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At its annual convention on July 4-7, 2024, the National Apostolate of Maronites, a national Eastern Catholic lay organization, awarded its Golden Massabki award to Michael Macary from Our Lady of Lebanon parish in Connecticut. Mr. Macary has served many years on the organization Board of Directors representing the New England Region as well as holding the offices of National Coordinator and Secretary of the organization. The organization dates back to 1963 and serves the Maronite Catholics of the US and has been awarding the Golden Massabki Award since 1975. The award is named after the Three Massabki Brothers, laity who were martyred for their Catholic faith among Franciscan friars in Damascus. Later this year in October, the brothers' beatification will be raised to the level of canonization at a liturgy at the Vatican.



Happy 9th Birthday Lennon!
We Love you to the moon and back
Mom, Dad, Penelope & Jolie, Gramm & Pops,
Aunt Colleen (Zia) and Uncle Rocco (Zio)



Farmingbury Women's Club Officers for 2024-2025, left to right, Eleanor Ramirez, Lorraine Shea, Mary Kelly, Sue Mulcahy and Janette Schweikher, congratulations to all!



Our photographer caught this image of a nearly full moon on the evening of July 19th. It was full on the 21st.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Virgo, Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd
"The Virgin"

Virgos are always paying attention to the small-est details and their deep sense of humanity makes them one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. Their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance, and although they are often tender, their heart might be closed for the outer world. This is a sign often misunderstood, not because they lack the ability to express, but because they won't accept their feelings as valid, true, or even relevant when opposed to reason. The symbolism behind the name speaks well of their nature, born with a feeling they are experiencing everything for the first time.

Raymond Fasano, Jr. - September 14th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Renato & Donna Pisani - Sept. 2nd - 19 yrs.
Raymond & Rose Fasano - Sept. 6th - 38 yrs.
Raymond & Tiffany Fasano III - Sept. 28th - 6 yrs.

Libra, Sept 23rd - Oct 22nd
"The Scales"

People born under the sign of Libra are peaceful, fair, and they hate being alone. Partnership is very important for them, as their mirror and someone giving them the ability to be the mirror themselves. These individuals are fascinated by balance and symmetry, they are in a constant chase for justice and equality, realizing through life that the only thing that should be truly important to themselves in their own inner core of personality. This is someone ready to do nearly anything to avoid conflict, keeping the peace whenever possible

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2024
NOVEMBER 8, 2024
JANUARY 10, 2025
MARCH 14, 2025
MAY 9, 2025

Check out our website: <https://www.wolcottcasa.org/>
Contact us with any questions:
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Location: All Saints Church
282 Bound Line Rd., Wolcott
Time: 2pm-4pm
Cost: FREE
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September 8th- Sunday

**Wolcott Exchange Club
23rd Annual Clam Jam**

Location: Wolcott Recreation Pavilion
201 Nichols Rd., Wolcott
Time: 10am-4pm Rain or Shine
Cost: Adults \$50 - Under 16 \$20 Under 6 Free with Parent. Advanced tickets call 203-910-9345 or 203-910-3747
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September 8th- Sunday

**Wolcott Recreation Summer Concert
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Location: Peterson Park
123 Mad River Road, Wolcott
Time: 5pm
Cost: FREE

September 21st - Saturday

**Wolcott Special Games
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Location: Lower Woodtick Recreation
201 Nichols Rd., Wolcott
Time: 10am
Cost: Free

September 21st - Saturday

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48 Todd Rd, Wolcott, CT
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September 26th - Thursday

**Wolcott Chamber of Commerce
64th Annual Awards Dinner**

Location: La Bella Vista Banquet Facility
380 Farmwood Rd, Waterbury
Time: 6:00pm
Cost: \$65.00 pp Registration Required
Info: To purchase tickets contact Roger Picard at 203-910-6829
Deadline: September 13th, 2024

September 29th - Sunday

Wolcott Girl Scout Bridging

Location: Wolcott Town Green
Time: 2:00pm

October 3rd - Thursday

**Breast Cancer Awareness Ceremony
Sponsored by Farmingbury Women's Club**

Location: Wolcott Town Green
Time: 6:30pm

November 22nd & 23rd (Fri & Sat)

**November 22nd-23rd (Fri & Sat)
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MAYOR'S CORNER
September 2024

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer. Just another reminder that school is back in session so please be careful when you are driving throughout town.



We have had a busy summer with concerts at Peterson Park and the Town Green. It was great to see so many families utilizing the Children's Summer programs at Peterson Park & Woodtick Recreation Area.

Congratulations to the Wolcott Lions Club for a successful 2024 fun-filled weekend, with lots of great music, and entertainment.

Please visit our website www.wolcottct.org for information on upcoming 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

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

Me ignoring my alarm after hitting snooze 8 times

A Minute with the Clerk
by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



With the Republican Primary behind us, we are moving full speed ahead preparing for the Presidential Election in November. This year there will be early voting days (for all registered voters) as well as absentee ballots (for those who qualify).

If you are not registered to vote and you would like to vote, please do not delay. As time gets closer, we don't want anyone to miss deadlines. You can obtain forms at the Town Hall in the Registrar of Voters office or register online.

I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of a scholarship to attend the New England Association of City Town Clerks this year. It will be held in Rhode Island and will cover many relevant topics to the Town Clerk world. It is very important to make these lifelong connections, talk about best office practices, and bring back ideas and solutions to our town from all over New England.

Five Fascinating Things About Teeth



Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

1. Tooth Enamel is Harder Than Bone! Enamel, the outer layer of your teeth, is the hardest substance in the human body, even stronger than bone. Even stronger than concrete. It's made mostly of minerals, primarily hydroxyapatite, and is designed to withstand a lot of wear and tear.

2. Teeth Start Forming Before Birth! Your teeth start to form while you're still in the womb. Although baby teeth don't emerge until about 6 months after birth, they begin developing as early as the sixth week of pregnancy. And though your adult teeth don't start to mineralize until you are born, the scaffolding of your adult teeth forms before birth.

3. Teeth Can't Heal Themselves Unlike bones, teeth can't regenerate or repair themselves if damaged. That's because enamel doesn't contain any living cells, so once it's damaged, the body can't fix it.

4. You Only Get Two Sets of Teeth. Humans are diphyodonts, meaning we only grow two sets of teeth in our lifetime: primary (baby) teeth and permanent (adult) teeth. Once you lose your adult teeth, they don't grow back. So, make sure you are taking great care of them.

5. Your Teeth are as Unique as Your Fingerprints! No two people have the same set of teeth. The shape, size, and alignment of your teeth, along with the specific pattern of ridges on your molars, are unique to you, just like your fingerprints. This uniqueness is why dental records are often used to identify individuals.

As a dentist, teeth fascinate me. Maybe these few facts can also fascinate you.

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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Summer Fades to Fall

Wow! It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the start of the summer season and now we find ourselves preparing for fall. We hope all of you had fun at the beach, on vacation or spending time with family and friends. As you make plans for Labor Day weekend, we hope you enjoy yourselves and stay safe! It is also the time of year when the children head back to school. As you are out on the road, make sure you watch out for school buses and children crossing the street to the bus or back home. Please remember, the yellow flashing lights on the school bus don't mean speed up, they are alerting you that there are children in that area, and you should use caution. Make sure to slow down and be prepared to stop as soon as those familiar red flashing lights come on.

Ambulance Facility Update

The addition to the front of our new building at 1300 Woodtick Road is up and progress on the interior is continuing! We look forward to moving in and welcoming all of you to visit sometime in December! In the meantime, please remember to use the 48 Todd Road location for all unscheduled or emergency visits until then.

Emergency Medical Technician Class

Are you looking to take an EMT course? You still have time to sign up for our upcoming program! Our next class will run from September 4, 2024, until February 26, 2025. It will take place Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM and one Saturday per month from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Go to www.wolcottambulance.com and click on the "EMT COURSES" tab for more information or to register.

Community Courses

Would you like to participate in 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 September 3, 2024, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, September 10, 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.

Ambulance Statistics

During the month of July, WVAA responded to 158 calls for assistance.

Membership

Are you certified as an EMT or licensed as a Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? We are looking for a few good people to become part of our high-quality team. We have volunteers with experience levels ranging from a few months to over forty years! Please contact us or download an application located on the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab of our website.

Stay Safe!

We are honored to serve this wonderful community. As you are out enjoying your early autumn activities, we hope you stay well and stay safe!



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 <p>Wolcott \$565,000 – Well-maintained Split-level home featuring a full in-law apartment with its own entrance. This completely updated property is situated on a serene interior lot, offering privacy and tranquility. The main living area boasts 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. The spacious eat-in kitchen includes double wall ovens, granite counters, French doors leading to the backyard trex deck, and an abundance of natural light. Additionally, there are two laundry hookups available in both the main house and the accessory apartment. The in-law apartment, located on the ground level, features 1 bedroom with walk-to-wall carpeting, a fireplace, and French doors opening to a patio. The living room seamlessly connects to the eat-in kitchen, which is equipped with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and a walk-in pantry. This apartment also includes a full bath and a private laundry room, making it an ideal and highly desirable living space. Don't miss out on this unique property! Call Bridget to schedule your viewing. Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>	 <p>Waterbury \$239,900 – Welcome to 1255 Woodtick Rd., a well-maintained Split-level home featuring a full in-law apartment with its own entrance. This completely updated property is situated on a serene interior lot, offering privacy and tranquility. The main living area boasts 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. The spacious eat-in kitchen includes double wall ovens, granite counters, French doors leading to the backyard trex deck, and an abundance of natural light. Additionally, there are two laundry hookups available in both the main house and the accessory apartment. The in-law apartment, located on the ground level, features 1 bedroom with walk-to-wall carpeting, a fireplace, and French doors opening to a patio. The living room seamlessly connects to the eat-in kitchen, which is equipped with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and a walk-in pantry. This apartment also includes a full bath and a private laundry room, making it an ideal and highly desirable living space. Don't miss out on this unique property! Call Bridget to schedule your viewing. Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>	 <p>Cheshire \$285,000 – Fantastic location! This charming two-bedroom Ranch boasts a spacious back yard, a full bath, back deck and a one car garage. Conveniently close to highways, shopping, restaurants and public transportation. Schedule your viewing today! Call Bridget to schedule your viewing today. Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>	 <p>Commercial: Wolcott \$429,900 – Spacious Commercial Building built in 2009, features 3094 sq ft., newer carpet, vinyl flooring, 6 private offices, Large 30x18 conference room, full break room/kitchen, bullpen area, 3 baths and reception area. Functional Office with 2 separate entrances for multiple uses. Property is Handicap accessible and has Economical and state of the art GeoThermal heating and central air. The building is clean, turn key and move in ready with plenty of parking. Great road Frontage on Rte 69. All Situated on level 1.21 Acres. ***Owner is a CT Lic Real Estate Broker*** Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>		
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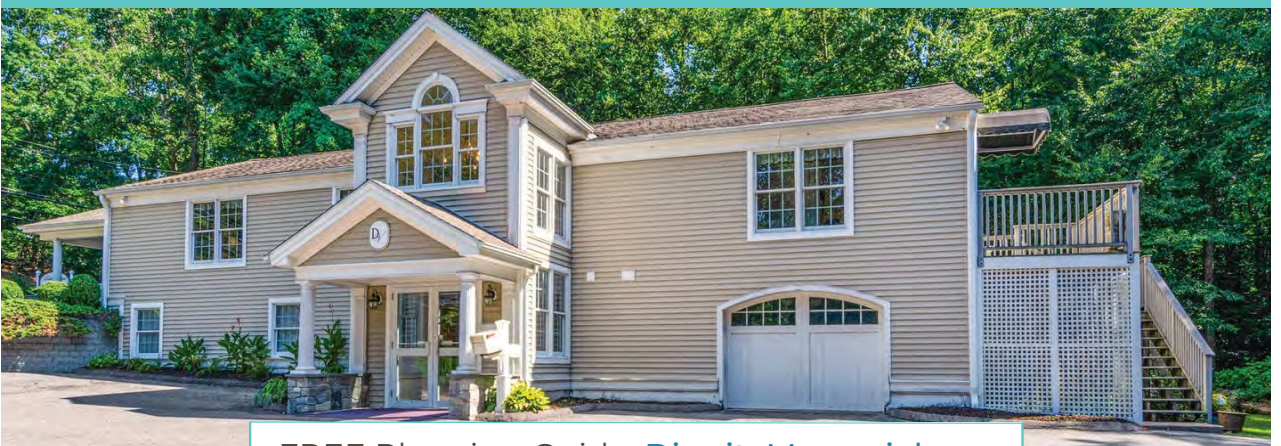
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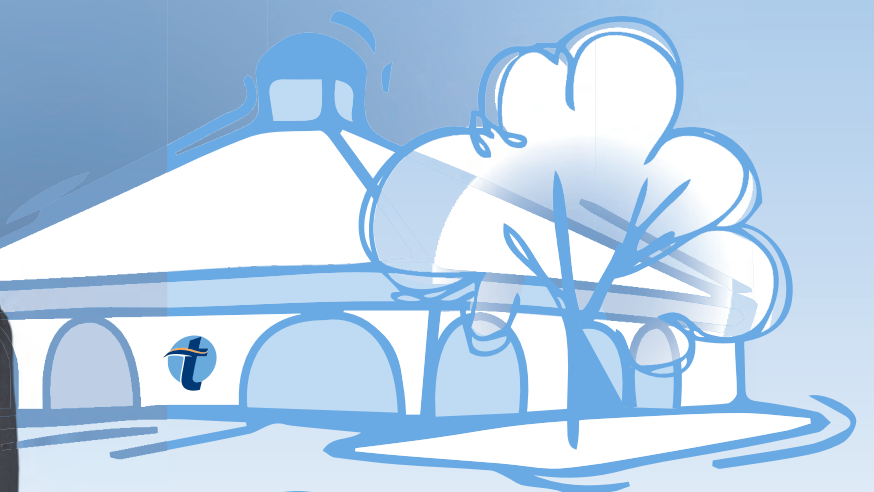
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Junior Women's Club News



Welcome to September! We are excited to begin planning our activities that are scheduled for the 2024-2025 year. Our upcoming General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 4th, 7 PM in the St Pius X church hall.

We have found our 2024 Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott! Little Miss is Hannah Kacani and our newly crowned Little Mr is Kaisyn DelPrado. They were crowned at the Wolcott Fair on Sunday August 11th. Voting took place at the Lion's Club Fair held August 10th and the 11th at the Junior Women's Club of Wolcott booth. During the months to come our Little Miss and Mr. Wolcott are our official ambassadors attending town wide celebrations. Highlights of their year consist of lighting the Christmas tree on the town green, marching in the BAW parade, assisting the Easter Bunny at the town's easter egg hunt and other functions throughout the town's calendar. Thank you to everyone who donated to this fundraiser.

Our Current Affairs team will be busy coordinating our upcoming "Meet the Candidates" event that will be scheduled in October. They will be contacting our citizens who are seeking office to participate in this event. More details will be forthcoming. We are excited to continue to support our upcoming programs in our 2024-2025 years. These include but not limited to: Toys for Tots & Teens as well as our Fuel Fund for Wolcott residents, Wolcott Food Bank, Scholarships, Caldecott Books, Crossroads, and Safe Haven. So please look for upcoming information in future editions of the Wolcott Community News for these programs.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will be meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month from September through June. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is open to all women 18 years of age and older, who are interested in volunteering in programs and projects that we sponsor that support and enhance our Wolcott community

Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubof-wolcott.org for more information or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.



Ellen Talbot, President and Little Miss Wolcott 2024, Hannah Kacani Little Mr Wolcott 2024, Kaisyn DelPrado

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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Our new members are really rolling up their sleeves and shaking things up! We have had great discussions about fundraisers, clean ups and get together. We are acting on short-term projects and looking into long-term annual events for the future of our organization. The Grange feels revitalized with new energy and excitement. Due to one membership meeting, we have gained several new members and we are honored and delighted that they have joined our team.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events:

September 7th 10-3 Pail Shake at Pats IGA. Please come out and show your support.

October 11th 7pm – 9 pm Get Motivated! Meet Author, Life Coach, and Trainer Kelly Lynch

October 18th 6pm – 9 pm Paranormal 101 - Wicked Wolcott- Presented by Paranormal Researcher Kimberly Dumouchel-Cody.

Feel free to reach out for more information kmowad25@aol.com

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Wolcott Youth Service Bureau Upcoming Events

September 18, 5-6PM
Arts & Crafts with Serena, Free

October 16, 4-6PM
Self Defense Clinic with Chris Santarsiero, ages 12+, \$5 suggested per family

November 6, 4:30-6:30
Lego Build & Take, ages 4+ \$5 Suggested per family. Limited spots available
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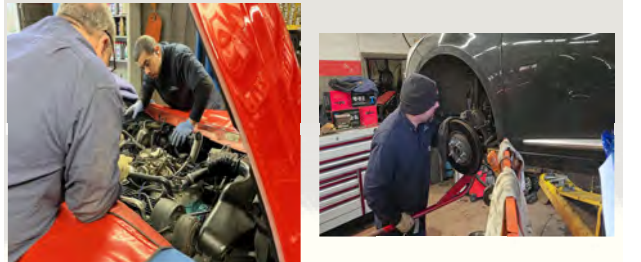
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Hello everyone and welcome to the wonderful Month of September, 2024.

We welcome the change into almost fall and the cooler weather.

Our ladies have been very busy; our new Officers will start their mission on September 12 at our first meeting of the year, which will be held at the Senior Center.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA
Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:30pm
at the Wolcott Senior Center

Our first event starts the opening of the new Club year. Karen Mowad, our Membership chairperson, will host our annual tea. This event takes place at the Senior Center on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30pm. This year's theme is "denim & diamonds". Please consider joining us, and dressing in "blue jeans and bling!"

Please RSVP to Karen at 203-233-1216 or kmowad25@aol.com, by September 10. Membership is only \$30.00 per year, but there is no obligation to join. Please come and meet our wonderful group of ladies and hear about the amazing things we are doing in our Community. Iced tea and snacks will be served

ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT
Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:30
on the Wolcott Town Green

Our Annual Breast Cancer Awareness event will be held on the Wolcott Green at 6:30. We have added something new this year, for the first time we will be presenting our event as the 'Breast Cancer Awareness Candlelight Ceremony'. Our ceremony will consist of special speakers including Wendy Emerick, a Breast Cancer Survivor, who also is a local School Bus Driver, songs provided by Molly Crossley, a student of the Stacy Perrone/Petta song studio. Pink Glow Sticks will be distributed to all in attendance as part of our Candlelight service. We look forward to the lighting of our "Tree of Hope", the Reverend Tammy Torelli, leading us in prayer, raising the Breast Cancer Awareness flag, and then a coffee and dessert time concluding our ceremony.

We invite all to come and support each other in our efforts to bring inspiration to those afflicted with cancer, survivors, family friends and our community members. For more information you may contact Mary M. Kelly wolcottkelly@yahoo.com.

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Connecticut's Energy Crisis: How did we get here?



**State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco**
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I am deeply concerned about the effects that legislative policies are having on you and your family, specifically in the form of soaring Eversource utility bills. The bills that we have all been hit with are outrageous. These misguided legislative policies are advertised as environmentally friendly, but in reality, they are inflicting financial strain on Connecticut families who are already struggling to make ends meet.

Majority Democrats have pushed for these aggressive renewable energy mandates without considering the economic burden these policies impose on our residents. Their approach, coupled with millions of dollars in arrearages for people who did not pay their bills, are now being pushed onto ratepayers, has led to skyrocketing energy costs, making it increasingly difficult for families to afford basic necessities.

But how did we get here?

In 2017 (before I took office), the state's only remaining nuclear power plant, Millstone, was threatening to shut down operations. To prevent the closure, stop higher costs for ratepayers and to keep hundreds of jobs, the legislature voted to mandate that Eversource purchase power from Millstone. You may hear that this was a Republican bill, but It passed with a bipartisan vote.

As part of that state mandate, Eversource and United Illuminating are required to purchase 50% of Millstone's output at \$49.00 per Mega Watt Hour (MWh). The utilities are then required to sell that power back into the larger energy market for a profit or a loss. If it's a profit, the ratepayers, like you and me, receive a credit, and if it's a loss, we are charged.

Millstone provides 50 percent of Connecticut's power and is significantly cheaper than other options, such as wind, that continue to be forced onto Connecticut ratepayers. Without nuclear as part of the energy equation, the state

would have an incredibly hard – and a much more costly – time of meeting its 2040 zero-carbon emission goals mandated by the Democrat majority. And the Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE) issued a report indicating that had Millstone closed, the region's grid would be at risk of rolling black-and brownouts.

The combined public benefits charges that we are seeing on our bills now reflect those costs, as well as the cost of providing for financial hardship programs for electric customers. Other portions go to the state Renewable Energy Investment Fund, which provides incentives for renewable energy projects and energy efficiency programs.

In other words, the reason for the rate increases has more to do with legislative priorities to achieve zero-carbon energy by 2040 and a misaligned directive requiring the utilities to provide power to some individuals, regardless of whether they will make payments on their bill. In 2020 during the pandemic, the legislature prohibited the utilities from shutting off service to non-paying customers- this has been extended more than once and it wound up being 4 years to the tune of \$160 million.

So-called "green" initiatives, hardship costs, renewable energy projects, etc., have led to increased costs and financial strain on our communities (and do not forget that the majority wanted to MANDATE that you purchase an electric vehicle, what would that have done to our bills?).

The Public Utility Regulatory Authority, which approved the rate increases for the utility companies, also recently approved rate adjustments for Eversource and United Illuminating of an additional \$80 million starting in September to cover the cost of rebates for EV charging stations and enhancements to the grid, which is yet another increase piled onto our bills. PURA mandated that Eversource and UI offer these rebates and now we are all paying for it!

And keep in mind, Democrats have controlled the House of Representatives for more than a decade and can pass whatever bill they would like. If they wanted to improve energy policies on behalf of customers and stop costly mandates that drive up our bills, they could have, but apparently, they just do not feel like it.

We all want a clean environment, but that does not mean the majority should check its economic sense at the door. We need to ensure our families are not left in the dark and drowning in utility debt in order to pay for every program that is dreamt up.

All of these programs cost money and the majority in the legislature cannot just hand over a blank check and keep kicking the bill down the road, then expect us all to pay for it.

So that is why my fellow Connecticut Republicans have outlined several proposals to directly address these costs:

- Limit all future Power Purchase Agreements (like Millstone) so that no contract can be for more than 150% over the wholesale electric market price.
- Study moving public policy charges off ratepayer bills and into the budget.
- Redefine Class I renewable energy sources to include all forms of hydropower and all nuclear power to lower the cost of these energy sources.
- Separate the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)
- Cover the portion of rate increases associated the moratorium on electric service shutoffs by reallocating remaining end-of-year American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and examining budgetary options that could make available as much as \$1 billion.

But to make these proposals happen, we need members of the majority and Gov. Lamont to join us to reduce these energy bills. I will keep you informed of legislative updates on this as they occur, because we need to reduce these bills, immediately.

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/repale.



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WOLCOTT \$349,900 — Ranch-style home offers convenient one-level living on a spacious 2.53-acre lot. Hardwood floors extend throughout the main level, leading to a living room with a fireplace and arched doorways connecting to the dining room. Adjacent to the dining room, a heated sunroom overlooks the property. The kitchen connects to a breezeway that leads to a two-car garage and a large screened-in porch with an attached deck. This home features three generously sized bedrooms and a full bath. The expansive lot with the possibility of being sub-divided -buyers and their agents are encouraged to do their own due diligence with the town. Sold as-is, this property presents a unique opportunity to personalize and make it your own.



WOLCOTT \$449,900 — Updated ranch offers incredible versatility, perfect for multi-generational living or accommodating in-laws featuring 4-5 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms. The modern kitchen features quartz countertops and breakfast bar. The main level also includes a dining room, two bedrooms, hardwood flooring and two full bathrooms. A few steps down, you'll find a stunning living room with a fireplace, a spacious primary suite with a sitting area and full bathroom, and French doors leading to a deck. The remainder of the lower level includes a cozy family room and additional 1-2 bedrooms. The backyard features an above-ground swimming pool.



WATERBURY \$284,900 — Oversized raised ranch located on the Wolcott/Waterbury line, with a possible in-law suite! This home features 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, and a 2-car garage, along with a large, beautiful backyard. The living room, with natural light reveals hardwood floors under the carpet. Spacious kitchen and dining area. Newer covered Trex deck. Three generously sized bedrooms, each with ample closet space and hardwood flooring beneath the carpets. Main level has a full bathroom with a washer and dryer. The finished lower level offers a family room, an additional bedroom, and a full bathroom, making it perfect for guests or as a possible in-law suite. This home is being sold as-is.



WATERBURY \$319,900 — Expanded ranch in Bunker Hill with a bright kitchen with tons of natural light from large sky light, cook top and double ovens made for great cooking. Kitchen flows into generous size family room. There is also a formal living room with wood burning fireplace, dining room with built-in and a conveniently located half bath at this end of the home. Three generous sized bedrooms with a full bath. There is central air, hardwood flooring and an oversized garage that leads to full basement with plenty of storage area.



PLYMOUTH \$619,900 — Three-bedroom farmhouse nestled on 6 acres at Chestnut Hill Farm offers chestnut wood floors, 4 fireplaces, and high ceilings. The first floor primary bedroom has hardwood floors and an eye catching fireplace. The large living room offers wood floors and fireplace. Custom hardwood floors and fireplace grace the charming dining room. A full bath and main level laundry room complete the first floor. Impeccably maintained horse facilities include 4 spacious stalls, a generous gathering (tack) room, and ample storage for feed and equipment. The property features 2 fenced paddocks for grazing and exercising. Situated in Litchfield County, don't miss the opportunity to own this inviting farmhouse and breathtaking horse property. Property to be sold as is.



THOMASTON \$525,000 — Beautiful Colonial style home offers 4 Bedrooms and 3.5 baths in move-in condition. Stunning tobacco road teak hardwood floors, eat in kitchen with SS appliances and granite countertops. Spacious family room with gas fireplace. Master bedroom has a walk in closet and full bath. Finished room above the garage adds additional square footage and could be a 4th bedroom, great room, office or possible in law. Wonderful back yard with above ground pool covered gazebo. 2 Car garage. Subject to seller finding and closing on home of choice.



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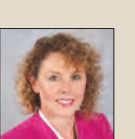
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A new commercial building that can be subdivided for various commercial businesses is being constructed at 239 Wolcott Road. Research indicated there is a need for this type of building for businesses to utilize to store materials or vehicles or serve as office space to run businesses out of.



The annual Mayor's Picnic on the Green took place July 21st with a very nice attendance of Wolcott residents. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, ice cream and water were being served free of charge. Live music was provided by the Rocking Heartbeats in the Town Green gazebo.



The Wolcott Public Works Department has been making repairs and upgrades at various locations in town that tend to flood during heavy rain downpours. This location on Longmeadow Drive near Wolcott Road had two large concrete pipes installed to handle such rain events and hopefully reduce or eliminate future flooding issues to local businesses.



The Wolcott Historical Society held a meeting recently at the One Room School House on Nichols Road with a guest speaker. Local resident Stephanie Mata gave a presentation on the preservation and cleaning of headstones at local cemeteries. She has done research and training with Atlas Preservation on the materials and solutions used to clean delicate headstones and she volunteers her time in performing cleanings.



A huge fundraising event was held at the Wolcott Lions Fair Grounds on July 14th for Wolcott resident Kim Mix, who is undergoing treatment for a medical condition. Family and friends organized the event to help offset medical costs for Kim.



The July heat wave was huge benefit for ice cream parlors in town. The Crazy Cow Creamery on Wolcott Road was doing a booming business on July 18th. Lines of customers were a constant sight at this location, keeping the employees very busy.



The Town of Wolcott hosted a Hazardous Waste collection day at the Wolcott Public Works facility on July 27th. Approximately 50 volunteers were on hand to coordinate the event of receiving old paint, automotive fluids, chemicals and other hazardous waste products. This event was welcomed by Wolcott residents.

Hello from Thy Eagle's Nest!

We would like to express our gratitude to so many who have been helping us see the completion of our upper room expansion. First and foremost, Vinny Griffin from "At Your Service Home Improvements"!!! You worked and organized teams to help see this project through. Thank you, you are a big part of where we are going and we couldn't have done it without you...xox!!!!

The final touches were added by Al Podzunas and his son Ben! Your expertise in high areas benefited us in the most incredible way. Thank you as you have pushed us to the finish line.

Please make note, Thy Eagle's Nest will be having another car wash this month with support from Tom Charbonneau and Steve Olmstead and all our amazing volunteers. Last month we held one and had great success. We washed cars at 300 Wolcott Rd, right at the intersection of Wolcott and Munson Rd. We thank Alliance Medical Group and Wolcott Commons and everyone who stopped by to allow us to give your car a cleaning!

Every bit helps as we provide families in need with furniture, clothing and household items.

We look forward to sharing with you the progress of our personal development programs, in the future. If you have any donations please feel free to contact us at 203-910-9275 or email us at Thyeaglesnest@gmail.com.

We are open every Saturday from 12-2pm for drop offs. Blessings ALWAYS!



Greetings from Veterans Are Heroes Forever

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We want to get you caught up on some of our accomplishments and future events for our veterans. First, we formed on October 31st, 2023, and received our official letter of approval from the Internal Revenue Service Tax Exempt and Government Entities this past April 2024.

Since we formed, we have passed out over 60 turkeys, gave away over \$4,000 worth of Amazon return gift boxes to over 75 veterans and their families and that was just last November and December. This year over \$5,000 worth of gifts, 6 boxes of clothing, 25 blankets, food, beverages, bread and pastries to veterans here at our Wolcott Senior Center, The Summit at Plantsville, serving over 100 veterans and family.

On June 1st we had our 1st Patriotic Pillows for Veterans event at the DePaolo Middle School where we presented over 50 Patriotic Pillows to our Veterans in person and to others who could not attend for various reasons. Twenty-Five went to veterans who were residents at The Summit at Plantsville thanks to Barbara Blau the Recreational Director. The 8th grade students made the pillows, 7th grade made the desserts and the 6th grade students presented the pillows to our veterans. It was a wonderful event for everyone as the students had a chance to meet and speak with our veterans after the ceremony. There were plenty of stories to share and the social part is what VAHF is also about. We want our youth and veterans to meet and have a chance to learn about what is or was to serve in our military for our country preserving our freedoms for now and future generations to come. We are planning that again for a future time.

We also were able to help a few local veterans with financial assistance, food and clothing too. VAHF will continue assisting whenever we can, thanks to your donations. We plan on receiving more boxes in the future and hope to have a bunch for Christmas like last year.

Pat's IGA allowed us to sell chocolate bars made by CC's Chocolate by their front door and that was very successful and thanks to all of you that donated.

We currently are raising money for veterans with our 3-month calendar gifts with over 90 opportunities to win. Visit www.vetahf.com to purchase tickets or donate.

The veteran's social is still going strong, and we meet every Wednesday 9-10 and currently meeting at our local Veteran owned Elephant Barn on 322 just past Pat's IGA. Yes, the public is invited to attend and stop by to say hello.

I have been speaking at local VFW's, Senior Centers, schools, Governors Second Horse Guard Meetings, Lions events, The Farmingbury Women's Club and other places to get our mission statement and focus to the general public. I would be happy to speak at your group.

On September 17th we plan on hosting a short ceremony for Constitution Day somewhere here in Wolcott, so please follow our FB page for more information. Speaking about Constitution Day I will be conducting 12-part Constitution Lecture seminars beginning late September so watch for time and locations. Registration will be required as I am going to limit class size for better participation from students. Each lecture will be 30 to 35 minutes with time to discuss the material and a review. You will be able to register on our website, www.VAHF.com. Take some time and visit our website.

I want to thank all the volunteers who have been assisting since our inception last year. You all have contributed so much to make this organization a success. Without your passion and commitment to our cause and our veterans none of this would be possible.

The next event we are planning will be Thanksgiving meal for veterans and the public is invited as this will also serve as a fundraising time so we can serve our veterans free of charge for dinner and in the future.

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Connecticut's Electric Rate Crisis: A Call for Action



by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District

Connecticut ratepayers — millions of residents, retirees, and small businesses — are reeling from skyrocketing electricity bills, often as high as a car or rent payment. At the heart of this issue lies

the now more apparent “Public Benefits” charge on your bill. This is a tax, no matter what anyone else attempts to call it

For most reasonable people, this is the final straw in a state already burdened with one of the highest costs of living. Decades of progressive Democrat policies have led us here, and the public has had enough. They want this crisis addressed now. As a consumer and electric ratepayer, so do I.

Moratorium Madness

I've heard from hundreds of constituents, and their outrage is palpable, particularly because of Governor Lamont's four-year moratorium on electricity shutoffs for delinquent payments. This policy is absurd and contributes significantly to the burden we're all paying for. Hardworking people are being forced to subsidize those who don't pay their bills. Does this sound familiar? It should.

This is classic progressive Democrat governance: taxing some to benefit others, all to secure political favor. Taxpayers—now ratepayers—are being exploited. The fury over this portion of the Public Benefits charge should serve as a wake-up call, revealing the broader issue of how funds are redistributed without transparency.

Progressive Policy Failures

The Public Benefits charge isn't just about the moratorium; it also funds rebates and various clean energy programs. While the overall cost of these programs is a concern, what's truly egregious is how many have been enacted by bypassing the proper legislative process. These costs should be debated openly and included (or not) in the state budget, and not quietly tacked onto our electric bills as hidden taxes.

The Democrat majority party, always seeking ways to circumvent spending limits, has found a way to conceal these taxes. Hidden charges like these—on your phone bill, your home insurance, and now your electric bill — must be eliminated and subjected to public scrutiny. No one has been more outspoken than I have at our state capitol in the fight against taxes — especially hidden ones.

PURA's Role

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), which approves rate increases, is composed of five individuals

appointed by Democrat Gov. Ned Lamont. Currently, there are three Democrats on the board and no Republicans, with two vacant seats. It's crucial to note that Republicans did not have a say in PURA's recent decisions, including the approval of higher rates.

This drastic jump in your electric bill was preventable. PURA, composed of unelected bureaucrats, voted against a more gradual phase-in, opting instead to impose these burdensome charges all at once. We're told these staggering bills will return to “normal” after the Public Benefits costs are recouped in 10 months. I don't buy it, and you shouldn't either. Within weeks of bills doubling, PURA approved another \$80 million increase for electric vehicle charging infrastructure — an unbelievable slap in the face.

This circumstance is emblematic of how the progressive Democrat majority in Hartford operates. They've systematically shifted power away from our representative system, centralizing authority in unelected bureaucracies that lack accountability. This trend, championed by Democrats, should raise alarms for every citizen. Governor Malloy's decision to dismantle the independent watchdog, the Department of Public Utility Control, and replace it with PURA — a partisan state agency — was a serious misstep. What was once an objective oversight body has become a political instrument, pushing through green energy and climate change initiatives with minimal public input. I voted against this move in 2011 and have continued to introduce legislation to reverse it.

The Millstone Myth

Facing backlash for their own policy failures, Democrat lawmakers are now desperately trying to shift the blame. Their latest tactic? Pointing to a bipartisan bill from 2017 to accuse Republicans of causing the current electricity rate crisis.

The 2017 bill allowed Eversource and UI to purchase power from the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant at a fixed cost over 10 years. At the time, it was a practical move to secure reliable, low-cost energy for ratepayers. However, market fluctuations have since led to additional costs, now reflected in the Public Benefits charge on your electric bill. In a disingenuous move, Democrats are trying to pin these costs on Republicans.

Overall, the Millstone agreement has been largely beneficial, providing substantial clean power at an affordable rate. The Democrats' attempt to deflect responsibility is a clear sign of their own failures. Do they now regret keeping Millstone operational? Why didn't they act sooner to address price fluctuations or reform PURA's role?

What Democrats conveniently ignore is their near-total dominance of Connecticut's government for almost 50 years. Since 2011, they have controlled the House, Senate, and Governor's Office, making it impossible for

any legislation to pass without their approval. To dredge up an eight-year-old bipartisan bill and blame Republicans is a blatant distortion of the truth.

A striking example of this hypocrisy is the Democrat Senate Majority Leader, who recently took to the radio airwaves to blame Republicans for the very bill he voted for. Of the Republicans who supported the bill, only twenty-eight remain in office today, and many legislators from both parties opposed it — including me.

It's crucial to remember that Democrats established the framework that led to this situation, mandating certain percentages of “green” energy. If not for the Millstone deal, we could be facing even higher costs from wind and solar energy.

In short, Democrats' attempt to blame Republicans for the current rate crisis is nothing but political spin, ignoring their own long-standing control over Connecticut's government.

The Republican Relief Solution

For at least the past two years, my Republican colleagues and I have proposed solutions to prevent this situation. Last month, we stood together once again, calling for a special session to address these exorbitant charges. We were ignored.

Here's the most obvious solution: We need a special legislative session immediately. Democrats frequently convene emergency sessions for non-emergencies; now we have a real crisis.

First, we must address the immediate problem of preventing these excessive charges from appearing on future electric bills. We are exploring ways to do so without imposing new taxes, possibly using the rainy-day fund, left-over federal ARPA funds, or the state's claimed surplus.

Second, we need to change our policies going forward and completely eliminate hidden taxes from electric bills. Finally, we must limit the extra costs associated with clean energy initiatives. While it makes sense to increase the use of renewable energy, it shouldn't come at four or five times the cost of traditional energy sources.

I stand ready to work with my colleagues in a special session to implement these solutions or any other reasonable measures that help the people of Connecticut. I urge the Governor and Democrats to join us in addressing this crisis now.



Our FB site is up, please check it out. “The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall - Wolcott”. Along with the wall we will also have a 9/11 Memorial. The Honorary Chairman is RADM Kevin Delaney, a 1964 graduate of Wolcott High School who served in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot with the famed “Seawolves” of helicopter Attack Squadron 3, flying 686 combat missions in support of Naval riverine forces and Seal units in the Mekong Delta. He passed in 2015 from lung cancer, a presumptive disease of Agent Orange. The 612 men from Connecticut that died and whose names are on the wall will be honored and their names will be read. Please plan on joining us next year.

Brett Muccino, Chairman
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Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

NEW HOURS:

- Sept 11th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11AM
- Sept 25th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11AM

Looking for Some Help!

Availability: Mon/Tues & every other Wed 8 AM – Noon.
Ability to drive a box truck (no CDL required) or ride as an assistant to various Wolcott, Waterbury, Wallingford locations to pick up -or- drop-off food donations. Boxes of food can be between 10 to 35 lbs. Please call our number (203) 704-7402 and leave us a message. We will get back to you A.S.A.P.

“Thank You”

1. We want to thank our new cleaning service for the fine work they do at the pantry. We have a lot of areas that need proper care to keep everything running efficiently and they do a first-class job.

Thanks ‘Juliana’s Cleaning Service’.

2. Thank you to all the gardeners out there that drop off some of their fresh produce that we in turn distribute to our clients (while the supply lasts).

Reminders

1. We have modified our distribution hours of operation. We now operate between the hours of 08:30 AM and 11:00 AM on a ‘distribution’ Wednesday.

2. We will be running our annual ‘Fill the Gazebo’ event this year on Sat., September 14th. We will have volunteers between the hours of 10 AM – 2 PM ready to accept donations at the Town Green, and Pat’s & Walsh’s parking lots. We are looking forward to meeting everyone that can stop by!

Help Us Out

Please check the dates on any food donations & 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.

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!

Local organizations (Pat’s, Walsh’s, Post Office, 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 the Wolcott High School Carpentry class. They built Adirondack chairs and then auctioned them off as a fund-raiser and decided to donate the proceeds to the pantry!



‘Thank You’ to the participants in this years ‘Relay for Life’ event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Many participants donate food as part of the event. Thanks to Jeanine Marquis Hayes and Ken Hayes for dropping the food donated on our behalf off at the pantry.

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- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
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- 1 cup butter or margarine, melted
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- 1 ½ cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 tablespoons peanut butter

Directions

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Mix together graham cracker crumbs, confectioners' sugar, butter or margarine, and 1 cup peanut butter in a medium bowl until well-blended.
3. Press evenly into the bottom of an ungreased 9x13-inch pan.
4. Place chocolate chips and 4 tablespoons peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high, stirring every 15 seconds, until smooth.
5. Spread mixture over crust.
6. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before cutting into 12 squares.



‘Thank You’ to Lauren (left) and Alyssa from ‘Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut’ (501 Wolcott Rd.). They stopped in to introduce themselves and offer to deliver some produce from their garden. Alyssa is a ‘Sustainable Garden Intern’ at the E.L.C. And will be attending to the garden.



‘Thank You’ to (left-to-right) Gabe, Brayden, and Nicholas. They all stopped by to help with our bi-weekly food distribution and to help us upgrade our signage for our annual ‘Fill the Gazebo’ event. This year’s event will take place September 14th, 10 AM – 2 PM.

Save The Date!
Thursday, Oct 3rd- 6:30 pm

The Farmingbury Women’s Club of Wolcott will host their annual Breast Cancer Awareness ceremony. The event will be on the Wolcott Town Green. All are welcome to join us!!!

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Wolcott Girl Scout News

The Wolcott Service Unit has set an exciting schedule for the fall of 2024. We kick off the year with Camporee, a Girl Scout Tea, Halloween Party, Veterans Day Event, Christmas Caroling and collecting items for local causes. Last year our Service Unit collected food, warm coats and hats, blankets for the dog shelter, blankets for the homeless, and more to support our community. We were able to give through our Cookies for Heros program Girl Scout cookies to our First Responders, School Personal, and local Veterans bringing sunshine to those who make the community work. We are introducing new opportunities for older Girl Scouts to participate in Community Service activities and events designed just for them. Our younger girls are active in the community learning how to make goals and achieve them through our outstanding badge program.

We are actively looking for new Girl Scouts and Girl Scout leaders to help us make a big difference in our community as we shape the next generation. Every GIRL is encouraged to succeed, together we strive to make Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, and Leaders. Join Us for our Girl Scout Tea on September 28, 2024 at 1 pm, Wolcott Congregational Church. Advanced registration is required for this free event. Contact us on Facebook at Wolcott CT Girl Scouts. You can also reach out to our Facebook page for more information about joining, and community service opportunities.

Boy Scout Troop 230

After a fantastic summer filled with swimming, boating, hiking, scout craft, STEM activities and so much more at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, Troop 230 is ready to begin a new year of scouting fun.

The upcoming year will find the troop honing essential scout skills such as fire building, cooking, knots, lashings, first aid and orienteering while advancing in the various scout ranks. They will also work on important life skills such as personal fitness, budgeting, communication strategies and team building. as they earn new merit badges.

Youth Leaders and scoutmasters invite you to join in on the fun. Meetings are held Thursday nights. 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.



Wolcott Congregational Church is Ready for Fall

Wolcott Congregational Church, Serving God and our Community for 250 Years. Last year for our 250 Year Celebration we held an Art Show with well over 100 participants and a plethora of talent. This year we look forward to welcoming artists of all ages for our Second Annual Art Show to be held the weekend of September 20, 21, with the final judging on September 22. All artists are asked to bring their work to the church on Friday, September 20 between 6 to 8 pm. Art viewing will take place all of Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am with judging at 12, noon. Prizes will be awarded based on age categories. Please feel free to write about the inspiration for your work of art and include it in the display.

Sunday School and Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday September 8 at 9:30. Families who would like to participate or learn more about our Sunday School can call the church office at 203-879-1293. Join Us for the Set Back Tournament September 13, Doors open 6 pm. Details on our website wolcottcongregationalchurch.org and our Facebook page.

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Wolcott High School NEWS



Wolcott High School



Chapter 4293

National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the 47 new members of the National Technical Honor Society inducted on May 1st! These students have met the required qualifications, including the scholastic requirements in each Career and Technical Education (CTE) course.

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| Gresa Ajro | Angelina D'Addona | Kayla Page |
| Jake Almeida | Peter DalNegro | Ashlin Panyasith |
| Samantha Andrews | Olive DeLeo | Rahi Patel |
| Tyler Aviles | Kyle Denison | Domenic Pelletier |
| Anthony Bell | Leah Field | Ryan Perazzella |
| Gianna Berube | Ashley Guerrera | Eric Plourde Jr. |
| Nina Bianchi | Ava Gugliotti | Emis Poci |
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| Cameron Cleary | Grady Mears | Carlina Tampellini |
| Luke Colfer | Besmir Mino | Irene Tang |
| Katelyn Cote | Anthony Mirto | Paulina Uruchima-Sarmiento |
| Lexann Czyzycki | Nadia Nasiri | |

Current National Technical Honor Society members completed service projects benefiting Toys for Tots and Teens, Wolcott High School teachers, the homeless, The National Alliance on Mental Illness, a 3rd grade classroom, and the Wolcott Food Pantry

39 Juniors Inducted into Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society

Congratulations to the following juniors who have been selected this year for membership to the Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society. These students have successfully met the qualifications of demonstrated excellence in Social Studies, leadership, citizenship, and service. Induction to Rho Kappa is dependent on a student's continued promise to uphold these qualifications to the best of their ability. Membership is contingent on maintaining high scholastic standing, enrolling in a Social Studies class senior year and maintaining good citizenship. The newly inducted members are: Samuel Berninger, Giana Berube, Hailey Corbett, Katelyn Cote, Colin Croce, Olivia D'Alessio, Gabriella DeLeo, Addison DiBrino, Carter Efrece, Miley Guerrera, Julia Hall, Jacob Harry, Sara Khan, Sofia Lanza, Brielle Ledellaytner, Guiliana Lombardi, Sara-Kate Lumia, Madelyn Meyers, Molly Meyers, Logan Miklavzina, Kasey Normand, Eriela Ozuni, Kayla Page, Michael Pascal, Alex Perez, Jonathan Plona, Edward Podzunas, Amela Qyteza, Aedan Rabtoy, Thomas Scacco, Joseph Sconziano, Lauryn Sinclair, Jackson Strileckis, Jessica Testa, Rebecca Wood, Fiona Yeung.

Rho Kappa is advised by Social Studies teachers Anjeza Cuko and Zachary Guertin. Wolcott High School's chapter is named in honor of Florence J. Goodman, retired Social Studies teacher and president of the Wolcott Historical Society.

WHS Student Government hosted second annual Students and Teachers Cornhole Tournament



Congratulations to the teacher team of Charlie Guerrera and Isabel Nunes for winning the tournament

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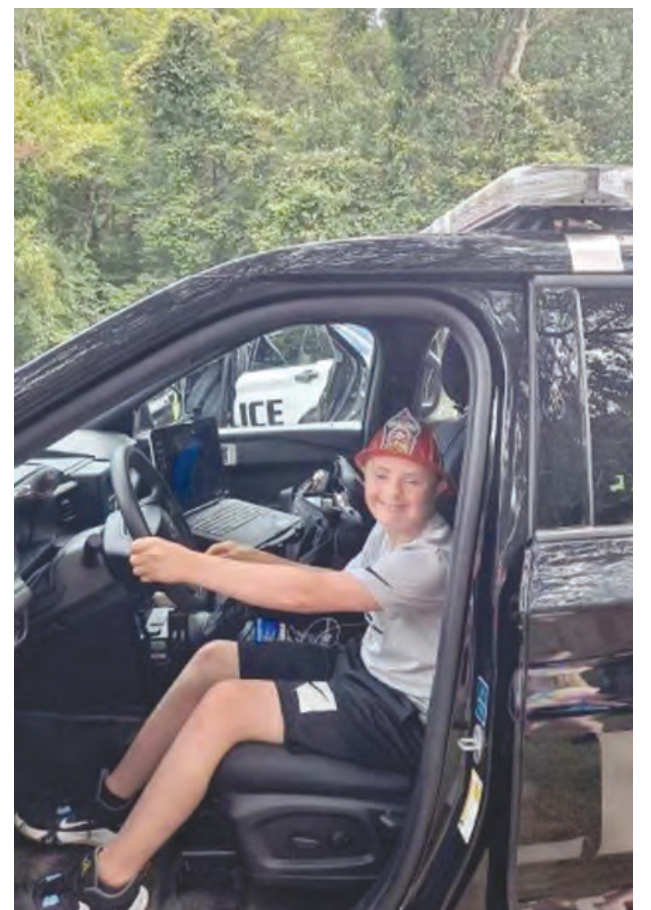
A huge thank you to the Wolcott Police Department, Wolcott Animal Control and Wolcott Fire Department (Company 1) for coming to visit Rainbow Day Camp! Our campers had a blast sitting in the vehicles, testing out the sirens, and "trick or treating"

Thanks to the town we have new curb cuts on the town green!

Application for special games have gone out

Contact Gloria Clair if you did not receive one.

If you're interested in joining our mailing list to receive flyers for our monthly recreation events contact Gloria Clair (203) 558-0514





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Call the senior center to see if bus trips are cancelled for that day

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



Donna Belval
Senior Center Director

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS TRIP, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF CANCELLATION ***Parking for bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot.

Monday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

9:00-9:30 “Pound Class” using weighted Drumsticks w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation-Donations accepted

9:45-10:30 “Strength & Tone”— includes Weight Strengthening/

Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation-Donations accepted

1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

Tuesday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

11:30-12:30 Chair Yoga-Donations accepted

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

TAI CHI — is a light aerobic exercise that works on balance, lowering stress and creating a deeper connection with oneself — Donations accepted

Wednesday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

12:30-3:00 Bingo

Thursday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

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

12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

12:30-3:00 Pinochle

Friday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

8:15-9:00 “Cardio, Strength & Balance—”LEVEL-UP” includes Weight Strengthening Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief/Seated Bicycle Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation Donations accepted

9:30-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting — LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

COME JOIN OUR GROUP!

Monday, September 2

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY — SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

Tuesday, September 3

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

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

Wednesday, September 4

10:00 Presentation on “Digital Literacy” As phones, computers, and the Internet become more and more

prevalent, it is important that everyone has access to the knowledge they need to build a foundation in technology. Allison, Wolcott Public Library’s Digital Navigator, will be leading a workshop that will focus on internet safety and using your smartphone, followed by a Q & A session where you can get your questions about technology answered. SIGN UP FOR PRESENTATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 LARGE pcs Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert--\$5.00 pp, Pay by Tues. Sept 3

Thursday, September 5

7:30 Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino — departs casino at 3:30 — Sign up for 1 trip only, Sign up at senior center

Friday, September 6

8:00 Bus leaves for Yankee Candle, Old Deerfield Candy Shop & lunch at Wolfie’s Restaurant — Sign up for trip

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

Monday, September 9

9:00-12:00 Pulse 4 Pulse testing — A non-invasive circulation test providing a clear picture of your cardiovascular health. ANS Testing: This test measures the amount of time between each heartbeat. ABI Testing looks for narrowing of the arteries leading to your legs and feet. Sudomotor Testing detects small blood vessel and nerve damage in the hands and feet. Most insurances accepted—Connecticare, BCBS (Some plans), Wellcare, UnitedHealthcare, Oxford, UMR, Cigna, Stirling Benefits, CT Medicaid (Husky), & Government Medicare (Part B). A cash option is available if you opt not to use insurance, with a fee of \$50.00. MUST REGISTER AT SENIOR CENTER BEFORE TESTING — OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

10:30 Bus leaves for lunch at The Rein Deli and shopping at Home Goods Store, Sign up for trip

Tuesday, September 10

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

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlic’s — shopping at Stew Leonard’s, Sign up for the trip

Wednesday, September 11

10:00-11:00 Presentation on “How To Prevent Fraud Attacks & Elder Abuse” sponsored by Thomaston Savings Bank—Sherrie Dubois, Wolcott Branch Manager will discuss protecting your assets by preventing identity theft and identifying & avoiding scams. Open to the Public

11:30 Lunch Special—Seafood Salad w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a Croissant, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up and Pay by Mon. Sept 9

Thursday, September 12

10:30 Bus leaves for White Horse Pub & Restaurant in Preston — Sign up for trip

11:30-12:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a Floral Candle Holder, \$8.00 pp — Pay when you sign up

Friday, September 13

11:00-12:30 Farmer’s Market sponsored by Brass City

Harvest--Trucks will be parked & set-up in the lower Woodtick Recreation Pavilion for anyone who would like to purchase fresh vegetables, fruits & honey. They accept cash, credit, debit, SNAP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market cards. You can also order online at www.brasscityharvestwaterbury.com for pick-up or delivery. Please park in parking lot — Cars not allowed over bridge.

Tuesday, September 17

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

Wednesday, September 18

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

11:30 Lunch Special — Turkey Breast w/ Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert \$5.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Sept 16

Friday, September 20

7:30 Bus leaves for Foxwoods Casino — Departs casino 3:30 — Sign up for 1 trip only

Monday, September 23

8:30 Bus leaves for Big E — Departs Big E at 4:00 — \$16.00 per senior admittance, Pay at the gate — Sign up for 1 trip only

Tuesday, September 24

11:30-3:00 Reflexology with Kim — Sign up for 20 min of relaxation for \$25.00

Wednesday, September 25

8:30 Bus leaves for Big E — Departs Big E at 4:00 — \$16.00 per senior admittance, Pay at the gate — Sign up for 1 trip only

11:30 Lunch Special — Breaded Chicken Breast Filet w/ Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Mon. Sept 23

Thursday, September 26

10:00-12:00 Flu clinic sponsored by Chesprocott — Most insurances accepted, Please bring your ID & Insurance Card

Friday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 29

8:30 Bus leaves for Brunch Special at Shadows on the Hudson in New York featuring Breakfast & Lunch Buffets, Carving Station, Crepe Station, Pasta Station & Extravagant Mini-Dessert Station—Beverages are NOT included in price of meal, \$52.00 per person — (Includes Tax & Tip), Pay by Mon. Sept 16

Monday, September 30

10:30 Presentation on “Skin Cancer Awareness — Our skin is our largest organ performing many valuable functions for us — let’s take care of it. The talk will be followed by a Bingo game based on the talk with prizes for all! Sign up at the center



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Wolcott Public Library

CHILDREN

Thanks to the hard work of our staff, teen summer workers and more than 50 teen volunteers we have re-organized our Juvenile Fiction section. Children in grades 2-6 will find shelves dedicated to humor, adventure, fantasy, spooky stories, sports and more! We have also introduced a new section of “Read Along” picture books with built-in audio players that will read the story as you turn the pages. But the library isn’t just for books. We have many new and returning library programs this fall for all ages.ry.org or call the library at 203-879-8110. Registration is required for most programs.

Books & Babies- 0-20 months.
Every Wednesday at 11AM

Toddler Time- 20 months- 3 years old.
Tuesdays at 10AM

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:45AM

Pajama Storytime
Wednesdays at 6:30PM (Pre-K- 2nd grade)

FIRST Lego League Discover returns for Pre-K- Kindergarteners through our partnership with Wolcott Robotics and Team Max, and will meet on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Registration required.

Lego Club- all ages.
Every Thursday at 5:30-7PM

Book Buddies pairs big and little reading buddies together for weekly reading. Schedules are based on participant availability. Applications due Sept 9.

Gotta catch ‘em all! Our Pokémon scavenger hunt starts 9/16. Stop in any time to get your pokédex and begin your Pokémon Adventure!

TEENS

Teen Book Club & Movie- The Outsiders. Books available for check out at the main desk. Book club meets Friday, 9/20 at 4PM, followed by a screening of the movie at 4:30. Pizza and popcorn provided. You do not need to read the book to attend the movie. Registration required.

Teen Library Council (TLC) will resume on Tuesday, 9/17 at 4:30PM. This is a great opportunity for 6th - 12th graders who want to take on a leadership role in our library.

More teen programs are being planned for the Fall, please check our website for more info.

ADULTS

A Good Yarn, WPL’s knit & crochet circle meets each Wednesday 10:15AM -12PM. Beginners welcome!

Knitting with Ginny- Sat. 9/7 at 10:30AM Learn to knit! Ginny will guide you through a simple project, no experience necessary. Registration required.

Save the date! Sydney Sherman will present “Understanding Your Aura” on 9/26 at 5:30PM.

More programs are listed on wolcottlibrary.org. Register online or call 203-879-8110 x5

Wolcott Education Foundation



The Directors would like to thank Dana Buckley and Mellissa Genereau, Fran Masi’s daughters, for their generous donation in establishing a memorial scholarship in his name. Fran was a very popular science teacher at the middle school for many years. Upon his retirement, he served on the Town Council. We will be awarding scholarships for the next 11 years in his memory. Also another memorable English teacher at the high school, Gerry Pelegano will be turning 100 this year and the family is also establishing a scholarship fund to deserving Wolcott High School graduates. For those of you with incoming eniors, please keep us in mind as we have numerous named scholarships to award in May. Applications will available at the beginning of each year. For any questions, please contact Janet Tynan, Treasurer at Tynan_janet@comcast.net or call 203 233-6407.



Wolcott Public Library's Summer Reading program went wild with a visit from Riverside Reptiles



Patrons learned about henna and received unique designs in a library program with artist Jamilah Henna Creations

Wolcott Historical Society - September 2024



by Florence Goodman

I recently received an email from a woman whose dad's family had a farm in Wolcott where he grew up. I had missed this farm when I was researching farms in town, so I was very excited to get this information.

Her dad had written two small books about his family emigrating from Galicia to our area and then buying a farm in Wolcott. This was great news for me because the Wolcott Historical Society decided to display farm items and farm history in their booth at the Lion's Country Fair this past August, so I now had one new farm to add to my list!

The two books that were sent to the Society were written first by Thomas Rozdilski and then edited and sent to Amazon for publishing by his daughter, Jill Chanapai; they are "The Story of Eva Shkymba and John Rozdilski From Galicia To Wolcott," and "Life on the Farm in Wolcott." Eva and John's families were from a historical geographical



The Rozdilski House at 197 Wolcott Road circa 1934.

region of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth which later became Poland and the Ukraine. The first book tells the history of family life in their homeland and how the families came to the United States. It is filled with beautiful old photos that Tom and Eva's families had saved. The second book tells the story of life on the farm on Wolcott Road and again is filled with wonderful old photographs of these early days of farm life in our town. I remember when Tom's sister, Mary, who was an active member of the Society would attend our monthly meetings; she always brought old photos with her and shared the history of each. When Mary passed away, I had hoped that the Society would receive these photos, sadly, we did not, but I have to say, I'm much



John and Eva Rozdilski and their children.



Eva Rozdilski and her children in the garden.

happier with the donation of these two beautiful books that are filled with family histories and photos.

Tom Rozdilski's mother, Eva Shkymba was born on June 20, 1897, in Galicia and when she was fourteen years of age she left her family and homeland and sailed to America with her seventeen-year-old brother. She could not speak the language and had no skills to get a job, but she did have two brothers who were already in America who would guide her. The trip took eight days, arriving in New York Harbor on June 11, 1912. Her brothers and their families were living in Brooklyn, so Eva lived with them. She worked in a jute mill for 10-hours a day, five and a half days per week. After three years, Eva took a train to Waterbury, Connecticut to live with another brother and his wife where she worked in a factory there as well.

Tom's father, John Rozdilski was born on June 15, 1895, in the village of Czarne, Galicia. His early life was spent working on their farm doing strenuous work there. In 1911 at age 16, John left his homeland for America. It took nine days to get to New York where John met his Uncle Wassil Rozdilsky who brought him back to his home in Waterbury. He lived with him for a year, but decided he could make more money working in the coal mines in Pennsylvania. Working in the mines was hard and dangerous work so in 1915 John returned to Waterbury. It was there that he met Eva in that same year. They married on February 19, 1916; John was 20 and Eva was 18. They lived in rents in Water-



A later photo of the house and garages at the Rozdilski farm.

bury for eight years. It wasn't until April 1924 that they were able to purchase a 22-acre farm in Wolcott on 197 Wolcott Road for \$3200 from Frank Moroz; it included the land, a house and barn. Eva cried when she first saw the inside of the house, which had been used as a barn, but it quickly was turned into their home for them and their seven children. This cape-style house had a large kitchen with a pantry and two other rooms on the first floor; the upstairs was unfinished and wide open. There was a front porch and at the end of the house with an open storage area and the cellar door. There was no indoor plumbing or electricity, but the kitchen sink had a drain that was piped to the outside. The old well pump delivered tasty, cold water and it never ran dry. The outhouse was located behind the barn that proved to be quite a trip in the dark or in the cold of winter. The barn was large and had an attached garage for a wagon

or car and had an attached chicken coop. There were two cow stalls and a hay loft above and the back had another stall attached for a horse.

It's obvious that Wolcott land is filled with rock so early farmers worked tirelessly to till the soil and remove them, hence all the stone walls around town. The front portion of the Rozdilski's farm had fertile topsoil which provided a perfect area for their garden and the rest of

the land which bordered Grilley Road to the southwest was forestland. The trees were cut and used for firewood and the open fields allowed the farm animals a place to graze. There was also Old Tannery Brook that ran through the property and crossed under Wolcott Road. This was the perfect place for the Rozdilski's seven children to grow-up.

As mentioned in the beginning of this article, Joe and Eva Rozdilski purchased their farm from Frank Moroz also spelled Morozuk. Frank Moroz's property consisted of the farm he sold to Rozdilski and the land north of that up to Norton Road. He sold the rest of his property later to the Clifford Herbst. The pond that is located on Wolcott Road and today is part of the Lion's Fair grounds was used as an ice pond and Frank Moroz also had an icehouse near the pond where he stored his ice.

One hundred years ago, Wolcott's farms served so many families in this town. Most of these farmers worked in the factories in Waterbury but came home each evening to work on their farm. Every family member had responsibilities on the farm. Children usually helped after school and throughout the summer. These farms provided food and extra money for the families in a time when it was greatly needed.



Cows and a horse grazing in the fields.

(Information for this article was taken from two books written by Tom Rozdilski and donated to the Wolcott Historical Society by his daughter, Jill Chanapai. The books are for sale on Amazon and are titled: "The Story of Eva Shkymba and John Rozdilski From Galicia To Wolcott," and "Life on the Farm in Wolcott."; information about Frank Moroz was given to me by Betty Thurber in 2014)



This photo was taken by Mary Rozdilski in May circa 1930s.

FALL 2024
**WOLCOTT ADULT
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BOOT CAMP



This fat blasting class will increase muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance. No fancy choreography to follow; just moves designed to challenge you, make you sweat, and burn body fat. No two classes will be the same! This is a class for all levels of fitness with modifiers and advancements as needed. **Please bring a mat and a pair of 5 lb. weights to each class.**

Instructor: Laura Bruno
 Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00PM – 7:00PM
 Location: Alcott Elementary Gym
 Registration Fee: \$120
 Begins September 9th for 20 sessions
 (Sept 9th - Nov 25th: No classes Sept 11th, Oct 7th or Nov 11th)



ZUMBA

Ditch the workout and dance your worries away while burning tons of calories with ZUMBA! Zumba is a Fusion of Latin & International music and dance themes. It is a mixture of body sculpting movements combined with easy to follow dance steps. Come join this “feel happy” workout! Join the fun and burn off those calories.

Instructor: Emperatriz Ochoa
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30PM – 7:30PM
 Location: Wolcott High School Cafeteria
 Registration Fee: \$120
 Begins September 10th for 20 sessions
 (Sept 10th - Nov 21st: No classes Sept 19th or Nov 5th)

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Instructors: Joanne Riback & Lisa Belfiore Davis
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:45pm – 7:45pm
 Location: Wakelee Elementary Cafeteria
 Registration Fee: \$120
 Begins September 10th for 20 sessions
 (Sept 10th - Nov 21st: No classes Sept 19th or Nov 5th)

Method of Payment:
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 Wolcott, CT 06716
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**Friends of the
 Wolcott Library**

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and that you were able to take advantage of our museum pass program for your day trips as well as all the wonderful programs for both children and adults. The Friends paid for the majority of the events held this summer. Where did the summer go? So now it is time to either re-new your library card or get a card if you haven't had one or lost yours. The first card is free and a replacement only costs \$3.00. There will be drawings for gift cards at the close of September which is Library Card Month so now it the time to get updated.

Also the Friends are preparing for our Fall Book Sale. Our special collection day will be Saturday, October 12th from 10 am to noon in the downstairs meeting rooms. Please park in the back and we will have volunteers to assist you. If you can't make that day, please feel free to bring your donations to the main circulation desk during the week at least one hour before closing and on Saturdays for a few weeks prior to the sale. Our actual sale will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 24th and 25th from noon to 6pm and Saturday, October 26th from 10 am to 2 pm. Free admission all days and we will be accepting cash only. Keep in mind that besides books of all kinds, we also accept record albums, audio books, DVD's, CD's, jigsaw puzzles and games. For questions concerning the sale, please contact Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407 or www.wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com

After 29 years of service the Wolcott Library has said goodbye to Sue Ouellette, our former children's librarian and director. There aren't enough words of thanks to say. Just know that the Friends have always enjoyed working with her in all her various jobs at the library and we are sad to see her go. However, the Library's lose is the Friends gain. Sue has agreed to take over the position of Vice President and was awarded a Lifetime membership to the Friends at her recent retirement party. Sue takes over for another long time Friend, Margaret Erickson who has served in several offices for the past 17 years. Our other officers are Janet Tynan, President, Judy Ball, Corresponding Secretary, Ginny Way, Recording Secretary, Ellen Lynch, Treasurer of the General Account and Ruth Yachtis as Treasurer of Special Funds. This is a great group of volunteers who give back to the community through their dedication to the Friends.

The Friends welcome Matt Earls as the new director. Matt has extensive experience working with library building projects and has been a director at a smaller library. He is also the local coordinator for International students with Greenheart and teaches classes at a local YMCA. Matt will be an asset to our community.

The Friends wish all the students and teachers a successful school year. Keep in mind that the library is here for you for all your projects both in house and on our website. We recently added Lingo Lite which is the language component to the A-Z Cultural programs. So visit us either at 469 Bound Line Road or www.wolcottlibrary.org for the many resources we have to meet your needs this school year.

REMEMBERING 9/11



WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wolcott Latchkey Program



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!

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Wolcott BOE 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School's Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated on the Agenda posted on-line before the meeting.

	FIRST	SECOND
SEPTEMBER	9 (Monday)	23 (Monday)
OCTOBER	7 (Monday)	28 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	12 (Tuesday)	25 (Monday)
DECEMBER	16 (Monday - Alcott)	
JANUARY	6 (Monday - Frisbie)	
FEBRUARY	10 (Monday - Wakelee)	
MARCH	3 (Monday - WHS)	17 (Monday)
APRIL	7 (Monday)	28 (Monday)
MAY	12 (Monday)	27 (Tuesday)
JUNE	9 (Monday)	23 (Monday)

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- Substitute Food Service Worker
- Substitute Maintenance Worker
- Substitute 2nd Shift Custodian

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Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on September 27th, and October 25th. 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.

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- ♦ Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

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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 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 2024-2025

Month	Days	Date/Event or Holiday
July	1-31	
August (5/2)	1-31	August 26, 2024: Convocation August 27, 2024: PD Day August 28, 2024: PD Day August 29, 2024: First Day for Students September 2, 2024: Labor Day
September (20/20)	1-30	October 14, 2024: Columbus Day
October (22/22)	1-31	November 5, 2024: Election Day
November (17/17)	1-30	November 11, 2024: Veterans Day November 28-29, 2024: Thanksgiving (half day 27th)
December (15/15)	1-31	Dec 23, 2024 - Jan. 1, 2025: Holiday Recess
January (21/21)	1-31	January 20, 2025: Martin Luther King Day
February (18/17)	1-28	February 14, 2025: PD Day - No School February 17-18, 2025: February Recess
March (21/20)	1-31	March 24, 2025: PD Day - No School
April (16/16)	1-30	April 18, 2025: Good Friday April 21-25, 2025: Spring Recess
May (21/21)	1-31	May 26, 2025: Memorial Day
June (10/10)	1-30	June 13, 2025: Last Day (tentative half day 12th and 13th)
# of Student and Staff Days		
	Staff	Student
August	5	2
September	20	20
October	22	22
November	17	17
December	15	15
January	21	21
February	18	17
March	21	20
April	16	16
May	21	21
June	10	10
Total Days	186	181

*August 29th, 30th, and September 3rd 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 eleven (11) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After eleven (11) cancellations additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 25, 2025 and moving backward from there.

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Wolcott \$625,000 - New construction Colonial with open floor plan to be built in The Preserve, a 2 cul-de-sac subdivision with homeowner access to Chestnut Hill Reservoir. This 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial features hardwood floors, kitchen with granite counter tops and island, formal dining room with crown molding, a great room with propane fireplace, and a two story grand foyer. 2nd level features a spacious Primary Bedroom suite with private full bath and large walk-in closet, 3 other bedrooms, and a full laundry room; walk-out basement, central air. Gorgeous subdivision, seasonal water views, town sewers. Customize your dream home with well-known local builder today! *Ask for Lynn or J.R.*



Bristol \$384,900 - Only 10 years young, move-in condition 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial. The gleaming hardwood floors lead you through the relaxing living room to the spacious eat-in kitchen offering plenty of cabinet space, a large island, granite counters and stainless steel appliances. The 2nd floor features a spacious primary suite with walk-in closet and a private full bath. You will enjoy the private rear yard while lounging on the deck. You have the convenience of a 2-car garage, storage in the full basement and the cost savings of solar panels, propane fueled heating and hot water. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio*



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Lucienne
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Marita
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Waterbury \$349,000 - Renovated, 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.*



Waterbury-Multi \$415,000 - Beautiful 2 family home with possible in-law set up! First floor features remodeled eat-in kitchen with white cabinets, granite counter tops, spacious living with fireplace and 3 generous sized bedrooms, 2 full baths one of which has been remodeled. 2nd floor consists of freshly painted eat-in kitchen, large living room with fireplace, 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Lower level includes a family room, kitchenette, full bath and a work room. There is a one car garage and a gorgeous yard complete with flower gardens, patio and double decks. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*



Waterbury-Rental \$1700/mo. - First floor, just renovated 3 bedroom apartment in Town Plot with a large kitchen, dining room, 1 full bath and a separate large pantry. Very nice condition, refinished flooring, remodeled bathroom, freshly painted throughout. One detached car garage and one designated parking lot, plus off street parking. Close to shopping, bus line and easy access to Route I-84 and Route 8. *Ask for Sali Barolli.*



Waterbury-Rental \$1700/mo. - Just sweet all around! Lovely East End 2 bedroom apartment on the 2nd floor, completely remodeled. The eat-in kitchen is spacious, with granite countertops as well as stainless steel appliances, and nice new floors throughout. There is also a living room, back porch, and a basement area with assigned space for each tenant. You will be nice and close to everything here. Heat and hot water is included in the monthly rent. *Ask for Lucienne Marsella*



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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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\$200,000 - 2 Separate lots being sold as one package. Maps and 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.

\$1,400,000 - If you build it they will come! 7.1 acres of land available on Wolcott Rd (Rte 69). Road Frontage 739 feet on Route 69. Property backs up to Minor Road. Sewer approximately 400 feet away on Center Street. *Ask for Gene Fercodini.*

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