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"Congratulations Wolcott Junior Basketball 2024 Champions!
Thank you coach Chris & Coach Edwin for an amazing season!"



Congratulations Darcie Catone!
On March 14th Darcie Catone was honored by the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Co. 1 as a life member for serving 25 years as an active member of the fire company. Darcie continues to be one of their most active members, often earning the award for most responses in the year.



Cashier Pat Dubois Retires After 23 years
Working at Pat's IGA for so long has made my customers more than just customers. You have become my family and friends. You were my support when my husband passed. I will miss each one of you dearly. God bless you for the love you have shared with me over the years.



Joseph Stolfi, Wolcott Resident became the Youth New England Champion in the 8U, 61 pound division on March 16th, 2024 at Game On Sports Arena in Fitchburg, MA & Joey was also awarded the 8U divisions "Most Dominant Wrestler". He wrestles year round for DDK Wrestling Club.



The Wolcott Police Department just received delivery of two 2023 Ford Explorers police vehicles. A new color scheme and decal lettering are being implemented for these vehicles and future vehicles at a cost savings for the town. Each new vehicle will be equipped with emergency strobes, high definition cameras, computers and radio systems. Photography by Picard



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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



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Have you been curious about the purpose of the Grange Hall on the Town Green?

Please join us to learn about Wolcott Grange's rich history and why we need your help right now to keep it in service for our town!

Wolcott Library, Upper Level
469 Bound Line Road Wolcott, CT
April 24th, 2024
6-7PM

RSVP's helpful, but not required. Please rsvp to kmowad25@aol.com or 203-223-1216

The event is free. Membership sign-up will be available for those who would like to join, but no obligation.

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BIRTHDAYS

Aries, March 21st - April 19th
"The Flying Ram"

As the first sign in the zodiac, the presence of Aries always marks the beginning of something energetic and turbulent. They are continuously looking for dynamic, speed and competition, always being the first in everything - from work to social gatherings. Aries is one of the most active zodiac signs. It is in their nature to take action, sometimes before they think about it well. Aries rules the head and leads with the head, often literally walking head first, leaning forwards for speed and focus. Its representatives are naturally brave and rarely afraid of trial and risk. They possess youthful strength and energy, regardless of their age and quickly perform any given tasks.

April 4th - Carolyn Nadeau
April 7th - Zachary Fasano

Taurus, April 20th - May 20th
"The Wandering Bull"

Practical and well-grounded, Taurus is the sign that harvests the fruits of labor. They feel the need to always be surrounded by love and beauty, turned to the material world, hedonism, and physical pleasures. People born with their Sun in Taurus are sensual and tactile, considering touch and taste the most important of all senses. Stable and conservative, this is one of the most reliable signs of the zodiac, ready to endure and stick to their choices until they reach the point of personal satisfaction.

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**There's Always Something Good Going On
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April 15th - Monday

8th Annual Patriots' Day Ceremony

Location: Wolcott VFW Post 1979
1115 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott
Time: 11:00 am

Info: The annual event serves to honor local Veterans and learn more about American Heritage and History. All are welcome to attend.

April 19th - Friday

**Set Back Card Tournament
Sponsored by The Ladies Guild
of St. Basil the Great Parish**

Location: Father Shea Hall
525 Woodtick Rd, Wolcott
(formerly St. Pius X Church)

Time: 6:30pm Registration
Tournament begins at 7:00pm

Tickets: \$20 per person ages 16 to adult
Info: To reserve your spot contact Rachel Wisler at rachelmwisler@yahoo.com or call 203-879-0889

April 21st - Sunday

Earth Day Walk

**Stacked Stones & Serpent Wall
Sponsored by All Saints' Episcopal Church
and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**

Location: Gather at All Saints' Church
282 Boundline Rd., Wolcott, CT.

Time: 11:45am

Info: The start point of the walk is from Hillside Cemetery, 158 Main St., Thomaston. The time to depart this location is 12:30pm. Our parish will be joining Good Shepherd this day to worship together in their location.

April 22nd - Monday

**The Exchange Club of Wolcott
Public Service Awards**

Location: Aqua Turf Club
556 Mulberryk St., Plantsville

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$45 per person

Info: Honoring our Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, Teacher of the Year and Book of Golden Deeds.

The event includes a cash bar, cocktail hour, dinner and awards presentation.

For tickets: Deadline to register is April 12th.

Contact Roger Picard at r.picard911@gmail.com

April 24th - Wednesday

Help Keep Wolcott Grange Alive

Location: Wolcott Library Upper Lever
469 Boundline Rd., Wolcott

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Info: Learn about Wolcott Grange's rich history and why we need your help to keep it in service for our town.

Contact: Karen Mowad at kmowad25@aol.com or call 203-233-1216. RSVP helpful but not required. The event is free

May 9th - Thursday

Wolcott Youth Service Bureau Pasta Dinner

Location: Wolcott Youth Center
48 Todd Rd., Wolcott

Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Tickets: \$10 per person | \$5 children 5 and under

Info: Dine In or Take Out

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome Spring

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We are all looking forward to the Spring weather in our community!!



I look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying the spring weather in our community whether along the Mill Pond Way or Peterson Park. Spring sports will be starting this month. I will be great to see everyone out and about enjoy all that Wolcott has to offer.

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.

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.

Please check our website at www.wolcottct.org for upcoming community events and activities.

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

Very truly yours,

Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

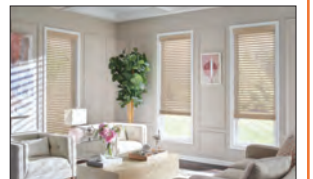
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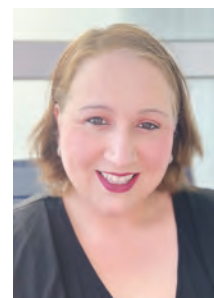
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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



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Voting hours are 6:00 am-8:00 pm
Voting District Location of Polling Place

- 1 Tyrrell School 500 Todd Road
- 2 Wolcott High 457 Boundline Road
- 3 Wakelee School 12 Hempel Drive

We are hoping for a big turnout as the Presidential Election is right around the corner!

Also: Hunting and Fishing Guides are now in stock while supplies last.

Farmingbury Women's Club News



Hello everyone welcome to the beautiful spring season, 2024. We look forward to the blooming of flowers and trees and the warm sunshine of the day.

March was such a busy month with celebration of St. Patrick's Day and then ending this beautiful month with the joys of Easter season.

During the month of March, we had quite a few projects. The first was our nominating committee, who sought out current members to represent the different committees that will represent us for next year. Thank you ladies for stepping up. The second part was to elect new officers for the new year. We are fortunate to have a full board for the 2024/25 year. Officers will be announced at the April meeting.

We also want to remind all graduating students who reside in Wolcott that they may apply for our \$1,000. Scholarships. Applications are available at the Wolcott High School Guidance office.

On March 21, the Town held its Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We were very happy to donate a bike that was awarded to one of the winners. We want to thank Eleanor Ramirez for the time she dedicated to finding just the "right bike" for the occasion.

Our Busy Bees ladies completed 250 Breast Cancer pillows which were donated to the Leever Center.

On March 21, many of our club members volunteered to "help out" at the Commission for the Handi-Cap's Bowling Banquet. Thank you to members Sharon Frigon and Chris Culver for chairing this event and our many members who volunteered.

April will bring the recognitions of the "Officers for the 2024/25 year.

May will have the installation of our new slate...

June will be our day that we all sit back and enjoy our End of the Year Get Together.



Farmingbury Women's Club wishing you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

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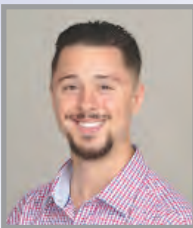
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Junior Women's Club News



The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott elected new officers during their March monthly meeting for the 2024-2025 year: President — Ellen Talbot, Vice President — Colette Bowes, Recording Secretary — Jeanne Thomas, Treasurer — Joanne Pajak & Corresponding Secretary — Karen Dolinger. The new officers will be installed at the club's Banquet, on May 15th. Congratulations to all and thank you for volunteering!

We would like to thank the 43 people who took the time to volunteer by giving blood during our Red Cross Blood Mobile held March 9th at the St Basil the Great Parish Hall located on Woodtick Rd. The Red Cross was able to obtain 35 units of usable blood. Our event ran smoothly without a hitch! Thank you to all the volunteers for making it a success. We donated a girl's bicycle and Helmet to the Wolcott Easter Egg Hunt held March 23rd.

We are continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel Fund. 100% of all donations for the Fuel Fund are distributed for just that — "Fuel". The need is great due to rising costs! We are committed to giving the gift of heat when our neighbors need a helping hand. Reach out to us via our email if you need a helping hand through the gift of heat.

Our two major fundraisers are in the process of being finalized. The club is working hard to sponsor our Annual Golf Tournament. Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on the Golf Tournament. The Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott fundraiser will be held during the Wolcott Fair in August. It is a great experience for any child to be selected as our young ambassadors as they make appearances at many of the town functions. Applicants must reside in Wolcott and must be between the ages of 4 to 7 by August 1st 2024. Look for more information on these two fundraisers.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June. Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club, all our welcome!

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

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Bills of the Wild Wild Left, 2024 Edition



**State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco**
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Each session, there are hundreds of bills introduced in Hartford, and you would not believe some of the ideas that extreme members of the legislature dream up.

Decriminalizing the possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms? Giving illegal immigrants taxpayer-funded health insurance? Mandating that you drive an electric vehicle? Stopping landlords from evicting people? Erasing women from state statutes?

These are not just ideas; they are the many bad bills that have actually been introduced by members of the Democrat majority. These bills are aimed at pushing an extreme progressive agenda, while ignoring average taxpayers, women and property owners, among many others.

These are just a few of the pieces of legislation proposed this 2024 session (and there are many more):

HB 5324 - Makes Connecticut less safe by restricting the state's police officers from stopping drivers for violations, including taillight and headlamp infractions, license plate infractions, registration infractions and tinted windows. Police often use these violations as a way of establishing probable cause to pull over a vehicle and begin an investigation into a more serious crime.

HB 5297 – Decriminalizes psilocybin (aka Magic Mushrooms) in amounts of less than a half ounce

HB 5485 - Creates a "roadmap" that steers Connecticut to a mandate that forces residents to purchase an electric vehicle and could end with Connecticut using California's radical emissions standards

HB 5166 - Mandates employers to include sick days for employees, no matter the size of the company or the cost involved, yet another unfunded mandate inflicted on our business community.

HB 5164 - Allows striking employees to access unemployment benefits after a period of two consecutive weeks of striking.

SB 207 - Allows a housing authority to expand jurisdiction to include other towns and cities. Allows them to purchase 'affordable' housing units in the state. This bill would allow the housing authority to use the affordable housing appeals process to circumvent local zoning approval and build affordable housing in a town that rejected it.

HB 5242 - Restricts a landlord's ability to deny a prospective tenant's rental application based on a prior felony conviction by creating a process to appeal application denials. Denial of an application based on misdemeanor convictions would be barred, making it nearly impossible for a landlord to deny criminals from moving into their properties.

SB 143 - This bill from legislative Democrats would flip the landlord-tenant relationship on its head by establishing a general right for a tenant to remain in a rental unit after the tenant's lease expires.

HB 5057 - Removes a section of statute that states "drive-only" driver's licenses must indicate on the back that they are not meant to be used for voting. These licenses were originally designed to say "drive-only" and were given out to illegal aliens and other people and there are serious concerns the legislation will increase voting fraud.

SB 414 - Would create an additional layer of bureaucracy and cost to taxpayers by directing all state offices to hire Diversity, Equity and Inclusion directors.

HB 5416 - Reduces the number of crisis response drills conducted in Connecticut schools, making our children less prepared should tragedy strike.

SB 125 - The bill language erases "expectant mother" and replaces it with "pregnant person," and "his or her" is removed and replaced with "such alleged genetic parent's child." The word "women" is replaced with "pregnant parents."

HB 5371 - Bill requires the Department of Social Services to study the costs and benefits of expanding HUSKY Health benefits to all uninsured state residents under the age of 19, regardless of income or immigration status, effectively providing illegal immigrants with taxpayer-funded health insurance. The cost to taxpayers would be enormous.

And while there are the bad bills, my fellow Republicans and I have proposed our own legislation, such as SB 390, which calls for a mandatory one-year prison sentence for anyone that violates Connecticut's election laws. As the recent voting scandal in Bridgeport has shown, bad actors will continue to commit fraud in our elections unless they understand that they will face consequences.

Members of our military who fought overseas in Vietnam deserve our gratitude, which is why I, along with State Senator Rob Sampson and State Representative Anne Dauphinais, have requested a resolution that would honor veterans of the Vietnam War who were exposed to Agent Orange.

SJ 6 would recognize our brave veterans who fought overseas and were exposed to the effects the carcinogenic chemical.

My colleagues in the House are also continuing to fight against the outrageous bills of the far left, but the lawmakers who created this legislation need to hear from the public.

If you feel strongly about any of this proposed legislation, you can call and write letters to the lawmakers who introduced them to let them know how you feel. Information about the legislation can be found at www.cga.ct.gov by entering the bill numbers in the tab at the bottom of the website. Also, please check my website and Facebook page for updates.

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.repastrofrancesco.com or my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rep_gale.

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Set Back Tournament

Set Back Card Tournament, sponsored by the Ladies' Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish, will be held on Friday, April 19th. Registration begins at 6:30pm with the 7 game tournament commencing at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 each ages 16 to adult and include door prizes, snacks, and a dessert buffet at the conclusion. Prizes will be given to the top 3 scorers. We are located at 525 Woodtick Road, Wolcott in Father Shea Hall. To reserve your spot, please call Rachel Wisler at 203 879-0889 or contact her at rachelmwisler@yahoo.com.

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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Whiten Your Teeth at Home: Effective Methods and Tips



Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

A dazzling smile with pearly white teeth can boost your confidence and enhance your overall appearance. While professional teeth whitening treatments are available, there are also effective ways to achieve whiter teeth from the comfort of your home. Let's explore some methods:

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2. Whitening Toothpaste

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3. Overnight Whitening Pen

Colgate Optic White Overnight Teeth Whitening Pen is perfect for busy schedules. Apply it before bedtime, and let it work its magic while you sleep. A good option, but a bit goopy and messy.

Always follow the instructions provided with any at-home whitening product.

Be mindful of tooth sensitivity. If you experience discomfort, discontinue use, shorten the time the product is on your teeth, or alternate days with and without use of the product.

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Earth Day Walk Stacked Stones & Serpent Wall April 21, 2024

All Saints' Episcopal Church in conjunction with Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bristol Interfaith Coalition and Bristol Pride are sponsoring a walk in celebration of Earth Day.

The start point of the walk is from Hillside Cemetery, 158 Main St., Thomaston. The time to depart this location is 12:30pm. Since parking is very limited, please consider carpooling. You may use All Saints' parking lot located at 282 Bound Line Rd. Plan to gather at the church by 11:45am. Our parish will be joining Good Shepherd this day to worship together in their location. There may not be anyone from All Saints' to greet you should you choose to carpool.

Although the departure point is the same, a new serpent wall of stacked stones has been discovered. A very special guest, Nighthawk Flying who is a Native American shaman, will share the significance of stone structures found throughout New England. Most of these sites are holy places to indigenous Americans. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is right around us in nature and how it relates to our Creator. Come join us on this adventure.

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Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs



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Contact Gloria Clair for more information (203) 558-0514 or to RSVP for an event

Upcoming Events:

April 19

Dance at the Wolcott Youth Center
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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Ambulance Facility Update

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We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Attorney Michael Tansley, Mayor Thomas Dunn, Mrs. Susan Hale, MFO and our Town Council members, as well as everyone else involved in preparing and approving this contract.

We look forward to welcoming all of you to our new home when it is complete later this year, but please remember to use the 48 Todd Road location for all unscheduled or emergent visits until further notice.

2024 Annual Fund Drive

We would like to thank each one of you that has supported Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association through your time, talent and/or money! We appreciate your commitment to our organization.

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Emergency Medical Technician Class

We are in the planning stages for our next class. If you have questions, 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 April 2, 2024, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, April 9, 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

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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.

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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.

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Gratitude and Grace Worship Service 4th Saturday of each month in Covenant Hall. This is a service with live inspirational music, a message, and fellowship afterward. Doors Open at 4:15 begin at 4:30. Check our Facebook page Wolcott Congregational Next Service April 27, May 25

CASA Upcoming Events



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April 18 from 11:15am-12:00pm at the Senior Center, Lunch will be provided

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.
 May 10, 2024

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

Contact us with any questions:
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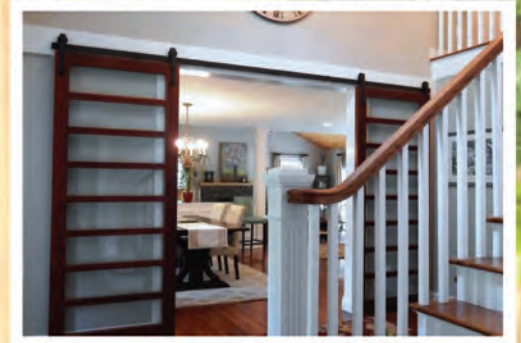


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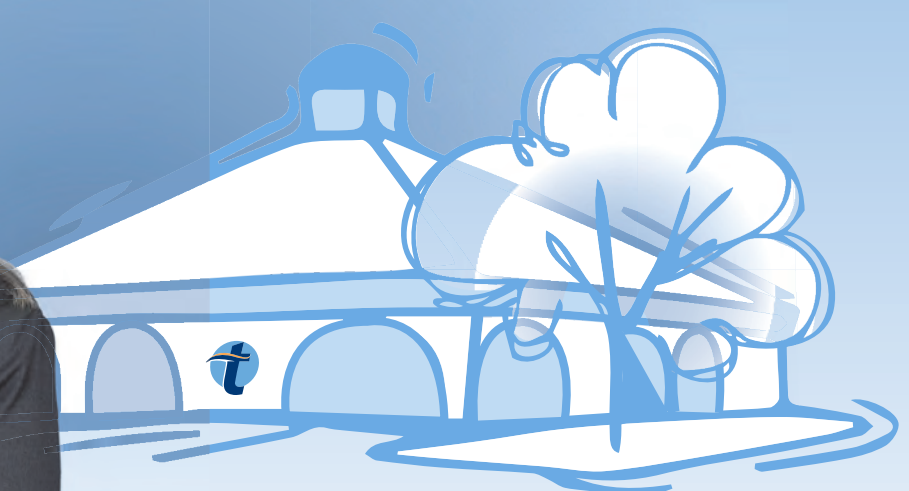
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System maintenance should be done by an HVAC professional as it usually includes more than cleaning. During a typical maintenance the HVAC technician will be able to take measurements and steps to prolong the life of your system, or identify a potential failure by performing some, or all, of these steps depending on the type of equipment:

- Checking for loose wires. Loose connections can cause the wire to overheat and melt the coating possibly causing the system too short to ground, and even cause premature failure of components
- Testing the system capacitor, a weak capacitor can cause the compressor not to start, draw high amperage while trying to start, or burn out the motor. (A compressor replacement is a very expensive repair).
- Test and inspect compressor operation
- Check system pressures and temperatures. They will be looking to see if you have proper levels of refrigerant (the system should never be low unless there is a leak). If the tech finds evidence of leak, your options could be to repair the leak or replace the equipment. Either way, now is the time to deal with that.
- Inspect and clean the outdoor coil – HVAC Pros have special equipment and chemicals to safely clean your outdoor unit.
- Change the air filter
- Blow out the drain line to ensure the condensation will drain properly
- Inspect blower wheel for a tight fit and possible residue build up
- Inspect condenser and the evaporator coil.
- Measure amp draw on all motors to ensure proper performance to prevent a component or system failure.

While the Service Company is there you should ask about IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) products. There are some great ways to maintain good air quality in your home. Some products are specifically designed to deal with bacteria and air particulates. (The air we breathe in our homes is 40% more polluted than the air we breathe outside).

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By Michael A Janis,
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Civil Preparedness	225 Nichols Road	879-1414 ext. 53
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Vegetable Planting Guide

What to plant and when: Connecticut has three different USDA Hardiness Zones, which means vegetables could be planted at different times during the calendar year depending on where the garden is located within the state. Since Connecticut has a shorter growing season, warm-weather crops are still an option but you may want to research newer varieties that can reach their harvest date within a shorter timeframe. Some of the best plants to grow in Connecticut include lettuce, Cole crops like broccoli and Brussels sprouts, greens like spinach and kale, beans, root crops and other cool-season varieties. Some perennial vegetables, like asparagus, do well in northern Connecticut and can provide a yearly harvest.

Wolcott is Zone 6:

April: Plant beets, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, peas, and spinach outside. Begin these crops inside in March. Begin tomatoes, peppers, and onions inside now.

May: Begin beans, Brussels sprouts, cucumber, corn, squash, and cabbage inside. Plant tomatoes and onions outside.

June: Plant peppers outside.

July: Plant beans, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, corn, cucumber, and squash outside.

August: Plant beets and broccoli outside. Begin carrots, kale, lettuce, peas, and spinach.

September: Plant carrots, kale, lettuce, peas, and spinach outside



“CT Not Immune to Democrats’ ‘Open Door’ at Southern Border”



by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District

The nationwide conversation on illegal immigration has reached a fever pitch. In addition to the thousands of migrants seeking a better way of life in the U.S., the nation has witnessed the sustained effects of other illegal immigrants who have entered with nefarious intent. Earlier this year, the nation learned of the murder of an innocent 22-year-old nursing student, Laken Riley, at the hands of an illegal immigrant who was also a known gang member.

The details of the incident were gruesome. Equally repulsive is the fact that Laken Riley’s killer, an illegal immigrant, was previously known to federal and local authorities for having unlawfully entered the country. Shockingly, he was then released. Subsequent reports indicate that he was eventually arrested in New York City but was released once again — ultimately going on to take Laken Riley’s life in Georgia.

In January, seven illegal immigrants were indicted after viciously attacking NYPD officers in Times Square, yet they were released without bail. New York City had been known as a sanctuary city until Mayor Eric Adams recently made changes to related policies.

Tragically, stories like this have become all too common in the U.S. The Federation for American Immigration Reform’s (FAIR) website provides ample evidence of incidents where illegal immigrants have harmed or killed innocent American citizens. It is a situation that should not persist.

I have consistently warned my colleagues and the public that it’s not a matter of “if,” but rather “when,” Connecticut will experience the effects of an unsecured southern border. While some may accuse me of fearmongering, the headlines and trends are clear to reasonable observers. Just last month, the U.S. Department of Defense, under President Biden’s administration, acknowledged the likelihood of a mass migration of Haitian nationals due to ongoing unrest in their home country. The pressing question remains: How many of these migrants will have criminal backgrounds?

Despite the flashing red warning lights that should accompany large-scale illegal immigration, progressive states like Connecticut seem to be activating neon welcome signs, inadvertently incentivizing unlawful entry.

The journey began in 2014 with the legislature’s passage of “Drive-Only” licenses specifically tailored for illegal immigrants—a bill I consistently opposed and later unsuccessfully fought to repeal. Since then, Connecticut has introduced several other incentives within its laws.

What’s even more concerning is that Connecticut Democrats have taken the stance of not only incentivizing

illegal immigrants but also welcoming those with criminal records into our state.

It’s time for a balanced approach—one that acknowledges the humanitarian aspects of immigration while safeguarding our communities. We must find common ground to address this complex issue without compromising safety or the rule of law.

In 2019, Connecticut effectively transformed into a “Super Sanctuary State” by expanding the “Trust Act” (PA 19-20). This law prohibits cooperation between state law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. Despite my lengthy debate with colleagues on the Senate floor, Democrats voted along party lines to include these protections for individuals with felony convictions, known gang affiliations (such as MS-13), those on terrorist watch-lists, and even those already subject to final deportation orders. Would a reasonable person on Main Street consider this beneficial for our state or nation?

Fast forward to 2021, when legislative Democrats enacted the infamous “Clean Slate Law.” This law quietly adds further insulation for criminal illegal aliens. How? In addition to erasing criminal records, it also reduces the maximum prison sentence for misdemeanors by just one day—from one year to 364 days. Why this seemingly arbitrary change? Because 365 days is the threshold triggering eligibility for deportation. The implications are clear. This policy shields criminals who also happen to be illegal immigrants.

Moreover, progressives in the legislature have thrice extended the age at which illegal immigrant children can access the state’s free healthcare program (HUSKY). Initially, it was for children younger than eight, then expanded to age 19, and now they are pushing to extend it to age 25.

Rather than reconsidering these policies considering the escalating national conversation, state agencies — under the direction of Democratic leadership — are doubling down.

In February, I issued a warning to residents and fellow lawmakers regarding the state’s Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) reporting an unexpected influx of illegal immigrants across Connecticut. In January, the agency even requested municipalities to identify “Temporary Municipal Locations” (TML) where illegal immigrants could find shelter for up to 24 hours. During this time, a “state migrant response task force” would assess their needs and arrange services such as transportation and housing. Yes, the state is essentially asking towns to be prepared to accommodate potentially busloads of illegal immigrants.

The compassionate intent behind this approach is evident — to care for our fellow humans in need. I wholeheartedly support that sentiment. However, we cannot prioritize this at the expense of our neighbors’ safety or the well-being of innocent illegal immigrants who arrived here without criminal intent.

Connecticut’s policies over the past several years have created an attractive nuisance for criminal illegal immigrants, putting residents at risk. These policies not only invite criminal activity but also contribute to system abuse. Furthermore, they marginalize genuine asylum-seekers and other immigrants who seek lawful paths toward achieving the American Dream.

The moment has arrived for municipal government leaders across Connecticut to confront a critical decision. Should they persist in adhering to unconstitutional state statutes that obstruct their compliance with federal immigration law—the true law of the land? Alternatively, can they prioritize the safety of their residents by reestablishing cooperation with federal immigration authorities? Connecticut’s state laws, which defy federal supremacy, not only violate constitutional principles, but put American lives at risk. The repercussions of cities refusing to adhere to federal immigration law are evident nationwide, and Connecticut is not immune to similar consequences.

The number one obligation of government is the safety of its citizens. The current policy of this administration is contrary to the safety and welfare of Connecticut residents.

Like any rational American, I am in favor of increasing border security to protect our citizens and ensuring a mechanism to keep out human traffickers, drug dealers, gang members, and terrorists. Simultaneously, we must allow those we have thoroughly screened — and who wish to be contributing members of our society — to become part of and benefit our nation.

Congress needs to put aside petty differences and unscrupulous motivations and get the job done. I urge you to help me make the case here in Connecticut that we residents have had enough of the state’s unworkable policy on illegal immigration.

As always, you can reach me at senatorsampson.com.

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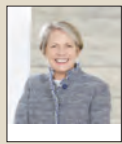
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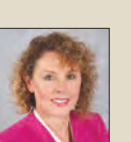
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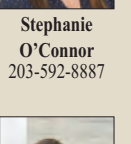
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WOLCOTT \$400,000 — Colonial built in 2000 set on .73 acre lot. Home offers eat-in-kitchen, living room with fireplace and bay window, dining room with bay window. 1/2 bath powder room and 1st floor laundry room. Master bedroom has a walk-in closet. 2nd and 3rd bedrooms. Full bath upstairs. Hydro Air heat with ductwork installed. There is potential to add central air. 2 car garage, deck and security system. This is an amazing price point for such a large and newer colonial home!



WOLCOTT \$499,900 — Under construction! Explore this uniquely designed raised ranch home by Eric Strachan, blending practicality with luxury seamlessly. On the main floor you'll be greeted by a spacious open layout, vaulted ceilings, and luxury vinyl tile flooring throughout. The impressive kitchen will have a grand (96 X 36) island, perfect for gatherings, quartz counters, and tile backsplash. The adjacent dining room will have a slider leading to a 14x12 patio for the warmer months. Retreat to the private, primary bedroom with a generous-sized walk-in closet and en suite bath featuring a dual sink vanity, tiled shower and tile flooring. Two additional bedrooms and another full bathroom will complete the main level. The lower level boasts a sprawling family room and a mudroom that leads to the laundry area, 3rd full bath, and two-car garage. The modern exterior with vertical siding and black window trim adds to its curb appeal. Wait there's more... this home will be hooked up to city water and sewers, a rare find in Wolcott. Don't miss out- there's still time for you to add your personal touch to this dream home. Book your appointment now!



WOLCOTT \$94,500 — Build your dream home in this quiet subdivision. There are deed restrictions and plan approval. Don't miss this opportunity to build in this subdivision!



PLYMOUTH \$315,000 — Welcome to this exquisite farm house colonial with a charming wrap around porch, perfect for enjoying the serene surroundings. This extraordinary home offers timeless elegance and an abundance of space for comfortable living with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. As you step inside you'll be greeted by the warm and inviting atmosphere created by the beautiful dark chestnut flooring that flows throughout the home. The unique crown moldings and numerous built in features add to the tremendous character of this timeless beauty. Storage is never an issue in this home with your walk up attic, multiple closets, and large 2 car detached garage complete with a large, loft space above. The large level lot has a partial fence.



SOUTHINGTON \$425,000 — Awesome updated raised ranch in Plantsville! This spacious home features eat-in kitchen with recessed lighting and new quartz countertops, a formal dining room and large living room, three full bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, hardwood floors, central air, and very large lower level with fireplace and walk out to nice backyard. There is also a 2 car garage and a huge double-tiered deck.



THOMASTON \$610,000 — Perfect 4 Bedroom Colonial custom built, elegant & spacious. This home offers 3.1 baths and 2 car garage. Eat in Kitchen with granite countertops, cherry cabinets, hardwood, tumbled marble backsplash, stainless steel appliances. Pantry and 1/2 bath w/ laundry room. Great Room has hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace. Formal dining room, formal living room or study on main level. Primary bedroom has a walk-in closet and full bath. Large closets and plenty of storage. 2 finished rooms in lower level with full bath.

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Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 continues to delve deeper into scouting skills. The troop has been working on various merit badges including orienteering and photography. The scouts planned an outdoor, nighttime orienteering competition where patrols strategized and worked to outskill each other. As the troop begins photography work, they will learn about different styles of cameras and ways to set their lenses to best photograph different subjects. Further, this month found scouts in Troop 230 hosting their annual winter cabin adventure at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, CT. In addition to planning and preparing their own fire-cooked meals, they hiked, played games and led the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Den in various scout skills. The troop is excited to welcome these cub scouts when they officially cross over into Boy Scouts in April. Finally, to wrap up the month, the troop spent a night skiing at Mount Southington. There, the boys skied into the wee hours of the night building troop comradeship.

Next month, the scouts are planning a camp out at Dunkin' Park in Hartford after a Yard Goats game, a town-wide clean up and to, once again, help The Friends of the Library with their spring yard work.

For more information on scouting or to have the Troop help out at your event, please email boyscout-troop230ct@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.



Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors would like to thank Alcott School PTO for their bronze sponsorship as well as Frank and Kelly Bunker who made a very generous donation to the Philip Cordeau Memorial Scholarship. Our scholarship sub-committee will be meeting to select the award recipients of the 2024 graduating class of Wolcott High School. If anyone would like to make a contribution to our organization, please send your check, made payable to Wolcott Education Foundation, to PO Box 6365, Wolcott, CT 06716.

Each year we give out numerous scholarships as well as award teacher grant in all five schools. We also give a \$500 award to the Teacher of the Year. So far this year we awarded a \$700 grant to Taylor Palmieri and Karen LeBlanc for the "Read Across Wolcott" project. This affected every student in the three elementary schools plus about fifty middle and high school students who read "The Invisible Boy" to their assigned classroom. The guest reader signed their copy and donated it to the class. What a great way to promote reading!

Once again we are sponsors of the Wolcott Robotics Foundation. This group supports 29 teams in grades Pre-K to 12 and has about 150 students who participate. At the high school level, the students have 2 months to build and program a 120 lb. robot. They are an award winning team every year since 2010. We wish them the best of luck in the next "Where is Wolcott Invitational"

WORD SEARCH — Types of Food

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Monday

9:00-11:00 Free - Setback Card Games

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

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

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

12:30-3:00 Bingo

Thursday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

NEW CLASS 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

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.**

Monday, April 1

8:30-9:30 April Fool’s Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Fresh Baked Hard Roll — \$1.00 pp — SPECIAL PRICE, Sign up 48 hrs in advance

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Cabella’s, Home Goods Store — Lunch to follow at The Rein Deli — Sign up for bus trip

11:00-12:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, April 3

11:30 Lunch Special—Double Chili Dogs/Buns, Chips, Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Sign up & pay by Mon. Apr 1

Thursday, April 4

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at the Danbury Mall — Departs Danbury Mall at 2:00, Sign up for bus trip

Tuesday, April 9

10:30 Bus leaves for shopping at Bella Luna Gift Shop — Lunch to follow at AJ Steakhouse, Sign up for bus trip

Wednesday, April 10

11:30 Lunch Special — Italian Combo-Ham, Salami, Provolone Cheese w/ Lettuce

On a Fresh Baked Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp Sign up & Pay by 4/1

Thursday, April 11

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

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a Shetland Cow Craft, \$10.00 pp — Pay when signing up

Friday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 16

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Pepper Pot-Southington — Shopping to follow at Southington Walmart — Sign up for bus trip

11:00-12:00 Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, April 17

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

11:30 Lunch Special — Chicken Salad w/ Lettuce on a Fresh Baked Hard Roll, Chips, Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by 4/15

Thursday, April 18

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

11:15 “Community Conversations on Mental Health” — sponsored by CASA. Join us for this important conversation & leave with resources, skills, & tools that can help prevent suicide. Lunch will be provided to those who sign up for this presentation — MUST SIGN UP

Sunday, April 21

2:00-5:00 Line Dancer Fund Raiser — \$10.00 pp. Purpose to raise funds for our senior center Knitting Group to purchase yarn. Call Barbara for tickets 203-560-0837

Tuesday, April 23

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Fresh Baked Hard Roll, \$3.00 pp Sign up 48 hrs in advance

11:00 Bus leaves for The Great Taste of China — Sign up for bus trip

11:30-3:00 Reflexology by Kim--\$25.00 for 20 minutes of Relaxation — Sign up at the Senior Center

Wednesday, April 24

11:30 Lunch Special — FUND RAISER FOR THE WOLCOTT FOOD PANTRY, \$8.00 pp Turkey w/ Gravy over Texas Bread, Stuffing, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert & Sherbet Punch Sign up & Pay by Fri. Apr 19

Thursday, April 25

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

11:30 Cupcake & Cookie Decorating Class w/ Lillian’s Cake Creations, \$5.00 (Special Price) Sign up & Pay by Mon. Apr 22

Tuesday, April 30

9:45 Bus leaves for Shopping at Clinton Crossing— Lunch to follow at Bill’s Seafood Restaurant (cash only), Sign up for bus trip

Wednesday, May 1

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 Slices Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. April 29

Saturday, May 4

9:30 Bus leaves for Daffodil Festival at Hubbard Park — Departs 2:00 PM, Sign up for bus trip

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Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

- April 10th Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM
- April 24th Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:45AM

Thank You

The pantry volunteers would like to say 'Thank You' to the parishioners of many of our local churches. St Basil, All Saints and Wolcott Congregational often sponsor food drives on our behalf. We would also like to express our appreciation to the students, parents, and staff of our local public schools. 'Thank You' Alcott, Frisbie, Wakelee, Tyrrell & Wolcott High schools!

Our clients appreciate the generosity of these churches and schools and so do we!

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 (24 / 7) or stop in on Monday & Tuesday between 8:30 and 10:30 AM 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 24 / 7 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' Wolcott Chamber of Commerce for a recent monetary donation. They held their '2nd Annual Hall of Trees - Silent Auction' (Dec 2023). Bridget stopped by to present our President Connie Gleiford a check in the amount of \$725!



'Thank You' Advanced Physical Therapy (465 Wolcott Road). They often organize 'food drives' on our behalf. Recently they collected close to 200lbs of food. Thank you, Chelsea, and Ditton for helping us load our truck.



'Thank You' students of Alcott School for their recent donation of 100 'Birthday Boxes'. The students recognize that everyone has a birthday and they wanted to help our clients celebrate their birthday with these packages.



'Thank You' Mark Urbanski. He stopped by to donate and we were happy to be there to grab a picture to share.

PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

8th Annual Patriots' Day Ceremony

Wolcott will officially celebrate Patriots' Day on Monday, April 15, 2024. This year's ceremony will be held at Wolcott VFW Post 1979 at 11am. For more information please visit our website www.observe-patriotsday.org

The annual event serves to honor local Veterans and learn more about American Heritage and History. Patriots' Day marks the Battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775, the initial battles which started the American Revolution, paving our path to freedom.

Program highlights will include: citations to be awarded by Mayor Thomas Dunn, Senator Rob Sampson and Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco, a special presentation by Christina Volpe historian and curator of the Barnes Museum of Southington, CT. Patriot Youth Ambassadors will share their patriotic spirit with songs and poems.

Nomination letters are now being accepted to help in the selection of this year's honorees. Please consider nominating a local Veteran, Serviceman or Servicewoman or a local historian. Share with us how this individual has served our country and/or community throughout the years. Please email all nominations and correspondence including a photograph (if able) on or before April 8th to the attention of Stacy Perrone-Petta: patriotsdayct@aol.com. Thank you for your support and hope to see you there!

Patriots' Day Mission: Our mission is to celebrate Patriots' Day across Connecticut, the 3rd Monday of every April, in a continuous effort to spark patriotism in the hearts of citizens while honoring and educating about American History.

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Around Town Photography by Roger Picard



On February 18th the Wolcott Unified Sports Team hosted a Polar Plunge at the Woodtick Recreation swimming area. In this photo, Wolcott Schools Superintendent Shawn Simpson and school administrators took the plunge with Wolcott Police Chief Ed Stephens. The event raised over \$5,000 which will be split between the Special Olympics and the Wolcott Unified Team.



The Wolcott Knights of Columbus held their annual beverage tasting event at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT., on March 8th. A selection of wineries, breweries and distilleries were on hand for tastings and sales. Fascia's Chocolates was also in attendance serving free samples of their fine chocolates. In this photo a live auction for items to bid on was taking place, with Al Podzunas, red jacket in the background as auctioneer.



A cancer benefit fundraiser for Kathy Fontaine, of Wolcott, was held on March 2, 2024 at East Street Eatery. A large turnout of Kathy's family, friends and Wolcott residents came out for the event. In this photo James Couette, a family friend, reads off the ticket numbers for the raffle prizes being offered at the event.



The Veterans Are Heroes Forever organization held a meeting event at the Wolcott Senior Center recently to make veterans aware that this organization is here to provide support and assistance to local veterans and their families. Dan DiVirgilio is the founder of the organization and he is seen here addressing the attendees and making them aware of the assistance they can offer.



The Wolcott Lions handed out checks at their meeting on March 13th. The Wolcott Food Pantry, Crossroads, Wolcott Volunteer Fire Dept., W.V.A.A., Wolcott Fuel Bank and Wreaths Across America all received a donation of funds to help continue the work they do for the citizens and veterans of Wolcott.



High school age students participated in a homeless awareness event on the town green recently. They slept overnight in tents on the Green in twenty degree weather. They collected donations and non perishable food items for the homeless in Waterbury. The Wolcott Congregational Church was a sponsor of the event.

Target on Tyrrell



TMS Cheer Team Takes Home the Junior NVL Championship

Congratulations to the Tyrrell Middle School Cheerleading Team. At a competition held on February 17th at Wolcott High School, they took home the Junior NVL title.



TMS Boys Basketball Team Makes Junior NVL Semifinals

Congratulations to the TMS Boys Basketball team for an exciting season. They finished with a 9-3 overall record and made it to the semifinals of the Junior NVL tournament where they fought hard but ultimately lost to Wallace Middle School. Pictured here are the 8th grade members of the team, which was coached by Tyler Japs.



CAPTivating Kids

On February 10th, Tyrrell Middle School students who participate in the CAPTivating Kids program visited the CT Science Center in Hartford. CAPTivating kids is funded by the State Department of Education and brings together 7th and 8th grade students from Wolcott, Bristol, Hartford, Meriden, and Wolcott for seven monthly exchanges where students engage in hands-on activities, develop teamwork and communication skills, and make new friends. CAPTivating Kids is advised by TMS science teacher Ms. Bove and TMS Spanish teacher Senora Lake-Post.



6th Grade ELA Studies Civil Rights

6th Grade ELA students have been examining the Civil Rights Movement. Guiding questions included "What are the causes and consequences of prejudice and injustice and how does an individual's response to them reveal their character" and "How will you respond to the injustices you encounter in the world?" Students learned about the history of the Civil Rights Movement, researched contributors including Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King Jr., analyzed music of the movement, read the novel Lions of Little Rock, watched the movie Hidden Figures, and engaged in photo analysis and three dimensional poetry construction.



Mardi Gras

French students celebrated Mardi Gras by learning about the history and traditions surrounding this holiday in various parts of the French-speaking world. They enjoyed sampling King Cake and beignets, in addition to making masks and jester puppets.



Tyrrell Musicians Selected for CMEA Southern Regional Music Festival

Congratulations to Tyrrell musicians who auditioned and were selected to perform in the CMEA Southern Regional Music Festival held March 8-9th. Leah Schumacher was selected for Mixed Choir and Cynthia Rosario and Ivy Marroquin were chosen for Treble Choir. Leon Chen was selected to be the pianist in the Jazz Band, and Abby Lynch was selected to play the flute in the Concert Band. Being selected for regionals is a great honor and reflective of hours of practice and musical dedication. The TMS band is led by Ms. Brettvetti and the choir by Mrs. Derynioski.



Tornado Games Food Drive Collects Almost 2,000 Non-perishable Items

In February, teams competed against each other to collect the most non-perishable items to donate to the Wolcott Food Pantry in a "Souper Bowl" competition. The Diamond Team came in first collecting 783 items. In total, just under 2,000 items were collected and donated. Thank you to the Tyrrell Student Council for organizing this event. Members pictured are Izabella Weber, Briana Barolli, Rona Gashi, and Briella Cassidy. Not pictured are Lyla Murray and Armani Torres who also worked hard on this event. Student Council is advised by Mrs. LeBlanc and Mrs. Salustro.

Congratulations

F5 Recipients

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

February:

6th Grade: Jillian Silva & Emmerson Vance

7th Grade: Ashley Jackson & Tatiana Hage

8th Grade: James Carey & Lyla Murray

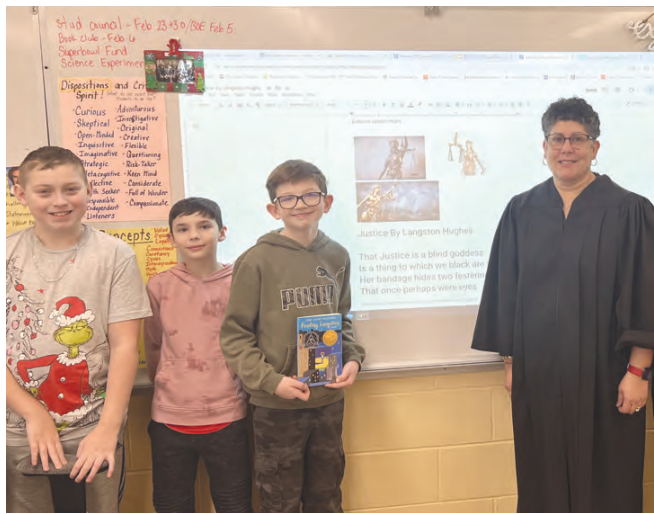
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Wakelee School News!



Wakelee's math stars: These students were nominated for showing growth, responsibility, perseverance, or risk taking in math. Keep up the hard work!



PEX 5th grade heard Judge Ficeto read the poem Justice by Langston Hughes in celebration of Read Across America week. We learned so much about the judicial system from her!



A magician came to perform and educate the students about the wonderful world of reading books and also highlight the life and works of Dr. Seuss. This event was so engaging for the students and a big thank you to our PTO for bringing in this wonderful event!



Miss Stec's class celebrated Read Across America week by wearing Dr. Seuss spirit wear.



Students, Kendal & Jayla, created an Art club during recess with the help of Mrs. Sirois and Mrs. Johnson! Students are participating in an art club and being able to show their creativity.



Our STEM awards were given to students who showed perseverance, responsibility, and kindness in the classroom with Mrs. Mancini.



Wakelee had their annual vocabulary parade to end Read Across America week- The students did a wonderful job picking out a vocabulary word and an outfit to match!

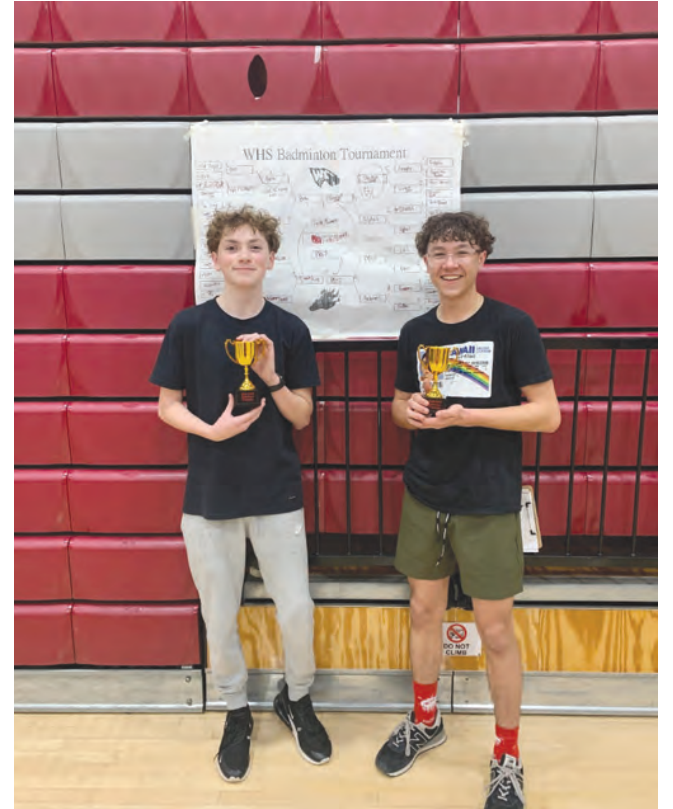


Wolcott High School NEWS




Student Government

WHS Student Government hosted their second annual Students and Teachers Badminton Tournament. Thank you to everyone who participated in and came out to support the tournament as well!



Congratulations to the sophomore team of Joe Finke and Gabe Ziomek for winning the tournament

Lewis Carroll's



ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Adapted by Anne Coulter Martens

Friday 4/26 and Saturday 4/27 at 7 PM
 Sunday 4/28 at 2 PM
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Career Speakers Needed

WHS Alumni, Parents and Community members,

Can you spare a few hours to come in and talk with students about your career? I am looking for 50-60 volunteers for Career Day in May. Career Day will be from 8:15AM-10:30AM. Volunteers will be in a classroom with a teacher. Students from all grades will be able to sign up and hear from 3 career speakers. Please contact Nancy Cyr ncyr@wolcottps.org or (203) 879-8157 if you can volunteer or know an alumni or community member that can volunteer.

— Thank you!

Dr. Seuss Day



The following students went to Wakelee, Frisbee and Alcott Elementary Schools today to read books to the students. The teachers at the schools complimented our students and the students want our kids to go back.

Giovanna DaSilva, Sara Khan, Gianna Molina, Alisha Cosmos, Jada Lopez, Quinn Pawlak, Adam Murphy, Arbi Xhengo, Joe Scarmozzino, Ahmed Sahbani, Angel Fontalvo, Marc Abou-Arrage, Joni Xhengo, Salvi Shkemi, Mike Chiappalone, CJ Caisse.

Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

- Grade 9 Dominic Cook
- Grade 10 McKenna Huber
- Grade 11 Miley Guerrera
- Grade 12 Alyvia Woodruff

Staff: Ms. McCarthy

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Wolcott Public Library

Wolcott Public Library Book Club

Wednesday, April 7th at 6:00PM

The WPL Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. The book chosen for April is All That is Mine I Carry With Me by William Landau. Three grown siblings confront their father's role in their mother's disappearance in this arresting novel. Copies of the book are available for check-out at the library.

Movie Matinee

Friday, April 26th 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 April movie will be The Boys in the Boat. During the height of the Depression, members of the rowing team compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

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.

VITA Tax Assistance Program continues at the library throughout the tax season every Thursday up to April 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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 as it is not a walk-in program.

Solar Eclipse Events

Wolcott Public Library is getting ready for the solar eclipse on April 8. Visit wolcottlibrary.org to register for one of our free eclipse programs. Each participant in a WPL Solar Eclipse program will receive a pair of solar glasses while supplies last. Courtesy of the STAR Library Network and the U.S. National Science Foundation.

Teen Crafternoon: Tuesday, April 2 at 4:30PM. Grades 6-12. Make a solar bead key chain and learn about the Solar Eclipse! Registration required.

Eclipse Storytime: Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30PM. For kids Pre-K+ and their families. Wear your pajamas for this special storytime about space and the eclipse.

Solar Glasses: Monday, April 1- April 8. Register online to receive free Solar Eclipse glasses. Limit 5 per family, while supplies last.

Solar Eclipse Viewing: Monday, April 8. 2:15- 4:30. Join us at the Wolcott Public Library to view the solar eclipse (weather permitting). The best time to view the eclipse will be 2:50-3:30PM.

Visit our website to see all of our upcoming events for children, teens and adults. www.wolcottlibrary.org.

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Friends of the Library News

Friends of the Wolcott Library will be holding their Spring Book Sale on Thursday and Friday, April 25th and 26th from noon to 6pm and Saturday, April 27th from 10 am to 2 pm. Free admission all days. Books will be priced individually and we also have a large assortment of jigsaw puzzles and CD's as well as a sampling of audio books, DVD's, record albums, games and magazines. We will be accepting cash only. We will take donations of gently used materials during the week and, for the month of April, on Saturdays as well. For large donations, please either call ahead at 203 879-8110 or come to our special collection day which will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 10 am to noon. Please use the rear entrance and we will have workers to assist you on that day.

At our last meeting the Friends purchased games for the children's room, sponsored the Pysanky Egg and St. Patrick's Day mug programs and purchased the supplies for coffee and tea that will be available for patrons at \$1.00 per cup. We also renewed the Mattatuck Museum Pass in Waterbury for another year. New bookmarks will be available depicting 4 new scenes from the Krasnovsky Room mural.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10th at 12:30pm in the downstairs meeting room.

If anyone would like to help in pre-sorting books or work the book sale, please contact Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407 or e-mail us at wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com. We will begin setting up the 2 rooms downstairs beginning Tuesday, April 16th and organize almost every day until the beginning of the sale. Since this is school vacation week, we encourage students to fulfill their community service requirements by helping out with the sale.



Friends Emily, Amina & Emme dressed up for Wolcott Public Library's Teen Movie: The Sandlot.



Wolcott patrons learn Ukrainian egg art from expert Sharon Leonard.

Wolcott Historical Society - April 2024



by Florence Goodman

The Wolcott Historical Society has been fortunate to receive some wonderful new donations for our museums many of which hold beautiful memories for the families who donate them. This month, I'd like to share a little history about our most recent donation, an old rocking chair that was donated by Roberta Leonard. It belonged to Roberta's mother, Loretta and was part of Loretta's early childhood memories. Roberta thought it would be a perfect addition to our Stone Schoolhouse Museum on Nichols Road since Loretta spent all her elementary years at this school and graduated from there in 1929.



Aunt Mary Drew in 1925 at the age of 95. She was visiting family in Salisbury, CT.

Loretta was born on May 11, 1916, the oldest of four children. Her family moved to Wolcott in September of that year. She had a sister, Beatrice and two brothers Jesmond and Dante. Loretta's father built their house, which still stands on the lower end of Woodtick Road. That house and twenty-five acres of land is where Loretta grew up. Their beautifully wooded land spanned from Woodtick Road to the end of Finch Road. Her family grew many vegetables on the land, especially greens as well as cultivating wild dandelions on the property. She was of Italian heritage and her family always served "beans and greens" as she stated. They had a dairy cow that Loretta milked each morning before she went to school. She had other chores when she returned home.



Loretta speaking to scouts at the Stone Schoolhouse Museum.

It was always interesting to listen to Loretta's memories of attending the old Stone Schoolhouse on Nichols Road. She began school in September of 1922 at the age of six and graduated from 8th grade in 1929. One of the advantages of attending a one-room schoolhouse was that if you were a bright child, you could easily learn lessons that were being taught to the older students. That was the case with Loretta because she skipped third grade. She attended this school for 7 years and then went on to high school in Waterbury. Loretta loved her days at the old stone School-



A 1913 photo of Gustave Cornelis who built a racetrack on the property across from the Stone Schoolhouse on Nichols Road where the baseball fields are today.

house. They had no days off, so they attended school in all kinds of weather. There was no indoor plumbing, but there were two outhouses, one for the girls and one for the boys and the well pump just outside the entrance door. A wood-burning stove heated the building and the older you were the further away from the stove you sat. The younger children were smaller, so they sat closer to the heat. Loretta remembers wearing gloves on some winter days because it was so cold in the classroom. All the students had jobs to do before and after school and sometimes during recess.

In the 1920s the daily walk to and from the stone schoolhouse with friends and siblings was always a great adventure. The landscape along Woodtick Road was quite different from today because the original Woodtick Road ran very close to the Mad River down behind the houses that are built on the northwest side of Woodtick Road. Garthwaite Road was originally part of old Woodtick Road



This is the 1929 class at the Stone Schoolhouse. Loretta is the 9th student from the left in the back row.

and Finch Road began at that intersection. A narrow wooden bridge took you across the Mad River when traveling on old Woodtick Road. The kids could stop at the river and find many interesting creatures in the water. In 1928 improvements began on Woodtick Road; they moved the road and bridge away from the Mad River and out of the flood zone and a new cement bridge replaced the wooden one. Loretta said, "Just watching that construction was an education in itself." Most of the land along both sides of Woodtick Road up to Nichols Road was part of Bock's farm. As you got closer to the reservoir, the land ownership changed to Mr. Gustave Cornelis, a prominent businessman in the Woodtick section of town. Loretta remembers him as a grouchy man who would chase them off his property, but they always found a way to return because there was so much to do there. There was the swinging bridge that ran over the Mad River; the boys would swing it and scare the girls as they crossed. Then there was the half-mile trotter track located where the baseball field is today. Mr. Cornelis loved racing his horse and sulky around the track, and they loved watching this on their walk home from school.

Roberta remembers her mother telling her the story about the rocker that originally belonged to a neighbor who lived near them on lower Woodtick Road. The neighbor's name was Aunt Mary Drew. Loretta said that she would sit on Aunt Mary's lap while rocking in the chair and eating a

lemon tart that Aunt Mary gave her. Originally Roberta thought there was a connection between the name Drew to the actress, Drew Barrymore, but thanks to our excellent researcher, Deb DuBois we realized that is not the case. Deb did find out from the 1920 census that Aunt Mary Drew's home was at 21 Woodtick Road, which was prob-



The rocker that belonged to Aunt Mary Drew and then to Loretta Leonard.

ably close to our town line just north of Sharon Road and in those days that road was called Lover's Lane. Aunt Mary Drew was born in Ireland circa 1836 and her family came to this country in the mid-1800's. It is believed that her maiden name might have been Bennett because she was living with that family on lower Woodtick Road in 1920. There were several Bennets also living in that household in the 1920 census: Joseph, listed as the head of the house; Andrew, the father; and John, the brother; Mary Drew was listed as an aunt; our assumption is that she was a sister or sister-in-law to Andrew Bennett. If only that rocker could share its history, we might know the exact story of Aunt Mary Drew and the rocker. Thank you, Roberta, for sharing the rocker and your mom's childhood memories.



The concrete bridge on Woodtick Road built in 1928.

(Information for this article was taken from a May 15, 2016, article by Flo Goodman in the Wolcott Community News and a July 15, 2019 article in the Wolcott News by Florence Goodman; research on Ancestry.com was done by Deb DuBois; the photo of Aunt Mary Drew was donated by Roberta Leonard)

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.

Alcott School News



Read Across America Week was a great success at Alcott! We enjoyed dress up days and guest readers, including middle and high school students, and Judge Cordani. Thank you to our guest readers and great participation All-Stars!



5th Grade Project Explore student, Alex Lawson, is one winner of Waterbury Elks Lodge's Americanism Essay Contest, titled "What does the Bill of Rights mean to you?"



Congratulations to the third, fourth, and fifth grader winners of our first ever Alcott Spelling Bee! Third grader, Yousef, fourth grader Isla, and fifth grader, Adrianna did an outstanding job, as well as all those who competed! Adrianna won the grand prize only after spelling very challenging EIGHT GRADE words! BRAVO!



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 February 2024.



Students of the Month for February 2024!



Project Explore student Nadia G. leads the first Frisbie 4th grade Art Club. She taught all of the members how to make string art flowers.



Frisbie students invited family members to come in and share a book with them during their "Read to Your Sweetheart Celebration"!



Frisbie Project Explore students met with Judge Elizabeth Bozzuto and asked her many questions about her career and the judicial system. Students shared a poem called, "Lady Justice" in celebration of Read Across America week!

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

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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 September 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 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. Please Note: If your child(ren) currently attends pre-kindergarten at Alcott Elementary School and is eligible for kindergarten, you **MUST** register your child(ren); students in Pre-K do **NOT** automatically rollover into kindergarten. Thank you for your cooperation and have a happy and safe new year.

Wolcott BOE 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:00 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.

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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



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Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2023-2024

Month	Days	Date/Event or Holiday
July	M T W TH F	
August (4/1)	M T W TH F	August 28, 2023 Convocation
September (20/20)	M T W TH F	August 29, 2023 PD Day
October (21/21)	M T W TH F	August 30, 2023 PD Day
November (18/18)	M T W TH F	August 31, 2023 First Day for Students
December (16/16)	M T W TH F	September 4, 2023 Labor Day
January (20/20)	M T W TH F	October 9, 2023 Columbus Day
February (18/17)	M T W TH F	November 7, 2023 Election Day
March (20/19)	M T W TH F	November 10, 2023 Veterans Day - Observed
April (17/17)	M T W TH F	November 22-24, 2023 Thanksgiving (half day 22rd)
May (22/22)	M T W TH F	Dec 22, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2024 Holiday Recess (half day 22nd)
June (10/10)	M T W TH F	January 15, 2024 Martin Luther King Day
		February 16, 2024 PD Day - No School
		February 19-20, 2024 February Recess
		March 28, 2024 PD Day - No School
		March 29, 2024 Good Friday
		April 15 - 19, 2024 Spring Recess
		May 27, 2024 Memorial Day
		June 13, 2024 Last Day (tentative half day 13th and 14th)
		# of Student and Staff Days
		Staff Student
		August 4 1
		September 20 20
		October 21 21
		November 18 18
		December 16 16
		January 20 20
		February 18 17
		March 20 19
		April 17 17
		May 22 22
		June 10 10
		Total Days 186 181

*August 31st, September 1st and 5th will be transition days for Kindergarten, only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days. If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first twelve (12) days (starting 6/13/24) will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After twelve (12) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 19, 2024 and moving backward from there.

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Wolcott \$499,900 - Discover elegance and comfort in this stunning 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial/Cape style home. Newly remodeled to perfection, this residence offers a blend of modern convenience and classic charm. This updated home features living room w/fireplace, formal dining room with fireplace, main floor family room w/vaulted ceiling, country kitchen with new white shaker cabinets, new stainless steel refrigerator, dishwasher, range, microwave, fireplace and butler pantry; main floor laundry w/new washer & dryer. The highlights of this beautiful home are new oil furnace and all new baseboard, new hot water heater, new plumbing, new electrical panel box, new bathroom fixtures, new medium-oak plank floors, new lighting fixtures. The grounds have been professionally landscaped including 3000 square feet of sod grass. There is a separate studio building, perfect for Artists, Music lovers, Woodworkers and Hobbyists who want a place to escape. There is also a potential to build a separate 36x36' building within the setback requirements (as per local surveyor/engineering firm). *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$525,000 - Well known area builder ready to welcome in Spring and begin building this new construction contemporary Raised Ranch on a beautiful level 1+ acre lot. Gorgeous open floor plan with hardwood floors throughout the kitchen, dining area, great room and all 3 bedrooms. Dramatic vaulted ceilings, gracious kitchen layout with granite counters, ample cabinetry, built-in pantry and center island. Primary Bedroom suite is huge with double walk-in closets and large full bath. Spacious finished lower level family room. Laundry room and 3rd full bath. Central air, propane fireplace, 2 car garage. Town sewers and water! Convenient location, close to town! *Ask for Lynn or J.R.*



Wolcott \$525,000 - Introducing your dream home! Explore the Epitome of modern living in this new construction Raised Ranch! Immerse yourself in the spaciousness of cathedral ceilings, unwind in the cozy fireplace in the living room and savor culinary delights in the stylish eat-in kitchen w/center island. This home boasts 3 bedrooms, and 3 full baths. The family room offers a perfect retreat, while the 2-car garage ensures ample parking. Amenities include hardwood floors, tiled bathroom floors, showers with tiled walls, specialty trim & central air. All this on a 1-acre lot with city water & city sewer. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$629,900 - New Construction Contemporary Colonial to be built in the Preserve, a 2 cul-de-sac subdivision with homeowner access to Chestnut Hill Reservoir. This open floor plan, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, Colonial features hardwood floors throughout, kitchen w/granite counters & island, formal dining room with crown molding and great room w/propane fireplace; 2 story grand foyer. Second level features a spacious Master bedroom w/private full bath & large walk-in closet, 3 other bedrooms and full laundry room. Walk-out basement, central air. Gorgeous sub-division, seasonal water views, town sewers. *Ask for Lynn or JR*



Wolcott \$775,000 - Extraordinary Contemporary Masterpiece! This stunning 3 bedroom home boasts an open floor plan & soaring ceilings to create an airy & inviting atmosphere. Beautiful marble foyer, elegant living room, formal dining room, cozy great room with fireplace, large eat-in kitchen boasts a corner desk area, breakfast bar & seating area, master bedroom with sitting room, full bath with jetted tub, dressing room w/built in closets, drawers, gorgeous sunroom w/French doors, 3.5 baths, office w/built-ins, 4 car attached garage, circular driveway. *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 Road (Rte 69). Located close to shopping, banks, post office and more. Commercial/Industrial zoned. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



Waterbury \$250,000 - New Price - 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 \$365,000 - Renovated, 2-unit mixed use residential & commercial property with a great option for owner occupant or Investor. The 2 Bedroom apartment features refinished wood floors, large living room with fireplace, dining room, updated kitchen & bathroom. The commercial unit is a store. *Ask for Sali Barolli.*



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LAND LOTS



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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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