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Katelin Doucette and Jason Lewicki were married on Nov. 1st at The Vyne in Middlebury, CT. The bride is the daughter of Andy and Kris Doucette of Wolcott. The groom is the son of Tim and Darlene Lewicki of Wolcott.



Wolcott Lions Club members were busy selling Christmas trees and wreaths on December 8th at their fair grounds property on Wolcott Road. They did pause for a moment to have their picture taken in front of their merchandise.
Photography by Picard



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rousseau of Wolcott are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Danielle to Kevin Murphy, son of Lisa and Buddy Murphy. Danielle is a graduate of SCSU and received her master's degree at NYU. She is a Social Worker for Adelbrook. Kevin is a graduate of UTI and is a Manager at Penske. Their wedding is planned for August 16, 2025.



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The pragmatic Capricorn can sense at once whether a new concept is going to work. Their forthright attitude also means that if they think you fall short, they will have no problem telling it "to your face". Capricorns are great at improvising too. They are quick to adopt good ideas and can make all the necessary adjustments to make them perfect for the given situation.

Those bearing the Capricorn zodiac are generally people with grand ambitions. However, though they go all out to succeed, you can be sure that they will do so with great integrity. Capricorns are very responsible in their duties as they are disciplined people who accomplish their work with a spirit of excellence.

Edward Nadeau - January 8th

Aquarius, Jan 20th - Feb 18th
"The Water Bearer"

Aquarians are among the friendliest of the signs, making friends everywhere. They are often chosen among co-workers and family for special awards and honors because of their ability to network. Highly intelligent they are energetic and talented, often using their abilities to help others. Despite their extensive people skills, they often crave alone time to reflect and think about things. Meditation is recommended for this sign as it helps to maintain that sense of alone time, while at the same time a feeling of connectedness with something greater than themselves.

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

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BSA Troop 230 had a productive and enjoyable month. Scouts enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving cooking competition. Using only camping stoves, patrols worked together with provided ingredients to cook the most delicious meal. Scouts creatively designed turkey main dishes, potato and vegetable sides and more. Great fun was had by all. Also, the Troop spent a weekend cabin camping at Camp Mattuck in Plymouth. The boys hiked, practiced orienteering, and fine-tuned winter camping skills. Finally, the Troop held its fall Court of Honor at the American Legion. Boys received various merit badges including Camping, Citizenship In Society and Swimming. Further, some scouts earned rank achievements. Congratulations to Hunter Costa for earning Scout, Carson Wolcheski for earning Life and JT Plona for earning Eagle Scout.

Most importantly, a giant thank you goes out to the Town of Wolcott for its amazing support of the Troop's annual food drive. The scouts collected 375lbs of food and \$1,800 in cash donations for the Wolcott Food Pantry. What a wonderful way to come together and help others!

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

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Application deadline is on or before Wednesday, April 16, 2025 before 2 PM

MAYOR'S CORNER

January 2025
 Happy New Year!!




I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire team at the Park & Recreation Department for the incredible transformation of our Town Green into a winter wonderland!

Your hard work and creativity have created a magical space where families can come together and make cherished memories that will last a lifetime. The festive atmosphere and beautifully designed setup have truly brought joy to our community, and we are deeply grateful for your dedication and effort. Thank you for making this season special for all of us.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Town Wide Christmas Party. The party would not be as successful without your continued support.

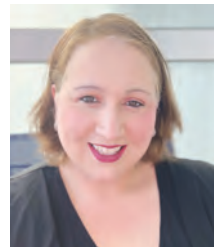
I would also like to thank all organizations and individuals who were so generous to the families in need for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday. The response and caring from the Town makes me feel honored to be not only a resident of this Town but also Your Mayor.

Happy New Year, May this year bring health, happiness and prosperity to every household.

Sincerely,

 Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



A few months back I saw an ad in the monthly newsletter for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks that read:

"The International Institute of Municipal Clerks is proud to announce the creation of IIMC's Futures Group. The Futures Committee is a dynamic initiative aimed at exploring emerging trends, envisioning the future of our profession, and charting a course for excellence in all things IIMC.

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Join us on this exhilarating journey into the unknown as we embrace futuring and chart a course towards excellence in IIMC. Together, let's seize the future and shape it to reflect our boldest dreams and aspirations. The future of IIMC starts now. Are you ready to lead the way?"

So I applied, and shortly received word I was chosen to represent Region 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont).

In February the organization will be flying me to Ontario, CA for our first board meeting. I am very excited to pioneer this committee along with other clerks from around the world. I am proud to put little Wolcott, CT on the map as a dynamic leader in the world of Town Clerks.

2024 Wolcott Lions Annual Pediatric Screening



The Wolcott Lions club held their annual pre-school Pediatric eye screening the week of November 11-15, 2024 at the following pre-schools: Alcott Elementary school, Children’s Village and Happy Hands Prep LLC & Bright Start.

Lion’s volunteers used the SCOPE PediaVision Screener, a state-of-the-art camera equipped to take a picture of the child’s eye. It has the ability to identify vision issues in children aged 2-6. It is done by taking a picture of a child’s eye in low light from a four-foot distance. The vision screener measures visual acuity (near or far-sightedness), lazy eye astigmatism, detached retina, corneal deformity and other potentially serious eye issues. Finding these issues at an early age helps the children being able to resolve their eye problems before starting school. If treated early, by an Ophthalmologist, issues can be corrected or cured early to keep vision problems from interfering with the child’s education.

This year 116 children were tested, 110 passed and 5 came back with identified vision issues Reports were sent home with the child’s test info so the parents can see the results of the test and those that has vision issues can be brought to a Doctor for further evaluation. The Wolcott Lions’ club has been testing children for over 13 years, starting in 2011. As of 2024 1,639 children have been tested. There were 1,516 that passed and 116 where vision issues were identified.

Lions International originally started this screening program. The Connecticut Lions then became involved with the screening and the Wolcott Lion’s club joined the effort in 2011 led by Lion Dave Desaulniers. The following Wolcott Lions helped Dave with the screening this year: Harry Najarian, Steve Slater, Bill Phelan, Peter Merza, Mike Graham, Kerri Tutolo, Dave Santarseio and Dave Wilson, along with his therapy dog Teagan. The children really enjoyed petting the dog.

Thanks to all the Wolcott Lions that helped make this program a huge success. Thanks also to the pre-schools for allowing us to come and examine the children’s eyes with a Parents consent form. The Lions will be doing the eye screening again next November. For more info please contact Dave Desaulniers at dave@devonp.com.

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Junior Women's Club News



Happy New Year! The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott sponsored our 37th Annual Toys for Tots and Teens Program for Wolcott families. This project is made

possible year over year by the generous toys and monetary donations we receive from our Wolcott residents, local businesses, and organizations. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to be able to assist our Wolcott community. Thank you to Alcott School, American Legion, Dollar General, Eagle's Nest, Frisbie School, Wolcott Library, Michael's Cut & Style, Pat's IGA, R&R Roofing, Thomaston Bank, Wakelee School, Walsh's Market, Webster Bank, Wolcott, Bowling, Wolcott High School, and Tyrell School. Thank you for your monetary donations, Barbara Defazio, Donna Lombardi, Fercodini Properties, Mattatuck Industries, Samson Machine, St Basil the Great Ladies Guild, Tynan & Iaconone, Wolcott Chamber of Commerce and the Wolcott Lion's Club. This Christmas season we assisted 25 families, 55 children, ranging in age from 1 to 17. We also assisted a family through the Safe Haven project. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas time. We are also continuing to serve the Wolcott Community with our Fuel assistance fund. 100% of all donations are used for the gift of heat throughout this winter season. We are committed to our neighbors who need a helping hand. December was a giving time, however people need a little help throughout the year and we try to extend that to our Wolcott friends in need.

Attention 5th Grade Students of Wolcott. We are sponsoring a creative writing contest during the month of January. The theme is "What is Best about Wolcott" The contest rules are available at each of the elementary schools. Good luck to all the participants.

We are a volunteer organization for the advancement and promotion of education, public health & welfare, social, civic interests and the arts. This organization is a 501C non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-political group. We are dedicated to being a "volunteer" and helping our community. The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from September to June. Our meetings are open to all women over the age of 18, who are interested in doing volunteer work in our community. Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com



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As we enter a new year, I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to 2025. When the new legislative session begins on Jan. 8, I will be ready to serve as your voice at the Capitol and fight on your behalf.

I am again honored that House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora has appointed me as ranking member of the General Assembly's Government Administration and Elections Committee.

This is an important leadership role on a committee that has cognizance on all matters related to state and federal relations, interstate compacts, constitutional amendments, and all matters relating to elections and election laws, among other important roles. I will remain a staunch defender of the integrity of the state's voting system and will work toward implementing more safeguards to protect against voter fraud.

The integrity of our elections is critically important, which is why I will serve as a needed voice to advocate on behalf of legislation and policies that restore faith in our system. Along with Sen. Sampson, I will push back against any extreme policies put forward by the majority, including any attempts to implement voting by mail, which is just another opportunity for bad actors to exploit the system.

As we enter the new year, I also wanted to let you know about new laws that have gone into effect in Connecticut as of Jan. 1. I did not support all the legislation below, but I wanted to share this information with you, so you are aware of it:

PA 24-77 (Coerced Debt)

Addressing domestic violence in our state is important, which is why I supported legislation that helps protect victims from financial abuse, specifically "coerced debt." This new law permits a victim of financial abuse to contact their credit card company for an investigation and possible discharge of the debt. Coerced debt is defined as "debt" incurred in the name of a victim as a result of any duress, intimidation, threat of force, force, or undue influence.

PA 24-8 (Expansion of Paid Sick Leave)

Past law required employers with 50 or more employees to provide up to 40 hours of paid sick leave annually to their "service workers" in certain specified occupations. This new law, which I did not support, significantly expands Connecticut's paid sick leave requirements, placing an undue burden on employers, especially small businesses. As of January 1, 2025, private-sector employers with 25 or more employees are required to provide sick leave to employees, and eventually this will apply to those with even a single employee by 2027. It broadens the definition of family members for whom leave can be taken and prevents employers from requiring documentation for leave.

These changes make Connecticut's laws among the most employer-unfriendly in the nation, adding excessive costs and scheduling challenges, especially for small businesses struggling to stay afloat. And this law forces employers to provide up to 40 hours of paid leave annually, even for part-time employees, creating significant scheduling and record-keeping difficulties.

The upcoming legislative session is the "long" session, which begins on Jan. 8 and ends on June 4. You can learn about bills, watch live streams of

committee meetings and review a calendar of upcoming events at www.cga.ct.gov

Whether it is opposing poor legislation proposed by the majority, or working to pass bills that lower your taxes, I am looking forward to getting to work.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns pertaining to state government. I can be reached by email at Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov or by phone at (800) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity by visiting my website at www.repmastrofrancesco.com or my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/repcale.

The Wolcott Commission for Individuals with Special Needs



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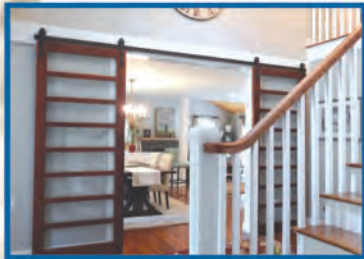


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The Mature Mouth

As scintillating and varied as dental topics are, I sometimes find myself with a touch of dental writer's block when thinking of an idea for my column. So, I occasionally will ask a patient for their suggestion on a topic that interests them. Thanks to a long-time patient and overall great woman, I present this month's column: "The Mature Mouth".



Dr. Ezra Friedman
Wolcott, CT

As we age, some of the details on how we care for ourselves change. Though eating healthy and exercise are always important, perhaps minimizing salt intake and resistance training at the gym become a stronger focus as we age and our bodies change. The same is true of our mouths. Though daily brushing and flossing are always important, there are some changes occur, and the awareness of these changes can be beneficial in order to help overcome the challenges they present.

Medications: As we get older, many individuals start taking medications for their heart, their blood pressure, cholesterol and so on. Many of these medications have side effects that, although suboptimal, are outweighed by the benefits of the medication. Dry mouth is a very common side effect of many medications. Our saliva is very helpful for many things, especially its function to minimize decay. The dry mouth effect of medications can lead to decay even in patients that previously had not had much decay. Being more diligent with our oral hygiene and diet becomes more critical when taking daily medications.

Gum Disease: gum disease is typically a very slowly progressing disease. Mature mouths are where time catches up with us, even with a slowly progressing problem. Unfortunately, gum disease is not truly reversible once it progresses past its most early stages. As it slowly progresses, the bone around the teeth slowly breaks down, which leads to the gums slowly shrinking away from the teeth as well. Even when previous gum disease is stabilized, the missing bone and gums don't grow back. This receding of tissue exposes spaces between teeth and exposes root surfaces. So, we now start accumulating food and plaque much more easily between and around our teeth. This debris sits against the exposed root surfaces, which don't even have enamel and are much more prone to fast growing decay. This is a recipe for problems. Making sure to clean these spaces of food after each meal and snack goes a long way to minimize your risk of dental problems.

Thank you again for reading, it is always a privilege and a pleasure.

Connecticut Republicans: A Vision to Rebuild Our State

by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District



In my last column, I laid out a bold vision for the Republican Party in Connecticut — a vision that embraces smaller government, safer communities, lower taxes, and greater opportunity for all. Today, I want to build upon that foundation by addressing why our state continues to lean Democratic despite widespread support for Republican ideals — and how we can turn the tide.

Connecticut is at a crossroads. Decades of one-party Democratic rule have left us with soaring costs, unsafe communities, and a government increasingly disconnected from the people it serves. Yet polling data tells a different story—one of hope. On every major issue, from affordability to public safety, from energy policy to education, Connecticut voters overwhelmingly align with Republican principles.

This isn't about partisan loyalty; it's about delivering results for Connecticut families. The challenge isn't our ideas, they're common sense and rooted in real-world priorities. The challenge is breaking through the obstacles that allow Democrats to maintain their grip on power despite their policy failures.

The Damage Done by Decades of Democratic Rule

Let's be clear about the harm done by Connecticut's elected Democrats. Their financial mismanagement has created one of the most expensive and inefficient governments in the nation. Electric rates are spiraling out of control, burdening families and businesses alike. Public safety has been jeopardized by policies that reduce accountability for criminals while undermining law enforcement professionals.

Meanwhile, Democrats prioritize incentives for illegal immigration and pursue divisive social policies that serve a narrow ideology rather than Connecticut's broader interests. After decades of this leadership, is our state better off today than it was five, ten, or twenty years ago? For most residents, the answer is "no."

Republican Principles: Solutions for Everyone

Republicans offer a path forward that illustrates that returning to America's core principles is how to address the real everyday concerns of Connecticut residents. We believe in smaller, more accountable government that spends your tax dollars wisely. We support restoring public safety by backing law enforcement and holding criminals accountable. We advocate for affordability and energy policies that ease the burden on families. And we aim to end divisive, wasteful policies like DEI mandates and radical "woke" agendas that distract from the proper role of state government.

These principles aren't exclusive to Republicans — they're common sense. They work for everyone, regardless of political affiliation.

Overcoming Obstacles to Connecticut's Future

If Connecticut voters align with Republican ideas, why do Democrats remain in power? The answer lies in key obstacles we must overcome—not just to win elections, but to secure a better future for our state.

- 1. Establishing a Clear Identity:** Connecticut Republicans need a cohesive, unified message that voters can trust. By consistently focusing on affordability, public safety, and limited, responsible government, we can provide a clear vision that resonates across the state.
- 2. Media Bias:** One of the greatest challenges is the lack of fair and balanced news coverage. Many local outlets repeat talking points from the heavily Democratic state capitol press corps, leaving voters without honest reporting on the impact of policies. Connecticut needs a fair news outlet that provides facts and context. Until then, Republicans must engage directly with voters to bypass the media filter.
- 3. Toxic Political Climate:** Running for office has become increasingly difficult. Threats, defamation, and personal attacks discourage talented individuals from entering public service. This environment hurts not only candidates but also voters, who deserve better representation.
- 4. Democratic Loyalty:** Many voters continue to support Democrats out of habit or loyalty, often without understanding their policies or consequences. Republicans must connect with these voters, shifting the focus to how our solutions will improve their lives.

Momentum for Change

Despite these challenges, the opportunity for change is real. I recently attended a presentation of polling data from across Connecticut, and the results were clear: Voters are aligned with Republicans on affordability, public safety, energy independence, and ending divisive policies. Across the board, the people of Connecticut side with Republicans on the issues.

Democrats are playing with fire by ignoring these concerns, but Republicans must show we are not just the party of opposition—we are the party of solutions.

A Hopeful Future

This isn't just about winning elections — it's about building a better future for Connecticut. By listening to residents, addressing their concerns, and delivering results, we can chart a new course for our state.

Connecticut's brightest days are ahead. Together, we can make Connecticut a place where families thrive, communities are safe, and opportunities abound. As a Republican state senator, I am committed to this vision — not just for my party, but for all Connecticut residents.

Let's turn frustration into action and action into results. Together, we can build a stronger, more prosperous future for everyone.

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After a recent snow storm, our photographer went out to capture some scenes around town and took this image of the Wolcott Town Hall with a patch of blue sky above it. It was reported that 4 to 8 inches of snow fell over the town depending upon the elevation you lived in. Photography by Picard



Santa Claus was the main attraction at the Wolcott Lions Winter Wonderland event held on December 8th. In this photo, Santa poses for a picture with Nicole Daddona and her son Bradley while Bradley's grandmother takes the picture. Photography by Picard



The Exchange Club of Wolcott had another successful Wine Tasting and Silent Auction event on November 14th at the La Bella Vista Banquet Facility. Twenty five vendors of wine, spirits, and beer took part in the event with approximately 275 people attending. Photography by Picard

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Wolcott Veterans Advocacy Commission



RAdm Kevin Delaney has been named the honorary chairman of this year's visit of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to Wolcott. This Agent Orange ceremony that we will hold while the Wall is here honors RAdm Delaney

and all those suffering from the toxic effects of this chemical herbicide and defoliant.

Kevin graduated with honors from Wolcott High School in June of 1964 and received a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating from there in June 1968 with a BS in Engineering. Three days later he married his wife, Pat, in Philadelphia, PA. He next began flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola and received his gold wings in Aug 1969.

In Dec 1969 Delaney reported to his first operational assignment with the famed Navy "Seawolves" of Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron Three in the Republic of Vietnam where he flew a UH-1B helicopter gunship on 686 combat missions in support of Navy riverine forces and SEAL units in the Mekong Delta. Over his 34-year Navy career Admiral Delaney received 98 military awards and decorations, 64 for combat action. Among his decorations are the Silver Star Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, 11 Single Action Air Medals, 26 Strike/Flight Air Medals, 6 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, and 4 awards of the Legion of Merit. Rarely did a cry for help come from a voice he didn't recognize, Delaney said. It soon became a personal war for all the pilots after they medevacked a seriously wounded friend, or carried a body bag containing the remains of a classmate, friend, or comrade.

Admiral Delaney had 6 command tours including 2 award winning aviation squadrons, an aircraft wing and Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville. Under his command NAS Jacksonville was selected from 178 Navy bases worldwide for the 1991 Presidents Installation Excellence Award as the best shore installation. Admiral Delaney also served as commander of shore activities for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Just prior to retirement, he served as the Navy's regional commander for the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean. In this assignment, he was responsible for more than 40 commands, including 14 major Naval installations and four hospitals.

The following is a small part of a speech given by RAdm Delaney, at a Seawolf reunion May 1994. Admiral Delaney's speech was intended for Seawolves and their families. But it is also an excellent oral history of the Seawolves squadron long after he had served as gunship pilot and Lieutenant JG on Det-8 of the famous combat ready pilots, door gunners and maintenance personnel.

"Thank you so much for your kind introduction. Needless to say, it's a very great and very humbling honor to address this group of heroes, this group of dedicated Americans who have given so much of themselves to serve our great country and who can say very proudly. I served with the SEAWOLVES of HAL-3 in Vietnam.

Unlike our carrier counterparts we were land based and never were far from the action. Living in our bunkers and hootches, it was not uncommon that on our off nights, we would grab a few semi-rusted cans of our well-preserved Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, a PRC radio and a rocket box. We'd sit on top of a bunker or revetment and then tune in the action as we watched the sky light up with the red and green neon-like stripes of tracer fire which were punctuated with rocket fire emanating from overhead Seawolf gunships. Rarely was there a night when the SEAWOLVES would not be engaged in multiple scrambles. Or we would be lying in hot, humid, non-air-conditioned spaces, partially wearing flight suits and maybe even our boots, trying to catch a few nods of sleep while waiting for the whispers of PBR (Patrol Boat, Riverine) sailors to begin on the radio, knowing that very soon the call to "scramble the SEAWOLVES" would be heard over the radio and literally within seconds we would be cranking engines and spinning rotors to fly one more time into harms way to protect the guys on the river, SEALS in trouble...or Army advisors in outposts being overrun.

The mere word "scramble" released a flow of adrenaline that energized us all. It was not uncommon to be airborne in one or two minutes after "scramble the SEAWOLVES" was blasted over our radio. The VC operated at night so of course most of our scrambles were at night. The VC also knew there were advantages to attacking in bad weather, so of course our most exciting times were in bad weather and at night.

It was a dirty war in the delta. As a rule, the VC took no prisoners and they had no rules. They definitely had never heard of the Geneva Convention or the Red Cross

and there was a price on the head of every Seawolf pilot and door gunner. The Red Cross on the sides of many of our Huey's served as nothing more than a large, convenient target for the VC to shoot at. They would steal our ammo and shoot it at us in their weapons while their ammo conveniently did not fit in our weapons.

Let me say what an honor it is to be called Seawolf, and how much I value the friendships that began half a globe away. In closing, let me slightly modify a quotation from John F Kennedy and say... "any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think I can respond with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, I served with the United States Navy SEAWOLVES of HAL-3."

"Thank You and may God bless the United States of America."

Admiral Delaney retired in 1998 as the most decorated officer in the U.S. Navy. As was mentioned earlier, of the 98 awards and decorations he received, 64 were for combat action. He soared to new heights during his retirement, a long civic career that included serving on the boards of 19 area nonprofits, ranging from Ronald McDonald House, Jacksonville University, to the Wounded Warrior Project and K9's for Warriors. He also served as president of the Florida State College of Jacksonville Foundation, a two-term member of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville University and Florida State College, past president of the Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Admiral Delaney was honored by the Small Business Administration as the "Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year" for the State of Florida and as the 2014 Veteran of Influence. He was honored by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce in 2014 as the most influential veteran, and he was installed as the very first member of their Military Hall of Fame. Sadly, he passed from lung cancer in 2015, a presumptive disease of Agent Orange.

Admiral Delaney, a Wolcott native, graduate of Wolcott High School, a hero during the Vietnam War, Veteran of the U.S. Navy and a tireless advocate on behalf of his fellow veterans has been named the Honorary Chairman of The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.

— Brett Muccino, Chairman, Veterans Advocacy Commission & Members of the Vietnam Traveling Wall Subcommittee



Wolcott Historical Society - January 2025



by Florence Goodman

Happy New Year to all our Wolcott history lovers from the Wolcott Historical Society. Several months ago, I met with Bonnie Fleming Richardson and her brother Lisle when they donated the Augusta Somers Miller quilt. At that time, we took a trip down memory lane by visiting the old Peterson farmhouse on Spindle Hill Road. Bonnie and Lisle grew up in the house next to Peterson Park on Mad River Road and have fond memories of Peterson's farm. Not only were they related to the family, but growing up their families along with the Kraft's who lived across the street from the farm spent a great deal of time together. They helped on the farm and celebrated many of the family get togethers in the old farmhouse. Bonnie remembered that just inside the entryway of the house someone had stamped the name "Alcott" into the wood, and she was surprised that you could still see the name. As we walked around the property Bonnie referred to one of the barns as the "milk house". I had never realized that was where the



The James Alcott House circa 1774

Oaks" as memorials to the expected new state Constitution. Although the electors voted to hold the convention, the revisions were never passed, but the delegates went home with their souvenirs of this historic meeting. Mr. Upson planted the pin oak seedling on his property so that he could maintain it while it was young. It was his intent to eventually transplant the tree to the Town Green, but the transplanting never occurred. Thus after 123 years, the tree continues to grow on the side of Spindle Hill Road across from the James Alcott homestead. When Mr. Upson died in 1918, the property at 621 Spindle Hill Road was sold to Carl and Helma Peterson.

The Petersons also purchased the James Thomas house (where Seth Thomas, the clockmaker was born) at 36 Peterson Lane and about 150 acres of land along Spindle Hill and Mad River Roads. They established the Peterson Dairy Farm in 1923,

which it was in operation until the early 1960's; a fire destroyed the large dairy barn on January 16, 1962. Mrs. Helma Peterson, owner of the dairy was thankful that no lives were lost in the fire but feared that several animals died in the blaze. She stated that there were ten or eleven cows, several calves, and a bull in the barn, but in the darkness, they were uncertain if all animals were led to safety. Farm equipment, a farm tractor, milking machines and a milk cooler were also lost in the blaze. The Petersons reported that the barn would probably never be rebuilt, but there were still several other barns on the property. Amazingly the fire did not hurt the Constitutional Oak tree, which was located very close to the old barn.

The Peterson's sold the property in 1992 to Bonny Hartigan Current and her husband. Bonny was the sole owner of the property in 2012 and lived there until July of 2023 when she sold it to move back to her hometown. The blue saltbox, a large barn and the gray milkhouse still stand at the intersection, a stark reminder of history past. Across the street the 123-year-old Constitutional Oak still stands as well. The Historical Society placed a sign in front of the

tree as a reminder to residents of its long life and interesting history.

I can understand why Bonnie Fleming Richardson and her brother Lisle have such an attachment to this area because I too feel the same way after living just down the street for the past forty years in the house where Seth Thomas was born. There is just so much history to be found here.

(All information for this article was taken from Samuel Orcutt's "The History of Wolcott, Connecticut from 1781 to 1874"; a discussion with Bonnie Fleming Richardson; a text message from Bonny Hartigan, who lived in the house for 31 years; Wolcott Community News November 2014 article by Florence Goodman)



The Constitutional Oak on Spindle Hill Road



An early picture of the James Alcott House and barn located on the corner of Spindle Hill and Mad River Roads circa 1900

milk was stored and processed into containers for delivery. In the far-left back corner of the milk house there was an old walk-in electric cooler. It was quite large with thick walls and a huge door. I was happy to learn that new bit of information about Peterson's Dairy farm. Now each day as I drive by that old barn, I think about the rich history that the property holds.

This land was originally owned by James Alcott and the farm was referred to, as Sunnyside. It was located at the intersection of Spindle Hill and Mad River Roads. James Alcott was the son of John Alcott, the first settler on Spindle Hill in 1731. John gave each of his sons' property to build a house and establish a farm. James built his farmhouse, a saltbox, in 1774, and like his father was an early settler in the area.

In the late 1800s, Evelyn Upson purchased the house and farm and lived there until 1918. In October of 1901 Upson was the delegate from Wolcott to the Constitutional Convention. The purpose of the convention was to revise the



Evelyn Upson delegate to Constitutional Convention in 1901-1902

existing constitution of our state, which had not been done since 1818. Anticipating the passing of these revisions, the U.S. Department of Agriculture presented each of the 168 delegates at the convention with a pin oak tree seedling in spring of 1902 to commemorate the occasion. The delegates were asked to plant the trees in their hometowns on or near a public place or on the green. They were to be known as "Constitutional



The milkhouse located on the property of the James Alcott House at 621 Spindle Hill Road



Another old barn on the property



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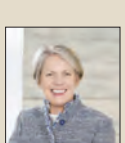
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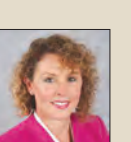
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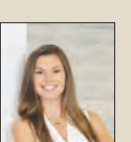
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BRISTOL \$745,000 — Impressive Colonial style home features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and 14 plus acres. The primary bedroom is on the main floor with full bath. Enjoy the natural light through the bay windows in the eat-in kitchen and adjacent formal 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.



THOMASTON \$555,000 — Inviting Colonial offers a main level with living room, family room, dining room & eat-in-kitchen, with sliders leading out to the large tiered deck overlooking the backyard. The main level also has a half bath & foyer. The upper level hallway, bedrooms and bathrooms have been freshly painted & features brand new luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout, the primary suite that features a brand-new walk-in shower along with 3 other generous sized bedrooms and another full bath with tub & shower. Schedule your private tour today!



TORRINGTON \$259,000 — This charming 4 bedroom cape features 2 full baths and is situated on a double lot. An attached garage adds convenience, while the partially finished walk-out basement provides additional living space with room to expand further. This property is a rare find, combining charm, functionality, and peaceful living in a sought-after location.



WATERBURY \$399,900 — This fabulous ranch is perfect for multi-generational living! The main level boasts a spacious living room with a cozy fireplace, a retro kitchen, a dining room, and a family room, along with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. The lower level features a full in-law apartment with a separate entrance, including its own laundry room, full bath, and one-car garage. This home is fully ADA compliant, complete with an elevator for easy access. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!



WATERBURY \$349,000 — Sprawling ranch with over 2500 square feet of living space, tucked away on a serene cul-de-sac. Interior offers vaulted ceilings and refinished hardwood floors throughout the main level with an open floor plan. This mid-century modern style ranch features FIVE bedrooms and THREE full remodeled bathrooms. The lower level adds 950 square feet of finished living space, complete with a walk-out basement and great views. The large deck overlooks the huge, private yard. Act now and be home for the Holidays!



WATERBURY \$490,000 — Contemporary mid-century style home features oversized windows and 4 new skylights that frame scenic views. The spacious foyer leads to an updated, modern kitchen, dining room, living room, and family room, complemented by 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. The finished lower level offers an expansive family room, game room, bar, sauna, exercise room, additional bathroom, laundry, workshop, and two large storage spaces. This home is being sold with an extensive array of extras. Don't miss out on the chance to own this exceptional property that combines comfort, style, and functionality!



WATERBURY \$259,900 — Colonial home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths has lovely archways, beautiful oak woodwork, tile flooring on main level, formal living room and dining room, eat in kitchen with plenty of cabinetry, a separate pantry with a gas cooktop, and a bright sunroom that could be used for an office or den on main level. A full bath with shower stall is there for your convenience and washer/dryer hookups on 1st floor. Upstairs reflects 3 good sized bedrooms with hardwood flooring and full bath. Walk up attic is a plus! Full basement with semi-finished rec room, 2 car detached garage, and level back yard are added features. Heating is supplied by natural gas. Lots of old world charm!



WATERBURY \$329,900 — Ranch-style home offers convenient one-level living with three comfortable bedrooms including 2 closets in the primary bedroom and a spacious family room and a separate living room. The office features a cozy fireplace and built in shelves. Uncover the beauty of the hardwood floors underneath the wall to wall carpet. This home has been lovingly cared for by the same family for over 60 years and the pride of ownership with the many recent updates. The seller also has an additional lot available for sale nearby.

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Farmingbury Women's Club



HAPPY NEW YEAR and may 2025 be kind to all of us. Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday.

In December, we handed out cookies during the Winter Wonderland event.

Our club held our Christmas dinner on December 12, 2024.

This month we look forward to planning our spring events so stay tuned.

May this new year fill us all with hope, joy and blessings.



The Annual Wolcott Congregational Church Gifts N Greens Fair was held on December 7th and 8th in the church hall. This image tells the popularity of this event with the number of people attending on the first day. Photography by Picard

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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News

Happy New Year!

Another year has been added to the history books! 2024 was a busy one for Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association. We upgraded the lifesaving AEDs at the Police Department, Fire Department and in our own vehicles. We also added cutting-edge technology in the form of our new Life Pak 35 cardiac monitor/defibrillators. These devices went into service in the middle of October and allow us to keep up with the newest innovations in cardiac care. Among the upgrades, they contain software that better assists our Paramedics in the early identification of a heart attack!



In addition to these important lifesaving updates, we have also been busy transforming the beautiful former Saint Maria Goretti Church into the new home of WVAA! This multi-year process shifted into high gear in 2024 with the renovation of the former church building as well as additions to the front that will house offices and an examination room and the garage at the rear that will allow us to park all the association's equipment inside again!

We hope all of you had a wonderful year and wish each of you a happy and prosperous 2025!

Ambulance Facility Update

Construction is complete! We hope to move to our new location by the end of this month! In the meantime, please use the 48 Todd Road location for all unscheduled or emergency visits until then.

Emergency Medical Technician Class

Do you want to become an emergency medical technician? Here is a list of our classes for 2025.

The spring course will run from February 10, 2025, until June 14, 2025. This course will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00pm-9:00pm and a few Saturdays from 10:00am-4:00pm. We still have a few openings, so sign up today!

Our accelerated program 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 January 7, 2025, 6pm - 8pm (free of charge)
- BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6pm - 9pm (\$80.00 per person)
- Community Narcan Training - learn to identify an overdose emergency, respond, and administer naloxone – Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6pm – 7:30pm (free of charge)

Contact us at 203-879-4122 ext. 400 or training@wolcottambulance.com to obtain more information or register for any of our community courses.

Ambulance Statistics

During the month of November, WVAA responded to 160 calls for assistance.

Membership

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!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community. Happy New Year & stay safe!

Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



As we reflect upon last year, we have many things to be grateful for. We have new members who bring excitement and energy. We have hosted many well-attended fundraising events. Our clothing shed and Little Free Library are well stocked and serving our community. We are going into 2025 with open hearts and open minds.

Our next meeting will be held on January 16th at 6pm. We will be discussing new leadership positions and plans for the new year. Please reach out if you would like to attend as we will be meeting off site. Kknowad25@aol.com

Donations are always welcome at Wolcott Grange, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott, CT 06716. We appreciate any help in keeping our historic building beautiful. Happy New Year.

Friends of the Wolcott Library, Inc.

Do you always have a puzzle set up that you are working on? If so we have a great deal for you! The Friends were at the Congregational Church selling brand new puzzles for only \$3.00 each with a special of buying 4 for \$10.00! We have lots left over and they are set up in the Reading Room at the Library. They won't last long so stop by and get yours today. Its a great past time in the winter months. We thank Ginny Way for her very generous donation and we hope they all find good homes soon.

We are renewing Constant Contact for the library's use. If you are not familiar with this, you can give your email address to the staff and they will send out notices of upcoming programs and events at the library. This applies to both children and adult programming. Another source to receive information on the most recent additions to the library shelves is Wowbrary. Again you would need to give your email to the staff for weekly information on the newest books we have purchased. Take advantage of these programs to get the latest news from your library.

The Friends were also sponsors of the Evening with Mrs. Claus and the Noon Day Party for the children as well as the Fireside Tales. We are also the protector of "BookMark" the Bearded Dragon and if you haven't stopped by to see our library mascot, please do so.

Looking ahead we will also be renewing our 2 passes to the Beardsley Zoo and bringing you the Tea and Chocolate Program for adults. The Friends also agreed to match a grant the Library received from Thomaston Savings Bank that will be used to bring musical programs to the library all year long.

We are very thankful for all that we have to share with you and to keep you busy in the wintery months. Happy New Year to All!

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January in History

Golden Gate Bridge is born

1933 — construction begins on the Golden Gate Bridge, as workers began excavating 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt for the structure’s huge anchorages.

Samuel Morse Demonstrates the Telegraph

On January 6, 1838 — Samuel Morse’s telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, New Jersey. The telegraph, a device which used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

First U.S. Presidential Election

January 07, 1789 — Congress sets January 7, 1789 as the date by which states are required to choose electors for the country’s first-ever presidential election. A month later, on February 4, George Washington was elected president by state electors and sworn into office on April 30, 1789.

The First Colonial Constitution

January 14, 1639 — In Hartford, Connecticut, the first constitution in the American colonies, the “Fundamental Orders,” is adopted by representatives of Wethersfield, Windsor, and Hartford.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Born

January 15, 1929 — Martin Luther King, Jr. is born in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of a Baptist minister. King received a doctorate degree in theology and in 1955 helped organize the first major protest of the African-American civil rights movement: the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott. Influenced by Mohandas Gandhi, he advocated civil disobedience and nonviolent resistance to segregation in the South. The peaceful protests he led throughout the American South were often met with violence, but King and his followers persisted, and the movement gained momentum.

Boston Thieves Pull off Historic Brink’s Robbery

January 17, 1950 — 11 Men steal more than \$2 million (\$29 million today) from the Brink’s Armored Car depot in Boston, Massachusetts. It was the perfect crime—almost—as the culprits weren’t caught until January 1956, just days before the statute of limitations for the theft expired.

Iran Hostage Crisis Ends

January 20, 1981 — Minutes after Ronald Reagan’s inauguration as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis.

Toy Company Wham-O Produces First Frisbees

January 23, 1957 — Machines at the Wham-O toy company roll out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs—now known to millions of fans all over the world as Frisbees.

Apollo 14 Departs for the Moon

January 31, 1971 — Apollo 14, piloted by astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell, and Stuart A. Roosa, is successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a manned mission to the moon. On February 5, after suffering some initial problems in docking the lunar and command modules, Shepard and Mitchell descended to the lunar surface on the third U.S. moon landing. Upon stepping out of the lunar module, Shepard, who in 1961, aboard Freedom 7, was the first American in space, became the fifth astronaut to walk on the moon.

Town of Wolcott Phone Directory

(Area Code 203) IN AN EMERGENCY (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) DIAL 911
www.wolcottct.org

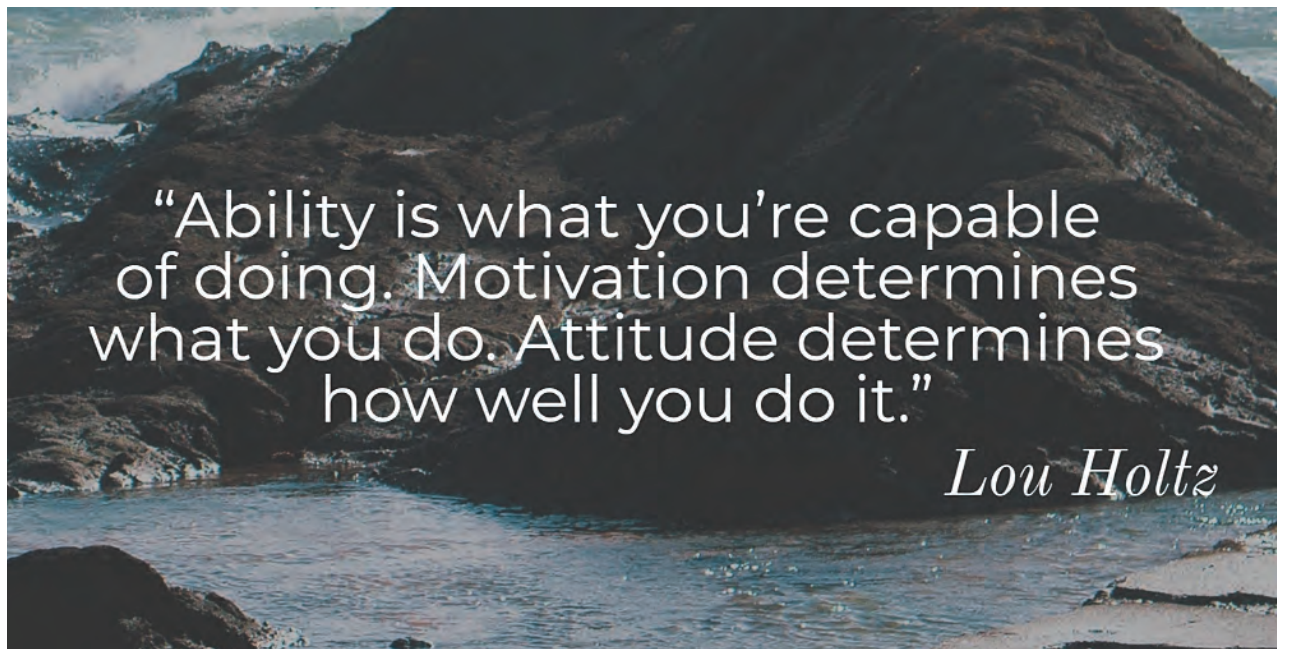
Town Hall Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. 8am-4:30pm, Thurs. 8am-5:30pm, Fri. 8am-Noon

Department	Address	Phone
Ambulance - Emergency Call 911	1300 Woodtick Road	Non Emergency 879-4122
Animal Control / Pet Adoptions	775 Boundline Road	879-7620
Assessor	Town Hall, 10 Kenea Ave.	879-8100 ext. 7
Building Department	Town Hall, 10 Kenea Ave.	879-8100 ext. 125
Civil Preparedness	225 Nichols Road	879-1414 ext. 53
Economic Development		879-8100 ext. 166
Mayors Office	Town Hall, 10 Kenea Ave.	879-8100 ext. 2
Fire Department - Emergency Call 911		Non Emergency 879-1414
Food Pantry	358 Woodtick Road	704-7402
Library	469 Boundline Road	879-8110
Planning & Zoning	Town Hall, 10 Kenea Ave.	879-8100 ext. 125
Police Dept. - Emergency Call 911	225 Nichols Road	Non Emergency 879-1414
Public Works	48 Todd Road	879-8140
Recycling Center	48 Todd Road	879-8027
Registrar’s of Voters	Town Hall, 10 Kenea Ave.	879-8100 ext. 116 Republican ext. 117 Democrat
Senior Center	211 Nichols Road	879-8133
Sewer & Water	48 Todd Road	879-8141
Tax Collector	Town Hall, 10 Kenea Ave.	879-8100 ext. 4
Town Clerk	Town Hall, 10 Kenea Ave.	879-8100 ext. 6
Youth Center	48 Todd Road	860-406-4896

Wolcott Public Schools - www.wolcottps.org

Central Office	1488 Woodtick Road	879-8183
Alcott Elementary School	1490 Woodtick Road	879-8160
Frisbie Elementary School	24 Todd Road	879-8146
Tyrrell Middle School	500 Todd Road	879-8151
Wakelee Elementary School	12 Hempel Drive	879-8154
Wolcott High School	457 Boundline Road	879-8164

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For department hours please visit www.wolcottct.org**





Wolcott High School NEWS



Congratulations!



ELLA ANDERSON	JUNIOR
SOFIA BENITEZ	JUNIOR
LILLIANA CRISCIO	SENIOR
SAMANTHA DEAN	SENIOR
OLIVIA DEMARTINO	SENIOR
TERESA MOODY	SENIOR
ROWAN MORSE	SENIOR
SAGE PYCZ	SENIOR

CLASS M 2ND TEAM



Senior Night 2024



Varsity Tournament Finished 5th out of 14



Volleyball & Cheer Team at Think Pink Night



Samantha Dean -Sr: First Team All-NVL
Kayla Page-Sr: Second Team All-NVL



Second Place finish at JV Tournament



Students in Mr. Tutalo's Advanced Foods class participated in a "Chopped" style challenge. Each group was given different ingredients and they had an hour to prepare a delicious meal.

**Wolcott High School
Parent Music Association
(WHPMA)
Annual Christmas Tree Pickup**



Saturday, January 4th 8am - 2pm
Snow date Jan 11th


For a \$10 donation, we will pick up your old, undecorated, Christmas tree and discard it for you.
Contactless, curbside pickup and payment
To register, please email gpnetnico@snet.net
or call 203-233-1350
deadline to register is January 1st

Proceeds go to supporting scholarships for WHS Senior Music Students and other Music Department programs and activities

Thank You Families of T's Karate
Thank you, T's Karate, for your continued support donating Thanksgiving Baskets to two families in our community. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!



Students in Mr. Cormier's Mechatronics class have been learning how to construct and fix manufacturing control systems. This new, hands on class helps students earn credits at the CT Community Colleges and learn valuable skills that can lead to high paying jobs in manufacturing following their graduation from WHS.



**Congratulations Wolcott High School
Eagles of the Month!**

Grade 9 Xavier Baim
Grade 10 Dwayne Jones
Grade 11 Marc Abou Arrage
Grade 12 José Quiñones
Staff: Mr. Crandall

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

Around Town Photography by Roger Picard



The new home for the Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. is nearing completion. This photo shows a portion of the four bay garage nearing completion of work being performed. Chief William Barratt is hoping for an end of January 2025 occupancy. An open house dedication will probably take place in April.



Wreaths Across America visited Edgewood Cemetery on December 14th with a 12:00 Noon ceremony. A large group of volunteers were on hand to place wreaths on Veteran's graves after the opening ceremonies were complete. Over 350 wreaths were placed at Veterans graves at Edgewood.



The Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association held their annual Christmas party for Citizens With Special Needs at their Club House on Woodtick Road. Lunch and a visit from Santa was all part of the event which has been taking place for several decades. All the food was donated by Spartan II Restaurant of Plantsville for several years now.



Police Chief Ed Stephens and Deputy Chief Sara Carrillo were guest speakers at a recent Exchange Club of Wolcott regular meeting. The Chief and Deputy Chief provided an update on crime statistics in town and the fact the men and women of the department have an excellent record of solving crimes and making arrests and their omnipresence also helps prevent crimes from happening.



The Exchange Club of Wolcott held a Veterans Recognition Dinner on December 2nd at the VFW Hall. Four veterans were honored at the event. In this photo from left to right, the family of Claude Boutote who served in the U.S. Army in Korea and passed away in June of this year, Exchange Club president Roger Picard, U.S. Navy Veteran Anthony Marino; U.S. Navy Seal Veteran Christopher Shea and Exchange Club member Gary Wachtelhausen. Missing from the photo is U.S. Navy Veteran Dennis Drzwecki who was unable to attend due to illness.



– Mayor Tom Dunn addresses the crowd attending the Patriots Day Initiative Luminaries event on November 7th inside Town Hall. After the indoor ceremonies were complete, attendees ventured outside to the town green to observe the luminaries and the reading of Veterans names.



The Park and Recreation department of the Wolcott Public Works did an outstanding job decorating the Wolcott Town Green for the Christmas Holiday. A tree lighting event took place on December 1st with Christmas Carols song by the Wolcott High and Tyrrell Middle School choirs and a visit from Santa on a firetruck.



The Wolcott Historical Society recently held a public event at the Wolcott Library in which they highlighted the history of cemeteries located in the town of Wolcott. Also displayed at the public event were tombstone rubbings created from several different cemeteries.

Wakelee School News!



Kindergarten students in Ms. Stec's class working hard



Wakelee Super Readers!



5th Grade students and staff are in the first phase of the Be Kind Mural project at Wakelee! The next step will involve all of the school to be a part of this project. Big thanks to Mrs. Ciarleglio & Mrs. Johnson for making this project happen! Tiles made by fifth graders and staff.



Wakelee students had the pleasure of listening and enjoying a performance by the CT Accordion Orchestra and the 4th and 5th grade chorus sang along to a few songs!



Students received awards for completing their grade level and moving onto the next grade level in Khan Academy with Mrs. Klemenz.



Fifth grade students in Mrs. Calabro's class reading to their book buddies in Mrs. Colgate's class.



Students in STEM working on their coding unit and using kits to build and code a car.

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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

Junk Removal

"Junk removal Garage, basement, attic or house clean out. Let us take your junk to the dump. Call Joe for a free estimate 203-704-0185

Stump Removal

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

Travel

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

Wanted

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

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Wolcott Food Pantry

Distribution Date Reminders

- Jan 3rd (Fri) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM ** Friday NOT Wednesday **
- Jan 15th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- Jan 29th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

“Thank You”

The volunteers of the Pantry would like to say ‘Thank You’ for all the support given to our pantry last year. Civic groups like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, the Wolcott Schools, Church Groups, Local Business (Pat’s & Walsh’s), the Local Library, Post Office, Senior Center, Wolcott Police Dept., and the Town Administration.

Most of all, ‘Thank You’ to all the Wolcott residents that regularly support our efforts. Many donate anonymously and their contributions are vital to our success. Wolcott residents are generous supporters of our mission and we are grateful!

If any groups intend on hosting Food Drives and/or Fund Raisers for us in the coming year, we would love to get an early heads-up so we can better schedule resources to help in scheduling a truck drop-off or help in picking up donated items. Just give us a call at 203-704-7402 and leave a message to get a conversation going.

Our Winter Storm Closing Policy

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

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



‘Thank You’ John Abbate Jr. and Greg Bike for their efforts in organizing the 5th Annual Troy Orsini Memorial Food Drive. Troy was an employee of W&M Fire Protection and after his passing, John, Greg, and others began to honor Troy’s memory by hosting an annual food drive.



‘Thank You’ Al & Carleen Zambetti. They donated 25 turkeys, stuffing, and cranberry sauce so we can share that with our clients at Thanksgiving (2024). Mayor Dunn also donated 16 Turkeys and we (and our clients) are grateful to all that donated during the Thanksgiving season!



During Thanksgiving season All-Star Transportation parked a bus at Pat’s IGA and had volunteers there to help load the bus with food products that the generous folks that shopped at Pat’s bought and donated in the spirit of the event.

‘Thank You’ to All-Star Transportation, Pat’s IGA and those that donated for your generous support.



‘Thank You’ Bill & Sherry Kiazim for their turkey donation during the Thanksgiving season.



Wolcott Public Library

Dear Reader,

New year, new programs, new books, same Wolcott Public Library. We're kicking off the new year with our top twelve New Year's resolutions:

1. Learn a new craft and get creative - knitting, crochet, DIY mugs, or slime-making.
2. Hold space for mindfulness by starting my journaling journey.
3. Join the non-fiction book club and discuss how the history of coal shaped Wolcott.
4. Get moving by going on a run every week and working up to a 5K, or becoming a regular at chair yoga class.
5. Download an audiobook from the Hoopla digital or Libby apps.
6. Give Allison a visit at the technology desk and make a photo album of my 2024 highlights.
7. Win the Scrabble Cup or win Trivia Tonight and pick the Duck of Honor.
8. Decorate for the season with a twinkling beaded snowflake window decoration.
9. Go to a fire cider or tea tasting at the library.
10. Bring a child to the library on February 1st, National Take a Child to the Library Day.
11. Support my community by becoming a Friend of the Library.
12. Come to the library every week!

Repair Cafe – Calling all Handy People!

Wolcott Public Library is getting ready to launch the first "Repair Cafe" in Wolcott. This community event will give people the opportunity to bring broken household items (like a toaster, lamp, sweater with holes, etc) to get fixed, free of charge, from volunteer repair experts. This Repair Cafe is part of a global movement to reduce waste and bring our town together. It will be held Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 12-2 at the Wolcott Public Library. Do you want to get involved? Can you fix lamps, furniture, appliances or anything else? Can you darn holes? For more information on how you can help, call the library at 203-879-8110 or email us at library@wolcottct.org.

January Events

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

We have new and returning library programs this winter 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.

Ongoing

Take and Make: Beaded Snowflake Window Decorations - Make twinkling, seasonal decorations and bring the season indoors. Kits are available while supplies last — first come, first serve.

Children's Take and Make: Snowman craft - Do you want to build a snowman? Pick up a kit while supplies last.

Monday

Weekly, 5:00 Knitting with Ginny (12 and up) - Learn to knit in a workshop for novices. Or, get our expert's advice on a difficult project. No experience necessary! Registration required for learners.

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.

Jan. 6th, 11:30 Learn Excel (Adults and Seniors) - Find out how you can use Excel to store passwords, calculate budgets,

make graphs, do math equations, and more. Bring-your-own laptop or computer - if you need to use a library computer, register by calling 203-879-8110 and inform library staff.

Jan. 13th, 5:30 Journaling with Jane (Adults) - Start your journaling journey and discover how it can spark self-discovery and positive change. Writing is led by Jane Rossi, a seasoned instructor and lifelong journal writer. This event is sponsored by CASA.

Tuesday

Weekly, 10:00 Two Year-Old Storytime (18-34 mo). Stories, songs & a craft. Children are not expected to sit still - this is an active storytime.

Weekly, 10:45 Preschool Storytime (ages 3+) - Stories, songs and a craft

Weekly, 11:30 Yoga with Soul n Body - Join us for gentle Chair Yoga with Rosie from Soul n Body, a passionate yoga instructor, nutrition coach, and personal trainer! Classes are designed to be accessible for all levels.

Jan. 7th, 4:00 Teen Makerspace (Grades 6 - 12) - Get Cricut certified at this month's Teen Makerspace! After receiving your certification, you can independently use our Cricut products. Other available activities include jewelry and button-making, crochet, 3D Printer, Lego, and robots.

Jan. 14th, 10:30 Bus Storytime (Preschoolers) - The kids on the bus go off to school, off to school, off to school. Get to know the bus with Miss Meghan.

Jan. 14th, by appointment beginning at 3:00 Resume Review (Adults) - Create resume and cover letter review at the library. Registration required.

Jan. 14th, 4:00 Chess @ WPL (10+) - Meet up at the booths near the YA section to play chess! No registration required.

Jan. 21st, 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 the library space and library programs. This qualifies as community service.

Jan. 28th, 4:00 Magic the Gathering (Grades 6-12) - Bring your own cards or use the library's sets! All levels welcome.

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! - Scrabble (Jan. 8) - This is not your grandma's scrabble game unless she knows Q's without U's, how to drop a bingo, and isn't afraid to bluff. Games can be Ruthless. Setback (Jan. 22). Calling all game lovers, no experience required.

Weekly beginning Jan. 15th, 5:30 Crazy 8's (Grades K-2) - High energy math club - lots of fun!

Jan. 8th, 4:00 Readin' with Teagan (Children) - Come meet Teagan - a golden retriever therapy dog who loves to read!

Jan. 15th, 5:30 Cricut Mug Workshop (Adults) - Design your own mug using the Cricut Maker and Mug Press. After receiving your certification, you can independently use our Cricut Maker, Cricut Mug Press, and Cricut Design Space software. Registration required.

Jan. 15th, 6:00 Book Club (Adults) - Join our monthly book club with this month's book, Starter Villain by John Scalzi.

Jan. 29th, 6:00 Non-Fiction Book Club (Adults) - Join our NEW monthly non-fiction book club with this month's book,



Wolcott Public Library's Tuesday Storytime crowd loves crafts!



The Friends of the Wolcott Public Library thank TD Bank for our partnership.

Coal: A Human History by Barbara Freese. Available in print at the library or on audio on the Hoopla digital app.

Thursday

Weekly, 4:00 Couch to 5K with the Wolcott Running Club - Enjoy a nice run and work up to a 5K! Geared toward all levels, run at your own pace.

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!

Weekly, beginning Jan. 9th, 6:00 Dungeons & Dragons (Teens) - Wolcott needs heroes! Travel to exotic lands, roll dice and fight monsters! Join Dungeon Master Stumpy for an intro level campaign.

Jan. 9th, 6:30 Retirement Planning Education Seminar (Adults and Seniors) - Take charge of your financial future with this insightful talk. Learn practical strategies for budgeting, investing, and retirement planning.

Jan. 16th, 5:30 Fire Cider for Wellness (Adults) - Join us for an engaging and informative workshop on Fire Cider, a traditional apple cider vinegar tonic known for its numerous health benefits.

Jan. 23rd, 5:30 Poetry Open Mic (Adults) - Poets of Wolcott! Share your poetry with your neighbors. Poetry, lyrical prose, or spoken word—we welcome all formats.

Jan. 30th, 5:30 A Proper Pairing (Adults) - Discover the rich history of England's chocolate and tea pioneers, including icons like Cadbury and Twinings. Enjoy tea, chocolate samples, and a fun trivia quiz.

Friday

Weekly, 12:00 Homeschool Family Meetup - DIY Ice Cream (Jan. 3rd), Destroy Build Destroy (Jan. 10th), Murder Mystery (Jan. 17th), Rubix Cube (Jan. 24th), Pokémon Card Games (Jan. 31st).

Jan. 31st, 1:00 - The Final Friday movie will be It Ends with Us (2024).

Saturday

Jan. 11th, 10:30 Knitting with Ginny (12 and up) - Learn to knit in a workshop for novices. Or, get our expert's advice on a difficult project. No experience necessary! Registration required for learners.

Jan. 18th, 10:30 Crochet 101 (12 and up) - Get started crocheting by learning the basic techniques that will allow you to start this creative adventure! A project will be available for those seeking an additional challenge.

Jan. 18, 11:00 - 1:00 Making Slime with Ms. Meghan - Drop into the library to make some SLIME!



Charles Rietdyke (Wolcott) Senior Center

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Come & Join Our Senior Center — FREE Join in the daily activities and bus trips

You DO NOT need to be a Wolcott resident to become a member — EVERYONE welcome

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

***We are on the website: www.wolcottct.org under “senior center”

SCHEDULE FOR CLOSING/DELAYS — If Wolcott Schools have a delay/closing due to weather conditions

— Always check the TV stations 3, 4, & 8 for opening/closing of senior center —

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

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



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 “Monday Motown Madness” — includes Cardio &

Strengthening w/ a “Funk Twist” by 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

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

Wednesday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

9:00-9:45 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

8:30-9:15 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!

Wednesday, January 1

CLOSED - NEW YEAR’S DAY

Thursday, January 2

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The White Horse Restaurant & Pub — Sign up for bus trip

Friday, January 3

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

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

Monday, January 6

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at Clinton Crossings — Lunch to follow at Bill’s Seafood Restaurant (Cash Only) — Sign up for bus trip

Tuesday, January 7

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

12:00 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, January 8

11:30 Lunch Special — Home-made Meatballs w/ Mozz Cheese on a Fresh Hard Roll, Chips & Dessert, \$5.00pp — Sign up by Mon. Jan 6

Thursday, January 9

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at DeCapo of Litchfield — Sign up for bus trip

Tuesday, January 14

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Rein Deli — Shopping to follow at Home Goods Store — Sign up for bus trip

Wednesday, January 15

11:30 Lunch Special — Open-Face Turkey Over Texas Bread, Vegetable & Dessert, \$5.00pp — Sign up by Mon. Jan 13

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 16

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

Monday, January 20

CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Tuesday, January 21

12:00 Free Blood Pressures sponsored by Beacon Brook Healthcare

Wednesday, January 22

11:30 Lunch Special — Grilled (Spiral) Ham & Cheese on Texas Toast, Cup of Soup & Dessert, \$5.00 pp — Sign up by Tues. Jan 21

Thursday, January 23

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

11:00 Bus leaves for The Great Taste of China — Trip to Roly Poly Bakery following lunch Sign up for bus trip

Friday, January 24

9:30 Bus leaves for Shops at Farmington Valley — lunch to follow at Unionville Family Restaurant — Sign up for bus trip

Tuesday, January 28

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

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Blue Colony Diner — Sign up for bus trip

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

Wednesday, January 29

11:30 Lunch Special — Beef Stew w/ Italian Bread & Dessert, \$5.00pp — Sign up by Mon Jan 27

Thursday, January 30

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

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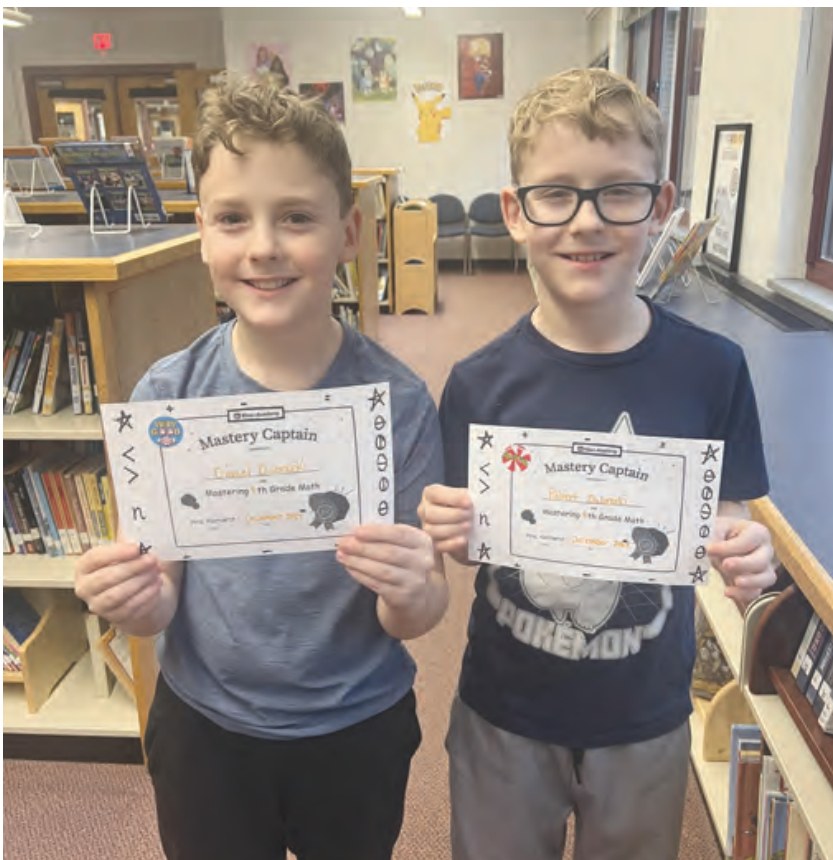
Focus On Frisbie



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



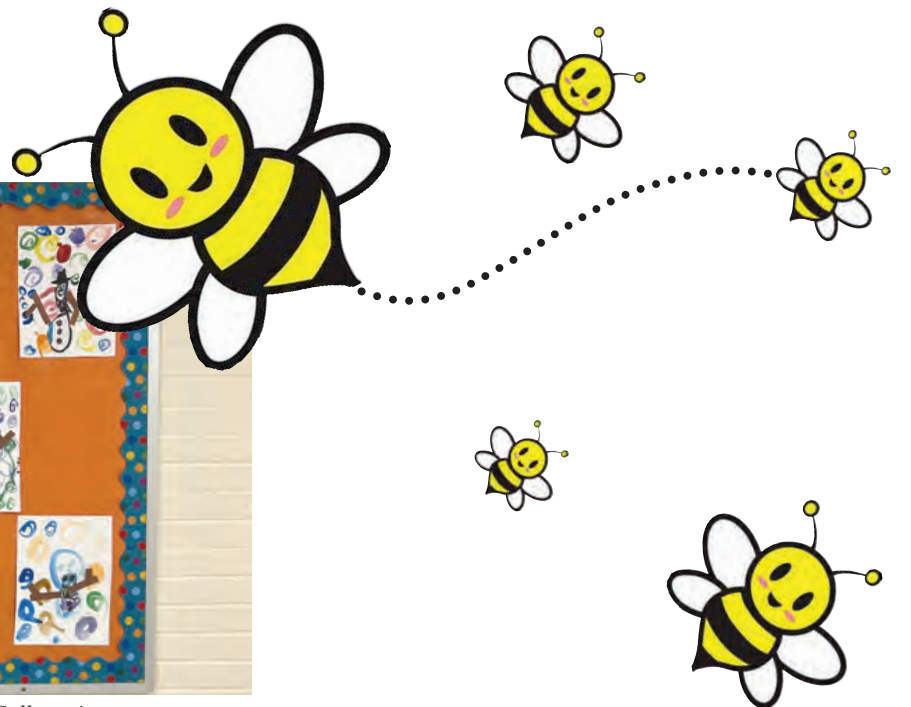
A great big "Thank You!" To Mr. Portland and his WHS construction class for making a community service sign for the elementary schools! Congratulations to Frisbie School for bringing in the most food for our Food Drive!



Frisbie 4th grade PEX students, Daniel and Robert, receive a Khan Academy award for mastering the 4th grade Khan program. They're looking forward to beginning the 5th grade level!



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



Mrs. Eggleton's Kindergarten class created cool color spiral wind Snowman Collages!

Target on Tyrrell



The F5 Awards at Tyrrell Middle School recognize students who exemplify the core values of being Responsible, Respectful, Motivated, Honest, and Kind. Congratulations to our November F5 Award winners!

We are also pleased to announce the November Students of the Month:

- Avery Garrigus
- Dominic Lucarelli
- Amina Ayrula
- Tatiana Hage
- Aidan Zhang
- Fayth Burke
- Colin Murray
- Salem Sanchez
- Emily Stack
- Ami Lamce

Congratulations to all these outstanding students for their achievements!



During the week of December 9th, students in the Project Explore program engaged in an Hour of Code activity. They deconstructed a “cotton ball” launcher and wrote the code or instructions needed to reconstruct it. This hands-on experience allowed students to apply logical reasoning and computational thinking in a creative way. They then swapped their code with classmates to test the instructions and successfully rebuild the launcher.

On December 13th, Tyrrell Middle School students participated in the annual CCMC PJ Day, raising over \$750 for the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. This fantastic effort supports a great cause, and we are proud of our students’ contributions.

Alcott School News



Students in second and fifth grade brought the festive fun with sock day and festive shirt day, as part of our 12 Days of Holiday Dress-Up Days!



Fifth grade ELA Enrichment students show off their compare and contrast slides.



Mrs. Nazzaro's AM Pre-K students worked hard on their turkey masks!

WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pre-registration for Kindergarten 2025-2026

If you have a child(ren) who will be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2025,

please visit the District website at wolcottps.org >> REGISTRATION BUTTON to pre-register your child(ren) for the next school year. Residency requirements are also needed to complete registration. You will receive additional information in regard to kindergarten screening and access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal in late March.

Per the new Connecticut Legislation regarding kindergarten, if your child(ren) is not five (5) years old on or before September 1, but you believe they are ready for kindergarten, then you may request a waiver. A waiver may be requested by visiting wolcottps.org >> 2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration Tab.

Questions can be directed to Meagan Angelone at mangelone@wolcottps.org or 203.879.8183 ex.2 for the pre-registration process. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan and budget appropriately.

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

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
JANUARY	6 (Monday - Frisbie)	
FEBRUARY	10 (Monday - Wakelee)	
MARCH	3 (Monday - WHS)	24 (Monday)

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- Value Community Collaboration
- Eager to Unlock Student Potential

Available Positions:

- Teachers: Various Subjects Grade Levels
- Paraeducators: Regular & Special Education Support

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January 13, 2025
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
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WPS Start & End Times

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Schedule	Schools		
	Wolcott High School https://www.wolcottps.org/	Tyrrell Middle School https://tms.wolcottps.org/	All Elementary Schools https://www.wolcottps.org/
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

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Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
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Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
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Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
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203 879-8180
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- ♦ Principal: Mr. Walter Drewry
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mr. Bryan MacKay
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mrs. Michelle Thies

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- ♦ Principal: Mr. Daniel Caetano
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mrs. Sara Tedesco

Alcott Elementary School – 203 879-8160

- ♦ Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

Frisbie Elementary School - 203 879-8146

- ♦ Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

Wakelee Elementary School – 203 879-8154

- ♦ Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Murtaugh

WHS Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ♦ Director: Mr. Alex Sconziano

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ♦ Director: Mr. Alex Sconziano

District Compliance Officers

a) **Title VI (race, color, national origin)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal – 203 879-8160

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

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

d) **Section 504 (handicap)** - Mr. Walter Drewry, Wolcott High School Principal, – 203 879-8164

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

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

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Preschool Screenings

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on February 28th, 2025. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178 to schedule an appointment.

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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				

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 (14/14)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	NS	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
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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 (11/11)				
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 13th and 16th)
# of Student and Staff Days	Staff Student
August	5 2
September	20 20
October	22 22
November	17 17
December	14 14
January	21 21
February	18 17
March	21 20
April	16 16
May	21 21
June	11 11
Total Days	186 181

*August 29th, 30th, and September 3rd will be transition days for Kindergarten, only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days. If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first eleven (11) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After eleven (11) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 25, 2025 and moving backward from there.



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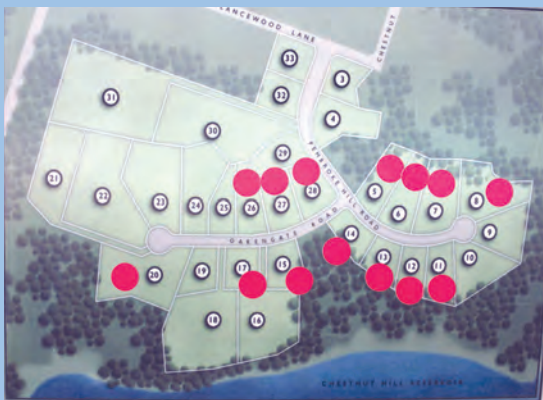
Wolcott \$339,900 - This beautiful 3-bedroom Split Level home offers a perfect blend of comfort and style. Features living room, dining room, kitchen with breakfast bar & large pantry and a lower level family room with tile floor. Amenities include hardwood floors, central air, Trex front porch, expansive Trex deck off the kitchen, a level back yard and one car garage. Ask for *Linda Fercodini*.



Wolcott \$550,000 - Lovely 7 room, 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on a serene 2.8 acre lot close to the cul-de-sac; spacious kitchen with stainless steel appliances, kitchen counter bar, a large breakfast area, formal dining room, & main floor family room with gas fireplace. Primary bedroom includes a walk-in closet and full bath. You can sit on the back deck and enjoy the view or relax on the front porch. Ask for *Linda Fercodini*.



Wolcott \$645,000 - New Construction 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial to be built at end of cul-de-sac in The Preserve subdivision with access to Chestnut Hill Reservoir. This 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial features hardwood floors, kitchen with island and granite counters, formal dining room w/crown molding, great room with propane fireplace & two story grand foyer. Primary bedroom suite with large walk-in closet, a full laundry room, full basement, central air. Gorgeous seasonal water views, town sewers, underground utilities. Ask for *Lynn or J.R.*



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

\$275,000 - 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.

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