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The Modern Woman Health and Wellness Center, located at 504 Wolcott Road, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 12, 2024. Local dignitaries, Wolcott Chamber of Commerce representatives, family, and friends of Owners Jeff Gonzalez and his wife Dr. Shivanna Subramani-Gonzalez, were on hand to show support and witness the event.

Photo by Johnny Burnham



Animal Control Officer Roz Nenninger poses for a picture with her canine companion Mallard. Mallard turned three years old on January 9th. Mallard is a certified comfort dog for the Wolcott Police Department and also visits schools, the senior center and civic organizations to bring comfort and calmness to those he comes in contact with. Mallard is a English Black Labrador Retriever.

Photography by Picard



Santa and Mrs. Clause was in the neighborhood during the holiday season and helped get the kids off the bus. It has been a neighborhood tradition for the past 3 years and the children look forward to bringing their Christmas list to Santa.



A new Police Officer was recently hired to help fill some of the vacancies created by recently retired police officers. Officer Steven Leitao grew up in Farmington, CT and married Wolcott resident Kayla Sharkey. He comes to Wolcott from the Sturbridge, MA Police Department with a broad range of training in a variety of Law Enforcement skills. *Photography by Picard*



Wolcott Girls Travel 5-6 Grade Champions



Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs held their annual Christmas party at the Wolcott Land Owners on December 9th. Santa stopped by to visit all the kids and gave them a McDonalds gift card. A big thank you to Pat's IGA for donating the food and Greg Gubitosi from Wolcott Land Owners for putting this event together.



Wolcott High School Physical Education teacher, Linda Brown, got a surprise visit from State Senator Rob Sampson and State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco recently and presented her with an official State Citation recognizing her selection as Wolcott's Teacher of the Year. They were joined by Wolcott High principal Walt Drewery and Wolcott School Superintendent Shawn Simpson.



Wolcott Girls Travel 6-7 Grade Champions

"The Wolcott Girls 5-6 & 6-7 Travel Basketball team is having a great season! They are undefeated in league games and are pictured here as Champions of their recent Tip-Off Tournament. They look forward to many more accomplishments to come!"

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BIRTHDAYS

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

Aquarius-born are shy and quiet, but on the other hand they can be eccentric and energetic. However, in both cases, they are deep thinkers and highly intellectual people who love helping others. They are able to see without prejudice, on both sides, which makes them people who can easily solve problems.

Although they can easily adapt to the energy that surrounds them, Aquarius-born have a deep need to be some time alone and away from everything, in order to restore power. People born under the Aquarius sign, look at the world as a place full of possibilities.

Anthony LaPorta — February 4th
Tiffany Fasano — February 7th

Pisces, Feb 19 - March 20
"The Fish"

Pisces are very friendly, so they often find themselves in a company of very different people. Pisces are selfless, they are always willing to help others, without hoping to get anything back.

Pisces is a Water sign and as such this zodiac sign is characterized by empathy and expressed emotional capacity.

Their ruling planet is Neptune, so Pisces are more intuitive than others and have an artistic talent. Neptune is connected to music, so Pisces reveal music preferences in the earliest stages of life. They are generous, compassionate and extremely faithful and caring. People born under the Pisces sign have an intuitive understanding of the life cycle and thus achieve the best emotional relationship with other beings.

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

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February 8th - Thursday

Maloney Magnet School Tour for prospective families (Snow date: Feb 13th)
Location: Maloney Magnet School
233 South Elm St., Waterbury
Time: 9:30 am Open House
Info: Grades Pre-K through Grade 5
Applications will be available online for the 2024-2025 school year starting Feb 1st
<https://rotellamaloney.novuschoice.com>

February 12th - Monday

Rotell Magnet School Tour for prospective families (Snow date: Feb 14th)
Location: Rotella Magnet School
380 Pierpont Rd., Waterbury
Time: 10:00 am
Info: Grades Pre-K through Grade 5
Applications will be available online for the 2024-2025 school year starting Feb 1st
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February 17th - Saturday

Wolcott Knights of Columbus Gently used Sleeping Bag Drive for the Homeless
Location: Wolcott Town Green
Time: 11am-3pm
Info: All Sleeping Bags will be donated to the homeless. For more information contact Mark McDonald @ 203-217-3574

March 3rd - Sunday

Fundraiser to help Sarah Malinak Fight Glioblastoma Head-On
Location: La Bella Vista
380 Farmwood Rd. Waterbury
Time: 12pm-3pm
Tickets: \$40 per person. For tickets contact Kim Kacani at 203-768-0303
Info: Please come out and join us for a great time while we raise money to help provide the care Sarah needs. All proceeds will aid in medical costs and lost income.

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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Reconnecting with our past...

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If you or anyone you know would like to join/rejoin the Wolcott Grange, please reach out at any time. We are always looking for members and volunteers to help us make a difference in town. The cost is \$35 for the entire year and it entitles you to many benefits at the local and state level.

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Happy Valentines Day

MAYOR'S CORNER



February 2024

With winter still in full swing, I hope everyone can get out and enjoy some winter activities. Spring will be here before we know it.



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

We are currently in the process of putting together the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. It is my goal to maintain the current level of services to our residents and continue to move Wolcott forward.

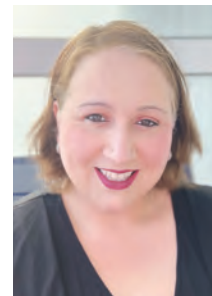
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Very truly yours,

Thomas G. Dunn
Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



Love is in the air in February! With so many holiday and Valentines Day proposals, phone calls start rolling in to ask questions about how to apply for a marriage license.

Here are some tips to get you started...

You can obtain a license no more than 65 days before the wedding.

Please have your officiator's information with you.

You must get married in the Town you get your license.

The cost is \$50 to apply and \$20 for each certified copy you may need.

You must both appear in person to take an oath.

Appointments are not mandatory but please arrive at least 30 minutes before we close.

Speaking of love, the poem below was written long before my time here. It was meant to bring a smile to Town Clerks far and wide because we truly enjoy our work.

Author unknown

If they want to get married, or fish in the sea,
If they vote in person, or they vote absentee,
Whatever their problem turns out to be,

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As the breed of a dog and how many bees in a hive,

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Whatever goes on in the Town we record,

And often we do it with little reward,

We often go crazy, but never get bored,

Oh, it's great to be clerk of the Town!

Farmingbury Women's Club News



Hello everyone!! It was an exciting meeting in January, we were fortunate to have Dan DiVirgilio, Founder; "VETERANS ARE HEROES FOREVER" visit us, and share his vision for this great group of Vets. He told us of, the "Mission" of the

Veterans Are Heroes, which is to offer all veterans and their families social support and opportunities to access services they earned and richly deserve.

Keith Adams, Marine Vet, also accompanied Dan and explained his mission and support for the "Toys for Tots" program. You can visit Dan and other Vets at the "Coffee with a Vet" for Veterans which is held at the 110 Baked Café on Wolcott Road.

Thanks again to both these fine gentlemen for sharing their wonderful story with us.

Just to reflect back a little, in December, we held our Christmas Dinner party. It was hosted by Eleanor Ramirez, who did an outstanding job, and who was assisted by Kathy Sullivan and Sue Mulcahy. We also would like to thank Ria's Restaurant for their great menu and service provided to us. A good time was had by all.

The Farmingbury Women's Club has many committees each having its own purpose. The Conservation Committee purpose is for the beautification of several areas in Town. One is the triangle at Woodtick and Nichols Road and the other is the Wolcott Town Green. The Chairladies visit Echo Farms and obtain appropriate clippings for the season. They plant; they cultivate, they bring their own water and continually visit the sites to upkeep any needs. Holidays are a specialty to them, where they put on their winter gear, and decorate the Triangle and the Gazebo with wreaths and bows and winter clippings. Thank you to both these fine ladies.

We also want to thank the Town crew who plant and decorate and beautify these Town sites. They are a great help.

And I close by wishing all a "Very Happy Valentine's Day".



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Junior Women's Club News



The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel assistance fund. Wolcott residents can apply by sending an email to wolcottjuniors@gmail.com. 100% of all donations for the Fuel Fund

are distributed for just that – "Fuel". We are committed to giving the gift of heat when our neighbors need a helping hand. Our club is grateful that we have the opportunity to play a small part in making a difference in our Wolcott Community.

Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Inc. is sponsoring a creative writing contest. The topic is "What is the Best About Wolcott". Length is limited to 100-word count. The end date is March 1, 2024. There will be one 5th grade student from each of the three elementary schools. Winning essays will be published in the upcoming Wolcott Community News. Good Luck to all participants.

Reminder to all Wolcott residents to clean out their old prescriptions. You can drop off your old, unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal at our Wolcott Police department. So easy you can enter the Police Department through the first door and there is a drug take back bin for you to drop them off.

Our Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held Saturday March 9th at the St. Basil Community Parrish Hall. The donation process from the time you arrive until the time you leave is approximately one hour. The donation itself is only about 8-10 minutes on average. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Did you know that one blood donation can save 3 lives!

This upcoming month we will be busy building our slate of officers for our 2024 – 2025 fiscal year. This is a busy time for our Leadership Chairman, Ellen Talbot!

We are a small but mighty club of 19 dedicated volunteers, and we want to thank the town of Wolcott for the support that you have given us since our inception in 1966. 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 non-profit, 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 in a general meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month from September-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.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.

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Wednesday, February 14, 8:30—9:30 am
Girls & Women Leading the Change, Community Partner Breakfast

Wednesday, March 27, 8:30—2:00 pm
Leaders of Tomorrow Mentoring Conference
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Check our website for more programs for middle & high school girls at www.parkcentralwaterbury.org. Plus, new events coming throughout the year!

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Millions of Your Tax Dollars to Fund Healthcare for Illegal Immigrants? It is Happening



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Representing Wolcott & Southington

Many of our families, friends and neighbors struggle to keep up with the cost of healthcare right now. We put in long hours to pay for insurance, either through our employer or from the private market, and we make sacrifices so that our families are cared for.

So, is it fair that people who broke the law by crossing into the United States illegally should get that benefit for free, while Connecticut families struggle? Children of illegal immigrants are already receiving that state benefit. If Connecticut Democrats, who hold the majority in the House and Senate, continue an expansion of healthcare coverage to include adults, the cost would be enormous.

It is happening across the country. California has recently announced the state will pay for illegal immigrants - every man, woman and child - to receive healthcare. The cost? More than \$3 billion is projected in the first year alone.

And if you think what happens on the West Coast cannot happen here, there is every indication that it can. The Democrat majority in Connecticut has continued to push for an expansion of state-funded health insurance benefits for adults who are here illegally and, incrementally, they have forced that cost onto taxpayers.

Just look at the history. Expanding coverage to illegal immigrants began in 2021, when the Democrat majority passed legislation that required the state to provide free health coverage for children younger than 8. Since then, legislation has expanded that coverage up to age 19.

One analysis conducted by an independent think tank shows that the costs to expand HUSKY (Connecticut's equivalent of Medicaid) coverage for adult illegal immigrants would be \$83 million and increase the number of people on the program by more than 21,000.

Estimates of illegal immigrants in Connecticut differ, but a Pew study in 2019 showed it to be about 120,000. With a refusal by federal authorities to control the southern border, that number is sure to grow. And cities from Chicago to New York, are struggling to pay the additional cost caused by an influx of immigrants, with some leaders calling the situation a crisis. This comes at a time when we are quickly approaching a fiscal cliff. Federal money used to supplement the state budget during COVID will soon run out.

Did you also know that in addition to free healthcare, the newborn children of illegal immigrants can now receive taxpayer-funded "baby bonds" of up to \$3,200 in Connecticut? The idea of the program is to invest the money for use when the child turns 18. This is yet another program using taxpayer funds.

How on earth is it fair for people who are here illegally to get these free benefits, when families who work incredibly hard are struggling? Citizens here legally pay both federal and state taxes, yet some are left out in the cold when it comes to insurance coverage.

Should Connecticut's majority continue forward on this reckless spending path, they will end up digging us into insurmountable deficits.

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/rep_gale.

Walter Kalinowski WWII Veteran Remembered

Walter Kalinowski, 102, of Wolcott, and affectionately known as Pa or Uncle Walt, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Walter was Born on October 9, 1921, in Waterbury.



He was the son of the late Kiril and Frances (Ledzwin) Kalinowski. Walter was predeceased by his wife of 74 years, Anna, in December 2020. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his daughter, Darlene Reinhard of Bristol, his siblings Carl, Daniel, and Mary, all of Wolcott, and his brother John of Jacksonville, NC.

He will be tremendously missed by his daughter Cheryl Grenier of Paxton, Mass., his siblings Paul (Nancy) Kalinowski Sr. of Wolcott, Frances Byrnes of Kittery Maine, and sister-in law Anne Kalinowski, also of Wolcott.

Left to continue the tradition of his homemade Apple sauce, blintzes, pierogies, and oatmeal cookies are his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was a passionately proud WWII veteran and loved spending time with each of them and sharing stories of his days in the army.

Walter, drafted in 1942, spent 3 years in the US Army, and had traveled to many states for training, on his way to India, and finally Burma, where he helped build and repair the Burma Road. That route, which was bombed several times by the Japanese, allowed the Allies to supply the Chinese in their fight to defeat the Japanese invaders. Walter had many books on the subject and could quickly find an article on a specific subject to prove a point.

He loved his time in his gardens and always had a tremendous yield. May his treasures overflow in heaven and his rewards be many. We salute you, Walter.

There were no calling hours, but a memorial dinner will be held in the spring.



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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Be Good to your Heart!

February is American Heart month! Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the world. Although we are not able to control certain things when it comes to heart disease, there are things that we are able to do to prevent heart disease. We should keep our blood pressure normal. Hypertension (high blood pressure) is a major contributor of heart disease. We should also eat healthy, exercise, manage stress, limit alcohol intake, and don't smoke.

Remember to spread the word about American Heart month and let's work together to combat heart disease and stroke!

Ambulance Facility Update

The crews are getting prepared, and we will soon begin construction of our new facility at 1300 Woodtick Road!

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.

Winter Weather

Spring is coming, but we still have a few weeks of winter to go. Watch out for "black ice" and 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

There is still time to sign up for our spring EMT Class! We have room for a few more students. 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 February 6, 2024, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, February 13, 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 small-town 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.

Stay Safe!

We are humbled and honored to serve the residents and visitors of Wolcott. As you're out and about, make sure to stay safe!

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE

Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott 2024 High School Senior Scholarship Application

The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will be offering two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to the Class of 2024 graduating high school seniors. Graduating senior must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of Wolcott and planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Graduating students who do not attend Wolcott High School (WHS) are eligible for a scholarship and should contact their schools Guidance Office. WHS students will find the scholarship application on the WHS Naviance database. Any questions please contact Carleen VanBlarcom at cvanbl@yahoo.com.

Application deadline is on or before Wednesday, April 10, 2024 before 2PM.



Wolcott Lions Club Scholarship 2024

The Wolcott Lions Club Encourage all Wolcott graduating seniors to Apply.

The Wolcott Lions will again be offering six (6) \$2,000 Scholarships to the Class of 2024 graduating High School seniors, who reside in Wolcott, and are planing to attend accredited institutions of higher learning including trade schools. Applications can be downloaded from wolcottlions.com/wolcottlionsscholarship.html.

Applications must be fully completed and submitted by April 26,2024

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

Late applications will not be considered.



Wolcott Education Foundation

Scholarship applications will be available beginning in February in the Guidance Dept. for the many named scholarships we award each year. Memorials for Jerome Albino, Philip Cordeau, Nicholas and Gloria D'Agostino, Inez Hartigan and David Pape will be awarded to deserving Wolcott High School Seniors. We thank those families for entrusting us in honoring these very special educators. Two additional scholarships will also be awarded from the Alcott Elementary School PTO fund. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of the Directors. For any questions, please contact the Treasurer at Tynan_janet@comcast.net or call 203 233-6407.



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Dennis is a former Wolcott student who was lost to suicide. We honor his memory each year by awarding this scholarship to one graduating Wolcott High School student. Candidate must be pursuing a career in social work, counseling or psychology. For further requirements and to download an application, please visit us at: www.dennisjrscholarship.org

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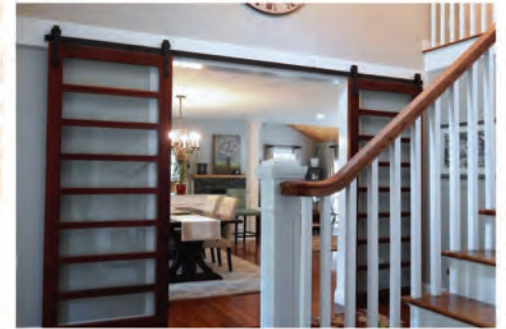
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We hope to see you at our coalition meetings this year. The meetings are a great opportunity for you to learn what CASA is up to, and for you to see how together, we can build a healthy Wolcott. Meetings are held at the library, starting at noon; lunch is provided.
 March 8, 2024 & May 10, 2024

Check out our website: <https://www.wolcottcasa.org/>
 Contact us with any questions:

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More information on our websites:
Maloney: <https://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/21/home>
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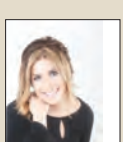
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WATERBURY \$269,900 — Single level mostly updated 3 bedroom Ranch in Town Plot with a garage. Eat-in-kitchen with granite countertops, tile backsplash, and tile floors. Living Room has hardwood floors. Full bath with tile floor. 3 Bedrooms all with hardwood floors. Home was just painted. Level lot. Garage. City water, city sewer and natural gas heat! Owner is an LLC that has members that are licensed real estate agents/broker in the State of Connecticut.



WATERBURY \$365,000 — Country living in the City! Three family home with long time, responsible tenants, 5 rooms, 3 bedrooms each floor! Oversized lot of .58 acre with plenty of a backyard! Well maintained, close access to Route 8, Platt Park and the Naugatuck River Greenway! Separate utilities with an owners meter. First Floor has oil heat. Second and Third floors are gas heat and central air! Stoves and refrigerators pass with sale. Home is being sold AS IS with the Seller making no repairs. Home is being sold with all tenants in place.



WATERBURY \$275,000 — A nice home that needs some TLC, but is well priced to accommodate the cosmetics. Classic designed 1950's colonial with hardwood floors throughout most of house. Generous front to back living room. The dining room is very inviting and easily sits 8. Kitchen has parquet floors (needs some attention) spacious and very functional layout. Laundry is in the closet / hallway leading to side entry. To the rear is a sunny family room, vaulted ceilings, with wall to wall carpeting and a natural gas stove. It has access to rear yard and the cement patio. The back yard is level, nicely landscaped and mostly fenced. This home sits on a cul de sac. Natural gas warm air heat, older central air. This is a gem, with a little work it can really shine bright. Come take a look!



WATERBURY \$364,900 — This home is located in the Bunker Hill neighborhood nestled on a level lot. This colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, eat in kitchen with breakfast bar, formal dining room, generous sized living room and remodeled 1/2 bath. Main living area floors have been updated with beautiful vinyl plank flooring. Master bedroom offers a walk-in closet and full bath. Hardwood floors throughout second level. Don't miss these updates: new gas cooking stove, central air 2 years old, roof and natural gas furnace 7 years old and new shed. This home offers the possibility to finish part of the basement, plenty of storage, work benches and city utilities. Move right in and make this your home!



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Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 continues to strengthen their leadership and scouting skills. The scouts held their December campout at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford, CT. The boys hiked, fished, built fires, cooked and more while enjoying the gorgeous, New England landscape. The Troop also participated in Wreaths Across America on December 14 at Edgewood Cemetery and Woodtick Ceremony. This National program has volunteers decorating Veterans' gravesites with wreaths to remember, honor, and teach about our veterans. Scouts also read passages and played Taps. This season, more than 2 million volunteers gathered at over 4225 locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad participated in this amazing event. To break up the challenges of scouting skills, BSA Troop 230 spent an evening participating in an indoor climbing adventure. Boys were able to help belay, climb rope walls, navigate rock walls, test their courage on trapezes, and lots more. The troop enjoyed participating in new activities while building their character and strengthening their bonds. Similarly, the troop held a holiday party with festive food and fun grab bag games. It was a nice break in their learning and a genuine way to deepen friendships. Scouts also participated in a chocolate making class with CC's Chocolates. Each boy made his own chocolate lollipop, chocolate covered pretzels and chocolate covered Oreos. Everyone's sweet tooth was smiling! Thank you to CC's Chocolate for sharing your expertise with Troop 230!

Next month has Scouts preparing for the annual Klondike Derby, teaching cub scouts, snow camping and more.

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.



Heart Month



Chesprocott Health District will be participating in February's Heart Month, a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting heart health awareness and education. Throughout the month of February, Chesprocott will be dedicated to raising awareness about cardiovascular health, encouraging healthy lifestyle choices, and providing valuable information to the community.

Heart disease remains a leading cause of mortality worldwide, and February Heart Month serves as an important reminder of the significance of maintaining a heart-healthy lifestyle. As part of our commitment to community well-being, Chesprocott has organized a series of events, and educational programs designed to empower individuals to make informed choices for heart health.

Key initiatives include:

Heart-Healthy Workshops: Chesprocott will partner with local agencies to host informative workshops covering topics such as nutrition, exercise, stress management, and risk factors associated with heart disease. These workshops will be open to the public and will provide practical tips for incorporating heart-healthy habits into daily life.

Community Health Screenings: To encourage proactive health management, Chesprocott will offer free blood pressure screenings and A1C tests every Thursday in February from 9-3 at our office on 1247 Highland Ave in Cheshire.

Social Media Campaigns: Chesprocott will launch engaging and informative social media campaigns throughout February, sharing tips, facts, and resources to raise awareness about heart health. The use of hashtags such as #HeartMonth and #HealthyHeart will be promoted to foster online discussions and community involvement.

Chesprocott encourages everyone to join in and take steps toward a heart-healthy lifestyle during February Heart Month. By raising awareness and fostering a sense of community, we can collectively make strides in the fight against heart disease.

For more information on Chesprocott's February Heart Month activities and events, please visit www.chesprocott.org or contact Hilary Norcia, MPH – Public Health Educator at hnorcia@chesprocott.org or phone 203-439-0720

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Veterans Advocacy Commission News

by Brett Muccino, Chairman

Veteran's Property Tax Exemption

The Town of Wolcott offers a number of Property Tax Exemptions to Veterans. After talking to a number of veterans in town I have come to realize that many are not taking advantage of these exemptions.

Combat period veterans or their surviving spouse simply need to file their DD-214 (certified copy) with the Town Clerk and they may be eligible for a \$3000 property tax exemption.

This basic veterans exemption is a primary qualification for the Additional Veterans Exemption AND the Wolcott Local Option Additional Veterans Exemption. There are income qualifications that are set by the State but certainly worth checking to see if Veterans or their spouse qualify. Also, if you are a veteran receiving a disability rating of 10% or greater you are eligible to receive increased benefits.

There are wonderful people in the Assessors office that are more than willing to help in the application process or simply to provide information. The following items are required, DD-214 to start the process for the basic \$3000 exemption, disability verification letter from the Veterans Administration, for proof of income applicants need their tax form(if filed) and/or their SSA-1099. It is certainly worth the effort for these exemptions.

Following is a list of Recognized Campaigns and Operations for Property Tax Exemption: (I have started with WW2)

World War II - 12/7/41 to 12/31/47, Korean Conflict- 6/27/50 to 1/31/55, Vietnam Era - 2/28/61 to 7/1/75, Lebanon, Invasion of Grenada, Operation Earnest Will, Invasion Of Panama, Persian Gulf War - Aug 2, 1990 to present. Specific dates for all are available at Assessors office.



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One of the primary advantages of preventative dentistry is its emphasis on early detection of potential problems. Regular dental check-ups allow dentists to identify issues like cavities, gum disease, or oral cancer in their initial stages when they are more manageable and less costly to treat. By addressing these concerns early on, patients can avoid more extensive and invasive dental procedures later.

Routine X-rays play a crucial role in preventative dentistry by providing a comprehensive view of the teeth and surrounding structures. These images enable dentists to detect issues that may not be visible with just a visual examination, such as hidden cavities, or bone loss. Early detection through X-rays allows for timely intervention, preventing the progression of dental problems and preserving oral health.

Fluoride, a natural mineral, is another key component in the preventative dentistry toolkit. It has been proven to strengthen tooth enamel, making it more resistant to decay. Fluoride is often applied topically during dental cleanings and through the use of fluoride toothpaste. The incorporation of fluoride into daily oral care routines helps fortify teeth against the constant threat of acid and bacterial activity.

Preventative dentistry not only focuses on avoiding dental problems but also promotes overall health and well-being. Oral health is interconnected with systemic health, and conditions such as gum disease have been linked to various systemic issues, including heart disease and diabetes. By prioritizing preventative measures, individuals can reduce the risk of developing not only dental issues but also possibly minimize correlated general health problems.

Financial considerations also come into play when discussing the importance of preventative dentistry. Regular check-ups and preventive measures are generally more cost-effective than extensive dental treatments required to address advanced issues. By investing in preventative care, individuals can potentially save on dental expenses in the long run. Avoiding a cavity is cheaper than getting a cavity. A small cavity is cheaper than a large cavity. A large cavity is cheaper than a root canal and crown. Which is cheaper than an implant. Knocking all your teeth out with a hammer is super cheap, but hard to eat with the results of that painful procedure.

I think we all can agree that preventative dentistry is a proactive and holistic approach to oral health that offers numerous benefits. Regular dental check-ups with routine X-rays, and fluoride applications are integral components of this approach, contributing to both the prevention and early detection of dental issues. Embracing preventative dentistry not only preserves one's smile but also supports overall health and even financial well-being. One penny of prevention is truly worth twenty of a cure. Making preventative care a priority is an investment in a brighter, healthier future.

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Legislative Power Play: Bypassing Process, Disregarding the People

by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District



The 2024 legislative session is scheduled to begin on Feb. 7 and all 187 lawmakers in both chambers will begin deliberations on the future course of Connecticut. The second year of each state senator and state representative's term is known as the "short session"—so created to accommodate the election cycle.

An oft-repeated falsehood is that somehow the "short session" is dedicated solely to budget items. It's not true. The majority will do their best to cram just as many items on as many topics as they do each year. The process is a little different with "committees" advancing most bills rather than individual lawmakers, but, in practice, the results are the same.

Presently, the Democrats hold overwhelming majorities in both chambers, with a senate split of 24 Democrats to just 12 Republicans—granting them full control over the chairmanships of nearly all legislative committees. Consequently, they have the final say on which bills receive consideration, hearings, and votes, as well as when those decisions take place.

This immense advantage enables them to effectively sideline the minority party's initiatives. Each year, I submit more than 100 new bills, ranging from safeguarding constitutional rights and advocating for additional government oversight to rectifying previous governmental overreaches. Unfortunately, a significant portion of these constructive and popular ideas are rarely even granted a conversation. It's a major reason why our beloved state finds itself grappling with record debt, high taxes, exorbitant energy costs, and a reputation for hostility towards business interests, housing providers, and retirees.

Apart from the many bipartisan or less controversial bills that I've been able to pass, a significant portion of the bills I present annually are aimed at altering this course, paving the way for a new path true to an America with more freedom for individual citizens, and less power, control, and snatched taxpayer money for the government class. However, these ideas can only flourish under a renewed, strengthened, and principled Republican majority committed to advancing and manifesting our shared worldview.

I've done my best to exemplify a consistent and principled voice in our state government, remaining true even when the odds are bad, when the road ahead is difficult to make out through the fog of propaganda and talking points, and even if I must stand alone. I say that not to make a name for myself, but because it is what I believe in and what I know to my core as the best, most honorable, and most moral path for any society. Our American heritage was built upon the weighty deliberations of our founding fathers, who, after careful consideration, established a system rooted in representation, maximum individual liberty, and limited constitutional governance as the keys to our nation's prosperity.

Anyone who studies history and is honest about it surely sees how our great country soared when we stayed true to those principles, and how the alternatives have been tried and tried again resulting only in failure or much worse. As a nation, we have drifted before, and we are drifting now. Even people who avoid politics can sense it. The future of our beloved state and nation hinges on the willingness of individuals who possess the knowledge and conviction needed to navigate these treacherous waters to get involved.

Meanwhile, an alarming trend emerges as more elected officials step into office, expecting ever-increasing power and authority compared to their predecessors. As a result, convention, rules, and respect for our representative system are at all-time lows.

As I write this, I am hearing that Governor Lamont and legislative Democrats plan to convene a special session at the end of January to revive their proposal to ban the sale of gas-powered vehicles. Our memory is still fresh from

November when this misguided proposal was withdrawn due to overwhelming public opposition. It comes as no surprise that Connecticut residents overwhelmingly value their freedom to choose what type of car to purchase.

Nevertheless, Democrat leaders at the Capitol persist in their conviction that they possess the authority to dictate how ordinary citizens and small businesses should conduct their lives.

Holding a special session ahead of the regular session reveals their intent to surreptitiously bypass the legislative process which would require public hearings, committee votes, and multiple chances for debates and changes. This disregard for procedure epitomizes an abuse of power and flagrant violation of the letter and spirit that underpins our legislative rules.

The technical aspects of this issue are undeniably complex, deserving of thorough scrutiny rather than a subversion of power or a wanton dismissal of the principles we hold dear. As it stands, legislative Democrats already enjoy overwhelming advantages within the regular session. This would be beyond the pale.

I have already issued a statement calling out these shenanigans and urging a return to a thoughtful and fair use of our law-making process. The people of Connecticut deserve to be heard and respected. The majority holds a choice: either to honor their oath to our Constitutional system or to ignore the call for integrity and fairness.

By the time these words reach you, we will have our answer, and history will remember the stance taken by elected officials in this pivotal moment for our great state.

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Wolcott Historical Society - February 2024



by Florence Goodman

This month I'd like to share with you the life of Alexander V. Nole, Sr., Wolcott's oldest resident who recently passed away. Alex was a man of lifelong service whose dedication to his family, country, church, and community are unmeasurable.

This article was written by his daughter, Phyllis Nole Furlong, but I revised and shortened it.

Alessandro Virgilio Fortunato Nole Sr. died peacefully on December 15, 2023, at his home in Wolcott, CT at the age of 106 where he lived since 1952 with his wife, Julia Richards Nole; she predeceased him by 19 years.

He was born in Waterbury, CT on September 12, 1917. He was the son of Italian immigrants from Avigliano, Italy, Leonardo Nole and Maria Incononata (Gertrude) Lorusso. As a child, Alex loved walking to the Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury "filling his arms with books to take home to read." He remained a bibliophile all his life and developed a lifelong love of learning. Alex lived an exemplary lifestyle of dignity and courage in the challenging decades of the early 20th century. He lived through the Spanish Flu of 1918, the Great Depression and WWII, and then raised his family in Wolcott in the economic boom of post-WWII America.

In his early 1920's, he met his future wife at St. Lucy's parish in Waterbury. Later, they both enlisted in the war effort of WWII. As GI's and Nurses returned home, a passionate force across the country was awakened to have families and build communities. This WWII generation is



WWII photo of Julia Richards Nole.

known as "The Greatest Generation," the men and women who persevered through the economic hardships of the Great Depression, by following the American motto to "work hard and get ahead," thus enjoying the economic boom of post-WWII America. This is the generation that built a nation.

Julia served in the WWII Army Nurse Corps in the South Pacific. Alex served in the Army Air Corps, as an office worker, a clerk, as well as with the Chaplain. He was a member of the 446th Bomb Group, stationed in England from 1943-1945. One of Alex's favorite stories was the time the couple was traveling on a train in uniform, and an on-looker recognized Julia's higher rank as Lieutenant. He asked, "Soldier, do you salute her and then kiss her, or do you kiss her and then salute her?" Upon return from their service, Alex and Julia married in 1946. They both sought

higher education on the GI Bill. Alex graduated from Hillyer College, now University of Hartford, with a BA in Business.

Alex was from a family of seven siblings, and Julia from a family of six. Alex and Julia had three children, Mary Anne Nole Zecchino, Alexander V. Nole, Jr. and Phyllis Nole Furlong. They enjoyed a strong bond with their siblings and their children. The family members provided a common set of values that enshrined their vision of success and goodness and provided the core foundation of a large, successful extended family.

Alex and Julia were active in the American Field Service in Wolcott and hosted many foreign students in their home: Dr. Carmen Luz-Andrade, MD of Chile; Betty Escudero, of Ecuador; Leif-Ottar Pettersen of Norway, and Molly Miranda Phillips from Malaysia, now in Georgia. All call him "Dad."

Both Alex and Julia knew the importance of community service, but that did not interfere with their focus of raising a family. Alex worked full-time in production planning management at Uniroyal, Inc., for his entire career. Julia's degrees in nursing, RN, BSN, MPH allowed her to teach at the college level.

Alex devoted his retirement years to researching his family history, both in book form and in the creation of a family tree. "Uncle Alex" knew every person on the family tree by name. Alex was proud of all members of the family tree as all succeeded in adopting the family values. As his siblings died, (all pre-deceased him) he became the patriarch of the Nole family, carrying on where they left off.

As a Latin scholar, Alex knew Roberts' Rules of Order, leading many an important meeting at the church and the library in Wolcott, in his adult years. He demonstrated tireless service to the Wolcott Public Library, working to develop it from a former one room schoolhouse to its present site with media services and a children's library. After 40 years on the Library Board, many of those years as president, the Friends of the Library honored him in 1995 by the dedication of the children's room that was named in his honor. He attended meetings of the Friends of the Library until he was over 100 years old.



WWII photo of Alex Nole.

Alex also demonstrated tireless service to the Catholic church. He modeled a deeply religious nature throughout his life, teaching tolerance and forgiveness through the Catholic Faith. In the early 1950's, he was instrumental in appealing to the bishop in Hartford, CT to establish the first catholic church in Wolcott, CT, St. Pius X. He thereafter was President of the Church Council for 40 years and served his church as a Eucharistic Minister and Principal



Julia and Alex Nole's wedding picture in 1946.

of Sunday School. His volunteer work continued throughout his life.

Alex loved history and was a life member of the Wolcott Historical Society for the town that he loved. He served on the Board until he was nearly 103, continuing tireless service to the community into his eleventh decade. A Charter Oak proudly stands in the front yard of the house he built.

He was an avid gardener, and his blueberries were well-known; he and Julia made jelly from their berries and fruit trees. Alex was a great cook, researching and teaching others. (At one point in his youth, he wanted to be a teacher.) Due to his life-long love of learning, in his late 90's and after age 100, before Covid stopped the social activities, he graciously held weekly Italian classes in his home, with an Italian teacher, as the local college had no classroom space available for Adult Education.

The legacy of his life provides insight into the mid-twentieth century culture of post-WWII America, when a generation of men and women built the county through strong families and growing communities. When his wife Julia was born in Wolcott in 1918, the population was between 700 and 800 people. By the mid-20th century, the population was 11,000. Many community leaders emerged who helped build the Town of Wolcott. It was a good, clean, exemplary town, free of crime.

As a Latin scholar, Alex studied the ancient poets and philosophers, as his father named his 5 sons after them. The Roman statesman, Cicero, summed up Alex's life:

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." Humility remained his demeanor.

Alex made lifelong friends who were loyal to the end. He was recognized many times by the town's political leaders for his dedication and service to the town. Alex was a scholar and a gentleman. The Heavens opened at the time of his death in a spectacular display of natural fireworks in the form of shooting stars (meteors of the rare and unusual Geminid meteor shower) two days before his death. People will always carry his memory in their hearts due to his unshakeable Faith. All who knew him understand we will all be comforted in knowing that he has gone to his Reward.

(Information for this article was provide by Phyllis Nole Furlong) 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.



Wakelee School News!



Mrs. Matozzo's class enjoyed building a snowman together! Thank you all room parents and volunteers for making this day so merry!



Students in STEM class showed teamwork in order to build the tallest tower using only 22 cups!



Wakelee Super Readers- these students worked really hard this month and even got a new book to read!



Kindergarten students in Ms. Frageau's class are working on 2D & 3D shapes in math centers!



In math this month, students have shown risk taking, growth, responsibility, or perseverance. These winners were celebrated on the morning announcements and received a math award ribbon and snack ticket for the cafeteria!



Wakelee PEX students, along with Mrs. Giglio and Mrs. Klemenz, attended CAS Leadership Conference at Naugatuck Valley Community College. They had a great experience working with other CT student leaders throughout the day!



Mrs. Cipollone's class learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the impact he left on the world. They wrote about the ways we can make the world a better place!



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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

FEBRUARY 2024 ACTIVITIES — 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.

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

Thursday, February 1

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast Ham & Cheese Omelet on a Croissant — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

11:15 Lunch & Learn — "Winter Blues" Feeling SAD & don't know why? Seasonal Affective Disorder, commonly known as SAD, is more than just the "Winter Blues." SAD is a real type of depression that is associated with the change of seasons. Join us as Heather Hitchcock, Community Education Manager for Bristol Behavioral Health, discusses causes, preventative measures for, signs and symptoms of, and available treatments for SAD. Complimentary lunch to be served.

Tuesday, February 6

11:00-12:00 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Health Care

Wednesday, February 7

1:30 Lunch Special – Italian Sub – Ham, Salami, Provolone Cheese & Lettuce on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Mon. Feb 5

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

12:00 Complimentary Valentine's Day luncheon sponsored by the Exchange Club of Wolcott — Sign up at the senior center — 100 people max, Menu: Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert & Refreshments

Wednesday, February 14

8:30-9:30 Valentine's Day Breakfast — Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Home Fries, Juices, & Pastries – \$1.00 SPECIAL PRICE — HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

11:30 Lunch Special—Double Hotdogs / Buns, Baked Beans, Chips & Dessert--\$4.00 pp Sign up & pay by Mon. Feb 12

Thursday, February 15

Crafty Corner w/Jeannie — Learn to make a St. Patrick's Day Wreath — \$8.00 pp, Pay when you sign up

Monday, February 19

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED — PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, February 20

1:00-12:00 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Health Care

Wednesday, February 21

11:30 Lunch Special — Grilled Ham & cheese on Texas Bread, Soup, Chips & Dessert--\$4.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Feb 19

Thursday, February 22

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

11:15 Lunch & Learn — "Gambling Awareness" — Learn the types of gambling — The impact of problem gambling — Programs & Resources available that assist those affected by gambling. Lunch to be provided.

Tuesday, February 27

1:30-3:00 Reflexology by Kim — \$25.00 for 20 minutes of Relaxation — Sign up at the Senior Center

Wednesday, February 28

Lunch Special — Chicken Patty Parmesan w/ Mozz. Cheese on a Fresh Portuguese Roll, Chips & Dessert, \$4.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mond Feb 26

Friday, March 1

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Silver Dollar Pancakes, Bacon, Strawberries & Whipped Topping — \$3.00 pp, Sign up 48 hours in advance



Everyone at the Senior Center sings Happy Birthday to Mallard



Mallard takes a taste of his delicious Birthday Cake



Howard Roberts celebrating his 97th Birthday at the Senior Center



Roz reads Mallard's birthday book "Go Dog Go" to Mallard and his Friends



Project Explore Students from Frisbie School played board games with our seniors & helped serve meals for the Senior Center Christmas party



Mallard's Police/Comfort dog friends and their handlers join Mallard for his birthday party celebration

Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

- Feb. 14th Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM
- Feb. 28th Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM

Our Winter Storm Closing Policy

Our Winter 'inclement weather' rescheduling procedure is as follows: If on one of our 'distribution' Wednesdays, Wolcott schools are delayed or cancelled, we cancel our distribution process as well and will open for distribution on Friday of the same week. If by chance more winter weather strikes on that Friday, we once again would close and then schedule a distribution on the following Wednesday.

About Us

If you or someone you know needs 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 and eliminate the expired ones.
- Please no 'Perishable Items' in the 7x24 drop-off box. We hate having to dispose of those items since we cannot determine how long they have been in the drop-off box.

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' to Ms. Emersyn Mazza and her dad. Emersyn hosted a 'Soup & Crackers' food drive on behalf of the Food Pantry. With the help of Pat's IGA, she setup a small area at the store with signs indicating she was collecting on our behalf. Thank you Emersyn for your 'Wave of Kindness'.



'Thank You' Al & Carly Zambetti. During the Thanksgiving season, they decided to donate 15 turkeys, stuffing, chicken broth and brownie mix so we can share that with our clients. Also, Al & Carly's son recently became a member of the W.P.D. We appreciate their sons service to the community!



'Thank You' Mrs. Klemenz and your Project Explore program at Wakelee School for your recent food drive on our behalf. The school collected 603 items weighing in at 589 pounds. 'Thank You' Wakelee School!



'Thank You' to the American Legion Auxiliary group of Wolcott for their generous donation of \$500. The money was raised as a result of their Friday night Bingo games. We got to meet Nancy Hansen who stopped by to deliver a check of the proceeds. She presented it to our President Connie Gleiford.

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The Wolcott Boys B Division Soccer Team were the 2023 Northwest District Soccer Champions. They were recognized at the 38th Annual Awards Dinner held in Danbury, CT on January 6, 2024.
 — Photography by Picard

Friends of the Library News

We welcome February with its special extra day making 2024 a "leap year." With cold and cloudy days, you may be looking for something special to do. Consider a visit to a museum. These suggestions are appropriate for adults.

WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART
 600 Main Street Hartford 860-278-2670
 2 passes are available. Each pass allows two visitors. (Value \$40) These passes do not cover special events.

NEW BRITAIN MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART
 56 Lexington Street New Britain 860-229-0257
 This wonderful site is close with easy parking and a delightful area for a bite to eat.

MATTATUCK MUSEUM
 144 West Main Street Waterbury 203-753-0381
 This beautifully renovated site has both fascinating historical displays as well as diverse art work. Luncheon available at times. Call the museum for particulars.

Speak to any of our library staff at the circulation desk to check for availability and to procure the passes. Please return those passes promptly so they will be on hand for the next interested patrons.

Another closer option for our February weather is a visit to our own Wolcott Library. There are so many options for all ages — books, clubs, lessons, special activities all of which are posted on the website. You don't have a library card? No problem. It takes only a couple of minutes to procure one. Be sure to have your proof of residency with you.

We invite anyone who would like to find out more about the Friends to come to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 12:30 in the lower level of the library. That is Valentine's Day, a perfect time to get acquainted.

Lastly, we wish to acknowledge donations made to the Friends in memory of Alex Nole. This fine gentleman was literally the Father of the Wolcott Public Library. He is sorely missed.



Members of the Teen Library Council help with a craft at the Wolcott Public Library

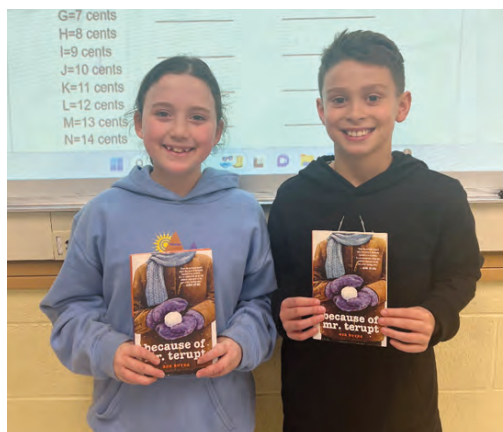


Jesse Bernier teaches our patrons to make custom greeting cards for the holidays

Alcott School News



Alcott Kindergarteners in Ms. Roberts' class enjoyed showing holiday spirit in December during Alcott's school wide "12 Days of Holiday Spirit"!



Project Explore students, Maggie and Luca, continue to plan for their project, a town-wide 5th Grade Reading Project for Rob Buyea's extraordinary novel, Because of Mr. Terupt.



Focus On Frisbie



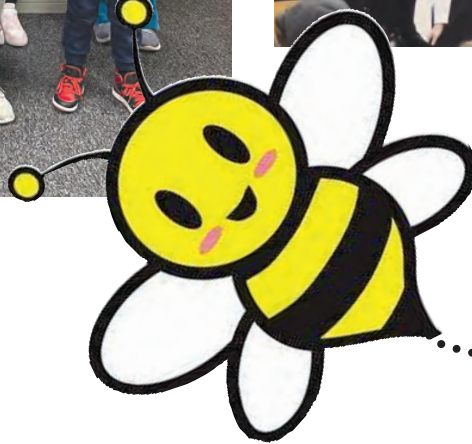
Frisbie had their monthly drawing for students who turned in their reading logs. Winners receive a free personal size pizza compliments of Five Guys Flippin' Pies.



Frisbie's Golden Ticket Winners for December 2023!



Frisbie band and chorus students presented their annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 20.

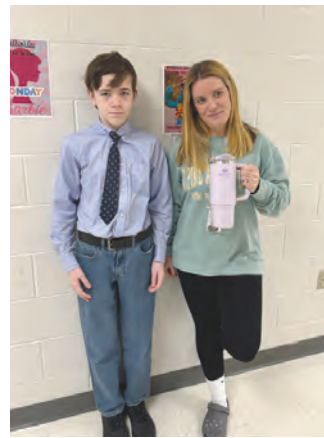


Students of the Month for December 2023!



Grade 2 Frisbie School students in partnership with the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Inc. This year Frisbie School collected 240 Toys!

Target on Tyrrell



TMS Spirit Week

As part of the Tornado Games, Tyrrell Middle School enjoyed a Spirit Week December 18th-22nd. Each day, students, faculty, and staff dressed according to a different theme: Barbie/Ken Out, Color Wars, Dress Like a Teacher/Dress Like a Student, Winter White Out, and Pajama Day. Congratulations to the Platinum Team for showing the most spirit over the course of the week. A Sprinkles and Sparkles themed door decorating contest was also held. Congratulations to Mr. Richardson's homeroom of the Onyx Team for bringing home the victory. Spirit Week culminated with a friendly game of BINGO sponsored by the Student Council and the Annual T-Bone Stankus Sing Along Concert. Sadly, this was T-Bone's last visit to Tyrrell as, after 51 years, he is retiring from performing at schools. Best wishes to Tom T-Bone Stankus- enjoy your well deserved retirement.



Congratulations
F5 Recipients

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

December:

6th Grade: Sebastian Comstock & Mattingly Wallace

7th Grade: Sebastian Fontalvo & Emma Gray

8th Grade: Trevor Thies and Rei Xhengo

Faculty: Mrs. Sinatra & Mr. Ackerman



Dia de Los Reyes (Three Kings Day)

Students in Intro Spanish and Spanish 1A enjoyed learning about the Hispanic holiday of Dia de Los Reyes or Three Kings Day. Senoras Lake Post, Daniels, and Kazienko and LMS Mrs. Wright designed an engaging and challenging escape room so students could learn about the many traditions associated with this celebration such as Rosca de Reyes (King Cake) and the Three Magi that bring small gifts to children on this day.



St. Nicolas Day

Sixth grade French classes made shoes for St. Nicolas Day on December 6th. In some parts of France, children leave their shoes by the fireplace for him to fill. If they have been good, they will receive treats, but those who have been naughty will get sticks.



Roald Dahl

Art teacher Mr. Kelsey collaborated with 8th grade ELA teachers Mrs. Brammer and Mrs. Wengzn to immerse students in the world of Roald Dahl, author of such classics as Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and James and the Giant Peach. Students created their own Roald Dahl inspired character sketches using ink and dip pens.



TMS Cheer Sock Drive

The Tyrrell Cheer Team collected over 200 pairs of socks. The TMS Cheer Team donated the socks to the Eagles Nest in Wolcott for anyone needing them this cold winter season. Boxes were placed at WHS and TMS. Thank you to all that donated, to the TMS Cheer team and to Abbie Huber for coordinating this community service event!



Wolcott High School NEWS



WHS Student Government hosted a Students & Teachers Trivia Competition. Congratulations to the WHS English Department (Logie Log and the Funky Bunch) for winning the competition.



Thank you, R & R Roofing and T's Karate families, for donations of gift cards and food baskets. We are so lucky to have these great businesses help our students during the holiday!



Dec 4th - 8th was Inclusive Schools week. The Unified sports class created the WHS Mural of Positivity with the help of WHS students and staff. "Working together to create a collage of a positive environment can help us to understand that we are part of the school's community and that we have the power to influence its environment."



Student Government hosted annual holiday ornament decorating.



The 18-22 Transition Program had an amazing holiday season. The students started a business called "Transition Creations".

A huge thank you to Mr. Hollis, Director of Student Services, who received a grant to purchase the program a Cricut machine, Cricut heat press and supplies.

The students were able to learn and work on budgeting skills, how to make a profit, advertising, organization skills, social skills, motor skills and how to use a new machine and the steps that go into each project. The business was a huge success and the students made over 100 ornaments and tote bags! Thank you to everyone who supported our first business venture!

PLUNGE to Support Special Olympics

The Unified Sports Team will be taking the PLUNGE to support the Special Olympics on February 18th at Scoville's. Please consider joining our team to take the plunge with us. The plunge is open to the WHS community to participate but open to public to support, donate, watch on the day of the event. Reach out to Linda Brown lbrown@wolcottps.org, Alyssa Giedra agiedra@wolcottps.org or Charlie Guerrero cguerrera@wolcottps.org for more information.

Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

- Grade 9 Dashawn Lampkin
- Grade 10 Julianna Veronneau
- Grade 11 Madelyn Meyers
- Grade 12 Emma Finger
- Staff: Mr. Conroy

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



National Honor Society
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2023

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Wolcott Public Library

Wolcott Public Library Book Club
Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00PM

The WPL Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. The book chosen for February is Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini. Mary Todd Lincoln chose Elizabeth Keckley to be her personal assistant and dressmaker. This is the story of their extraordinary relationship during the trials of the Civil War. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library.

Movie Matinee

Friday, February 23rd 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 February 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.

Pysanky

Thursday, February 22nd @5:30PM

Sharon Leonard returns to teach the art of pysanky. Every participant will decorate one egg for the Easter season. Registration is required.

VITA Tax Assistance Program will return on Thursdays, beginning February 8th and continuing every Thursday up until April 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the library. This is a free program offered to low income CT residents. Federal and CT State tax returns are prepared securely and virtually. You must sign up for this program. It is not a walk-in program.

Children's Room Activities

Worldbook Online

Wolcott Public Library now subscribes to Worldbook Online, with several resources available for children of all ages. Worldbook Early Learning offers short videos, stories, games and activities designed especially for preschoolers. Worldbook Kids features easy-to-read articles and a wealth of engaging games and activities for elementary-aged learners (also available in Spanish.) Older students (grades 6+) can utilize World Book Student, World Book Advanced and Timelines to help them complete research projects and other school assignments. Find these resources and more on our library's website, wolcottlibrary.org, and use your library card number to log in. Don't miss these upcoming children's events:

Blue Moon Raptors

Saturday, Feb 3 at 11AM

WPL is celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day 2024 with a visit from Blue Moon Raptors! See birds of

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prey, including an owl, a hawk and a falcon. Lower Level. No registration required, but RSVP encouraged.

Teen Crafternoon Hangout

Tuesday, Feb 13 at 4:30PM

Hot cocoa & crafts to give or keep. Grades 6-12. Registration required.

Books & Babies

Wednesdays at 11AM

Songs, stories & bounces for baby bookworms and their caregivers. Children's Room, Age: birth-24 months.

Pre-school Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30AM

Explore the alphabet through stories, songs & rhymes. Children's Room. No registration required. Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27. March 5 & 12.

Children's Chess Clubs – Mondays

Registration required

Feb 5, 12 & 26. Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25

Chess Rookies: 5PM (Pre-K- 2nd Grade) learn to play chess one piece at a time through fun stories and mini-games. Graduates may join the Checkmates when they are ready.

Checkmates: 6PM (Grades 3-5.) Play games of chess with other children and learn new strategies and tactics. Beginners welcome.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Feb 7, 14, 21 & 28, Mar 6

For kids Pre-K - 2nd grade and their families. Wear your favorite pajamas and join Miss Joanna for stories, songs, and crafts. Children's Room, no registration required.

Lego Club

Thursdays 5 – 7 PM

Drop in to build a Lego creation that will be displayed in the Children's room all week! No registration required.

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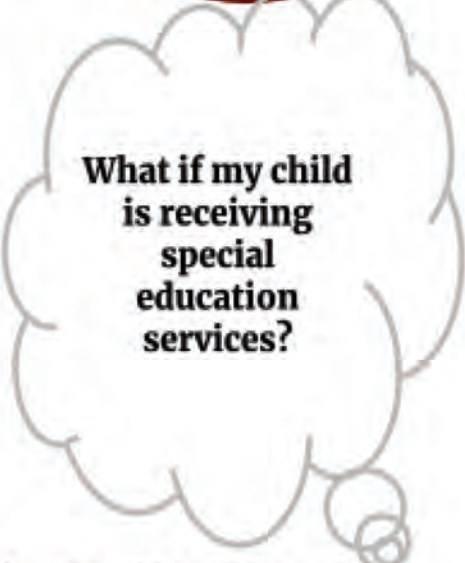


New Entry Age for Kindergarten Info

In 2023, Connecticut Legislature changed how old a child must be to start kindergarten. Public Act 23-208, Section 1(a) changed the birth date cutoff to September 1 of any given school year.

Beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year, to start kindergarten your child must turn 5 on **OR** before September 1, 2024

Children who turn 5 September 2, 2024 - September 1, 2025 will enter kindergarten in the 2025-2026 School Year



Yes. If your child does not meet the new entry cutoff date, they may still be admitted into kindergarten upon:

1. A written request from a parent or guardian, **AND**
2. An assessment completed by the school that determines admitting the child to kindergarten would be developmentally appropriate

If your child receives special education services and does not meet entry cutoff date, your child's planning and placement team (PPT) will review/revise your child's individualized education program (IEP) to meet your child's needs during the additional year of preschool.

- **My child does not meet the new entry cut off date for the 2024-2025 School Year. What can I do now?**
 - If your child attends preschool, communicate with the program about your family's situation and how they can continue to support your child's development.
 - If your child is not attending an early care and education program, consider how a preschool experience might support them prior to kindergarten entry. You can find information about child care by talking with other families, searching online, or using the **2-1-1 Child Care online search tool**. Seek out possible supports for child care expenses, such as **Care4Kids**, state-funded preschool opportunities, public school preschool programs, or **Head Start**. To find out about possible low-cost programs and Care4Kids financial assistance, use the 2-1-1 Child Care online search tool or call **800.505.1000**
- **How can I support my child's learning and development before the transition to kindergarten?**
 - Check out the Hello Kindergarten! Brochure for more ideas on supporting your child across different areas of learning.
 - Begin planning how and when you will talk with your child about their transition to kindergarten to ensure a positive experience.

2-1-1 Child Care: <https://www.211childcare.org/>
 Care4Kids: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/>
 Head Start: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/programs/article/head-start-programs>

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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
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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- 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

Driving 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.

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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 old. The deadline for completing the online application is March 8, 2024.

Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2023-2024

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- ♦ 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
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- ♦ Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott

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- ♦ 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 Board
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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 \$339,900 - Discover the epitome of comfort in this spacious 3 bedroom Ranch. Cozy up in the living room by the fireplace, find inspiration in the dedicated office space, and savor culinary delights in the updated kitchen, dining room with laminate floor. Amenities include hardwood floors, thermopane windows, some vaulted ceilings, pull down attic, all nestled on a generous 1.43 acre parcel of tranquility. One side of the 2 car garage is presently being used as a sound proof studio. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$419,000 - NEW PRICE: 3 Bedroom Cont. Colonial on wooded 2+ acre lot on cul-de-sac. Features an open floor plan with kitchen, dining room, living room, family room & office/playroom. Huge master bedroom w/vaulted ceiling, private deck, and full bath; open front porch. *Ask for Lynn Lombardi.*



Wolcott \$549,000 - Stunning 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial/Cape style home, newly remodeled. Offers a blend of modern convenience and classic charm; living 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.*



Wolcott \$450,000 - Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial. This home boasts an updated kitchen w/center island, granite top. Enjoy family gatherings in the dining room w/built-in hutch, unwind in the front to back living room by the cozy fireplace, or venture out to the relaxing side porch. Beautiful hardwood floors, a spacious mudroom and the charm of a large deck & patio enhance your lifestyle on this lovely, level .57 of an acre lot w/city sewers; park your vehicles with ease in the 3 car garage, one of which is tandem. Welcome to a home where comfort meets sophistication. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$484,900 - New Construction Cont. Raised Ranch on a beautiful level 1+ acre lot. Gorgeous open floor with hardwood floors throughout the kitchen, dining area, great room & all 3 bedrooms. Dramatic vaulted ceilings, kitchen layout with granite counters and center island. M/bedroom Suite is huge with double walk-in closets & large full bath. Finished lower level family room has sliders to back yard. This level also features laundry room and 3rd full bath. Central air, propane fireplace, 2 car garage. Don't wait to customize your dream home! *Ask for Lynn Lombardi or J.R. Donorfio.*



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 and 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 \$315,000 - Charming 3 bedroom Colonial with modern updates. Features 6 rooms, kitchen, dining room, full bath, hardwood floors; conveniently located near city amenities. *Ask for Sandy Deschenes.*



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 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.*



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- \$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 farm land 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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