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A new business opened its doors recently on the Wolcott/Cheshire line behind 1776 Meriden Road. Soul n Body partners Naomi and Rosie held a ribbon cutting ceremony with family and friends in attendance on September 7th. This facility will focus on personal training, wellness and nutrition. Check out their website at soulnbodywellness.com. *Photography by Picard*



Sean Brooks has officially been promoted to Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, marking a significant achievement in his military career. This rank reflects his hard work, leadership, and dedication to service. In his new role, Chief Brooks will take on greater responsibilities, guiding and mentoring fellow sailors. He is ready to step into this new chapter of leadership with pride and determination. We are so proud of him and wish him much success! With all our love, your family!



The Town of Wolcott Public Library has a new Director. He is Matt Earls of Guilford, CT. He has held positions as director of libraries in the towns of Southington and Lebanon, CT. He currently oversees a staff of ten people in Wolcott and he looks forward to his new position in Wolcott. He has a saying for those residing in the town to "Come to the library every week". *Photography by Picard*



Deputy Police Chief Sara Carrillo and Chief Ed Stephens attended the Breast Cancer Awareness Ceremony on the town green October 3rd along with other town officials. Deputy Chief Carrillo sported a pink pistol and Chief Stephens a pink badge that they will carry and wear for the month of October. *Photo by Rob Pierpont*



Stephanie Mata of Wolcott has been volunteering at the Edgewood Cemetery recently to clean some of the ancient tombstones in the cemetery. Many are dated from the late 1700's and 1800's. With the use of specific chemicals and brushes, she is able to remove decades worth of dirt, dust and mosses from these fragile monuments. *Photography by Picard*



A new business in town celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting event on September 22nd. Pure Essence, Center for Wellness and Aesthetics, located at 524 Wolcott Road formally opened their doors with local dignitaries, live radio broadcasts, guests and customers on hand. To learn more about Pure Essence, go to info@pureessencect.com. *Photo by Uniquely Yours Photography*

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PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

Veterans Vigil & Luminary Ceremony 2024

The 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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Birthdays

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

Some of the most powerful men and women are born under the Scorpio zodiac. Influential and self-motivated, Scorpions are strong leaders who can bring forth success in all their enterprises. Compelling and unwavering in all they do, these formidable personalities do not take failure as an answer. For the dynamic Scorpio, success isn't just an occasion but a way of life.

Donna Fasano Pisani - November 14th

Sagittarius, Nov 22 - Dec 21st
"The Archer"

The optimistic Sagittarius is always in good spirits. They are cheerful and upbeat most of the time and believe that there is a positive side to everything. Sagittariuses are also very loyal to their country. Many war heroes bear the Sagittarius zodiac sign.

Al Laporta II - November 28th

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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 8th-11th

A Weekend of Remembrance presented by Knights of Columbus-Wolcott & The Exchange Club of Wolcott

Location: Wolcott Town Green - Flags will be displayed from November 8th-11th

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November 11th - Monday

Veterans Day Ceremony

Location: Wolcott Town Green

Time: 11:00am

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

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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 Peddler 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

December 1st - Sunday

**Junior Women's Club Annual
Holiday Tree Lighting**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Wolcott Town Green

Info: Santa will make an appearance. Everyone is invited. Feel free to bring a new/unwrapped toy that will be donated to the Toys for Tots & Teens program.

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November 2024

I would like to remind everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday November 5th.



I wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving and please remember those who are less fortunate than us, as well as the men and women currently fighting for our country.

The Veterans Vigil will be held on Wednesday November 7th at 5:00PM on the Green.

A Veterans ceremony will be held on Monday November 11th at 11:00AM on the Green, where we will pay tribute to our Veterans. Please say "Thank you" to a Veteran to show your appreciation.

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday December 1st at 6PM on the Green.

Please visit our website www.wolcottct.org for 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.

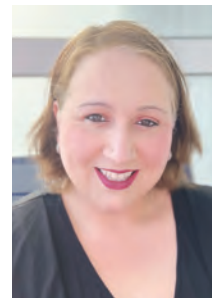
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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



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Tuesday, November 5, 2024
6:00AM - 8:00PM

Absentee Ballots will be mailed on October 4th for everyone who has requested. If you want to make sure you are registered to vote, please visit: <https://portal-dir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>

We have had a very busy few weeks between getting absentee ballots ready for the election and fall brides coming in for their marriage licenses. I found out recently I was added to the top 100 list in Modern Governance from Diligent and selected for a Women of Inspiration Award. Town Clerks joke that no one ever goes to college with the hopes of becoming a Town Clerk. Usually, the job finds us when we least expect it. I am thankful every day for choosing a path that was not in my plans. I find my work rewarding and exciting and I hope to be in Wolcott for many years to come.

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Veterans Are Heroes Forever



Greetings from Veterans Are Heroes Forever 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization.

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 \$6,000 worth of Amazon return gift boxes to over 175 veterans and their families and that was just last November and December. This year over \$7,000 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 200 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.

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.

We have currently finished a very successful campaign raising money for veterans with our 3-month calendar gifts with over 90 opportunities to win. Thanks to everyone who participated. I encourage you to make additional donations at our website, www.vetahf.com.

I have been speaking at local VFW's, Senior Centers, to get our mission statement and focus to the public. I would be happy to speak at your group.

On September 17th we hosted a very successful ceremony with many in attendance. for Constitution Day at our VFW Post 1979 here in Wolcott. We will do this again next year. Speaking about Constitution Day, I will be conducting a 12-part Constitution Lecture and seminar series of classes beginning on October 16th 3pm at 87 Main Street Thomaston. 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 in length with time to discuss the material and a review. You will be able to register on our website, www.VAHF.com. The fee is \$45.00 per student, and we encourage parents to attend. Take some time and visit our website www.vetahf.com.

I want to thank the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce for awarding me the Erma Costa Community Service Award on September 26th for the work I am doing to assist our Veterans. It was an honor to receive that award. Erma had done so much for our town. My children went to Monarch, and they loved it there.

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. We need more volunteers, and more young adults would be great.

I am planning other events for later this year so keep following us. I am looking for more volunteers and donations or grants so we can do more for veterans. Thank you so much.

Wolcott Veterans Advocacy Commission



The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Committee is hoping that any Veterans, their families and others from Wolcott and surrounding towns will be able to make it to the Lions Club for our preview of the posters of 614 young men from Connecticut that were Killed In Action in Vietnam.

The men from area towns will be highlighted, Waterbury, Bristol, Terryville, Cheshire and Southington. This will be a very moving exhibit that shows a generation of young men that gave their lives in a brutal war

A preview of a few of the posters can be seen on our FB site: The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall-Wolcott. Please visit us and view these posters. A few pictures of local men that were killed in action is with this article. Please join us on November 10th at the Lions Club Arts and Craft barn.

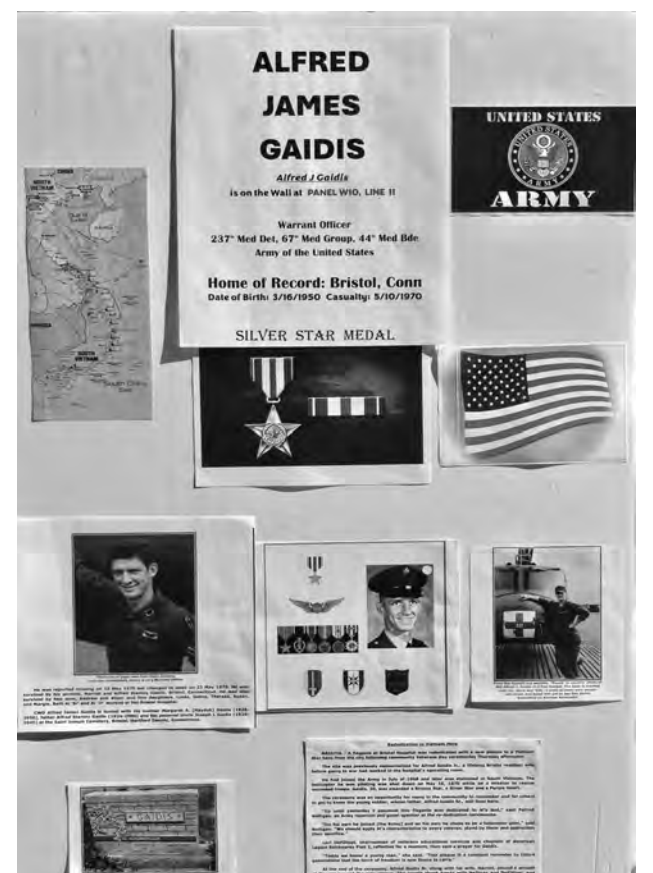
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Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Join us to celebrate Thanksgiving Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 7PM at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 262 Bound Line Rd. This worship service is being offered by the Wolcott Congregational Church, Wolcott Christian Life Center and All Saints'. It is a time to come together as a town to give thanks for our many blessings and join afterward in the Paris hall for refreshments.

A free will offering or non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit the Wolcott Food Pantry from any who are able. **All are welcome!**



New Laws for 2024

State Representative
Gale Mastrofrancesco
Representing Wolcott & Southington



Each legislative session, there are hundreds of bills introduced in Hartford, some which unfortunately, do not benefit our communities. But there are several recent bills that were signed into law and now in effect that I wanted to highlight, which may be of interest to you, your family or your business.

And please remember that your voice truly matters when it comes to influencing the legislative process in Hartford. There are many times when new bills are proposed that thankfully are stopped because of pushback from the public.

Earlier this year, we stopped (at least temporarily) policies and legislation put forward by the Democrat majority that would have mandated you drive an electric vehicle. House and Senate Republicans led the charge, and together with your emails, letters and phone calls, the governor halted his pursuit of it.

That's why it is so critical to be involved in the process and reach out to your legislators to let them know your thoughts on bills when they are proposed.

Public Act No. 24-39 - Requires home health care, home health aide, homemaker companion, and hospice agencies to require employees to wear an identification badge with his or her name and photograph during each client appointment.

Public Act No. 24-16 - Allows Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, and Emergency Medical Service chiefs and administrative heads to, declare that a police officer, uniformed paid or volunteer firefighter, or EMS personnel died in the line of duty if the death was caused by a cardiac event, stroke, or pulmonary embolism within 24 hours after the individual finished a shift or training.

Public Act No. 24-46 - Exempts property tax for either a primary dwelling or motor vehicle for each veteran who has a permanent and total disability rating.

Public Act No. 24-65 - Requires anyone convicted of intentionally injuring or killing a peace officer's animal or a volunteer canine search and rescue team's dog to pay restitution to the law enforcement unit, entity, or individual that owns the animal. the restitution may include the cost of veterinary services and, if the animal is killed or rendered unable to perform its duties, the costs and expenses of purchasing and training a replacement.

Public Act No. 24-141 - existing law requires managed residential communities (MRC) provide each resident a written residency agreement clearly setting out the resident's and the MRC's rights and responsibilities. This act modifies those agreements and establishes notification and reimbursement requirements for certain resident fees, including (1) how often fees may increase, (2) the schedule or specific dates of these increases, and (3) the history of fee increases over the past three calendar years. The act also requires that agreements entered into on or after October 1, 2024, specify any nonrefundable charges, fees, expenses, and costs.

Information about the legislation can be found at www.cga.ct.gov by entering the Public Act numbers in the tab at the bottom of the website. A list of all new laws that went into effect on Oct. 1 is also available at www.cga.ct.gov/asp/content/aeauto.asp

You can of course reach me 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.

Junior Women's Club News



November represents the beginning of the "Giving Thanks" season and our club has a lot to be thankful for this time of year. We are sponsoring our eighth annual "Vote Against Hunger". What is "Vote against Hunger"? On the election day, November 5th, voters can donate non-perishable food items. This event will benefit the Wolcott Food Pantry. Collection boxes will be in the voting poll areas. Also please remember to attend The Veteran's Day Ceremony on the Green, held 11/11, at 11:00 AM. This is the perfect time to honor all veterans in your family and in our town of Wolcott.

Last month we attended the Connecticut Junior Women Fall Conference. This meeting was very productive as it is a sharing of ideas, events and happenings from all the Junior Women's clubs in Connecticut. Robin DiNacola and her current affairs committee did a wonderful dinner when they hosted our International banquet during our general meeting, October 2nd. We hosted the Meet the Candidates night on Oct 24th. The event was recorded by Michael Bruce on WLCT96 and will be replayed daily until the election day. Also in October we hosted the Safe Haven Halloween Party with candy, pizza and snacks for the children.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is sponsoring our 37th Annual Toys for Tots and Teens Program for Wolcott families. This project is requiring community effort as we work through cooperation, contribution and co-ordination of schools, churches, businesses, service organizations and

volunteers. We work diligently to give assistance to Wolcott families facing difficult times and hopefully bring a little joy into their homes during this Christmas Season. All toys must be new and unwrapped. Look for our donation boxes at our Wolcott business locations. Although the toy donations are generous, they are usually geared for a small child aged 1-8 years old. We have already mailed letters to businesses and organizations seeking monetary donations. All monetary donations will help us provide gift cards for teenage siblings. Each year we try to provide the teens with gift cards so they can do their own shopping. Monetary donations are welcome, all donations should be sent to: Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, PO Box 6116, Wolcott CT 06716. We are very thankful to everyone who has supported this program in the past and hope the town's generosity will continue again this year. An application will be included at the bottom of this article. Applications must be returned by 12/5 and completed by all families requesting help. Santa's appearance at the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting, scheduled for 6 PM on the Town Green December 1st, will be a delight to all of the children and even those young at heart! Everyone is invited and we are requesting that the public can bring a new/unwrapped toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots & Teens program in Wolcott.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September through June at 7 pm. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community.

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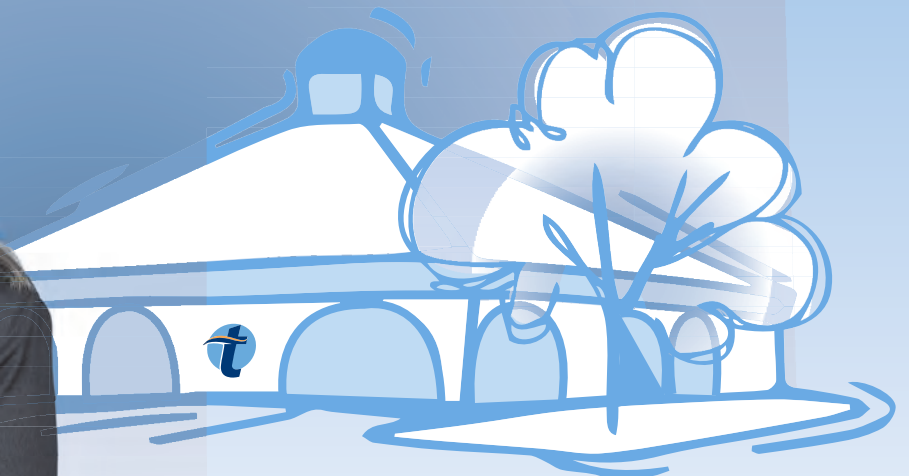
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The Wolcott Games was held on 9/21/24. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped getting things ready for the day and the volunteers who helped throughout the day. We enjoyed watching all of our amazing athletes participate in the games!



Farmingbury Women's Club

Welcome to November and don't forget to change the clocks back. We are now preparing for the upcoming holiday season. October was a busy month for our club.



We want to express our deepest gratitude for all who helped and attended the October Breast Cancer Awareness event on October 3rd. Thank you, Mayor Dunn, Amy Desaulniers, Pastor Tammy Torelli, Pat's IGA and Joe Golden for all your help in making this community event a success. Thank you to our Wolcott Police Department, Ambulance and Fire Departments for providing a safe environment for all to enjoy. A heartfelt thank you to Molly Crossley, Serena Charbonneau, Dr. Nicole Sookhan and Wendy Emerick. Thanks to all of you who took time out from your busy schedule to attend and support this wonderful evening.

We were fortunate to have one of our club members, Kim Dumouchel-Cody, speak at our October meeting. She shared many of her experiences with the paranormal and also answered any questions. It was followed by a Coffee Hour with Halloween treats and apple cider.

In honor of Veteran's Day, our November meeting we will have a speaker to share his military experiences and our members have been asked to bring canned goods to donate to the Wolcott Food Pantry.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas party that will be held at East Street Eatery this year. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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 <p>Wolcott \$312,000 – Charming 5 Room Colonial features 2 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths situated on a private wooded .57 acre double lot. Large wrap around deck for enjoying the outdoors and entertaining. Main floor Office space could easily be used for a 3rd Bedroom. Home has 2 walk in closets, tons of storage space and a one car attached garage. Newer roof (2023), septic (2022), vinyl flooring (2022), and boiler (2021). Extra lot is located on the Waterbury line and has a separate tax bill. Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>	 <p>Wolcott - Condo \$370,000 – Arrowhead By the Lake - Spectacular 4 Level Townhouse with stunning Lake views in sought after Arrowhead By The Lake Complex, complete with its own private beach & clubhouse! This meticulously maintained unit was recently remodeled from top to bottom, absolutely nothing to do but pack your bags & move right in. Enter from the Front Door & you'll find a powder room, entrance from the attached garage & storage closet. The Main Level open floor plan includes Kitchen w/beautiful SS appliances, white cabinets, granite counters, island w/breakfast Bar seating & pantry/coffee cabinet with microwave, combo DRLR with new stone propane fueled FP & 3 panel french doors leading to the deck w/storage space. The walk out basement features family room with sliders leading out to a patio with a view of the Lake. The Primary bedroom Suite features beautiful newly renovated bath w/balcony & complete with tub, stand alone shower & walk-in-closet. The 4th Level also has vaulted ceilings in the Loft space and built-ins for extra storage. The second Primary Suite features remodeled full bath. Levels 1-3 all w/HVAC floors. The LL features Family Laundry & Utility Rooms, all recently remodeled. Too many upgrades to list here! This is your opportunity to live a low maintenance lifestyle in a well maintained complex that will leave you feeling as if you're on vacation everyday, w/access to the Lake & private Beach, Clubhouse & Tennis Courts. Schedule your viewing with Bridget today! Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>	 <p>Wolcott \$259,000 – View this adorable 6 room Cape with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths situated on a .29 level lot. Features include primary bedroom located on main floor, an eat in kitchen with appliances, formal dining room and living room . Two more bedrooms are located on the upper level with a full bath. Exterior features include a large attached garage for plenty of storage. Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>	 <p>Wolcott \$559,000 – This stunning, move-in-ready Colonial is a must-see! It boasts an open floor plan with a gorgeous eat-in kitchen featuring granite countertops, a large island, stainless steel appliances, and French doors that lead to a Trex deck overlooking a private backyard with a spacious patio. Hardwood floors grace the main living area, which is enhanced by custom plantation blinds throughout the home. The main floor features a formal dining room perfect for entertaining, an office/den, and a large living room with a cozy propane fireplace. The charming covered front porch spans the front of the house, and there is an attached two-car garage for convenience. Upstairs, the expansive primary bedroom suite includes a walk-in closet and a full bath. Two additional bedrooms complete the upper level. The finished lower level provides extra living space, including a game room, wet bar, bedroom, full bath, and endless entertainment possibilities. The walkout French doors lead to a large patio, offering potential for an in-law suite. Additional features include central vacuum, surround sound throughout the home, and endless opportunities for privacy or entertaining. This home is truly exceptional! Call Bridget to schedule a showing! Preview more at: www.barrieausignature.com</p>



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9/2/1942 – 11/26/1945
WWII
U. S. Army



Robert Moore
6/30/1960 – 8/9/1963
Cuban Blockade
U. S. Navy, EN3



Daniel Pagnoni
4/22/1946 – 10/23/1947
U.S. Army



Philip Pagnoni
1/16/1968 – 10/15/1971
Vietnam War
U.S. Navy



Michael Braun
5/20/1993 – 9/1/2018
Afghanistan
U.S. Army



Rodney Olmstead
7/1/1962 – 12/1/1996
U. S. Army



Kobe W. Champagne
2/21/2019 – 10/8/2021
U. S. Marines,
Lieutenant



Carmine Ricci
U. S. Army



Scott Ricci
6/1/1995 – 8/30/2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom
U. S. Army



John Keane
5/30/1944 – 1/3/1952
WWII & Korean War
Merchant Marines



Joseph G. Dunn
9/26/1951 – 9/26/1954
Korean War
U. S. Marines



Martin Carangelo
11/1/1955 – 11/1/1961
Lebanon Conflict
U.S. Marines



Kelly Fitzgerald Mazza
6/25/1996 – 6/24/2001
U.S. Army



Mark Mennillo, Jr.
9/1/2003 – 9/1/2010
Iraq
U.S. Marines, Sergeant

Arthur Barstis
7/7/1949 – 9/24/1952
Korean War
U.S. Army

Charles T. Steck, Jr.
3/15/1943 – 9/20/1952
WW2 & Korean War
Petty Officer 1st Class

Don Therkildsen Sr.
7/26/1966 – 8/26/1970
Vietnam War
U.S. Air Force

Michael Yannielli
11/19/1977 – 11/20/1981
U.S. Air Force, A-1C

With our hearts filled with gratitude and joy and eyes filled with tears, we would like to thank our brave men and women who risked their lives and sacrificed everything for the sake of our country so that we can live a better life.



Bruce Altmeyer
5/11/1966 – 4/11/1969
Vietnam War
U. S. Marines



Pasqual Fasano
1/24/1969 – 3/29/1971
Korean War
U. S. Army



John Vastola
1/1/1950 – 1/1/1951
Post WWII Occupying Forces
U. S. Army



Scott Ackerman
5/21/2012 – 5/22/2017
U. S. Army



William (Bill) Phillips
1940-1946
WWII 115th Cav, South Pacific
U. S. Army



Glenn Phillips
2/15/1973 – 1/15/1976
Vietnam War
U.S. Marines



John D'Amato
8/21/2019 – 2025
U.S. Navy



Bernard Fitzpatrick
1/11/1948 – 4/15/1952
Korean War
U.S. Navy



James Thibault
11/28/1995 – 10/7/2020
Iraq, Bosnia
U. S. Army



Bernard F. Nolan, Jr.
1/25/1966 – 1/25/1968
Vietnam War
U.S. Marines



Marie (Pagano) Lanza
10/14/1952 – 5/24/1953
Korean War
U.S. Navy



Domenic Mastrofrancesco
3/1/1944
WWII
U.S. Navy

Carmen Yannielli
7/24/1953 – 11/23/1957
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U.S. Air Force, A-1C

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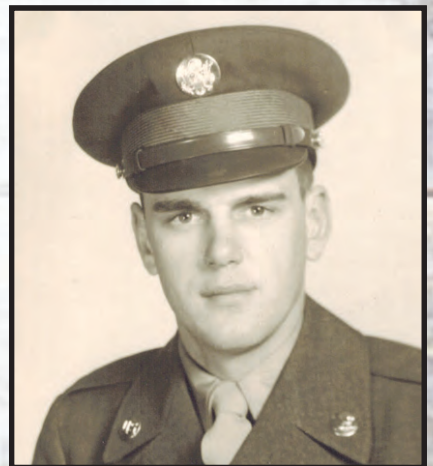
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Thomas Woodruff
7/1/1956
Vietnam War
U. S. Army



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Served 1951-1954
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U. S. Marines, Corporal



John (Jack) Lupkas
Served 1953-1955
Korean War
U. S. Army, Sergeant



Richard Baranowski
1/1/1965 – 12/1/1967
Vietnam War
U.S. Army



Daniel Cocchiola
11/30/2012 – 9/28/2020
U. S. Army, Drill Sargeant



John Waitkus
1/1/1966 – 12/31/1970
Vietnam War
U.S. Air Force



Kyle Fezulai
12/19/2001 – 9/30/2022
U.S. Marines



Richard Ziminsky
9/27/1961 – 1/27/1966
Vietnam War
U.S. Navy



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11/21/1944 – 7/13/1946
WW2 / USS Providence CL 82
U.S. Navy



Alban A. Charette, Jr.
1969 – 1972
Vietnam War
U. S. Army, Sargeant



Jeffrey Charette
10/23/1997 – 6/19/2005
U.S. Marines, , Sargeant



Samantha Burrell
10/15/2011 – 10/22/2020
Fire Controlman - Surface Warfare
U.S. Navy, Petty Officer 1st Class



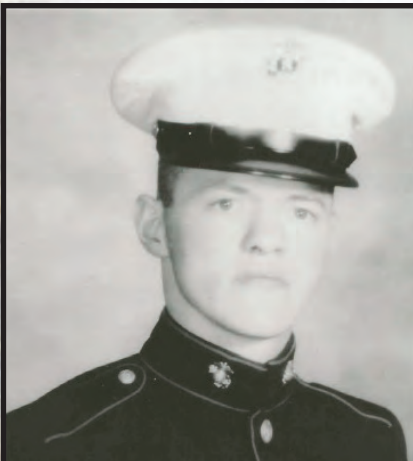
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3/3/1952 – 1/12/1954
Korean War
U. S. Army, 45th Div. Bronze Star



James E. Cleary, Jr.
1942-1945
WWII Battle of Iwo Jima
U.S. Marines, Cpl, 3rd Div Demolition



Robert Montuori
4/11/1956 – 4/3/1958
U.S. Marines, Corporal



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1/25/1966 – 1/25/1968
Vietnam War
U.S. Marines



Ronald Uricchio
1/1/1969 – 1/1/1975
U. S. Army



Christopher Alvarado, Sr.
1/1/2002 – 1/1/2012
Iraqi Freedom
U.S. Marines





Matthew Onofrio
9/19/2017 – present
U. S. Marines, Sargeant



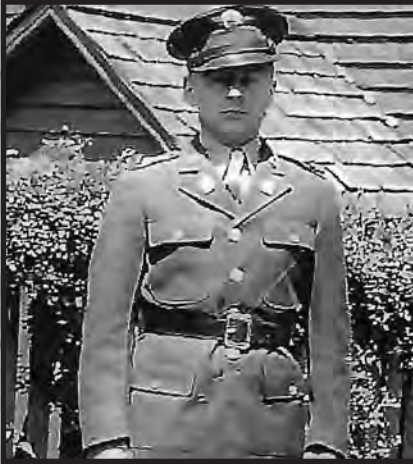
Janice Dobison
7/29/2011 – 7/28/2019
OEF/OIR IRAQ
U. S. Army



Paul Lokites
2/19/1942 – 1/6/1946
European African Mid-East Campaign
U. S. Army



John Muccino
12/8/1941 – 2/27/1947
World War II
U.S. Marines



Frank Mazurek
9/8/1939 – 8/6/1945
World War II
U.S. Army



Darren Hale
3/1/1990 – 6/30/2003
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served and are serving now!



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WARNING
TOWN OF WOLCOTT REFERENDUM
November 5, 2024

Take notice that the proposed amendments to the Wolcott Town Charter, which will be placed on the November 5, 2024, ballots, for the electors of the Town of Wolcott to approve or to not approve, are listed below. **The referendum is to take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at all voting districts.** The ballot question relating to the proposed amendments to the Charter will appear as follows:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT CHARTER BE AMENDED AS PROVIDED IN THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT DATED MAY 22, 2024, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025? YES NO”

2024 CHARTER REVISIONS FOR PUBLICATION
Charter Revision Commission’s additions in bold and deletions in brackets.
This is for subsections changed only.

SEC. 202. ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

(a) At each municipal election there shall be elected nine (9) members of the Town Council hereinafter referred to as the Council. There shall be three (3) members of the Council elected from each of the three (3) voting districts. Each political party shall nominate two (2) candidates from each of the three (3) districts. This shall not preclude an individual from running in his district as provided in General Statutes. The three (3) candidates having the largest number of votes from each of the three districts will serve on the Council. All electors in the Town will be eligible to vote for two (2) candidates in each district. [The maximum number of members, as defined by Section 402 of this Charter of the same political party shall serve on any elected Board, Commission, or the Council and] **No more than six (6) members of the Council shall be of the same political party, provided further however, that no more than 2 members of the same political party shall serve on the Council from any single district.** For the purposes of this section, political party [is defined as the party of endorsement] **shall be determined in the same manner as set forth in General Statutes § 9-167a (g), as may be amended.**

(e) All elective officers shall hold office until their successors have been chosen and qualified. All elective offices, with the exception of the **Mayor**, Council, Town Clerk, Board of Education, and Registrars of Voters, shall take office on the first Monday following election. The Town Council shall take office as herein provided. The Town Clerk and Registrars of Voters shall take office in accordance with General Statutes. The Board of Education shall take office within seven (7) days following election.

SEC. 302. CHAIRMAN

(a) The Council shall meet at [8:00] **7:00 P.M.** on the second Wednesday following its election to organize and to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. This will be the first order of business. The Mayor will preside, without vote, over the Council until this order of business is completed. The Chairman of the Council shall have a regular vote only. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Council and perform such other duties consistent with his or her office as may be imposed by the Council. Unless otherwise specified herein, during his or her absence or disability, his or her duties shall be performed by the member of the Council chosen by the Council as Vice-Chairman. The Chairman of the Council is an ex-officio member, without vote, of all Legislative Committees. The Town Council shall make no contracts, verbal or written, from the date of the election, until the successor council has been sworn in.

SEC. 402. MINORITY REPRESENTATION. (a) Minority representation on all boards, commissions, committees, departments, or similar bodies, whether elective or appointive shall be in accordance with the following table:

Total Membership	Maximum Number of Members of the Same Political Party
3	2
4	3
5	3
6	4
7	4
8	5
9	6

[(a)] **(b)** Those boards, commissions, committees, departments, or similar bodies, whether elective or appointive with more than nine (9) members shall have no more than 2/3 of their members from the same political party.

[(b)] **(c)** Vacancies in appointed positions shall be posted on the Town website for a minimum of five days prior to the appointing authority taking action on any final appointments. Any person affiliated with a party or not so affiliated shall have the ability to submit their name to the appointing authority. The appointing authority shall give due consideration to the recommendations of the major political parties before final appointments are made.

(d) General Statutes § 9-167a and all of its parts, as may be amended, shall apply to all boards, commissions, committees, departments, or similar bodies, whether elective or appointive, with respect to minority representation, excepting therefrom, however, the Town Council which shall be governed in accordance with Sec. 202 of this Charter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in applying the minority representation rule contained in Sec. 202 to the Town Council, political party shall be determined in the same manner as set forth in Connecticut General Statutes § 9-167a (g), as may be amended.

SEC. 404. LIBRARY BOARD OF [DIRECTORS] TRUSTEES. The Town Council shall appoint a Library Board of [Directors] **Trustees** to consist of [seven (7)] **nine (9)** electors of the Town, not more than [four (4)] **five (5)** of whom shall belong to any one political party. The Library Board of [Directors] **Trustees** shall appoint the Town Librarian and library employees and carry out all other duties as prescribed by General Statutes and Town Ordinance. Terms of office shall be consistent with this Charter.

SEC. 408. CHIEF OF POLICE.

(e) The police chief shall submit to the Town Council a promotion policy and organizational chart for approval within three months of ratification of this charter. No promotions may be made without a current Council approved promotion policy and organizational chart in place. Promotions within the Police Department shall be made according to the approved promotion policy and organizational chart. All promotions recommended by the police chief in accordance with the approved promotion policy and organizational chart shall be submitted to the Mayor [and the Town Council] for final approval. Subsequent revisions to the Police Department promotion policy and organizational chart must be submitted to the Town Council for approval.

[(A) CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

(a) General: There shall be a Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB), which will receive, investigate and make appropriate recommendations to the Mayor and Chief of Police of the Town of Wolcott regarding complaints of citizens not excluding employees of the Police Department, against members of the Wolcott Police Department and/or civilian employees thereof.

(b) Powers and Duties of Board: The CPRB shall be notified by the Mayor’s Office, the Chief of Police and or any individual member of CPRB of any and all complaints against members of the Wolcott Police Department and/or civilian employees thereof whether such complaints be written, oral or anonymous.

The CPRB shall be provided with all police documents, reports, electronic transmission, videotape and any other transcriptions related to any civilian complaint. (The Chief of Police may take appropriate actions to maintain the security of police documents, reports, electronic transmissions and videotape reviewed by CPRB) The CPRB may request the Chief of Police conduct appropriate internal affairs investigations of serious complaints against members or civilian employees of the police department. The CPRB shall review the conclusions of any internal affairs investigation of a complaint prior to any disciplinary action being taken and recommend further investigation to the Chief of Police if appropriate. The CPRB may request written statements made under oath through the Chief of Police from any member or civilian employee of the department and of the complainant in order to fully investigate any complaint. The CPRB shall make a written report of their investigation and findings and their

recommendation as to discipline to be taken if any regarding all complaints, when appropriate, to the Mayor and Chief of Police, however, the CPRB shall not have authority to impose discipline. The Chief of Police and/or Mayor, where appropriate, shall make the decision regarding discipline. The Chief of Police and/or Mayor shall explain his or her disciplinary action in writing for each complaint if different from the recommendation of the CPRB.

(c) The Civilian Police Review Board shall consist of five members, no more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party.

(i) Town Council Representative: One Town Council member shall serve as a liaison to the CPRB.

(ii) Appointments; term of office. No later than January 1, 2011, the Mayor with Town Council approval shall appoint five (5) members for a term of two (2) years and thereafter, in accordance with Section 401.

(iii) No Compensation. Members shall serve without compensation.

(d) Organization of Civilian Police Review Board: During January 2011 and January of each odd numbered year thereafter, the Board shall select from among its members a chair, vice chair and such other officers as it may desire.

(i) Secretary and record keeping. The Mayor shall appoint a secretary to the Board which secretary may not be a member of the Board. The Town Clerk shall act as record keeper for the Board.

(ii) Meeting Schedule. The Board shall meet no less than two times per year. The organizational meeting shall be no more than 30 days after the appointment process of each term.

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(v) Public meetings and public participation. All meetings, except executive sessions, as defined in the State Freedom of Information Act or any successor thereto, shall be public. At the start of each regularly scheduled public meeting the Board shall allot a minimum of 15 minutes for public speaking, with a minimum of three minutes per speaker.

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SEC.907. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Revised Charter shall take effect on January 1, [2022] 2025.

The full text of the proposed Charter may be examined and copies may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office at Wolcott Town Hall, 10 Kenea Avenue, Wolcott, CT, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A copy shall be mailed to any person requesting one from the Town Clerk's Office. The full text of the proposed Charter is also posted on the Town of Wolcott website at www.wolcottct.org

Dated at Wolcott, CT August 1, 2024

Rachel Wisler, Chairman, Wolcott Town Council

Wolcott Historical Society - November 2024



by Florence Goodman

Fall seems to bring with it an increased interest in cemeteries, so I felt it was time to revisit the history of the five early cemeteries in Wolcott; they are Edgewood, Pike's or Rose Hill, Southeast, Northeast, and Woodtick.

Much history can be acquired by visiting cemeteries. They hold information about its residents, wars, epidemics and disasters that might have affected the town and its people. Early tombstones have many interesting inscriptions and designs carved into them. Symbols found on these stones portray various meanings. For example, the tulip symbolizes immortality and the peacock represents eternity. Historians feel that tombstones carved prior to



Tombstone of Heman Hall at Edgewood Cemetery

1800 were an art form. Early New England stonecutters made stones with various designs and symbols that were time consuming to produce; thus, after 1805 designs and stones became more simplified.

The first burying ground established in the settlement of Farmingbury was Edgewood or Evergreen Cemetery located on Bound Line Road near the center of town. In 1764 at a town meeting held in Waterbury, Captains George Nichols and Stephen Upson Jr. were chosen to view and purchase a half-acre of land for a burying ground, which they did. In 1798 at another town meeting, it was agreed to increase the burying ground to three-fourths of an acre. By 1870 this cemetery was again too small, so it was enlarged to almost two acres. Today this cemetery is still in use and has been enlarged several more times and is maintained by a cemetery association. If you visit this cemetery, the original section is on the right as you enter. Some

of the names of the early settlers of our town that are buried there are Alcott, Andrews, Atkins, Beach, Bronson, Finch, Harrison, Kenea, Minor, Norton, Pritchard, Thomas, Tuttle, Upson and many more. Veterans from the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War are buried in this cemetery.



Tombstone of Stephen Barnes at Southeast Cemetery

The Society of Farmingbury established the Southeast burying ground in 1772. This cemetery is located on property now owned by the town of Southington not far from the intersection of County Road and East Street, but the cemetery is still maintained by the Town of Wolcott. The earliest inscription on a tombstone in this graveyard is January 1, 1782, for Archibald Upson who died at age twenty. There were fifty-two settlers buried in this cemetery from 1782 to 1939. Family names such as Lewis, Upson, Tuttle, Barnes, Brown, Byington, Carter and Frost are found here. Over the years this cemetery has been preserved because of the watchful eyes of the Southington Reservoir crew and two Wolcott residents Gary Gemino and Jay Crocco. Gary and Jay repaired broken stones and

made sure all was well at this beautiful old burying ground.

Pike's Hill or Rose Hill Cemetery was established in 1774 in the northeast section of town off of Woodtick Road. This burying ground was used for about thirty years and contained only a small number of graves. In 1805 the town voted to purchase a larger piece of land down the hill for the new larger Northeast or Beecher Cemetery. Many of the graves from Pike's Hill Cemetery were removed and placed in the new cemetery. The six stones that remain there are worn down and the names on the stones are almost illegible. Reverend Samuel Orcutt listed these stones in his book, "History of the Town of Wolcott From 1731 to 1874" and stated that three were made of brown stone and three of blue stone. The three brown stones were for Mrs. Rachel Brackitt, who died October 17, 1776; Mr. Mathew Blakslee who died on May 28, 1776; and Rhoda Blakslee who died on March 12, 1781. The three blue stone monuments were for Abner Blaksly who died Nov. 27, 1791; Ithamer Alcox, who died Aug. 9, 1778; and Lyman Alcox who died Nov. 17, 1781.



Luther Andrews tombstone in Allentown Cemetery in Terryville

Two Eagle Scout Projects were completed at this cemetery, one by Steve Lago from Troop 231 in 2010 and another in 2019 by Ben Podzunas from Troop 230. Both projects entailed clearing the trees and undergrowth that had taken over the area and standing up several stones. In September of 2024, Tyson Cornelio and his grandmother, Arline Tansley cleaned the leaves and weeds from the area. For more information on these projects go to our website at wolcotthistory.org.

The Northeast Cemetery was created in 1805 on a piece of land on lower Beecher Road off Woodtick Road. This cemetery was established because Pike's Hill became too small. The earliest date on a tombstone in this cemetery was 1781 for Martin Carter, whose grave was probably moved from Pike's Hill to this one. The last burial date found on a tombstone is January 18, 1927, for Benjamin L. Bronson. This cemetery's remote location has allowed it to be vandalized on numerous occasions; vandals have broken or destroyed many of the tombstones. In the fall of 2008, the town crew improved the road leading into the Northeast Cemetery to make way for a major clean up by the Boy Scouts. The Scouts and their leaders spent a full day removing many trees to make room for a new fence that was installed shortly thereafter. Since then, the town crew has kept the grass mowed during the spring and summer months. In the fall of 2012 Michael Jacobson completed an Eagle Scout project there to help stop erosion at the entrance gate. Michael, his team and the town crew worked together to complete this project. They built large steps leading up into the cemetery and planted shrubs and grass seed on each side



Frisbie tombstone at Woodtick Cemetery

of the steps. A stainless sign with a brief history of the cemetery was placed on one of the concrete barriers to let visitors know about its historical significance.

The Woodtick Cemetery is located on Woodtick Road near the corner of Todd Road and backs up to property on Pleasant Street. It was established on November 20, 1807. The entrance to the cemetery is found just south of the Woodtick Memorial and as you enter the dirt driveway you will see the original historic section. This cemetery has been enlarged to allow more gravesites and is under the supervision of a cemetery association. The earliest date of a burial here is Julia Upson on November 21, 1813; she was 20 years of age. Tombstones of many early settlers such as Browne, Byington, Cole, Harrison, Finch, Frisbie, Garthwait, Hall, Hitchcock, Nichols, Todd, Upson, Wakelee, Weber and Welton are found here.



Tombstone for Matthew Blakslee at Rose Hill or Pike's Hill Cemetery

The last cemetery I'd like to mention is Allentown Cemetery. It is in Terryville on Allentown Road just over the Wolcott border. This cemetery has many Wolcott residents buried in it because it was located so close to the northwestern border of our town. This cemetery is well-kept and easy to access. To locate this cemetery, follow Spindle Hill Road to Allentown Road. The cemetery is located about a quarter of a mile past Todd Hollow Road on the left-hand side of the road. Some early settlers from our town that are buried here are members of the Alcott, Andrews, Lane, Downs, Thomas, Bassett and Allen families.

On November 14th at 2:00 P.M. I will present a PowerPoint discussion at the Wolcott Public Library on old cemeteries of Wolcott. It will include photographs of old tombstones and many old tombstone rubbings that were done in 1991 by some of my Project Explore students from Alcott Middle School.

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The Northeast Cemetery

(All information for this article was taken from Samuel Orcutt's "The History of Wolcott, Connecticut from 1781 to 1874"; the 1933 Charles R. Hale Collection of Cemetery tombstones; and the November 2019 and December 2019 articles in the Wolcott Community News by Florence Goodman)



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Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 is starting the scouting year strong! Scouts have been meeting weekly to work on important rank advancements such as Firem'n Chit and Personal Fitness Merit Badge. Further, the Troop headed out on its first campout and hike. While there, the scouts were able to work on needed skills like knots and also dedicated some time to cleaning up the Wolcott Trail. The Troop also spent the day assisting with Opening Ceremonies and a variety of games at Wolcott's Special Games on September 21. Finally, the Troop had a chance this month to plan out some of their upcoming outings. They will be camping in more than 3 different camps in Connecticut, hiking a 10 mile hike, participating in a scout cook-off and more in the upcoming months.

More importantly, Troop 230 is actively serving Wolcott. In addition to cleaning the Trail and the Special Games, Scouts will be helping Friends of The Library with their fall book collection, book sale, and fall outdoor cleanup. Moreover, the scouts will be participating in Wolcott's Veterans' Day events on November 11.

On October 24, 2024, at 6:30, at The American Legion, the Troop is hosting an Open House Night for all prospective scouts. Anyone age 11 or older who is interested in scouting is invited to come and participate in the weekly meeting, ask questions, and learn what the Troop is all about!

As always, the Troop continues to collect cans and bottles. Drop off is at 200 Chase River Road in Waterbury. Hours are Wednesdays/Thursdays 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 11-2PM. Just tell them the returns are for the Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.

To have the Troop help out, attend a function, or for more information, email boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com. BSA Troop 230 is now collecting bottles and cans at 2 locations. Drop off anytime at 83 Allentown Road (by the garage) in Wolcott.



Wolcott Education Foundation

The Directors would like to wish Geraldine "Gerry" Pelegano a Happy 100th Birthday and thank her sons for establishing the Pelegano Family Scholarship. The first award will be presented at the May Senior Awards Night at Wolcott High School. Mrs. Pelegano worked at the high school in the 60s and 70s and was a well known and respected English teacher. Gerry's family wanted to do something special for this wonderful occasion. So thank you to all the family and friends who contributed. We will be able to award scholarships for many years to come.

Besides our scholarship program including our memorials, we also award teacher grants and recently voted on the "Be Kind Mural" for Wakelee School. Elizabeth Ciarleglio applied for this project that will be created during the school year by students and staff. We also funded the "Plants with a Purpose" project at Tyrrell Middle School and this program will continue through the seasons with indoor and outdoor gardening projects directed by Allison Kirby.

For further information concerning our scholarship program, please contact Janet Tynan, Treasurer at Tynan_janet@comcast.net or call 203 233-6407.

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The Wolcott Town Wide Tag Sale event took place on September 14th and several residents on Cedar Lane took part in the event and displayed their unwanted treasures in their driveways and front yards. The perfect weather contributed to the booming business. — Photography by Picard



The Wolcott VFW Post hosted a free concert recently on their property. The band Valley Drive, performed for over two hours in very hot weather conditions. Attendees utilized lawn chairs and blankets on the VFW field while listening to music. — Photography by Picard



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Expiring Dental Benefits

As the year winds down, many people focus on holiday preparations, travel plans, or end-of-year tasks. However, one thing that can get overlooked is your dental benefits. If you have dental insurance or are part of a dental savings plan, now is the perfect time to take full advantage of the benefits you've been paying for all year. Here's a few reasons to show why using your dental benefits before the year ends is a smart financial and health decision.



Dr. Ezra Friedman
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Firstly, most dental insurance plans operate on a calendar year, meaning your benefits reset on January 1st. Dental insurance plans typically include an annual maximum — this is the total amount your insurance will cover for your dental treatments within the year. If you haven't reached this limit, those unused funds don't roll over into the next year. Any benefits left on the table simply vanish at the start of the new year. If you've been putting off necessary treatments, now is the time to schedule them to avoid losing this coverage.

Secondly, preventive care — such as cleanings, exams, and X-rays — is usually fully or mostly covered by dental insurance plans. These routine services are crucial for maintaining your oral health and preventing bigger problems down the line. Neglecting these appointments can allow issues like cavities or gum disease to worsen, potentially requiring more costly treatments later. Most plans cover two cleanings per year, so if you've missed one, book it now to ensure you use what you're entitled to.

Also, if your employer offers a Flexible Spending Account (FSA), which allows you to save pre-tax dollars for medical and dental expenses, now is the time to use those funds. Like dental benefits, FSA dollars often expire at the end of the year. Check your balance and see if you can use any remaining funds for dental work before they disappear.

Finally, some dental procedures, such as crowns, root canals, or orthodontic work, may require multiple visits. If you start a treatment plan before the end of the year, you can spread the cost over two insurance benefit periods. This means you can use the remaining benefits from this year and take advantage of next year's renewed coverage to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses.

The end of the year is often the busiest time for dental offices, as many people realize they need to use up their benefits. Don't wait until the last minute, or you may struggle to get an appointment. Scheduling your visit sooner ensures you won't be left scrambling to fit in necessary care before your benefits expire.

CASA Upcoming Events



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

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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.



BRISTOL \$359,900 — Cape Cod-style home conveniently located on the Wolcott line. This home features a spacious pillared living room with an electric fireplace, formal dining room and a new granite kitchen with slider to a back deck. The main floor has an additional room, perfect for a home office/study and a full tiled bathroom. Upstairs is an additional full tiled bathroom and 3 generously sized bedrooms with walk-in closets and built in dressers. Whether you're a first-time buyer or looking to downsize, this property offers the ideal combination of space, style, and location.



BRISTOL \$745,000 — Colonial style home which features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and 14 plus acres. The primary bedroom is on the main floor with full bath. Enjoy the natural light through the bay windows in the eat-in kitchen and adjacent formal dining room. The spacious living room, with sliders to the patio, overlooks a scene of flowers, gardens and trees. Outbuildings include a four-stall barn and lean to; open-air horses' arena and lunging circle.



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 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.



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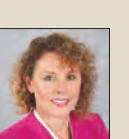
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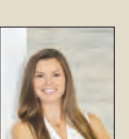
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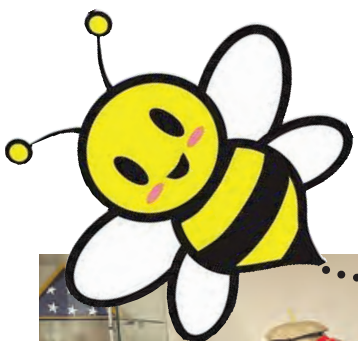
Focus On Frisbie



Congratulations to Frisbie's Golden Ticket winners for the month of September 2024!



Kindergarten classes had fun at Norton Brothers Fruit Farm. The kids loved the wagon ride, picking apples and learning all about the apple orchard.



Congratulations to Frisbie's Students of the Month for September 2024!



Fifth Grade students in Mr. Granato's Class created Yayoi Kusama Pumpkin Collages using complementary colors for the Fall!



The Wolcott Fire Department visited on October 10th to teach the kindergarten, first and second grade students about fire safety.



The Sad Deception of Political Campaigns

by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District



As we approach another election, I'm struck by the dishonesty displayed in political advertising. Campaigns today seem to be less about conveying the truth and more about misleading voters, hoping we're too distracted to notice.

In one ad, a Democratic candidate falsely accuses their Republican opponent of supporting a national abortion ban. Regardless of how you feel about the issue, the point is the blatant willingness to lie. I know the Republican in question, and they have always been pro-choice. Yet, their opponent, desperate for votes, chose to spread misinformation without hesitation.

Republicans aren't innocent either. Some are touting their vote for fiscal "guardrails" back in 2017, conveniently ignoring that those guardrails were attached to one of the most irresponsible spending packages in our state's history. Don't get me wrong — I absolutely support the concept of fiscal guardrails, as they were critical to keeping Connecticut's finances from spiraling further out of control. But let's be honest about the rest of that bill: it also bailed out Hartford for \$550 million and eliminated property tax credits against the income tax for most Connecticut residents.

This dishonesty isn't limited to any one level of government. Candidates across all races — state and national — are manipulating their constituents rather than telling them the truth.

Look at the 2023 Connecticut state budget. Candidates from both parties who voted for it are calling it "the largest income tax cut in state history." Even if that were true, it would be a sad commentary on our fiscal state. The tax cut provides minimal relief targeted at lower brackets — topping out at most \$20-\$25 a month — while the rest of the budget balloons spending by 7.5%, or \$2.7 billion. In reality, this modest tax cut is buried under layers of additional spending and new taxes. Newsflash — you cannot increase spending by billions and then say you are providing tax relief. Talk about rotating the deck chairs...

Here's what they're failing to tell you was in this 878-page bill:

Corporate Tax Surcharge: The budget continues the corporate tax surcharge (§§ 363-365, pg. 201), extending this burden on businesses indefinitely — who will most certainly pass it on to consumers, while misleading taxpayers into thinking relief is on the way.

Healthcare Coverage for Illegal Aliens: The budget extends healthcare under HUSKY to illegal alien children, raising the age limit from 12 to 15 (§§ 298-300, pg. 164). Taxpayers are being forced to pay for healthcare for individuals who are not even legally in the country.

Student Loan Reimbursement Pilot: The budget establishes a new program offering up to \$20,000 in student loan reimbursements (§§ 183 & 184, pg. 113), with no concern for the ballooning cost that taxpayers are once again expected to shoulder.

Baby Bonds Program: The state will pay \$3,200 to each child born under poverty (§§ 151-155, pg. 87), and the funding comes from raiding the already stretched Teachers' Retirement Fund.

DUI Criminal Record Erasure: A new provision allows DUI offenders to erase their records after ten years, sending a dangerous message to law-abiding families and those affected by impaired driving (§ 122, pg. 70).

Debt-Free Community College Costs: The expansion of this program to include returning students is another example of irresponsible spending to curry favor for votes (§ 137, pg. 77).

Union Strike Settlement: The budget sneaks in a \$50 million union strike settlement and the controversial John Lewis Voting Rights Act, inserted without a separate vote, both of which should have been debated independently (§§ 413, pg. 834).

Medical Debt Forgiveness: This is not about helping people—it's about undermining the free market, expanding government control, and empowering politicians to pick winners and losers with your tax dollars. By allocating \$6.5 million to erase medical debt (§ 122, pg. 85), they've decided that taxpayers who paid their bills are now responsible for bailing out those who didn't.

Hartford-Specific Expenditures: The budget throws millions into Hartford-specific projects, such as sewer system repairs and flood damage reimbursement programs, benefiting a select few while statewide taxpayers pick up the tab (§§ 144-149, pg. 85).

XL Center Renovations: Allocating \$80 million taxpayer dollars to a failing venue with no transparency, another misuse of taxpayer money (§§ 410-412, pg. 233).

Gender-Affirming Care: The bill also includes gender-affirming care provisions for HUSKY beneficiaries (§ 325, pg. 177), for inmates (§ 321, pg. 175), and legal protections for providers (§ 322-323, pg. 176) — all taxpayer-funded and never openly debated.

These provisions, buried deep in the budget, are being hidden from voters. The candidates who voted for this bill are counting on you not to read the fine print, as they parade the tax cut as their only achievement.

I'm not against tax cuts—far from it. I firmly believe the government taxes us all far too much. But it's disgraceful when candidates, whether incumbents or challengers, lie to voters about the contents of a law. They're not doing this to help their constituents; they're doing it to get re-elected.

I've been attacked dishonestly many times in my career. Every election cycle, my opponents launch last-minute attacks filled with falsehoods, forcing me to scramble to set the record straight. But here's the thing—I read the bills. I know what I'm voting for, and I can defend it, because I don't lie to the people who trust me to represent them.

Right now, my opponent claims I've done "nothing" for my constituents. I could list a few achievements to refute that, but the most important one is this: **I tell the truth.**

The lesson is simple: be wary of campaign promises and accusations, no matter the party. Do your own research. Read the bills. Over time, you'll learn who genuinely represents you and who is just fighting to stay in office.

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11/5 & 11/11
8:30—3:30 pm

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A Night of Thanks & Togetherness

Connecting with our families,
celebrating the holidays and showing
gratitude.

Friday, November 22nd 5:30-8:00pm

\$20 suggested donation per family of 4

Open to all girls grades K-8 with family

Bring your favorite dessert to share

Holiday Cooking and Baking Fun!

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Cookie-A-Thon Bakeoff

Friday, December 6th 5:30-8:00pm

Annual Gingerbread Making Day

Saturday, December 14th 11:30am-1:30pm

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Wolcott High School NEWS



Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

Grade 9 Ella Gould
Grade 10 Klesti Ndreca
Grade 11 Eric Plourde
Grade 12 Sam Dean

Staff: Mrs. Schumacher

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



National Merit Scholarship Jonathan Plona

National Merit Scholarship Program: It is with great pride that we announce Jonathan Plona has been named a Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT.

Congratulations Jonathan!



Wolcott High School SkillsUSA Hosts Successful Electronic Recycling Day

On October 5, 2024, Wolcott High School's SkillsUSA chapter proudly organized an Electronic Recycling Day, turning a community initiative into a resounding success. With the generous sponsorship of Take 2 Recycling, the event provided residents an opportunity to responsibly dispose of their unwanted electronics while promoting environmental sustainability.

The turnout was impressive, with 119 cars arriving throughout the day, bringing a wide array of electronic items for recycling. In total, the event collected an astounding 9,040 pounds of electronics, significantly contributing to reducing e-waste in the community.

Students from the SkillsUSA chapter played a crucial role in the organization and execution of the event. They helped guide participants through the recycling process, ensuring that items were properly sorted and loaded. Their enthusiasm and dedication made the day run smoothly, demonstrating the importance of teamwork and community service.



WHS SkillsUSA at Wolcott Special Games

On September 24th, 2024 members of the SkillsUSA club participated in the Wolcott Special Games. During this event members helped assist the athletes participating in the events by helping them get to their designated area to complete the activity. This event was very successful and promoted an area of fun, happiness, and inclusivity. Good job to all the athletes that participated in the Wolcott Special Games!!!



Mystic Aquarium Field Trip



Police Explorers

The Bristol Police Youth Cadets (Police Explorers) were in the East Commons during the lunch block along with their dog Frankie to talk about the program and answer student questions. This would be a great opportunity for students interested in law enforcement or a first responder career. Wolcott youth are eligible to join.

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Around Town Photography
by Roger Picard



The Wolcott Chamber of Commerce held their annual Awards Dinner on September 26th, at the La Bella Vista Banquet Facility. From left to right the awards recipients were, Tim Galvin of Galvin Financial, LLC; the Nadimi Family of Nadimi Health Complex; Dan DiVirgilio of DiVirgilio Insurance Agency; Tara and Brenda Centinaro, receiving an award Posthumously for their father and husband respectively, Tom Centinaro; Chris Culver of CC's Chocolates and at the end, Roger Picard, President of the Wolcott Chamber. Photo by: Nancy Picard



State Senator Rob Sampson was a guest speaker at a Constitution Day recognition event sponsored by Veterans Are Heroes Forever at the VFW Pavilion on Wolcott Road on September 17th. A nice turnout of local dignitaries, citizens and veterans were on hand for the event.



The Wolcott Lions Club held their annual "Dam Road Race" on October 12th at the Woodtick Recreation field and Mill Pond Way walking trail. A large group of runners and walkers showed up for the event, which was dedicated to the late Lions Club member Tom Centinaro who passed away earlier this year. All funds raised from this event will be going back into the community and donated to several non-profits.



Farmingbury Women's Club Vice President, Mary Kelly, addresses the crowd attending the Breast Cancer Awareness ceremony on the Wolcott Town Green on October 3rd. The Farmingbury Women's Club has sponsored this event every year for the past 15 or more years. Photo by Rob Pierpont



The Wolcott High classes of 1962, '63, '64, and '65 held a class reunion on September 21st at the East Street Eatery. Fifty-three members of those four classes attended the event with some coming from as far away as California. A great time was had by all who attended.



The Wolcott Special Games were held on September 21st at the Woodtick Recreation facility with great weather and turnout of participants. During the opening ceremony, Shaelyn Hamel sang the National Anthem and received a huge applause from the crowd.

Target on Tyrrell



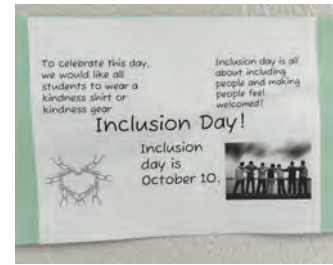
Tyrrell Middle School Joins Global Read Aloud Program

Several Language Arts teachers at Tyrrell Middle School are participating in the Global Read Aloud, an initiative launched in 2010 to connect readers worldwide through a shared book experience. This year, teachers are reading *Hands* by Torrey Maldonado or *And Then, Boom* by Lisa Flippo, to their classes.



Learning Through Measurement

In Mr. Jones' class, students honed their estimation and measurement skills through a hands-on activity. Using trundle wheels, they estimated and measured distances around the school. Each time the wheel completed a meter, it clicked, giving students an engaging way to explore and verify their estimates.



Inclusion Day Celebrations

On October 10th, Tyrrell Middle School proudly celebrated Inclusion Day. Students and staff embraced the message of kindness and unity by wearing "Inclusion Lives Here" bracelets and kindness-themed t-shirts. A collaborative art project saw students writing why they "be-leaf" in inclusion on paper leaves, which were then displayed on an Inclusion Tree in the hallway, serving as a powerful reminder of the school's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment.

Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

A Time for Thanksgiving

We should all live our lives with an attitude of gratitude! No matter what challenges we face, we should all take time to focus on what we are thankful for. There is no better time to do this than during the month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving. Here at Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association, we are so thankful for this wonderful community we work in. We appreciate the support we receive from the residents of Wolcott, Mayor Dunn and our Town Council members. We are also grateful for the men and women of the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department, Wolcott Police Department and the Wolcott Public Works Department that work with us side by side no matter the circumstances!



What are you thankful for? The month of November is the perfect time to share this list!

Ambulance Facility Update

The new ambulance facility is rapidly progressing toward completion! Wires have been run, plumbing is in place and the sheetrock has been hung. The bathroom tile is nearing completion, and the walls are being painted. We are still hoping 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? Our classes for 2025 have been announced!

Our seventeen-week spring course will run from February 10, 2025, until June 14, 2025. This five-month course will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00pm-9:00pm and a few Saturdays from 10:00am-4:00pm.

Our accelerated program is a nine-week course that will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00am-4:00pm. It is scheduled to begin June 23rd and run through August 22nd.

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 November 5, 2024, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, November 12, 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 September, WVAA responded to 179 calls for assistance.

Membership

Are you certified as an EMT or licensed as a Paramedic in Connecticut? We are looking for talented people to become part of our team. 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 autumn activities, we hope you stay well and stay safe!

Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

NEW HOURS:

- Nov 6th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30AM to 11:00AM
- Nov 20th (Wed) NO Distribution
- Nov 25th (Mon) Regular Dist. & Thanksgiving Dist. 11:30AM to 3:00PM ** Special Hours **

"Thank You"

1. We would like to express our appreciation to the mayor's office for helping us get a fresh coat of paint on the pantry house. Jeff of 'Jeff the Painter' did the work, and we think it looks wonderful!
2. Our local grocery stores (Pat's & Walsh's) are strong supporters of the pantry. They provide collection space for customers to leave donations, they donate their excess bakery products so we can distribute them. They often donate rather than accept payment for some food orders that we place with them. We would like to give a special shout-out to the management of Pat's for their recent donations of food that have helped fill some of our shelves and freezers!

Our Thanksgiving Distribution

We are providing a special Thanksgiving distribution of Nov 25th. It will be a drive through distribution from 11:30AM to 3:00PM. There is no regular distribution on Wednesday, Nov. 20th. Clients will receive their regular distribution on the 25th. Each family will receive either a turkey or a chicken and all the items necessary to cook a Thanksgiving Meal. You must have signed up for your turkey or chicken.

Help Us Out

- **Please check the dates** on any food donations and eliminate the expired ones.
- **Please no 'Perishable Items'** in the 24 / 7 drop-off box. We hate having to dispose of those items since we cannot determine how long they have been in the drop-off box.

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



A small sampling of some of the folks that stopped by the town green or the Pantry house to donate during our 'Fill the Gazebo' event. We had so many photos and you can see more at our Facebook page (search for @wctfpantry)



A local family that has made it a tradition to come to our 'Fill the Gazebo' event and donate food in memory of their wife, mother, and grandmother Zailoon Thantoni. It is always a special moment!

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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

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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



The Exchange Club of Wolcott hosted their 23rd Annual Clam Jam on September 8th at the Woodtick Recreation Pavilion. An estimated 250 people attended the event under sunny skies. In this photo Exchange Club members were busy opening clams on the half shell for the line of people waiting to enjoy a plate full of clams. — Photography by Picard

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Members of the Wolcott High Boys Soccer team were out pail shaking by the town green recently. Funds collected help offset the cost of expenses associated with the team’s season such as shirts and some sports equipment. — Photography by Picard

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***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



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!

Friday, November 1

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 The Great Taste of China — Sign up for the bus

Monday, November 4

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

10:45 Presentation on “Strokes” — Risk factors, Signs & Symptoms of a Stroke and appropriate actions to take if a stroke is suspected — presented by Stroke Coordinator at Waterbury Hospital

Tuesday, November 5

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED — ELECTION DAY

Wednesday, November 6

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

10:30 Bus leaves for lunch at the White Horse Restaurant — Sign up for the bus

11:30 Lunch Special — Chicken Tenders w/ French Fries & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, November 7

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie — Learn to make a Scarecrow Door Hanging — \$9.00pp, Pay when you sign up

Friday, November 8

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

Monday, November 11

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday, November 13

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Uncommon Grill — Sign up for the bus

11:30 Lunch Special — 2 large pieces of Cheese Pizza, Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, November 14

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boacovs lunch to follow at the Cromwell Diner, Sign up for trip

Wednesday, November 20

10:15 “Learn How To Lower Your Electric Bills” — w/ Art Marcelynas-Former State Regulator for PURA — Bring a recent copy of your electric bill & learn how the upcoming new supply rate or choosing an electric supplier can lower your rate. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

11:30 Lunch Special — Thanksgiving on a Roll — Turkey Breast w/ Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, & Stuffing on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Holiday Dessert — \$7.00 pp — Sign up & pay by Mon. Nov 18

Thursday, November 21

8:00 Bus leaves for Yankee Candle in Deerfield, MA — Lunch at Wolfie’s Restaurant, Sign up for bus

Friday, November 22

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Blue Colony Diner — Shopping to follow at Blue Jay Orchards in Bethel — Sign up for the bus

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Joey Garlies — Shopping at Stew Leonards to follow, Sign up for the bus

Wednesday, November 27

Lunch Special — Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Corn, Salad & Dessert — \$5.00 pp, Sign up & pay 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, November 28

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Friday, November 29

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



Our seniors working hard on their broomstick craft



Our dedicated morning setback players



Our Senior Center knitting group





Wolcott Public Library

Over the river and through the woods,
to Wolcott Library we go.

Google Maps knows the way to drive there
today, for Trivia, Chess, and Legos.

Over the river and through the woods,
oh, how these books, I'll know.

Reading histories and biographies,
as the nonfiction section grows.

With winter around the corner, it's the perfect time to dig into a book and learn something new. Our collection of new nonfiction has something for everyone - come find the book you didn't know you needed! Will it be a big book of art history, longevity and healthy living, or birdwatching?

This November, our harvest of programs is bountiful and the table is set. Thankful for games? We have Legos, Chess, and Setback. Are crafts and community more your thing? Come for Good Yarns, book club, and the movie of the month. Trying to learn something new? Don't miss expert talks on flowers and meteorites.

Come to the library every week - don't be a turkey!

November Programming

We have new and returning library programs this fall for all ages. Visit our website at wolcottlibrary.org/eventcalendar/ or call the library at 203-879-8110 for more information. Registration may be required for some 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: Forest Folk Acorn Craft - Create your own eco-friendly acorn people with this takeaway craft.

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)
- Challenging questions crafted for the audience. Choose a duck to represent your team. Only one duck can sit in the throne of honor.

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.

Weekly, 4:30 Chess @ WPI (10+) - Meet up at the booths near the YA section to play chess! No registration required.

November 5th, 4:00 Teen Makerspace (10+) - Make a craft or learn a new skill! Available activities will include 3D Printer, Lego & Cricut Mugs. WPL Reading room.

Nov. 19th, 4:30 Teen Library Council (grades 6 - 12)
- Wolcott Public Library's Teen Library Council (TLC) is a leadership opportunity for tweens and teens. Meet with other teens to help make decisions about library programs and do community service.

Wednesday

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

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

Weekly, 5:30 Great Game! (All ages) - We challenge you to a game of Settlers of Catan (Nov. 6), Scrabble (Nov. 13), and Setback (Nov. 20). Calling all game lovers, no experience required.

Nov. 6th, 4:00 Readin' with Teagan (Children)
- Come meet Teagan - a golden retriever therapy dog who loves to read!

Nov. 6th, 6:00pm Storytelling with Meris & Marcia (Children) - Listen to great local storytellers share stories about Autumn!

Nov. 20th, 6:00 Book Club (Adults) - Join our monthly book club with this month's book, *Weyward* by Emilia Hart.

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!

Nov. 7th, 5:30 Mountain Top Jam Session (All ages)
- Join your fellow musicians at the library; play and sing bluegrass, folk and country.

Nov. 14th, 2:00 History Hour with Florence Goodman (Adults) - Come learn about the early cemeteries of Farmingbury and Wolcott. Meet your ancestors, see early tombstones and interpret intriguing inscriptions and designs.

Nov. 14th, 6:30 Meet the Meteorites (Families)
- Calling all rockhounds! Roberto Vargas will be discussing meteorite types, hunts he has been on, and how you too can find meteorites. You can hold space rocks.

Nov. 21st, 5:30 Free Lung Cancer Screening Information Session - Connecticut Public Health - (Adults)
- Come learn potentially life-saving information from experts. Registration required.

Friday

Weekly, 11:00 - Unofficial National Novel Writing Month Writing Sessions - Join us for this annual challenge and draft a whole novel in a month with support from fellow writers! Share your work, brainstorm, or focus on writing; the choice is yours.

Nov. 1st, 11:00 - National Novel Writing Month Kick-off! Come together on the first day of the challenge with snacks and conversation for your writing breaks.

Nov. 29th, 1:00 The Final Friday movie is *Twisters* (2023).

Saturday

Nov. 9th, 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.

Nov. 30th 11:00 - National Novel Writing Month Celebration - Celebrate the end of the challenge and reach the finish line together with brain fuel and company.



Grey Squirrel met the Wolcott Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week!

Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

November has raced toward us, Late autumn weather is not very conducive to outside activities Here's a suggestion. The Friends of the Library have just renewed our pass to the New Britain Museum of American Art. This site is one of our most popular ones. The main focus is for adults with its array of media, although younger folks are welcome. The pass enables patrons to have four admissions for free (regular prices are \$20 each). There is also a pleasant area for you to have a snack or a lunch.

November 11 Veterans Day gives the community special opportunities to show your appreciation for those who served in the past and for those who actively serve now. The library also houses many volumes to increase your awareness of the protectors of our land.

From colonial times, November has celebrated Thanksgiving, a time to acknowledge all we have to be grateful for. The Friends of the Library are grateful to all those who help us in many ways. Some of you sent us annual dues checks. Others generously supported our recent book sale by donating books, puzzles, games, CDs, and records and then purchased different ones for your current reading as well as for children, grandchildren, other family members and friends. We members of FOL value the importance of our community library by sharing our time and talent. If this sounds interesting to you, call Janet Tynan at 233-6407 or wolcottfriends2019@yahoo.com.

The next time you go to the library, look around to see all the Friends have done with your help. With our wonderful staff we work to make good things happen. Have a great November!

Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



Thank you to everyone who attended our extremely successful September events.

Thank you to Kimberly Dumouchel-Cody for hosting Paranormal 101. What an amazing, exciting night!

Julia Jette was an immediate sell out and I am excited to share that we have added a second date at a different location on a different day of the week to try to accommodate everyone who has schedule conflicts. Please don't wait to book if you would like to attend.

Thank you to Kristin Lopez for our mini pumpkins and corn stalks.

Thank you to all our members and friends for helping with the outside and inside cleaning of our Grange. A special thank you to Kim Corbett who has worked for weeks getting our hall ready for events. Your service and dedication do not go unnoticed!

Please keep those clothing donations coming as the winter months are right around the corner. We need sneakers, boots and winter coats. Every pound counts towards our fundraising efforts.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events:

By Request: Psychic Medium, Julia Jette
November 12, 2024, 6PM - 8PM
at the Wolcott Public Library

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



We a-dough-red this pizza making program with MY Productions CT!

Alcott School News



Kindergarten enjoyed an educational visit from the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department, where they learned all about fire safety!



Congratulations to the many students who completed Summer Math for Summer 2024. Bravo!



Students in Grades Pre-K to Five had the opportunity to attend The Magic of Books with Tommy James! This incredible performer combined magic with books to encourage and stress the importance of reading! A special thanks to Mrs. Watson and our awesome PTO for bringing the incredible performance to Alcott!

Wakelee School News!



Mrs. Murtaugh read to Ms. Stec's class the story "Do Unto Otter's" to which goes along with one of our monthly traits: respect!



Wakelee Super Readers!

These students show their love for reading each and every day.



Wakelee students participated in a Color Run where they raised money for the laps they will run! This event was a huge success and a great event for the students. A big thank you to our Wakelee PTO for this event!

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
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Frisbie: Ms. Lisa Calabretta
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Tracey Fitzmorris, Wolcott Latchkey Director:
Email: tfitzmorris@wolcottps.org
This is only during Latchkey hours, Thank you!

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- ◆ Assistant Principal: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

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- ◆ Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

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- ◆ Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

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- ◆ Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ◆ Director: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

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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

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Important Reminders from the School Nurse

Contact your School Nurse with questions

- Physicals are state-mandated for Pre-K, K, 6th, and 10th grade
- 7th grade state-required meningitis vaccine and Pre-K flu shots
- An updated order for epipens (and the medication) is needed to participate in athletics, safely attend field trips, and dances/prom. New doctor orders are needed each year for medication (including Tylenol and Motrin).
 - Forms can be found on www.wolcottps.org -> Departments -> Health Services -> Forms.
- Medication should be in its original container with their name on it. The medication needs to be brought in by the parent (unless self carry orders) and given to the nurse.
- Vision and hearing screenings will be taking place. Parents will be notified if a referral is recommended. Parents may exempt their child from screenings for religious reasons and must provide the school with a written request for exemption.
- Students must have a signed sunscreen form on file each year and self carry and apply it.
- If a child requires crutches or a wheelchair a MD note is needed for them and to use the elevator.

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.

	FIRST	SECOND
NOVEMBER	4 (Monday)	25 (Monday)
DECEMBER	16 (Monday - Alcott)	
JANUARY	6 (Monday - Frisbie)	
FEBRUARY	10 (Monday - Wakelee)	
MARCH	3 (Monday - WHS)	17 (Monday)

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



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WPS Start & End Times

www.wolcottps.org

Schedule	Schools		
	Wolcott High School	Tyrrell Middle School	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

Schedule	Pre-kindergarten Sessions	
	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	Latchkey Sessions	
	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
2-Hour Delay Day	8:00 am - 10:30 am	3:15 pm - 6:00 pm
3-Hour Delay Day	8:00 am - 11:30 am	3:15 pm - 6:00 pm
SNOW DAY called during School Days	NO Morning Session	NO Afternoon Session

Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on November 22, and December 20, 2024. 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.



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Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2024-2025

July				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

August (5/2)				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

September (20/20)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Date/Event or Holiday	
August 26, 2024	Convocation
August 27, 2024	PD Day
August 28, 2023	PD Day
August 29, 2024	First Day for Students
September 2, 2024	Labor Day
October 14, 2024	Columbus Day
November 5, 2024	Election Day
November 11, 2024	Veterans Day
November 28-29, 2024	Thanksgiving (half day 27th)
Dec 23, 2024 - Jan. 1, 2025	Holiday Recess
January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Day
February 14, 2025	PD Day - No School
February 17-18, 2025	February Recess
March 24, 2025	PD Day - No School
April 18, 2022	Good Friday
April 21-25, 2025	Spring Recess
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
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

October (22/22)				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November (17/17)				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

December (15/15)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

January (21/21)				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

February (18/17)				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March (21/20)				
M	T	W	TH	F
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31				

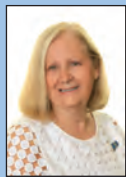
April (16/16)				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

May (21/21)				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

June (10/10)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

*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 \$179,900 - Lake Hills Village; Stunning condo w/breathtaking lake views, direct lake access, & includes updates throughout. Open living room/dining area, breakfast nook in remodeled kitchen, private patio overlooking the lake, 2 bedrooms & full bath & access to a private beach area. Chestnut Hill reservoir is a haven for boating, swimming & endless outdoor adventure. Ask for Ryan Bessette



Wolcott \$279,900 - 3 bedroom Ranch located minutes from I-84, Route 8, bus lines, shopping, dining & schools. Includes city gas, sewer, gas heating system and h/w heater, updated electrical service, roof, vinyl siding & thermo-pane windows. Plenty of room to relax in front of the fireplace, enjoy a meal in the eat-in kitchen or lounge in the private back yard. Ask for J.R. Donorfio



Wolcott \$349,000 New Listing - This spacious brick/vinyl sided Split Level home features an open living room/dining room area, eat-in kitchen, large, heated sun-room, and 3 sizeable bedrooms; Hardwood floors throughout, under carpets. Newer Oil H/W heater in 11/2020, furnace in 2016, roof in 09/2014, 2 car garage, .58 acre lot. Estate property. Ask for Lynn or Ken.



Wolcott \$349,900 New Listing - Beautifully maintained Raised Ranch with 8 spacious rooms, features updated kitchen w/modern finishes & ample storage. The main level offers a bright, open living space with 3 bedrooms & a three-season porch. Lower level has a large family room, an additional kitchen for entertaining or in-law potential, & access to a deck overlooking a back yard that abuts wooded land, offering privacy & views, a wonderful lot in a desirable neighborhood! Ask for Linda Fercodini.



Wolcott \$379,000 New Listing - 2000+ sq.ft. L-shaped Ranch with main level in-law. Open floor plan, remodeled kitchen with island, formal living room w/fireplace, dining room w/wainscoting, large, vaulted family room with skylights, finished lower level with half bath. Spacious in-law w/kitchen, living room w/atrium door to large rear deck, bedroom & full bath with W/D. Beautiful back yard with big shed. One-car garage, town sewers. Ask for Lynn Lombardi



Wolcott \$479,900 - Spacious home with full in-law! 3 bedrooms, living room w/fireplace, den w/slider to one of 3 decks & a kitchen with brick pizza oven. The in-law has a spacious kitchen, living room/dining area combo, bath w/full laundry, and a deck; a 2-car garage with lots of space. Wood & beautiful brick runs throughout the home. The yard is just over 1 acre w/trees, garden & many areas to enjoy picnics! Ask for Lucienne Marsella.



Wolcott \$585,000 - Direct waterfront on Hitchcock Lake! 2 houses being sold together for one price. The main house has 6 rooms, kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms, a large den & a deck. The 2nd home has 3 rooms & is also a direct waterfront. Roofs are 8 years old, heating system in the main home is 2 years old and the electrical service panel has been updated. Enjoy Jet skiing, private dock, boat ramp, swimming, fishing, kayaking, ice skating. Ask for Lucienne Marsella.



Wolcott \$625,000 - New Construction Colonial to be built in The Preserve subdivision w/access to Chestnut Hill Reservoir. A 4-bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial w/open floor plan, hardwood floors, kitchen with granite counters & island, formal dining room w/crown molding, great room w/propane fireplace, and a 2 story grand foyer; Master bedroom suite w/full bath & large walk-in closet, laundry room, walk-out basement, seasonal water views, town sewers. Ask for Lynn or J.R.



Waterbury \$279,900 New Listing - Beautiful 3 bedroom Raised Ranch! Main level features large, remodeled kitchen w/island, spacious dining area and atrium door to deck, formal living room, remodeled full bath w/washer/dryer. Hardwood floors throughout this level. Huge family room in lower level with wet bar, decorative wainscoting, ceramic tile floor & half bath. 1 car garage, fenced in yard. Close to shopping and highways. Ask for Lynn or J.R.



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.

LAND LOTS

WOLCOTT \$120,000 - Developers/Builders! 9-acre parcel of land in an 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 - Unique 33.61 acre parcel; 13.3 acres & remaining back parcel of 20.1 acres along w/another road frontage lot make this

the property to develop for single family homes!

\$416,400 - 52.05 Acre site with close proximity to I-84, Rte 322 and views of Lily Lake. City sewers available.

\$435,000 - Combined lot package of 55.37 acres. 39.34 acres of farm land, or when combined with the 16.97 acre property, may be subdivided for single family homes.

\$1,400,000 - 7.1 acres of land available on Wolcott Rd (Rte 69). 739 ft road frontage on Rte 69. Property backs up to Minor Rd. Sewer approximately 400 ft away on Center Street. Ask for Gene Fercodini.

WATERBURY \$199,000 - \$199,000-11.23 acres of land adjacent to a subdivision of beautiful homes. A Possibility of a 41-lot subdivision.

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