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Our photographer photographed these two sinister looking trick or treaters at his front door on Halloween night. *Photography by Picard*



Mayor Tom Dunn poses for a picture with his wife Lisa and their three children and four grandchildren after winning re-election as mayor of the Town of Wolcott. An election night celebration took place at East Street Eatery with family, friends and supporters. *Photography by Picard*



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by Karen Mowad

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**Wolcott Leos Club**

The Wolcott Leos Club is a community service club run by teens in Wolcott. The goal of the club is to help the Wolcott community in any way possible. In the past few weeks we have focused on creating a can drive with Wolcott High School's Student Government. The Leos plan bringing these donations to the Wolcott Food Pantry for families in need this holiday season. On top of this we are looking for toy donations for The Eagles View on Sunday December 3rd from 8-12pm. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, and face painting for the little ones! We appreciate anything you can donate. The Leos are also looking for new members! We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30. The next meeting is December 6th, 6:30 at the Wolcott Fair Grounds. All teens are welcome and we look forward to any new faces!

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"The Archer"

The optimistic Sagittarius is always in good spirits. They are cheerful and upbeat most of the time and believe that there is a positive side to everything. Sagittarius are also very loyal to their country. Many war heroes bear the Sagittarius zodiac sign.  
*Nancy Fasano Laporta — Dec 19th*

**Capricorn, Dec 22nd - Jan 19**  
"The Goat"

The pragmatic Capricorn can sense at once whether a new concept is going to work. Their forthright attitude also means that if they think you fall short, they will have no problem telling it "to your face". Capricorns are great at improvising too. They are quick to adopt good ideas and can make all the necessary adjustments to make them perfect for the given situation.  
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*Alma Fasano — Dec 25th*

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December 2023  
**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

As we come to the end of another very busy year, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace, Good Health, and Prosperity. I look forward to the New Year with its new challenges and new beginnings.



As we approach the holiday, please be conscious of those who are less fortunate and help them in any way we can. Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers our men and women who currently serve our country in the Armed Forces; that they stay safe and return home to their families soon.

Please be advised: Holiday Refuse & Recycling will not be picked up on Monday December 25th & Monday January 1st. But instead, will be picked up on Saturday December 23rd and Saturday December 30th.

This Change ONLY affects those residents who regularly receive collection Monday Morning. Tuesday thru Friday Collection Days will remain the same! Please call Gaudiosi Hauling at 203-879-1112 with any questions.

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

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Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

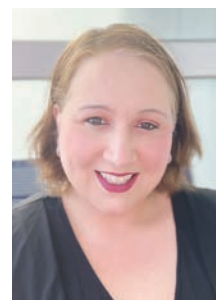
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**A Minute with the Clerk**

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Election season has wrapped up. Thank you to everyone who appeared on the ballot, who worked at the polls, and family and friends that supported the candidates, town hall workers, and everyone who came out to vote. Congratulations to our elected officials, both new and returning.

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, there will be a referendum from 10:00 am to 8:00pm at Wolcott High School, 457 Bound line Road, Wolcott. No matter where you usually vote, there will only be one polling location open.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 203-879-8100 x112.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses are now available for 2024. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Cash or check only please.

Please have a happy and safe holiday season.

# Farmingbury Women's Club News



Hello!! Welcome to December! It's hard to believe that here we are in the last month of the year. How quickly times flies. However, for sure, December is one of the most favorite months of the year. With Christmas preparation, the joy, the happiness and the sparkle of the season is upon us. Yet, we must stop for a moment and reach out to those who may have difficulty in facing the Holidays.

I just want to go back to October for a bit, as the newspaper articles must be submitted before the end of the previous month, and I was not able to comment of the Fall Festival. Well, we had our Fall Festival. The day called for rain. With no other date available, the event was held. Rain gear on, umbrellas in hand, the Fall Festival committee arrived. Chris, Jude and the members quickly set up for the arrival of the vendors and organizations ready for action. God was with us, the rain held off most of the day. So many friends, neighbors and Community members started showing up and loving the revised mini festival.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out, despite the call for rain, and supported this great cause. Planning an event this big, takes months and months of planning, and then the last minute preparations take days. Jude, Chris and all their committee members who put in countless hours, we thank you. Vendors and Organizations, we thank you.

And we thank our Community members who shared this day with us.

After the busy month of October, we finally sat down at our November meeting to enjoy a delicious "Pot Luck Supper". All the ladies brought their special dishes and special desserts. A great time was held by all.

We look forward to ending this year with spending time with each other at our Christmas Dinner.

We want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kelly, VP, Farmingbury Women's Club.

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When: Fridays 5:30-7 pm & Saturdays 10-11:30 am

Session D1—Friday, Dec. 1st & Saturday, Dec. 2nd

Session D2—Friday, Dec. 8th & Saturday, Dec. 9th

Session D3— Friday, Dec. 15th & Saturday, Dec. 16th

**Annual Gingerbread Making Day!**

Saturday, Dec. 16th from 10-12:00 pm

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**State Representative  
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As we approach Christmas, Hannukah and the New Year, I hope you and your families have a wonderful and safe holiday as we look forward to 2024. This time of year reminds us all of what matters the most – our loved ones, friends and families and spending time with them. I hope that you find time this holiday season to gather around the table or fireside to spend quality time with those who matter most to you. And please try to keep the less fortunate in your thoughts during this time, even small gestures can help those who are in need.

I also wanted to provide you with an update on two issues that I have mentioned in previous columns.

**Absentee Ballot Fraud:** I shared with you my concern about an incident that was caught on video in Bridgeport where a woman was shown stuffing ballots in a ballot drop box in the early morning hours in the days leading up to that city's Democrat primary. This race was decided by less than 200 absentee votes, with Bridgeport's mayor Joe Ganim winning.

The losing candidate sued the city and mayor in connection to the ballot fraud. To update you, a superior court judge ruled recently that enough evidence of "shocking" behavior existed that it required that the primary be held again.

"The volume of ballots so mishandled is such that it calls the result of the primary election into serious doubt and leaves the court unable to determine the legitimate result of the primary," Judge William Clark wrote in his ruling. "The videos are shocking to the court and should be shocking to all the parties."

This now-proven fraud begs the question: if it can happen in Bridgeport, how do we know it is not happening in other Connecticut municipalities? As I have said repeatedly, drop boxes invite fraud and their use should be suspended immediately.

A new democratic primary in Bridgeport has been set for January 23rd.

**Gas-powered Vehicles Ban:** I, and my colleagues in the House and Senate, have been raising the alarm about a proposed ban on the sale of new gas-powered vehicles, which will begin to be phased in starting in 2027, with a full ban hitting in 2035. In recent weeks, Sen. Sampson, Rep. Veach and I held a well-attended forum in Southington where we heard from multiple residents who are against this ban.

I am not against electric vehicles and believe that everyone who wants to buy one should have the ability to do so, but the government should not take away your freedom to choose the car that is right for you and your family. The Lamont administration is trying to take away your choice to push an extreme agenda based on California regulations that ignore the will of Connecticut residents.

Many people need an affordable and reliable gas-powered car to get to work each day, but this mandate removes that option. It is important to find ways to

improve our environment, but the government should NOT be stripping away your freedom of choice by forcing you to buy an expensive electric vehicle. The cost to working-class families and businesses would be astronomical and it is unfair to place that burden on them, when Connecticut is unaffordable as it is. When the government interferes and takes away consumer choice our free markets lose and we no longer live in a free society.

As of this writing, we were urging Connecticut's Regulations Review Committee to pause this ban and send the proposed measure to the full legislature for debate. Please know that no matter what the committee decides, I will continue to work on your behalf to stop this ban from taking effect.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns pertaining to state government. I can be reached by email at [Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov) or by phone at (800) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity by visiting my website at [repastrofrancesco.com](http://repastrofrancesco.com) or my Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/repgale](http://www.facebook.com/repgale).

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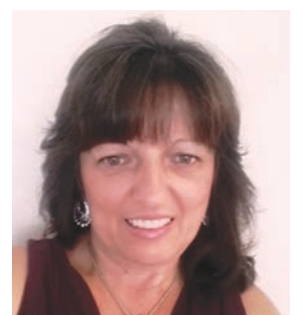
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# Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



## The Holiday Season is upon us!

It seems like just yesterday we were counting down to the new year and now we are at the end of 2023! From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

### It's Wintertime

The sun is setting earlier, and the daily temperatures are dropping. The winter solstice (the shortest day of the year) will take place on December 21st this year. This date also marks the first day of winter. Here in New England, that means we need to be careful of snowy and slippery roads. Drive safely; even if the roads seem dry, they could still be icy. If you are clearing snow from your driveways, use caution and ask for help whenever necessary. If you are using a snowblower, don't ever try to clear a clogged chute with your hands; that is how many accidents happen!

### Ambulance Facility Update

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, the Town of Wolcott will hold a referendum at Wolcott High School in the gymnasium, 457 Boundline Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a \$11,000,000 bonding referendum to fund various town projects. We would appreciate your support – PLEASE VOTE YES!! If approved, approximately \$2,000,000 will be allocated to the construction of our new facility at 1300 Woodtick Road.

We will be excited to welcome all of you to our new home when it is complete, 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 now accepting applications for our spring EMT Class! This 18-week course will begin February 12, 2024, and run Mondays, Wednesdays, and some Saturdays until June 12th. If you have questions regarding this program, or would like to sign up, please call us at (203) 879-4122 or visit us at [www.wolcottambulance.com](http://www.wolcottambulance.com) (EMT courses tab).

### Community Courses

Would you like to participate in one of our community courses? Here is a list of our upcoming programs:

- Friends and Family CPR - learn layperson CPR skills (adult/child/infant) and how to use an AED – Tuesday December 5, 2023, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6pm – 7:30pm (free of charge)

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# A Tribute to Corrine Pierpont Townsend

When Queen Elizabeth II passed away, Corinne asked me what I thought of her. I said "Any Princess that repaired motor vehicles for her country in WW2 was okay in my book." Corinne reminded me that during WW2, when she came home from high school, she would go down to the basement and stamp out metal parts for the U.S. military forces. Corinne was my Princess.

Most Wolcott residents will remember her as the founder, owner and principal of the Wolcott Dance Academy on Center Street. She paid attention to the smallest details, sought perfection, and was a disciplinarian in a very tactical fashion.

When she volunteered to teach dance lessons to a group of 200 school students alone, the principal heard this and ran down to the meeting room to cancel the class because he anticipated an unruly group, but he found everything under control.

When I saw a Dance Recital for the first time, I thought I was at a Broadway show. She enlisted her whole family and numerous parents to present the best possible and original recital every year. She also produced the Miss Wolcott Pageant every year, and sponsors of other pageants and the Miss Connecticut pageant would travel to Wolcott to see the shows that she produced.

Corinne was a lifelong member of the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce, and one of the fiercest advocates for Wolcott businesses. Shortly before we married, she said to me "If we get married, there is just one rule in our marriage. If you need a product or service, you go to a Wolcott business first!"

When the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce introduced an annual "Businessperson of the Year" Award, the first year's award went to William Lyga, who has a "Wall of Fame" in the Wolcott Town Hall. Corinne received the second year's Award, and, in my opinion, is also worthy of her own Wall of Fame in the Town Hall.

Corinne was well-liked by the business owners in Wolcott. I remember when we walked into the dry cleaners, the owner saw her and rushed out from behind the counter, pushing aside a State Trooper picking up his shirts, and said "Excuse me, I have to talk to Mrs. Townsend." His important message was "Mariano Rivera really stunk up Yankee Stadium last night, didn't he?"

She organized the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce dinner every year, doing all the pre-dinner tasks. One year, a former Mayor volunteered to help her. She said he could go to the catering facility and reserve the desired day, and set the price for the meals. She warned him that the facility had been trying to raise the price for several years, but she had kept it at \$40 per person.

Later that day, Corinne answered the phone, listened, and slammed down the phone (for the only time she did it in our marriage), saying "Men! You can't trust them to do anything!" The catering facility raised the meal price from \$40 to \$55.

As an aside, not once in our marriage did she come to the breakfast table without being fully dressed and groomed for the day. If necessary, she would change clothes multiple times in the day to suit the occasion.

She changed into her battle dress (a yellow and black dress that reminded me of Hertz rental car agents) and drove off to the catering facility. She did not return for nearly three hours. When I asked what happened, she said "I reminded them of everything the Chamber of Commerce does for them, everything the local businesses owners do for them, everything the people in town do for them. The dinner price is going from \$55 back down to \$40. And they will serve hot and cold hors d'oeuvres for one hour before the dinner. Free!"

Every time I see a well-dressed, well-groomed woman doing business in a Wolcott store, I wonder if she was influenced

by Corinne as a student at the Wolcott Dance Academy. People remember her. They have come up to us on the streets of New York City, restaurants in Florida, an elevator in Chicago, a grocery store in Lahaina, Hawaii, and said "Are you Mrs. Pierpoint?" Even as we stood in line for a seat at a diner on another vacation trip, a lady sitting at the counter heard her voice, spun around on her stool, and asked if she was Mrs. Pierpoint.

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- January 12, 2024
- March 8, 2024
- May 10, 2024

Check out our website: <https://www.wolcottcasa.org/>

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### St. Basil the Great Set Back Event

Rachel Wisler and Janet Tynan would like to thank all who contributed to our last card party sponsored by the Ladies' Guild. We had a huge assortment of raffle baskets and we appreciate all who donated their time, talents and items to this fund raiser. We had 40 players (14 men and 26 women) who vied for the top 3 scorers. They were Ray Grady for first place, Paul Varlese came in second and Jan Spinella took third. The anchor prize was graciously received by Ann Gundlach. We appreciate all who came out on such a rainy night and in particular all who helped with setup, clean up and working the event. We hope to see you in the Spring.

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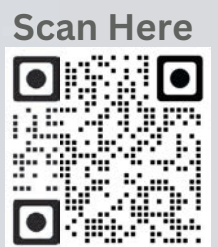
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Junior Women's Club News



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Collection on Election Day benefitting the Wolcott Food Pantry. A special thank you to all our Veterans' and everyone who came out to honor them on 11/11 on the Town Green. We hope they enjoyed the sandwiches and desserts at the American Legion. Santa's appearance at the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on November 26th, was a delight to all of the children and the young at heart! Of course the hot chocolate hit the spot as well!

Any family seeking our assistance this holiday season with gifts for Toys for Tots and Teens is asked to fill out an application and email it to wolcottjuniors@gmail.com. The application was published in the November Community News and is also available on our web page for downloading, www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org Deadline for applications is Dec 5th. We are grateful to assist our Wolcott community throughout our 36 (yes 36) years supporting the Toys for Tots & Teens. This is a rewarding project for our club and one that is made possible only by the generous toys and monetary donations we receive from residents, local businesses and organizations. There are 18 collection boxes located throughout Wolcott. Please visit our website for the locations. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are

requested. We are supporting our Fuel Fund to help with the gift of heat to our Wolcott residents. If you need help in your heating needs this winter season, contact us via our email wolcottjuniors@gmail.com .

Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Inc. is sponsoring a creative writing contest during the month of January 2024 at all three of our Elementary schools. The theme is "What is Best about Wolcott." The length of the essay should be 100 words or more. Entries should be submitted to your teacher and the teacher will submit them to the office. Winners will receive a gift card from Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Essays will be published in a future issue of Wolcott Community News.

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November also found the Troop taking a challenging 10 mile hike along the Compounce Mountain Trail in Southington. The boys enjoyed their day utilizing their navigation skills while basking in the beauty of fall in New England.

Finally this month, on November 18, BSA Troop 230 held its annual food drive at the Town Green from 9:00-3:00. The Troop, along with Wolcott's Cub Scout Pack 230, collected food and money to help support our Wolcott Food Pantry. Thank you to all the wonderful residents of Wolcott who continuously donate to this project.

For more information on scouting or to have the Troop help out at your event, please email [boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com](mailto:boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com).

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



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### Prevention of Reinfection

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## Yes, Elections DO Have Consequences

by Rob Sampson  
State Senator, 16th District



The quote “elections have consequences” made famous by former President Barack Obama, has taken on new meaning in the wake of the Bridgeport ballot-stuffing scandal. Partisan politicians seem to enjoy repeating this popular catchphrase whenever they get a political “win” by imposing their agenda, or electing their preferred candidates, or as a warning to anyone that dare challenge the latest triumphs – good or bad for the rest of us.

I wonder if Connecticut’s legislative Democrats, reveling in their huge majorities, now see the irony in this statement, as their own destructive election policies have resulted in the now nationally documented case of ballot fraud exposed during Bridgeport’s recent Democrat mayoral primary.

Along with my remarkable friend and colleague, Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R-Wolcott), I have written and spoken ad nauseam on this topic as the ranking member of our legislature’s Government Administration and Elections Committee. We have offered literally dozens of bills and amendments to prevent the flagrant abuse that we saw with our own eyes in Bridgeport, thanks to a ballot drop box security camera — which was in place no thanks to state law, and only came to light due to a “leak” from the Bridgeport PD.

In committee meetings and on the Senate floor, I’ve warned of the dangers of mixing flawed voter rolls with unsolicited absentee ballot applications and unsecured ballot drop boxes. It’s a recipe for disaster – and not the only problematic aspect of our election process in Connecticut.

Each time, I have made the case, I could not have been clearer. The goal is for every eligible voter to have access to a ballot to have their voice heard and to simultaneously secure the integrity of our elections so that every voter regardless of the place, time, or party affiliation trusts in the results.

Rather than heeding my warnings or working cooperatively with me to secure our elections, legislative Democrats repeatedly dismissed, or even mocked, my logical, and clearly much-needed recommendations. Some even implied that my goal of maintaining election integrity or security amounted to race-based voter suppression.

Even some in the press made a point to minimize legitimate policy points while injecting their obvious bias into coverage of elections and election laws, topics where objective truthfulness should be the standard.

In one example, a statewide media outlet even went so far as to mischaracterize my completely true account of actual election irregularity in my district as “...baseless claims of election fraud,” citing their own reporting as a source. To date, the publication has not corrected or retracted this claim. The goal here was simple: to paint me as an ‘election denier’ and capitalize on the national narratives surrounding the 2020 presidential election.

Back to the present. Quite a few elected Democrats, and their media enablers, are performing mental gymnastics of Olympic level.

The September security camera footage that captured a Bridgeport city employee stuffing dozens of absentee ballots in a dropbox was undeniable. So undeniable, in fact, that a state superior court judge ruled in November that there must be a new Democrat mayoral primary because the “shocking” footage prevented authorities from determining the “legitimate result” of the original primary election.

It appears that corrupt elections also have consequences. How many eligible Bridgeport Democrat voters had their

ballot effectively nullified by the deluge of likely fraudulent ballots? How many of their voices were silenced?

How many other elections across the state have been impacted by bad actors exploiting bad election laws? Do we really think this is an isolated incident?

While I believe in due process, reasonable people across Connecticut did not need two months to figure this one out. However, our Governor did. His position, and that of some other legislative Democrats, has evolved each day.

At first, we were told that the video might not be real — even though local authorities never disputed the video’s authenticity.

According to Matt Caron of Fox 61 in a story from November 9, 2023,

Gov. Ned Lamont spoke on this issue in September. “I want to go after this aggressively,” said Lamont. But when Republicans urged a special session to tackle election security - nothing happened.

“I think we did tackle it,” said Lamont on Thursday. “We’ve got video cameras on each and every one of those drop boxes and that’s how we are able to see that people are probably trying to stuff the boxes. We caught it.”

Of course, the only reason it was caught was thanks to “leaked” footage. Buried in the details of this debacle is that Connecticut Democrats in the legislature have voted down my proposed amendments for mandatory ballot drop box surveillance cameras since their inception in 2020.

So, how intent are those state Democrats to fix the wrongs in Bridgeport to restore public confidence in all our state’s elections?

After the legislature approved funding for a Bridgeport “election monitor” in September, a bare minimum and sadly inconsequential gesture — and the party line rejection of all five of my proposed amendments to bring real security to our elections—the Secretary of the State quietly filled the position a mere days before the Nov. 7 elections, and only days after I publicly questioned her inaction on the matter.

Up ‘til now, the whole series of events has been pretty demoralizing for those of us invested in truly protecting the sanctity of our election process.

Now that the national press has chimed in, the pressure seems to be on, and I’m watching some prominent Democrat leaders at least pretending to care about fixing it. “You cannot ignore what has happened, and so we’ll have to look at it,” House Speaker Matt Ritter, D- Hartford, said in early November.

Even Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim, whose primary campaign was at the heart of this controversy, is now on record opposing drop boxes. “...I’d get rid of them,” he said prior to Election Day.

Most importantly, Connecticut’s elected Democrats who created the enormous gaps in our election security and continue to refuse reasonable statewide measures to secure our elections must be held accountable. If we are going to make progress and ultimately fix this, it will require a powerful and consistent appeal from the public to demand action in the next legislative session and/or the 2024 election.

As always, you can find me on social media and at [www.senatorsampson.com](http://www.senatorsampson.com).

# Wolcott Historical Society - December 2023



by Florence Goodman

As I drive around town, I can't help but admire the number of historic homes still found here. We are fortunate to have many of these well-preserved structures standing proudly to remind us of our early history. Wolcott has no restrictions on what you can do with historic buildings like the towns of Litchfield or Woodbury. Those requirements would have to have been established many years ago, but they were not so many of these old structures have been taken down and forgotten.

Over the last six months, I have driven by a "for sale" sign at the house located at 49 Center Street. I also received calls from realtors asking if there were restrictions on this historic home and each time, I had to tell them no. I thought for sure because of its age (1777) and condition it would surely be destroyed and replaced by a new raised ranch, but to my joyful surprise it was not. I congratulate the new owners



Pritchard's Sawmill was located on the south side of Center Street at the intersection of Route 69 and across from Pat's IGA.

who are spending the time and money to bring this gem back to life!! So, this month I'd like to share the wonderful history of this home.

This one and one-half story colonial period cape with a central chimney and saltbox wing was built circa 1777. Records indicate that on April 17, 1777, Lt. Josiah Rogers sold 1-1/4 acres of land to his son-in-law Josiah Atkins for "eight pounds". It is believed that the house was included in this sale as a gift from father to daughter; the house became known as the Josiah Atkins House.

Josiah Atkins was born in 1749 in the part of Farmington, which later became Bristol. His family moved to Wolcott (Farmingbury) in 1759 where his father was an important man in the establishment of the Farmingbury parish. In 1770, 1771, and 1772 Josiah taught school in Farmington. Later, he had a blacksmith shop in Wolcott. It was said that Atkins was a remarkably strong, hard-working man who could mow, reap, or chop more in one day more than any man in town. Josiah's wife Sarah Rogers whom he married in 1777 died in 1778. In 1779 Josiah Atkins married Mary Gillet.



The original Josiah Atkins House located on the corner of Minor Road and Center Street and built in 1777. It was later referred to as the Pritchard House as well.



The Josiah Atkins House when it was owned by John and Katheryn Washburne and later Kathy and Dave Shea.

In January of 1781 Josiah Atkins enlisted in the army, but his time serving was cut short; he died in Virginia on October 26 or 27 of that same year, a Revolutionary War hero. During his time serving he kept a journal and recorded some of the battles that eventually led to the end of the war. Josiah Atkins's original journal is housed in the library of the New Haven Colony Historical Society. The journal is called, "The Journal of Josiah Atkins of Waterbury Farmingbury Society in Ye State of Connecticut N. England 1781" and was printed in 1954 for the Mattatuck Historical Society in Waterbury.

Another well-established family in our town, the Pritchard family, also owned the Josiah Atkins House and property surrounding it for about one hundred years. Roger Pritchard came from England and settled on the Wolcott/Waterbury border where Sharon Road is today. Orcutt states, "He was a very stout, fearless man and was chosen leader to keep the Indians from attacking." It was his great grandchildren that settled in this section of Wolcott. In 1870 Pritchard's holdings included the land from Wolcott High School on the west side of Bound Line Road to the Edgewood Cemetery. Pritchard had planted a large apple orchard on this property; hence Orchard Lane was a fitting name for the road just past the high school on Bound Line Road. From the high school down Minor Road all the way to Center Street to Wolcott Road was also owned by Pritchard. In fact, as early as 1751 a Pritchard owned a sawmill at that intersection over the Mad River. Willey Pritchard who was born in 1863 later owned that sawmill which was in existence until April 16, 1944, when it was destroyed by fire. During this time, the Atkins House and property were referred to as Pritchard's Farm.

In the mid 1950's Katherine and John Washburne purchased the Josiah Atkins house and property on Center Street, which included two barns and a smoke house. They lived there with their children Jack and Kathy. Mr. and Mrs. Washburne were very active in the Wolcott Historical Society and John authored many articles and booklets about Wolcott history that I reference frequently. Their daughter, Kathy and her late husband, Dave Shea own the property until this year when it was sold.

If walls could talk, I bet we would hear some great stories and



Willey Pritchard

adventures about the interesting families that have lived in this quaint, historic home and I am thankful that these stories will continue with the new owners.

(Information for this article was taken from, "The Journal of Josiah Atkins of Waterbury Farmingbury Society in Ye State of Connecticut N. England 1781", Number 21 printed in 1954, The "175th Anniversary 1796-1971," by John Washburne, "History of the Town of Wolcott, Connecticut from 1731 to 1874" by Samuel Orcutt, and a conversation with Kathy Shea.)

Please remember that you can visit our museums by appointment by calling Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818



The Josiah Atkins House was sold in 2023. It has a new color and interior renovations.

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 the People*

Article 1

**Bill of Rights Day Dec. 15**

The Bill of Rights Day is observed on December 15 in the United States. It's an important day to celebrate America's Constitution and the framework of society that ascribes rights and freedoms to society. Bill of Rights Day commemorates the ratification of the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, with the National Archives documenting its many celebrations of the day. The Bill was introduced by James Madison, who later became the fourth President of the United States. Now, The Bill of Rights is displayed in The Rotunda of the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C., as a reminder to all Americans of their constitutional freedoms.



Around Town Photography  
by Roger Picard



The Town of Wolcott held their annual Veterans Day ceremonies on the Town Green with a large turnout of Veterans, town's people, civic organizations and dignitaries. A display of 85 American Flags with the names of Veterans who served were also on display as a part of a weekend of remembrance thanks to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus and the Exchange Club of Wolcott.



The Park and Recreation division of the Wolcott Public Works Department installed a Bio Retention Pond at the bottom of the Farmingbury Hills Golf Course parking lot recently. The purpose of the retention pond is to gather water runoff, filter it through the soil and vegetation, and eliminates the need for underground storm sewers.



Friends of First Responders teamed up to run a fundraiser where the proceeds will be donated to the Wolcott Police Department for the purchase of bullet proof vests. The new vests will replace old or out dated vests currently used by officers. In this photo Sgt. Bryan Spiotti, Chief Ed Stephens and Officer Chris Charette worked the kitchen and food lines to serve pasta dinners to attendees of the event at the Wolcott Senior Center. Several other officers were on hand to pitch in as well.



Noble High Performance sponsored their second annual car show at the lower Woodtick Recreation field on October 22nd. A nice turnout of cars and enthusiast attended the event to benefit Walk With Derek, a nonprofit organization supporting individuals with special needs and their families.



Lt. Pat Malloy, on the right, of the Wolcott Police Department was the guest of honor at a retirement luncheon held at the Wolcott Police Department recently. On the left is retired Det. Sgt. Brian Boutote, who stopped by to wish Lt. Malloy well in his retirement. Lt. Malloy served the Town of Wolcott for 27 years and retires as the second in command of the department.



On October 19th the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Business After Hours event at Evelich Metal Works located at 730 Boundline Road. Owner and operator Brian Evelich hosted the event and gave Chamber member attendees a tour of his facility and a crash course in the making of knives and swords using a forging process. Attendees were also treated to refreshments and food at the conclusion of the tour and demonstrations.



The Exchange Club of Wolcott held their annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on November 9th. Over 300 people attended the event which featured over twenty vendors of wine, beer and spirit choices to sample. Pictured here are people looking over the silent auction items just before the bidding process was closed.



# 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**

\*\*\*We are on the website: [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org) under “senior center”

**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

Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Fri-8:30 AM-12:00 PM



**Donna Belval**  
Senior Center Director

**Monday**

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

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

1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

**Tuesday**

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

**NEW** 11:30-12:30 Free Chair Yoga

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

**Wednesday**

9:00-9:45 Free - “Senior Zumba” w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

12:30-3:00 Bingo

**Thursday**

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

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

9:30-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting

**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.**

**Friday, December 1**

4:00-6:00PM Mayor’s Town Wide Christmas Party

**Tuesday, December 5**

8:30-9:30AM Senior Breakfast — Blueberry Pancakes w/Bacon — \$3.00 pp — Sign up by Mon. Dec 4

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

**Wednesday, December 6**

11:30AM Lunch Special — 2 slices Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Dec 4

**Thursday, December 7**

8:00AM Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino — Departs casino 3:30PM, Sign up for bus by Mon, December 11

4:30PM Bus leaves for Dinner at The Rein Deli followed by “Magic of Lights” at Rentschler Field — \$5.00 pp admittance to lights show — Sign up & pay by Dec 6

**Wednesday, December 13**

11:30AM Lunch Special — Fund Raiser for the Wolcott Food Pantry — Chicken Marsala w/ Fresh Mushrooms,

Mashed Potatoes, Carrots w/ Butter & Brown Sugar, and Dessert — \$8.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Dec 11

**Thursday, December 14**

11:00AM Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlic’s — Shopping at Stew Leonard’s to follow, Sign up for the bus

11:30AM Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Christmas Decoupage Tissue Box — \$7.00 pp, Pay when signing up

**Friday, December 15**

8:30-9:30AM Senior Breakfast — Ham & Cheese Omelet on a Toasted Croissant, \$3.00 pp, Sign up by Wed. Dec 13

**Sunday, December 17**

12:30PM Bus leaves for Thomaston Opera House — “NUNCRACKERS” — Dinner to follow at Crabby Al’s — \$28.00 pp — Pay by Wed. Dec 6

The Nonsense Christmas Musical “Nuncrackers” is presented as the first TV special taped in the Cable Access Studio built by Reverend Mother in the convent basement. It stars the nuns you love, plus Father Virgil and four of Mount Saint Helen’s most talented students. Featuring all new songs, including “Twelve Days Prior to Christmas”, “Santa Ain’t Comin’ to Our House”, “We Three Kings of Orient Are Us” and “It’s Better to Give Than to Receive”, this show is filled with wacky Nonsense Humor. Certain to tickle your funny bone and likely to tug at your heartstrings, Nuncrackers is a perfect way to make your holiday season merry and bright!

**Monday, December 18**

4:30PM Bus leaves for Dinner at The Rein Deli followed by “Magic of Lights” at Rentschler Field — \$5.00 pp admittance to lights show — Sign up & pay by Dec 13

**Tuesday, December 19**

8:30-9:30AM Senior Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00 pp, Sign up by Mon. Dec 18

9:45AM Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov’s — Lunch to follow at the Cromwell Diner, Sign up for the bus

**Wednesday, December 20**

11:30AM Christmas Luncheon — Turkey w/ Gravy over Texas Bread, Stuffing, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert & Sherbet Punch — \$8.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Fri. Dec 15

**Thursday, December 21**

11:00AM Bus leaves for lunch at Uncommon Grill, Watertown — Sign up for bus

**Monday, December 25**

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

**Tuesday, December 26**

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

**Wednesday, December 27**

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

11:30AM Lunch Special — Chicken Salad w/ Lettuce on a Croissant, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Thurs. Dec 21

**Thursday, December 28**

8:30-9:30AM Senior Breakfast Sausage Patty, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Croissant — \$3.00 pp, Sign up by Wed. Dec 27

**Friday, December 29**

8:00AM Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino — Departs casino at 3:30, Sign up for bus

**Monday, January 1**

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

**Tuesday, January 2**

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

**Wednesday, January 3**

11:30AM Lunch Special — Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Croissant, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Fri. Dec 29

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. PUBLIC PARKING IS ALLOWED AT THE SENIOR CENTER AFTER 3:30 PM ONLY.



Some of our seniors dressed in Halloween costumes.



Tweety Bird (94 year old Gert) showed up for our annual Halloween Party at the senior center.



Charlene & Frank made a beautiful table decoration in our craft class for their Thanksgiving holiday.

# Wolcott Food Pantry

## Distribution Date Reminders

- Dec 6th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM
- Dec 20th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM

## A Special 'Thank You'

Thank you to Advanced Physical Therapy of Wolcott, Miss Teen Wolcott (Emersyn Mazza), Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, the Charles Rietdyke Wolcott Senior Center, Girl Scout Troop 64153 and Boy Scout Troop 230 for their food drive activities that took place in November. We have many local organizations, groups and individuals that support us year round and we are grateful.

## Our Christmas Distribution

Our Dec 20th distribution will include a special Christmas bag as well as our normal distribution.

## 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!

Help us out: Please check the dates on any food donations & eliminate the expired ones.

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.

Look for our Facebook page for regular posts. Search for @wctfpantry and 'follow-us'!

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



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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

203-757-0731



*There were many special moments during our 'Fill the Gazebo' event but one of the most inspiring was the family that arrived with a pickup truck full of food. They came to make the donation in memory of their mom/grandma. A beautiful family and heartfelt gesture. Thank you!*



*A small sample of the families / residents that stopped by during our 'Fill the Gazebo' event held Sept 16th. We are grateful to live in such generous community. Thank you to all that stopped by that day to make a donation!*



# Focus On Frisbie



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

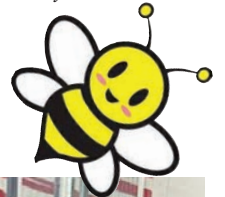
Frisbie Students of the Month for October 2023!



Kindergarten students celebrated the fall weather with an outdoor festival filled with arts and crafts



Fifth Grade student Enzo G. played "Taps" to begin the Veteran's Day Ceremony.



Frisbie School students and staff honored Veterans with a breakfast and special presentation from each grade level to show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

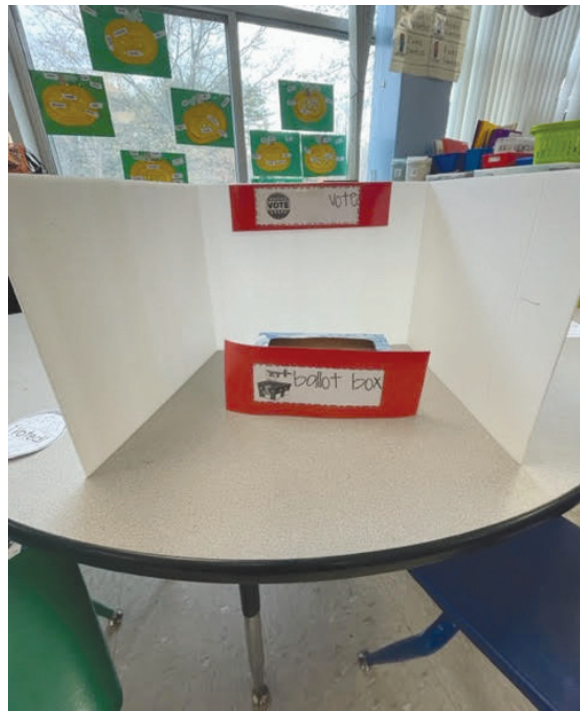


Congratulations to Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners!



Frisbie Book Club discusses *The Accidental Apprentice*.

# Wakelee School News!



Students in Mrs. Frageau's class learned all about Election day and got to cast their own votes!



Wakelee school wore purple to support RETT Syndrome Awareness month.

Two students in Mrs. Polletta's class practicing their turn and talk strategy!



Fifth grade and first grade students working on a project with their book buddies.



Mrs. Polletta's class learned all about fire safety.



Students and staff competed in a Relay Race for classes that had 100% returns in reading logs!

# Alcott School News



*Second grade scientists observed pumpkins in a variety of liquids.*



*Kindergarten enjoyed celebrating Veteran's Day. Thank you Veterans!*



*Bravo to Mrs. Klemenz and her Project Explore students on a beautiful Veteran's Day Assembly!*



*Halloween at Alcott was an awesome day! Students and staff enjoyed celebrating the big day and wrapped up the day with our annual parade.*





# Wolcott High School NEWS



Student Government and Discovery hosted our annual WHS Movie Night.



To get into the spirit, the Student Government and School Counseling Departments hosted pumpkin painting for Halloween.

### Wolcott High School Excel Club

The EXCEL Club of Wolcott High School is back with new students ready to become members! The club's goal is to have any sale proceeds donated back to the community in some way and we are all excited to do so in the coming months.

We held our first sandwich-making event to get back into the swing of things and give some of our new joiners an idea of what the club is all about. One day every month, EXCEL members will get together after school to make sandwiches for a local homeless shelter. All items used to make the sandwiches are donated, so this was a great way to help out our community while the year is just starting out.



-Gabriella Ramirez



Mystic Aquarium Field Trip



WHS Model United Nations class and club had the opportunity to visit their country's ambassador in New York City. During the visit, the students had the chance to ask the ambassadors questions about their countries and their viewpoints on various global issues. The insights gained will be valuable as our students prepare for their upcoming visit to the University of Hartford for the Model United Nations simulation.



### Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

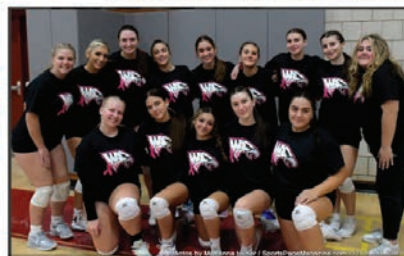
- Grade 9 Makayla Sinclair
  - Grade 10 Ryan Mattis
  - Grade 11 Sophia Wyner
  - Grade 12 Jacob Clarke
- Staff: Mrs. Phillips

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



### Girls Volleyball

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL HOSTED A "THINK PINK" NIGHT AND RAISED OVER \$100 DOLLARS TO DONATE TO SUSAN G KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION.



VARSITY TEAM BREAKFAST BEFORE NVL TOURNAMENT

All-Iron Junior Samantha Dean



All-NVL Senior Sage Thornton

### Wolcott High School Parent Music Association (WHPMA)

#### Annual Christmas Tree Pickup



Saturday, January 6th 8am - 2pm

Snow date Jan 13th

For a \$10 donation, we will pick up your old, undecorated, Christmas tree and discard it for you.

Contactless, curbside pickup and payment

To register, please email [gpettinico@snet.net](mailto:gpettinico@snet.net)

or call 203-233-1350

deadline to register is January 1st

Proceeds go to supporting scholarships for WHS Senior Music Students and other Music Department programs and activities



The National Honor Society would like to thank the community for supporting our bake sale held on Election day.



# Target on Tyrrell



## STEM Expo

On November 8th, 75 seventh and eighth grade students attended a STEM Expo at Pratt and Whitney. There, students learned more about STEM careers and participated in a series of hands-on activities including building a pool noodle roller coaster and a balloon powered car and working with snap circuits and borescopes. Students were also treated to lunch. Thank you to TMS and WHS graduate Kayla DePara Menillo and her team at Pratt and Whitney for designing such an immersive and engaging experience for our students.



**Congratulations**

**F5 Recipients**

The F5 awards recognize members of the Tyrrell community who are Responsible, Respectful, Motivated, Honest, and Kind

**October:**

**6th Grade: Peyton Rose**

**7th Grade: Jordan Fulton**

**8th Grade: Michaela Torre**

**Faculty: Madame Tassinari**

**Mrs. Garbus**




## XC State Championships

Trevor Thies, Brayden Wyner, Gabriella Romanuskas, and Emma Lawson competed at the 30th Annual Middle School Cross Country State Championships on November 4th at Wickham Park in Manchester.



## Tornado Games

This year, Tyrrell Middle School teams will participate in a friendly competition called The Tornado Games. There will be a series of challenges throughout the school year and teams will be able to earn points for each challenge. The Tornado Games will culminate at Field Day in June when a winning team will be crowned and receive the coveted Tornado Games Trophy, bragging rights and a surprise. The first competition of the Tornado Games was a T-Shirt contest. Each team also voted on colors to represent their team. Congratulations to 7th Grade Granite student Thomas Lumia for submitting the winning design. We can't wait to see your design on the Tornado Games T-shirts! The next event will be a volleyball tournament on November 22nd.



## Classifieds

### Electric Contractors

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



### For Sale

**For Sale** 2011 Buick Lacrosse, 186k miles, runs well. \$5,500.00 Call 203-704-7004

### Help Wanted

**Audibert, Bissonnette & Company, LLC** is a large local Certified Public Accounting firm located in Wolcott, CT. We have current openings for:  
**Tax Manager - CPA**  
**Bookkeeper**  
**Billing Clerk**  
 Prior CPA firm or law firm experience is a plus.  
 Email resume to [cheryl@ab-ctcpa.com](mailto:cheryl@ab-ctcpa.com)

**Hairdressers and Nail Tech. Spa Tech.** Chair Rental, room rental, @. Image Makers Hair and Nail Salon. 366 Wolcott Rd Wolcott, Ct. 203-597-9079

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

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

### Home/Office Cleaning

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

### Real Estate

**Wolcott Contemporary Ranch,** 3400 s.f., furnished, \$750,000. 860-508-5885.

### Remodeling Contractors

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

### Stump Removal

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

### Travel

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

### Wanted

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



## Wolcott Public Library

### Adult Events

#### Wolcott Public Library Book Club

Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00PM

The WPL Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. The book chosen for December is *Seven Days of Us* by Franceska Hornak, a warm, wry, sharply observed debut novel about what happens when a family is forced to spend a week together in quarantine over the holidays. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library.

#### Movie Matinee: Dec. 29th at 1:00PM

On the last Friday of each month a newly released movie will be shown in the upstairs reading room. Snacks are available for you to enjoy during the movie. The December movie will 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 & Up

There will be no takeaway craft for December.

#### The Rose, Pastel Workshop: Dec. 7th at 5:30PM

Pastel artist, Greg Maichack will present "The Rose", a 2 hour pastel painting workshop for adults and teens 18+ in the downstairs meeting room of the library. All materials are provided. Registration is required for this workshop.

#### Holiday Card Making: Dec. 13th at 6:00PM

Learn card-making techniques with Jesse Bernier while you create beautiful, handmade cards. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required for this program.

#### Mug Making Workshop: Dec. 21st at 6:00PM

Decorate a mug for the holidays or for use at any time of the year using the cricut machine. Each participant will decorate 1 mug. Registration required.

### Children's Events

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten! Birth-Pre-K.** Use our green tracker sheet to keep track of each book you read with your child. Earn a special sticker and a leaf on our tree for every 100 books read, a free book at 500 and 1000 books, and more!

**WPL Nutmeg Challenge:** Grades 2-12. Get your Nutmeg Punch-card from the library- Ms. Meghan or Ms. Joanna will punch a hole for each 2024 Nutmeg Nominee you read & give you a prize from the treasure chest. Read all the

2024 Nutmegs for your grade level, and you will be entered in the raffle in April.

**Expecting? Ask about the Read to Your Baby Gift Bag!** Wolcott residents expecting a baby may register to receive a free gift bag. Ask about it in the Children's Room!

#### Noon Year's Eve Party: Dec. 30th at 10:30AM

All kids-Ring in 2024 at our annual Noon Year's Eve Party. Call for more information.

For all storytimes, activities and programs in the Children's Room for the month of December, please visit our website @[www.wolcottlibrary.org](http://www.wolcottlibrary.org).

The Wolcott Public Library is part of the bond package that will go to referendum on December 9th. We are looking to expand our space and make much needed renovations, such as the installation of an elevator. The library has applied for a State Library Construction Grant, which could fund one-half of the total project costs up to a maximum of \$2 million. We are waiting to hear from the State Library Board on the status of our application.



*Anne O'Brien of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History visits the Wolcott Public Library to share the fascinating stories of witch trials in Connecticut.*



*Wolcott Public Library patrons gather for a demonstration by Wolcott Volunteer Firefighters.*

## Friends of the Library News

December has arrived, and the Friends have help for you who are planning for Christmas and other holiday gifts. We have books on display near the front doors of the library, and we encourage you to peruse these offerings. Two suggestions came to us from patrons: purchase books as stocking stuffers for children and adults; another idea is using a single wrapped book every day or evening a few days before the holiday as a "countdown". This is inexpensive to do with the very reasonable pricing of our books.

Attention vinyl record collectors. The Friends have a broad selection of phonograph records of many genres including jazz, classical, and showtunes for sale at \$1.00 apiece. If you are thinking about checking them out, please contact our president Janet Tynan at 203-233-6407.

Recently two members of FOL had the privilege of visiting Mr. Alex Nole at his home. This wonderful gentleman is literally the father of the Wolcott Library. His knowledge, input, and enthusiasm has been our bedrock for over half a century. Mr. Nole examined the plans for the physical expansion of the library as well as the much needed construction of an elevator and was very positive about the importance that this project be approved.

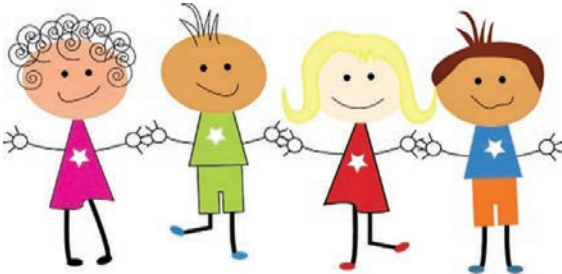
At our recent November meeting, the Friends planned for the changing of the decorations at the front door as well as decorating the lower level of the building with a tree and other seasonal items. The main floor will be decorated by library staff.

If you came to our October book sale, you may have heard about TD Bank's AFFINITY PROGRAM. This is a project by the bank to support community organizations. If you already have an account, you can tell the bank staff to list Friends of the Library as your designated charity. There is no cost to you. Each year they donate a small amount to FOL. In addition if you choose to open a new account, they will donate a one time \$50. This is a win win situation. We have already received a generous check for last year's participation.

This month of December is a busy but joyful one. Take time to enjoy the essence of the holidays, and be sure to enjoy time with family and friends. Holiday greetings to all from the FRIENDS to the readers of Wolcott Community News.

# WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Wolcott Latchkey Program 2023-2024



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

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

**Alcott: Ms. LeAnn Beland**

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**Frisbie: Ms. Lisa Calabretta**

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**Tracey Fitzmorris, Wolcott Latchkey Director:**

Email: tfitzmorris@wolcottps.org

*This is only during Latchkey hours, Thank you!*

## Wolcott Board of Education 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 pm. in the Tyrrell Middle School's Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated on the Agenda posted online before the meeting.

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

	FIRST	SECOND
DECEMBER	11 (Monday-AES)	
JANUARY	08 (Monday-FES)	
FEBRUARY	05 (Monday-WES)	
MARCH	04 (Monday-WHS)	18 (Monday)
APRIL	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
MAY	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)
JUNE	03 (Monday)	17 (Monday)

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## Wolcott Integrated Preschool Program for the 2024-25 School Year

The Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Integrated Preschool Program Lottery for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications will be available online for all Wolcott Residents who have a child that will turn 3 years old by September 1, 2024. The online applications and information can be accessed by logging onto our district website "wolcottps.org". Choose the drop down under "Central Office". Click on the link for: "PRE-K LOTTERY APPLICATION FORM". A lottery will be held to determine the preschool enrollment for the three and four year olds. The deadline for completing the online application is March 8, 2024.

### Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2023-2024

Central Office – 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
- ◆ Food Service Director:  
Mrs. Jennifer Zarrilli – 203-879-8145
- ◆ Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance –  
203 879-8180
- ◆ Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott

Wolcott High School – 203 879-8164

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

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

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

Alcott Elementary School – 203 879-8160

- ◆ Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

Frisbie Elementary School - 203 879-8146

- ◆ Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

Wakelee Elementary School – 203 879-8154

- ◆ Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

WHS Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ◆ Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ◆ Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

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 2023-2024 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

# 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
				1
<del>4</del>	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October (21/21)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
<del>9</del>	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

November (18/18)				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	<del>7</del>	8	9	<del>10</del>
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	<del>23</del>	<del>24</del>
27	28	29	30	

December (16/16)				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>28</del>	<del>29</del>

January (21/21)				
M	T	W	TH	F
<del>1</del>	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
<del>15</del>	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

February (19/18)				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	<del>16</del>
<del>19</del>	<del>20</del>	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

March (20/19)				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	<del>28</del>	<del>29</del>

April (17/17)				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
<del>15</del>	<del>16</del>	<del>17</del>	<del>18</del>	<del>19</del>
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May (22/22)				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
<del>27</del>	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
24	25	26	27	28

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
<b>Total Days</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>181</b>

\*August 31st, September 1st and 5th 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 19, 2024 and moving backward from there.

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- Substitute Nurse
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- Substitute Maintenance Worker
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Wolcott \$294,900 - Charming 3 bedroom Ranch on gorgeous level.72 acre lot. Eat-in kitchen, spacious living room, hardwood floors in all bedrooms, huge, heated family room and laundry room in lower level, large sunporch, one car attached garage & 1 car detached garage. Ask for Lynn Lombardi.



Wolcott \$439,900 - New Price; 3 Bedroom Cont. Colonial on wooded 2+ acre lot on cul-de-sac. Open floor plan with kitchen, dining room, living room, family room & office/playroom. Huge master bedroom w/vaulted ceiling, private deck, & full bath; open front porch. Ask for Lynn Lombardi.



Wolcott \$629,900 - New Construction Cont. Colonial to be built in the Preserve Sub-division w/access to Chestnut Hill Reservoir; 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, HW floors, kitchen w/granite counters & island, FDR, great room w/propane FP; 2 story grand foyer, MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, laundry room, seasonal water views, town sewers. Ask for Lynn or JR



Waterbury Multi \$389,900 - 2 Family home on spacious level lot with a detached oversized one car garage. 1st floor features eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, living room with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 2nd floor features eat-in kitchen, living room, 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath. Separate furnaces & hot water heaters, 1st floor has central air. Walk-up attic for more space if needed. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



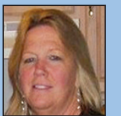
Wolcott Commercial \$275,000 - Multiple opportunities are possible on this 3.2 acre corner lot with 873' road frontage, right on Wolcott Rd (Rte 69). Located close to shopping, banks, post office and more. Commercial/Industrial zoned. Ask for Gene Fercodini.



Wolcott Rental \$2500/mo. - 4 bedroom Cape style home on Wolcott's town green; Kitchen with counter bar & tile floor, dining room & living room with hardwood floors, main floor bedroom & family room with brick fireplace, deck, fenced in yard, 1 car garage. No pets, no smoking. Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Lucienne Marsella



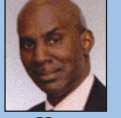
Patricia Monnerat



Stephen Monnerat



Linda Norman



Ken Reeder



Lynn Lombardi



Derek Turbacuski

LAND LOTS



WOLCOTT

- \$105,000 - The Preserve subdivision; Wooded 1+ acre lot on cul-de-sac; u/g utilities, sewers avail.
\$119,900 - Approved .89 acre wooded lot toward of end of cul-sac in the Preserve subdivision. Underground utilities, public sewers available. On cul-de-sac.
\$120,000 - Developers/Builders check out this 9 acre parcel of land in a R-30/R-40 zone. Close to Wolcott/Bristol line.
\$129,900 - .72 Acre lot with seasonal water views of Chestnut Hill reservoir, in the Preserve subdivision. Underground utilities, public sewers available. On cul-de-sac.
\$132,900 - The Preserve subdivision; .75 acre wooded lot on cul-de-sac; sewers & u/g utilities available.
\$200,000 - 2 separate lots being sold as one package. Maps & survey available.

- \$299,000 - Builders/Developers; Unique 33.61 acre parcel. Originally once a farmhouse with 13.3 acres and the remaining back parcel of 20.1 along with another road frontage lot make this the property to develop for single family homes.
\$416,400 - Developers! Builders! 52.05acre site with close proximity to I-84, Route 322 and views of Lily Lake. City sewers available.
\$435,000 - Combined lot package of 55.37 acres. 39.34 acres of farmland can be a gentleman's farm or when combined with the 16.97 acre property may be sub-divided for single family homes.

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- \$199,000 - Builders! Developers! Take Notice! 11.23 acres of land adjacent to a subdivision of beautiful homes built between 2005-2007. A Possibility of a 41-lot subdivision.

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