue. Payment is made at the main desk.

At our recent May meeting, we voted to add the White Memorial Foundation in Morris to our list of library passes. This site is a beautiful place to hike and enjoy nature at its finest. There is also a museum. Pack a picnic meal and come to enjoy this destination which is only a short drive from Wolcott.

Once again we are providing four \$100 gift cards to Barnes and Noble to graduating 8th graders at Tyrrell Middle School. The TMS reading teachers make their selections based on student improvement and effort.

The library staff is busy planning summer programs for both children and adults. These include: International Table Top Day, Nutmeg Raffle, and Summer Reading programs for children and adults (June 19-August 4). On June 26 at 5:30 pm Jack and the Beanstalk, a musical event, will be presented by some members of the Waterbury Symphony. Specific info on these events are available at the library online, in person, or by phone. Please support these events during the summer.

You can be a good neighbor by encouraging friends and family who do not come to our library to visit us. The beautiful plantings at the main entrance doorway are a welcome to those who enter. There is something for everyone--young, old, and inbetween. We wish our readers a happy and healthy June, and we extend congratulations to all who are graduating from middle school, high school, tech schools, and colleges. Best of luck to you in your next scholastic journey. Keep on reading!



Planting seeds was just one of the activities at Wolcott Public Library's Spring Fling



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by Karen Mowad



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Right now, our efforts have been put towards collecting funds to pay for very expensive electrical work. We are still in need of \$10,000 to accomplish our goal. If you would like to know more about what we do, if you would like to become a volunteer, or if you would like to make a donation, please contact us at Wolcott Grange, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott, CT 06716 or kmowad25@aol.com Have a great summer and be well!



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Beat the Heat-

Keep yourself cool and wear lightweight light-colored clothing, take regular breaks in the shade or go indoors with air conditioning when you can.

Stay Hydrated-

Water is key! Drink plenty of water on a regular basis, regardless of how active or inactive you are. Avoid sugary or alcoholic drinks in extreme heat as these can impair your body's natural ability to regulate its temperature and increase the risk of heat stroke, exhaustion, and cramps.

Sun Safety-

Don't worry about your tan, protect your skin with at least an SPF of 30 to help prevent sunburn and skin cancers. Wear a hat and sunglasses to provide more shade for your face and protect your eyes from damage as well! Future you will thank you.

Water Safety-

Taking a dip in the pool is fun but water safety is no joke.

- Never leave a child unattended in the water.
- Teach your children how to swim, this is not only a great hobby but a life skill.
- Install the proper barriers, covers and alarms around your pool.
- Keep flotation devices near to reach or throw to aid distressed swimmers.
- Wear a life jacket while boating or engaging in other water sports and activities.

Protect yourself-

Many ticks, mosquitos and other insects carry diseases that can cause discomfort and illness. Don't let them ruin your summer. Use insect repellent to prevent bites and wear long pants or sleeves if you plan to spend time in a heavily wooded area.

Protect your Pets-

Be summer safe and protect your pet's health and well-being. Make sure they get plenty of water, rest, and shade during the summer. Limit their time outside during midday, as the heat will reach its peak. Be aware of pavement temperatures if taking your pet for a walk. If the pavement is too hot for your bare feet, then it's too hot for your pet. Never leave your animal in a car with no a/c.

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June 3rd—Summer Zumba, 10-11 am
& Escape Alive Survival Skills, 1-5 pm



And look for more Summer Programs Kicking off in July:

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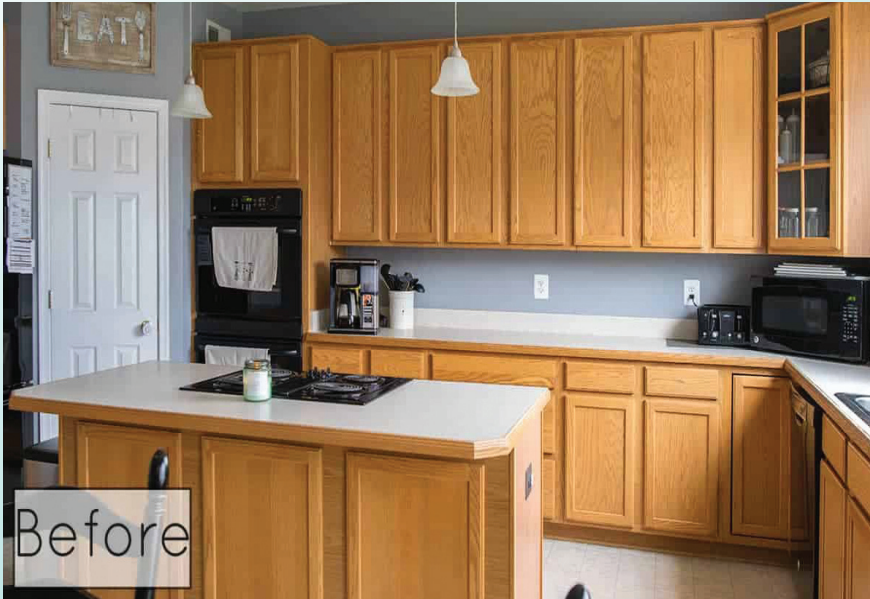
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WOLCOTT \$409,900 — Newer home, built in 2018, located on a premium lot in the Heritage Hill community of Wolcott featuring city water, sewer and natural gas! The foyer has a tray ceiling and hardwood floors are throughout the 1st floor and 2nd floor hallway. The living room features an oversized gas fireplace with granite surround and larger windows. The dining room offers an abundance of natural light and a slider leading out to a 16x17 stone patio with a built-in pizza oven. The kitchen boasts 42 inch upper cabinets, pantry closet, island, stainless steel appliances and granite counters with a subway tile backsplash. The generous-sized, main level primary bedroom has a tray ceiling and hardwood floors with an en suite bathroom. Additionally on the 1st floor, there is a den/office and 1/2 bath with a washer and dryer hook-up. The second floor has 2 bedrooms, a full bath and an unfinished bonus room. There is an oversized 2 car garage, full unfinished basement and generator hook-up. No age restrictions.



WOLCOTT \$389,900 — Oversized Cape Cod style home offers 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths and 2 car attached garage. This home is situated on over one acre with park like grounds. Living room offers a fireplace with wood stove insert. Kitchen has stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors throughout the home. New roof and new walkway. Good commuter location with easy access to all major routes. Don't wait to see this one!!



WOLCOTT \$64,900 — Great location!!! Nice lot in well-established neighborhood. 100 feet of frontage. Lot is lightly wooded and level. The street has city sewers, cable and electric.



WATERBURY \$315,000 — Meticulously cared for 4 bedroom Colonial in Bunker Hill section of Waterbury. Recently painted both inside and out, home features 9' ceilings, natural gas heating, central air, hardwood flooring, stainless steel appliances, see thru gas log fireplace, walk up attic, full basement, detached 2 car garage with loft all sitting on a double lot offering plenty of privacy. Stone walls, wrap around porch, and close proximity to highways, public transportation, and medical facilities make this a must see.



WATERBURY \$389,900 — Attractive 9 room one owner Colonial built in 2002 with over 2,500 sq. ft.! Covered front porch, oversized 2 car garage with plenty of storage area! Formal Dining Room, spacious eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar and Great room with propane Fireplace! Hardwood floors! Sliders to oversized deck! Laundry room and half bath finish out the main floor plan. Upstairs, spacious primary bedroom suite with walk-in closets and full bath! 2 good sized bedrooms, study and full bath complete the upper level! Lower level features a generous tiled family room and office. Potential for additional bath, in law possibilities!



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Wolcott High School Graduation Class of 2023

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The Class of 2023 Valedictorian is Amanda Mary Sullivan. The Salutatorian of the Class of 2023 is Julia Ann Sullivan. The girls are twin sisters and are the daughters of Stephen & Jennifer Sullivan.

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Think Kindness Shoe Donation

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2023 Summer Reading for Grade 9

Honors students:

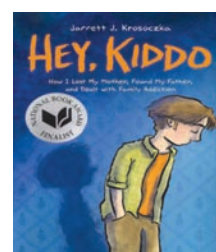
1. Read your required book assigned to you. (students in Honors or ECE English classes should get their summer assignments from their teachers.)
2. Scan the QR code and fill out the information (This will entitle you to a free one time pass at a home event.)

All other students:

1. Read any book(s) of your choice
2. Scan the QR code and fill out the information (This will entitle you to a free one time pass at a home event.)

Additional Incentive for ALL:

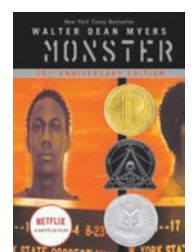
1. Read one, two, or all of the books below.
2. Scan the QR code and fill out the information
3. One day in September you will have the opportunity to take a short basic assessment to show you read the book(s).
4. For each passing score(65 or above), you will receive a raffle ticket. You can earn up to 3 raffle tickets. (The more you read the more chances you have to win.)
5. The ticket will give you a chance to win a basket filled with fun items.



Topics & Themes
 -Coping Skills
 -Nontraditional & blended Families
 -Motivation for success
 -Recovery
 -Coping with loss



Topics & Themes
 -Social Themes
 -Death & Dying
 -Friendship



Topics & Themes
 -Betrayal
 -Fear
 -Isolation
 -Justice
 -Violence
 -Family



Wolcott Drug Take Back Day

Wolcott CASA, our local prevention coalition, in collaboration with the Wolcott Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This is an event that encourages community members to remove unused or unwanted prescription medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. It is reported that a majority of the prescription drugs that are misused are obtained from family and friends, most often from the home medicine cabinet. It is crucial to safeguard your home by regularly cleaning out medicine cabinets and properly disposing of unused or expired prescription medications.

Many volunteer coalition members and community partners come together to make Drug Take Back Day an annual event every fall and spring. In addition to Drug Take Back Day, the Wolcott Police Department has a permanent prescription drug drop box where community members can safely dispose of medications at their convenience. On Saturday, April 22nd, 28 lbs. were collected during the day. In addition to this, there were three boxes collected from the past 6 month use of the permanent drop box. These boxes weighed in at 22 lbs, 18 lbs, and 14 lbs, making the total amount dropped off to the DEA 82 lbs!

CASA also distributes local resources, locked medicine bags/boxes for safe storage, and prescription drug disposal bags to the community at large. Prescription drug disposal bags are very easy to use and a great alternative to safely deactivating and disposing medication if you are not able to bring it to the drop box. The prescription drugs are simply dropped into the pouch, filled up halfway with warm water, sealed, and thrown in the trash for safe disposal. The charcoal inside the pouch makes the drugs inert and the pouches are landfill safe. This is a much safer, more effective option than throwing drugs directly into the trash or flushing them down the toilet. Whether you attend the annual Drug Take Back Day, use the prescription drug drop box, or use a drug disposal bag, you are doing a service to the Wolcott community when you dispose of your prescription drugs safely and properly. If you would like to learn more about Wolcott CASA and community events we sponsor, visit our website wolcottcasa.org.

For more information:
www.dea.gov/takebackday
www.wolcottcasa.org/
wolcottpolice.org/



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Autumn Lake at Bucks Hill is committed to serving its residents with nurturing care and dignity. Residents come here to rest, recover and rejuvenate in the capable care of our rehabilitative team. In addition to sub-acute rehabilitation, we are known for our excellence in long-term care, providing round-the-clock skilled nursing for a wide range of complex medical conditions.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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 Waterbury, CT 06704

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Wolcott Lions Club News



I can talk to you about all the activities we have accomplished just this past month, BUT I want to put a SPOT-LIGHT on one of our long serving hard working Community minded Lions. Before I tell you his name let me

mention that he joined the Wolcott Lions Club in 1981, 42 years later he is still not only a member but one of the most active members of our Wolcott Lions Club. He was President of our club 1987-1988, served as our Treasurer 1991-1997 and a Vice President as well. He has been a valuable resource on our Board of Directors for many years and currently serves as our Chairman for our House Committee. Some of his Lions recognitions are the following, Lion of the Year twice, Honorary Fair Chairman twice, he received the Ambassador of Sight Award, Certificate of Appreciation awards and the highest recognition for Service and dedication to Lionism, the Melvin Jones Fellow named after our Lions Club International Founder. I could take up more space about all that, but this is also about the man, the person who dedicated his time and efforts to serve his community without expecting anything in return. His friendly demeanor, communication skills and desire to be a catalyst to better serve his community has made him the great person today and all these past years. His ability to calmly make hard decisions and empower others to do the same is unreplaceable. I have known this Lion for several years, but it only takes a few moments to realize how much of a positive impression he makes on our Lions and the community at large. We even have a new award in his name, The Lion Herman F. Mueller Distinguished Service Award and presented it to him 2022. It takes more than just working on events or to be a chairman, it takes pride, leadership skills and a commitment to serve tirelessly for and in your community year after year, 42 years to be exact. We all are proud to have been privileged to serve alongside this great Lion, HERMAN F. MUELLER. WE thank you so much for caring and serving. The next time you see Lion Herman please thank him for his service to our community. Respectfully Submitted, by Lion Dan DiVirgilio on behalf of the Wolcott Lions Club.

BIRTHDAYS

Gemini
 May 21st - June 20th
 "The Twins"



Ruling planet: Mercury. Element: Air. Quality: The intellect. Ability: Writing and communications. You are the witty communicators of the zodiac. Words trip lightly off your tongue under any and all circumstances. You possess natural gifts for writing and speaking and are often drawn into fields where you can express your abilities. You love being part of your local community, and you can be counted upon to know and pass along most of the current gossip. Friends use you as a resource when seeking information about a particular service or product. Generally positive, you enjoy being cheerful, and you search for the lightness in all things.

June 20th - Al Laporta

Cancer
 June 21st - July 22nd
 "The Crab"



Ruling planet: Moon. Element: Water. Quality: Sensitivity. Ability: Nurturing. You are the shy, supportive members of the zodiac. Home and family are very important to you, and you are willing to submerge your own wants and desires for the good of your immediate group. Often quite ambitious, you seek to get ahead in order to provide the best for your loved ones.

Around Town Photography by Roger Picard



An unveiling of a “Little Free Library” took place in pouring rain at the corner of Chicory Drive and Buckland recently. Project Explorer coordinator Lisa Klemenz, of the Wolcott School District, came up with the idea with her students. The little library “house” contains reading books for children and adults, who can borrow a book, and leave a book.



The local chapter of the Knights of Columbus held a Beverage Tasting fundraiser at the Aqua Turf Club recently. Approximately 300 people attended the event to sample various adult beverages and chocolate. A full course dinner was also featured at the event, followed by a live auction, silent auctions and raffles.



Mayor Tom Dunn gave a presentation at a breakfast meeting of the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce about his budget proposal for 2023-2024. The event was held at the High Point Gardens banquet facility on Grilley Road. Thirty eight business owners and members of the Wolcott Chamber registered for the event. Andrew LaForge, of the Central CT Chamber Business office, also gave a presentation of the benefits of being a Chamber member.



The Wolcott Public Library held a three day book sale on May 4th, 5th, and 6th. A large selection of books were available for sale and the library staff and Friends of the Library were busy all three days.



The Wolcott Congregational Church Sunday School, held a fundraising car wash in their church parking lot off Boundline Road recently. Pure Water Pat, supplied a tanker truck with water to conduct the car wash for this event.



The Wolcott Special Games were held May 13th at the Woodtick Recreation field. A great turnout of athletes, and spectators were on hand for the opening ceremonies and games. The weather was perfect for the event and the Wolcott Lions were on hand to feed the attendees with 400 hot dogs that they purchased for this event, and have done so for the past 30 years.



Fire Chief Kyle Dunn participated in a video interview for the Town of Wolcott website, with three firetrucks as a background recently. Each Town of Wolcott department head had the opportunity to speak on behalf of their respective department for the updating of the town website. CGI Digital Marketing Agency was hired by the town to conduct the upgrade and new content for the website.

Wolcott Historical Society - June 2023



by Florence Goodman

Last month at the Congregational Church's 250th celebration planning meeting I was asked about the history of stone chapel on Nichols Road. This month I will revisit the history of the old and new Woodtick Chapel, which today is part of the Charles Rietdyke Senior Center.

In the early years of our town's development winter months were long and cold, but those early settlers were still required to attend Sunday services at their church which created many challenges. Those families who lived in the Woodtick section of town had to travel up Bound Line Road each Sunday. Try to imagine what it must have been like 250 years ago walking, riding a horse or in a wagon each Sunday in the snow. I understand why many of those early residents living in the Woodtick area were delighted when a chapel was built in that part of town.

Knowing how difficult winter travel was for the parishioners attending services at the Congregational Church, the minister began to hold a Sunday service at the stone schoolhouse (circa 1821) on Nichols Road, but as attendance grew the schoolhouse became too small. In 1886, Miss Harriet Juliana Hall donated a half-acre of land to the town to construct a building in the southwest district that would be utilized for church purposes only. She also stipulated that others must donate labor and materials for the construction of such building. The offer was accepted on April 2, 1886, and a chapel



Old wooden Woodtick Chapel — Built 1887

committee consisting of Miss Hall, Frederick Upson, David L. Frisbie, and Manville A. Norton was appointed. To help raise money for the structure, strawberry festivals were held at the homes of Gustave Cornelis and J. Arthur Bergen and in the fall, produce was exhibited in carts and sold at local fairs. Waterbury merchants and individuals also helped with donations of money and materials.

In the spring of 1886, Charles S. Tuttle and David L. Frisbie dug the building's foundation. By spring of 1887 George Prichard and Mr. Cass started framing the building and with the help of many volunteers they completed the exterior. Although funds were depleted at this point the people still held services in the unfinished building as they continued to work on the interior. Mr. J. Henry Garrigus built the pulpit and Deacon Carter moved Sunday school services from the stone schoolhouse to the Chapel. In 1887, Reverend Woodruff, from the Congregational Church dedicated the new Chapel. It wasn't until several years later that enough funds were raised to finish the structure.

Sunday School was held each week at 2:30 and every other week a preaching service was provided by the minister from the Congregational Church. Many community activities continued to be held to raise funds to furnish the building. As earlier workers passed away many of their descendants took up the task of maintaining the structure. The faithful members of this Chapel enjoyed many activities in this first wooden structure. Children were baptized there, and others were laid to rest from this building and then carried over to the Woodtick Cemetery for burial. In 1890 on New Year's Day, Julia Hadsell Fairclough married Benjamin Holt in this quaint little structure; this was the only wedding to be held in the wooden structure.



Original Woodtick Chapel- March 1898 taken from the middle of Nichols Road at the entrance to Recreation area.

Sadly, on April 27, 1924, when Mr. & Mrs. Frisbie were returning home from Sunday morning services at the Congregational Church in the Center of town, they noticed a fire near the back of the chapel. They hurried to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Cornelis to call the Waterbury Fire Department while other residents began to help with the fire. Through everyone's quick response, residents were able to save some of the furniture as well as surrounding structures, but the chapel was gone. There was no insurance on the building because Miss Hall always said, "The building is insured in the hands of God." After thirty-eight years of hard work and much community comradery, the chapel was lost, but the fire did not discourage the Woodtick residents. Quoting Mrs. Cornelis, "Of course we are going to build again." On May 6, 1924, a meeting was held at the Wolcott Fair Grounds to discuss rebuilding even with a treasury of only \$18.81.

The newly formed rebuilding committee elected Mrs. Cornelis chairwoman with Mrs. Charles Tyrrell and Mrs. Claude V. Badger assisting her. A few years later Mrs. Badger resigned because of poor health so Mrs. Alfred J. German filled the position. The committee did as their predecessors had done and raised money through food and rummage sales, dinners held at fairs, and many other community activities and on September 15, 1924, Mr. Irving C. Miller donated the plans for the new structure. Construction began immediately and continued weather permitting. In 1925 as building funds diminished, Mrs. Cornelis advised borrowing money to complete the exterior of the building; her mother, Mrs. Sarah Browne loaned the committee \$1000. By April 10, 1927, the exterior was completed and Reverend Joseph O. Todd, from Mill Plain Church, preached the first sermon in the new structure.

Many parishioners from Mill Plain donated furnishings for the new Chapel. Mrs. Benham donated the organ and Mrs. Raymond Miller, the piano and bench. Mrs. Ned Pritchard donated a large Bible and D.M. Stewart and Son, of Waterbury, donated the pews. Mrs. Emile Cornelis Teller of Wolcott donated many articles including a set of dishes and a



Old Stone Schoolhouse — Prior to 1898 before addition sewing machine. Not long after the building was completed Reverend H. Gertrude Coe of Wolcott baptized sixteen children. The first wedding to be held at the new Chapel was in May of 1927 when Miss Alice A. Tyrrell married William A. Dumschatt. Alice was the great, great grandniece of Miss Julia Hall who had donated the land for the original structure. Hard times were finally in the past for the members of the Woodtick Chapel and they were especially blessed in March of 1930 when they realized that Mrs. Gertrude Bradley Walker had left a large sum of money in her estate for the Chapel. When the estate was settled a sum of \$3275 was realized. This windfall gave members encouragement to now complete the interior of the Chapel. Mr. William Garrigus and Sons completed the job for a total of \$4523.08.

On Sunday, June 25, 1933, Reverend Joseph O. Todd of Mill Plain Union Church dedicated the new Woodtick Chapel with Reverends H. Gertrude Coe and R. Wiley Scott assisting him. Alfred J. German, Chairman of the Trustees, gave the address and welcome. Reverend Coe presented the members with a mahogany plaque in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Gustave Corne-

lis for their inspiration in the construction of both buildings. The Chapel Committee, Mrs. Gustave Cornelis, Mrs. Charles H. Tyrrell and Mrs. Alfred German were given keys to the Chapel. Mrs. Cornelis was Chairman of the Chapel Committee from 1924 to 1949 and Mrs. Charles H. Tyrrell took over the chairman's job after 1949.

In May of 1955, Nellie Ames Browne left \$300 to the Chapel Society and Charles D. Winters of Todd Road donated the weathervane for the building. During the summer months Church School was held in the Chapel for several years and



Original Mill Plain Church (wooden structure). It is still standing and is across from Chase School on Meriden Road.

in later years the Pentecostal Church and the Wolcott Community Church held weekly services there until they built their own churches. The All Saints Episcopal Church also used the Chapel until they built their new church at the Center of town in 1964. The church was used for Baptist Church services after that.

The Wolcott Senior Center moved into the Chapel in 1964. There was a small kitchen and meals were served from it. The building was also used by local organizations for meetings and by the Recreation Committee. In 1971 it served as the Headquarters for the 175 Anniversary Committee. In time the town added a portable classroom from one of the schools to enlarge the Center. This structure was placed next to the stone chapel and connected by a walkway. Around 1976, (I'm not sure of the exact date) the Center was renamed for Charles Rietdyke, a former First Selectman, and a strong advocate for seniors. In 2001 with funds from a State Grant construction on the new Charles Rietdyke Senior Center began. On July 5, 2002, the Dedication Ceremony was held for the new and improved Senior Center. Today the center is used daily for breakfast, lunches, and a variety of social activities for senior citizens from Wolcott and surrounding towns. Our residents are fortunate to have such a wonderful place for our seniors to meet.



Senior Center Committer - Circa 1976

(Information for this article was taken from *The 175th Anniversary Booklet 1796-1971* by John Washburne, *The Meeting House Atop of Benson's Hill* by John Washburne; *The "History of the Old and New Woodtick Chapel"* by Mrs. Charles H. Tyrrell; a 2010 interview with Marie Trerice; and the January 2010 *Wolcott News* article by Florence Goodman)



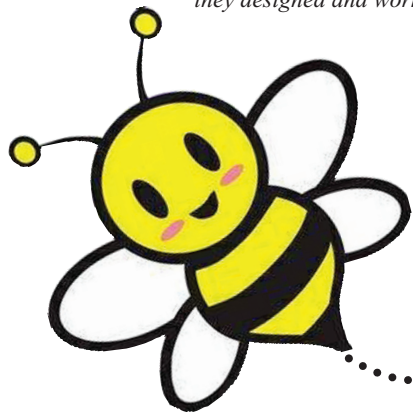
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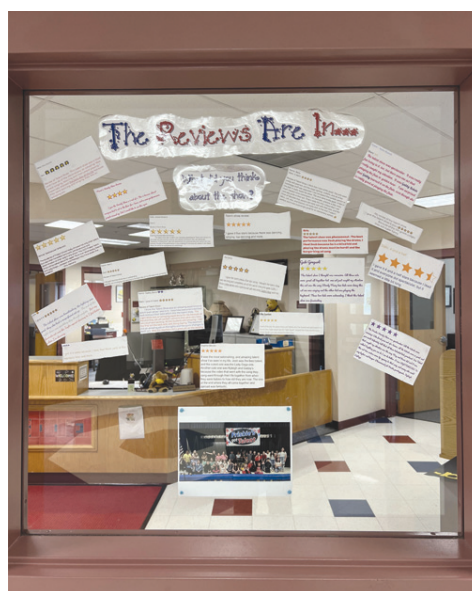
Frisbie PEX students present their Art Club and Book Club to the BOE! Bella, Gabby, Ava, Mae and Ella were honored to speak about the clubs they designed and worked so hard on this year



Frisbie 2nd Grade students shared poetry, music and songs during their Spring Concert!



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.



Project Explore & Frisbie Staff wrote reviews of the Frisbie Talent Show for everyone to read!



Frisbie's "Students of the Month" for April 2023!



Fifth grade students presented biography reports about important historical figures.



Wakelee School News!



Wakelee students kicked off SBA testing by having a kickoff where teachers cheered them on as they walked out and offered many words of motivation!



Wakelee celebrates their super readers! Keep up your reading!



Pex helps to raise \$330 for the Wolcott Dog pound with their Lucky Dog Fundraiser



First and third grade book buddies enjoyed the nice weather. They enjoyed partner reading in the outdoor classroom.

Alcott School News

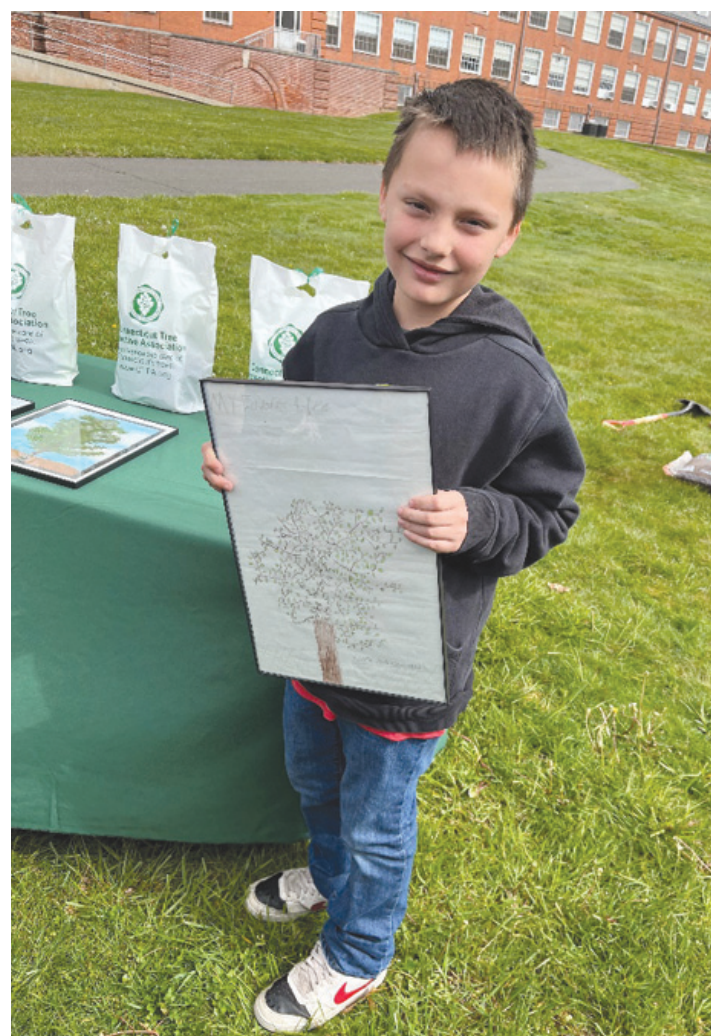


Third graders visited the Institute for American Indian Studies for their class field trip. Engaging fun and learning was had by all!



Maggie Colfer interviewed Superintendent Mr. Simpson because she is applying to be a kid reporter for Scholastic News. Great work and good luck to Maggie!

*Congratulations to 5th-grade student Jonathan Stairs for having his poster selected by the Connecticut Tree Protective Association. On April 28th Jonathan attended a ceremony at the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital. Jonathan was publicly acknowledged for his poster and he participated in a tree planting ceremony. This year's poster was based on the theme My Favorite Tree in My Town. The CTPA chooses a winner from each of Connecticut's eight counties. **Great work Jonathan!***



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
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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

Executive Secretary/Receptionist/Bookkeeper
Professional office is seeking a highly organized individual to interact with clients, schedule meetings, process and assemble tax returns, answer phone calls and do light bookkeeping. Prior experience in a CPA firm is helpful. For consideration, please send your resume to info@ab-ctcpa.com

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Residential and Small Office Cleaning. One time or recurring. Diligent, caring, and quality controlled cleaning every time. References available. Call or text Erika 475-325-4659

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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.

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

- June 7th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM
- June 21st (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:

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| Cranberry Sauce | Stuffing | Turkey Gravy |
| Pie Filling | Cake Mix | Mashed Potatoes |
| Turkey Broth | Frosting | Canned Fruit |
| Chicken Broth | Pie Crust Mix | |

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



'Thank You' students, parents, teachers and administrators of Alcott School. They held a 'Cookies and Coco with Santa' event last year and collected food donations!



'Thank You' members of the National Technical Honor Society. Members Alison Hensel and Emily Goddard stopped by to deliver donations raised on our behalf. Nicole Guerrera and Avah Dumont also participated in the event.



'Thank You' Crystal (representing a local pediatric office) for a recent donation of baby food/formula.



'Thank You' James & Germaine for stopping by during the 2022 Thanksgiving season to drop off 4 turkeys as a donation!



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



Donna Belval

Senior Center Director

Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

NEW 11:00 Free Chair Yoga

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

NEW 11:00 Free Chair Yoga

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 INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE TRIP IS CANCELLED ***Parking for all bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot

Thursday, June 1

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

9:00 Bus leaves for Hollandia Nursery — Lunch to follow at The Blue colony Diner

Sign up at the senior center

Friday, June 2

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at AJ’s Steakhouse followed by a visit to Sunset Meadow Winery — Sign up at the center

Monday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 6

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — Sign up 48 hours in advance

11:00 FREE CHAIR YOGA BEGINS

Wednesday, June 7

11:30 LUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR FOOD PANTRY — Turkey w/ Gravy over Texas Bread, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Veg & Dessert— \$8.00 pp

Thursday, June 8

9:15 Bus leaves for New Britain Museum of Modern Art — Featuring “Walter Wick: Hidden Wonders” — \$10.00 pp — Pay by Mon. Jun 5 — Lunch to follow at The Great Taste of China — Sign up at the center

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to Make a cute Old Lady Planter — \$8.00 pp — Pay when you sign up

1:00 Card Bingo—Bring your dimes — \$5.00

Monday, June 12

10:00 Bus leaves for Elizabeth Park Rose Garden — Lunch to follow at The Rein Deli — Sign up at the center

Wednesday, June 14

10:00 Bus leaves for Beardsley Zoo — \$15.00 pp — Pay by Wed. Jun 7 —Lunch to follow at The Riverdale Diner

11:30 Lunch special—Home-Made Meatballs W/ Mozz on a Sub Roll, Chips, & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Mon. Jun 12

Thursday, June 15

8:30-9:30 FREE FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST SANDWICH — Mom’s pay \$3.00 — Sign up by Wed. Jun 14

Friday, June 16

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

Monday June 19

9:30 Bus leaves for Mystic Village shopping — sign up at the center

Tuesday June 20

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

Wednesday June 21

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

11:30 Lunch Special—Grilled Steak w/ Grilled Peppers & Onions on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Mon. Jun 19

Thursday, June 22

1:00 LRC — Left, Right, Center Dice Game — Bring your dimes!

Friday, June 23

5:00 Bus leaves for New Britain Bees Baseball Game — 6.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Wed. Jun 21

Saturday, June 24

2:15 Bus leaves for Hartford Flavor Company-Distiller — \$15.00 pp for tasting, Dinner to follow TBD — Sign up at the senior center

Tuesday, June 27

11:00 Bus leaves for Light House Cruise — Classic Cruise — departs from the Cross Sound Ferry Docks in New London for a 2 hour cruise of light houses, historic forts, General Dynamics Electric Boat division, New London’s historic waterfront & the US Coast Guard Academy — \$33.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Jun 13

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

Wednesday, June 28

11:30 Lunch Special — Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Croissant, Chips & dessert — \$4.00 pp — sign up & pay by Mon. Jun 26

Thursday, June 29

10:00 Bus leaves for Abbott’s Lobster in the Rough or Costello’s Clam Shack in Noank — Sign up at the senior center

Friday, June 30

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

9:00 Bus leaves for Lavender Pond Farms—Lunch to follow at the Copper Skillet — Sign up at the center

Tuesday, July 4

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

PARKING POLICY: PARKING AT THE SENIOR CENTER IS FOR SENIOR CENTER PARTICIPANTS ONLY. IF YOU ARE WALKING THE TRAIL, PLEASE USE WOODTICK RECREATION PARKING LOT AS WE HAVE LIMITED PARKING SPACES FOR OUR SENIORS. A SPACE THAT YOU TAKE IS ONE LESS SPACE FOR OUR SENIORS. THE GATE WILL REMAIN LOCKED BY THE SENIOR CENTER. PARKING IS ALLOWED AT THE SENIOR CENTER AFTER 3:30 PM.



Pictured are some of the takeout lunches from the fund raiser



Our crafty seniors learned to make a Farmhouse Table decoration during Jeannie's Crafty Corner Class



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Watermelon Salad with Feta and Cucumber

This watermelon salad is full of sliced cucumbers, crumbled feta cheese and mint, all tossed in an easy lime dressing. A simple yet unusual summer salad that's sure to get rave reviews.



INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups watermelon cubed or balled
- 1 1/2 cups sliced cucumber seeds removed
- 2 tablespoons mint thinly sliced or small mint leaves
- 1/3 cup feta cheese crumbled
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- Place the watermelon, cucumber and mint in a large bowl.
- In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice and salt and pepper.
- Drizzle the dressing over the melon mixture and toss to coat. Sprinkle with feta and serve.

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Commencement Exercises will be held Friday, June 16th

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

Latchkey Program 2022 - 2023



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

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
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Tracey Fitzmorris, Wolcott Latchkey Director:
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This is only during Latchkey hours, Thank you!

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2023-2024

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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Wolcott Board of Education 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 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
JUNE	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)
JULY	10 (Mon-BOE Offices)	
AUGUST	14 (Mon-BOE Offices)	28 (Mon-BOE Offices)
SEPTEMBER	11 (Monday)	25 (Monday)
OCTOBER	16 (Monday)	30 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	13 (Monday)	27 (Monday)
DECEMBER	11 (Monday)	
JANUARY	08 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	05 (Monday)	
MARCH	04 (Monday)	18 (Monday)
APRIL	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
MAY	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)
JUNE	03 (Monday)	17 (Monday)

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Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
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- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mrs. Michelle Thies

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- ♦ Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

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c) **Age Discrimination** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8430

d) **Section 504 (handicap)** - Mr. Walter Drewry, Wolcott High School Principal, –203 879-8164

e) **Americans with Disabilities (ADA)**- Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178

f) **Homeless Liaison** - Mr. Daniel Caetano, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School –203 879-8151

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Wolcott Public Schools 2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS

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



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Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2022-2023

Month	Days	Date/Event or Holiday
July	1-29	
August (3/0)	1-31	August 29, 2022 Convocation August 30, 2022 PD Day August 31, 2022 PD Day
September (21/21)	1-30	September 1, 2022 First Day of School September 5, 2022 Labor Day
October (20/20)	1-31	October 10, 2022 Columbus Day November 8, 2022 Election Day November 11, 2022 Veterans Day November 23-25, 2022 Thanksgiving (half day 23rd)
November (18/18)	1-30	Dec 23, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023 Holiday Recess (half day 23rd)
December (17/17)	1-31	January 16, 2023 Martin Luther King Day
January (20/20)	1-31	February 17, 2023 PD Day February 20-21, 2023 February Recess
February (18/17)	1-29	March 20, 2023 PD Day
March (22/21)	1-31	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)
April (14/14)	1-30	
May (22/22)	1-31	
June (12/12)	1-30	
		# of Student and Staff Days
		Staff Student
August	3	0
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	17	17
January	20	20
February	17	16
March	22	21
April	14	14
May	22	22
June	12	12
Total Days	186	181

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

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

Revised by BOE March 07, 2022

Updated: March 14, 2023

Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2023-2024

July				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

August (4/1)				
M	T	W	TH	F
31	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

September (20/20)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Date/Event or Holiday	
August 28, 2023	Convocation
August 29, 2023	PD Day
August 30, 2023	PD Day
August 31, 2023	First Day for Students
September 4, 2023	Labor Day
October 9, 2023	Columbus Day
November 7, 2023	Election Day
November 10, 2023	Veterans Day - Observed
November 22-24, 2023	Thanksgiving (half day 22rd)
Dec 22, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2024	Holiday Recess (half day 22nd)
January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Day
February 16, 2024	PD Day - No School
February 19-20, 2024	February Recess
March 28, 2024	PD Day - No School
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 15 - 19, 2024	Spring Recess
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
June 12, 2024	Last Day (tentative half day 11th and 12th)
# of Student and Staff Days	Staff Student
August	4 1
September	20 20
October	21 21
November	18 18
December	16 16
January	21 21
February	19 18
March	20 19
April	17 17
May	22 22
June	8 8
Total Days	186 181

October (21/21)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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November (18/18)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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December (16/16)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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January (21/21)				
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29	30	31		

February (19/18)				
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March (20/19)				
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April (17/17)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May (22/22)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

June (8/8)				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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Sage Scholars Program

During 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

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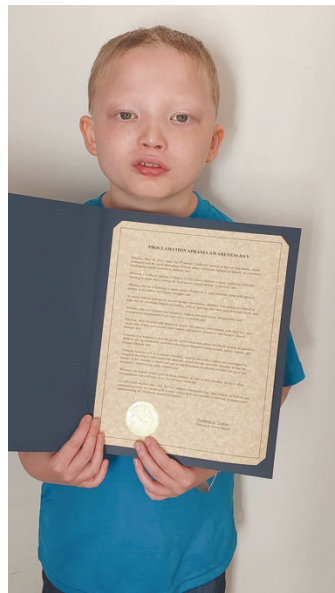
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Wolcott \$245,000 - Beautiful Ranch style home on cul-de-sac with access to Hitchcock Lake. Features spacious LR w/hardwood floor, eat-in kitchen w/appliances, 2 BRs w/hardwood floors, FR, 1 car garage, city sewer. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



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, one with a Dutch oven, 1 car garage, barn & smoke house. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$479,900 - New Construction R/R; 3 BRs, 3 Full baths, open floor plan; kitchen w/granite counters & center island, dining area, great room w/fireplace, vaulted ceilings, MBR suite w/full bath & walk-in closet, FR with slider to back yard, laundry rm, 2 car garage. *Ask for Lynn or JR.*



Waterbury \$269,000 - Adorable Cape home in great location on corner lot; 5 BRs, kitchen, LR/DR combo, sun room, 2 full baths, vinyl sided exterior, above ground pool, easy access to highway. *Ask for Marita Calabro.*



Waterbury Condo -\$180,000 - 2 BR, 1.5 bath Remodeled Townhouse, end unit; spacious dining area and updated kitchen, living room w/access to deck with view of lake, washer/dryer on upper level. *Ask for Sandra Deschenes.*



Waterbury Condo -\$189,900 - Spacious 2 Bedroom townhouse with 1.5 baths, kitchen w/breakfast bar, dining area w/sliders to deck, living room w/fireplace. *Ask for Sandy Deschenes.*



Waterbury Condo -\$195,000 - Beautiful bright & sunny 2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath Townhouse in Countrywood Hills; kitchen w/center island & granite counters, spacious living room with window seat, laundry room, 1 car garage. *Ask for Linda Fercodini*



Waterbury Condo -\$269,900 - Immaculate 2 Bedroom, 2 full bath Townhouse on cul-de-sac in Artillery Hill Complex; vaulted LR w/fireplace & slider to patio, spacious dining area, fully applianced kitchen, spacious loft/den w/skylights, 1 car garage, in-ground pool & tennis courts. *Ask for Lynn Lombardi.*

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