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Congratulations to the U 12 Girls Travel soccer team on winning their division, ending their spring season with a record of 7-0-1. Great work girls and coaches!



Congratulations to Daniel Naples who was awarded Mayor of the Day by the Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs and Mayor Dunn on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Daniel led the parade for the Wolcott Special Games on September 21, 2024.



Wolcott's town librarian Sue Ouellette was recognized for her 29 years of service to the Wolcott Library at a recent retirement party in her honor. Friends of the Wolcott Library hosted the event that was attend by family, friends, co-workers and town dignitaries. Photo by: Janet Tynan



Nouria hosted back to school night giving a donation of \$500 to Alcott Elementary School





At a recent meeting of the Exchange Club of Wolcott, club president Roger Picard on the right, awarded club member Gary Wachtelhausen a plaque for being named Exchange Club Member of the Year. Gary can be counted on to volunteer and assist in fundraising efforts and programs of service that the club participates in. He hardly ever misses a meeting and is a shinning example of what an Exchangite is. Photo by: Pat Draper

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## **Birthdays** 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

Matt Plantier - October 7th

## Scorpio, Oct 23rd - Nov 21st "The Scorpion"



Scorpios are passionate and assertive people with determination and focus you rarely see in other zodiac signs. They will turn to in-depth research to reach the truth

behind anything they find important. Great leaders and guides, Scorpios are resourceful, dedicated and fearless when there is challenge to be overcome. They will hold on to other people's secrets, even when they aren't very fond of them to begin with and do anything they can for those they tie themselves to.

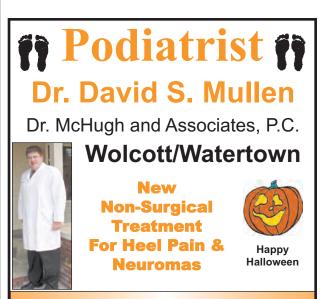
#### Rose Fasano - October 31st



he Patriots' Day Initiative, established in 2016, will host the 8th Annual Veterans Vigil & Luminary Ceremony on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wolcott Town Hall. Many community leaders will offer remarks along with patriotic presentations by local youth. The event will serve to honor local Veterans, Servicemen and Servicewomen and educate about the GREEN LIGHT A VET Advocacy Campaign.

Many individuals have adopted this mission to keep a green light lit at home and/or the office. To those who serve, this simple gesture shows that we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and we are forever grateful for their sacrifices. In addition to displaying luminaries, on the town green for the vigil, we ask residents across Wolcott especially those along CENTER STREET, to switch one outside light to a green light for the days leading up to Veterans Day (11/11). This collective effort and display of lights along Center Street will known as "THE GREEN MILE".

For more information about the vigil or to volunteer, please email: patriotsdayct@aol.com or call 203.228.7305. Luminaries are available for purchase and can be personalized for display. All honorees names will be read aloud at the closing of the ceremony. We pledge our continued support and respect for the brave men and women, along with their families, who have given so much. Portioned proceeds will benefit: The Veterans Advocacy Commission, The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in 2025 and the ongoing efforts of the Patriots' Day Initiative. Thank you!



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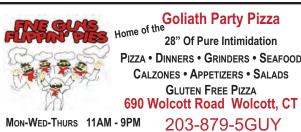
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Susan Fasano - November 1st



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October 3rd - Thursday

Breast Cancer Awarness Ceremony Sponsored by Farmingbury Women's Club Location: Wolcott Town Green Time: 6:30pm

### October 12th - Saturday

#### Wolcott Lions Tom Centinaro Memorial "Dam" Trail Race

Location: Woodtick Recreation 201 Nichols Rd., Wolcott Time: 10:00am Racetime. (Race day packet pick up between 8:00am-9:30am) Tickets: \$30 Online Registration until October 12th. sign up at www.FastTrackTiming.com Info: 3.5 Mile trail run/walk on the scenic & flat Mill Pond Trail

### October 12th - Saturday

#### Wolcott Vol. Fire Department Company 1 Open House and Safety Day

Location: Wolcott Vol. Fire Dept. Co 1 395 Central Ave., Wolcott Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm Cost: Free and open to the public Info: Come meet the firefighters, learn about fire prevention, and see the gear and equipment used by today's firefighters. We will be dedicating our newest addition, Tanker 3, at noon

### October 18th - Friday

#### Fall Set Back Tournament Sponsored by The Ladies Guild of St. Basil the Great Parish

Location: Father Shea Hall

525 Woodtick Rd,(formerly St. Pius X Church) **Time:** 6:30pm registration - 7:00pm game start **Tickets:** \$20 per person ages 16 to adult and will be available at the door.

**Info:** To reserve your place contact Rachel Wisler at rachelmwisler@yahoo.com or call 203-879-0889. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 scorers.

## October 24th - Thursday

Meet the Candidates hosted by The Junior Women's Club Location: Wolcott Town Hall 10 Kenea Ave, Wolcott Time: 6:30pm

### November 7th - Thursday

Annual Veterans Vigil and Luminary Ceremony to Honor all Veterans Location: Wolcott Town Hall

10 Kenea Ave, Wolcott **Time:** 6:00pm **Info:** The Ceremony will serve to honor local Veterans, Servicemen and Servicewomen and educate about the Green Light A Vet Advocacy Campaign. To purchase Luminaries email patriotsdayct@aol.com

### November 14th - Thursday

## Exchange Club of Wolcott Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Location: LaBella Vista Banquet Facility 380 Farmwood Rd. Wolcott Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm Tickets: \$50 Per Person Info: Wine, Beer, Spirits Tasting. Food & Hors D'oeuvres, Music, Silent Auction and Raffle Sponsorships & Reserved Tables Available. For tickets call Pat Draper at 203-558-7914 or visit www.exchangeclubofwolcott.com

### November 22nd & 23rd (Fri & Sat)

#### November 22nd-23rd (Fri & Sat) Asbury United Methodist Church 2024 Annual Yankee Peddlar Fair

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church 90 Church Ave., Forestville section of Bristol Time: Friday 5pm-8pm | Saturday 9am-3pm Saturday Breakfast 7:30am-10am Info: Come and enjoy our Yankee Peddlar Grille, Fabric Arts, Baked Goods, Apple Fritter Station, Crafts, Silent Auction, Bee Contest, and a wide variety of vendors. For more information contact the church office at 860-584-0529 or email us at asburysecretary@sbcglobal.net

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s we come upon the Fall season, we look forward to enjoying all the activities the season brings. Especially, enjoying the fall foliage along the Mill Pond Way. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month; please take a moment to think about those affected by the disease.



Thank you for your patience throughout this difficult time due to the excessive rain we have received in our town.

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

We continue to work hard to move our town forward in a positive and productive way. Please visit our website for upcoming events www.wolcottct.org. 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

## A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



"The Cure for Stupidity. Using Brain Science to Explain Irrational Behavior at Work." This book title, written by Eric M. Bailey, certainly caught my attention. I was asked to teach an Athenian Dialogue course for the Town Clerks at our Fall Conference for the Connecticut Town Clerks Association Conference. I love to read, I love to teach, I love my fellow

clerks, and I am attending the conference anyway, so everything fell into place.

What better way to help fundraise than to volunteer my time to help my peers. The association earns money from the fee from the class, and fellow clerks earn education points towards obtaining their Town Clerk Certifications and Master Town Clerk Certifications.

When I first started taking these classes many years ago, I wondered how reading a book about Cleopatra, Queen Elizabeth, Chik-Fil-A, Disney, or Enron would be relevant to my job in Wolcott, running an office and handling staff. After just one class I understood. 18 classes later, I still want more. There are lessons to be learned from good leadership, poor leadership, company values, training staff, personal biographies of struggles and triumphs, political figures, war heroes, and actors. These books are discussed and dissected and applied to real world happenings in our offices. During COVID times we began to Zoom these courses, and I made connections all around the United States. Lifelong learning, networking, developing staff, and pushing for changes is what sets just having a job aside from having a rewarding career.

**Info:** All candidates on the November ballot will be invited to speak on their platforms. Time for discussion and refreshments will follow the presentation.

October 26th - Saturday

Wolcott Lions Presents Comedy Night at the Den Location: Lion's Den 245 Wolcott Rd., Wolcott Time: 8:00pm Doors open at 7:00pm Tickets: \$35 Per Person Info: BYOB & BYO Appetizers. Tables of 8 available. For Tickets Contact Tony Marino at 203-910-0437



I have heard from others that "Completing these classes won't get me more money, Having a certification doesn't change anything for me in my human resources department, My finance department feels this is a waste of money" or "I am busy and I have better things to do at my office." My response is always the same... no one takes a job as Town Clerk for the money. It is about duty, ability, love of your town and of its people and a very important civic duty.

### **Happy Halloween!**

## Wolcott Youth Service Bureau Upcoming Events

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

Baby & Toddler Play groups will be returning the first week of October! Check the linktree or facebook for more details!

Beginning in November, WYS will be offering middle school after school activities on the first Friday of the month.

A Sensory Friendly Trick or Treat experience will be coming in October as well, date TBD. Check our link on Facebook for more information!

If you have any suggestions regarding what you would like to see from WYS, please use the comment form on the linktree below!

Details and event registration can be found at https://linktr.ee/wolcottyouthservices

## **Boy Scout Troop 230**

The scouting year has begun for Boy Scouts of America Troop 230! The scouts are eager and motivated to embark on this year's journey. New scout leadership, along with scout members, met to plan exciting events for the upcoming months. Some approaching activities include a local 5 mile hike and campout, various 10 and 20 mile hikes, a Camporee at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford.

The Troop will also be out and about in Wolcott in the next few months as they give back to their community. Scouts will be volunteering their time on September 21 at the Wolcott Special Games and helping the Friends of the Library with their fall clean up and upcoming Book Sale in October.

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 Wednes-days/Thursdays 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 11-2 p.m. Just tell them the returns are for Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.



## Cub Scout Pack 230

Scouts in Cub Scout Pack 230 have taken on an important task this summer. The Pack has officially adopted Wakelee School through the Connecticut Rivers Council Adopt-A-School Program. Scouts pledge to complete 4 beautification projects throughout the year, as part of this innovative community service opportunity. The first project took place early in August as they planted over 300 flowers outside the front of Wakelee School, thanks to the generosity of Kurtz Farms in Cheshire. The scouts were able to plan, prepare and dig for each flower to be planted. Future projects include replacing the current flowers with mums in late October and planting bulbs in early spring. The Pack looks forward to giving back to Wakelee and the community.



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## Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

#### Autumn in Wolcott

The days are cooler, and pumpkin spice is in high demand! As we soak in the colors of fall and attend our share of harvest festivals, remember to be alert. Children are



back at school and getting on the bus early in the morning and coming home late in the afternoon. Watch those leaves as they fall; they can be slippery. While driving, don't let the distraction of a phone or anything else take your concentration away from the road ahead. Make sure to obey all speed limits and slow down when you enter school zones or experience inclement weather!

### **Ambulance Facility Update**

There is a flurry of activity at 1300 Woodtick Road! The new garage bay foundation has been poured and the walls and roof have been erected. Behind the garage, a new retaining wall and driveway have been built. Inside the former church, the offices, bunkrooms and other living spaces have been framed out and plumbing, HVAC and electrical work is progressing. At this rate, we hope to be finished by the end of the year. 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 interested in becoming an emergency medical technician? Across the country, we continue to see a shortage of qualified EMTs & Paramedics. The class is approximately 180 hours and generally takes a few months to complete. Our next class will begin early 2025 and run through the spring. As we confirm the dates, we will update our website and send the information out through this monthly article and post it on social media.

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 October 1, 2024, 6pm 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, October 8, 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 August, WVAA responded to 178 calls for assistance.

## Membership

Are you certified as an EMT or licensed as a Paramedic? We are looking for talented people to become part of our 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!

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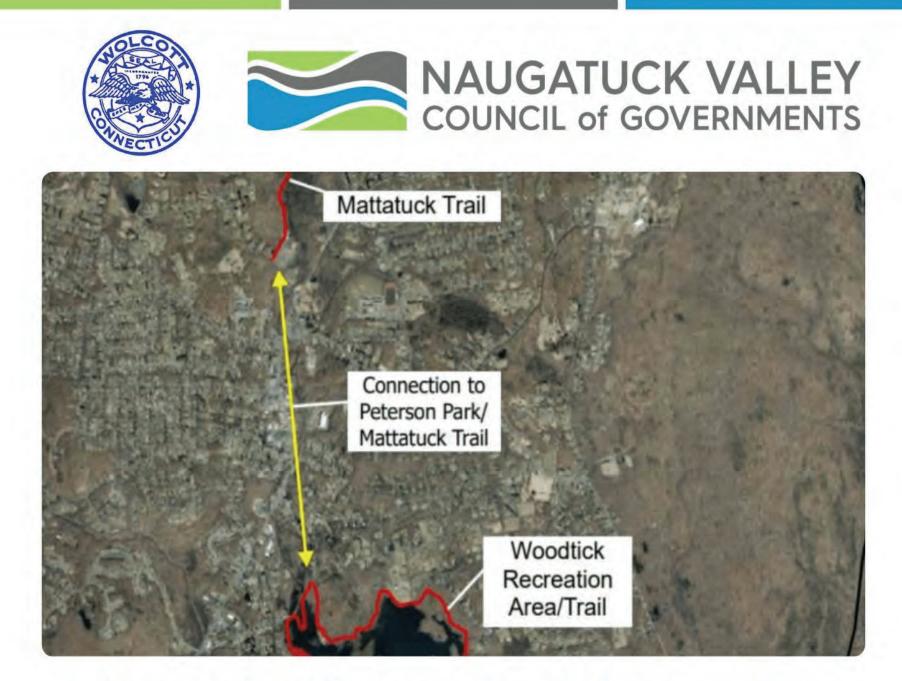
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## Join Us to Discuss Trail Connection from Woodtick to Peterson Park

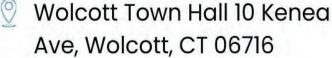
The Town of Wolcott and NVCOG invite Wolcott residents to participate in public meetings to discuss a potential new trail connection between the Woodtick Recreation Area and Peterson Park.

## Public Meeting #1

- Thursday, October 10, 2024
- 🕓 6:00 PM

## What to expect:

- Study goals & background
- Design & routing options
- Questions & feedback



## Learn More

Visit <u>nvcogct.gov/project/scoville-routing</u>.

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## Voters Should Say NO to "No Excuse" Absentee Voting



State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco Representing Wolcott & Southington

S afeguarding the integrity of our elections should be a top priority. But as the ranking member of the Government, Administration, and Elections Commit-

tee, I am deeply concerned about the consequences of voters approving "no excuse" absentee voting.

This November, voters will be asked to approve a ballot measure allowing it. The question is: "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?"

But this vague, overly broad question fails to inform voters clearly, as it does not even mention "no excuse" voting by name. This ambiguity could allow lawmakers to expand voting policies without public input, such as introducing the automatic mailing of absentee ballots, which is a true threat to the integrity of our elections.

Allowing "no excuse" absentee voting undermines election integrity and opens the door to fraud, eroding public trust (what is left of it) in our electoral process. Local incidents in Connecticut, including stuffed ballot boxes in Bridgeport and forged signatures in Stamford, show the system is already vulnerable. It begs the question: why on Earth does the Democrat majority want to implement a new system when the state has yet to control bad actors in the current system?

During the 2020 election 184,000 absentee ballot applications were deemed undeliverable. That's almost 8% of Connecticut's 2.33 million active voters, enough to swing tight races. In Southington, a race was decided by just one vote in 2022. Such slim margins show the importance of maintaining election security.

Over 50,000 absentee ballots that were sent out were never returned in 2020. Were they lost, stolen, or mishandled? We will never know, but this raises serious concerns about expanding absentee voting. My colleagues and I have made it clear that the expanded use of mail-in ballots and no excuse absentee ballots without the necessary checks for integrity is ripe for fraud. Despite offering commonsense solutions and legislation to secure the process, such as requiring a photo ID to cast a ballot and verifying signatures on ballots, the Democrat majority in the House and Senate continue to block our proposals on party lines. Should this ballot question pass, are voters supposed to now believe the Democrats, who have blocked these measures for years, will now require signature verification and photo ID?

And voters need to know, if they approve this measure, they will not control the form that "no excuse" voting takes. That decision will be made by the Democrat majority, not the public. The outcome? Automatic mailing of absentee ballots to every registered voter (whether they are eligible or not), which again is ripe for fraud. The process of voting is far too important to be conducted by mail, especially when the system has shown to have serious flaws.

We have already seen this pattern with Early Voting. A vague question led to 14 days of Early Voting, a burden on municipalities for minimal turnout—less than 1% during the August primaries. Even Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas admitted the state "may have too many days of early voting."

Republicans proposed a reasonable three-day window, balancing voter access with the practical concerns of running elections, but the democrats passed a costlier 14 days and

we were shut out of the process of crafting the legislation, effectively being told, "take it or leave it."

While I believe in making voting accessible, it should never come at the expense of fairness, security, and public confidence. Connecticut voters should carefully scrutinize this proposal and consider its real-world impact on our election system.

As always, I can be reached by email at Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov or by phone at (800) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity by visiting my website at www.repmastrofrancesco.com or my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/repgale.



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I am passionate about our community; our freedoms and liberties and I will fight every single day to protect them. -Sale

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## Happy Halloween!

## **Breast Cancer Awareness**



The most common cause of cancer in a woman is breast cancer. 1in 8 women will develop breast cancer over their lifetime. It is important to be mindful of our breast health.Early detection leads to early diagnosis and early treatment of breast cancer.

Dr. Nicole Sookhan

The risk factors for breast cancer are being overweight, lack of exercise,

family history, never given birth, lack of breast feeding, dense breasts and increased alcohol consumption. Being obese increases the risk of breast cancer because fat cells produces estrogen (the female hormone) which increases the risk for breast cancer. 75% of women who developed breast cancer have no family history of breast cancer. 15% have a family member with breast cancer and 10% have a genetic mutation which predisposes them to developing breast cancer.

Genetic testing is now available to any woman diagnosed with breast cancer. Multi gene panel testing can test for mutations in certain genes linked to cancers such as breast, ovarian, uterine, colon, stomach, melanoma, pancreas and prostate in men. Dense breast tissue refers to the appearance of breast tissue on a mammogram. Breast tissue is comprised of fat (non-dense tissue), milk ducts, milk glands and fibrous tissue (dense tissue). The more glandular tissue and less fatty tissue in a breast makes the breast tissue dense. Dense tissue looks white on a mammogram. A cancer can also look white on a mammogram. In a woman with dense breasts cancers can hide. A mammogram may miss a breast cancer in 40% of patients with dense breasts. For a woman with dense breast tissue, supplemental breast imaging such as a breast ultrasound or breast MRI can increase the detection of cancers that may be hidden in the dense tissue. The development of the 3D mammogram or tomosynthesis scan combines multiple breast x-rays to create a three-dimensional picture of the breasts. This can help detect cancers in women with dense breast tissue.

In 2009 Governor, Jodi Rell, a breast cancer survivor signed a notification bill into law which allows a woman to be told if they have dense breasts on their mammogram report. On March 28, 2019 the department of Health and Human Services, the FDA announced changes to the mammogram quality standards act to report dense breast tissue to the patient.

The American Society of breast surgeons recommends a woman with an average risk of breast cancer should initiate yearly screening mammogram at the age of 40 and continue as long as they are in good health. If there is a family history of breast cancer, screening mammograms will start at an earlier age. Men can also get breast cancer. Less than 1% of all breast cancers occur in men. Alcohol consumption, being overweight, liver disease, genetic mutations and aging increases a man's risk of developing breast cancer. We must be aware of our bodies. If we notice a breast lump, skin thickening, breast rash, bloody nipple discharge, nipple indentation or lumps under the armpit you should contact your healthcare provider.

Lifestyle changes can decrease your risk of developing breast cancer. Studies have shown a plant-based diet decreases the risk of cancer. Decreasing the consumption of red meat and processed meat reduces the risk of cancer. Exercising at least 30 minutes a day can also lower the risk of breast cancer. Women who have 3 or more alcoholic drinks per week have a 15% higher risk of breast cancer. Reduction of alcohol consumption and smoking cessation decreases the risk of breast cancer. Finding a cancer early can lead to a better survival.

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throughout the year that they may be interested in!

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## Junior Women's Club News



The month of September was busy for our Juniors. We began the month with donations of freshly baked items to help Oxford families dealing with the very tragic flooding. We had fun ourselves while we applied temporary tattoos on our little

ones during the One Clean day of Fun sponsored by Wolcott Crossroads. We will celebrate World Sight Day by donating old glasses in the bins located at the Wolcott Library. We attended the Connecticut Junior Women's Club Fall Conference where we received updates on Junior Women's Clubs across the state of Connecticut. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is busy coordinating the "Meet the Candidates" Location and time will be announced. All candidates on the November ballot will be invited to speak on their platforms. Time for discussion and refreshments will follow the presentations.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott will be sponsoring our ninth Annual "Vote Against Hunger" on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. We are requesting that voters donate canned or non-perishable food items, all donations will be donated to the Wolcott Food Pantry. Collection boxes will be in the voting poll areas: Tyrrell Middle School, Wolcott High School and Wakelee Elementary School. Your "Vote Against Hunger" will help to fill the pantry shelves as we enter into the busy 2024 holiday season. Upcoming events include our opening of our Holiday season with the Lighting of the Christmas tree on the Town Green scheduled for December 1st at 6 PM. Come and join us as we watch our newly crowned Little Miss and Little Mr. Wolcott press down on the switch to light the tree.

We are dedicated to support our upcoming programs, including but not limited to Toys for Tots & Teens as well as our Fuel Fund for Wolcott residents. Please look for upcoming information in the Wolcott Community News. Throughout this year we will celebrate our motto: "It is in giving that we receive" as we continue to serve our community. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September-June at 7 pm. Our meetings are open to all women age of 18 or older, who are interested in doing volunteer work and developing new friendships. Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.

## Farmingbury Women's Club



Hello everyone! We are enjoying the change of seasons, as the leaves begin to color our World with spectacular colors.

We had a great first meeting of the year, with Karen Mowed, our Membership chairperson, hosting our annual tea. As usual, Karen's effort and positive

attitutude brought the meeting to a total success. Thank you so much Karen!!

#### ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:30 on the Wolcott 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 lighting our "Tree of Hope", special Guest Speakers, including Reverend Tammy Torelli, leading us in prayer, 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's song studio. Pink Glow Sticks which will be distributed to all in attendance, as part of our Candlelight service. And then, we look forward to inviting everyone to place a pink ribbon on our "Tree of Hope" for you or for a loved one. Raising the Breast Cancer Awareness flag, and then a coffee and dessert time in the Town Hall 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 at wolcottkelly@yahoo.com.

Just one note, in the event of rain, the Event still will be held, but most of the activities would be held in the Wolcott Town Hall.

Thursday, October 10, our regular meeting will be held at "All Saints Church" at 6:30. Our Special Guest and member will be Kim Dumouchel. Kim with her back ground in "Paranormal" will be sharing her experiences and stories about the Paranormal. We look forward to her knowledge and expertise in the field. We are all wearing our Halloween attire to really set the mood for this exciting eve. If you would like to attend this event, please feel free to join us.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Halloween.

## Wolcott Congregational Church Happenings

olcott Congregational Church has celebrated our 250 Year Anniversary with our community. We appreciate all the ways we are able to serve our community and look forward to the next 250 Years in fellowship. We had an outstanding Art Show the weekend of September 20 to 21. Local talented artists brought their work for display. Covenant Hall was filled with creativity. We have uploaded pictures of the winners to our website www.wolcottcongregationalchurch.org. Take a look and see who took first, second, and third prizes.

On September 21 we had the blessing to be a part of the Special Games of Wolcott. One of the best-kept secrets of our community is our ministry for children with special needs. On the Second Saturday of the month, children who learn differently and our dedicated volunteers team up for a hands-on, all-in, lesson about the Love of God. Children know they are loved and embraced for their personal best. Please get in touch with the church office at 203-879-1293 to sign up for the next 2nd Sabbath. Upcoming dates October 12 & November 9 at 11 am in Covenant Hall.

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Volunteers needed to help close up at 12- High School students welcome Grace & Gratitude Service for all people who love Christ October 26, 4:30 pm in Covenant Hall.

Pasta Fundraiser for our Youth Mission Trip. 5:30 October 26, 2024. Eat In or Take Out. \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 12 and Under. The next Setback Tournament is November 8, Doors open 6 pm.

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## **Connecticut Legislative Democrats' Disconnect** from Ratepayers — and Reality



#### by Rob Sampson State Senator, 16th District

Election Day aps proaches, Connecticut voters must consider a critical question: Who truly stands with everyday residents, families, and small businesses? And, who has grown so out of touch that they dismiss the struggles of those they were elected to serve?

Sadly, the actions of Connecticut's legislative Democrats provide a clear answer. They've become disconnected from the concerns of suburban and rural residents - Republicans, Unaffiliated voters, and even many Democrats alike --- while showing a troubling tendency to mock anyone who dares to speak up. Nowhere is this disconnect more glaring than in their response to the recent electric rate crisis.

For the average Connecticut household, electricity bills have surged nearly 30% in just the past two years. Many families are being forced to make impossible choices, cutting back on groceries, medical care, or heating their homes. Small businesses, the backbone of our economy, are barely hanging on as energy costs eat into already razor-thin margins. These skyrocketing bills are not just numbers on a page - they're real-world burdens weighing on real people.

In September, a grassroots rally was organized at the Capitol by a concerned citizen from Clinton - someone with no background in politics, but a person whose frustrations had reached a tipping point. This rally brought together regular people-residents and small business owners - who sacrificed their time to speak out, pleading for relief from unsustainable electricity costs. They weren't political insiders or paid operatives; they were real Connecticut citizens standing up because they had no other choice.

I was proud to stand with them, along with several of my Republican colleagues. These people deserved to be heard. But instead of showing empathy, Connecticut's Democrat leaders chose mockery. Senate President Martin Looney and Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff took to social media, ridiculing the very people they were elected to represent.

"The only thing smaller than the turnout for this political stunt is the handful of dollars the Republican bailout of utility companies will save ratepayers," read their official statement. The post featured a screenshot of the rally, showing only a few attendees holding homemade signs. This wasn't just dismissive-it was an outright insult to the people who gathered in good faith to express their frustrations.

To call this rally a "political stunt" is an appalling example of how disconnected these leaders are from the people they claim to represent. The citizens who came to the Capitol are facing energy bills that threaten their livelihoods, and their concerns were met with mockery. The reality is that many Connecticut families are struggling to make ends meet in an economy where inflation has already driven up the cost of everything. To belittle their frustration is wrong, it's shameful.

But the mockery didn't stop there. Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff took to X (formerly Twitter) to further deride the event, claiming, "Whether it's Trump or Connecticut's Republicans, they never have a plan." This statement, designed to score cheap political points, is not only dismissive but also a blatant falsehood.

only response from the Democrats has been mockery state deserve leaders who respect their constituents and enand misrepresentation. gage with their concerns, not mock and dismiss them. This

Let's be clear: if the Democratic majority had worked with us to pass these reforms, Connecticut residents wouldn't be facing crippling energy bills today. Instead of partnering on a serious, bipartisan effort to address the issue, they chose to play politics and rewrite history.

Their claim that Republicans "never have a plan" is not just misleading — it's an outright lie. It's a cynical attempt to obscure their failure to act, while residents are left paying the price.

This kind of behavior is part of a broader and deeply troubling trend. Rather than address the legitimate concerns of everyday citizens, legislative Democrats have chosen to belittle and smear anyone who challenges their narrative. We've seen this time and again, not just with energy costs but across the board. When faced with criticism, their strategy is to distract, deflect, and distort.

I've been on the receiving end of these tactics myself. In a

recent attack, Democrats twisted my words and spread false claims about my legislative record. They even went as far as suggesting I blocked a proposed study on hospice care and even suggested I believe in witchcraft — a claim so absurd it's clear it was only meant to mislead. They relied on a segment from HBO's "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver", which edited and cherrypicked my statements to entertain his left-leaning audience while distorting my actual positions.

Senate Democrats eagerly latched onto this misinformation, even posting about it on their taxpayerfunded blog, where they accused me of blocking critical legislation.

This is the playbook: use partisan media to misrepresent facts, and then amplify those distortions to attack opponents. But what does this say about the Democratic leadership? Instead of engaging in honest debate or addressing the real concerns of voters, they rely on deception and deflection. It's not just me they target; it's anyone who dares to challenge their narrative.



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The majority's refusal to act has left residents facing Connecticut some of the highest electricity rates in the nation, and the better. The people of this

This kind of deception has no place in Connecticut politics, and it underscores a harsh truth: legislative Democrats don't respect their constituents. Whether they're dismissing a grassroots rally as a "stunt" or spreading lies about their political opponents, they are showing you who they really are.

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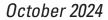
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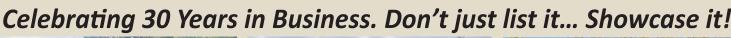
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PLYMOUTH \$599,900 — Three bedroom farmhouse nestled on 6 acres at Chestnut Hill Farm offers chestnut wood floors, 4 fireplaces, and high ceilings. The first floor primary bedroom has hardwood floors and an eye catching fireplace. The large living 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



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This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!<sup>TM</sup> Since its inception in 1922, Fire Prevention Week strives to find ways to educate the public about fire prevention, while also commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12 and more information about Fire Prevention Week can be found at https://tinyurl.com/mupns5ax.

Volunteering is a fulfilling experience and one of the most effective ways to contribute to the community. The skills and experience acquired as a volunteer firefighter are priceless and have a positive, enduring impact on the lives of others. Local fire departments require volunteers of all skill levels and abilities who are ready and able to respond to emergencies when necessary.

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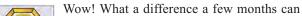
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Our Honorary Chairman, RAdm Kevin Delaney, a 1964 graduate of Wolcott High School died in 2015 of lung cancer, a presumptive disease from Agent Orange. Admiral Delaney served with the famed "Seawolves" of Helicopter Attack Squadron 3 where he flew 686 combat missions in the Mekong Delta in support of SEAL and riverine forces. Of the 98 awards and decorations he received 64 were for Combat Action. He retired after 34 years as the most highly decorated officer in the U.S. Navy.

We have lost many Wolcott Veterans as well as thousands from surrounding towns throughout Connecticut from Agent Orange while others suffer daily from any one or more of the presumptive conditions. They will be honored with a plaque that states

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make. Our September 7th Pail Shake was a huge success. Thank you to Pats IGA for letting us use your location. Our October 25th Psychic Medium event with Julia Jette is

completely sold out. We are in the process of setting up another event soon. Everyone on the wait list will be contacted first.

We would love to hear from you about what events you would like to see in the future. We have a new email address. Please reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have. Wolcottgrange@yahoo.com

As always, we are very thankful for your help and support throughout the years. Donations can be made to Wolcott Grange 313 Boundline Road Wolcott CT 06716.

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## **Happy Halloween!**

## Around Town Photography by Roger Picard





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.



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 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.

The July heat wave was huge benefit for ice cream parlors in down. 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.

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## **Alcott School News**







Welcome Back to School 2024! Alcott All-Stars enjoyed a great return back to school. Looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!







## **Happy Halloween!**

## **Wolcott High School NEWS**







Mr. Phelan's construction III class made an adirondack chair to raffle. A total of \$1,230 was donated to the Wolcott Food Pantry.





## Notification of 504

The Wolcott Board of Education is seeking to identify and notify the parents or legal guardians of children who may be in need of the American with Disabilities Act, Section 504 services. The purpose of the act is to prohibit discrimination and to assure that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to non-disabled those provided to students. If you have a child with a handicap that substantially limits one or more major life activities and who is not currently identified, please building principal your contact Mr. Walter Drewry, District ADA 504 Coordinator, at Wolcott High School-(203) 879-8164.



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## Wolcott Historical Society - October 2024



#### by Florence Goodman

This month I'd like to continue my discussion of early farms in our town with another new farm that was brought to my attention by Paul Chase who lived on the farm from

1942 until 1967. Paul had not been to Wolcott for over fifty years, but he met with me at the Center School History Museum in September to share the history of the farm, some wonderful old photos, some antique glassware and a box of journals written by his grand-



The old barn found at Judd Farm.

father and his mother. These beautiful handwritten books paint a picture of life on Judd Farm from 1904 to 1934. They will now be housed at our museum for all to enjoy.

Farming was a way of life for many residents of Wolcott, but it was not an easy task. It's evidenced by the old stone walls that border many properties around town and you quickly realize that those rocks were dug from the thin, rocky soil in the process of tilling the land. This land was far from ideal for growing crops so many farmers raised cattle, dairy cows, poultry, ducks and pigs mainly to feed their families.

Judd Farm was located about 500 feet off the road at 1543 Wolcott Road in the northern section of town about a mile south of Cedar Lake. It was approximately eight acres in size and was purchased in 1904 by George Talmage Judd (1863-1933) and his wife,





Paul as a child standing in front of the barn

the farm. This request was easy to accept because Alice and Aaron loved the farm, and Aaron had graduated from UCONN School of Agriculture so he



The old farm truck loaded with hay.

and a pig for sustenance, but they raised about 150 to 200 chickens for egg sales. The egg sales helped the family through the hard times of the Depression.

Paul was born in 1942, and he too enjoyed growing up on the farm. He attended the new Woodtick School

for the first two years of elementary school, which was located where the Police Department is today. He then went on to attend Alcott and Frisbie Schools. He has fond memories of attending Alcott School and mentioned his favorite teacher was Helen Dunlap. I had to agree with him because she was my 4th and 5th grade teacher and my inspiration to become a teacher. Since Wolcott did not have a high school at the time of Paul's graduation from 8th grade he attended Bristol High School. Paul shared several interesting memories about growing up on Judd Farm. He remembers people stating that the house on

who was born in 1894 and lived on the farm until he enlisted in the service in 1917 at the age of 23.

In 1933 when George Talmage Judd died the farm was passed on to his daughter, Alice and her husband, Aaron Herbert Chase with the stipulation that they would take care of his wife and maintain

could easily put his

education to good

use on the property. The farm served as a

which means animals

and crops on the farm

served the everyday

needs of the family.

It included a large

apple orchard as well as many peach

trees and blueberry

bushes. The family

had one milking cow

farm

subsistence

the farm was moved from the land that was flooded in 1917 when Scovill upper Reservoir was built. He also stated that although his father was a carpenter, during WWII he worked at New Departure in Bristol. Lastly, Paul recalls that his parents were very good friends with Clarence and Gloria Atwood. He remembered that the families met at the Wolcott Congrega-



George and Augusta May Judd

tional Church and spent many enjoyable occasions together. Paul left Wolcott in 1967, but his memories of growing up in this wonderful little town have stayed with him his whole life.

In 1972 the farm was sold to the Dance family who raised horses and sold horse carriages for many years.

Town records indicate that in 2004 the property was sold to James and Marion Dance.

(All information for this article was supplied by Paul Chase, Suffield, CT through emails, photos, and an interview on 9/9/24 at the Center School History Museum)



Chester Judd in 1917 in his military uniform.

## **Honoring Our Veterans**

In honor of Veterans Day the Wolcott Community News would like to pay tribute to all who have served our country by publishing a "Veterans Wall of Honor" in the November paper.

> If you have a veteran in your life and would like to pay tribute, submit your information and/or photo by going to wolcottcommunitynews.com and look for "Veteran Tributes"

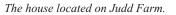


**Deadline for Submissions** is Tuesday, October 15th



Vietnam

U.S. Navy



Augusta May (Kellogg) Judd (1867 - 1957), Paul's grandparents. The farm consisted of a house and a barn and several chicken coops. Behind the house was a shed with three bays that was used to store automobiles. Paul's mother, Alice Iva (Judd) Chase was born on the property in 1906, and she lived there throughout her life. She spent her elementary years attending the old North School that was located on North Street. She then went on to attend secretarial school in Bristol and became an office manager at a plumbing store in that town. Alice had a brother, Chester Kellogg Judd



U.S. Army

There is no charge, but space is limited

Submit your veteran at Wolcottcommunitynews.com All photos previously submitted become part of a recurring annual tribute to our veterans. (No Need to Resubmit)

> Please include: Name | Service Dates | War Branch of Service

Photo is optional - file formats can be jpg, jpeg and pdf.

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## Wolcott Food Pantry

## Distribution Date Reminders

NEW HOURS:

Oct 9th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11AM
Oct 23rd (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11AM

## "Thank You"

Thank you to Jim Carey (Wolcott DPW) for planting a small tomato garden on the pantry grounds. The tomatoes are popping and we distribute them to our clients if they are available at that time or we donate the excess to the Senior Center. They look delicious!

## Reminders

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.

## 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 students attending a summer session at Tyrrell school for their efforts in hosting a 'Food Drive' on our behalf. The drive was sponsored by the United Way of Greater Waterbury. Special thanks to its Communications Associate Linda Zukauskas for her work in coordinating the event. Also, thanks to Renee Young for her work in pulling this food drive together.



## Classifieds

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## Help Wanted

"Now Hiring!! Open position at Vito's Pizza!! Must be 18 years or older to apply!

Weekends are REQUIRED!

Job Duties/Requirements include:

- Front Counter Service including answering phones and
- handling food orders with courtesy and professionalism
- Some waitressing
- Food preparation work
- No previous restaurant experience required however recommended"

Apply in person at 1621 Meriden Rd., Wolcott or call 203-879-3335. Ask for Nick

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

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

### Now Hiring Garage Door Technicians

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## **Remodeling Contractors**

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## **Stump Removal**

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

### Travel

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

## Wanted

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

'Thank You' Alecia Walkuski. She stopped in to drop off a bag of 'garden goodies' and we were there to snap a photo of her.

We enjoy being at the pantry when folks stop by to donate. On this occasion we met Debbie & Ann.



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## **Target on Tyrrell**



The 2024-2025 school year is off to an excellent start at Tyrrell Middle School. Our 6th graders are settling into their new school environment, while 8th graders were issued new Chromebooks, which they will use throughout their high school years.







n September 13, we were thrilled to welcome author Tommy Greenwald to our school. Students had the opportunity to read one of his books over the summer, and Mr. Greenwald engaged with them during grade-level assemblies, discussing his writing process and sources of inspiration. We also hosted a special lunch with selected students and graciously signed books for those who brought them in.









**Donna Belval** 

Senior Center Director

TRIP. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF CANCELLATION \*\*\*Parking for bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot.

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS

#### 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!

## Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center 211 Nichols Road, Wolcott, CT 06716 | 203 879-8133 | FAX 203 879-7605

Come & Join Our Senior Center — FREE Join in the daily activities and bus trips You DO NOT need to be a Wolcott resident to become a member — EVERYONE welcome

**Everyone MUST fill out an emergency contact form** — Please update any changes on the form

\*\*\*We are on the website: www.wolcottct.org under "senior center" SCHEDULE FOR CLOSING/DELAYS --- If Wolcott Schools have a delay/closing due to weather conditions -Always check the TV stations 3, 4, & 8 for opening/closing of senior center

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

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

#### Thursday, October 3

9:00 Sharp — Bus leaves for Sturbridge Village — Departs at 2:00 PM Sharp — \$28.00pp, Pay at the door

\*If you have a Military ID (active/retired): Free admission for you and wife/husband

\*CT Teacher's Union Card (active/retired)-2 adults 1/2 price \*EBT, WIC, SNAP, or CT Connect Card - \$3.00

Please be aware there will be a lot of walking involved as our bus can only drop off at the entrance. There are over 200 acres in Sturbridge Village with 47 buildings/areas of interest. Sign up at the senior center.

11:30-12:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie - Learn to make a cute Broomstick Craft, \$7.00 pp-Pay when you sign up

#### Tuesday, October 8

9:30 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov's and lunch at the Cromwell Diner, Sign up for the bus

#### Wednesday, October 9

11:30 Lunch Special - American Goulash (Fast Macaroni & Meat Sauce), Fresh Green Beans, Garlic Bread and Dessert — \$5.00pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon. Oct 7

#### Thursday, October 10

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

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

#### Monday, October 14

COLUMBUS HOLIDAY — SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

#### **Tuesday, October 15**

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Hobby Lobby - Lunch to follow at J. Timothy's, Sign up for bus trip

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

#### Wednesday, October 16

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 large pieces of Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00pp, Sign up & pay by Tues. Oct 15

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

#### Thursday, October 17

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Blue Colony Diner -Sign up for trip

Tuesday, October 22

#### Saturday, October 26 10:00 Bus leaves 10:00 SHARP - 2 hours-All-You-Can-

Eat Lunch at Nordic Lodge, Charleston, RI-(approx. 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hr drive) — \$135.00 pp—Pay at the door

#### Monday, October 28

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlic's followed by shopping at Stew Leonards', Sign up for bus trip

#### Wednesday, October 30

11:30 Lunch Special—Fundraiser for Food Pantry— Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Rolls & Dessert — \$8.00 pp Sign up & Pay by Mon. Oct 28

#### Thursday, October 31

11:30 Halloween Party-\$5.00 pp - PAY WHEN SIGN-ING UP--Baked Chicken Thighs, Broccoli Casserole, Roasted Veggies, Penne Ala Vodka, Pumpkin Pie w/Whipped Topping & Sherbet Punch — Wear a costume & win a prize!! LIMITED TO 125 SENIORS

#### WOLCOTT SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS, Sign up Oct 1-15

NON-WOLCOTT SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS, Sign up 16-31

Must be a REGULAR ATTENDING member at the senior center to sign up.

#### Friday, November 1

11:00 Bus leaves for Great Taste of China - Sign up for the bus



Our bus driver, Keelv's 50th Birthdav Party at the senior center



#### **Tuesday, October 1**

9:30 Bus leaves for "Shops at Farmington Valley"-(Open-Air Shopping) - Canton, CT Lunch to follow at Unionville Family Restaurant

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

#### Wednesday, October 2

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

11:30 Meatloaf w/ BBQ Glaze, Oven Potatoes, Carrots w/ Butter & Brown Sugar & Dessert — \$6.00 pp, Sign up and Pay by Mon. Sept 30

9:30 Bus leaves for shopping "At Home Store" — North Haven — Lunch to Follow, Sign up for trip

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

#### Wednesday, October 23

11:30 Lunch Special-Tuna Salad w/ Lettuce on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert \$5.00 pp, Sign up & Pay by Mon Oct 21

#### Thursday, October 24

8:00 Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino - Departs casino 3:30 — Sign up for the bus, Sign up for 1 trip only. Meet Goose, Mallard's little brother!

A very tired Goose from his "meet & greet" at the senior center.

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## **Wolcott Public Library**

s summer turns to fall, the library changes too. Fall is a great time for publishing, and our latest books include political memoirs and parenting to science fiction and mystery. Skip the streaming services; we have the latest movies on DVD.

Coming to our programs is one of the best ways to build our community. For adults, we have knitting and crochet, tarot and aura readings (so spooky), and a costume swap on the same day that the Friends are collecting used books. For kids, we have many storytimes, Lego builds, and the chance to read with Teagan the therapy dog. Come to the library every week!Studies show that kids with more books in their homes have higher literacy rates. The Friends Book Sale is a great time to stock your home library. The Fall sale will be October 24-26, 12-6 on Thursday and Friday, 10-2 on Saturday.

#### **October Programming**

We have new and returning library programs this fall for all ages. Visit our website at wolcottlibrary.org or call the library at 203-879-8110 for more information. Registration may be required for our programs.

#### **Tech Assistance**

Individual technology assistance is available by appointment. Let's talk about internet safety, your smartphone and computer, using email or social media, 3D printing, and more! Call the library at 203-879-8110 or speak with our Digital Navigator in person for more information.

#### Ongoing

Take and Make - Pick up a mini pumpkin and paint from the library for the Pumpkin Painting Contest. We will put them on display at the library and announce a winner on October 31st. Registration required. Check our event page for details!

#### Monday

Weekly, 5:30 First LEGO League Discover (4 - 6 years) - Preschoolers play and learn engineering and robotics.

Weekly, 6:30 Trivia Tonight (All ages and skill levels) -Join us for a night of fun and friendly trivia competition! Come on down and claim your bragging rights.

#### Tuesday

Weekly, 10:00 2-Year-Old Storytime (20 - 36 months) -Stories, songs & Play-Doh. Children are not expected to sit still- - this is an active storytime.

Weekly, 10:45 Preschool Storytime (3 - 5 years) - Stories, songs & a craft.

Oct. 1st, 4:30 Teen Tuesday (Teenagers) - Choose your

Weekly, 6:30 Pajama Storytime (Pre-K - 2nd grade) -Wear your PJ's and join Ms. Joanna for stories, songs and an activity.

Weekly, 4:00 Read to Teagan (Children) - Come meet Teagan - a golden retriever therapy dog who loves to read!

Weekly, 10:15 - 12:00 A Good Yarn (Adults) - Come knit & crochet with us - beginners welcome!

Oct. 16th, 5:30 Book Club (Adults) - Join our monthly book club with this month's book, The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield.

Oct. 30th, 6:00 Pumpkin carving (All ages) - BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin) for a pumpkin-carving party! Fun for the whole family.

#### Thursday

Weekly, 5:30 Lego club (Children) - Drop-in to build a Lego Creation that will be displayed in the WPL Children's Department all week!

Oct. 3rd, 5:30 - 7:30 My Productions Pizza-making Class (Adults) - Learn all you need to know about making pizza from scratch. Registration required.

Oct. 17th by appointment beginning at 5:00 Tarot Reading (Adults) - Receive your own free tarot card reading at the library. Registration required.

Oct. 24th, 5:30 with Connecticut Public Health - Lung Cancer Screening Information Session (Adults) - Come learn potentially life-saving information from experts. Registration required.

#### Friday

Oct. 25th, 1:00 The Final Friday movie is Hitchcock's classic The Birds

#### Saturday

Oct. 12th, 10:30 - 12:30 Knitting with Ginny (12 and up) - Learn to knit in a workshop for novices ages 12+. No experience necessary! Registration required.

Oct. 12th, 11:00 Halloween Costume Swap - Exchange your old Halloween costumes for new, spookier ones! We accept all sizes from children to adults to giant skeletons.

Oct. 19th, 12:30 Interactive Movie: Hocus Pocus - Watch Hocus Pocus (PG) and take part in the action with props and sound effects or just sit back and enjoy the film. Registration required.



## Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

ur Fall Book Sale is fast approaching. To prepare and for an easier way to donate, we have set aside Saturday, October 12th from 10 am to noon. Pull up in the back and we will have personnel to assist you. Not only are we accepting gently used books for all kinds, but we will also appreciate audio books, musical CD's, DVD's, games, jigsaw puzzles and record albums. Most requested items are graphic novels for adults and children and large print books. If you can't make this date, please feel free to bring your donations to the circulation desk on the main level during the week at least 1 hour before closing. For the month of October, you may also donate on Saturdays.

Our sale dates are 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 are accepting cash only. Books are very well sorted. The sale is held in the downstairs meeting rooms so park in the back for the easiest access. For any questions or to volunteer to setup, please contact Janet Tynan at 203 233-6407 or wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com;

The display case near the main circulation desk for the month of September was in honor of Alex Nole. One of our greatest Wolcott citizens, he moved to our town in 1952 and raised his 3 children, MaryAnn, Sandy and Phyllis, with his wife Julia. Not only was he very active in the building of St. Pius X Church, but he took on "The Impossible Dream" of building the Wolcott Library as it exists today. So from its very beginnings in the 70's, Alex was involved with the Library Board and was instrumental in establishing the Friends Group. The children's room bears his name. When the library first opened, that room was vacant and again the Nole Family stepped up and made a sizable donation to outfit the room. Although he was not able to attend meeting towards the end of his life, Alex was supportive of our newest building project having given us his approval upon seeing the architect's drawings. One of his last supportive measures was to vote in the referendum shortly before be passed away in December of 2023. We thank you Alex for all you have done for the Town of Wolcott. In appreciation we have planted a dogwood tree between the upper and lower parking lot in the front of 469 Bound Line Road.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9th at 12:30pm in the downstairs meeting room. If you would like to join us, please pick up a membership form on our website www.wolcottlibrary.org. Paper copies can be found on the small table next to the bookcases full of books for sale at the main entrance.



own design and decorate a mug with our Cricut Mug Press!

Oct. 15th, 4:30 Teen Library Council (Grades 6-12) - TLC is a monthly volunteer commitment for young leaders. This student guided group helps plan events and do service projects for the library.

#### Wednesday

Weekly, 11:00 Books & Babies (Birth - 2 years) - Songs, stories & bounces for baby bookworms.

*Experienced and novice knitters got together for our September installment of the Beginner Knitting program.* 

Our FIRST Lego League had a ton of fun creating their Lego builds!

## Happy Halloween!

## Wakelee School News!



Wakelee students on the first day of school! Hope everyone has an amazing year! 😵







Mrs. Murtaugh introduces herself to the students as they come off the bus on the first day of school!



The second grade students are reading together and checking for understanding as they read a story from our new reading program.



Students worked in the STEM lab on teamwork and respect.



Wakelee teachers and staff ready to start an amazing year with the kids

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Frisbie had their first weekly Respect Card drawing. Grade level winners are selected each week.



Principal, Joe Morgan and the 2024 -2025 Frisbie Staff

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## 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 online before the meeting.



## Wolcott Public Schools Directors

<u>Central Office</u> - 203 879-8183

- Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Shawn Simpson –203 879-8183
- Business Manager: Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
- Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
- Director of Student Services & Alternative Programs: Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
- Supervisor of Special Education: Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- Director of School Climate, Culture and HR: Mrs. Deborah Osvald – 203-879-8183
- Food Service Director: Mrs. Jennifer Zarrilli – 203-879-8145
- Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance 203 879-8180
- Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott
- Wolcott High School 203 879-8164
  - Principal: Mr. Walter Drewry
  - Assistant Principal: Mr. Bryan MacKay
  - Assistant Principal: Mrs. Michelle Thies

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

- Principal: Mr. Daniel Caetano
- Assistant Principal: Mrs. Sara Tedesco
- Alcott Elementary School 203 879-8160
  - Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese
- Frisbie Elementary School 203 879-8146
  - Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan
- Wakelee Elementary School 203 879-8154
- Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

<u>WHS Athletics</u> - 203 879-8173

- Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco
- Tyrrell Athletics 203 879-8173
  - Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco
- **District Compliance Officers** 
  - a) Title VI (race, color, national origin) -
- Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8160

b) **Title IX (sex equity)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal – 203 879-8160

c) **Age Discrimination** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal –203 879-8430

d) Section 504 (handicap) - Mr. Walter Drewry,

Wolcott High School Principal, –203 879-8164

e) Americans with Disabilities (ADA)-Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178

f) **Homeless Liaison** - Mr. Daniel Caetano, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School –203 879-8151

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Food Service

Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Long-Term Substitute Nurse

Substitute Paraprofessional

Substitute Food Service Worker

Substitute Maintenance Worker Substitute 2nd Shift Custodian

Substitute Teacher

Substitute Secretary

Substitute Nurse

Latchkey Coaches

WPS Start & End Times

Schools								
Schedule	Wolcott High School https://whs.wolcottos.org/	Tyrrell Middle School https://tms.wolcottps.org/	All Elementary Schools					
Regular Day	7:30 am - 1:55 pm	7:45 am - 2:35 pm	8:55 am - 3:20 pm					
Early Dismissal Day	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	7:45 am - 12:35 pm	8:55 am - 1:20 pm					
2-Hour Delay Day	9:30 am - 1:55 pm	9:45 am - 2:35 pm	10:55 am - 3:20 pm					
3-Hour Delay Day	10:30 am - 1:55 pm	10:45 am - 2:35 pm	11:55 am - 3:20 pm					

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Schedule	PK AM Session	PK PM Session		
Regular Day	9:55 am - 11:40 am	12:35 pm - 3:15 pm		
Planned Early Dismissal Day	8:45 am - 11:00 am	11:00 am - 1:00 pm		
2-Hour Delay Day	NO AM PK	12:35 pm - 3:15 pm		
3-Hour Delay Day	NO AM PK	12:35 pm - 3:15 pm		
SNOW DAY called during School Days	8:55 am - 11:40 am	NO PM PK		
Schedule	Morning Session	Afternoon Session		
Regular Day	7:00 am - 8:30 am	3:15 pm - 6:00 pm		
Planned Early Dismissal Day	7:00 am - 8:30 am	1:15 pm - 6:00 pm		
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OCTOBER	7 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	4 (Monday)	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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## **Preschool Screenings**

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on 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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Top Left to Right: Mr. Matthew Napp, Mrs. Melissa Hughes, Superintendent Mr. Shawn Simpson, Chairman Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, Secretary Ms. Roberta Leonard — Lower Left to Right: Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku, Mr. Anthony Gugliotti, Mr. Brock Weber, Vice-Chairman Mrs. Kelly Mazza, and Mr. Eugene Gasparri

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## Public Schools – School Calendar 2024-2025 Wolcott

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November 5, 2024	Election Da	у						
November 11, 2024	Veterans Day							
November 28-29, 2024	Thanksgiving (half day 27th)							
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only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days. If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather,

the first 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.

### **Happy Halloween!**



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Ask for Ryan Bessette.

#### WOLCOTT

\$120,000 - Developers/Builders check out this 9 acre parcel of land in a R-30/R-40 zone. Close to Wolcott/Bristol line.

\$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 combined with the 16.97 acre 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 Lilv 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

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.

#### 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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