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Happy Birthday Bella! We love you! Love Uncle Rocco and Auntie Colleen



Happy Birthday Penelope! Love Papa and Gramma



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The Friends of First Responders held a Fundraiser for the Wolcott Police In-Vest program and raised \$4000. The check presentation was held at the Wolcott PD on Nov18th. Pictured with the Police officers are: Chris Culver, Jennifer Battaglia, Sharon Miket, Kelly Mazza



The Exchange Club of Wolcott hosted a Veterans Recognition Dinner on December 4th at the East Street Eatery. Veterans Sam Motta Sr. U S Army, William B. Kane U S Air Force and Bernard "Bernie" Nolan U S Marine Corps were all honored. Veteran Motta was honored posthumously. His grandson Brian Gokey accepted the award on the family's behalf. Pictured in this photo from left to right is Exchange Club member and co-chairman of the event, Gary Wachtelhausen, Brian Gokey, William Kane, Bernie Nolan and club president and co-chairman, Roger Picard. Photo by Nancy Picard



A Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at Edgewood Cemetery on December 16th . The event was organized by Kevin Huber who coordinated the purchasing of wreaths and organizing of volunteers that were going to lay wreaths at the graves of veterans buried in Edgewood and Woodtick cemeteries. In this photo volunteers are seen carrying wreaths to be placed at veterans graves at Edgewood. Photography by Picard



Santa arrived at the annual tree lighting on the green on top of a fire truck, courtesy of WVFD Co. #3 and their new Tower One ladder truck. Santa greeted all the children on the green and eventually was escorted to the Wolcott Congregational Church hall where he handed out candy canes and had his picture taken with each child. Photography by





#### **Wolcott Grange #173**

by Karen Mowad



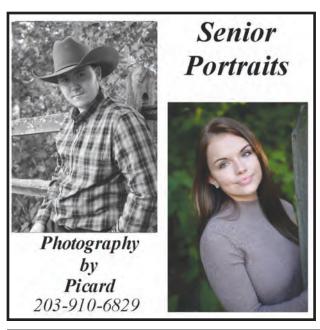
As we reflect on 2023, we realize how truly blessed we are to have this amazing organization still open in our town. Many of the Granges throughout the State of Connecticut have not been so fortunate. People lose interest in the history of the organization, older

members pass away, and new members are not often recruited. While we follow the mission of our parent organization, we also work hard to rebrand ourselves as the "Community Service Grange." We like to educate those around us with our rich history, participate in events with neighboring Granges, and help those in need.

Last year we added a few new members, had help from so many volunteers, collected and donated thousands of pounds of clothing, performed random acts of kindness, rented to three amazing groups, and performed much needed building repairs.

We are always looking for new members and new ideas. We could use help fundraising, monetary donations, clothing donations, and positive people that want to make a difference.

Thank you as always for your donations to the clothing collection shed. This month's most requested items are winter coats, hoodies, jeans, sweatpants, and sneakers.



## **Wolcott Leos Club**



n December 3rd the Wolcott Leo's Club visited the Eagles View and their toy drive, donating 7 full bags to families in need this winter. The Leos additionally contributed 200 dollars

to Wreaths Across America, a cause dedicated to placing wreaths on the graves of fallen veterans for Christmas. These young adults assisted in placing the wreaths and are grateful for the service these brave men and women gave to our country. This season the Leos recognize many people in retirement homes don't receive holiday gifts so they put together over 90 gift bags with handmade cards to bring to elderly patients at a local retirement home. This holiday season the Leos are thankful for the community of Wolcott and continue to help anyone and everyone they can. The club is always looking for new members and meets every first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Lions Fairgrounds.





#### **BIRTHDAYS**

# 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.

Those bearing the Capricorn zodiac are generally people with grand ambitions. However, though they go all out to succeed, you can be sure that they will do so with great integrity. Capricorns are very responsible in their duties as they are disciplined people who accomplish their work with a spirit of excellence.

Edward Nadeau — January 8th

# Aquarius, Jan 20 - Feb 18 "The Water Carrier"



Aquarians are among the friendliest of the signs, making friends everywhere. They are often chosen among co-workers and family for special awards and honors because of their abil-

ity to network. Highly intelligent they are energetic and talented, often using their abilities to help others. Despite their extensive people skills, they often crave alone time to reflect and think about things. Meditation is recommended for this sign as it helps to maintain that sense of alone time, while at the same time a feeling of connectedness with something greater than themselves.

Pat Fasano — January 24th Karisa Jane Fasano — January 25th

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# MAYOR'S CORNER

January 2024 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

My best wishes for a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Town Wide Christmas Party. This event would not be as successful without your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.



I would also like to thank all organizations and individuals who

were so generous to the families in need for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday. The response and caring from the Town makes me feel honored to be not only a resident of this Town but also Your Mayor.

Wishing you and your families joy, peace, and prosperity in the coming year.

Very truly yours,

Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

#### A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



appy New Year! I'm hoping this year will be even better than 2023. January 23rd marks my 18th Anniversary working in the Wolcott Town Clerks Office. How quickly time flies and how much has changed in the office since 2006! I started before we had a computerized register, land record

look up stations, a dog licensing program, a fishing program, or a computer with a mouse! Everything was rubber stamped, handwritten, and typed on a typewriter. There was no death registry or modernized voting system. I was lucky to be coached in my early days by my boss and co-worker who had been in the office for several years before I arrived. Not every Town Clerk starts that way.

This month I will be once again hosting a New Town Clerks Training Session. All the newly appointed Town Clerks throughout the State will gather at the Capitol Building to learn more about what it means to be a clerk. I am very proud to be a part of this very important day. Clerks will hear information and ask questions, they will make State contacts for help, and connect with new peers. Some clerks might have a background such as previously being an Assistant while others have no municipal experience. We usually have a diverse group of individuals of all ages, backgrounds, skills, and life goals. Some are just starting their first career, while others are starting their retirement jobs. The one thing everyone has in common is that they want to do a good job and represent their towns and cities well. They are eager to learn and very grateful for the information provided. Some of the day's events include meeting with the Secretary of States Office, the Department of Energy and Environment Protection, Election Enforcement Officials, Freedom of Information Specialist, Department of Public Health, Connecticut Town Clerks Association, State Public Records Administration, Department of Revenue Services, and our own Town Clerk President. Having lunch at the Legislative Office Building is always the highlight of the day. The information can be overwhelming, but it is very important that all new clerks start their journey knowing they are not alone, who to contact if a problem should an unknown question arise, and how to react appropriately in case of an emergency situation.

# **Farmingbury** Women's Club News

very Happy New Year!! May the New Year bring you love, happiness, smiles and health.

> Just a quick look back on 2023. We certainly accomplished many projects that

helped our Community. Besides the ladies from the Busy Bees sewing many comfort pillows for patients with Breast Cancer, scholarships were awarded to students to further their education. We were also able to contribute \$500.00 to our Police Department for their purchasing of Safety Vests for our Officers. We also helped a young family enjoy their Thanksgiving by contributing assorted foods and goodies to make their day special. We also contributed to helping a local family enjoy their Christmas.

In November, our ladies enjoyed a special "pot luck" supper. Each member who was able to attend brought their specialty and it was a great time just to sit around, enjoy all this good food and talk with each other.

In December, we all enjoyed getting together, dressing in our Christmas attire and enjoying dinner with each other at a fine restaurant. Thank you to Eleanor for putting this all together for the club.

We finished 2023, with Jo-Ann and Lois co-chairing the Wolcott Fire Prevention Poster Contest. This is always such a fun project with each of the schools contributing their best Posters, which were created by the students and then judged by Mayor Dunn and Fire Chief Kyle Dunn. The event was held at the Youth Center. Light refreshments were provided by our Club members and enjoyed by all.



#### **BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM**



Pasquale R. Fasano January 24th Happy Birthday in Heaven

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Missing your smile and sense of humor always.

> Love You, Mom & Family



# **2023 Wolcott Lions Annual Pediatric Screening**



The Wolcott Lions club held their annual pre-school Pediatric eye screening in November. We use a state of the art camera equipment to take a picture of the Childs eye. The SCOPE Pedia Vision Screener is able to identify vision issues in children aged 2-6. It is done by simply taking a picture of a child's eye in low light from a four foot distance. The vision screener measures visual acuity (near or far-sightedness), lazy eye astigmatism, detached retina, corneal deformity and other potentially serious eye issues which, if treated by an eye doctor can be corrected or cured early to keep vision problems from interfering with their education.

The Wolcott Lions completed the eye screenings the week of November 13-17 at the following pre-schools: Alcott Elementary school, Children's Village and Happy Hands Prep LLC & Bright Start.

This year we tested 121 children, 112 passed and 9 failed. A report was sent home with the child's info so the parents can bring it to the Doctor for further evaluation.

The Wolcott Lions' club has been testing children for over 12 years, starting in 2011. As of 2023 we have tested 1,523 children. There were 1,407 that passed, 111 failed and 5 were aborted due to the fact we couldn't read their eyes.

Lions International originally started this screening program. The Connecticut Lions then became involved with the screening. The Wolcott lions after hearing about this program became involved in 2011 by Lion Dave Desaulniers who thought this would be a great project for our club to do yearly. As you can see by the number of

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children screened it has been a huge success with us finding 111 children with some type of eye problem. Finding these issues at an early age helps the children being able to resolve their eye problems before starting school.

The following Wolcott Lions helped Dave with the screening this year: Harry Najarian, Ken Hubina, Dean Joseph, Steve Slater, Joe Hutnick and his wife Virginia, Dave Santarseio and Dave Wilson, along with his therapy dog. The children really enjoyed petting the dog.

Thanks to all the Wolcott Lions that helped and also to the pre-schools for allowing us to come and examine the children's eyes with a Parents consent form. We will be doing the eye screening again next November. For more info please contact Dave Desaulniers at dave@devonp.com.

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# **New Laws for the New Year**



State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco Representing Wolcott & Southington

Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope you had a terrific Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah as well. And as we enter the New Year, I wanted to let you know about several new important laws that take effect on Jan. 1st.

Hospice Care Pilot Program (Public Act 23-174) - This act requires the Department of Public Health to establish a Hospice Hospital at Home pilot program to provide in-home hospice care to patients through in-person visits and telehealth. It also allows the Department of Social Services commissioner to apply for a Medicaid Section 1115 waiver to provide Medicaid reimbursement for hospice services delivered under the act's pilot program, to the same level DSS reimburses for Medicaid hospital-based hospice services. It also allows an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who provides hospice care through a DPH-licensed hospice home care agency to administer fluids or medications intravenously, including by infusion or IV push and a registered nurse to do so under physician supervision.

Notification of utility termination (Public Act 23-199) - This new law creates a way for landlords of certain non-residential properties to be notified before a gas company or electric distribution company (i.e., Eversource) terminates service billed to their property under a tenant's name and instead have the service reinstated in the landlord's name. It requires the companies, upon an eligible landlord's request, to agree to notify the landlord by mail at least 72 hours before terminating service to the property and reinstate service by reverting it to the landlord's name if the landlord requests it.

Increase to bottle redemptions (Public Act 21-58) - The deposit amount for bottles and cans will increase from 5 cents to 10 cents. That also means that recyclable containers eligible for redemption that were purchased before Jan. 1, 2024, can now be returned for 10 cents. I voted against this bill in 2021 because it places an unfair mandate on certain businesses by forcing them to install bottle redemption machines, which will increase their costs. The cost for each beverage container you purchase will also increase as a result of this legislation, which I do not agree with.

The upcoming legislative session is the "short" session, which begins on Feb. 7 and ends on May 8. The state's constitution and legislative rules for this session limit proposed bills to adjustments of the budget, revenue and

legislation related to financial matters. But, often times, other types of legislation unrelated to the budget is passed by the Democrat majority who circumvent those rules. I continue to be a voice against that practice.

And I just wanted to give you an update about two important issues.

You may have heard by now, but Governor Lamont has withdrawn his attempt to ban the sales of new gaspowered vehicles, but the proposal is likely to return. He, and extreme leftist Democrats who wanted to take away your choice of what vehicle you can buy, have implied they will reintroduce this ban in some form. I am pleased they have withdrawn the proposal and will continue to keep you up to date on developments because I know they will try to implement this ban again.

Also, I shared with you my concern about an incident that was caught on video in Bridgeport where a woman was shown stuffing a ballot drop box in the early morning hours in the days leading up to that city's Democrat primary. The losing candidate sued his opponent, Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim, in connection to the ballot fraud, won his case and a new election was ordered for later this month.

Since then, Ganim has admitted that his campaign engaged in violations of election laws, according to media reports. Those same reports show Ganim has called on state elections officials to do more to curb potential absentee ballot abuse.

I, and my fellow ranking member on the Government Administrations & Elections Committee, Senator Rob Sampson, have been calling for these reforms for years. I hope the Democrat majority actually address this issue and join us in commonsense legislation.

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



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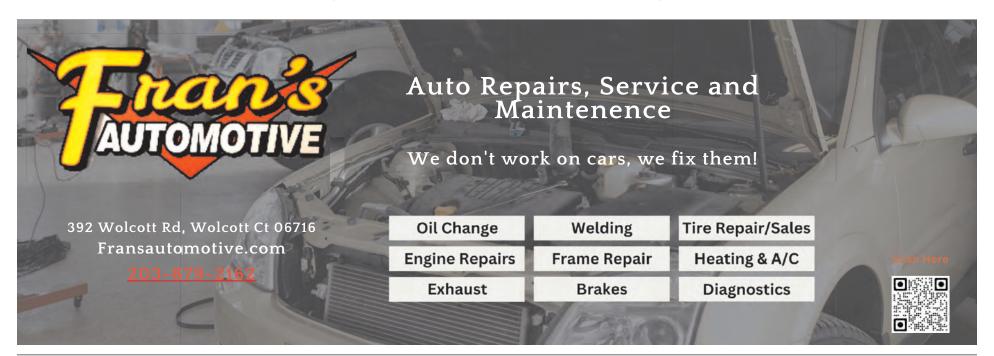
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## Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



#### **Happy New Year!**

As we say goodbye to 2023 and welcome this new year, we would like to thank each one of you for your continued support of Wolcott Ambulance! We hope you and your

families had a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to all that we have in store in 2024!

#### **Ambulance Facility Update**

We are so grateful to Mayor Dunn, our Town Council members and all of you that came out on Saturday, December 9, 2023, to support the bonding referendum. With the success of this important vote, you have allowed us to continue moving forward with construction of our new facility at 1300 Woodtick Road! You will soon see a flurry of activity as the renovations and new construction begin.

We look forward to welcoming 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.

#### It's Wintertime

Watch out for "black ice" when you are driving and make sure you monitor carbon monoxide levels in your home as we keep warm this season. Remember to remove snow from your steps, walkways & driveways. Don't forget to treat these areas with ice melt or sand/salt mixture to reduce the chance of slip & falls from ice. Keeping everything clear of snow and ice not only protects you & your family, but it also helps keep your local emergency responders safe if you ever need us!

#### Emergency Medical Technician Class

We are still 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 (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 January 9, 2024, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6pm 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone - Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 6pm - 7:30pm (free of charge)

Please contact us at 203-879-4122 ext. 400 or training@ wolcottambulance.com to obtain more information or to register for any of our community courses.

#### Membership

Are you currently an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic looking to volunteer for an amazing smalltown ambulance service? Why not join us! We have providers 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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Detailed information about the things that contribute to the healthy development of our young people. How you can be an active player in building these skills, experiences and opportunities in our community. Ways to join forces with other community members to make our community a place where young people THRIVE!

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Wednesday, February 7, 2024 12:30—3:00 pm Her Future Looks Bright Career Fair

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 8:30-2:00 pm Leaders of Tomorrow Mentoring Event

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# Junior Women's Club News



Happy New Year! The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott sponsored our 36th Annual Toys for Tots and Teens Program for Wolcott families. This project is made possible year over year by the generous toys and monetary donations we receive

from our Wolcott residents, local businesses, and organizations. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to be able to assist our Wolcott community. Thank you to Ace Hardware, American Legion, Bill & Sam's, Dollar General, Michael's Cut & Style, Wolcott Library, Pat's IGA, Thomaston Bank, Walsh's Market, Webster Bank, Wolcott Bowling, Wolcott Post Office, Wolcott Town Hall, and the Wolcott Schools. Thank you for your monetary donations, Barbara Defazio, Donna Lombardi, Fercodini Realtors, Mattatuck Industries, Samson Machine, Tynan & Iaonone, Wolcott Chambor of Commerce and the Wolcott Lion's Club. This Christmas season we assisted 18 families, 44 children ranging in age from 1 to 17. We are continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel assistance fund. 100% of all donations are used for the gift of heat throughout this winter season. We are committed to our neighbors who need a helping hand.



Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. We are sponsoring a creative writing contest during the month of January. The theme is "What is Best about Wolcott" The contest rules are available at each of the elementary schools. Good luck to all the participants.

We are a volunteer organization for the advancement and promotion of education, public health & welfare, social, civic interests and the arts. This organization is a 501C nonprofit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-political group. We are dedicated to being a "volunteer" and helping our community. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September to June at 7 pm. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community. Please check out our website www.junior womensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com



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#### **Veterans Advocacy Commission News**

by Brett Muccino, Chairman

On Veterans Day I made the announcement that the Vietnam Traveling Wall would be coming to Wolcott. Sponsors of this exciting event are the Town and the Advocacy Commission. The dates are May 29, 2025 thru June 2, 2025, the weekend after Memorial Day. Though it is 18 months from now there is a tremendous amount of work to be done prior to it arriving in town.

The Veterans Advocacy Commission meets at 8 am the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is in January, 2024 in the Town Hall. This is an open invitation to anyone interested in working with us on the Vietnam Traveling Wall coming to town to please attend the meeting. If you would like to help but are unable to make the meeting please contact me at brett.muccino@yahoo.com.

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

To enhance the quality of life of Veterans and their families generally and in time of need, to a commitment to networking closely with Veteran's organizations & programs

To bring awareness to all Veteran's and their families regarding the benefits and services to which they are entitled by their military service.

To promote Patriotism, in the community and through the educational system.

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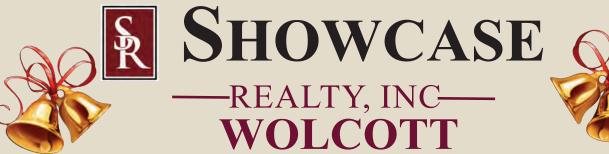
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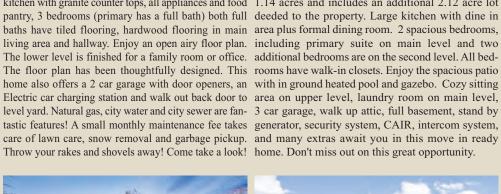
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# Boy Scout Troop 230

Troop 230 busily spent November honing essential scouting skills such as fire building, cold weather camping and community service. Most importantly, 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, diligently braved the cold and wind to help our friends at the Wolcott Food Pantry. The scouts collected over 1069 pounds of food and \$2900! What an amazing way to connect with our community. Thank you to all the wonderful residents of Wolcott who continuously and generously donate to this project. Additionally, the Scouts met weekly to practice and plan for their weekend campout. Scouts budgeted and shopped for food, planned activities and went over essential packing lists for their cold weather campout at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford, Connecticut. The Troop was able to enjoy outdoor cooking, hiking and some friendly, athletic competitions. Further, the scouts hosted the Arrow of Light den from Cub Scout Pack 230. The older scouts instructed the younger scouts in stretcher making, ice rescue simulation,, knot tying, sawing and more. This joint venture helped get the younger boys familiar with the Troop, as they will be crossing over in the spring.

Scouts in Troop 230 are looking forward to an exciting December. Some activities include an indoor climbing adventure, chocolate making class and holiday party in the coming weeks.

For more information on scouting or to have the Troop help out at your event, please email 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 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 11-2 p.m. Just tell them the returns are for Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.



# After 27 years, Funeral Director Marc L. Frigon returns to Woodtick Memorial

In 1985 my father Leon and step mother Sharon Frigon, built and opened Woodtick Memorial. For me that year began my family's commitment to serve the Wolcott Community. We have not only served as professional funeral service providers; we have been active in community service organizations and done our best to support local businesses. I am very grateful for Scott Griffith and Sharon Frigon bringing me back to "the house my father built." I hope to finish my funeral service career serving this great town and area. I feel like I'm back where I belong and am happy to be back.





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# New Non-Profit Veterans Organization Created in Wolcott



eterans Are Heroes Forever (VAHF), a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was recently formed to provide support and assistance for our veterans and their families. Dan DiVirgilio, the founder and president of the board of direc-

tors, said he created VAHF to actively reach out to veterans. "I want veterans to know they will have a safe place to come out and talk to other veterans like themselves; their service should never be forgotten." Dan is also a veteran who served during the Vietnam War Era 1971 -73

Dan started VAHF in October 2023 to offer services to veterans and their families by providing educational opportunities, alleviating food insecurity, and offering social activities. "Veterans are often hesitant to ask for help and usually just need the occasional 'hand up', which we can provide. Some other services offered include clothing distribution and shipping care packages to our military members currently serving overseas", he said.

Recently, Dan secured the use of a mobile box truck that he will use to deliver food to our veterans around the state. The truck will be ready between March and May 2024, depending on when the manufacturer completes the specially designed, custom-built vehicle. "We will be looking to assist not only veterans but their families, including spouses, children, and their grand and great-grandchildren", he added. Dan has been reaching out to his contacts across the state to set up stops for the mobile food pantry where food insecurity among veterans is most dire. His organization will focus on setting up easily accessible drop-off points, such as local VFWs, veterans' hospitals, and veteran housing complexes.

Dan said he had already received confirmation from many businesses and individuals that pledged to offer financial support, donate items, or volunteer their time, particularly for the organization's signature events. "Over the next couple of months, we will announce some of the activities planned for 2024. Your support will allow us to give back and serve so many veterans who need us."

If you would like to volunteer with Veterans Are Heroes Forever or make a donation, please contact Dan DiVirgilio at veteransareheroesforever@gmail.com. The organization's website and Facebook page will be up and running in 2024.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Veterans Are Heroes Forever (VAHF) is to offer all veterans and their families social support and opportunities to access services they earned and richly deserve.

VAHF will focus on promoting educational opportunities, alleviating food insecurity, improving financial health, and creating social activities for veterans and their families.

We are committed to helping ensure our veterans' legacies will continue for generations. Their service to our country should be rewarded and must never be forgotten.

-by Brooke Poloskey, Publicity Advisor and member of the advisory committee for Veterans Are Heroes Forever, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

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**Wolcott Community News** Happy New Year!

#### A Fresh Start for **Your Smile: New Year's Resolutions** for Dental Health



Dr. Ezra Friedman Wolcott, CT

s the calendar turns and a new year unfolds, many of us embark on a journey of self-improvement and personal betterment. While resolutions often focus on fitness, career, or personal relationships, it's essential not to overlook a crucial aspect of overall well-being - dental health. Incorporating simple dental resolutions into your new year's goals can contribute to a healthier, happier you.

#### 1. Commit to Consistent Oral Hygiene:

The foundation of good dental health begins with a commitment to consistent oral hygiene. This involves brushing your teeth at least twice a day using fluoride toothpaste and a soft-bristle toothbrush. Don't forget to replace your toothbrush every three to four months to maintain its effectiveness.

#### 2. Schedule Regular Dental Checkups:

Prevention is key when it comes to maintaining a healthy smile. Make it a priority to schedule regular dental checkups, typically recommended every six months. These visits allow your dentist to detect and address any potential issues before they escalate, keeping your teeth and gums in optimal condition. Regular cleanings also help remove stubborn plaque and tartar, preventing the development of cavities and gum disease.

#### 3. Adopt a Mouth-Healthy Diet:

Your dietary choices have a direct impact on your dental health. This year, consider adopting a mouth-healthy diet that's low in sugary and acidic foods. Sugar contributes to the formation of plaque, leading to cavities and gum disease, while acidic foods can erode tooth enamel. Opt for a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and dairy products to provide the essential nutrients your teeth need.

#### 4. Break Free from Bad Habits:

Identify and work towards breaking any harmful habits that adversely affect your dental health. Smoking and excessive alcohol consumption can contribute to gum disease, tooth decay, and even oral cancer. Committing to quitting these habits not only benefits your overall health but also significantly improves the well-being of your teeth and gums.

#### **5. Upgrade Your Oral Care Tools:**

Investing in high-quality oral care tools can make a significant difference in your dental routine. Consider upgrading to an electric toothbrush, which can provide more effective plaque removal than manual brushing. More user friendly floss products might make it easier, and therefore more likely, to get consistent with daily flossing. Discuss with your dentist to find the best products suited to your specific oral health needs.

#### 6. Address Dental Anxiety:

If dental anxiety has been a barrier to seeking regular dental care, make this the year you address it. Open communication with your dentist about your fears can lead to personalized strategies to make your visits more comfortable. Sedation options, relaxation techniques, or even listening to calming music during appointments are all potential solutions.

As you embark on your journey into the new year, remember that small changes in your dental habits can yield significant long-term benefits. By incorporating these resolutions into your daily routine, you'll not only enjoy a brighter, healthier smile but also contribute to your overall well-being. Make this the year you prioritize your dental health and set yourself on a path to a lifetime of happy smiles.

# It Begins in 2024: An Outlook for the New Year



by Rob Sampson State Senator, 16th District

appy New Year to everyone in our district and state! As we welcome the new year with hope for positive change, I want to assure you that I am committed to serving as an example of how to fulfill my role as a state senator. I continue to approach this position with deep respect and a sense of responsibility, understanding that I have been

chosen by my neighbors to protect their rights, and to set the course for just, limited, and constitutional government, designed to amplify our successes and improve the quality of life for everyone.

Predictably, there will be several hot-button political issues in 2024. Poor policy decisions made by majorities on the state and federal level have led to rising costs, soaring crime, and a dubious election process. I refuse to stay silent and instead continue to propose legislation and build influence to reverse these alarming trends in Connecticut.

Stopping Crime. Government's main role is to ensure safety for all citizens. Connecticut Democrats continue to claim that crime is down, but anyone with commonsense knows that's not true. Car thefts, break-ins, street takeovers, and even violent crimes are on the rise.

Since 2010, legislative Democrats and Governors Malloy and Lamont have advanced a series of progressive policies focused on diminishing criminal prosecution and accountability in our state. Many of these policies also have the effect of undermining law enforcement at all levels. I voted no on all of them.

Year after year, I am committed to introducing legislative measures aimed at rebuilding the rule of law, curbing the crime wave, and restoring respect and support for law enforcement.

#### Preventing the Ban of Gas-Powered Cars and Trucks.

Because of your voices, we were able to thwart the Lamont administration's rushed and misguided effort to ban gas-powered vehicles in Connecticut. Surprisingly, the Governor and Democrat leaders remain intent on pushing their "green new deal" agenda. It is a matter of when, not if, we will see a renewed effort in 2024 for far-reaching mandates that prevent you from purchasing new gasolinepowered cars, light-, medium-, and heavy-duty trucks.

Aside from being an abuse of government force and coercion, this mandate makes little sense. Electric vehicle technology is not fully developed, has its own environmental downsides, and will deprive our neighbors of their freedom, all for zero real benefit even assuming the dire predictions of the green movement. Personal choice and

freedom in the marketplace must be protected. This imperative is especially true when there is a lack of any compelling argument to begin outlawing gasolinepowered vehicles.

**Securing Our Elections.** The policies that impact our daily lives are only as good as the confidence we have in our system to legitimately elect the leaders who establish and implement them.

Despite my multiple warnings of the dangers of mixing flawed voter rolls with unsolicited absentee ballot applications and unsecured ballot drop boxes, we've seen the ensuing disaster in Connecticut. I will continue to introduce the same commonsense amendments as I have over the past decade to secure our elections.

Every eligible voter must have equal access to a ballot to have their voice heard and the integrity of our elections must be preserved so that every voter regardless of the place, time, or party affiliation trusts in the results.

The Bigger Picture. Rest assured; these challenges can be overcome by demanding accountability from our elected officials. When we unite our voices and stand together, they simply cannot ignore us. Time and time again, we have witnessed the power of an informed electorate in stopping harmful policies like tolls, the TCI Gas Tax and (for now) bans on gas-powered vehicles.

Even more important than these issues is the battle over the soul of our nation. Our culture is helplessly divided and many of us fear we are losing our way. My goal is to ensure that our beautiful state and country remains free and prosperous by standing firmly against progressive socialism and the growth of government power.

Our great country relies on the strength and wisdom of individual citizens. Those that know history know we are in grave danger of repeating foolishness from the past. I will be a clarion call for common sense, truth, and our American spirit.

Despite these challenges, I remain hopeful and fully committed to restoring our unique American perspective and securing the quality of life we deserve. Together, we can pave the way to a brighter future for Connecticut and it begins in 2024.



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# Wolcott Historical Society - January 2024





by Florence Goodman

Over the years I have shared the early history of the five cemeteries that are found in our town; they are Edgewood, Rose Hill/Pike's Hill, Northeast, Southeast and Woodtick. Of the five only Edgewood and Woodtick are still used today. The

other three are located on property no longer owned by the town, but because they are historic burial grounds the town still maintains them.

It's amazing how much history can be acquired by visiting local cemeteries. Historic burying grounds hold a wealth of information about its residents, wars, epidemics, or disasters that might have affected the town and its people. Early tombstones have many intriguing inscriptions and designs carved into them. Symbols found on these stones portray various meanings. For example, the tulip symbol-



The anchor next to the flagpole in the cemetery

izes immortality, and the peacock represents eternity. Historians feel that tombstones carved prior to 1800 were an art form. Early New England stonecutters made stones with a variety of designs and symbols and were time consuming to produce; thus, as time went on designs and stones became more simplified. This is obvious as you look at stones produced after 1805.

Cemeteries have always intrigued me; my father would take my sister and I to Calvary Cemetery in Waterbury to place flowers on the family tombstones several times a year, so I knew it well, but the cemetery that I loved most was Edgewood Cemetery on Bound Line Road in our town. In the mid-1950s my friend Nancy and I would walk by it on our weekly jaunt to the library, which at that time was housed in the Town Hall. This cemetery was not the cemetery of choice for residents burying their loved ones; thus, as we passed this cemetery it was always a bit scary. The tall evergreens that bordered the road hung below the stonewall and they always seem to cast an eerie feeling upon it. Sometimes we would stop to look at the old tombstones, but most of the time we quickly ran past it. Over the years the Cemetery Association brought this historic 1764 cemetery back to life and residents once again began burying loved ones there. The demand for plots increased to the point that the association needed to purchase more land surrounding it. It was finally getting the appreciation it deserved and that much needed upkeep began and has continued today.

In June of 1994 on a misty, cloudy morning an anchor that had steadied a U.S. Navy destroyer at the Groton Submarine Base was dedicated in the Edgewood Cemetery. More



Rear Admiral Kevin Delany, native of Wolcott

than sixty people attended the ceremony, me included. At that time, Bill Gauthier and Charlie Robinson were the caretakers of the cemetery and they had been trying to get an anchor as a memorial to all military veterans buried at sea as well as those who went to sea and survived. They wanted a place for military families to pause for prayer and remember their loved ones. Bill contacted a former high school graduate, Admiral Kevin Delaney who was Commander in Chief of the U.S Navy's Atlantic Fleet. Kevin was instrumental in helping them achieve their goal. On that dedication day Kevin stated, "It's a very special honor for me to return to Wolcott to dedicate this memorial to all those individuals who have fared the sea from Merchant Marines to U.S. Navy. When I passed by here this morning, I couldn't help but remember when I was a young boy in the Little League and Boy Scouts and participating in the Memorial Day Parade. We'd end up in this cemetery paying tribute to all those that made the greatest sacrifice for their country."

On that day, townspeople and dignitaries alike participated or stood and listened to this heartwarming dedication. Mayor Eugene Migliaro, Reverend Frank Haggard, pastor of the Congregational Church, Reverend Victor Guerrera, pastor of St. Pius X Church, and Edgewood Cemetery

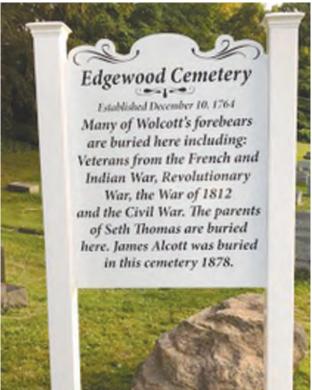


The anchor at Edgewood Cemetery with the "Wreath Across America" wreath on it

Board members were there. That day is forever etched in my mind not only because of the dedication, but as a memory of the high school classmate who always remembered his roots.

Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney was a highly decorated officer. Of the 98 awards and decorations that he received over the course of his distinguished career, 64 were for combat action. They included the Silver Star Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, 11 Single Action Air Medals, 26 Strike/Fight Air Medals and six Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses. He was also awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and four awards of the Legion of Merit. Kevin passed away at age 68 on April 7, 2015, in Jacksonville, Florida following a lengthy illness. Kevin's parents were Mildred and John Delaney (former French teacher at Wolcott High School). Kevin was survived by his wife, Pat, to whom he was married for 46 years and three daughters, Kelly, Diane and Seana and five grandsons. He may be gone but will not be forgotten!

Next to the flagpole on a slab of granite surrounded by thick white painted chain links sits the gray anchor that will always remind me of him. In front of the anchor is another granite slab with a bronze plaque engraved with the "Hymn of the Sea." Several years ago, in December I receive a beautiful "Wreaths Across America" wreath from Kevin's daughter, Kelly who lives in Jacksonville, Florida. When



Edgewood Cemetery sign donated by the Wolcott Historical Society

that wreath arrived, I knew exactly where I needed to place it, on the anchor in his memory. Now, I look forward to the arrival of that wreath in December because it brings back those memories of Kevin and his service to our town and our country. It also reminds me of the time of year that a most recent tradition takes place at Edgewood and Woodtick cemeteries "Wreaths Across America." This is a wonderful way to honor veterans buried in these cemeteries; thank you to all who made it possible. This celebration took place on December 16, 2023.

(Information for this article was taken from Wolcott Community News articles written by Flo Goodman, November and December 2019 and January 2021 and a 6-26-94 newspaper article from the Republican-American by Robyn Adama, "Anchor memorial worth wait"; The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville.com 4-15-2015)

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

Happy New Year! Wolcott Community News

# Around Town Photography by Roger Picard







The VFW Post hosted a pancake breakfast on December 3rd to raise money for veterans in need. The pancake makers were hard at work in the kitchen but paused for a moment to have their picture taken. From left to right are, Mayor Tom Dunn, Paul Mazurek, Joe Dunn, J P Moon, and Steve Dunn.



The Wolcott Fire Marshal's office conducted their annual Fire Poster Contest with students in the 4th and 5th grades of the three grammar schools in town. From left to right are the fourth grade winners, Elden Ballesteros 1st Place; Derek Buonocore 2nd Place; Anthony O'Donnell 3rd Place; Graydon Gould 4th Place. Students receiving Honorable Mention are, Benjamin Huber, Nadia Gjolle, Emily Wagner and Mason Martino.



Winners of the Wolcott Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Poster Contest in the fifth grade category are from left to right, Sally Chen 1st Place; Maksym Silantiev 2nd Place; Matilda Chingonjav 3rd Place; Madison Stevenson 4th Place. Students receiving Honorable Mention are, Victoria Ingala, Anna Zelepien, Gabriela Greguoli and Liam Parent.



The Exchange Club of Wolcott inducted another new member recently during one of their regular meetings. Linda Buccheri, in the middle, was sponsored into the club by member Robin DiNicola on the left. Club president, Roger Picard performed the induction ceremony. Photo by: Joanne Filippone



The Wolcott Chamber of Commerce hosted their third annual Hall of Trees event at the Wolcott Youth Center on December 2nd. Forty seven trees were submitted by local businesses, organizations, town departments and individuals for bidding by attendees of the event. The money raised by the event was used to make Christmas this year more enjoyable for three needy families in the Town of Wolcott.



The Wolcott Congregational Church held their annual Holiday Bazaar on December 1 and 2nd in their church hall. Vendors, arts and crafts and raffles were all part of the two day event. Homemade soups, sandwiches and snacks were also served to attendees of the event.

Welcome 2024 **Wolcott Community News** 





**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.

11:30-12:30 Free Chair Yoga 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 IN-CLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE TRIP IS CANCELLED \*\*\*Parking for all bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot.

Monday, January 1

CLOSED — NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

Tuesday, January 2

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#### Wednesday, January 3

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

#### Thursday, January 4

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

#### Friday, January 5

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

#### Saturday, January 6

12:00 Bus leaves for Hartford Flavor Distillery — Tasting in Diana's Lair — \$16.00 pp, Sign up for bus

#### Wednesday, January 10

11:30 Lunch Special — Fund Fraiser for Wolcott Food Pantry—Meatloaf w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable & Dessert — \$8:00 pp — Pay by Mon. Jan 8

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Everyone MUST fill out an emergency contact form — Please update any changes on the form \*\*\*We are on the website: 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 JANUARY 2024 ACTIVITIES — Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Fri-8:30 AM-12:00 PM

#### Friday, January 12

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

#### Monday, January 15

CLOSED — MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

#### Wednesday, January 17

11:30 Lunch Special — Chicken Pattie w/ Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato on a Fresh Portuguese Roll, Chips, & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Pay by Tues. Jan 16

#### Thursday, January 18

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

#### Tuesday, January 23

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

#### Wednesday, January 24

11:30 Lunch Special — Philly Steak w/ Cheese, Peppers & Onions on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp - Pay by Mon. Jan 22

#### Wednesday, January 31

11:30 Lunch Special—Meatball Sub (Home-Made) w/ Mozzarella Cheese, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Pay by Mon. Jan 29

#### Thursday, February 1

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Ham & Cheese Omelet on a Croissant, Sign up 48 hours in advance

BUS TRIPS WILL RESUME IN MARCH



Our seniors made a Christmas Street Lamp decoration in our craft class.



Keely decorated the senior bus in the Christmas Holiday Spirit.



Did you know "strengths is the longest word in the English lan-Records, "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with

one vowel. The word contains nine letters, eight of them being consonants.

Did you know there are 118 ridges on the side of a dime? There are also 119 ridges on the side of a quarter, 150 on the side of a half dollar, and 198 on a dollar coin.

Did you know there's a planet that's shaped like a potato? About the same size as Pluto, the dwarf planet Haumea orbits the sun beyond Neptune and has rings that are similar to Jupiter. But what makes this object even more interesting is that it's shaped like a potato!

#### Did you know goosebumps are caused by a muscle?

At the base of every hair follicle are tiny fan-shaped guage with one vowel? According muscles called Arrector pili. These muscles contract to the Guinness Book of World when the body is cold in an effort to warm the body up and cause a person's hair to "stand up straight" on their skin aka goosebumps.

> Did you know Antarctica is covered in a sheet of ice that's 7,000 feet thick? That's about 19 football fields thick! The US Antarctic Program also says that if the ice sheet ever melted, it would raise the sea levels all across the globe to an estimated 200 feet. That's enough to submerge much of the Gulf and Atlantic coastal areas

> Did you know you can tell if an egg is old based on whether it floats in water? It sounds phony, but it's timetested. If an egg floats when you set it in water, then it's old; if it sinks, it's a fresher egg and you're good to go.

Happy New Year! Wolcott Community News

#### **Wolcott Food Pantry**

#### **Distribution Date Reminders**

- Jan 3rd (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM
- Jan 17th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM
- Jan 31st (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM

#### 'Thank You' 2023 Supporters

As we look in the rear view mirror for 2023, we'd like to say 'Thank You' for all the support given to our pantry last year. Civic groups like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, the Wolcott Schools, Church Groups, Local Business (Pat's Walsh's Stop & Shop), Local Library, Post Office, Senior Center, Wolcott Police Dept., and the Town Administration.

Most of all, 'Thank You' to all the Wolcott residents that regularly support our efforts. Many donate anonymously and their contributions are vital to our success. Wolcott residents are generous supporters of our mission and we are grateful!

If any groups intend on hosting Food Drives and/or Fund Raisers for us in the coming year, we'd love to get an early heads-up so we can better schedule resources to help in scheduling a truck drop-off or help in picking up donated items. Just give our number a call and leave a message to get a conversation going.

#### **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







'Thank You' Stacy Perrone-Petta for her work in helping to organize the Nov 23 'Veterans Vigil and Luminary Ceremony'. The pantry is the recipient of any of the donated cans used at the event. Thank you to the Veterans, our residents, town officials, and our volunteers that help make this event a yearly tradition that helps us keep our shelves stocked! Thank you to our volunteers Tony & Jim for helping to unload the cans at the Pantry!



'Thank You' to the girls of Girl Scout Troop 64153. While hosting a cookie sale at Pat's parking lot on Saturday Nov 4th 2023, they also sponsored a food drive to benefit the Wolcott Food Pantry.



'Thank You' Savhanna & Paighton. They came to deliver a bag full of butternut squash that they grew in their home garden.



'Thank You' to BSA Troop 230 & Cub Scout Pack 230 for their recent food drive event (Nov 23) held at the Town Green. Thank you Scouts, Parents, and Scout Leaders for your involvement in these civic activities!





The Wolcott High boys' basketball team was out doing pail shakes around town on December 2nd. This group of players were staked out in front of the Wolcott Congregational Church on Center Street, catching donations from passing motorists. The funds collected will be utilized to offset costs for uniforms, transportation and fees. — Photography by Picard



Wolcott Mayor Tom Dunn and his wife Lisa hosted the annual Town Wide Christmas Party at the Wolcott Senior Center on December1st. The Wolcott High Jazz band and chorus were on hand to provide entertainment and Little Mr. and Miss Wolcott were also on hand to greet guests and enjoy the food provided by local restaurants and markets. — Photography by Picard



# **Wolcott High School NEWS**



# Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

**Grade 9** Miriam Ahmad

**Grade 10 Nadia Nasiri** 

**Grade 11 Carter Effrece** 

**Grade 12 Carl Billings** 

Staff: Mr. Morgan

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



Wolcott High School SkillsUSA members actively participated in raising 65 cans for the Veterans Vigil and Luminary Ceremony. The Veteran's Ceremony was organized by Stacy Perone-Petta on the town green on November 8th. Through that, the cans were donated to the Wolcott Food Pantry. SkillsUSA students also participated in crafting personalized thank you cards for veterans.



On Friday, November 17, 2023, Mr. D'Andrea's Anatomy classes learned about prosthetics and the related surgeries and physical therapy that the guest speaker, Sean Galvin, was able to share from his personal experiences. Sean was a former student of Mr. D'Andrea's when he had taught at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury several years ago. Sean had been involved in a serious accident in 2018 resulting in the loss of his lower right leg. Mr. D'Andrea's Anatomy students are currently studying the skeletal and muscular systems and were able to apply what they had learned during the presentation to their classroom studies.



#### 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

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



Volleyball Class M All-State team



WHS Model United Nations class and club attended the Model United Nations simulation hosted at the University of Hartford. It was an enriching experience where our students collaborated with peers from across Connecticut, engaging in productive discussions and formulating resolutions aimed at addressing contemporary global issues.

The event provided a platform for our students to actively contribute to finding solutions for real world challenges. Through their dedication and teamwork, they demonstrated commendable diplomacy and problem-solving skills, displaying our commitment to fostering proactive citizenship.

# **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.



"Mallard" came to visit the Frisbie PEX kids. Students discussed how they can design a project to best help the Wolcott Dog Pound.



Frisbie 4th grade students collected items for Hero Box to send to deployed men and women as part of their community service project.



The PTO had wonderful arts and crafts projects for the students at Cookies with Santa!



Students and Staff dressed in their PJs to support the children at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.







Frisbie students were so excited to see Santa Claus at Frisbie School!



Students of the Month for December 2023!

# **Wakelee School News!**



Students were recognized in STEM class for showing responsibility, respect, and hardwork.



Mrs. Johnson would like to recognize students that go above and beyond in the art room with the Wakelee Artists of the Month award! The following students have shown good craftsmanship, leadership, responsibility, and creativity in art class.



Wakelee super readers! Keep up the great work and keep reading!







Students working on STEM projects.





All Wolcott Public School Band students attended a concert at Wolcott High School featuring the Ron Bandito Jazz Orchestra. This 18 piece professional group performed on December 4th. All students thoroughly enjoyed and were inspired by the performance.





Mrs. Frageau's students listened to the story The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone and did an experiment to see what happens to gingerbread when it is in water. Students made predictions and then tried to put gingerbread cookies in tubs of water (to simulate the gingerbread boy in the river in the story).

# **Target on Tyrrell**





#### Holiday Bear

8th grade students from the Onyx and Pearl teams collected money to sponsor families through the Holiday Bear Project. Students worked with teachers to pick out and wrap presents and brightened the holidays of four families in need.





#### **Winter Concerts**

The Tyrrell Auditorium was filled with the sound of winter and holiday music on December 12th and 14th as chorus and band students performed in their annual winter concerts. Congratulations on a beautiful performance. The band is led by Ms. Marissa Brevetti and the chorus by Mrs. Heather Derynioski..







#### Artificial Intelligence Inquiry Unit

Members of the 7th grade Granite Team came together for an interdisciplinary unit focused on AI technology. Working collaboratively in small groups, students researched current AI capabilities and the positive and negative impact the technology might have on education. Students then created and delivered a presentation on whether or not Wolcott Public Schools should integrate the use of AI technology into its curriculum.



#### **Tornado Games Volleyball Tournament**

On November 22nd, the six TMS teams faced off against each other in the Tornado Games Volleyball Tournament. In the first round, the Diamond Team beat the Platinum Team, Granite bested Marble, and Pearl knocked out Onyx. The second round saw Granite face Diamond and come away with the victory. The championship game was hard fought between Granite and Pearl, but ultimately the Pearl team walked away with the victory and the TMS Volleyball Championship Trophy which will be proudly on display in Mr. Savarese's room until a new winner is crowned next year.





# **Alcott School News**







After reading the latest Nutmeg Nominee book, PEX students: Stella and Alex led the club in creating origami baseballs!









Ms. Roberts' Kindergarten made butter before Thanksgiving. We completed our Social Studies lessons on "Then and Now" and tied in Science to watch how matter can change from a liquid to a solid.

Happy New Year! Wolcott Community News

#### Classifieds

#### Classes

**Connecticut Pistol Permit Classes:** January 13th at WLOPA (Wolcott) Gun Club by NRA Instructors. Contact 203-879-9976 or wlopa920@aol.com. Leave message.

#### Clean-Ups

**Clean Outs:** Basement, garage clean outs or dump runs. Call Joe for a free estimate 203-704-0185

#### **Electric Contractors**

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



#### Help Wanted

Audibert, Bissonnette & Company, LLC is a large local Certified Public Accounting firm located in Wolcott, CT. We have current openings for:

Tax Manager - CPA

Bookeeper

Billing Clerk
Prior CPA firm or law firm experience is a plus.
Email resume to 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

#### **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

hank you to all who supported our library by voting in the referendum on December 9. Voters said "yes" to the bond package, which included our library's expansion alongside other projects and improvements for our town.

Our expansion includes many updates that will help our library serve our community in the 21st century. An elevator will make both levels of the library handicapped accessible. A dedicated event space will be built adjacent to the Children's room to accommodate expanded services for children and teens. This will provide a more appropriate space for children's events while keeping the downstairs meeting rooms available for adult programs and community groups. The new conference room will address the need for a small, private meeting space for library and public use. Other improvements include additional lighting in the parking lot, and increased work and storage space for staff and the Friends of the Wolcott Public Library.

Our library has been awarded a \$1.6 million grant from the Connecticut State Library to offset half of the building expenses. So many of our patrons have expressed their support for our expansion project, and curiosity about its progress. Visit the library or wolcottlibrary.org to see the plans and learn more about the expansion.

# Friends of the Library News

Happy New Year to all. The Friends of the Library are pleased to know that the recent referendum had positive voting results for the addition and improvements to our library. Thank you to those of you who supported the project. Of course construction takes time, but at least we know that the majority of those who voted chose YES.

In mid December the Friends met with the family of a very special lady to honor their mother, Ann Hodges. Ann had been a longtime member of the Friends. She was an avid reader, an artist, and a lover of plants. Ann died several months ago, and we memorialized her by planting a special red maple tree in her honor to the right of the library's entrance. Her adult children who grew up in Wolcott were touched that this tree will be a living remembrance of their mother.

January is a time for making resolutions. If you are already a supporter of the Friends, thank you. If you have been thinking about it, please contact us. If you cannot attend the meetings, perhaps you could help for a few hours with our book sales. If you haven't participated in any special events sponsored by the library, try one. There are many choices for folks to enjoy for both the young and not so young.

Hoping that 2024 will be good to you and yours!



A tree was planted at the Wolcott Public Library in memory of Ann Hodges, a Friend of the Library.



Greg Maichack returned to the Wolcott Public Library this December for "The Rose" to guide our patrons in creating beautiful pastel paintings.



#### **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

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

#### Wakelee: Ms. Robin Japs

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

#### Frisbie: Ms. Lisa Calabretta

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

Tracey Fitzmorris, Wolcott Latchkey Director: Email: tfitzmorris@wolcottps.org

This is only during Latchkey hours, Thank you!

# Preregistration for Kindergarten 2024-2025

If you have a child who will be five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2024, please visit the District website at wolcottps.org>>ENROLLMENT>>WPS Pre-Registration Form to pre-register your child for the next school year. Once this is completed you will receive additional information in February or March for 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 and have a happy and safe new year.

## **Preschool Screenings**

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on February 23rd and March 22nd. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178 to schedule an appointment.

# Wolcott BOE 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
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)

#### An Exciting Career is waiting for you at the **Wolcott Public Schools WE ARE** HIRING School Nurses **Paraprofessionals** Custodians **Food Service** Latchkey Coaches Long-Term Substitute Teacher Long-Term Substitute Nurse Substitute Teacher Substitute Paraprofessional Substitute Nurse **Substitute Secretary** Substitute Food Service Worker Substitute Maintenance Worker Substitute 2nd Shift Custodian

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

#### A Rewarding Career Awaits You

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

Please apply in person to get more information on this part time job and to be accepted into our professional driver training classes.

> Wolcott Terminal 515 Wolcott Road 203-879-1334



# 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

<u>Central Office</u> – 203 879-8183

- ◆ Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Shawn Simpson –203 879-8183
- ◆ Business Manager: Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- ◆ Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
- Director of Student Services
   & Alternative Programs:
   Mr. Kevin Hollis 203 879-8178
- ◆ Supervisor of Special Education: Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- ◆ 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

<u>Frisbie Elementary School</u> - 203 879-8146

Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

Wakelee Elementary School - 203 879-8154

• Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

<u>WHS Athletics</u> – 203 879-8173

• Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

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

• Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

<u>District Compliance Officers</u>

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



Top Left to Right: Mr. Matthew Napp; Mrs. Melissa Hughes; Superintendent Mr. Shawn Simpson; Chairman Mrs. Cynthia Mancini; Secretary Ms. Roberta Leonard — Lower Left to Right: Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku; Mr. Anthony Gugliotti; Mr. Brock Weber; Vice-Chairman Mrs. Kelly Mazza; Mr. Eugene Gasparri

#### Wolcott Board of Education Contacts 1488 Woodtick Road 203-879-8183

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Mr. Matthew Knapp MKnapp@wolcottps.org

Mr. Brock Weber BWeber@wolcottps.org

# Wolcott Public Schools - School Calendar 2023-2024

July August (4/1)					September (20/20)					Date/Event or Holiday							
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17	18	19	20	21	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	September 4, 2023	Labor Day	
24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	October 9, 2023	Columbus Day	
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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.

Welcome 2024 **Wolcott Community News** 



Linda Fercodini Broker/Owner 2022 Mid-State Realtor of the Year

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Wolcott \$185,000 - Updated 2 Bedroom Ranch features remodeled eat-in kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, spacious living room, new floors thru-out and a large full bath with laundry area; back deck, fenced in yard. Access to Mattatuck Beach or join Grove Beach. Ask for Sali Barolli.

Wolcott \$629,900 - New Construction Cont. Colonial to be built in the Preserve Sub-divi-

sion w/access to Chestnut Hill Reservoir;

4 BRs, 2.5 baths, HW floors, kitchen w/gran-

ite 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



Wolcott \$439,900 - 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.



Colonial/Cape style home, newly remodeled. Offers a blend of modern convenience and classic charm; living room & dining room w/fireplace, main floor family room w/vaulted ceiling, country kitchen with fireplace and butler pantry, main floor laundry w/washer & dryer, professionally landscaped grounds. Separate studio building, 1 car detached garage. Ask for Linda Fercodini.





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. Walkup attic for more space if needed. Ask for Linda Fercodini.





Lynn Lombardi



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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

\$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! 52.05 acre 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.

#### WATERBURY

\$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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